

A SAPLING FAMILY HISTORY

Jason William Stewart

An Account of His Lineage

Son of Charles Richard Stewart & Margaret Elizabeth Kennedy

Born 17 July 1972, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Heritage Irish · Scottish · Colonial American

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Foreword

Heritage

Your lineage threads together three principal streams: an Irish current out of Limerick and Cork that crossed to Baltimore at the turn of the twentieth century; a Scottish line out of Aberdeen that landed in Philadelphia in the 1870s; and a deep colonial-American substrate rooted in North Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi, and East Texas, with surnames pointing toward English, Welsh, and Scots-Irish family origins.

Father's Family

Your surname, Stewart, comes from a line that the source traces to George Robert Stewart (c. 1823–1899) of North Carolina, who moved his family to Martinsburg, West Virginia, by 1850 and worked as a coal miner. His son Alexander Reginald Stewart (1867–1924) was a third-generation miner who later moved north to Pittsburgh and worked at a steel company. In Pittsburgh he married Estelle Mae Lewis (1877–1956), whose parents — Gabriel Lewis (1848–1916) and Mary Louise McDougal (1851–1932) — had emigrated together from Aberdeen, Scotland, in the mid-1870s and ran a grocery on Congress Street in Philadelphia. Alexander and Estelle's son Thomas Edward Stewart (1910–1994), your paternal grandfather, served in the 2nd U.S. Armored Division and fought at the Battle of the Bulge, returning to attend engineering school at Northwestern.

Thomas married Anne Elizabeth Thompson (1916–2001) in Chicago in 1941. Anne's father, John S. Thompson (1886–1971), worked Mississippi riverboats and served in the U.S. Navy in World War I; his line — through Samuel Edward Thompson Sr., Esq. (1854–1920) — runs back through Tuscaloosa and St. Louis to Virginia roots. Anne's mother,

Annabelle Hector (1891–1974), came north from Mobile, Alabama, where the Hector family had settled in the early 1820s.

Mother's Family

Your mother's surname, Kennedy, runs straight to Limerick, Ireland. Your maternal great-grandfather Patrick Thomas Kennedy (1881–1942) emigrated in 1898 at the age of seventeen — part of the long Irish out-migration following the Famine — and settled in Baltimore by 1902, where he worked as a stevedore on the docks, joined the AFL-affiliated Dockworker's Union, and was naturalized in 1912. He married Mary Louise Ryan (1889–1928), herself born in Cork, who had emigrated with her parents to Philadelphia in 1910 before the family moved on to Baltimore. Their son Alexander Patrick Kennedy (1922–2005) became a floor manager at the Ford Motor Company in Detroit, where he and his wife raised your mother, Margaret Elizabeth.

Margaret's mother — your maternal grandmother — was Mary Louise Grenville (1926–2002), born in Helena, Arkansas. Her father, Samuel J. Grenville (1891–1961), had worked the docks at Helena before rising to a manager's position at a General Motors automobile plant in Detroit; the Grenville line traces back to a Mississippi sharecropping family in Meridian. Mary's mother, Nancy Wilson (1898–1960), came from a long-established East Texas family rooted in Fairfield, Freestone County, whose people had arrived there over several generations from Georgia and, before that, Virginia. Her father, Rev. Milton Wilson Sr. (c. 1859–1930), was a Baptist minister there for decades.

— *Professor Cisco Bradley, Sapling.Family · May 2026*

GENERATION 1

The Subject

Jason William Stewart

Son of Charles Richard Stewart and Margaret Elizabeth Kennedy · b. 17 Jul 1972, Chicago, Cook, IL.

The subject of this report. The pages that follow trace his lineage as the source preserves it — five generations reaching back through coal-country West Virginia, immigrant Philadelphia, riverboat Mississippi, dockside Baltimore, and East Texas pulpits, gathered in turn-of-the-twentieth-century industrial Detroit, Pittsburgh, and Chicago.

GENERATION 2

Parents

Charles Richard Stewart

Son of Thomas Edward Stewart and Anne Elizabeth Thompson · b. 8 Apr 1944, Chicago, Cook, IL · m. 10 Jun 1969, Detroit, Wayne, MI to Margaret Elizabeth Kennedy.

SAPLING NOTES

He graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.S. in Chemistry in 1979 and then worked for Braden Engineering Corporation from 1980 until 1994, at which time he attended the University of Chicago for a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering. In 1997, he got a job working as a plant manager at the Alistaire Company.

CHILD FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- Jason William Stewart

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Margaret Elizabeth Kennedy

*Daughter of Alexander Patrick Kennedy and Mary Louise Grenville · b. 10 Jan 1947,
Detroit, Wayne, MI · m. 10 Jun 1969, Detroit, Wayne, MI to Charles Richard Stewart.*

SAPLING NOTES

She graduated from the University of Tennessee with a B.A. in Library Science and worked at the University of Chicago Library, 1977–2002.

