

## ***Descendants of Thomas French***

### *Generation No. 1*

1. THOMAS<sup>1</sup> FRENCH<sup>1</sup> was born 1611 in Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England<sup>1</sup>, and died 05 May 1673 in Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England<sup>2</sup>. He married SARAH UNKNOWN<sup>3</sup> in Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England.

More About THOMAS FRENCH and SARAH UNKNOWN:  
Marriage: Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England

Children of THOMAS FRENCH and SARAH UNKNOWN are:

- i. PATIENCE<sup>2</sup> FRENCH, b. 1637, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England.
2. ii. THOMAS FRENCH, b. 29 Oct 1639, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England; d. 03 Jun 1699, Rancocas, Burlington County, NJ.
- iii. ELIZABETH SARA FRENCH, b. 1643, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England.
- iv. ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. 1645, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England.
- v. MARY FRENCH, b. 1648, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England.
- vi. JOHN FRENCH, b. 1651, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England.
- vii. ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. 1651, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England.

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2. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>3</sup> was born 29 Oct 1639 in Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England<sup>3</sup>, and died 03 Jun 1699 in Rancocas, Burlington County, NJ. He married JANE ATKINS<sup>3</sup> 12 Jun 1660 in Wilton Parrish, Wiltshire, England<sup>4</sup>. She was born Abt. 1643 in Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England<sup>5</sup>.

Notes for THOMAS FRENCH:

Thomas and Jane Atkin French were buried in a private burial lot, sixteen and one half feet square, on the homestead plantation, Rancocas, N.J. as mentioned in a reservation in the deed of the property. Its exact location is now unknown. [Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas French, Vol. 1, p. 65]

More About THOMAS FRENCH:  
Religion: Quaker

More About THOMAS FRENCH and JANE ATKINS:  
Marriage: 12 Jun 1660, Wilton Parrish, Wiltshire, England<sup>6</sup>

Children of THOMAS FRENCH and JANE ATKINS are:

- i. SARA<sup>3</sup> FRENCH, b. 17 Mar 1661, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England.
- ii. JANE FRENCH, b. Jul 1662, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England.
- iii. RACHEL FRENCH, b. 24 Mar 1663, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England.
3. iv. RICHARD FRENCH, b. 01 Dec 1665, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England; d. 1745.
4. v. THOMAS FRENCH, b. 1667, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England; d. 26 Aug 1745, Moorestown, NJ.
- vi. HANNAH FRENCH, b. Sep 1669, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England<sup>7</sup>; m. RICHARD BUZBY; b. 1670; d. Jul 1747.

More About HANNAH FRENCH:

Baptism: 05 Sep 1669, Church S.S. Peter and Paul, Nether Heyford

5. vii. CHARLES FRENCH, b. 20 Mar 1671, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England.
6. viii. JOHN FRENCH, b. 1672, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England; d. 1729.

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- ix. SARAH FRENCH, b. 1674, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England; m. ISAAC WOOD, 01 Feb 1695<sup>7</sup>.

More About SARAH FRENCH:

Baptism: 23 Feb 1674, Church S.S. Peter and Paul, Nether Heyford<sup>7</sup>

More About ISAAC WOOD and SARAH FRENCH:

Marriage: 01 Feb 1695<sup>7</sup>

- x. MARY FRENCH, b. Aug 1675, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England; d. 1728; m. NICHOLAS BUZBY, 30 Aug 1695<sup>7</sup>; d. 28 Jun 1727.

More About MARY FRENCH:

Baptism: 08 Aug 1675, Church S.S. Peter and Paul, Nether Heyford<sup>7</sup>

More About NICHOLAS BUZBY:

Residence: Burlington County, NJ<sup>7</sup>

More About NICHOLAS BUZBY and MARY FRENCH:

Marriage: 30 Aug 1695<sup>7</sup>

- xi. JANE FRENCH, b. Nov 1676, Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England.  
xii. LYDIA FRENCH, b. 1682.  
xiii. REBECCA FRENCH, b. 08 Jun 1697; m. ROBERT MURFIN, 03 Feb 1729<sup>7</sup>; b. 12 Mar 1705; d. 1753.

More About ROBERT MURFIN and REBECCA FRENCH:

Marriage: 03 Feb 1729<sup>7</sup>

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**3.** RICHARD<sup>3</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 01 Dec 1665 in Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England, and died 1745. He married (1) SARAH SCATTERGOOD 11 Jul 1693. She died Abt. 1700. He married (2) MARY KING 13 Nov 1701<sup>7</sup>, daughter of HARMANUS KING and MARY UNKNOWN.

More About RICHARD FRENCH:

Religion: Quaker- Was Overseer and Elder at Crosswicks Meeting

More About RICHARD FRENCH and SARAH SCATTERGOOD:

Marriage: 11 Jul 1693

More About MARY KING:

Residence: Nottingham Township, Burlington County, NJ before marriage

More About RICHARD FRENCH and MARY KING:

Marriage: 13 Nov 1701<sup>7</sup>

Children of RICHARD FRENCH and SARAH SCATTERGOOD are:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> FRENCH, b. 1694; m. WILLIAM SCHOLEY.  
7. ii. RICHARD FRENCH, JR., b. 20 Aug 1696.  
iii. THOMAS FRENCH.

Children of RICHARD FRENCH and MARY KING are:

- iv. MARY<sup>4</sup> FRENCH, d. Jun 1746; m. PRESERVE BROWN, JR., 15 Aug 1724<sup>7</sup>; d. 23 May 1760.

More About MARY FRENCH:

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Burial: Friends Burial Ground, 4th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pa

More About PRESERVE BROWN and MARY FRENCH:  
Marriage: 15 Aug 1724<sup>7</sup>

8. v. REBECCA FRENCH, m. BENJAMIN SHREVE; b. 09 Jun 1706; d. 1751.  
vi. WILLIAM FRENCH, b. 07 Apr 1712; d. 1781.  
vii. SARAH FRENCH, b. 20 Jul 1715; m. WILLIAM MARLIN, Feb 1741<sup>7</sup>.

More About WILLIAM MARLIN and SARAH FRENCH:  
Marriage: Feb 1741<sup>7</sup>

- viii. ABAGAIL FRENCH, b. 05 Jul 1717; m. (1) JACOB TAYLOR; m. (2) JAMES LEWIS, 01 Jan 1737<sup>7</sup>; d. Mar 1741.

More About JAMES LEWIS:  
Residence: Philadelphia, Pa

More About JAMES LEWIS and ABAGAIL FRENCH:  
Marriage: 01 Jan 1737<sup>7</sup>

9. ix. BENJAMIN FRENCH, b. 11 Dec 1719; d. 1747.  
10. x. JONATHAN FRENCH, b. 27 Nov 1722.

4. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>8</sup> was born 1667 in Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England<sup>8</sup>, and died 26 Aug 1745 in Moorestown, NJ<sup>9</sup>. He married (1) MARY ALLEN 03 Oct 1696 in Shrewsbury Friends Meeting, Shrewsbury, NJ, NJ<sup>9</sup>, daughter of JUDAH ALLEN and MARY WOOLEY. She was born 1670 in Shrewsbury, NJ, and died 19 Jul 1732. He married (2) MARY ENGLE 09 Aug 1732<sup>10</sup>.

Notes for THOMAS FRENCH:

Thomas was the first Tax Collector of Chester Township in 1693 and also served as overseer of the highways, constable, overseer of the poor, and freeholder (1713-14, 1720, 1725-1728). [Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas French, Vol. 1, p. 117]

More About THOMAS FRENCH:

Baptism: 31 Oct 1667, Church S.S. Peter and Paul, Nether Heyford<sup>11</sup>  
Burial: Chester Meeting Burial Ground, Moorestown, NJ  
Religion: Quaker

More About MARY ALLEN:

Residence: Shrewsbury, NJ before marriage

More About THOMAS FRENCH and MARY ALLEN:

Marriage: 03 Oct 1696, Shrewsbury Friends Meeting, Shrewsbury, NJ, NJ<sup>11</sup>

Marriage Notes for THOMAS FRENCH and MARY ENGLE:

Second Marriage of Thomas French, Jr. [6]: Marriage certificate of Jonas Cattell and Mary Pearce contains a notation that she died 7th of 8th mo. 1724. Haddonfield Meeting records show that Jonas Cattell and Mary Engle, wodow, were married in 1727. Jonas Cattell died in 1731, and in 1732 Thomas French, Jr. [6], and Mary Cattell were married under the care of the Haddonfield Meeting. This Mary Cattell doubtless was Mary (Engle) Cattell, second wife o9f Jonas Cattell and not Mary (Pearce) Cattell as nfoted on page 116 of Vol. 1. [Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas French, Erratica, Vol. 1, p665]

More About THOMAS FRENCH and MARY ENGLE:

Marriage: 09 Aug 1732<sup>12</sup>

Children of THOMAS FRENCH and MARY ALLEN are:

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- i. EDWARD<sup>4</sup> FRENCH, b. Abt. 1709, Burlington County, NJ; d. 1740.

Notes for EDWARD FRENCH:

Edward died unmarried. [Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas French, Vol. 1, p 116]

- ii. JUDITH FRENCH, b. Abt. 1704, Burlington County, NJ.

Notes for JUDITH FRENCH:

Judith died young. [Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas French, Vol. 1, p 116]

- iii. MARY FRENCH, b. Abt. 1711; m. (1) NATHAN MIDDLETON, 15 Apr 1736<sup>13</sup>; m. (2) GEORGE MATLACK, 17 Sep 1761<sup>13</sup>.

More About NATHAN MIDDLETON and MARY FRENCH:

Marriage: 15 Apr 1736<sup>13</sup>

More About GEORGE MATLACK and MARY FRENCH:

Marriage: 17 Sep 1761<sup>13</sup>

11. iv. JOSEPH FRENCH, b. 21 Jul 1698, Shrewsbury, NJ; d. 08 Jul 1752, Shrewsbury, NJ.  
12. v. THOMAS FRENCH, b. 27 Aug 1702, Chester, NJ; d. 28 Apr 1757.  
13. vi. ROBERT FRENCH, b. Jun 1707, Moorestown, NJ; d. 04 Sep 1760, Moorestown, NJ.  
vii. JUDITH FRENCH, b. Abt. 1706.

5. CHARLES<sup>3</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 20 Mar 1671 in Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England. He married (1) UNKNOWN. He married (2) ELINOR UNKNOWN 1708.

More About CHARLES FRENCH:

Baptism: 02 Apr 1671, Church S.S. Peter and Paul, Nether Heyford<sup>13</sup>

Religion: Quaker

More About CHARLES FRENCH and ELINOR UNKNOWN:

Marriage: 1708

Children of CHARLES FRENCH and UNKNOWN are:

- i. JEMIMA<sup>4</sup> FRENCH, m. FRANCIS KEY, 1743<sup>13</sup>.

More About FRANCIS KEY and JEMIMA FRENCH:

Marriage: 1743<sup>13</sup>

- ii. HOPE FRENCH, m. ISAAC KAY, 1748<sup>13</sup>.

More About ISAAC KAY and HOPE FRENCH:

Marriage: 1748<sup>13</sup>

- iii. BATHSHEBA FRENCH, m. DANIEL FORTINER, 1748<sup>13</sup>.

More About DANIEL FORTINER and BATHSHEBA FRENCH:

Marriage: 1748<sup>13</sup>

Children of CHARLES FRENCH and ELINOR UNKNOWN are:

14. iv. CHARLES<sup>4</sup> FRENCH, JR., b. 12 Aug 1714.  
15. v. URIAH FRENCH.

6. JOHN<sup>3</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1672 in Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England,

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and died 1729. He married (1) ANN UNKNOWN 1701<sup>13</sup>. He married (2) SARAH MASON 10 Jun 1724<sup>13</sup>.

More About JOHN FRENCH:

Baptism: 02 Jan 1673, Church S.S. Peter and Paul, Nether Heyford

More About JOHN FRENCH and ANN UNKNOWN:

Marriage: 1701<sup>13</sup>

More About JOHN FRENCH and SARAH MASON:

Marriage: 10 Jun 1724<sup>13</sup>

Children of JOHN FRENCH and ANN UNKNOWN are:

- i. JOHN<sup>4</sup> FRENCH, JR., b. 1702; d. 1729.
- ii. THOMAS FRENCH, b. 1703.
- iii. CHARLES FRENCH, b. 1704.
- iv. RACHEL FRENCH, b. 1705; m. (1) ENOCH FENTON; b. 1693; d. 1732; m. (2) NATHANIEL WILKENS ON, 01 Dec 1735<sup>13</sup>.

More About NATHANIEL WILKENS ON and RACHEL FRENCH:

Marriage: 01 Dec 1735<sup>13</sup>

- v. ANN FRENCH, b. 1707; m. JOSHUA WOOLSTON<sup>13</sup>.

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**7.** RICHARD<sup>4</sup> FRENCH, JR. (*RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 20 Aug 1696. He married RACHEL UNKNOWN.

Child of RICHARD FRENCH and RACHEL UNKNOWN is:

- i. RACHEL<sup>5</sup> FRENCH, b. 12 Nov 1722.

**8.** WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> FRENCH (*RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 07 Apr 1712, and died 1781. He married LYDIA TAYLOR 20 Sep 1748<sup>13</sup>.

More About LYDIA TAYLOR:

Residence: Bordentown, NJ before marriage<sup>13</sup>

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and LYDIA TAYLOR:

Marriage: 20 Sep 1748<sup>13</sup>

Children of WILLIAM FRENCH and LYDIA TAYLOR are:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> FRENCH, b. 10 May 1751; m. RACHEL RICKEY, 17 Sep 1777<sup>13</sup>.

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and RACHEL RICKEY:

Marriage: 17 Sep 1777<sup>13</sup>

16. ii. RICHARD FRENCH, b. 15 Oct 1759; d. 26 Feb 1823.
- iii. LYDIA FRENCH, b. 19 Mar 1763; m. GABRIEL ALLEN.

More About GABRIEL ALLEN:

Residence: Bordentown, NJ before marriage

**9.** BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> FRENCH (*RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 11 Dec 1719, and died 1747. He married MARTHA HALL 29 Jan 1742<sup>13</sup>, daughter of BURGESS HALL and ABIGAIL UNKNOWN.

More About BENJAMIN FRENCH and MARTHA HALL:

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Marriage: 29 Jan 1742<sup>13</sup>

Child of BENJAMIN FRENCH and MARTHA HALL is:

- i. RICHARD<sup>5</sup> FRENCH.

**10.** JONATHAN<sup>4</sup> FRENCH (*RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 27 Nov 1722. He married ESTHER MATLACK 12 Jan 1744, daughter of JOHN MATLACK and MARY LEE. She died 1795.

More About JONATHAN FRENCH and ESTHER MATLACK:

Marriage: 12 Jan 1744

Children of JONATHAN FRENCH and ESTHER MATLACK are:

- i. FRANCIS<sup>5</sup> FRENCH, b. 1768; d. 1847; m. ELIZABETH UNKNOWN.

More About FRANCIS FRENCH:

Occupation: Carpenter then Farmer

- ii. MARY FRENCH.
- iii. EUNICE FRENCH, m. JONAS THOMAS.
- iv. JONATHAN FRENCH.
17. v. WILLIAM FRENCH.
18. vi. RICHARD FRENCH, b. 06 Aug 1760; d. 19 Dec 1839.

**11.** JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 21 Jul 1698 in Shrewsbury, NJ<sup>14</sup>, and died 08 Jul 1752 in Shrewsbury, NJ. He married ALICE ALLEE<sup>14</sup> 12 Sep 1722 in Shrewsbury, NJ. She was born Abt. 1698.

Notes for JOSEPH FRENCH:

Ancestry.com, "The Abrams Family of Burlington County, NJ" identifies the parents of Joseph French as Thomas and Mary Allen French.

Notes for ALICE ALLEE:

The "Abrams Family of Burlington County, NJ" found at Ancestry.com was the only source that listed a first name for Joseph's wife. All other sources found did not list a first name, therefore, the first name "Alice" should be used with caution.

More About JOSEPH FRENCH and ALICE ALLEE:

Marriage: 12 Sep 1722, Shrewsbury, NJ

Children of JOSEPH FRENCH and ALICE ALLEE are:

- i. MARY<sup>5</sup> FRENCH, m. JAMES FARRELL, 1751.

More About JAMES FARRELL and MARY FRENCH:

Marriage: 1751

19. ii. JOSEPH FRENCH, b. 1723, Shrewsbury, NJ.
20. iii. AARON FRENCH, b. 08 Sep 1739, Monmouth County, NJ; d. 31 Aug 1805, Amity, Pa..
21. iv. FRANCIS FRENCH, b. Bef. 1740, Shrewsbury,, NJ; d. 1819, New Gretna, NJ.
- v. DAVID FRENCH, b. 1747; d. 10 Oct 1838; m. SARA WILCOX.

**12.** THOMAS<sup>4</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 27 Aug 1702 in Chester, NJ, and died 28 Apr 1757. He married JEMIMA ELKINTON 08 May 1746<sup>15</sup>. She was born 03 Mar 1725, and died Apr 1782.

More About THOMAS FRENCH:

Burial: Chester Meeting Friends Burial Ground, Moorestown, NJ

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More About JEMIMA ELKINTON:

Residence: Evesham Township, NJ before marriage

More About THOMAS FRENCH and JEMIMA ELKINTON:

Marriage: 08 May 1746<sup>15</sup>

Children of THOMAS FRENCH and JEMIMA ELKINTON are:

22. i. EDWARD<sup>5</sup> FRENCH, b. 07 Jan 1747; d. 21 Aug 1822.
23. ii. URIAH FRENCH, b. 14 Mar 1748; d. 1823.
24. iii. GEORGE FRENCH, b. 09 Feb 1753; d. 1827.
- iv. MARY FRENCH, b. 23 Jun 1755; m. JOHN REILY, 04 Apr 1771<sup>15</sup>.

More About JOHN REILY and MARY FRENCH:

Marriage: 04 Apr 1771<sup>15</sup>

- v. SARAH FRENCH, b. 26 Sep 1757; m. CHARLES BROWN, 1776<sup>15</sup>.

More About CHARLES BROWN and SARAH FRENCH:

Marriage: 1776<sup>15</sup>

**13.** ROBERT<sup>4</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born Jun 1707 in Moorestown, NJ, and died 04 Sep 1760 in Moorestown, NJ. He married HANNAH CATTEL<sup>16</sup> 12 Oct 1737 in Moorestown, NJ. She was born 07 Jun 1716 in Chester, NJ, and died 27 Jun 1801.

Notes for ROBERT FRENCH:

Will Abstract of Robert French, yeoman; Date: 03 Aug 1760; Location: Chester, Burlington Co. - Wife, Hannah. Children--Jonas, Mary, Hannah, Thomas, Elizabeth, Robert, James, Kiziah and Anne. Real and personal estate. Executors--the wife, son Jonas and brother-in-law James Cattell. Witnesses--Thomas Morton, John Matlack, Samuel Gaskill, John Cox. Proved October 1, 1760. Lib. 10, p. 132. 1760, Sept. 24. Inventory, £233.12.1., incl. 8,000 shingles still in the cedar swamps, £16; made by John Cox and Enoch Roberts. [ Ancestry.com. Calendar of New Jersey Wills, 1670-1760. (database online) Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2000. Original data: New Jersey Historical Society. Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Administrations, etc. Newark, NJ: New Jersey Historical Society, 1901. ]

More About ROBERT FRENCH and HANNAH CATTEL:

Marriage: 12 Oct 1737, Moorestown, NJ

Children of ROBERT FRENCH and HANNAH CATTEL are:

- i. MARY<sup>5</sup> FRENCH, b. 04 Oct 1740, Moorestown, NJ; m. (1) WILLIAM HOLDCRAFT, 24 Dec 1761<sup>17</sup>; m. (2) ISAAC GIBBS, 16 Mar 1797<sup>17</sup>.

More About WILLIAM HOLDCRAFT:

Residence: Chester Township, NJ

More About WILLIAM HOLDCRAFT and MARY FRENCH:

Marriage: 24 Dec 1761<sup>17</sup>

More About ISAAC GIBBS and MARY FRENCH:

Marriage: 16 Mar 1797<sup>17</sup>

- ii. HANNAH FRENCH, b. 15 Jul 1743, Moorestown, NJ.
25. iii. THOMAS FRENCH, b. 26 Dec 1745, Chester, NJ; d. 02 Feb 1785, Evesham Township, NJ.
26. iv. ROBERT FRENCH, b. 10 Mar 1749; d. 1811.
27. v. JAMES FRENCH, b. 01 Mar 1751.
- vi. JOSEPH FRENCH, b. 14 Oct 1753, Chester, NJ.
- vii. KEZIAH FRENCH, b. 11 May 1756, Moorestown, NJ.

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- viii. ANN FRENCH, b. 26 Oct 1758; d. 09 Apr 1842; m. SAMUEL CARR; b. 22 Oct 1754; d. 29 Jun 1832.

**14.** CHARLES<sup>4</sup> FRENCH, JR. (*CHARLES<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 12 Aug 1714. He married ANN CLEMENT 06 Oct 1739<sup>17</sup>.

