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LORA BEEBE

When gathering documentation for the birth and death dates for Lora Beebe, wife of Philander L.⁶ Tyrrel (Ichabod⁵, Oliver⁴, Josiah³, John², Roger¹) two usually reliable documents show some differing information.

Lora died after her 96th birthday in Monroe county, Mantua twp., Iowa, on 21 February 1890. The original *Register of Deaths*, made in Monroe county 6 March 1890; and, the State of Iowa vital records *Certification of Death*, taken from information filed 5 December 1890, show:

REGISTER OF DEATHS

No.	Date of Report	Name Sex and Color	Age Occupation	Date of Death Month Day Year	Place of Death City, Town, or Village	Where Buried Name of Cemetery
1	Feb. 21, 1890	Lora Tyrrel Female White	96 yrs Widow	Feb. 21, 1890	Mantua, Iowa	New York

REGISTER OF DEATHS.

No.	Place of Death Cause of Death	Complication Duration of Illness	Place of Burial Date of Burial	Name and residence of Physician attending
47	Mantua, Iowa La Grippe, or Influenza	Old Age 4 Weeks	Smith House Feb. 23-1890	C. F. Blodgett, M.D. Blackburn, Ia.

CERTIFICATION OF DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH		VITAL RECORDS SECTION		STATE OF IOWA
Certification of Death				
Name	Lora Tyrrel	Cerif. No.	68-90-547	
Date of Death	February 21, 1890	Place of Death	Mantua Township, Monroe Co.	
Date of Birth or Age	96yrs-1mon-25days	Sex	Female	Date Filed December 5, 1890
Cause of Death La Grippe or Influenza. Additional Information: Birthplace Ohio; Nationally U.S.; Color White; Widow; Residence in Iowa 47 years; Buried at Smith Grave Yard on February 23, 1890.				
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above information was taken from the Record of Death on file in this office in accordance with the law of Iowa requiring filing of vital records.				
Date	Jan. 14, 1897			
STATE		 MARY P. ELLIS STATE REGISTRAR CARSON E. WHITLOW DIRECTOR		
WARNING: This certificate is now valid if it has been altered in any way whatsoever or if it does not bear the signed seal of the Department of Public Health.				

Date of birth or age:

96 Mos. 23 Days

96yrs-1mon-25days

Birthplace:

New York

Ohio

While the slight discrepancy in her age is of no great matter, the place of her birth is relevant to her genealogy.

What do we know about Lora from other sources? Lora⁸ descended Borden⁷, Ira⁶, Lt. Jonathan⁵, Joseph⁴, John³-1*. Her relationship to Borden is established in part through the will of her brother, Samuel Beebe, made 6 Sept 1841, in which he named his siblings.

Among the names of his sisters are Lora Tyrrell, Clarissa Butler, Jemima Walker and Marsha Morgan.

Williams Brothers 1879 history of Lorain county, OH, states:

Borden Beebe, originally from Connecticut, removed from Canandaigua [Ontario co., NY] to Ridgeville in 1813, and located on Center ridge, lot twenty-eight. A few years subsequent, he moved to Chestnut ridge, and bought the farm previously owned by his son-in-law, Truman Walker, and spent the remainder of his life there....The first couple married in the township was Jethrol Butler, of Dover, to Clasissa Beebe, daughter of Borden Beebe....Sylvester Morgan, married a daughter of Borden Beebe of Ridgeville, and settled, in 1817....

Borden Beebe appears on the following census: 1790 CT in Waterbury, New Haven; 1800 CT in Waterbury, New Haven; 1810 NY, Ontario county p. 258 (Jonathan Beebe p. 259); 1820 OH in Ridgeville, Cuyahoga county (now Lorain).

Several histories of Ontario county, NY, give the following history of Canandaigua: *In giving a condensed sketch of the early history of township No. 9, as originally surveyed for Phelps and Gorham, and now embraced in the town of Canandaigua, it seems best to begin with Cheshire, the only village and the commercial center of the district. Cheshire was first known as Rowley's School House, from an early school building erected on the lands of John Rowley, the first settler on the site of the village, in 1795...Levi Beebe [was among] later settlers in the neighborhood....Jonathan Beebe opened the first store in 1812.*

Now let's consider Lora (Beebe) Tyrrel's widow's pension application. In order to file for a War of 1812 widow's pension after Philander died on 24 March 1874, she had to prove she was married to him and truly his widow. No official record of their marriage existed so many affidavits were taken regarding their marriage and early life. Her own affidavit states she is the widow of Philander Turrel and was married under name of Lora Beebe on 25 December 1811 by "she don't remember name" at the State of New York.