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

GENERATION 3

Grandparents

Thomas Edward Stewart

Son of Alexander Reginald Stewart and Estelle Mae Lewis · b. 16 Sep 1910, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA · d. 23 Oct 1994, Chicago, Cook, IL (age 84) · m. 19 Aug 1941, Chicago, Cook, IL to Anne Elizabeth Thompson.

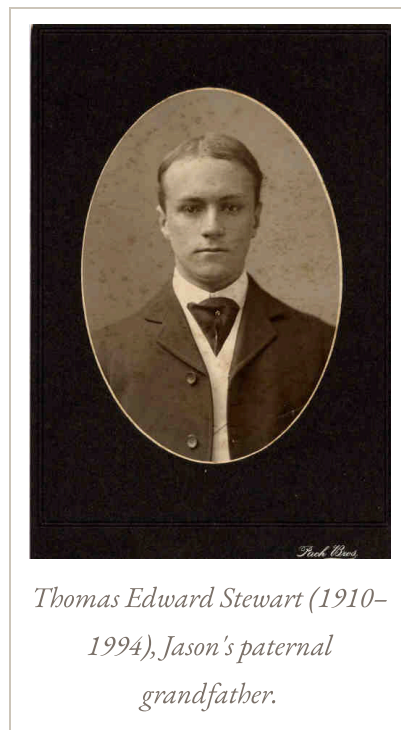
SAPLING NOTES

He grew up in Pittsburgh where he attended high school before volunteering for the U.S. army in 1940. He served in the 2nd U.S. Armored Division and fought at the Battle of the Bulge, December 16, 1944 to January 25, 1945, receiving a Bronze star for his service. After returning from military service, he attended engineering school at Northwestern University, where he graduated in 1950. From 1950 until 1985, he worked as an engineer for the J&R Manufacturing Company in Chicago.

CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- **Barbara Ellen Stewart** — b. 1 Oct 1942, Chicago, Cook, IL
- **Charles Richard Stewart**
- **Margaret Alice Stewart** — b. 11 Jan 1947, Chicago, Cook, IL

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.



Anne Elizabeth Thompson

Daughter of John S. Thompson and Annabelle Hector · b. 24 May 1916, Indianapolis, Marion, IN · d. 29 Jun 2001, Chicago, Cook, IL (age 85) · m. 19 Aug 1941, Chicago, Cook, IL to Thomas Edward Stewart.

SAPLING NOTES

She attended Purdue University 1936–1940, graduating with a B.A. in English. Through the 1940s and 1950s, she worked as a journalist for the Chicago Sun newspaper. She ran for city council in Chicago, serving four terms representing the west side from 1962–1970. In 1980, she made an unsuccessful attempt at running for U.S. Congress in Illinois' 2nd district. She continued to be involved with civic affairs until her death.

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*Anne Elizabeth Thompson
(1916–2001), Jason's paternal
grandmother.*

Alexander Patrick Kennedy

Son of Patrick Thomas Kennedy and Mary Louise Ryan · b. 4 Feb 1922, Baltimore, MD · d. 11 Dec 2005, Detroit, Wayne, MI (age 83) · m. 26 Feb 1946, Detroit, Wayne, MI to Mary Louise Grenville.

SAPLING NOTES

In 1950, he and his family lived at 4857 Glenville Road in Detroit, MI, where he worked as a floor manager at the Ford Motor Company. The family remained at that address until at least 1962.

CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- Margaret Elizabeth Kennedy
- Henry Isaac Kennedy — b. 30 Jun 1949, Detroit, Wayne, MI

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*Alexander Patrick Kennedy
(1922–2005), Jason's maternal
grandfather.*

Mary Louise Grenville

Daughter of Samuel J. Grenville and Nancy Wilson · b. 2 Sep 1926, Helena, Phillips, AR · d. 19 Sep 2002, Detroit, Wayne, MI (age 76) · m. 26 Feb 1946, Detroit, Wayne, MI to Alexander Patrick Kennedy.

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GENERATION 4

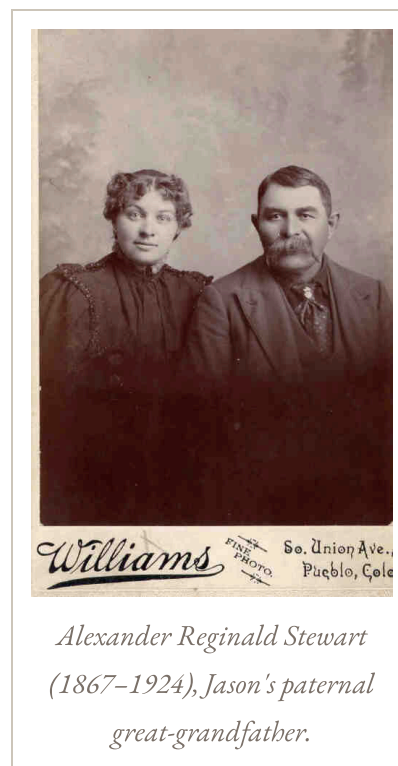
Great-Grandparents

Alexander Reginald Stewart

Son of George Robert Stewart and Helen Margaret McDowell · b. 25 Nov 1867,
Martinsburg, Berkeley, WV · d. 4 Jun 1924, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA (age 56) · m. 2 Nov
1901, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA to Estelle Mae Lewis.