More About CHARLES FRENCH and ANN CLEMENT:  
Marriage: 06 Oct 1739<sup>17</sup>

Children of CHARLES FRENCH and ANN CLEMENT are:

- i. ANN<sup>5</sup> FRENCH, b. 24 Sep 1740; d. 04 Feb 1840; m. JACOB WILKINS, 12 Dec 1757<sup>17</sup>.

More About JACOB WILKINS and ANN FRENCH:  
Marriage: 12 Dec 1757<sup>17</sup>

- ii. ABIGAIL FRENCH, b. 18 Jan 1742; d. 20 Feb 1797; m. JOHN BRICK, Sep 1760<sup>17</sup>; b. 10 Nov 1733; d. 1780, Gloucester County, NJ.

More About JOHN BRICK and ABIGAIL FRENCH:  
Marriage: Sep 1760<sup>17</sup>

28. iii. JACOB FRENCH, b. 28 Apr 1745; d. 28 Oct 1827.

29. iv. SAMUEL FRENCH, b. 17 Sep 1748, Waterford Township, NJ; d. 08 Jul 1814.

- v. ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. 18 Feb 1750, Waterford Township, NJ; d. 25 May 1812; m. (1) JAMES WILLS, Oct 1768<sup>17</sup>; m. (2) MOSES WILLS, 11 Apr 1787<sup>17</sup>; b. 15 Nov 1737; d. 30 Jan 1807.

More About JAMES WILLS and ELIZABETH FRENCH:  
Marriage: Oct 1768<sup>17</sup>

More About MOSES WILLS and ELIZABETH FRENCH:  
Marriage: 11 Apr 1787<sup>17</sup>

30. vi. CHARLES FRENCH, b. 25 Oct 1753, Waterford Township, NJ; d. 06 Apr 1834.

**15.** URIAH<sup>4</sup> FRENCH (*CHARLES<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) He married MARY McCULLOCH<sup>17</sup>.

More About URIAH FRENCH:  
Occupation: Bricklayer<sup>17</sup>

Children of URIAH FRENCH and MARY McCULLOCH are:

- i. CHARLES<sup>5</sup> FRENCH, m. REBECCA TAYLOR, 07 Apr 1773<sup>17</sup>.

More About CHARLES FRENCH and REBECCA TAYLOR:  
Marriage: 07 Apr 1773<sup>17</sup>

- ii. SAMUEL FRENCH, m. (1) ELIZABETH UNKNOWN; m. (2) MARY WAYNE, 11 Nov 1775<sup>17</sup>.

More About SAMUEL FRENCH and MARY WAYNE:  
Marriage: 11 Nov 1775<sup>17</sup>

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**16.** RICHARD<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 15 Oct 1759, and died 26 Feb 1823. He married MARY DAVIS<sup>17</sup>. She was born 29 Dec 1761, and died 12 Dec 1829.

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More About RICHARD FRENCH and MARY DAVIS:  
Marriage: <sup>17</sup>

Children of RICHARD FRENCH and MARY DAVIS are:

- i. THOMAS<sup>6</sup> FRENCH, b. 17 Jan 1785; m. ANN HEADLEY<sup>17</sup>.

More About THOMAS FRENCH and ANN HEADLEY:  
Marriage: <sup>17</sup>

- ii. CHARLOTTE FRENCH, b. 17 Oct 1786; m. JESSE VAN HORN<sup>17</sup>.

More About JESSE VAN HORN and CHARLOTTE FRENCH:  
Marriage: <sup>17</sup>

- iii. LYDIA FRENCH, b. 19 Sep 1788; d. 19 Sep 1788.
- iv. LYDIA FRENCH, b. 03 Feb 1793; d. 11 Nov 1801.
- v. RICHARD FRENCH, b. 26 Nov 1799; m. SARAH HUTCHINSON, 12 Sep 1822<sup>17</sup>.

Notes for RICHARD FRENCH:

Richard served in the Continental army, and was for a time under the command of General Cadwallader of Pennsylvania. He took part in the operations against the Hessians and British in the vicinity of Trenton and Bordentown, NJ, December, 1776. [Genealogy of the Decendants of Thomas French, Vol. 1, p. 335]

More About RICHARD FRENCH and SARAH HUTCHINSON:  
Marriage: 12 Sep 1822<sup>17</sup>

**17.** WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*JONATHAN<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) He married RUTH HIGBY 25 May 1783 in Old Swedes Church, Philadelphia, Pa<sup>17</sup>. She died 1801.

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and RUTH HIGBY:  
Marriage: 25 May 1783, Old Swedes Church, Philadelphia, Pa<sup>17</sup>

Children of WILLIAM FRENCH and RUTH HIGBY are:

- i. JOHN<sup>6</sup> FRENCH.

Notes for JOHN FRENCH:

John died young [Genealogy of the Decendants of Thomas French]

- ii. REBECCA FRENCH, b. 24 Jun 1785; m. ENOCH THORN<sup>17</sup>.
- iii. RICHARD FRENCH.

Notes for RICHARD FRENCH:

Richard died young [Genealogy of the Decendants of Thomas French]

- iv. JOSEPH FRENCH, b. 27 Feb 1790; m. CHRISTIANNA SLIM<sup>17</sup>.

More About JOSEPH FRENCH and CHRISTIANNA SLIM:  
Marriage: <sup>17</sup>

**18.** RICHARD<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*JONATHAN<sup>4</sup>, RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 06 Aug 1760, and died 19 Dec 1839. He married SOPHIA BENDLER 11 Oct 1784<sup>17</sup>. She was born 16 Aug 1762 in 8/6/1845.

More About RICHARD FRENCH:

Occupation: Farmer and Brickmaker<sup>17</sup>

Religion: Quaker at Eveshan and Haddonfield, NJ Monthly Meetings<sup>17</sup>

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More About RICHARD FRENCH and SOPHIA BENDLER:  
Marriage: 11 Oct 1784<sup>17</sup>

Children of RICHARD FRENCH and SOPHIA BENDLER are:

- i. JACOB<sup>6</sup> FRENCH, b. 22 Apr 1785; d. 29 Sep 1791.
- ii. JONATHAN FRENCH, b. 25 Dec 1786; m. REBECCA WILSON.
- iii. MARY FRENCH, b. 25 Nov 1788; m. WILLIAM JONES, 1811<sup>17</sup>.

More About WILLIAM JONES and MARY FRENCH:  
Marriage: 1811<sup>17</sup>

- iv. SARAH FRENCH, b. 04 Oct 1791; m. ANTHJONY WARRICK, JR., 1815<sup>17</sup>.

More About ANTHJONY WARRICK and SARAH FRENCH:  
Marriage: 1815<sup>17</sup>

- v. RICHARD FRENCH, b. 30 Aug 1793; d. 16 Apr 1853.

Notes for RICHARD FRENCH:  
Richard died unmarried.

- vi. SAMUEL FRENCH, b. 15 Oct 1796; m. ELIZABETH ROBERTS, 1820<sup>17</sup>.

More About SAMUEL FRENCH and ELIZABETH ROBERTS:  
Marriage: 1820<sup>17</sup>

- vii. ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. 14 Nov 1798; d. 14 Feb 1800.
- viii. KEZIAH FRENCH, b. 07 Jun 1803; m. SAMUEL HILLMAN, 1822<sup>17</sup>.

More About SAMUEL HILLMAN and KEZIAH FRENCH:  
Marriage: 1822<sup>17</sup>

**19.** JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1723 in Shrewsbury, NJ. He married HANNAH HORN 03 Jan 1748 in Raritan Landing, Somerset, NJ.

More About JOSEPH FRENCH and HANNAH HORN:  
Marriage: 03 Jan 1748, Raritan Landing, Somerset, NJ

Children of JOSEPH FRENCH and HANNAH HORN are:

- i. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> FRENCH.
- ii. SIMON FRENCH.
- iii. WILLIAM FRENCH.
31. iv. LAFFORD FRENCH, b. 1753, Raritan Landing, NJ; d. Sep 1834, North Carolina.
- v. SARAH FRENCH, b. 17 Mar 1754, Jersey City, NJ; d. 02 Jan 1854; m. HUGH MOORE, Abt. 1772.

More About HUGH MOORE and SARAH FRENCH:  
Marriage: Abt. 1772

**20.** AARON<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 08 Sep 1739 in Monmouth County, NJ, and died 31 Aug 1805 in Amity, Pa.. He married (1) ELIZABETH UNKNOWN<sup>18</sup>. He married (2) MARY CLARK<sup>18</sup>. She was born Abt. 1745.

Notes for AARON FRENCH:

Aaron French, b. Sep. 8, 1739, probably in Monmouth Co., N.J.; d. Aug. 31, 1805, near Amity, Pa.; m. (1st) Mary Clark; m. (2nd) Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ (d. Feb. 18, 1819, Troy, O., age 74 yrs.), widow of James

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Fordyce. Aaron French lived at New Providence, N.J. as early as 1764; moved to Washington Co., POa., about 1787-8, where he acquired a large tract of land lying four miles southwest of Amity and partly within the present county of Greene. ["Aaron French, page 10]

Aaron French was born Sept. 8, 1739, lived at or near New Providence, NJ as early as 1764, and in Essex County until shortly before 1790, when he removed to Pennsylvania. He died August 31, 1805. It is said that he had two or three more brothers, one removed to New York, and another "went south" . . . The compiler believes that the latter was Francis of New Gretna, in the south of New Jersey, and that Joseph of Raritan Landing, Francis of New Gretna, and Aaron of New Providence were sons of Joseph (Thomas Jr., Thomas) from Shrewsbury (From: "Aaron French And His Descendants" by Charles French, 1910, page 9). [Note: Wilna Sawyer ("James Lewis French, His Ancestors and Descendants") believes that the brother who "went south" was Joseph, Jr., who went to Spartanburg District, South Carolina.]

Records of the New Providence Presbyterian Church on Turkey Creek, N.J. show that Aaron and 3 of his children were baptized there between 1764 & 1775. Church's seating list include: Abraham Clark, David Clark, David French and Aaron French. About 1787 or 88, moved to Washington Co. PA where he acquired 400 Acres of land lying 4 mi. SW of Amity and partly within the present Greene Co. PA. He named it "The New Republic".

Charles Newton French in his genealogy "Aaron French and Descendants" states:

" During the Revolutionary War, Aaron lived in a part of New Jersey which suffered much at the hands of the British. Many church, town, and other records were then lost. That Mary Clark was the name of the first wife of Aaron French is traditional, but it is so generally accepted that the compiler accepts it as true. It is said that Aaron had 2 or more brothers, one of whom removed to N.Y and another went south. It is said that Aaron of New Providence, NJ, Joseph of Raritan Landing, and Francis of New Gretna were sons of Joseph who was son of Thomas, Jr."

Since Joseph French and Allee were married in Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co., NJ and Aaron was born in Monmouth Co., NJ, I have assumed that Aaron is the son of Joseph who was the son of Thomas, Jr. and grandson of Thomas French, II. [Ancestors of Minerva Jane French found on the internet at <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/l/i/s/Grace-Alberta-Lisk/GENE19-0005.html>]

Children of AARON FRENCH and MARY CLARK are:

32. i. AARON<sup>6</sup> FRENCH, b. 19 Apr 1767, Essex Co., NJ; d. 31 Jan 1850, Johnstown, Ohio.
- ii. DEBORAH FRENCH, b. 24 Nov 1769, Essex Co., NJ<sup>18</sup>; d. 30 Dec 1846, near Amity, Pa.<sup>18</sup>; m. ISAAC CLARK; b. 28 Jul 1766; d. 30 Nov 1842.

Notes for DEBORAH FRENCH:

Deborah's husband, Isaac Clark, is the brother of Joe Clark, who married Deborah's sister Mary. She married her brother-in-law.

- iii. ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. Abt. 1771, Essex Co., NJ<sup>18</sup>; d. near Big Tree, Pa.<sup>18</sup>; m. JACOB BARTHOLOMEW<sup>18</sup>, Abt. 1787.

More About JACOB BARTHOLOMEW and ELIZABETH FRENCH:  
Marriage: Abt. 1787

- iv. MARY FRENCH, b. 1772, Essex Co., NJ<sup>18</sup>; d. 12 Jan 1859<sup>18</sup>; m. JOHN CLARK<sup>18</sup>, Near Amity, Pa.<sup>18</sup>.

Notes for MARY FRENCH:

Mary's husband, Joe Clark, is the brother of Isaac Clark, who married Mary's sister Deborah. She married her brother-in-law.

More About JOHN CLARK:  
Occupation: Baptist preacher

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More About JOHN CLARK and MARY FRENCH:  
Marriage: Near Amity, Pa.<sup>18</sup>

33. v. EZEKIEL FRENCH, b. 17 Jun 1775, Essex Co., NJ; d. 01 Jan 1861, Miami Co., Ohio.  
vi. LYDIA FRENCH, b. Abt. 1777, Essex Co., NJ<sup>18</sup>; d. Abt. 1856, Miami Co., Ohio<sup>18</sup>; m. JAMES FORDYCE, JR.<sup>18</sup>; b. 17 Sep 1782; d. Aug 1852.

Notes for JAMES FORDYCE, JR.:

James and Lydia moved from Pa. to Miami, Ohio in 1811.

34. vii. ASA FRENCH, b. 08 Jul 1780, Essex Co., NJ; d. 09 Aug 1845.  
35. viii. SUSANNAH FRENCH, b. 1785, Essex Co., NJ; d. 09 Nov 1863, near Troy, Ohio.

21. FRANCIS<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born Bef. 1740 in Shrewsbury,, NJ<sup>19</sup>, and died 1819 in New Gretna, NJ. He married (1) ELIZABETH SPARROW<sup>19</sup>. She was born Abt. 1727 in Shrewsbury, NJ. He married (2) PHOEBE CRAMER, daughter of JACOB CRANMER and PHOEBE VALENTINE.

Notes for FRANCIS FRENCH:

Ancestry.com, "The Abrams Family of Burlington County, NJ" identifies the parents of Francis French as Joseph and Alice Allee French.

Francis French lived at New Gretna, New Jersey, was probably born before 1740, in Monmouth County, NJ. About 1777, he, his wife and children, were passing out of Manasquan Inlet, in a sloop, when the vessel capsized, drowning all but Francis and one son, Thomas, whom his father rescued. Thomas married Hannah Johnson, of Atlantic County, and had 6 sons and 6 daughters. ("Aaron French and His Descendansts" by Charles French, 1910)

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING FRANCIS WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM THE LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ MINUTES:

Resolved that Ebenr Tucker Esqr Jeremiah Willets David C. Bryan Esqr Francis French John Willets are appointed by sd meeting to draw up a resolve respecting the oysters and make report next town meeting and likewise produce the surveys and other papers respecting the oyster surveys. Little Egg Harbor Township Minutes, June 7, 1803

2nd Resolved that Thomas Osborn, Henry Willits, Francis French, David Caviller, Joseph Berry, Samuel Deacon, Robert Pharo, Stephen Willits, Jeremiah Mathis, Senr. Eli Mathis, are appointed a committee to put the laws in force respecting gethering oysters out of season and unlawfully taking or raking on the oysters beds under pretense giting shell to burn into lime or any other pretence whatsoever and sd committee are informed by sd township each and every of them to put the law strickly in force against every offender that they may know of either from personal knowledge or by complaints made to them by any person or persons and this township meeting agrees to pay all reasonable expence that may accrue. Little Egg Harbor Township Minutes, April 11, 1809

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1814 DEED FROM JOHN LEEK TO FRANCIS FRENCH FOR 10 ACRES IN LITTLE EGG HARBOR:

This indenture made this second Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fourteen Between John Leek [Note: John Leek III who was John Leek's grandson] of the township of Little Egg harbour in the county of Burlington and state of New Jersey, yeoman, and Hepzabah his wife of the first part and Francis French of the same place yeoman of the other part. WITNESS that the said John Leek for the consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars . . . BEGINNING at a Pine tree standing in or near Ridways's line marked and lettered FF & JL thence running North forty five Degrees East until the same strikes the mill pond on the above mentioned creek [Wilets creek] or branch then

running a northerly course up the pond the several courses thereof to the head of the same thence crossing the branch and thence running southerly down said mill pond until the same strikes the line of Francis French thence running on a line below the saw mill until one chain(?) thence crossing the branch to the place of Beginning. Ten acres be the same more or less it being a part of a survey belonging to John(?) Ridway and a part of a survey belonging to John Leek . . . Deed Book A-2 , pp 430-1; 5/2/1814

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FRANCIS FRENCH WILL- 1819 [transcribed from the recorded copy on microfilm in the N.J. State Archives]

I Francis French of the Township of Little Egg harbour in the County of Burlington & State of New Jersey being indespos in body but of a sound mind and perfect in Memory but considering the uncertainty of this mortal Life do make and Publish this my Testament and Last Will in manner and form following that is to say principally and first of all I will that my just Debts and financial Charges be paid by my two Executors herein after named. Then I authorize and give full power to my two Executors to sell one hundred acres of Meadows made in five surveys about Cape horn & Willits thoroughfare also any part of my other property that they think best in any way they choose to sell it and convey the same as fully and Lawfully as I could have done it in my lifetime so much as will Raise money to pay my Debts Except such parts as I have given to my wife and my son Thomas French. Then I give and bequesth unto my son Thomas French and to his heirs and assigns forever all that plantation that I purchased of Able Gale it Lyes in three Lotts and according to the Resurvey that I made they contain one hundred and twenty five acres. also one equal half of my share of that tract of meadows that I purchased of Caleb Cramer called the Schofield meadow. Likewise a tract of pine & oak Land that I purchased of Sykes survey for forty Eight acres, but under this \_\_\_\_\_ that is he shall not sell the tract of forty Eight acres of pine and oak Land nor any timber off of it under six years and During the said six years My other sons Jacob & William French shall have Equal Right with my son Thomas to cut timber for their own building on their place or places but Jacob & William shall have no more Right after the six years is Expired. Then I give unto my well beloved wife Phebe one half of my sawmill and Gristmill and all my household and Kitchen Furniture (Except the Clock) in peticular the Bureau and two best tables all of these I give unto her During her widow hood and also my two sons Jacob & William shall find and keep a good milk cow for my wife and provide plenty of fire wood to make her fires. Then I give and bequeath unto my son William French and to his heirs & assigns forever all my full share and Right in that meadow that I and my son Jacob French purchased of John Cramer Howel and his Mother. Then I give and bequeath unto my sons Jacob & William French and to their heirs and assigns forever all the Residue and Remainder of my Lands seder swamp & meadows with both the mills (Except their mother Right) and all the privildges and profits thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining as part or parcel thereof, and all the Remainder of my moveable property (Except what I have given to my wife and them also at the Death or marriage of my said wife) to be equally Divided between these their heirs or assigns such as Cattle horses, sheep & hogs with all my former utencils and all and every thing not heretofore given away. Then I Nominate Constitute and appoint my son Jacob French & Eli Mathis my Executors to this my Testament & Last will Revoking & Disallowing all former will by me made or intended to be made Ratifying and Confirming this only to be my Testament & last will in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty sixth Day of the tenth month October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & nineteen 1819.

Signed, Sealed, Published  
and Declared by the said  
Francis French to be his Testament  
and Last Will, in the presence of Francis French- his mark X  
each other who have set our names  
as Witnesses and in the presents of  
the Testator.

Thomas Taylor  
Joseph Oustin(?)  
Peter Johnson- his mark X

Notes for PHOEBE CRAMER:

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PHOEBE FRENCH WILL- 1827 [transcribed from the recorded copy on microfilm in the N.J. State Archives]

In the Name of God Amen I Phebe French widow of the Township of Little Eggharbour in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey Being Weake in body but of A Sound Mind and of A perfect understanding Calling unto mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is apointed for all men once to die I Therefore do make and ordain this my Last will Testament That is Say . . Viz. Item 1st of all my Will is that my funeral charges and just Debts be paid by my Executors hereafter Named \_\_\_\_\_ I Dispose of my estate in the following manner and form towit(?) . . . 2nd I give and bequeath to my Son Jacob French the Sum of ten Dollars to be paid to him by my executor out of my estate as soon as may be convenient after my Deceas . . . 3rd I Give and bequeath to my Son William French the Sum of Ten Dollars to be paid to him by my executor out of my estate as Soon as Convenient after my Deceas . . . 4th I Will and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Abigail French the Daughter of Jacob French one Equal quarter part of All my Land that I have or ought to have A Right to in the Township of Little Eggharbour or else Where to her and to her heirs forever and farther my Will is that the Rents and Intrusts Arising there from to be under the Cear [care] and Direction of my executor untill my Grand Daughter Abigail French comes to Lawful Age but to be perticularly Applied to the use and Suport of My Son Jacob French as long as he Lives then at his \_\_\_\_\_ the Above bequeathed property With all to profits to be \_\_\_\_\_ Abagail Frenches and her heirs for ever but if the Said Abagail French Shall Die befor She has any Children then her shear [share] and(?) Shear and Portion of Land as bequeathed to go to the Children of William French but Not untill the Decease of Jacob French as my Son Jacob French must have the benefit of it While he Lives. 4th I Further Will and bequesth to my Grand Daughter Mary Manda French Daughter of William French the house Where I now Live With Three Equal quarter parts of All my Lands in the Township of Little Eggharbour or else Where that I have A right to her and her Heirs for ever Likewise I give to Mary Manda French all my house hold goods and Kitchen furniture Consisting of Beds one Beaurough Tables kettles pots Cheers etc and farther my Will that my Son William French live in my house While he Lives and have all the Rents and profits Arising therefrom to bring up his family on and to keep my Goods and furniture together for the use and benefit of Mary Manda French When She Comes to Lawful Age or Married and my Son William French is to have all the use and profits Arising from the Above bequeathed Land and premises as Long as he lives – then after his Deceas Mary Manda is to have all the Above Land and the house and household Goods but the Above said property to Remain under the Cear [care] and Direction of my executor until Mary Manda Comes to Law age or married but and iff Mary Manda French Shall Deceas befor She Comes to Lawfull age or befor She has any Child then my Will is that the Above bequeathed Lands and premission to Go to my Grand Daughter Abigail French and William Frenches Children but not untill after The Deceas of my Son William French as he must have the use thereof as long as he lives to Suport his family in . . Now let it be Remembered that my Will is that all the Afordaid bequesthed Lands and premises Which I have Given to my Grand Daughters as they are here in Discribed I Give to them and those respectiff heirs forever . . . . Now I do apoint Constitute and ordain Maja Mathis Sole Executor of this my Last Will and testament and hereby utterly Disallow revoke and Disavail all and every other former will and testament legal bequeaths and Executors by me in any Wise befor made Willed or bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Let my name and Seal this twenty fourth Day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and twenty Seven 1827

Signed, Sealed, Published Pronounced and Declared by the said Phebe French as her Last Will and Testament in the presence of Phebe French- her mark X us Who in his preasents and in the preasents of each other Who have hereunto Subcribed our names

Edward Alloway  
Derius Cramer  
Thada Riley

Child of FRANCIS FRENCH and ELIZABETH SPARROW is:

36. i. THOMAS<sup>6</sup> FRENCH, b. 02 Mar 1776; d. 28 Oct 1845, Wading River, NJ.