In an affidavit by Philander L. Turrel, aged 67, and Oliver H. Turrel, aged 62, made 12 May 1880, they state that they are children of Philander and Lora Turrel. Philander L. Turrel says he was born in the State of New York on August 20 A.D. 1812, and he remembers that his father and mother lived together as husband & wife from date of his earliest recollection until his father's death March 24, 1874. Oliver H. said he was born in Lorain, Ohio, [15] September A.D. 1817.

The affidavit of Lora's brother-in-law, Horace J. Terril, age 77, says he was not present at the marriage of Philander to his wife Lora, but he remembers very well the time when Philander brought her home to his father's house. His father moved to Ohio, now Lorain county, in 1810. *Sometime in the fall of the next year, it being the year 1811, his brother Philander went back to a place then called "No. Nine," now called Cheshire, about five miles from Canandagua in the State of New York and married his wife there, so it was said.*

So based on the accumulated evidence, it would seem that Lora was born on either 27 December 1793 or 29 January 1794, and that BOTH documents are wrong about her birthplace. Her father, Borden, shows up on the 1790 and 1800 census in Connecticut; Cheshire & No. 9 in Ontario, NY, were first settled in 1795 and Jonathan Beebe did not open his store there until 1812. It is, therefore, almost a certainty Lora was born in Connecticut and not New York, and definitely not Ohio which was settled much later.

The 1880 census for Monroe county, IA shows her birthplace as Connecticut, and it is reasonable to believe that this information came from her as will be shown shortly. The reason death records, and even gravestones, are many times wrong is that the person giving the information is guessing or just misinformed.

Although the *Register* says that Lora was buried in the Smith graveyard, no marker can be found for her today, nor a record of a marker, which undoubtedly was somehow destroyed.

As an aside, we get a bit of Lora's spirit via the 1880 Federal Census for Iowa, Monroe county, Mantua twp. Lora Terril's listing shows age 84, b. CT, and occupation as "controls farm" (her listing follows the family listings for her sons "Filander L." and Oliver H. Terril).

Lora came by her spirit naturally. Her father, Borden Beebe, during the first years of the settlement of Elyria, Ohio was one of the men of Ridgeville who helped Elyria raise all the buildings. At the raising of Mr. Ely's house, Borden broke a joist in the upper floor and fell through into the cellar. Mr. Ely sent to Cleveland for a Dr. Mack. He came and felt Borden's pulse and left some medicine saying if that would not relieve him he would have a hiccough and be in hell before morning. Borden recovered from his injuries.

***NOTE: There is some controversy over this descent.** John¹ Beebe died on shipboard on the way to New England. He left a will made during the voyage dated 18 May 1656, naming his seven children, one of whom was John². John², an original settler of New London, CT, m. Abigail Yorke and had three children, one of whom was John³. Some say John³ had no children, while other researchers say he had five, among them Joseph⁴. Although I have used descent in this country from John¹ through Joseph⁴, caution is urged as the writer has not personally researched John³ to Joseph⁴. Can any of the DOR membership shed light on this? ntt

As, leaving some grand waterfall,

We, lingering, list its roar--

So memory will hallow all

We've known but know no more

Abraham Lincoln

Q U E R I E S

NOTE: Although you should forward correspondence on queries to the person placing the query, Nancy Tyrrel Theodore, DOR Research Coordinator, asks that you share new and pertinent research information with her. Thank you.

- 40) Need information on ancestry of **DANIEL TYRREL** who was b. 1802 in NY and died in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess co., NY in 1847. He married in Poughkeepsie in 1822 to _____ who was b. and d. in NY and is bur. in Elmyra [Elmira in Chemung Co?]. They had children **HARVEY, DANIEL, CYNTHIA** and **JEREMIAH** who was b. Elmyra, NY August 1837 and d. in Oakland, CA 27 Dec 1912. Jeremiah m. c. 1865 **HARRIET OLIVIA PULLEN**, b. MI 1841, d. Oakland, CA in 1913. Jeremiah and Harriet had children **GEORGE, CHARLES, LILLIAN, NETTIE, HORACE, HARRY, FRED, CLARENCE** and **VALENTINE** all living in 1923. This information found Vol. XVI, Records of Families of California Pioneers, pp. 220-21. *Barbara & Doug Cross, 8651 Bader Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624.*
- 41) Looking for the ancestors and/or descendents of the **JOHN TERRELL** "of New Jersey" who registered for land in Muskingum co., OH, Military District 1800. *Leroy A. Terrell, 11 Helen Street, Succasunna, NJ 07876.*