SAPLING NOTES

He grew up in Martinsburg, West Virginia, where he was a third-generation miner, beginning work at age 16. He was drafted into the U.S. 83rd Infantry for service in the Spanish-American War, but the war ended before he was deployed in active service. By 1900, he had moved north to Pittsburgh, where he worked for the Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad Company. In 1901–15, he and his family rented an apartment at 344 Allegheny Avenue, but by 1922, they had bought a house at 1216 Crestwood Street, where they remained until his death. In Pittsburgh, he worked at a steel company through the years.



CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- **Henry Archibald Stewart** — b. 7 Mar 1903, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA · d. 6 Oct 1958, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA (age 55)
- **Julia Eleanor Stewart** — b. 29 Aug 1905, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA · d. 29 Aug 1991, Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ (age 86)
- **Jennifer Estelle Stewart** — b. 27 Feb 1908, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA · d. 22 Jul 1984, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA (age 76)
- **Thomas Edward Stewart**

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Estelle Mae Lewis

Daughter of Gabriel Lewis and Mary Louise McDougal · b. 14 Aug 1877, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA · d. 13 Jan 1956, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA (age 78) · m. 2 Nov 1901, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA to Alexander Reginald Stewart.

SAPLING NOTES

She grew up in Philadelphia as the daughter of two immigrants who had arrived in the mid-1870s. She attended East High School and graduated in 1895. She attended East Pennsylvania Teachers College 1896–1897 and taught at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School 1897–1901. She was involved in many civic organizations, including the Women's League, and was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church for many years.

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

John S. Thompson

Son of Samuel Edward Thompson Sr., Esq. and Catherine Grace · b. 22 Feb 1886, St. Louis, MO · d. 30 Jul 1971, Chicago, Cook, IL (age 85) · m. 4 Apr 1912, Indianapolis, Marion, IN to Annabelle Hector.

SAPLING NOTES

He worked on riverboats on the Mississippi beginning in 1905 and was drafted into the U.S. Navy in 1918, serving in World War I. After returning from the war, he got a job working in an airplane manufacturing company in Indianapolis where he worked in 1920. By 1930, they had bought a house at 1644 Wright Street which was worth \$15,000. He continued working as a swabber in the factory there at that time. When the company went out of business in 1936 during the Great Depression, he moved his family to Chicago, where he worked at the Crane Company through World War II. In 1949, he shifted to working in an auto parts manufacturing company in Chicago, which he did until he retired in 1961. He and his family were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago.



*John S. Thompson (1886–1971),
Jason's paternal great-grandfather.*

CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- **Lorraine Juliette Thompson** — b. 18 Dec 1913, Indianapolis, Marion, IN · d. 14 Oct 1996, Detroit, Wayne, MI (age 82)
- **Anne Elizabeth Thompson**
- **Mirabelle Jessie Thompson** — b. 4 Sep 1919, Indianapolis, Marion, IN · d. 9 Dec 2008, Indianapolis, Marion, IN (age 89)

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Annabelle Hector

Daughter of Robert Harris Hector and Louisa LaFleur · b. 12 Mar 1891, Mobile, Mobile, AL · d. 9 Oct 1974, Chicago, Cook, IL (age 83) · m. 4 Apr 1912, Indianapolis, Marion, IN to John S. Thompson.

SAPLING NOTES

She came north from Mobile with her parents in 1907 when her father got employment in one of the factories in Indianapolis. She attended Northeast Technical High School and graduated in 1909. She worked a few years as a teacher. After taking a break to raise their children, she returned to work as a secretary at Illinois Mutual Life Insurance Company from 1938 until 1956.

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Patrick Thomas Kennedy

Son of James Kennedy and Mary Eliza McGee · b. 6 Jul 1881, Limerick, Limerick, Ireland · d. 11 May 1942, Baltimore, MD (age 60) · m. 16 Jun 1914, Baltimore, MD to Mary Louise Ryan.