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Children of FRANCIS FRENCH and PHOEBE CRAMER are:

- ii. JACOB<sup>6</sup> FRENCH.
- 37. iii. WILLIAM FRENCH, b. Abt. 1791.

**22.** EDWARD<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 07 Jan 1747, and died 21 Aug 1822. He married MARY WILKINS<sup>20</sup>. She was born 28 May 1750, and died 29 May 1827.

More About EDWARD FRENCH:

Residence: Chester Township, NJ<sup>20</sup>

Children of EDWARD FRENCH and MARY WILKINS are:

- i. THOMAS<sup>6</sup> FRENCH, b. 01 Jul 1770; d. 21 Jul 1770.
- ii. JEMIMA FRENCH, b. 27 Sep 1771; m. JACOB BORTON<sup>20</sup>.
- iii. HANNAH FRENCH, b. 07 Apr 1773; m. NATHAN EVANS<sup>20</sup>.
- iv. JOSEPH FRENCH, b. 06 Apr 1774; m. ELIZABETH ZANE, Abt. 1797<sup>20</sup>.

More About JOSEPH FRENCH and ELIZABETH ZANE:

Marriage: Abt. 1797<sup>20</sup>

- v. JOHN FRENCH, b. 16 Feb 1775; d. 20 Feb 1775.
- vi. SARAH FRENCH, b. 19 Apr 1777; m. (1) UNKNOWN CURRIE<sup>20</sup>; m. (2) GILBERT DEACON, 19 Dec 1803<sup>20</sup>.

More About GILBERT DEACON and SARAH FRENCH:

Marriage: 19 Dec 1803<sup>20</sup>

- vii. ANNE FRENCH, b. 16 Feb 1779.
- viii. EDWARD FRENCH, b. 07 Sep 1780.
- ix. STACY FRENCH, b. 05 Aug 1782.
- x. ISAAC FRENCH, b. 10 Oct 1784; d. 15 Oct 1784.
- xi. SAMUEL FRENCH, b. 02 Dec 1785; m. SARAH UNKNOWN<sup>20</sup>.
- xii. URIAH FRENCH, b. 23 Feb 1787; d. 06 Mar 1788.
- xiii. MARY FRENCH, b. 15 Dec 1789; m. DOMINIE CONNELLY<sup>20</sup>.
- xiv. SYLENIA FRENCH, m. UNKNOWN DENNIS<sup>20</sup>.
- xv. CHARLES HAINES FRENCH, b. 08 Nov 1797; m. (1) HANNAH E. MOORE, 27 Jan 1820<sup>20</sup>; m. (2) MARY MOORE, 07 Jan 1826<sup>20</sup>.

More About CHARLES FRENCH and HANNAH MOORE:

Marriage: 27 Jan 1820<sup>20</sup>

More About CHARLES FRENCH and MARY MOORE:

Marriage: 07 Jan 1826<sup>20</sup>

**23.** URIAH<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 14 Mar 1748, and died 1823. He married (1) RACHEL INGERSOLL 29 Jun 1771<sup>20</sup>, daughter of EBENEZER INGERSOLL. He married (2) ISABELLA PEACOCK 06 Aug 1800<sup>20</sup>.

More About URIAH FRENCH:

Residence: Chester Township, NJ<sup>20</sup>

More About URIAH FRENCH and RACHEL INGERSOLL:

Marriage: 29 Jun 1771<sup>20</sup>

More About URIAH FRENCH and ISABELLA PEACOCK:

Marriage: 06 Aug 1800<sup>20</sup>

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Children of URIAH FRENCH and RACHEL INGERSOLL are:

- i. MARY<sup>6</sup> FRENCH, m. UNKNOWN HAINES<sup>20</sup>.
- ii. REBECCA FRENCH.
- iii. JR. FRENCH URIAH, b. 27 May 1788; m. ANN BATES<sup>20</sup>.
- iv. GEORGE FRENCH.

**24.** GEORGE<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 09 Feb 1753, and died 1827. He married RACHEL RAKESTRAW May 1775 in Evesham Friends Meeting<sup>20</sup>, daughter of THOMAS RAKESTRAW. She was born 08 Sep 1755.

More About GEORGE FRENCH:

Religion: Quaker at Evesham, NJ Freinds Meeting  
Residence: Moorestown, NJ<sup>20</sup>

More About GEORGE FRENCH and RACHEL RAKESTRAW:

Marriage: May 1775, Evesham Friends Meeting<sup>20</sup>

Children of GEORGE FRENCH and RACHEL RAKESTRAW are:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> FRENCH, b. 30 Mar 1776; m. ABIGAIL UNKNOWN<sup>20</sup>.
- ii. ABRAHAM FRENCH, b. 23 May 1778.
- iii. SUSANNAH FRENCH, b. 16 Nov 1781; m. ANDREW HOLLINGSHEAD<sup>20</sup>.
- iv. BATHSHEBA FRENCH, b. 15 Mar 1783; m. JOSEPH ROBERTS<sup>20</sup>.
- v. ISAAC FRENCH, b. 08 Sep 1785; d. 14 Oct 1791.
- vi. JACOB FRENCH, b. 08 May 1788; d. 15 Oct 1791.
- vii. FIRMAN FRENCH, b. 29 Jul 1791; d. 21 Oct 1791.
- viii. RACHEL FRENCH<sup>20</sup>, b. 30 Jul 1792; m. ENOCH ROBERTS.
- ix. MATILDA FRENCH, b. 14 Dec 1795; m. THOMAS QUICK<sup>20</sup>.

**25.** THOMAS<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*ROBERT<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>21</sup> was born 26 Dec 1745 in Chester, NJ, and died 02 Feb 1785 in Evesham Township, NJ. He married MERCY COX 22 Apr 1769 in Chester, NJ<sup>21</sup>, daughter of NEWBERRY COX and ELIZABETH UNKNOWN. She was born 26 Aug 1746 in Moorestown, NJ, and died 01 Feb 1807 in Burlington County, NJ.

More About THOMAS FRENCH and MERCY COX:

Marriage: 22 Apr 1769, Chester, NJ<sup>21</sup>

Children of THOMAS FRENCH and MERCY COX are:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup> FRENCH, b. 07 Feb 1770, Evesham Township, NJ.
38. ii. JAMES FRENCH, b. 13 Mar 1773, Evesham Township, NJ; d. 29 Aug 1844.
- iii. THOMAS F. FRENCH, b. 13 Mar 1773, Evesham Township, NJ.
- iv. HANNAH FRENCH, b. 07 Jun 1775, Evesham Township, NJ.
- v. JOSEPH FRENCH, b. 23 Jan 1778, Evesham Township, NJ.
- vi. ROBERT FRENCH, b. 24 Apr 1779, Evesham Township, NJ.
- vii. BARZILLAI FRENCH, b. 23 Jun 1781, Evesham Township, NJ.
- viii. ELIJAH FRENCH, b. 04 May 1784, Evesham Township, NJ.

**26.** ROBERT<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*ROBERT<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 10 Mar 1749, and died 1811. He married HANNAH WARRINGTON 15 Feb 1785<sup>22</sup>, daughter of THOMAS WARRINGTON and MARY ROBERTS. She was born 1760, and died 26 Jan 1847.

More About ROBERT FRENCH and HANNAH WARRINGTON:

Marriage: 15 Feb 1785<sup>22</sup>

Child of ROBERT FRENCH and HANNAH WARRINGTON is:

- i. MARY<sup>6</sup> FRENCH, b. 06 Jan 1786; m. JOSIAH ROBERTS, 24 Mar 1808<sup>22</sup>.

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More About JOSIAH ROBERTS and MARY FRENCH:  
Marriage: 24 Mar 1808<sup>22</sup>

**27.** JAMES<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*ROBERT<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 01 Mar 1751. He married (1) MARY CLARK 24 Jul 1773 in Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa<sup>22</sup>. He married (2) SARAH FERGUSON 12 Oct 1779<sup>22</sup>.

More About JAMES FRENCH and MARY CLARK:  
Marriage: 24 Jul 1773, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa<sup>22</sup>

More About JAMES FRENCH and SARAH FERGUSON:  
Marriage: 12 Oct 1779<sup>22</sup>

Children of JAMES FRENCH and SARAH FERGUSON are:

- i. CHARLES<sup>6</sup> FRENCH.
- ii. JOSEPH FRENCH, b. 03 Nov 1781; m. MARTHA NEWTON, 02 Sep 1804<sup>22</sup>.

More About JOSEPH FRENCH and MARTHA NEWTON:  
Marriage: 02 Sep 1804<sup>22</sup>

- iii. JAMES FRENCH.
- iv. ROBERT FRENCH.
- v. THOMAS FRENCH, b. 03 Jan 1795; m. (1) ELIZABETH TALBOTT; m. (2) MARTHA BRYAN, 27 Jun 1827<sup>22</sup>.

More About THOMAS FRENCH and MARTHA BRYAN:  
Marriage: 27 Jun 1827<sup>22</sup>

**28.** JACOB<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*CHARLES<sup>4</sup>, CHARLES<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 28 Apr 1745, and died 28 Oct 1827. He married ELIZABETH STOKES 03 Dec 1772<sup>22</sup>, daughter of JOSHUA STOKES and AMY HINCHMAN. She died 05 Feb 1837.

Notes for ELIZABETH STOKES:

Elizabeth Stokes French was the great-great-aunt of Edward Stokes, Governor of New Jersey, 1905-1908. [Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas French, Vol. 1, p. 384]

More About ELIZABETH STOKES:  
Burial: Friends Burial Ground, Moorestown, NJ<sup>22</sup>

More About JACOB FRENCH and ELIZABETH STOKES:  
Marriage: 03 Dec 1772<sup>22</sup>

Children of JACOB FRENCH and ELIZABETH STOKES are:

- i. RACHEL<sup>6</sup> FRENCH, b. 12 Aug 1773; d. Burlington, NJ.

Notes for RACHEL FRENCH:  
Rachel was unmarried.

- ii. AMY FRENCH, b. 03 Dec 1774; m. JOHN POPE, 20 Nov 1799<sup>22</sup>.

More About JOHN POPE and AMY FRENCH:  
Marriage: 20 Nov 1799<sup>22</sup>

- iii. ABIGAIL FRENCH, b. 27 Dec 1777; m. JOSEPH JONES<sup>22</sup>.
- iv. RICHARD FRENCH, b. 06 Jul 1781; m. HANNAH LIPPINCOTT.
- v. JOSHUA FRENCH, b. 30 Oct 1787; m. ELIZABETH H. BECK, 03 Oct 1817<sup>22</sup>.

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More About JOSHUA FRENCH and ELIZABETH BECK:  
Marriage: 03 Oct 1817<sup>22</sup>

**29.** SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*CHARLES<sup>4</sup>, CHARLES<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 17 Sep 1748 in Waterford Township, NJ, and died 08 Jul 1814. He married SARAH HEULINGS 07 Apr 1769, daughter of JACOB HEULINGS and AGNES BUCKMAN. She was born 12 Aug 1753, and died 07 Jun 1806.

More About SAMUEL FRENCH and SARAH HEULINGS:  
Marriage: 07 Apr 1769

Children of SAMUEL FRENCH and SARAH HEULINGS are:

- i. URIAH<sup>6</sup> FRENCH, b. 13 Jul 1770; m. MARY IVINS, 03 Jun 1802<sup>22</sup>.

More About URIAH FRENCH and MARY IVINS:  
Marriage: 03 Jun 1802<sup>22</sup>

- ii. JACOB FRENCH, b. 30 Apr 1773; m. (1) SARAH ELLIS<sup>22</sup>; m. (2) HANNAH PANCOAST COOPER.
- iii. AGNES FRENCH, b. 24 Feb 1775; m. AMASA MOORE, 20 Dec 1792<sup>22</sup>.

More About AMASA MOORE and AGNES FRENCH:  
Marriage: 20 Dec 1792<sup>22</sup>

- iv. CHARLES FRENCH, b. 22 Apr 1777; m. (1) MARTHA HAZELTON, 27 Dec 1798<sup>22</sup>; m. (2) ESTHER (DAVIS) LIPPINCOTT, 03 Nov 1808<sup>22</sup>; m. (3) PRISCILLA MOORE, 28 Nov 1810.

More About CHARLES FRENCH and MARTHA HAZELTON:  
Marriage: 27 Dec 1798<sup>22</sup>

More About CHARLES FRENCH and ESTHER LIPPINCOTT:  
Marriage: 03 Nov 1808<sup>22</sup>

More About CHARLES FRENCH and PRISCILLA MOORE:  
Marriage: 28 Nov 1810

- v. SAMUEL FRENCH, b. 10 Apr 1779; m. (1) HANNAH IVINS, 28 Mar 1811<sup>22</sup>; m. (2) REBECCA CLARK, 03 Oct 1816.

More About SAMUEL FRENCH and HANNAH IVINS:  
Marriage: 28 Mar 1811<sup>22</sup>

More About SAMUEL FRENCH and REBECCA CLARK:  
Marriage: 03 Oct 1816

- vi. ANN FRENCH, b. 12 Dec 1781; d. 28 Feb 1782.
- vii. SARAH FRENCH, b. 24 Nov 1783; m. JOHN V. CLARK, 08 Feb 1810<sup>22</sup>.

More About JOHN CLARK and SARAH FRENCH:  
Marriage: 08 Feb 1810<sup>22</sup>

- viii. JOSEPH CLEMENT FRENCH, b. 20 Jul 1786; m. (1) ELIZABETH P. ELLIS; m. (2) NANCY VANNEMAN, 07 Sep 1848<sup>22</sup>.

More About JOSEPH FRENCH and NANCY VANNEMAN:  
Marriage: 07 Sep 1848<sup>22</sup>

- ix. ANN HEULINGS FRENCH, b. 29 Sep 1788; d. 18 Dec 1812.

**30.** CHARLES<sup>5</sup> FRENCH (*CHARLES<sup>4</sup>, CHARLES<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 25 Oct 1753 in Waterford Township, NJ, and died 06 Apr 1834. He married SABILLA STOKES 29 May 1783 in Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa<sup>22</sup>, daughter of JOSEPH STOKES and ATLANTIC BISPHAM. She was born 06 Dec 1757, and died 04 Nov 1845.

More About CHARLES FRENCH:

Burial: Trinity P.E. Churchyard, Moorestown, NJ<sup>22</sup>

More About SABILLA STOKES:

Burial: Trinity P.E. Churchyard, Moorestown, NJ<sup>22</sup>

More About CHARLES FRENCH and SABILLA STOKES:

Marriage: 29 May 1783, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa<sup>22</sup>

Children of CHARLES FRENCH and SABILLA STOKES are:

- i. ANN<sup>6</sup> FRENCH, b. 14 Aug 1784; m. JOSHUA M. HOLLINGSHEAD, 20 Jun 1811.

More About JOSHUA M. HOLLINGSHEAD:

Occupation: Medical Doctor

More About JOSHUA HOLLINGSHEAD and ANN FRENCH:

Marriage: 20 Jun 1811

- ii. JOSEPH FRENCH, b. 02 Sep 1786; m. MARY STOKES, 09 Dec 1813.

More About JOSEPH FRENCH and MARY STOKES:

Marriage: 09 Dec 1813

- iii. HOPE FRENCH, b. 22 Feb 1789; d. 29 Aug 1805.

- iv. ATLANTIC FRENCH, b. 21 Sep 1791; m. GILBERT PAGE, 19 Mar 1812<sup>22</sup>.

More About GILBERT PAGE and ATLANTIC FRENCH:

Marriage: 19 Mar 1812<sup>22</sup>

- v. ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. 15 Apr 1794; d. 20 Apr 1854; m. JOHN GILL, 21 Oct 1841, Trinity P.E. Church, Moorestown, NJ<sup>22</sup>; b. 09 Jul 1795; d. 12 Apr 1884.

More About JOHN GILL and ELIZABETH FRENCH:

Marriage: 21 Oct 1841, Trinity P.E. Church, Moorestown, NJ<sup>22</sup>

- vi. SABILLA FRENCH, b. 21 Jun 1796; d. 10 Sep 1880.

- vii. SARAH FRENCH, b. 04 Dec 1799; d. 02 Oct 1854.

- viii. CHARLES FRENCH, b. 26 Oct 1801; d. 29 Aug 1802.

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**31.** LAFFORD<sup>6</sup> FRENCH (*JOSEPH<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>23</sup> was born 1753 in Raritan Landing, NJ, and died Sep 1834 in North Carolina. He married (1) UNKNOWN. She died Abt. 1803. He married (2) ELIZABETH GREGORY Abt. 1806. She was born Abt. 1784.

Notes for LAFFORD FRENCH:

Lafford moved to South Carolina and then to North Carolina where he died in 1834.

Lafford's first wife, name unknown, died about 1803. Lafford remarried, at age 53, Elizabeth Gregory who was 22 at the time of their marriage. Because of this marriage his boys left home and went to live

with their uncles in Kentucky. (From: "James Lewis French, His Ancestors and Descendants" by Wilna Powell Sawyer)

More About LAFFORD FRENCH and ELIZABETH GREGORY:  
Marriage: Abt. 1806

Children of LAFFORD FRENCH and UNKNOWN are:

- i. MARY<sup>7</sup> FRENCH, b. 20 Sep 1780; m. CARR BAILEY, 10 Jul 1899.

More About CARR BAILEY and MARY FRENCH:  
Marriage: 10 Jul 1899

- ii. WILLIAM FRENCH, b. 15 Feb 1783; d. San Augustine, Texas.
- iii. JOSEPH FRENCH, b. 23 Jun 1785.
- iv. JAMES LEWIS FRENCH, b. 14 Jun 1788; m. ELANOR SHANKS.
- v. MOSES FRENCH, b. 14 Aug 1791.
- vi. RUTH FRENCH, b. 18 Aug 1793; m. JAMES BERRY.

Notes for JAMES BERRY:  
James Berry was a first cousin to William Berry who married Ruth's sister, Sarah.  
(Lafford French Bible)

- vii. SARAH FRENCH, b. 10 Apr 1795; m. WILLIAM BERRY.

Notes for WILLIAM BERRY:  
William Berry was a first cousin to James Berry who married Sarah's sister, Ruth.  
(Lafford French Bible)

- viii. ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. 11 Oct 1797.
- ix. LAFFORD FRENCH, JR., b. 03 Feb 1802.

**32.** AARON<sup>6</sup> FRENCH (*AARON<sup>6</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 19 Apr 1767 in Essex Co., NJ<sup>24</sup>, and died 31 Jan 1850 in Johnstown, Ohio<sup>24</sup>. He married (1) RUTH COE<sup>24</sup>, daughter of JOSEPH COE and ABIGAIL MOON. She was born 18 Aug 1770 in Morristown, NJ<sup>24</sup>, and died 19 Mar 1835 in Johnstown, Ohio<sup>24</sup>. He married (2) CATHERINE COMBS<sup>24</sup> 08 Oct 1835. She died 09 Aug 1856.

Notes for AARON FRENCH:

Aaron had no children with Catherine Combs, his second wife.