M E M O R I A L S

RUTH ANN¹⁰ TYRREL COOP, (Robert⁹. Isaac⁸, Philander⁷, Philander⁶, Ichabod⁵, Oliver⁴, Josiah³, John², Roger¹), died Thursday, 29 July 1993, at the St. Francis Care Center in Burlington, Iowa. She was born 20 March 1908 to Robert A. and Elizabeth (Turner) Tyrrel in Albia, Iowa, and lived in Des Moines, where she married Allen J. Coop on 12 June 1954, before settling in Burlington. She was a homemaker and a member of the Christian Church, remembered for her loving spirit. Burial was at the Masonic Cemetery in Des Moines.

Ruth is survived by her sister, Gladys Tyrrel Moss; four nephews, Robert Tyrrel, Duane Moss, Donald Moss and Leighton Tyrrel; and two neices, Sandra Tyrrel Hall and Nancy Tyrrel Theodore.

SYBIL A. REED TERRILL, wife of member Claude Terrill, died at the St. Francis Memorial Health Center in Grand Island, Nebraska on Saturday, September 25, 1993. She was born on 16 February 1915 in Long Branch, Texas, to Oscar and Sudy (Morris) Reed. Sybil and Claude were married 31 Dec 1945 at Belleville, Kansas. Claude gives tribute to her as "an Angel on earth," and a loving friend to all.



Mrs. Terrill

Sybil entered the U.S. Army in 1943, in Tyler, Texas, and served during WW II, receiving an honorable discharge in 1945. Burial was at Fort McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell, Nebraska.

FIRST CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES - 1790

(As taken from the Government Printing Office reprint)

LAST	FIRST	COUNTY	TOWN	WM16+	WM15-	WF
MARYLAND						
FERREL	CATHARINE	WASHINGTON	-	1	1	3
FERREL	EDMUND	QUEEN ANNS	-	2	-	4
FARRELL	JAMES	CHARLES	-	1	3	4
FERRELL	JAMES	BALTIMORE	BALTIMORE	4	1	2
TUNNELL	JAMES	WORCESTER	-	1	2	3
FERREL	JOHN	PRINCE GEORGES	-	2	3	4
TERREL	JOHN	MONTGOMERY	-	1	-	2
FERREL	JOSEPH	BALTIMORE	-	2	-	-
FERREL	WILLIAM	QUEEN ANNS	-	2	2	4
MASSACHUSETTS						
TERRILL	ALEXANDER	HAMPSHIRE	CUMMINGTON	1	1	2
TIRREL	AMON	HAHMSHIRE	PLAINFIELD	1	1	2
TERRELL	BENAGER	BERKSHIRE	LANESBOROUGH	1	3	2
TERRIL	BENJ	SUFFOLK	WEYMOUTH	1	-	3
TERRILL	EBEN	SUFFOLK	WEYMOUTH	1	-	3
TERRIL	GID	SUFFOLK	WEYMOUTH	1	2	5
TERRELL	GIDEON	MIDDLESEX	CHARLESTOWN	1	1	2
TIRRELL	ISAAC	PLYMOUTH	ABINGTON	1	-	1
TIRRELL	ISAAC, JR.	PLYMOUTH	ABINGTON	3	2	5
TYRRELL	JACOB	HAMPSHIRE	NEW SALEM	1	1	3
TERRELL	JOHN	PLYMOUTH	BRIDGEWATER	1	-	1
TERRIL	JOHN	SUFFOLK	WEYMOUTH	3	3	4
TIRRELL	JOHN	PLYMOUTH	ABINGTON	1	-	2
TIRRELL	JOHN	SUFFOLK	BOSTON	1	-	1
TURRELL	JOHN	BERKSHIRE	LANESBOROUGH	1	3	4
TURRIL	JOSEP	SUFFOLK	BRAINTREE	1	-	3
TERRIL	JOSEPH	SUFFOLK	WEYMOUTH	2	1	3
TURRELL	JOSEPH	ESSEX	SALEM	1	3	5
TURRILL	JOSEPH	SUFFOLK	BRAINTREE	1	1	2
FERREL	JOSIAH	HAMPSHIRE	BRIMFIELD	1	5	2
TERRELL	LEMUEL	PLYMOUTH	ABINGTON	1	-	2
TERREL	LEMUEL, JR.	PLYMOUTH	ABINGTON	1	-	2
TURELL	MRS.	SUFFOLK	BOSTON	1	-	3
TERRIL	NATH	SUFFOLK	BRAINTREE	1	1	3
TERRIL	NOAH, JR.	SUFFOLK	WEYMOUTH	1	2	1
TERRILL	NOAH	SUFFOLK	WEYMOUTH	1	2	2
TURRELL	SAMUEL	BERKSHIRE	LANESBOROUGH	2	1	4
TERRIL	THO	SUFFOLK	WEYMOUTH	1	2	4
TURRELL	THOMAS	HAMPSHIRE	CUMMINGTON	2	2	2
FERRELL	TIM ^o	HAMPSHIRE	PALMER	2	2	5
TERRELL	TRUEMAN	BERKSHIRE	LANESBOROUGH	2	3	3
TERRIL	VINSON	SUFFOLK	WEYMOUTH	1	1	3