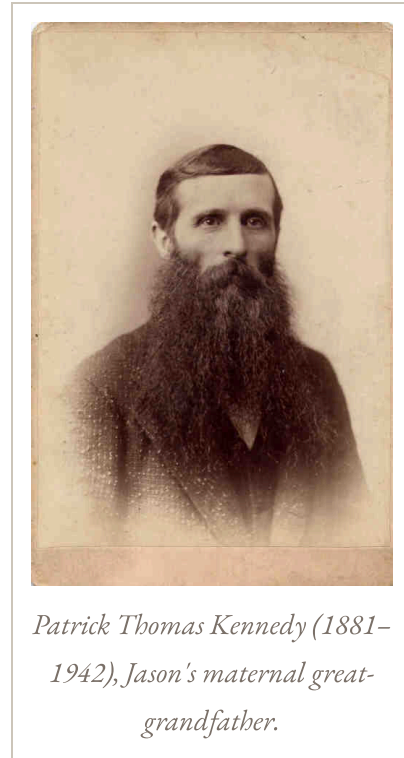
SAPLING NOTES

He emigrated from Ireland to the United States in 1898 at the age of 17 (probably stopping first in New York). He settled in Baltimore by 1902, where he worked as a stevedore on the Baltimore docks. He was a member of the Dockworker's Union affiliated with the AFL. He was naturalized as a citizen in 1912. He registered to vote in Baltimore in 1914, 1916, and 1920.

CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- **Patrick Thomas Kennedy Jr.** — b. 4 Nov 1915, Baltimore, MD · d. 16 Dec 1944, Bastogne, Luxembourg, Wallonia, Belgium (age 29)
- **Robert Ulysses Kennedy** — b. 12 Mar 1918, Baltimore, MD · d. 6 Aug 1994, Dallas, Dallas, TX (age 76)
- **Walter Anthony Kennedy** — b. 31 Jul 1920, Baltimore, MD · d. 6 Jun 2000, Seattle, King, WA (age 79)
- **Alexander Patrick Kennedy**
- **Sylvester Kennedy** — b. 19 Apr 1925, Baltimore, MD · d. 14 Apr 2011, Brooklyn, Kings, NY (age 85)
- **Clarence Philip Kennedy** — b. 6 Aug 1928, Baltimore, MD · d. 16 Mar 1998, Silver Spring, Montgomery, MD (age 69)

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Patrick Thomas Kennedy (1881–1942), Jason's maternal great-grandfather.

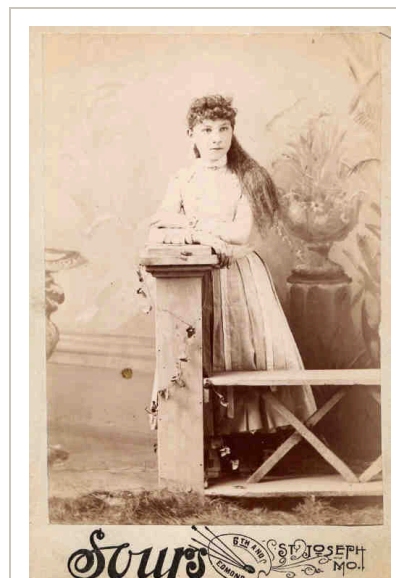
Mary Louise Ryan

*Daughter of Thomas Ryan and Margaret Flannery · b. 10 Aug 1889, Cork, Cork, Ireland ·
d. 6 Aug 1928, Baltimore, MD (age 38) · m. 16 Jun 1914, Baltimore, MD to Patrick
Thomas Kennedy.*

SAPLING NOTES

She emigrated from Ireland with her parents in 1910, living in Philadelphia for a few years before moving to Baltimore. She was raised Catholic and her family attended St. Mary's Catholic Church there.

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.



*Mary Louise Ryan (1889–1928),
Jason's maternal great-
grandmother.*

Samuel J. Grenville

Son of Henry Grenville and Virginia S. Johnson · b. 1 Feb 1891, Meridian, Lauderdale, MS · d. 14 Mar 1961, Detroit, Wayne, MI (age 70) · m. 18 Oct 1920, Helena, Phillips, AR to Nancy Wilson.

SAPLING NOTES

In 1910, he lived with his parents in Meridian, Mississippi, where he worked as a laborer for the Southern Railway Company. His father and two uncles also worked for the company at the time and they all lived in one house in Meridian. Around 1915, he appears in Helena, Arkansas, where he likely went to work on the docks at the port. By 1920, he and his newlywed wife lived there together, at which time he worked as a ship's pilot on the Mississippi. By 1930, they had moved north to Detroit, where he rose to the position of manager at a General Motors automobile plant. In 1937–1939, they lived at 242 Second Avenue, but by 1940, they lived at 643 Cardinal Road in a house estimated to be worth \$40,000. By 1950, the house was worth \$150,000.

The family attended Detroit's Second Baptist Church on Morris Avenue, where he served as senior warden in 1945. He is buried in Lockwood Memorial Cemetery.

CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- **Betsy Rose Grenville** — b. 27 Oct 1921, Helena, Phillips, AR · d. 16 Jun 2004, Tallahassee, Leon, FL (age 82)
- **Abraham David Grenville** — b. 6 Aug 1923, Helena, Phillips, AR · d. 5 May 1978, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA (age 54)
- **Mary Louise Grenville**
- **Nancy Helen Grenville** — b. 14 Jul 1929, Detroit, Wayne, MI · d. 1 Sep 1990, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI (age 61)
- **Charles Wilson Grenville** — b. 15 Sep 1934, Detroit, Wayne, MI · d. 27 Apr 2018, Chicago, Cook, IL (age 83)

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Nancy Wilson

Daughter of Rev. Milton Wilson Sr. and Lottie Helmsbury · b. 4 Oct 1898, Fairfield, Freestone, TX · d. 19 Dec 1960, Detroit, Wayne, MI (age 62) · m. 18 Oct 1920, Helena, Phillips, AR to Samuel J. Grenville.