More About AARON FRENCH and CATHERINE COMBS:  
Marriage: 08 Oct 1835

Children of AARON FRENCH and RUTH COE are:

- i. JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> FRENCH, b. 08 May 1793; d. 10 Jul 1804.
39. ii. JOHN FRENCH, b. 11 Jan 1795, Amity, Pa.; d. 03 Mar 1874, Onslow, Ia..
40. iii. IRA FRENCH, b. Bet. 30 Jul 1797 - 1798, Amity, Pa.; d. 24 Dec 1878, Sumner, Ill..
- iv. ABAGAIL FRENCH, b. 23 Dec 1799; d. 27 Aug 1855, Senecaville, Ohio<sup>24</sup>; m. ISAAC CONNET<sup>24</sup>, 07 Sep 1826<sup>24</sup>; b. 12 Mar 1805, Prosperity, Pa.<sup>24</sup>; d. 21 Feb 1865.

More About ISAAC CONNET and ABAGAIL FRENCH:  
Marriage: 07 Sep 1826<sup>24</sup>

- v. RACHEL FRENCH, b. 19 Apr 1805; d. 13 Feb 1807.
- vi. DEBORAH FRENCH, b. 03 Dec 1807, Amity, Pa.<sup>24</sup>; d. 01 Jan 1885, Geneseo, Ill.<sup>24</sup>; m. WILLIAM CLARK, 25 Oct 1827; b. 03 Jan 1806, Elizabeth, NJ<sup>24</sup>; d. 15 Feb 1866, Geneseo, Ill.<sup>24</sup>.

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More About WILLIAM CLARK and DEBORAH FRENCH:  
Marriage: 25 Oct 1827

- vii. RUTH FRENCH, b. 26 Nov 1810; d. 06 Jan 1894, Center Village, Ohio<sup>24</sup>; m. JOHN WITTEN<sup>24</sup>; b. 10 Mar 1811; d. 05 Feb 1876.

**33.** EZEKIEL<sup>6</sup> FRENCH (*AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 17 Jun 1775 in Essex Co., NJ<sup>24</sup>, and died 01 Jan 1861 in Miami Co., Ohio<sup>24</sup>. He married (1) PHEBE BATES, daughter of EPHRAIM BATES. She was born 18 Jan 1775, and died 04 Sep 1843. He married (2) MARTHA JONES<sup>24</sup>. She was born 21 Mar 1773. He married (3) ELIZABETH UNKNOWN. She was born May 1777 in New Jersey<sup>24</sup>, and died Feb 1860 in Miami Co., Ohio<sup>24</sup>.

Notes for EZEKIEL FRENCH:

Ezekiel moved from Pennsylvania to West Virginia in 1798 and then to Miami County, Ohio in 1811.

Ezekiel had no children with Martha Jones or Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_.

Children of EZEKIEL FRENCH and PHEBE BATES are:

- i. ISAAC<sup>7</sup> FRENCH, b. 28 Feb 1796, Amity, Pa.; d. Aug 1850, Miami Co., Ohio; m. ELIZABETH RYAN<sup>24</sup>; b. 1800, Pa.<sup>24</sup>; d. 1852, Piqua, Ohio<sup>24</sup>.
- ii. EPHRAIM FRENCH, b. 30 Aug 1798; d. 1798.
- iii. ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. 23 Feb 1800.

Notes for ELIZABETH FRENCH:

Elizabeth died young.

- iv. MARY FRENCH, b. 23 Feb 1801; d. 1838.

Notes for MARY FRENCH:

Mary was unmarried.

- 41. v. ASA FRENCH, b. 29 Mar 1803; d. 26 Feb 1844, Mt. Pulaski, Ill..
- 42. vi. DANIEL FRENCH, b. 02 Feb 1806; d. 21 May 1861.
- vii. EZEKIEL FRENCH, b. 11 Jan 1809; d. 24 Jun 1833.

Notes for EZEKIEL FRENCH:

Ezekiel was unmarried.

More About EZEKIEL FRENCH:

Occupation: Methodist Episcopal preacher

- viii. PHEBE FRENCH, b. 01 Feb 1811; m. JONATHAN WHEATLAND<sup>24</sup>.

Notes for JONATHAN WHEATLAND:

Jonathan and Phebe had no children.

- ix. SUSANNAH FRENCH, b. 18 Feb 1812.

Notes for SUSANNAH FRENCH:

Susannah died young.

- 43. x. JOHN SHIDELER FRENCH, b. 20 Jan 1813, Miami Co., Ohio; d. 1890.

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44. xi. DAVID CARTER FRENCH, b. 18 Apr 1816; d. Sep 1848.

**34.** ASA<sup>6</sup> FRENCH (*AARON<sup>6</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 08 Jul 1780 in Essex Co., NJ<sup>24</sup>, and died 09 Aug 1845. He married (1) HANNAH DAVIS<sup>24</sup> in Miami C., Ohio<sup>24</sup>. She was born 19 Feb 1800 in near Lexington, Ky.<sup>24</sup>, and died 05 Mar 1883 in near Troy, Ohio<sup>24</sup>. He married (2) SARAH JACKSON<sup>24</sup> 1801. She was born 24 Apr 1780, and died 26 Mar 1820.

Notes for ASA FRENCH:

Asa and Sarah moved from Greene County, Pa. to Miami County, Ohio in 1811.

More About ASA FRENCH and HANNAH DAVIS:

Marriage: Miami C., Ohio<sup>24</sup>

More About ASA FRENCH and SARAH JACKSON:

Marriage: 1801

Children of ASA FRENCH and HANNAH DAVIS are:

45. i. ASA DAVIS<sup>7</sup> FRENCH, b. 16 Apr 1822; d. 13 Aug 1891, Heepepner, Ore..  
ii. HANNAH FRENCH, b. 24 Aug 1823; d. 23 Aug 1882; m. STEPHEN DAVIS GREEN, 07 Oct 1845, Miami C., Ohio<sup>24</sup>.

More About STEPHEN GREEN and HANNAH FRENCH:

Marriage: 07 Oct 1845, Miami C., Ohio<sup>24</sup>

- iii. SARAH FRENCH, b. 25 Jun 1825; m. WILLIAM RIPLEY<sup>24</sup>, 27 Sep 1851, Urbana, Ohio<sup>24</sup>; b. 07 Mar 1824; d. 23 Jul 1898.

More About SARAH FRENCH:

Residence: Brookston, Ind.

More About WILLIAM RIPLEY and SARAH FRENCH:

Marriage: 27 Sep 1851, Urbana, Ohio<sup>24</sup>

- iv. ELI FRENCH, b. 17 Mar 1827; d. 20 Mar 1841.  
v. CYNTHIA FRENCH, b. 19 Feb 1829; d. 26 Mar 1884; m. ISAAC COOPER GLENN.

Notes for CYNTHIA FRENCH:

Cynthia and Isaac had no children.

- vi. UNKNOWN FRENCH, b. 10 Mar 1831; d. Mar 1831.  
46. vii. MOSES FRAZIER FRENCH, b. 21 Feb 1832, Miami Co., Ohio.  
47. viii. WILLIAM FRENCH, b. 27 Nov 1833; d. 27 Mar 1867, White Co., Ind..  
ix. JAMES FRENCH, b. 06 Aug 1835; d. 18 Mar 1864.

Notes for JAMES FRENCH:

James died from illness contracted in trenches of Union army during the seige of Vicksburg.

48. x. SILAS FRENCH, b. 03 Oct 1837; d. 30 Sep 1888, Heppner, Ore..  
xi. MICHAEL FRENCH, b. 08 Jul 1839; d. 30 Nov 1882, Brookston, Ind.<sup>24</sup>; m. ANDREW COCHRAN.  
49. xii. JOSEPH WASHINGTON FRENCH, b. 20 May 1841.

Children of ASA FRENCH and SARAH JACKSON are:

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- 50.    xiii. EZEKIEL<sup>7</sup> FRENCH, b. 20 Aug 1802, near Amity, Pa.; d. 02 Feb 1889, S. Bend, Ind..
- 51.    xiv. SIMEON FRENCH, b. 07 Jan 1804, near Amity, Pa.; d. 05 Jul 1889, Springfield, Ohio.
- 52.    xv. AARON FRENCH, b. 29 Sep 1805, near Amity, Pa.; d. 12 Feb 1880, Leesburg, Ind..
- xvi. MARGARET FRENCH, b. 16 Jun 1807; d. 04 Nov 1892; m. THOMAS JEFFERSON SAYERS<sup>24</sup>,  
      17 Oct 1830.

More About THOMAS SAYERS and MARGARET FRENCH:  
Marriage: 17 Oct 1830

- 53.    xvii. JACOB FRENCH, b. 12 Dec 1808, near Amity, Pa.; d. 14 Dec 1880, Arkansas City,  
      Kansas.
- 54.    xviii. ENOS FRENCH, b. 20 Jun 1810, near Amity, Pa.; d. 1854, Urbana, Ohio.
- xix. SUSANNAH FRENCH, b. 19 Jun 1812; d. Age 6 years.
- 55.    xx. LEWIS FRENCH, b. 24 Jan 1814, Miami Co., Ohio; d. 04 Sep 1885.
- 56.    xxi. DAVID SHIDELER FRENCH, b. 01 Jun 1815, Miami Co., Ohio; d. 02 Nov 1880, Brookston,  
      Ind..
- xxii. PRISCILLA FRENCH, b. 19 Nov 1816; d. 1870; m. WILLIAM GREEN<sup>24</sup>.
- xxiii. UNKNOWN FRENCH, b. 01 Nov 1818; d. Nov 1818.

**35.** SUSANNAH<sup>6</sup> FRENCH (*AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1785 in Essex Co., NJ<sup>24</sup>, and died 09 Nov 1863 in near Troy, Ohio<sup>24</sup>. She married JOHN SHIDELER, son of PETER SHIDELER. He died 15 Sep 1844.

Notes for JOHN SHIDELER:

John and Susannah settled in Miami County, Ohio soon after their marriage.

Children of SUSANNAH FRENCH and JOHN SHIDELER are:

- i. AARON<sup>7</sup> SHIDELER.
- ii. SUSANNAH SHIDELER.
- iii. JOHN SHIDELER.
- iv. PETER SHIDELER.
- v. MARY SHIDELER.
- vi. PRISCILLA SHIDELER.
- vii. JESSE SHIDELER.
- viii. LAVINA SHIDELER.
- ix. LOUISA SHIDELER.
- x. SIMEON SHIDELER.
- xi. ISAAC SHIDELER.

**36.** THOMAS<sup>6</sup> FRENCH (*FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 02 Mar 1776, and died 28 Oct 1845 in Wading River, NJ. He married HANNAH JOHNSON 30 Jun 1799 in Burlington County, NJ. She was born 1777 in Atlantic County, NJ, and died 1848.

Notes for THOMAS FRENCH:

We the Subscribers being surveyors of the Highways of the Township of Evesham Chester Washington and Little Eggharbour all of the County of Burlington met at the house of Thomas French at Basriver Bridge in the township of Little Eggharbour in the County of Burlington (unintelligible) on the fourth day of December Agreeable to an order of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County bearing date November Term AD 1809 And proceeded to view the ground to lay out a Road that day and then adjourned untill the seventh of December (unintelligible) and then Met again Agreeable to said Adjournment in order to lay said Road from said Tavern house now occupied by Thomas French on Basriver to Amasa Matthises landing on said Basriver and from thence to Leeks wharf on Wading River and from thence to the place of Beginning. [Return of a Road from Bass River Bridge to Wading River (1809)]

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The hotel [Bass River Hotel] was erected in 1851, by Thomas French, who carried on the business for a short time, and was succeeded by Franklin Adams, who purchased the property in 1856, and has carried on the business since. Woodward, 1883, p.230.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING THOMAS WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM THE LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ MINUTES:

It is likewise agreed at this meeting that the township will be at the expense of vacating a road from Thomas French's to Amasa Mathis and Joseph Addams lately laid and not yet cleared and likewise for relaying the same on a straight line or nearly straight as the township committee may think best and said committee are authorized to pay the same. Little Egg Harbor Twp. Minutes, 3/12/1811

It is likewise agreed by this meeting that the new stage road lately laid from Tuckerton to John Bodines be opened within this year from said Tuckerton to Bass River Bridge at Thomas French's Tavern. Little Egg Harbor Twp. Minutes, 3/12/1811

RESOLVED that fifty dollars be appropriated to clear out the new road from Thomas Frenchs house to Ives Branch to be cleared out sixteen feet wide eight feet of which to be grubbed clean, and that Caleb Cramer Esq. and John Carlisle assist the overseers. Little Egg Harbor Twp. Minutes, 3/11/1820

RESOLVED that the laid out road from T. French's to where it meets the new laid out road that meets Washington Township be opened one rod wide grubbed ten feet wide. Little Egg Harbor Twp. Minutes, 2nd Tuesday, March 1822

RESOLVED that the town allow Thomas French for moving a barn out of the highway the amount of his bill \$5.00. Little Egg Harbor Twp. Minutes, 2nd Tuesday, March 1824

RESOLVED that the road leading from Thomas Frenchs Tavern Sign post to Amasa Mathis's Landing and from thence to Bridgeport shall be opened from the said sign post to a certain white oak near the end of said Mathis's lane and from thence to Bridgeport and that the same shall be opened within this year. Little Egg Harbor Twp. Minutes, 3/13/1827

More About THOMAS FRENCH:  
Burial: French Cemetery, Bass River Township

More About HANNAH JOHNSON:  
Burial: French Cemetery, Bass River Township  
Residence: Hannah was from Atlantic City before her marriage.

More About THOMAS FRENCH and HANNAH JOHNSON:  
Marriage 1: 30 Jun 1799, Burlington County, NJ  
Marriage 2: 1st child, William, born 1801.

Children of THOMAS FRENCH and HANNAH JOHNSON are:

- i. ABIGAIL<sup>7</sup> FRENCH, m. GEORGE ALLEN<sup>25</sup>.
- ii. ANN FRENCH, m. SYLVANUS SEAMAN<sup>25</sup>.
- iii. DAVID FRENCH, d. 1848.

More About DAVID FRENCH:  
Burial: French Cemetery, Bass River Township

- iv. JOHN FRENCH, d. 1848.

More About JOHN FRENCH:  
Burial: French Cemetery, Bass River Township

- v. MARY FRENCH, m. JOHN HEWLINGS<sup>25</sup>.

Notes for JOHN HEWLINGS:

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John and Mary moved out West. ("History of Little Egg Harbor Township" - Leah Blackman, p 371)

- vi. SARAH FRENCH, m. CHARLES ADAMS<sup>25</sup>.
- vii. RACHEL FRENCH, b. 21 Nov 1799; d. 07 Aug 1873; m. JOHN LOVELAND<sup>26</sup>.

More About RACHEL FRENCH:  
Burial: Hillside Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

More About JOHN LOVELAND:  
Burial: Hillside Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

- 57. viii. WILLIAM FRENCH, b. 21 Jul 1800; d. 28 Feb 1885, Bass River, NJ.
- 58. ix. FRANCIS FRENCH, b. 10 Jan 1802, Little Egg Harbor, NJ; d. 21 Apr 1852, Bass River Township, NJ.
- 59. x. JOSEPH FRENCH, b. 04 Dec 1803, Bass River, NJ; d. 17 Mar 1871.
- 60. xi. THOMAS FRENCH, b. 1816.
- xii. ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. 25 Sep 1820; d. 13 Mar 1903; m. JAMES GIBERSON<sup>27</sup>.

More About ELIZABETH FRENCH:  
Burial: Port Republic Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

More About JAMES GIBERSON:  
Burial: Port Republic Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

**37.** WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> FRENCH (*FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1791. He married ELIZABETH UNKNOWN. She was born Abt. 1794.

Notes for WILLIAM FRENCH:

William was listed as age 59 at 1850 census which would make his birth date 1791.

. . . I give and bequeath to my sons Jacob and William French and to their heirs and assigns forever all the residual and remainder of my lands Sedar [sic] Swamp and meadows with both the mills (Except their mother's right) . . . Francis French will, 11/19/1819, Will Book B, p. 603, Burlington County Surrogate's Office microfische

More About WILLIAM FRENCH:  
Occupation: Clerk in 1848 (Washington Township Birth Records)  
Residence: Atsion, NJ in 1848<sup>28</sup>

Notes for ELIZABETH UNKNOWN:  
Elizabeth was list as age 56 in the 1850 census which would make her birth year 1794.

Children of WILLIAM FRENCH and ELIZABETH UNKNOWN are:

- i. MARY A.<sup>7</sup> FRENCH, b. Abt. 1823.

Notes for MARY A. FRENCH:  
Mary was listed as age 27 in the 1850 census which would make her birth year 1823.

- ii. MARY JANE FRENCH, b. Abt. 1832; m. JOHN BROUGH BATTERSON<sup>29</sup>, 03 Nov 1849, Toms River, NJ<sup>29</sup>; b. Abt. 1828.

More About MARY JANE FRENCH:  
Residence: Martha Furnace, NJ at time of marriage<sup>29</sup>

More About JOHN BROUGH BATTERSON:  
Residence: Martha Furnace, NJ at time of marriage<sup>29</sup>

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More About JOHN BATTERSON and MARY FRENCH:  
Marriage: 03 Nov 1849, Toms River, NJ<sup>29</sup>

- iii. JAMES R. FRENCH, b. Abt. 1836.

Notes for JAMES R. FRENCH:  
James was listed as age 14 in the 1850 Washington Township census which would make his birth year 1836.

- iv. ANNA FRENCH, b. Dec 1848, Atsion, NJ<sup>30</sup>.

**38.** JAMES<sup>6</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, ROBERT<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 13 Mar 1773 in Evesham Township, NJ, and died 29 Aug 1844. He married MARY ROGERS 17 May 1801 in Chester or Mt Holly, NJ<sup>31</sup>. She was born 29 Jan 1780 in New Jersey, and died 21 Apr 1851.

More About JAMES FRENCH:  
Burial: Medford, NJ

More About JAMES FRENCH and MARY ROGERS:  
Marriage: 17 May 1801, Chester or Mt Holly, NJ<sup>31</sup>

Child of JAMES FRENCH and MARY ROGERS is:  
61. i. JAMES<sup>7</sup> FRENCH, b. 24 May 1814, Tuckerton, NJ; d. 19 Jan 1885.

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**39.** JOHN<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*AARON<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 11 Jan 1795 in Amity, Pa.<sup>32</sup>, and died 03 Mar 1874 in Onslow, Ia.<sup>32</sup>. He married SARAH CLARK, daughter of BETHUEL CLARK. She was born 22 Feb 1801, and died 07 Jan 1891.

Children of JOHN FRENCH and SARAH CLARK are:

- i. AARON<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, b. 04 Jul 1819, Amity, Pa.<sup>32</sup>; d. 28 Apr 1909, Peterson, Ia.<sup>32</sup>; m. LYDIA DUKE.
- ii. BETHUEL FRENCH, b. 04 Jul 1819; d. 24 Mar 1904; m. SARAH SINKEY<sup>32</sup>.
- iii. MALINDA FRENCH.
- iv. JOSEPH FRENCH, b. 19 Mar 1823; d. 03 Jul 1900, Wyoming, Ia.<sup>32</sup>; m. (1) CATHERINE SINKEY<sup>32</sup>; m. (2) GRACIE BEAVER<sup>32</sup>.
- v. ELIJAH FRENCH.
- vi. NANCY FRENCH.
- vii. JESSE CLARK FRENCH, b. 17 Nov 1832; d. 08 Mar 1905, Manchester, Ia.<sup>32</sup>; m. LAURA EVELINE MUDGE<sup>32</sup>.
- viii. ELIZA ANN FRENCH, b. 01 Jun 1836; m. WILSON JENKINS<sup>32</sup>.
- ix. JOANNA FRENCH, b. 22 May 1838; m. ELIAKIM WILSON<sup>32</sup>.
- x. ISAAC NEWTON FRENCH, b. 06 Aug 1840; m. JANE ORR<sup>32</sup>.

**40.** IRA<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*AARON<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born Bet. 30 Jul 1797 - 1798 in Amity, Pa.<sup>32</sup>, and died 24 Dec 1878 in Sumner, Ill.<sup>32</sup>. He married JOANNA LYON<sup>32</sup> 04 May 1820 in Green Cop., Pa.<sup>32</sup>, daughter of BENJAMIN LYON and JOANNA WILCOX. She was born 13 Dec 1800 in Washington Co., Pa.<sup>32</sup>, and died 25 Jul 1852 in Lawrence Co., Ill.<sup>32</sup>.

More About IRA FRENCH and JOANNA LYON:  
Marriage: 04 May 1820, Green Cop., Pa.<sup>32</sup>

Children of IRA FRENCH and JOANNA LYON are:  
62. i. JOHN NEWTON<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, b. 24 Apr 1821, Amity, Pa.; d. 11 Dec 1891, Sumner, Ill..

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- ii. MARY FRENCH.
- iii. JOANNA FRENCH.
- iv. RUTH FRENCH.
- v. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FRENCH.
- vi. AARON FRENCH.
- vii. SILAS FRENCH.
- viii. SARAH FRENCH.
- ix. EUNICE FRENCH.
- x. CATHERINE FRENCH.

**41.** ASA<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*EZEKIEL<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 29 Mar 1803, and died 26 Feb 1844 in Mt. Pulaski, Ill.<sup>32</sup>. He married HANNAH CLARK<sup>32</sup> 10 Mar 1825 in Piqua, Ohio<sup>32</sup>, daughter of JOHN CLARK and NANCY ISGRIG. She was born 25 Nov 1805 in Kentucky, and died 23 Oct 1866.