NOTE: Because a capital "T" and a capital "F" look so close to each other in cursive letters, names beginning with "F" that closely resemble the family name have been included in the 1790 census index information. This does not mean that Ferrel, etc. belong to the Terrill family group, but are included in case of writing/copying errors only to give possible family names. Not shown for Maryland are slaves and for Maryland and Massachusetts all other free persons.

COLONIAL RELATIONSHIPS

In colonial documents, relationships may have an entirely different context than what is normally accepted now. As gleaned from The American Genealogist, Vol. 55, p. 52-54, by George E. McCracken, a few of these differences are:

Father, mother, daughter
sister, son, brother

When unqualified by any suffix, normally mean what they mean to us, but also step-father, step-son, etc., and sometimes an "in-law" relationship.

Father-in-law, etc.

Less likely to mean what they mean to us, may refer to a step relationship.

Brother/sister

Often mean brother-in-law/sister-in-law, especially when surnames differ, though sometimes involves a step relationship. May mean brother/sister in the church. Can also mean the parent of one's son/daughter-in-law.

Brother/sister
"of the half blood"

One who shares only one parent.

Brother/sister "uterine"

One who shares a common mother. There seems to be no corresponding term for sharing one father.

Grandchild

Sometimes a grandfather's reference to grandchild's spouse.

Cousin

Rarely means what we understand by it. Most frequent meaning is nephew/niece, and infrequently can also be grandchild. Used to denote a person related to one through some other person, i.e., niece or nephew through a brother/sister or a grandchild through a son/daughter.

Second cousin, etc.

No terms for such concepts though degree of kinship closely watched to prevent marriage of too close a degree.

Aunt/uncle

Same as they mean to us.

"Natural" child

Child of one's own body, as distinct from a step or foster child. Instances of it meaning "illegitimate" are infrequent.

Mr.

Normally a person of some prestige in a community, a civil official, clergyman, sea captain, military officer, merchant or wealthy land owner.

Mr	When specifically used with reference to vessels, refers to the captain and is pronounced "master."
Mrs.	Wife of one entitled to be called Mr. or an unmarried lady of the same class, but does not mean a paramour.
Goodman/Goodwife/Goodie	A citizen not entitled to be called Mr. or Mrs.
Spinster	Maiden lady or widow.
Servant	May not mean a menial on the household staff, but any employee even one with many mechanics under them.
Sr./Jr.	Does not necessarily mean that Senior is father and Junior the son, though it may be. What they mean is that there is present in the town more than one person of the same name and the elder is Senior, the younger is Junior. If there are still more "III" or "IV" may also be used. When Senior dies, everybody moves up.
"my now wife~"	Highly probable that this does not imply that there had been a former wife. Testator means his now wife is to inherit, not some other later wife.
Relict (also seen Relick)	Widow

In the early records for the Terrill family, examples as well as exceptions can be found for the above. In the Milford church records, when Roger¹'s wife joined the church she was referred to as "Abigail Terrill, wife brother Roger," His daughter's record shows "Abigail Tyler, dau. of brother Terrill." This is obviously the church brother form.

Jacobus in TAG, Vol 25, refers to Roger¹'s daughter, Hannah², as having a "natural child" by Robert Hudson "before marriage" to John Skeels; while the Parke/Gildersleeve genealogy edited also by Jacobus says Hannah "accused" Hudson as being the father of her child b. c. 1670. Obviously Jacobus is using natural child to denote illegitimate. Since this type of information is taken from the New Haven court records, it would seem the meaning for a natural child is different depending on whether it appears in court records, wills, etc.