SAPLING NOTES

She was part of a family that had lived in East Texas for several generations, having originally come from Georgia and prior to that, Virginia. She moved to Helena, Arkansas, with her parents by 1910 and she graduated from Helena Northern High School in 1916.

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.



*Nancy Wilson (1898–1960),
Jason's maternal great-
grandmother.*

GENERATION 5

2nd Great-Grandparents

George Robert Stewart

b. circa 1823, North Carolina · d. 2 Dec 1899, Martinsburg, Berkeley, WV (about age 76) · m. to Helen Margaret McDowell.

SAPLING NOTES

He and his family moved from North Carolina to Martinsburg, WV, by 1850, where he worked as a coal miner. They remained there in 1860, at which time he continued in the same line of work and owned land worth \$600. In 1870, they ran a farm there with real estate worth \$800.

CHILD FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- Alexander Reginald Stewart

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Helen Margaret McDowell

b. circa 1829, North Carolina · d. 4 May 1879 (about age 50) · m. to George Robert Stewart.

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Gabriel Lewis

b. 19 Aug 1848, Aberdeen, Scotland · d. 27 Oct 1916, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA (age 68) · m. 9 Jun 1874, Aberdeen, Scotland to Mary Louise McDougal.

SAPLING NOTES

In 1871, he lived in Aberdeen, Scotland, where he worked as a huckster of wares. In 1880, he and his family lived in Philadelphia, PA, where he worked as a grocer. In 1900–1920, they owned a house at 75 Congress Street, in Philadelphia, where he and his wife continued to run a grocery.

CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- **Archibald Lewis** — b. 12 Jul 1876, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA · d. 31 Aug 1945, Newark, Essex, NJ (age 69)
- **Estelle Mae Lewis**
- **Mary Louise Lewis** — b. 6 Sep 1879, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA · d. 20 May 1955, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA (age 75)

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Mary Louise McDougal

b. 30 Sep 1851, Aberdeen, Scotland · d. 11 Aug 1932, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA (age 80) · m. 9 Jun 1874, Aberdeen, Scotland to Gabriel Lewis.

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Samuel Edward Thompson Sr., Esq.

b. 6 May 1854, Montgomery, Montgomery, AL · d. 30 Jun 1920, St. Louis, MO (age 66) · m. to Catherine Grace.

SAPLING NOTES

His family had roots in Virginia. In 1880, he lived in Tuscaloosa, AL, where he attended the University of Alabama. He and his family moved to St. Louis, MO, in 1885. In 1900, they lived there, where he worked as a lawyer. In 1910, he worked there as a real estate lawyer.

CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- **Samuel Edward Thompson Jr.** — b. Jul 1882, Birmingham, Jefferson, AL · d. 1914, New Mexico (age 32)
- **Anne Melinda Thompson** — b. 19 Jul 1884, St. Louis, MO · d. 1971, Pueblo, Pueblo, CO (age 87)
- **John S. Thompson**
- **Jacob Wilbur Thompson** — b. 14 Nov 1890, St. Louis, MO · d. 10 Oct 1975, St. Louis, MO (age 84)

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Catherine Grace

b. 18 Jul 1857, Birmingham, Jefferson, AL · d. 15 Jan 1926, St. Louis, MO (age 68) · m. to Samuel Edward Thompson Sr., Esq.

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Robert Harris Hector

b. 10 Sep 1851, Mobile, Mobile, AL · d. 21 Jun 1921, Mobile, Mobile, AL (age 69) · m. to Louisa LaFleur.

SAPLING NOTES

His family had settled in Mobile in the early 1820s. In 1880, he and his family owned a house at 259 Jewel Street, in Mobile, where he worked as a horse trader. In 1900, they lived at 414 Van Buren Street, in Mobile, where he worked as a livestock auctioneer. He was successful, for in 1910, he was retired, living off of his own income.

CHILD FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- Annabelle Hector

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Louisa LaFleur

b. 22 Feb 1861, Mobile, Mobile, AL · d. 8 Jul 1944, Mobile, Mobile, AL (age 83) · m. to Robert Harris Hector.

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

James Kennedy

b. circa 1848, Limerick, Limerick, Ireland · d. 7 Sep 1922, Baltimore, MD (about age 74) · m. circa 1877, Limerick, Limerick, Ireland to Mary Eliza McGee.

SAPLING NOTES

He and his wife emigrated to the United States as part of the great Irish immigration after the Potato Famine. They settled in Baltimore, MD, in 1898. In 1900, they lived there and he worked as a shoemaker. In 1910, they still lived in Baltimore and he continued his trade.

CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- Patrick Thomas Kennedy
- **Eliza Kennedy** — b. circa 1883, Limerick, Limerick, Ireland · d. circa 1885, Limerick, Limerick, Ireland (about age 2)
- **Michael Kennedy** — b. circa 1886, Limerick, Limerick, Ireland · d. 1940, Brooklyn, Kings, NY (about age 54)

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Mary Eliza McGee

b. circa 1855, Ireland · d. 1887, Limerick, Limerick, Ireland (about age 32) · m. circa 1877, Limerick, Limerick, Ireland to James Kennedy.

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Thomas Ryan

b. circa 1850, Cork, Cork, Ireland · d. 16 Oct 1922, Baltimore, MD (about age 72) · m. to Margaret Flannery.

SAPLING NOTES

He and his family emigrated from Ireland to the United States in 1890, settling in Baltimore. By 1900, they rented a house there at 116 Union Street, while he worked as a section hand for the railroad.

CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- **Robert Ryan** — b. circa 1881, Cork, Cork, Ireland · d. 2 Jan 1936, Baltimore, MD (about age 55)
- **Florence Ryan** — b. circa 1884, Cork, Cork, Ireland · d. 1944, Washington, DC (about age 60)
- **Elizabeth Ryan** — b. circa 1887, Cork, Cork, Ireland · d. 10 Apr 1960, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA (about age 73)
- **Mary Louise Ryan**
- **Michael Ryan** — b. 2 Oct 1892, Baltimore, MD · d. 23 Jul 1975, Miami, Dade, FL (age 82)
- **Daniel Ryan** — b. 28 Mar 1895, Baltimore, MD · d. 10 Feb 1979, Baltimore, MD (age 83)

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Margaret Flannery

b. circa 1854, Ireland · d. 1904, Baltimore, MD (about age 50) · m. to Thomas Ryan.

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Henry Grenville

b. circa 1853, Alabama · d. 9 Nov 1914, Meridian, Lauderdale, MS (about age 61) · m. circa 1878 to Virginia S. Johnson.

SAPLING NOTES

In 1870, he lived in Meridian, MS, where he worked as a sharecropper. In 1880, he and his family continued to live there and he worked as a fireman for the M&O Railroad. In 1900–10, they rented land and ran a farm in Meridian.

CHILD FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- Samuel J. Grenville

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Virginia S. Johnson

b. circa 1860, Mississippi · d. 26 Feb 1947, Chicago, Cook, IL (about age 87) · m. circa 1878 to Henry Grenville.

SAPLING NOTES

After her husband's death, she moved to Chicago, where in 1920, she worked as a nurse. In 1930, she lived with her niece, Luella Jones, in Chicago, where she ran her own restaurant.

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Rev. Milton Wilson Sr.

b. circa 1859, Freestone Co., TX · d. Jul 1930, Fairfield, Freestone, TX (about age 71) · m. 1881, Freestone Co., TX to Lottie Helmsbury.

SAPLING NOTES

In 1900, they lived in Fairfield, TX, where he worked as a Baptist minister. In 1910, they owned a farm there while he continued to serve the community as a minister. In 1920, as a widower, he lived with his daughter Clarissa in Fairfield, continuing in the same capacity. In 1930, he remained in his daughter's household, by then retired.

CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE

- **Milton Wilson Jr.** — b. circa 1882, Freestone Co., TX · d. 1907, St. Louis, MO (about age 25)
- **Rev. Noah Wilson** — b. circa 1884, Freestone Co., TX · d. 4 Mar 1926, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA (about age 42)
- **Hattie Wilson** — b. Jul 1886, Freestone Co., TX · d. 20 Oct 1966, Dallas, Dallas, TX (age 80)
- **Frederick D. Wilson** — b. circa 1888, Freestone Co., TX · d. Aug 1948, New Orleans, LA (about age 60)
- **Silas William Wilson** — b. Feb 1891, Freestone Co., TX · d. 17 Apr 1963, Dallas, Dallas, TX (age 72)
- **Clarissa Wilson** — b. Oct 1895, Freestone Co., TX · d. 11 Dec 1953, Fairfield, Freestone, TX (age 58)
- **Nancy Wilson**

→ FULL SOURCE RECORD IN APPENDIX.

Lottie Helmsbury

*b. circa 1862, Freestone Co., TX · d. 17 Jul 1919, Fairfield, Freestone, TX (about age 57) · m.
1881, Freestone Co., TX to Rev. Milton Wilson Sr.*

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Notable Ancestors

Military Service

Thomas Edward Stewart (1910–1994)

PATERNAL GRANDFATHER · BATTLE OF THE BULGE · BRONZE STAR

Jason's paternal grandfather. Pittsburgh-raised, he volunteered for the U.S. Army in 1940 and served in the 2nd U.S. Armored Division, fighting at the Battle of the Bulge from December 16, 1944 to January 25, 1945 — the last great German counter-offensive on the Western Front. He received a Bronze Star for his service. After the war he attended engineering school at Northwestern, graduating in 1950, and worked as an engineer for the J&R Manufacturing Company in Chicago for thirty-five years.