More About ASA FRENCH and HANNAH CLARK:  
Marriage: 10 Mar 1825, Piqua, Ohio<sup>32</sup>

Children of ASA FRENCH and HANNAH CLARK are:

- i. NANCY<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- ii. PHEBE JANE FRENCH.
- iii. DANIEL ISGRIG FRENCH.
- iv. JOHN CLARK FRENCH.
- v. DAVID BROOKS FRENCH.
- vi. SARAH WINANS FRENCH.
- vii. EZEKIEL FRENCH, m. CAROLINE ALENANDER.

**42.** DANIEL<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*EZEKIEL<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 02 Feb 1806, and died 21 May 1861. He married MARY PATTEN HEALD<sup>32</sup>.

Children of DANIEL FRENCH and MARY HEALD are:

- i. ZIMRI HEALD<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, b. 19 Mar 1844; d. 30 Nov 1889; m. BELLE BAILEY<sup>32</sup>, 19 Jan 1881, Troy, Ohio<sup>32</sup>.

More About ZIMRI FRENCH and BELLE BAILEY:  
Marriage: 19 Jan 1881, Troy, Ohio<sup>32</sup>

- ii. EVA FREDERICA FRENCH, b. 20 Oct 1851; m. OWEN EDGAR LEFEVRE.

More About OWEN EDGAR LEFEVRE:  
Occupation: Judge, Denver Col. District Court

**43.** JOHN SHIDELER<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*EZEKIEL<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 20 Jan 1813 in Miami Co., Ohio<sup>32</sup>, and died 1890. He married (1) SARAH BROOKS<sup>32</sup>, daughter of CLARKSON BROOKS. He married (2) RHODA ANN JACKSON<sup>32</sup>, daughter of ROBERT JACKSON. She was born 12 Jul 1822, and died 24 Oct 1865. He married (3) MARY SPEAGH<sup>32</sup>. He married (4) MARY HITCHELL 20 Dec 1832, daughter of WILLIAM HITCHELL. She died 17 Mar 1835.

Notes for JOHN SHIDELER FRENCH:

John and Mary had no children.

More About JOHN FRENCH and MARY HITCHELL:  
Marriage: 20 Dec 1832

Child of JOHN FRENCH and SARAH BROOKS is:

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- i. GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, b. Oct 1833; d. 05 Jan 1834.

Notes for GEORGE WASHINGTON FRENCH:

George Washington died at age 2 months and 7 days.

Children of JOHN FRENCH and RHODA JACKSON are:

- ii. WESLEY<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- iii. ORPHEUS EVERETTS FRENCH, b. 04 Mar 1845.
- iv. ALBERT FRENCH.
- v. ELLIS FRENCH.

Children of JOHN FRENCH and MARY HITCHELL are:

- vi. GEORGE<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- vii. DAVID MORY FRENCH, m. ELIZABETH SUSAN GILES<sup>32</sup>.

More About DAVID MORY FRENCH:

Residence: near Virginia., Ill.

**44.** DAVID CARTER<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*EZEKIEL<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 18 Apr 1816, and died Sep 1848. He married JANE SCHRECK<sup>32</sup>.

Children of DAVID FRENCH and JANE SCHRECK are:

- i. EZEKIEL<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- ii. DAVID HENRY FRENCH.
- iii. PHILIP FRENCH.
- iv. PHEBE JANE FRENCH.
- v. ASA FRENCH, b. 22 Nov 1847; m. MARY BELL ODELL<sup>32</sup>, 1870.

More About ASA FRENCH and MARY ODELL:

Marriage: 1870

**45.** ASA DAVIS<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 16 Apr 1822, and died 13 Aug 1891 in Heeepner, Ore.<sup>32</sup>. He married RUTH GLANCY<sup>32</sup>.

Notes for ASA DAVIS FRENCH:

In 1849 Asa, with the company of 150 men, went from Ohio to California in search of gold. He remained three years and was successful.

Children of ASA FRENCH and RUTH GLANCY are:

- i. MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- ii. JOHN GLANCY FRENCH.
- iii. MILLARD FILMORE FRENCH.
- iv. ELLA FRENCH.
- v. HANNAH FRENCH.

**46.** MOSES FRAZIER<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 21 Feb 1832 in Miami Co., Ohio<sup>32</sup>. He married (1) MARTHA CATHARINE JORDAN<sup>32</sup>. She died 07 Oct 1878. He married (2) SARAH BELLE PITTS<sup>32</sup> 21 Aug 1888.

More About MOSES FRAZIER FRENCH:

Residence: Remington, Ind.

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More About MOSES FRENCH and SARAH PITTS:  
Marriage: 21 Aug 1888

Child of MOSES FRENCH and MARTHA JORDAN is:

- i. INDEPENDENCE<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, b. 04 Jul 1867; m. HARRY BATHIS.

More About HARRY BATHIS:  
Occupation: Paymaster, US Navy

**47.** WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 27 Nov 1833, and died 27 Mar 1867 in White Co., Ind.<sup>32</sup>. He married MARY SUSAN ASH<sup>32</sup> 12 Mar 1861. She was born 27 Oct 1837, and died 18 Nov 1901.

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and MARY ASH:  
Marriage: 12 Mar 1861

Children of WILLIAM FRENCH and MARY ASH are:

- i. CHARLES JOSEPH<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, m. EMMA ADELL ARCHER<sup>32</sup>.
- ii. JAMES FORDYCE FRENCH, m. ANNA HILDEBRAND<sup>32</sup>.
- iii. WILLIAM FRENCH, m. RUTH BURGET<sup>32</sup>.

**48.** SILAS<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 03 Oct 1837, and died 30 Sep 1888 in Heppner, Ore.<sup>32</sup>. He married EMILIE ESTEY.

Notes for SILAS FRENCH:

Silas married a second time with no children in this marriage.

Child of SILAS FRENCH and EMILIE ESTEY is:

- i. WILBER<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.

Notes for WILBER FRENCH:

Wilber died in childhood.

**49.** JOSEPH WASHINGTON<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 20 May 1841. He married ALDA ESTEY<sup>32</sup> 15 Mar 1866<sup>32</sup>. She was born 28 Mar 1844.

More About JOSEPH FRENCH and ALDA ESTEY:  
Marriage: 15 Mar 1866<sup>32</sup>

Children of JOSEPH FRENCH and ALDA ESTEY are:

- i. IDA MAY<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- ii. ELWOOD ESTEY FRENCH.
- iii. ALFORD HARRISON FRENCH.
- iv. CLARA EMILY FRENCH.
- v. CLARENCE ELMER FRENCH.
- vi. FRANK FRENCH.

**50.** EZEKIEL<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 20 Aug 1802 in near Amity, Pa.<sup>32</sup>, and died 02 Feb 1889 in S. Bend, Ind.<sup>32</sup>. He married ELIZABETH HILLIARD<sup>32</sup>.

Children of EZEKIEL FRENCH and ELIZABETH HILLIARD are:

- i. CHARLES HILLIARD<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, m. MARY ELIZA STILLMAN<sup>32</sup>.
- ii. SARAH FRENCH, m. FRANCIS CLARK<sup>32</sup>.

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- iii. FRANCES ROSETTA FRENCH.
- iv. ELLA MAY FRENCH.

**51.** SIMEON<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 07 Jan 1804 in near Amity, Pa.<sup>32</sup>, and died 05 Jul 1889 in Springfield, Ohio<sup>32</sup>. He married (1) MARTHA MCKAIG TELFORD<sup>32</sup> 25 Mar 1830. He married (2) PERMILLA CULVER<sup>32</sup> 14 Oct 1847 in Piqua, Ohio<sup>32</sup>.

More About SIMEON FRENCH and MARTHA TELFORD:  
Marriage: 25 Mar 1830

More About SIMEON FRENCH and PERMILLA CULVER:  
Marriage: 14 Oct 1847, Piqua, Ohio<sup>32</sup>

Children of SIMEON FRENCH and MARTHA TELFORD are:

- i. ANDREW TELFORD<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- ii. SARAH JANE FRENCH.
- iii. SAMUEL FRENCH.
- iv. THOMAS BRAINARD FRENCH.
- v. JULIA ANN FRENCH.
- vi. QUINCY ADAMS FRENCH.
- vii. ASA FRENCH, m. MARTHA MCKAIG<sup>32</sup>.

Children of SIMEON FRENCH and PERMILLA CULVER are:

- viii. SALOMA<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- ix. MARIETTA FRENCH.
- x. HOWARD FRENCH.
- xi. LEANDER LINCOLN FRENCH.

**52.** AARON<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 29 Sep 1805 in near Amity, Pa.<sup>32</sup>, and died 12 Feb 1880 in Leesburg, Ind.<sup>32</sup>. He married (1) MARIAH MCCULLEN<sup>32</sup>. She died 06 Aug 1879. He married (2) SUSANNAH DYE 1826.

More About AARON FRENCH and SUSANNAH DYE:  
Marriage: 1826

Child of AARON FRENCH and MARIAH MCCULLEN is:

- i. ASA<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.

Notes for ASA FRENCH:

Asa died at about 4 years old.

Children of AARON FRENCH and SUSANNAH DYE are:

- ii. JOHN<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, d. Elco, Nev.<sup>32</sup>.
- iii. MATGARET FRENCH.
- iv. CAROLINE FRENCH, m. EZEKIEL SAYERS<sup>32</sup>.
- v. BENNET FRENCH.
- vi. EZEKIEL FRENCH, d. California<sup>32</sup>.
- 63. vii. DAVID FRENCH, b. 17 Aug 1839.
- viii. RACHEL FRENCH.
- ix. MARTHA FRENCH.

**53.** JACOB<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 12 Dec 1808 in near Amity, Pa.<sup>32</sup>, and died 14 Dec 1880 in Arkansas City, Kansas<sup>32</sup>. He married (1) SARAH ELIZABETH

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LEFEVRE. He married (2) DICA MCMANN<sup>32</sup>.

Notes for JACOB FRENCH:

Jacob was a Baptist preacher, but late in life became an Adventist. In 1849 he traveled overland from Kosciusco County, Indiana, to California, in search of gold.

Children of JACOB FRENCH and SARAH LEFEVRE are:

- i. NAOMI<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- ii. JELIA ANN FRENCH.
- iii. MINOR FRENCH.
- iv. ASA FRENCH.
- v. CHARLES LEMUEL FRENCH.

Children of JACOB FRENCH and DICA MCMANN are:

- vi. ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- vii. JACOB FRENCH.
- viii. MALISSA EMALINE FRENCH.
- ix. WILLIAM FRENCH.
- x. SAMUEL FRENCH.
- xi. AMA FRENCH.
- xii. IDA FRENCH.
- xiii. CORA FRENCH.
- xiv. SOPHRONIA FRENCH.

**54.** ENOS<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 20 Jun 1810 in near Amity, Pa.<sup>32</sup>, and died 1854 in Urbana, Ohio<sup>32</sup>. He married (1) JULIA MOORE<sup>32</sup> in Piqua, Ohio<sup>32</sup>. He married (2) HARRIET VANHORNE<sup>32</sup> in Lebanon, Ohio<sup>32</sup>.

Notes for ENOS FRENCH:

Enos and Julia had no children.

More About ENOS FRENCH:

Occupation: Baptist preacher

More About ENOS FRENCH and JULIA MOORE:

Marriage: Piqua, Ohio<sup>32</sup>

More About ENOS FRENCH and HARRIET VANHORNE:

Marriage: Lebanon, Ohio<sup>32</sup>

Children of ENOS FRENCH and HARRIET VANHORNE are:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- ii. ENOS VANHORNE FRENCH, m. MATILDA TRUITT<sup>32</sup>.

**55.** LEWIS<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 24 Jan 1814 in Miami Co., Ohio<sup>32</sup>, and died 04 Sep 1885. He married (1) RACHEL GATCH. He married (2) MARIA SARGENT<sup>32</sup> 12 Aug 1841<sup>32</sup>. He married (3) JANE CLAIRE<sup>32</sup> 12 Jul 1855<sup>32</sup>.

More About LEWIS FRENCH:

Occupation: Lawyer in Cincinnati, Ohio

Notes for RACHEL GATCH:

Rachel was a widow when she married Lewis.

More About LEWIS FRENCH and MARIA SARGENT:  
Marriage: 12 Aug 1841<sup>32</sup>

More About LEWIS FRENCH and JANE CLAIRIE:  
Marriage: 12 Jul 1855<sup>32</sup>

Children of LEWIS FRENCH and RACHEL GATCH are:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- ii. JOHN FRENCH.

Children of LEWIS FRENCH and MARIA SARGENT are:

- iii. GEORGE BROWN<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.
- iv. LEWIS ALBERT FRENCH.
- v. DAVID SARGENT FRENCH, b. 04 Apr 1844; m. CORNELIA MITCHELL<sup>32</sup>.

Child of LEWIS FRENCH and JANE CLAIRIE is:

- vi. MORRIS STROUD<sup>8</sup> FRENCH.

**56.** DAVID SHIDELER<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>6</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 01 Jun 1815 in Miami Co., Ohio<sup>32</sup>, and died 02 Nov 1880 in Brookston, Ind.<sup>32</sup>. He married HANNAH CLARK<sup>32</sup>.

Notes for DAVID SHIDELER FRENCH:

David was treasurer of Fountain County, Indiana.

More About DAVID SHIDELER FRENCH:  
Occupation: Baptist preacher and editor

Children of DAVID FRENCH and HANNAH CLARK are:

- i. ADELIN<sup>8</sup>E FRENCH.
- ii. LEWIS THEODORE FRENCH.
- iii. JUDSON ALFONSO FRENCH.
- iv. EMARILLA FRENCH.
- v. CHESTER CLARK FRENCH.
- vi. FRANK DAVID FRENCH.
- vii. VIOLA FRENCH.

**57.** WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 21 Jul 1800, and died 28 Feb 1885 in Bass River, NJ. He married (1) LAVINIA CRANMER 23 Jun 1822, daughter of ISAAC CRANMER and DORCAS ADAMS. She was born 15 Feb 1802, and died 03 Mar 1825. He married (2) PHOEBE S. MATHIS 28 Jan 1826<sup>33</sup>, daughter of DANIEL MATHIS and PHOEBE SMITH. She was born 14 Sep 1801 in Bass River, NJ, and died 16 Aug 1860 in Bass River, NJ.

Notes for WILLIAM FRENCH:

The 1850 Little Egg Harbor census lists William French (Age 50, Waterman) as the head of Household 239, Family 242 as follows: Phebe (Age 49), Martin V. (Age 19), Phebe A. (Age 17), Livingston B. (Age 16), Hiram E. (Age 13), William N. (Age 7), and Ebenezer (Age 3).

The 1860 Little Egg Harbor census lists William (Age 59, Lumberman) as the head of Household 383, Family 400 as follows: Phebe S. (Age 58), Livingston (Age 25), Sarah S. (Age 20), Hiram E. (Age 21) William N. (Age 17), Minasota (Age 3) , and Walter L. (Age 1).

The 1870 Bass River Township census lists William (Age 70) in Household 92 as follows: William C.

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(Age 37), Mary C. (Age 29) [wife of William C.], Laura P. (Age 9), and Joshia (Age 1).

Among the sea captains of former days were Brazilla Mathis, John Cranmer, Josiah Cale, William Leak, Sr. Uriah Cranmer, John Carlisle, William French, Caleb Cranmer, Ebenezer Sooy, and perhaps others of whom I have not been informed. With the exception of Captain William French, all of those old-time captains have sailed away to spirit land. "History of Little Egg Harbor Township" by Leah Blackman, 1880, p. 219.

Entry from New Gretna Presbyterian Church records: July 13, 1884 Went to house of William French, 84 years old, to baptize him.

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING WILLIAM WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM THE LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ MINUTES:

RESOLVED that the township of Little Egg Harbour pay unto Wm. Allen and William French the sum of Ten Dollars for poling a certain sandy hill on the main road leading from Sarah Adams hotel to Joseph B. Cramers Bass River Neck which bill of twelve dollars and fifty cents was rejected by the township committee. Little Egg Harbor Twp. Minutes, 3/10/1835

RESOLVED by the inhabitants of the Township of Little Egg Harbour in town meeting assembled that the sum of seven dollars and seventy five cents be paid William French out of any money belonging to said township for work done in 1841 on the road leading from Bass River to Martha Furnace. Little Egg Harbor Twp. Minutes, 3/12/1850

More About WILLIAM FRENCH:

Baptism: 7/13/1884 - New Gretna Presbyterian Church<sup>34</sup>

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Occupation: Sea Captain/Lumberman in 1860

More About LAVINIA CRANMER:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Marriage Notes for WILLIAM FRENCH and LAVINIA CRANMER:

William and Lavinia were married on 6/23/1822 by Maja Mathis, Esq. All were from Little Egg Harbor. (7/10/1822 NJ Mirror)

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and LAVINIA CRANMER:

Marriage: 23 Jun 1822

Notes for PHOEBE S. MATHIS:

At Bass River, on the 16th August, 1860, Phebe S. French, wife of Captain William French, aged 59 years, 11 months, died. Thus, within 2 weeks, departed from one family, the mother, son and grandson. [9/13/1860 NJ Mirror]

More About PHOEBE S. MATHIS:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and PHOEBE MATHIS:

Marriage: 28 Jan 1826<sup>35</sup>

Child of WILLIAM FRENCH and LAVINIA CRANMER is:

- i. HANNAH M.<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, b. Abt. 1822; m. WILLIAM PATTON<sup>35</sup>, 31 Aug 1848, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>36</sup>; b. Abt. 1824.

Notes for HANNAH M. FRENCH:

Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records list Hannah's age as 26 at her 8/31/1848 marriage to William Pattan. This would make her birth year 1829.

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Notes for WILLIAM PATTON:

Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records list William's age as 24 at his 8/31/1848 marriage to Hannah M. French. This would make his birth year 1824.

More About WILLIAM PATTON:

Occupation: Boilermaker at marriage

Residence: William and Hannah moved to Philadelphia after their marriage.<sup>37</sup>

More About WILLIAM PATTON and HANNAH FRENCH:

Marriage: 31 Aug 1848, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>38</sup>

Children of WILLIAM FRENCH and PHOEBE MATHIS are:

- ii. MARY JANE<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, m. JOSIAH HACKETT.

More About JOSIAH HACKETT:

Residence: Josiah was from Salem.

- iii. MATILDA ANN FRENCH, b. Abt. 1829; m. ALFRED BALLINGER, 30 Mar 1856, Tuckerton, NJ<sup>39</sup>; b. Abt. 1829.

Notes for MATILDA ANN FRENCH:

Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records list Matilda's age as 27 at her 3/30/1856 marriage to Alfred Ballinger. This would make her birth year 1829.

Notes for ALFRED BALLINGER:

Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records list Alfred's' age as 27 at his 3/30/1856 marriage to Matilda A. French. This would make his birth year 1829.

More About ALFRED BALLINGER:

Occupation: Tailor at marriage

Residence: Alfred was from Medford.

Marriage Notes for MATILDA FRENCH and ALFRED BALLINGER:

Matilda French from Bass River and Alfred M. Ballenge from Medford were married in the Tuckerton United Methodist Church by Rev. John Corson on March 30, 1856. Witnesses were Thomas & Hope Ballenge and William & Phebe French. (Tuckerton United Methodist Church Marriage Records)

More About ALFRED BALLINGER and MATILDA FRENCH:

Marriage: 30 Mar 1856, Tuckerton, NJ<sup>39</sup>

- 64. iv. MARTIN VANBUREN FRENCH, b. 04 Nov 1830, New Gretna, NJ; d. 1895, Woodstock, Va..
- v. PHOEBE ARABELLA FRENCH, b. Abt. 1833; m. THOMAS BALLINGER<sup>40</sup>.

More About THOMAS BALLINGER:

Residence: Lived in Medford.<sup>40</sup>

- 65. vi. LIVINGSTON BENTOW FRENCH, b. 14 Jun 1835; d. 19 Sep 1880.
- 66. vii. HIRAM ELBRIDGE FRENCH, b. Aug 1838; d. 06 Sep 1915, Townsend's Inlet, NJ.
- 67. viii. WILLIAM NELSON FRENCH, b. 12 Oct 1842, Bass River, NJ; d. 08 Jul 1889, Port Republic, NJ.
- ix. EBENEZER TUCKER FRENCH, b. 1846, Bass River Township, NJ<sup>41</sup>; d. 29 Aug 1860, Bass River Township, NJ<sup>41</sup>.

Notes for EBENEZER TUCKER FRENCH:

Little Egg Harbor Death Records show that Ebenezer died in Bass River on August 29, 1860 of "colery" at age 15.