And always remember, genealogy is not an exact science. It is a compilation of information, by humans, subject to error, misinterpretation and flights of fancy. ntt

THE CIVIL WAR

Found in the Civil War Quiz and Fact Book - Two Terrill brothers were Civil War generals on opposite sides, both killed in action. Brig. Gen. William R. Terrill of Virginia, West Point graduate and instructor, was killed at the battle of Perryville in 1862. His younger brother, James B. Terrill, graduate of VMI, was a Confederate Brig. Gen. killed in action at Bethesda Church.

Further on William R. Terrill was found in The Military and Naval History of the Rebellion, Tenney, 1866, p. 739:

"Oct 8 [1862] Gen. William R. Terrill, a brigadier-general of the Union army, killed at the battle Perryville. He was a native of Virginia, born about 1832, and appointed from that State a cadet at the Military Academy, where he graduated in 1853, and was immediately appointed brevet second lieutenant of the 3rd artillery, from which he was transferred to the 4th artillery in November following as second lieutenant. In 1855 he was appointed assistant professor of mathematics at West Point. In 1856 he was promoted to a first lieutenancy, and in May 1861, was appointed captain in the 5th artillery, and assigned to duty on the coast survey. He soon after raised a regiment of volunteers, was sent to Kentucky, where he commanded a battery in Gen McCook's division, was transferred to the command of a brigade, and for his gallant and metitorious conduct at the battle of Shiloh, was appointed brigadier-general of volunteers, his commission bearing date Sept. 9, 1862. At Perryville he was killed while urging forward his brigade against the enemy."

His brother, James, was killed in the battle of Bethesda Church, (just northeast of Mechanicsville) VA. This encounter was a part of the "Battle of Cold Harbor," fought the last two days of May and the first few of June 1864 with Generals Grant and Lee facing off. Union general Burnside was positioned on the extreme left (north) at Bethesda Church with his 9th. The final Union assault was on 3 June about which Grant remarked in his memoirs, "I have always regretted that the last assault at Cold Harbor was ever made....no advantage whatever was gained to compensate for the heavy loss we sustained."

VICKSBURG

Twenty Iowa regiments were present at the siege of Vicksburg in the Civil War. On 22 May 1863 the second attempt was made to storm the works. The soldiers of Iowa were in the van of that awful charge. They only, and but a few of them, ever reached the inside of the rebel forts--and of that few but a handful came out alive. At the given signal 35,000 men had rushed from cover to the assault. Such a storming of fortifications had never before been seen in America. The Ninth Iowa, lost nearly 80 men. Seven officers were killed or mortally wounded, viz.:Lieutenant Tyrrell. Found in Iowa in War Times, Byers, 1888.

PHINEAS⁵ AND MARY . . . EPIDEMIC?

In the last newsletter, we discussed Phineas⁵ and Mary Terrill's tragic loss of seven children in 1794 and asked if anyone could shed light on what befell this family.

DOR member Bruce Tyrrell wrote:

"On page 35 of the Winter 1993 newsletter you raised a question about the cause of death for the 7 children of Phineas⁵. My information states that they died of scarlet fever. I do not know the source of this information. I would expect that this was collected by my Aunt Maggie (1867-1935) [Margaret Tyrrell Jerome]."

NOTE: There were unfortunate errors in my original article, *Winter 1993 DOR Newsletter*, Volume V, Number 4, page 5-35. First, the headline should have read PHINEAS⁵ not "4". In the next to last line in paragraph one, Mary's maiden name was "Johnson" not Judson as shown. Apologies. ntt

NATHAN IN "GAOL"

My only explanation for the spelling of the English version of jail as "GOAL" in the last newsletters when referring to Nathan and his unfortunate situation is that I adopted the spelling after seeing it written that way on the original documents. Hope I don't get thrown into the spelling gaol! More on Nathan and his family in future newsletters. Some very key documents have been discovered which should lead to a more correct, as well as a corrected, family compilation for this Old Fairfield family. ntt



WINTHROP'S JOURNAL

In the latest issue of the *Great Migration Newsletter*, editor Robert Charles Anderson says that for the *Newsletter* and elsewhere in the work of the Great Migration Study Project they use the 1853 edition of John Winthrop's *History of New England* (also known as *Winthrop's Journal*) as prepared by James Savage. He states this is the most accurate edition yet to appear and contains many useful annotations. On the other hand, he points out that the 1908 edition, part of the Original Narratives of Early American History series, was heavily "bowdlerized" and should not be relied on.

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