Civic & Public Life

Anne Elizabeth Thompson (1916–2001)

PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER · JOURNALIST · CHICAGO CITY
COUNCILWOMAN

Jason's paternal grandmother. Purdue-trained in English (B.A., 1940), she worked through the 1940s and 1950s as a journalist for the Chicago Sun. She then ran for Chicago city council and served four terms representing the west side from 1962 to 1970. In 1980 she made an unsuccessful run for U.S. Congress in Illinois' 2nd district, and remained involved in civic affairs until her death.

Immigration Story

Patrick Thomas Kennedy (1881–1942)

MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER · LIMERICK → BALTIMORE, 1898 ·
DOCKWORKER'S UNION

Born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1881, Patrick emigrated to the United States in 1898 at the age of seventeen — part of the long Irish out-migration that followed the Potato Famine. He settled in Baltimore by 1902, where he worked as a stevedore on the docks and joined the AFL-affiliated Dockworker's Union. He was naturalized as a citizen in 1912 and registered to vote in Baltimore in 1914, 1916, and 1920. His marriage to Mary Louise Ryan, herself born in Cork, brought together two Irish lines on American ground.

Photographs



Thomas Edward Stewart (1910–1994)

PATERNAL GRANDFATHER ·
PITTSBURGH → CHICAGO

Pittsburgh-born; veteran of the 2nd U.S. Armored Division and the Battle of the Bulge. Married Anne Elizabeth Thompson in Chicago in 1941.



Anne Elizabeth Thompson (1916–2001)

PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER ·
INDIANAPOLIS → CHICAGO

Indianapolis-born; Purdue-educated journalist who served four terms on the Chicago city council from 1962–1970.



Alexander Patrick Kennedy

(1922–2005)

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER ·
BALTIMORE → DETROIT

Baltimore-born son of an Irish immigrant; floor manager at the Ford Motor Company in Detroit from 1950 onward.



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Alexander Reginald Stewart

(1867–1924)

PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER ·
MARTINSBURG, WV → PITTSBURGH

Third-generation West Virginia coal miner; drafted for service in the Spanish-American War, then moved north to Pittsburgh to work for the Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad.



John S. Thompson (1886–1971)

PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER ·
ST. LOUIS → INDIANAPOLIS →
CHICAGO

Mississippi-riverboat hand from 1905;
drafted into the U.S. Navy in 1918 for
service in World War I. Crane Company
worker in Chicago through World War
II.



**Patrick Thomas Kennedy (1881–
1942)**

MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER ·
LIMERICK → BALTIMORE, 1898

Emigrated from Limerick, Ireland, at
age 17; Baltimore stevedore and AFL
union member; naturalized 1912.



Mary Louise Ryan (1889–1928)

MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER
· CORK → PHILADELPHIA →
BALTIMORE

Cork-born; emigrated with her parents
in 1910, lived in Philadelphia briefly
before settling in Baltimore. Married
Patrick Kennedy there in 1914.



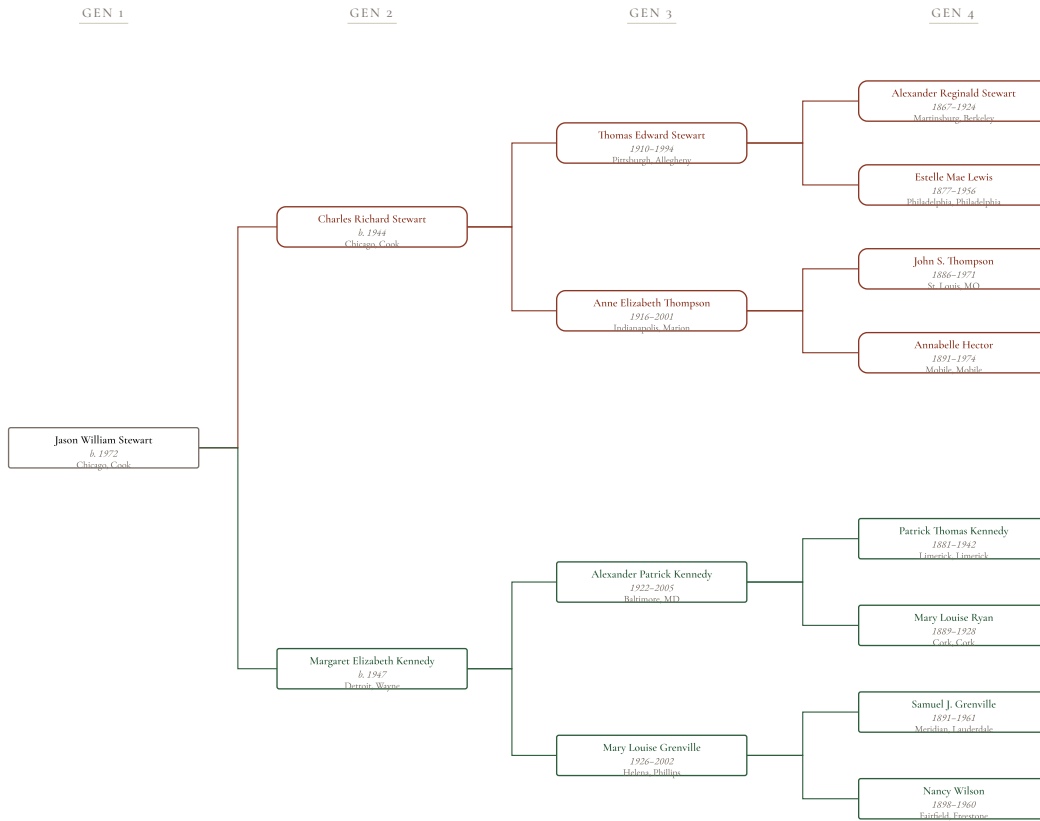
Nancy Wilson (1898–1960)