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Suddenly, at Bass River, on the 29th August, 1860, Ebenezer Tucker French, son of William and Phebe S. French, in the 15th year of his age, died. Thus, within 2 weeks, departed from one family, the mother, son and grandson. [9/13/1860 NJ Mirror]

More About EBENEZER TUCKER FRENCH:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

**58.** FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS*<sup>6</sup>, *FRANCIS*<sup>5</sup>, *JOSEPH*<sup>4</sup>, *THOMAS*<sup>3</sup>, *THOMAS*<sup>2</sup>, *THOMAS*<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 Jan 1802 in Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>42</sup>, and died 21 Apr 1852 in Bass River Township, NJ<sup>43</sup>. He married ANNA MARIA MATHIS 07 Feb 1824, daughter of DANIEL MATHIS and PHOEBE SMITH. She was born 06 Dec 1804 in Bass River, NJ<sup>44</sup>, and died 24 Oct 1878 in Tuckerton, NJ.

Notes for FRANCIS FRENCH:

Little Egg Harbor Death Records state that Francis French died in Bass River on April 21, 1852 at age 50 from "Putrid Throat." His occupation is listed as "Farmer."

OBITUARY.--Died, on Wednesday, the 21st instant (April, 1852), at Bass River, Little Egg Harbour Township, after a short and severe illness, of Bilious Fever, FRANCIS FRENCH, in the 51st year of his age. By this sudden and afflictive event, this immediate section has sustained a loss of one of its most valued and useful citizens. The deceased was distinguished for business enterprise far in advance even of his persevering neighbors. He was ever foremost and practically in the active pursuits of toilsome, laborious life, and may really be considered as having fallen a victim to his unceasing devotion to business, never having been afflicted with sickness of any character previous. He was at work while the disease was grappling with his strength, nor could he give up until the 'King of Terrors' had almost shorn him of his power, and laid him prostrate. In his extended business relations, he was noted for integrity, promptness, and consideration. As a neighbor, he was conciliatory in his intercourse, and he was eminently social and jovial. As a man, he was humane, and highly respected, as was manifest by the large concourse that assembled at his obsequies. But a few weeks since, Mr. French, in deep grief, led his family around the grave of a much-loved daughter, who was also smitten suddenly down, in the full blush of her morning of life. But yesterday, the stricken and heart-broken family followed him to the same cold tomb. How afflicting a Dispensation!--Truly it can be said that Death hath been among us as the 'strong man armed,' but He that taketh away can give 'beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.' M. Bass River, April 24th, 1852. [4/29/1852 NJ Mirror]

More About FRANCIS FRENCH:  
Baptism: 3/15/1863- New Gretna Presbyterian Church<sup>45</sup>  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ  
Occupation: Farmer in 1852<sup>46</sup>  
Religion: Presbyterian: New Gretna 1861/Transferred to Tuckerton 1865

Notes for ANNA MARIA MATHIS:

The 1860 Little Egg Harbor census shows Anna M. as the head of Household 337, Family 354 as follows: Ennen M. (Age 21), Martha (Age 19), Francis (Age 16), and Sarah A. (Age 9).

More About ANNA MARIA MATHIS:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ  
Religion: Presbyterian: New Gretna 1861/Transferred to Tuckerton 1865

More About FRANCIS FRENCH and ANNA MATHIS:  
Marriage: 07 Feb 1824

Children of FRANCIS FRENCH and ANNA MATHIS are:

68. i. THOMAS E.<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, b. 02 Dec 1824; d. 23 Dec 1906, Atlantic City, NJ.
69. ii. DANIEL M. FRENCH, b. 04 May 1827; d. 24 Dec 1903.
70. iii. LEWIS M. FRENCH, b. 08 Mar 1829; d. 21 Dec 1909, Vincentown, NJ.

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- iv. MARY ANN FRENCH, b. 24 Feb 1831; d. 13 Oct 1908; m. JOHN FRANKLIN CRAMER<sup>47</sup>, 20 Apr 1854, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>48</sup>; b. 19 Sep 1825; d. 06 Jun 1915, New Gretna, NJ<sup>49</sup>.

More About MARY ANN FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Notes for JOHN FRANKLIN CRAMER:

John and Mary, both of Little Egg Harbor, were married on 4/20/1854 by Jesse R. Sears, Esq. [5/4/1854 NJ Mirror]

More About JOHN FRANKLIN CRAMER:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Occupation: Merchant<sup>49</sup>

More About JOHN CRAMER and MARY FRENCH:

Marriage: 20 Apr 1854, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>50</sup>

- v. LEAH E. FRENCH, b. 21 Apr 1833, Bass River Township, NJ; d. 28 Dec 1851, Bass River Township, NJ.

Notes for LEAH E. FRENCH:

There is some confusion regarding Leah's death date. The Leek Book and Bass River Township Death Records record 1851. French Bible records list 1861 as Leah's death date.

Little Egg Harbor Death Records indicate that Leah E. French died at Bass River of Scarlet Fever on 12/28/1851 at the age of 18.

- vi. PHOEBE J. FRENCH, b. 06 Jul 1836; d. 22 Dec 1907; m. (1) JOEL ALFRED BODINE<sup>51</sup>, 02 Jul 1854, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>52</sup>; b. Abt. 1832; m. (2) CHARLES W. PALMER<sup>53</sup>, 02 Jul 1854.

Notes for JOEL ALFRED BODINE:

Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records list Joel as age 22 at his 7/2/1854 marriage to Phebe French. This would make his birth year 1832.

Joel A. Bodine, of Williamstown, Camden County, and Phebe J. French, of Bass River, Burlington County, were married 7/3/1854 by Rev. A. Gearhart at the parsonage in Tuckerton. m[7/20/1854 NJ Mirror]

More About JOEL ALFRED BODINE:

Occupation: Manufacturer at marriage

Residence: Williamstown, NJ before his marriage<sup>54</sup>

More About JOEL BODINE and PHOEBE FRENCH:

Marriage: 02 Jul 1854, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>54</sup>

More About CHARLES PALMER and PHOEBE FRENCH:

Marriage: 02 Jul 1854

71. vii. BURROWS MILLER FRENCH, b. 29 Mar 1837; d. 29 Jan 1891, Philadelphia, Pa.  
viii. ELLEN MARIA FRENCH, b. 20 Feb 1839; d. 20 Feb 1923; m. CHARLES EDWIN ADAMS<sup>55</sup>, 31 Dec 1861, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>56,57</sup>; b. Abt. 1838.

More About ELLEN MARIA FRENCH:

Residence: Bass River before marriage<sup>58</sup>

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Notes for CHARLES EDWIN ADAMS:

Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records list Charles as age 23 at his 12/31/1861 marriage to Ellen French. This would make his birth year 1838.

More About CHARLES EDWIN ADAMS:

Occupation: Farmer at marriage

Residence: Bass River before marriage<sup>58</sup>

Marriage Notes for ELLEN FRENCH and CHARLES ADAMS:

On the 31st December, 1861, at New Gretna, Burlington County, Charles E. Adams and Ellen M. French, daughter of the late Captain Francis French, were married by the Rev. Samuel Miller. [1/9/1862 NJ Mirror]

More About CHARLES ADAMS and ELLEN FRENCH:

Marriage: 31 Dec 1861, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>58,59</sup>

ix. MARTHA FRENCH, b. Abt. 1841.

Notes for MARTHA FRENCH:

Born about 1841 as Martha was 19 at the 1860 census.

72. x. LEVI FRENCH, b. 13 Jun 1841; d. 03 May 1905.

73. xi. FRANCIS FRENCH, JR., b. 15 Mar 1844; d. 19 Apr 1915.

xii. FAYETTE T. FRENCH, b. 29 Jun 1846; d. 17 Jun 1847.

xiii. SARAH ANNABEL FRENCH, b. 11 Nov 1850; d. 08 Aug 1934; m. STANLEY G. CLARKE<sup>60</sup>.

More About STANLEY G. CLARKE:

Occupation: Stanley was a doctor.

**59.** JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 04 Dec 1803 in Bass River, NJ, and died 17 Mar 1871. He married MARTHA A. CALE, daughter of JOSIAH CALE and PHOEBE ALLEN. She was born 14 Nov 1806 in Bass River, NJ, and died 16 Oct 1887.

Notes for JOSEPH FRENCH:

The 1850 Little Egg Harbor census lists Joseph French (Age 44, Sawyer) as being the head of Household 291, Family 294 as follows: Martha (Age 44), Elisa (Age 20), Margaret (Age 16), Martha (Age 8), Hannah (Age 5), Josephine (Age 3), and Emily (Age 1).

The 1860 Little Egg Harbor census lists Joseph French (Age 54, Master Farmer) as the head of Household 340, Family 357 as follows: Martha (Age 53), Margaret M. (Age 24), Mary (Age 21), Martha (Age 18), Hannah (Age 15), Josephine (Age 13), and Emaley (Age 10).

The 1870 Bass River Township census lists Joseph French (Age 64) as the head of Household 40 as follows: Martha (Age 63), Josephine (Age 23), and Emley (Age 20).

More About JOSEPH FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Occupation: Lawyer (1850 census)

More About MARTHA A. CALE:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Children of JOSEPH FRENCH and MARTHA CALE are:

i. MARIA LOVINIA<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, d. 29 Oct 1863, Barnegat, NJ<sup>61</sup>; m. THOMAS J. ADAMS<sup>62</sup>.

Notes for MARIA LOVINIA FRENCH:

On the 29th October, 1863, in Barnegat, Ocean Co., Maria L. Adams, wife of Thomas J.

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Adams, and daughter of Jos. French, Esq., of Bass River, Burlington County, aged 36 years, died. [11/12/1863 NJ Mirror]

- ii. PHOEBE ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. Abt. 1834; m. CHARLES T. ADAMS<sup>62</sup>, 05 Mar 1853, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>63</sup>; b. Abt. 1829.

Notes for PHOEBE ELIZABETH FRENCH:

Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records list Phebe E.'s age as 19 at her 3/5/1853 marriage to Charles T. Adams. This would make her birth year 1834.

Notes for CHARLES T. ADAMS:

Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records list Charles' age as 24 at his 3/5/1853 marriage to Phebe E. French. This would make his birth year 1829.

More About CHARLES T. ADAMS:

Occupation: Farmer at marriage

More About CHARLES ADAMS and PHOEBE FRENCH:

Marriage: 05 Mar 1853, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>63</sup>

- iii. MARGARETTA FRENCH, b. 1836; m. CALEB MATHIS<sup>64</sup>, 08 Nov 1868, Manahawkin, NJ<sup>65</sup>.

More About CALEB MATHIS and MARGARETTA FRENCH:

Marriage: 08 Nov 1868, Manahawkin, NJ<sup>65</sup>

- iv. MARY C. FRENCH, b. Abt. 1839; m. WILLIAM A. POTTS, 24 Dec 1863, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>66</sup>; b. Abt. 1838.

Notes for MARY C. FRENCH:

Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records list Mary's age as 24 at her 12/24/63 marriage to William A. Potts. This would make her birth year 1839.

Notes for WILLIAM A. POTTS:

Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records list William's age as 25 at his 12/24/63 marriage to Mary C. French. This would make his birth year 1838.

More About WILLIAM A. POTTS:

Occupation: Miller at marriage

Residence: Medford, NJ at marriage

More About WILLIAM POTTS and MARY FRENCH:

Marriage: 24 Dec 1863, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>66</sup>

- v. MARTHA A. FRENCH, b. Abt. 1841; m. ARTHUR H. SOOY, 19 Mar 1864, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>66</sup>; b. Abt. 1839.

Notes for MARTHA A. FRENCH:

Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records list Martha's age as 23 at her 3/19/1864 marriage to Arthur H. Sooy. This would make her birth year 1841.

Martha is listed in the 1850 Little Egg Harbor census as age 8 which would make her birth year 1841.

Notes for ARTHUR H. SOOY:

Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records list Arthur's age as 25 at his 3/19/1864 marriage to Martha A. French. This would make his birth year 1839.

More About ARTHUR SOOY and MARTHA FRENCH:

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Marriage: 19 Mar 1864, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>66</sup>

- vi. HANNAH LOVENIA FRENCH, b. Abt. 1845; m. JAMES W. KELLY<sup>67</sup>, 12 Jul 1863, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>68</sup>.

Notes for HANNAH LOVENIA FRENCH:

Hannah is listed in the 1850 Little Egg Harbor census as age 5 which would make her birth year 1845.

More About HANNAH LOVENIA FRENCH:

Residence: Bass River before marriage

More About JAMES W. KELLY:

Occupation: Laborer at marriage

Residence: Tuckerton before marriage

Marriage Notes for HANNAH FRENCH and JAMES KELLY:

July 11, 1863 by the Rev. A. Matthews, Mr. James W. Kelly was married to Miss Hannah L. French, daughter of Joseph French of Green Bush, Burlington County. [Note: Green Bush is a neighborhood, on the east side of the Bass River, of Bass River Township] 7/23/1863 NJ Mirror

More About JAMES KELLY and HANNAH FRENCH:

Marriage: 12 Jul 1863, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>68</sup>

- vii. JOSEPHINE FRENCH, b. Abt. 1848; d. 07 Oct 1922; m. WILLIAM IRONS<sup>69</sup>.

Notes for JOSEPHINE FRENCH:

Josephine is listed in the 1850 Little Egg Harbor census as age 2 which would make her birth year 1848.

Josephine was a widow at the time of her death, 10/7/1922. (Bass River Township Death Records)

- viii. EMILY FRENCH<sup>70</sup>, b. 17 Aug 1850.

Notes for EMILY FRENCH:

Emily A. became a member of the New Gretna Presbyterian Church on February 3, 1867. (New Gretna Presbyterian Church Records)

More About EMILY FRENCH:

Religion: New Gretna Presbyterian Church

**60.** THOMAS<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1816<sup>71</sup>. He married (1) UNKNOWN in Jersey Shore, Pa.<sup>71</sup>. He married (2) HARRIET C. MATHIS<sup>72</sup> 30 Apr 1843<sup>72</sup>, daughter of MICAHAH MATHIS and NANCY GAMAGE. She was born 1822.

Notes for THOMAS FRENCH:

The 1850 Little Egg Harbor census lists Thomas French (Age 34, Farmer) as the head of Household 234, Family 237 as follows: Harriet C. (Age 28), Thomas (Age 6), Sophia (Age 3), and Susan (Age 21).

More About THOMAS FRENCH:

Occupation: Wheelright<sup>73</sup>

Residence: Jersey Shore, Pa. after second marriage.

More About THOMAS FRENCH and UNKNOWN:

Marriage: Jersey Shore, Pa.<sup>74</sup>

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More About THOMAS FRENCH and HARRIET MATHIS:  
Marriage: 30 Apr 1843<sup>75</sup>

Children of THOMAS FRENCH and HARRIET MATHIS are:

- i. SOPHIA<sup>8</sup> FRENCH<sup>75</sup>, b. 1847.
- ii. THOMAS FRENCH, b. 1844.

**61.** JAMES<sup>7</sup> FRENCH (*JAMES<sup>6</sup>, THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, ROBERT<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 24 May 1814 in Tuckerton, NJ, and died 19 Jan 1885. He married ANNIE E. GIFFORD 08 Jan 1841<sup>76</sup>.

Notes for JAMES FRENCH:

The 1850 5th Ward Keningston, Philadelphia, Pa. census lists James French (Age 36, Slat Sawyer, born NJ) as the head of Household 52, Family as follows: Anna (Age 34, born NJ), William G. (Age 9, born NJ), Anna A. (Age 7, born NJ), Charles (Age 5, born NJ), Mary B. (Age 3, born NJ), and Emma (Age 1/12, born Pa.). Also listed in the household were Sarah Donnally (Age 18, born Ireland) and Christie Conton (Age 21, Laborer, born Ireland). The ages of James' last two children and the place born would indicate that James moved from New Jersey to Philadelphia, Pa. somewhere between 1847 and 1850.

The 1870 Medford, NJ census lists James French (Age 56, House Carpenter) as the head of Household 41, Family 39 as follows: Annie E. (Age 54, Keeps House), and Charles (Age 25, Farm Laborer).

The 1880 Medford, NJ census lists James French (Age 66, Carpenter) as the head of Household 262, Family 267 as follows: Annie E. (Age 64, Keeping House), Robert R. (Age 23, Son, School Teacher, born in NJ), and Anna (Age 37, Daughter, School Teacher, born in NJ).

More About JAMES FRENCH:

Occupation: House Carpenter at 1870 census

More About JAMES FRENCH and ANNIE GIFFORD:

Marriage: 08 Jan 1841<sup>76</sup>

Child of JAMES FRENCH and ANNIE GIFFORD is:

- i. CHARLES<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, b. Abt. 1845.

Notes for CHARLES FRENCH:

Charles is listed as age 25 in the 1870 Medford, NJ census which would make his birth year 1845.

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**62.** JOHN NEWTON<sup>8</sup> FRENCH (*IRA<sup>7</sup>, AARON<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 24 Apr 1821 in Amity, Pa.<sup>77</sup>, and died 11 Dec 1891 in Sumner, Ill.<sup>77</sup>. He married SARAH ANN MACKRILL 16 Mar 1847 in Wabash Co., Ill.<sup>77</sup>, daughter of SAMUEL MACKRILL and CATHERINE ANDREWS. She was born 25 Dec 1826 in near Orange, Ohio.

More About JOHN FRENCH and SARAH MACKRILL:

Marriage: 16 Mar 1847, Wabash Co., Ill.<sup>77</sup>

Children of JOHN FRENCH and SARAH MACKRILL are:

- i. EVALINE<sup>9</sup> FRENCH.
- ii. MARY ELLEN FRENCH, m. GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>77</sup>.
- iii. PRESTON ORREL FRENCH.
- iv. SAMUEL ELMER FRENCH.

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- v. IRA MELVIN FRENCH.
- vi. IDA NARCISSA FRENCH.
- 74. vii. CHARLES NEWTON FRENCH, b. 08 Aug 1865, Sumner, Ill..
- viii. RUTH EMILY FRENCH.

**63.** DAVID<sup>8</sup> FRENCH (*AARON<sup>7</sup>, ASA<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>6</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 17 Aug 1839. He married SARAH ELIZABETH O'BRIEN<sup>77</sup>.

More About DAVID FRENCH:  
Residence: Pierceton, Ind.

Child of DAVID FRENCH and SARAH O'BRIEN is:  
i. WILLIAM AARON<sup>9</sup> FRENCH.

Notes for WILLIAM AARON FRENCH:

William died in infancy.

**64.** MARTIN VANBUREN<sup>8</sup> FRENCH (*WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 04 Nov 1830 in New Gretna, NJ<sup>78</sup>, and died 1895 in Woodstock, Va.<sup>78</sup>. He married FRANCES CATHERINE SCHOONOVER<sup>78</sup> in Phillipsburg, Pa.<sup>78</sup>, daughter of PETER SCHOONOVER and LURANA LUCE. She was born 1833 in New York, and died 28 May 1915 in Washington, DC<sup>78</sup>.

Notes for MARTIN VANBUREN FRENCH:

Martin VanBuren and Florence moved to Jersey Shore, Pa after their marriage (Leah Blackman in "The History of Little Egg Harbor Township", p. 370.)

The 1870 census for Graham Township, Pa. lists (Household 68, Family 65) Martin V., age 39, Farmer, with a Real Estate worth of \$18,000 and a personal property worth of \$1,000. His family is listed as follows: Frances, age 36 (Keeping House); William, age 15; Charles, age 12; and Florence, age 4. Henry Chapman, age 20, Laborer, is also listed in the household.

The 1880 census for Johnston Township, Shenandoah County, Va. lists (Household 218, Family 227) M. V. French, age 49, Farmer. His family is listed as follows: Frances, age 46 (Wife, Keeping House); William, age 25 (Son, Works on farm); Charles, age 22 (Son, Works on farm); and Florence, age 14 (Daughter, At Home). Two servants are listed in the household indicating that the family possessed some wealth- Jack Burns, age 10, Black, and Mary C. Fately, age 26, Milato.

More About MARTIN VANBUREN FRENCH:  
Burial: Woodstock, Va. Cemetery<sup>79</sup>

Notes for FRANCES CATHERINE SCHOONOVER:

The 1910 Johnston Magisterial District, Shenandoah County, Va. lists Frances C. French (age 76, Widow) and daughter, Florence French (age 44, Single), living in Household 109, Family 115. She lives next door to the family of her son, William, who are listed as Household 108, Family 114.

More About FRANCES CATHERINE SCHOONOVER:  
Burial: Woodstock, Va. Cemetery<sup>79</sup>

More About MARTIN FRENCH and FRANCES SCHOONOVER:  
Marriage: Phillipsburg, Pa.<sup>80</sup>

Children of MARTIN FRENCH and FRANCES SCHOONOVER are:

- 75. i. WILLIAM SCHOONOVER<sup>9</sup> FRENCH, b. 30 Apr 1855, Pa; d. 15 May 1928, Washington, DC.
- ii. CHARLES T. FRENCH, b. 11 Jun 1858, Kylertown, Pa.; d. 28 Mar 1895.

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iii. E. FLORENCE FRENCH, b. Abt. 1866, Pa.

Notes for E. FLORENCE FRENCH:

The 1870 Graham Township, Pa. census lists Florence's age as 4. This would make her birth year 1866.

**65.** LIVINGSTON BENTOW<sup>8</sup> FRENCH (*WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 14 Jun 1835, and died 19 Sep 1880. He married SARAH ELIZABETH JONES 22 Dec 1856 in Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>81</sup>, daughter of LLOYD JONES and ELIZABETH UNKNOWN. She was born 20 Dec 1837, and died Jan 1918.