MATERNAL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER
· FAIRFIELD, TX → DETROIT

East Texas–born to a Baptist minister's
household; family had arrived in Texas
from Georgia and, before that, Virginia.

Pedigree Overview

GENERATIONS 1 - 4 · JASON WILLIAM STEWART THROUGH HIS GREAT-GRANDPARENTS



Paternal line in rust, maternal line in green. Each subsequent page traces one of the eight great-grandparents back through generations 5 to 8.

Alexander Reginald Stewart's Line

PATERNAL · GENERATIONS 5 → 8

GEN 5

GEN 6

GEN 7

GEN 8

George Robert Stewart
1823-1899
North Carolina

Helen Margaret McDowell
1829-1879
North Carolina

Alexander Reginald Stewart — Generation 4 ancestor on the paternal side. born Martinsburg, Berkeley, WV, died Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA (age 56).

Estelle Mae Lewis's Line

PATERNAL · GENERATIONS 5 → 8

GEN 5

GEN 6

GEN 7

GEN 8

Gabriel Lewis
1848-1916
Aberdeen, Scotland

Mary Louise McDougall
1854-1932
Aberdeen, Scotland

Estelle Mae Lewis — Generation 4 ancestor on the paternal side. born Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, died Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA (age 78).

John S. Thompson's Line

PATERNAL · GENERATIONS 5 → 8

GEN 5

GEN 6

GEN 7

GEN 8

Samuel Edward Thompson Sr., ...
1854-1920
Montgomery, Montgomery

Catherine Grace
1857-1936
Birmingham, Jefferson

*John S. Thompson — Generation 4 ancestor on the paternal side. born St. Louis, MO, died Chicago, Cook, IL
(age 85).*

Annabelle Hector's Line

PATERNAL · GENERATIONS 5 → 8

GEN 5

GEN 6

GEN 7

GEN 8

Robert Harris Hector
1857-1921
Mobile, Mobile

Louisa LaFleur
1851-1914
Mobile, Mobile

Annabelle Hector — Generation 4 ancestor on the paternal side. born Mobile, Mobile, AL, died Chicago, Cook, IL (age 83).

Patrick Thomas Kennedy's Line

MATERNAL · GENERATIONS 5 → 8

GEN 5

GEN 6

GEN 7

GEN 8

James Kennedy
1848-1922
Limerick, Limerick

Mary Eliza McGee
1855-1887
Ireland

*Patrick Thomas Kennedy — Generation 4 ancestor on the maternal side. born Limerick, Limerick, Ireland,
died Baltimore, MD (age 60).*

Mary Louise Ryan's Line

MATERNAL · GENERATIONS 5 → 8

GEN 5

GEN 6

GEN 7

GEN 8

Thomas Ryan
1880-1922
Cork, Cork

Margaret Flannery
1854-1904
Ireland

*Mary Louise Ryan — Generation 4 ancestor on the maternal side. born Cork, Cork, Ireland, died
Baltimore, MD (age 38).*

Samuel J. Grenville's Line

MATERNAL · GENERATIONS 5 → 8

GEN 5

GEN 6

GEN 7

GEN 8

Henry Grenville
1853-1914
Missouri

Virginia S. Johnson
1866-1917
Mississippi

*Samuel J. Grenville — Generation 4 ancestor on the maternal side. born Meridian, Lauderdale, MS, died
Detroit, Wayne, MI (age 70).*

Nancy Wilson's Line

MATERNAL · GENERATIONS 5 → 8

GEN 5

GEN 6

GEN 7

GEN 8

Rev. Milton Wilson Sr.
1859-1930
Freestone Co., TX

Lottie Helmsbury
1862-1919
Freestone Co., TX

Nancy Wilson — Generation 4 ancestor on the maternal side. born Fairfield, Freestone, TX, died Detroit, Wayne, MI (age 62).

Thank you



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