Notes for LIVINGSTON BENTOW FRENCH:

Livingston listed as age 21 at his 12/22/1856 marriage to Sarah E. Jones (Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records)

Livingston (age 25), his wife Sarah S. (age 20), and children Minasota (age 3) and Walter L. (age 1) were living with his parents, William and Phoebe French according to the 1860 Little Egg Harbor census.

The 1870 Little Egg Harbor census lists Livingston and his family living with his father-in-law, Lloyd Jones, household. Both Lloyd and Livingston are listed as Hotel Keepers.

The 1880 Bass River Township census lists Livingston French (Age 45, Farmer) as the head of Household 13 as follows: Sarah E. (Age 41, Wife, Keeps House), Mary A. (Age 17, Daughter, At Home), Nevada (Age 14, Daughter, At Home), and Mariah L. (Age 12, Daughter, At Home).

More About LIVINGSTON BENTOW FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Occupation: Store Clerk in 1860/Hotel Keeper in 1870/Farmer in 1880<sup>82</sup>

Notes for SARAH ELIZABETH JONES:

Sarah listed as age 18 at her 12/22/1856 marriage to Livingston French. (Little Egg Harbor Marriage Records)

New Gretna Presbyterian Church records state that Sarah died in Camden in Jan., 1916. This date conflicts with the 1918 date on Sarah's stone in Miller Cemetery, New Gretna, NJ.

More About SARAH ELIZABETH JONES:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Religion: Presbyterian

More About LIVINGSTON FRENCH and SARAH JONES:

Marriage: 22 Dec 1856, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>83</sup>

Children of LIVINGSTON FRENCH and SARAH JONES are:

- i. MINNASOTA<sup>9</sup> FRENCH, b. Abt. 1857; m. GEORGE H. NICHOLSON, 24 Feb 1877<sup>84</sup>.

Notes for MINNASOTA FRENCH:

The 1860 Little Egg Harbor census lists Minnasota as age 3 which would make her birth year 1857.

More About GEORGE H. NICHOLSON:

Residence: Berlin, NJ at time of marriage

More About GEORGE NICHOLSON and MINNASOTA FRENCH:

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Marriage: 24 Feb 1877<sup>84</sup>

- ii. WALTER L. FRENCH, b. Abt. Feb 1859<sup>85</sup>; d. 19 Aug 1860, Tuckerton, NJ<sup>86</sup>.

Notes for WALTER L. FRENCH:

The 1860 Little Egg Harbor census lists Walter L. as age 1 which would make his birth year 1859. Burlington County Deaths states that Walter L. died at age 18 months.

At Tuckerton, on the 19th August, 1860, Walter L. French, son of Livingston and Sarah E. French, aged 18 months. Thus, within 2 weeks, departed from one family, the mother, son and grandson. [9/13/1860 NJ Mirror]

Walter L. French, son of Livingston and Sarah E. French, died on August 19, 1860. [9/13/1860 Mt. Holly Herald]

More About WALTER L. FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

- iii. WILLIAM L. FRENCH, b. Abt. Mar 1859, Bass River Township, NJ<sup>87</sup>; d. 04 Sep 1860, Bass River Township, NJ<sup>87</sup>.

Notes for WILLIAM L. FRENCH:

Little Egg Harbor Death Records show that William L. died in Bass River on September 4, 1860 at the age of 18 months.

- iv. LAURA FRENCH, b. 05 Jan 1861; m. WILLIAM H. ALLEN, 16 Aug 1884, Tuckerton, NJ<sup>88</sup>; b. Abt. 1862.

More About LAURA FRENCH:

Residence: New Gretna before marriage

Notes for WILLIAM H. ALLEN:

William was married 8/16/1884 at age 22 which would make his birth year 1862. (Tuckerton Methodist Church Marriage Records)

More About WILLIAM H. ALLEN:

Occupation: Oysterman in 1884<sup>89</sup>

Residence: Tuckerton before marriage

Marriage Notes for LAURA FRENCH and WILLIAM ALLEN:

Laura French from New Gretna and William H. Allen from Tuckerton were married in the Tuckerton United Methodist Church by Rev. L. Manchester on August 16, 1884.

William's occupation was listed as "Oysterman." (Tuckerton United Methodist Church Marriage Records)

More About WILLIAM ALLEN and LAURA FRENCH:

Marriage: 16 Aug 1884, Tuckerton, NJ<sup>90</sup>

- v. MARY A. FRENCH, b. 24 Mar 1863<sup>91</sup>; d. 09 Sep 1932, Bass River Township, NJ<sup>92</sup>; m. JOHN R. LOVELAND<sup>92</sup>, 21 Jan 1884, Tuckerton, NJ; b. 1861; d. 1916.

More About MARY A. FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Residence: New Gretna, NJ at marriage

More About JOHN R. LOVELAND:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Residence: New Gretna, NJ at marriage

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Marriage Notes for MARY FRENCH and JOHN LOVELAND:

John and Mary were married on 1/21/1884 at Tuckerton by the Rev. Joseph H. Bradley.  
(NJ Mirror)

More About JOHN LOVELAND and MARY FRENCH:

Marriage: 21 Jan 1884, Tuckerton, NJ

vi. NEVADA FRENCH, b. 24 Aug 1865; m. ALBIAN R. LANE.

Notes for NEVADA FRENCH:

Bass River Methodist Church records show that Nevada was baptised as an adult on  
9/24/1882 by Rev. Fergus Slater.

76. vii. MARIA L. FRENCH, b. 24 Apr 1868, Tuckerton, NJ; d. 15 Dec 1932, Philadelphia, Pa.

**66.** HIRAM ELBRIDGE<sup>8</sup> FRENCH (*WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*)  
was born Aug 1838, and died 06 Sep 1915 in Townsend's Inlet, NJ<sup>93</sup>. He married MARY E. SEARS 30  
Dec 1860 in Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>94</sup>, daughter of JESSE SEARS and LYDIA MATHIS. She was born Dec  
1839, and died Aug 1919.

Notes for HIRAM ELBRIDGE FRENCH:

The 1880 Bass River Township census lists Hiram French (Age 42, Sailor) as the head of Household  
12 as follows: Mary (Age 40, Wife, Keeps House), Phebe (Age 16, Daughter, At Home), and Mary A.  
(Age 4, Daughter, At Home).

The 1900 Bass River Township census lists Hiram (Age 61, born August 1838) as the head of  
Household 121, Family 125 as follows: Mary (Age 60, born December 1839, Wife), and Gertrude M.  
(Age 23, born November 1876, Daughter). Hiram and Mary are listed as being married 40 years with 5  
children birthed and 2 children living.

The 1910 Bass River Township census lists Hiram (Age 71) as the head of Household 93, Family 98 as  
follows: Mary (Age 70, Wife). Hiram and Mary are listed as being married 49 years with 5 children  
birthed and 2 children living.

Hiram and his family lived in the house presently (2004) occupied by Harry and Joyce DeVerter on  
North Maple Avenue in New Gretna.

The 1913 Farm Journal Directory of Burlington County, NJ contains the following listing: Hiram E.  
French, New Gretna.

NEW GRETNA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS SHOW THAT:

- Capt. H.E. French was appointed a Trustee on Oct. 3, 1896 along with R. G. Blow, M.D. and Caleb Mathis. He was also elected an Elder in 1903.
- Mr. H. E. French was admitted on March 8, 1902 by letter from M. E. Church, New Gretna.
- Hiram E. French, died September, 1916.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING HIRAM E. WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER  
ARTICLES:

By the Rev. J. C. Chew, on the 30th December, 1860, at the residence of the bride's father, at Bass  
River, Mr. Hiram E. French was married to Miss Mary E. Sears. [1/17/1861 NJ Mirror]

It is too bad that THE HERALD has no regular correspondent from New Gretna; it isn't because we are

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all ignorant but because we are all too busy at our daily avocations. If we had any retired doctors, lawyers or merchants, I have no doubt but that you would have plenty of notice from New Gretna and as a word of encouragement to the readers of THE HERALD, I will say that I think before 1885 shall have drawn there will be several retired merchants in our town, for stores are too thick to thrive. Yet each firm seems to possess some requisites which are essential to success. For instance, B.M. French & Co., have the capital and stand; Adams & Bro., are workers and persevering; Cramer is attentive and very anxious to do business, so anxious that sometimes we are told he sells below cost; perhaps he is like the woman who sold brooms at ½ c. below cost, who when told that she could not be making much, replied: "Oh, I sell so many of them or I would not." H.E. French still keeps at it and does his share. Mt. Holly Herald 12/15/1883

The election passed off very quietly here on Tuesday. The only contest was over the position of Township Committeeman and Inspector of election. John W. Harris was elected on the committee over Hiram E. French by a vote of 101 to 89. For Inspector Chalkley C. Sears was elected over Willard F. Adams. Suwarrow M. French was elected Clerk; Howard Mathis, Collector; E. Russell Cranmer, Assessor; Joseph B. Cranmer and Albert A. Cranmer, Constables; Joseph P. Adams, Justice of the Peace. The election for road overseers was held on Thursday. Mt. Holly Herald 3/6/1889

The main fight here was at the caucus meeting in which both parties make a contest for the nominations. A union ticket is thus made up, composed of members of both parties, and is the only one voted on election day. The officers elected are: Town Clerk, S.M. French; Judge of Election, William T. Cramer; Inspectors of Election, C. Sears, S.A. Mortimer; Chosen Freeholder, C.W. Mathis; Collector, Howard Mathis; Assessor, M. W. Adams; Township Committee, Hiram E. French; Commissioners of Appeal, D.R. Adams, Joseph P. Adams, Joseph Gerew; Surveyors of Highways, Arthur H. Cramer, D.R. Adams; Justice of the Peace, M.B. Mathis; Overseer of Poor, Benjamin F. Headley; Pound Keeper, Willard F. Adams, William Moore. Mt. Holly Herald 3/15/1890

About fifty of the friends of Mr. And Mrs. Arnold Cramer proceeded by a call-thumpiah band marched to the home of Captain H.E. French, and gave them an informal reception on Saturday night. Mt. Holly Herald 10/20/1906

More About HIRAM ELBRIDGE FRENCH:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ  
Occupation: Farmer/Sailor in 1880  
Religion: New Gretna Presbyterian Church  
Residence: Allentown Road, New Gretna, NJ

Notes for MARY E. SEARS:

NEW GREटना PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS SHOW THAT:

- Mary E. was "received by letter from M. E. Church of New Gretna were Mrs. Mary E. French (wife of H. E. French)"
- Mrs. Mary E. French was baptised as an adult on April 28, 1872.
- Mrs. Mary E. French, wife of H.E. French, died August, 1919.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM REGARDING MARY WAS TRANSCRIBED FROM THE MT. HOLLY HERALD:

Mrs. Mary French has closed her home and will reside with her daughter, Mrs. Arnold Cramer. Mt. Holly Herald 10/9/1915

More About MARY E. SEARS:  
Baptism: 4/28/1872- New Gretna Presbyterian Church<sup>95</sup>  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ  
Religion: New Gretna Presbyterian Church

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More About HIRAM FRENCH and MARY SEARS:  
Marriage: 30 Dec 1860, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>96</sup>

Children of HIRAM FRENCH and MARY SEARS are:

- i. E. TUCKER<sup>9</sup> FRENCH, b. Mar 1862; d. 13 May 1862.

Notes for E. TUCKER FRENCH:

E. Tucker died at age 5 weeks (Burlington County Deaths)

More About E. TUCKER FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

- ii. PHOEBE S. FRENCH, b. Abt. 1864; m. JOHN H. WILSON, 22 Feb 1888, New Gretna, NJ<sup>97</sup>.

Notes for PHOEBE S. FRENCH:

Phoebe was listed as age 16 in the 1880 Bass River Township census which would make her birth year 1864.

Notes for JOHN H. WILSON:

John and Phoebe were married in New Gretna on 2/22/1888 by the Rev. T.S. Wilson. (NJ Mirror)

More About JOHN WILSON and PHOEBE FRENCH:

Marriage: 22 Feb 1888, New Gretna, NJ<sup>97</sup>

- iii. ELLA L. FRENCH, b. 1869; d. 1869.

More About ELLA L. FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

- iv. HAROLD E. FRENCH, b. 26 Jun 1873; d. 1875.

Notes for HAROLD E. FRENCH:

Bass River Methodist Church records show that Harold., son of Hiram and Mary E., was baptised as an infant on 1/1/1874 by Rev. John H. Boswell.

More About HAROLD E. FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

- v. MARY A. FRENCH, b. Abt. 1876.

Notes for MARY A. FRENCH:

Mary A. is listed as age 4 in the 1880 Bass River Township census making her birth year 1876.

77. vi. GERTRUDE M. FRENCH, b. Nov 1876; d. Nov 1948.

**67.** WILLIAM NELSON<sup>8</sup> FRENCH (*WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 12 Oct 1842 in Bass River, NJ, and died 08 Jul 1889 in Port Republic, NJ. He married MARY CAROLINE COLLINS 10 Dec 1865 in Port Republic, NJ, daughter of JOHN COLLINS and ELIZABETH CLARK. She was born 25 Aug 1839, and died 15 Apr 1923 in Gibbsboro, NJ<sup>98</sup>.

Notes for WILLIAM NELSON FRENCH:

The 1880 Atlantic City, NJ census lists William N. French (Age 38, Huckster) as the Head of Family 900 with the following: Caroline (Age 40, Wife), William C. (Age 10, Son), Alice M. (Age 8, Daughter), Emma B. (Age 6, Daughter), Bessie V. (Age 4, Daughter), and Samuel T. (Age 3, Son).

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THE FOLLOWING ITEM REGARDING WILLIAM NELSON WAS TRANSCRIBED FROM THE MT. HOLLY HERALD:

The Draft, for Burlington County, commenced in Trenton, on Thursday, with the following results: BASS RIVER- Enrolled 125 - Deficiency, 27 - Drawn, 54. William N. French was the 23rd name on the list. Mount Holly Herald 4/8/1865

More About WILLIAM NELSON FRENCH:

Burial: Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

Notes for MARY CAROLINE COLLINS:

Mary C. French was received by the New Gretna Presbyterian Church by certificate from M.E. Church of Port Republic on June 1, 1868. (New Gretna Presbyterian Church records)

The 1910 Port Republic census lists Mary C. French (Age 70, Widow) as the head of Household 88, Family 94 with her daughter, Bessie W. (Age 34, Single). Mary is listed as having 8 children born with 5 living at the time of the census. Mary's next door neighbor is Somers French (Age 69, Laborer); his daughter, Anna Flentze (Age 33, Widow); and grandchildren Violet Flentze (Age 5) and Lewis L. Flentze (Age 8).

More About MARY CAROLINE COLLINS:

Burial: Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and MARY COLLINS:

Marriage: 10 Dec 1865, Port Republic, NJ

Children of WILLIAM FRENCH and MARY COLLINS are:

- i. CORTLAND T.<sup>9</sup> FRENCH, b. 27 Aug 1866; d. 03 Oct 1867.

More About CORTLAND T. FRENCH:

Burial: Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

- ii. IONIA FRENCH, b. 10 Jun 1869; d. 16 Aug 1870.

More About IONIA FRENCH:

Burial: Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

78. iii. WILLIAM COLLINS FRENCH, b. 30 Jul 1870, Bass River, NJ; d. 25 Feb 1930, Collingswood, NJ.

- iv. ALICE MATILDA FRENCH, b. 22 Aug 1872; d. 1929.

More About ALICE MATILDA FRENCH:

Burial: Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

- v. EMMA BELLE FRENCH, b. 24 Mar 1874, New Gretna, NJ; d. 1955, Port Republic, NJ; m. UZZ ADAMS, 30 Nov 1895, Port Republic, NJ<sup>99</sup>.

More About UZZ ADAMS and EMMA FRENCH:

Marriage: 30 Nov 1895, Port Republic, NJ<sup>99</sup>

- vi. BESSIE VIRGINIA FRENCH, b. 02 Sep 1875, New Gretna, NJ; d. 03 Feb 1913, Port Republic, NJ; m. E. CLINTON JOHNSON, 14 Sep 1909, Port Republic, NJ<sup>99</sup>.

More About E. JOHNSON and BESSIE FRENCH:

Marriage: 14 Sep 1909, Port Republic, NJ<sup>99</sup>

79. vii. SAMUEL TILTON FRENCH, b. 23 Jan 1877; d. 1956.

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**68.** THOMAS E.<sup>8</sup> FRENCH (*FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 02 Dec 1824, and died 23 Dec 1906 in Atlantic City, NJ. He married MARY JANE GASKILL 29 Jul 1849 in Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>100</sup>, daughter of REUBEN GASKILL and HANNAH UNKNOWN. She was born 29 Mar 1830, and died 29 Jul 1904 in Atlantic City, NJ.

Notes for THOMAS E. FRENCH:

The 1850 Little Egg Harbor census lists Thomas E. French (Age 25, Waterman) as the head of Household 226, Family 229 as follows: Mary J. (Age 19) and Francis (Age 1/12).

The 1860 Little Egg Harbor census lists Thomas E. French (Age 35, Mariner) as the head of Household 358, Family 376 as follows: Mary J. (Age 30), Francis W. (Age 10) Lewis E. (Age 7), and Hosten D. (Age 6/12). Margaret M. French (Age 24) is listed as a domestic.

The 1870 Bass River Township census lists Thomas E. French (Age 45) as the head of Household 31 as follows: Mary Jane (Age 40), Francis W. (Age 20), Lewis E. (Age 17), Hannah E. (Age 4), Julia (Age 4), and Ellen G. (Age 2).

The 1880 Atlantic City, NJ census lists Thomas E. French (Age 55, "no Occupation") as the head of Family 420 as follows: Mary J. (Age 50, Wife), Hannah (Age 14, Daughter), Julia A. (Age 14, Daughter), Ellen J. (Age 12, Daughter), and Thomas (Age 8, Son).

BASS RIVER, April 12th 1864 Township Meeting Minutes: C. Wils. Esq. - The special Town Meeting of Bass River Township was held this day pursuant to the Act of its incorporation. The following officers were chosen, viz: Collector- Thomas E. French (D)

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING THOMAS E. WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

Isaac Cramer stole \$56.00 and a gold watch from house of Thomas E. French. Cramer exchanged the gold watch for a silver watch + \$15.00 at the Mt. Holly establishment of F. Austin. The Tuckerton Stage driver said he believed Cramer to be the thief. Cramer was caught in Philadelphia having spent \$53.00 of the money. Mt. Holly Herald 7/28/1853

Pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court, of the county of Burlington, made at the term of December, A. D. 1858, will be sold at public vendue, on THURSDAY, the Third day of March next, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, in the afternoon of said day, on the premises, the following described Real Estate, whereof Josephus Sears, late of the county of Burlington, died seized, viz: A TRACT OF LAND AND PREMISES, whereon Chalkley C. Sears now lives, in the township of Little Egg Harbour, in said county, containing 18 ACRES and -----hundredths(number of hundredths not state) of an acre of land. There is on said property a good and substantial frame Dwelling House, barn and other out-buildings. Any person wishing to view the premises, previous to sale, will be shown the same by Chalkley C. Sears, living thereon, or either of the subscribers. Conditions made known at sale by WILLIAM FRENCH, THOMAS E. FRENCH, JOSEPH B. CRAMMER, Commissioners. January 26, 1859. [1/27/1859 NJ Mirror]

Capt. Thomas E. French is putting the finishing touches upon his vessel and she will soon be ready to take the water. Although he spends most of his time here, Captain Tom still retains his residence in Atlantic county. It does one good to have a shake of his honest hand. Mt. Holly Herald 9/8/1883

Capt. Thomas E. French arrived at this port a few days ago, with his new vessel "Protection". Capt. Thomas intends to leave us, and make Atlantic City his permanent home. Mt. Holly Herald 3/1/1884

There was a lively ball at Capt. Thomas French's on Saturday evening. Two bands of music enlivened the occasion. Mt. Holly Herald 3/15/1884

BASS RIVER, May 24th, 1886. To the Editor of The Herald: Capt. Tom French seems to be much out

of humor over the opposition to the proposed road and bridge across the river. You can see where it pinches him. He has reformed greatly since he sold out his valuable property in this township and purchased a farm in Atlantic county. He sold out here because he wanted something to eat and could not get it here such as he wanted. He also gave other excuses but the greatest of all was the high taxes. His farm cost him about \$2500 at Chestnut Neck and he hopes to advance its value by saddling heavy tax on our township and both counties. When high taxes are to his advantage he favors them. This may be enterprise and it may be self-interest. Men of good judgment estimate the road will cost Bass River township more than \$3000 and they know as much as Capt. Tom. The meadow and marsh is soft and spongy in the bottom, exposed to the storm tides and the muskrats, not to mention other drawbacks. According to Capt. Tom there are two men in Atlantic county in favor of the bridge and one is himself. A great many people call Chestnut Neck the jumping-off place. [signed] NOT A DELINQUENT TAX-PAYER Mt. Holly Herald 5/29/1886

Capt. Thomas E. French is now the owner of the floating hotel Novelty and has anchored her at Chestnut Neck. Mt. Holly Herald 12/26/1891

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Burlington county was invaded Thursday last by Atlantic county Board of Freeholders. Director Currie was in command of the company.

The expedition was organized to view the site of the proposed Mullica river bridge near Chestnut Neck. Leaving Absecon in carriages at 11 A.M., the party drove through not very picturesque nor mountainous scenery to Chestnut Neck arriving there at 12:30. They inspected the road which is being built and is nearly finished to the Mullica river bank as an extension of the Port Republic road from the farm of John W. Johnson and through that of Capt. T.E. French. It consists of a foundation of pine log trimming, apparently coming from the mill, varied on both sides and filled in with meadow muck, to be topped with gravel.

Crossing the historic battlefield of Chestnut Neck the company swooped down upon Capt. Daniel Rose's oyster scow, which for then once was turned into a private yacht or ferry on which the invaders were soon safely landed in Burlington county. On that further shore they were met by Winfield S. French, William R. Lipponcott and Horace G. Ireland, the committee appointed by Burlington county to receive them.

Winfield S. French, as chairman, explained that the site was the narrowest part of the Mullica river which they found feasible for the building of the bridge. The channel was 28 feet deep, and the tide very swift during its rise and fall. It will require a bridge about 700 feet long, and the one they had in view would be substantial as well as ornamental, an iron bridge with a driveway 16 feet wide and the draw 23 to 25 feet in length. The bridge will cross the river obliquely so as to better withstand the swift current.

One carriage and two "jump seat" wagons were at the landing to convey the party to New Gretna, four miles distant to dine.

They were driven over the new road one mile and a half in length built expressly in anticipation of the bridge, and runs through a fine expanse of meadow land. It is built similarly to the one on the Atlantic county side.

A ten minute conference was held in the post office, deciding that Director Currie should call a special meeting of the Board of Freeholders between the 10th and 15th of June to decide whether the bridge is to be built or not, half at the expense of Atlantic county.

When work is started it will require about three months to complete the bridge. – Atlantic Times  
Mt. Holly Herald 12/13/1890

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More About THOMAS E. FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Occupation: Shipwright Laborer at marriage

More About MARY JANE GASKILL:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

More About THOMAS FRENCH and MARY GASKILL:

Marriage: 29 Jul 1849, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>100</sup>

Children of THOMAS FRENCH and MARY GASKILL are:

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- i. FRANCIS W.<sup>9</sup> FRENCH, b. 1850; m. FRANCES UNKNOWN.

Notes for FRANCIS W. FRENCH:

The 1850 census lists Frances W. as age 1/12 which would make his birth year 1850.

The 1870 Bass River Township census lists Francis W. French (Age 20) as the son of Thomas E. (Age 45) and Mary Jane (Age 40) French. His siblings are listed as Lewis E. (Age 17), Hannah E. (Age 4), Julia (Age 4), and Ellen G. (Age 2).

The 1880 Bass River Township census lists Francis French (Age 30, Farmer) as the head of Household 145 with Frances (Age 27, Wife, Keeps House).

80. ii. LEWIS E. FRENCH, b. 1853; d. 1920.  
iii. HOPE ALONZO FRENCH, b. 28 May 1855, Bass River Township, NJ<sup>101</sup>; d. 20 Jul 1855, Bass River Township, NJ<sup>101</sup>.

Notes for HOPE ALONZO FRENCH:

Little Egg Harbor Death Records show that Hope died of "croup" in Bass River on February 5, 1856 at the age of 9 months.

More About HOPE ALONZO FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

- iv. HOUSTEN D. FRENCH, b. 20 Dec 1859; d. 07 Jan 1864.

More About HOUSTEN D. FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

- v. HANNAH E. FRENCH, b. Abt. 1866.

Notes for HANNAH E. FRENCH:

Hannah was listed as age 4 in the 1870 Bass River Township census which makes her birth year 1866.

- vi. JULIA FRENCH, b. Abt. 1866.

Notes for JULIA FRENCH:

Julia was listed as age 4 in the 1870 Bass River Township census making her birth year 1866.

- vii. ELLEN G. FRENCH, b. Abt. 1868.

Notes for ELLEN G. FRENCH:

Ellen G. was listed as age 2 in the 1870 Bass River Township census making her birth year 1868.

81. viii. THOMAS HOUSTEN FRENCH, b. Abt. 1872.

**69.** DANIEL M.<sup>8</sup> FRENCH (*FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 04 May 1827, and died 24 Dec 1903. He married ELIZABETH B. GIBERSON<sup>102</sup>. She was born Jan 1827.

Notes for DANIEL M. FRENCH:

The 1860 Little Egg Harbor census lists Daniel M. French as the head of Household 408, Family 426 as follows: Elizabeth B. (Age 33), Mary A.B. (Age 7), and Suwarrow P. (Age 1). Daniel and Elizabeth are

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listed as being married 48 years with 6 children birthed and 3 children living.

The 1870 Bass River Township census lists Daniel M. French (Age 43) as the head of Household 115 as follows: Elizabeth B. (Age 43), Mary A.B. (Age 17), Suwarow M. (Age 11), and Wallace M. (Age 8).

The 1880 Bass River Township census lists Daniel M. French (Age 53, Sailor) as the head of Household 59 as follows: Elizabeth B. (Age 53, Wife, Keeps House), and Wallace M. (Age 19, Son, Works on Farm).

The 1910 Bass River Township census lists Daniel (Age 73) as the head of Household 38, Family 39 as follows: Elizabeth B. (Age 73, Wife) and Adella (Age 16, Granddaughter).

The 1913 Farm Journal Directory of Burlington County, NJ contains the following listing: Daniel M. French, New Gretna.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING DANIEL M. WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

Capt. D.M. French is building a new vessel 53 feet keel. It will be ready to sail in the spring. Josiah Lane is the builder. Mt. Holly Herald 12/15/1883

Daniel French has moved from the Thompson farm to Sarah Cramer's house on the Out West road. Mt. Holly Herald 2/27/1915

More About ELIZABETH B. GIBERSON:  
Residence: Elizabeth was from Atlantic City, NJ.<sup>102</sup>

Children of DANIEL FRENCH and ELIZABETH GIBERSON are:

- i. MARY A.<sup>9</sup> FRENCH, b. Abt. 1853.

Notes for MARY A. FRENCH:

Mary A. is listed at age 17 on the 1870 Bass River Township census making her birth year 1853.

- ii. ALFONSO D. FRENCH, b. 22 Nov 1854, Bass River Township, NJ<sup>103</sup>; d. 24 Dec 1855, Bass River Township, NJ<sup>103</sup>.

Notes for ALFONSO D. FRENCH:

Little Egg Harbor Death Records state that Alphonso died of "croup" on 12/24/1855 in Bass River at the age of one year.

More About ALFONSO D. FRENCH:

Burial: Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

- iii. JAMES T. FRENCH, b. 12 Feb 1857, Bass River Township, NJ; d. 16 Feb 1857, Bass River Township, NJ.
82. iv. SUWARROW M. FRENCH, b. 1859; d. 25 Oct 1924.
83. v. WALLACE M. FRENCH, b. 19 Aug 1861.
- vi. ANNA V. FRENCH, b. 25 Oct 1863; d. 1888; m. UNKNOWN.

More About ANNA V. FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

**70.** LEWIS M.<sup>8</sup> FRENCH (*FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 08 Mar 1829, and died 21 Dec 1909 in Vincentown, NJ<sup>104</sup>. He married MARY ELIZABETH CAVILEER<sup>105</sup> 07 Apr 1858 in Lower Bank, NJ<sup>106</sup>, daughter of REUBEN CAVILEER and ELIZA UNKNOWN. She was born 1827, and died 28 Sep 1890.

THE FRENCH FAMILY OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP, N.J.

Notes for LEWIS M. FRENCH:

The 1860 Little Egg Harbor census shows Lewis M. (Age 31) as the head of household 338, Family 355 as follows: Mary E. (Age 22) and Evalyn (Age 2/12).

The 1870 Bass River Township census lists Lewis M. French (Age 41) as the head of Household 51 as follows: Mary E. (Age 33), Eveline (Age 10), Irean (Age 8), Jesse (Age 3), and Lewis (Age 5/12).

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING LEWIS M. WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

Captain Lewis M. French is here now seeking to his farming and other business. He intends to make some improvements on his farms. Captain Lew is an enterprising man and makes a great amount of work for the working class in this place and also on land and water. That is the kind of men we need here. He is not inclined to keep all of his money to himself. He wishes to see this world rolling around for the good of the people. Mt. Holly Herald 1/19/1886

When Lewis M. French, uncle of Mrs. Ernest D. Holeman and G. W. A. French, of Mount Holly, died at his home in Vincentown on Tuesday last (presumably a reference to December 21, 1909) he was the fifth of his generation of the French family to die within five years, four other brothers and sisters having passed away in that time. Mr. French was at one time a very wealthy man, having made a large fortune in lumber dealing, but litigation connected with his business caused some reverses and after his second marriage to a Vincentown woman he chose to live a retired life at that place. At one time he maintained handsome homes at New Gretna for his son and at Brooklyn for his daughter. ... [Summary of obituary NJ Mirror 12/29/1909]

More About LEWIS M. FRENCH:

Occupation: Sea Captain/Farmer in 1880 census

Notes for MARY ELIZABETH CAVILEER:

NEW GREटना PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS SHOW THAT:

- Mary Elizabeth French, became a member of the New Gretna Presbyterian Church on Apr. 28, 1872.
- Mrs. Mary E. French, Wife of Capt. Louis French, died 9/28/1890.

More About MARY ELIZABETH CAVILEER:

Religion: Presbyterian

Marriage Notes for LEWIS FRENCH and MARY CAVILEER:

Lewis M. French (age 29) of Bass River and Elizabeth Cavileer (age 19) of Lower Bank were married by Nicholas VanSant in Lower Bank, NJ on April 7, 1858. (Washington Township Marriage Records)

More About LEWIS FRENCH and MARY CAVILEER:

Marriage: 07 Apr 1858, Lower Bank, NJ<sup>106</sup>

Children of LEWIS FRENCH and MARY CAVILEER are:

- i. LOVENIA<sup>9</sup> FRENCH, b. 1864; d. 1865.

More About LOVENIA FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

- ii. LOUIE FRENCH, b. 19 Jan 1870; d. 26 Apr 1871.

More About LOUIE FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

- iii. EVELINE FRENCH<sup>107</sup>, b. 10 Mar 1860.
- iv. IRENE FRENCH, b. Abt. 1862.

Notes for IRENE FRENCH:

Irene was listed as age 8 in the 1870 Bass River Township census making her birth year 1862.

- v. JESSE FRENCH, b. Abt. 1867.

Notes for JESSE FRENCH:

Jesse was listed as age 3 in the 1870 Bass River Township census making her birth year 1867.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING JESSE WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

At a wrestling match at Bridgeport last Thursday between Jesse French and William Leek, the latter was thrown against the corner of a bench cutting his head open. The wound bled profusely. Mt. Holly Herald 5/8/1886

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A remonstrance was presented against the granting of a license to Charles R. Deacon to keep a hotel at New Gretna, and the court announced that it would hear the case at once:

The application was presented by Eckard P. Budd, Esq., who stated that it was properly drawn and contained the requisite number of freeholders.

Joseph H. Gaskill, who appeared for the remonstrants, said some of the signers had also signed Catherine McKeen's application. But the main objection was that the hotel had been kept in defiance of the law, and was not a necessity, also, that the applicant had sold liquor on election day, on Sundays and to minors.

Darius Cramer was the first witness. He lives at New Gretna, and said he procured liquor at Deacon's before he was of age on several occasions in company with other minors, Jesse French, William Trueax, Godfrey Darby, and Jon Cramer's son. Witness had played pool there. Witness was of age last April. He only remembered having but one drink there when he was under age. He couldn't remember what it was he drank, whether it was beer, whiskey or "soft stuff."

William Trueax will be of age next month, and couldn't tell how long he had lived at New Gretna. He said that he had bought beer at Deacon's hotel by the drink, also, "apple ginger," but never "treated the house." He had seen several minors drink there, but couldn't tell how long the hotel was kept open on Saturday nights. Pool and dice were played there, and several time disturbances had occurred. Witnesses had played pool there with minors. He was unable to say whether he looked older now than he did a few months ago when he procured the drinks. The only time he saw Godfrey Darby drink there was when the latter sneaked a drink of apple ginger off the bar. Darby got his drink the night the band was there.

John F. Cramer a life-long resident of New Gretna, who said he had known Charles R. Deacon from infancy, then took the stand. He said he was not a Prohibitionist, and took a drink when he felt that he needed it. He had visited Deacon's hotel and seen minors drink there. Jess French used to have his drinks smuggled to him by some one in the crowd, and after that Jess would go up and take his medicine like any one else. Witness's son had also drank there; also a young man from Mount Holly by the name of Holeman; don't know whether his first name was Ernest or not. One took beer and the other whiskey. Pool was played there by two men- one of whom assaulted the Methodist preacher.

Godfrey Darby is between 16 and 17 years old, and is quite boyish looking. Witness had seen drunken men around the hotel on Sundays. Alonzo Johnson and Blanchard

Adams got that way and were stowed away in the hay mow one Sunday. At another Willard Adams got a bottle filled with something that looked like liquor. He thought Deacon's hotel was not necessary; most of the people stopped at Lamson's. Not long since one man went there drunk and came near turning Deacon out of the hotel and taking possession. Mr. Deacon has kept the hotel open until 2 o'clock in the morning.

Jesse French then stood up for the court to see how old he looked. Judge Black than said: "I should think he was thirty-five years old."

Judge Black here interrupted Mr. Budd in his examination by remarking that the law against the sale of liquor to minors applied only to student of colleges and apprentices.

Mr. Gaskill insisted, however, that it was proper to show that minors had procured liquor there, as showing the character of the house.

"You have a feeling against Mr. Deacon haven't you?" asked Mr. Budd.

"Yes, I had a little racket with him." Answered the witness. The particulars, however, were ruled out by the court.

Samuel Johnson testified that he lived in New Gretna, and has a brother Alonzo, who is 19 years of age, and is a carpenter by trade.

Witness had worked for Mr. Deacon and had seen Alonzo drink there despite of his forbidding Mr. Deacon selling him liquor. The latter once said he would sell Alonzo what he wanted when he had the money, but afterwards Mr. Deacon said he would not sell him any more. Witness said Jess French and young Holeman sucked fancy drinks through straws on Sunday night; he didn't know the name of the drinks. Last election day witness had a drink of rye whiskey there, but couldn't tell whether it was paid for or not. Constable Cramer also had a nip that day. It was put down on the slate, as witness has an account there. Witness admitted that he had a difference with Mr. Deacon, and had threatened to have his license taken away.

Alonzo Johnson, 19 years old, said he had visited Deacon's hotel several times, and drank there three or four hundred times during the last three months, and had spent about \$35. Witness had the drinks taken out of his wages on Saturday night when he worked for Mr. Deacon; he had been drunk there, but generally kept on his feet. Witness had procured liquor there on Sundays of Mr. Deacon. The latter had asked witness how old he was, but witness refused to tell him.

Maja B. Mathis testified that he had seen people playing pool for drinks at Deacon's and had seen the man losing the game pay for the drinks. John F. Cramer was engaged in a disturbance there once.

John O. Mathis was called by the defense. He said Deacon kept the best hotel that had ever been kept in the township, and he thought it was needed.

Joseph B. Cramer said the hotel was needed there, and was well kept. He denied Samuel Johnson's statement that he had paid for liquor on election day.

Charles W. Cramer also thought the hotel there was a necessity, and had been well kept. He had heard Samuel Johnson threaten to have Deacon's license taken away from him.

Jesse French testified that he never obtained liquor at Deacon's hotel until he told Mr. Deacon that he was of age. Ernest Holeman, of Mount Holly had once offered Mr. Deacon \$1 in payment of drinks, but the money was handed back to him.

Blanchard Adams denied the statements made by Alonzo Johnson that he had procured liquor there on Sunday.

Charles R. Deacon, the applicant, testified as to the accommodations for the public at his hotel. He admitted having sold liquor to Jesse French, but supposed him to be of age. He denied having sold drinks to Darby, and never allowed pool to be played for drinks.

The case was adjourned until Monday morning.

On Monday morning the concluding argument in the contested license case of Charles R. Deacon was made.

Judge Parker said a majority of the court had decided to grant the license, but wanted it understood that any future violation of the law would be promptly dealt with. Mt. Holly Herald 10/1/1887

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GREENBUSH: A picnic was given on the 15th to raise money to furnish the school house, without raising the funds by taxing the citizens. Everything went off pleasantly until

about 10 o'clock at night when a man was seen carrying a five gallon demijohn of whiskey near the grounds. About a dozen young fellows were following him and he dealt out the stuff in a tin cup. As a consequence, they all fell by the wayside and none of them got near the picnic. After the picnic Constable Jesse French and Maja Mathis took care of them and put them in Levi French's new barn to let them sober off. It seems to be the general opinion of those who are in the ring that more liquor is now sold and drank in and around New Gretna than ever before. Some of it comes from West Creek and some from Atlantic City. A favorite refrain with the frolicking party at the picnic was:

"Whiskey is very high in New Gretna  
Whiskey is very high in New Gretna  
Whiskey is very high and we got it on the sly  
And we'll have it if we die,  
In New Gretna"

Mt. Holly Herald 9/15/1891

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Jesse French has assumed the duty of draw tender for the Mullica River iron bridge. Mt. Holly Herald 5/22/1897

Jesse French, a well known resident of Bass River, has been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment in Moyamensing prison, Philadelphia, for forging a check for \$12 on William Atkinson, of Burlington, which he had cashed by a Philadelphia hotel keeper. French's only defense was the only support of his aged father, which will be news to the latter. Mt. Holly Herald 5/2/1899

vi. LEWIS E. FRENCH, b. Abt. 1869.

Notes for LEWIS E. FRENCH:

Lewis E. was listed as age 5 months in the 1870 Bass River Township census making his birth year 1870.

**71.** BURROWS MILLER<sup>8</sup> FRENCH (*FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 29 Mar 1837, and died 29 Jan 1891 in Philadelphia, Pa. He married MARY SOOY CAVILEER<sup>108</sup> 23 Jan 1857 in Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>109</sup>, daughter of DAVID CAVILEER and PHOEBE CALE. She was born 12 Oct 1838, and died 29 May 1920.

Notes for BURROWS MILLER FRENCH:

The 1860 Little Egg Harbor census lists Burris French (Age 23, Merchant) as the head of Household 412, Family 430 as follows: Mary (Age 21) and Walter S. (Age 2).

The 1870 Bass River Township census list Burris M. French (Age 33) as the head of Household 112 as follows: Mary S. (Age 22), Walter S. (Age 12), Burris M. (Age 9), and Phebe A. (Age 7).

The 1880 Bass River Township census lists Burris M. French (Age 43, Sailor) as the head of Household 19 as follows: Mary S. (Age 42, Wife, Keeps House), Walter S. (Age 22, Son, Sailor), Burris W. (Age 19, Son, Farmer), and Phebe A. (Age 17, Daughter, At Home).

BASS RIVER, April 12th 1864 Town Meeting: C. Wils. Esq.: The special Town Meeting of Bass River Township was held this day pursuant to the Act of its incorporation. The following officers were chosen, viz: Pound Keepers- Burrows M. French, (D), Daniel McCoy, (R)

Burrows M. French (Democrat) was listed as "Poundkeeper" in the April 12th 1864 Town Meeting of Bass River Township along with Daniel McCoy (Republican).

Howe's Burlington County Directory, 1887-8 lists the following- "Burrows M. French, general store".

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING BURROWS M. WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

Francis French has sold out his store to his brother Capt. Burrows M. French. The latter was tired of the hard and wearing life of a mariner and proposes to do "shore duty" for the rest of his days. Mt. Holly Herald 9/8/1883

The schooner W.S. French, of Bass River, with a party of twelve excursionists returning from Atlantic City to New Gretna, capsized near Peter's Beach on Monday morning. The passengers were all saved by Yachtsmen and brought ashore. The schooner was finally righted and floated. Mt. Holly Herald 9/8/1883

F. French and Samuel Downs have been in our place for the past 2 days taking account of stock in the store of Francis French, now about changing hands to Capt. B.M. French. The old store is a good stand and we think will be very nicely conducted for time to come as is his intention to make it a first class store. Mt. Holly Herald 9/15/1883

On Saturday evening, there was held at the hotel a delegate meeting. Capt. B.M. French being chosen as delegate to attend the State convention. Mt. Holly Herald 9/15/1883

It is too bad that THE HERALD has no regular correspondent from New Gretna; it isn't because we are all ignorant but because we are all too busy at our daily avocations. If we had any retired doctors, lawyers or merchants, I have no doubt but that you would have plenty of notice from New Gretna and as a word of encouragement to the readers of THE HERALD, I will say that I think ere 1885 shall have drawn there will be several retired merchants in our town, for stores are too thick to thrive. Yet each firm seems to possess some requisites which are essential to success. For instance, B.M. French & Co., have the capital and stand; Adams & Bro., are workers and persevering; Cramer is attentive and very anxious to do business, so anxious that sometimes we are told he sells below cost; perhaps he is like the woman who sold brooms at ½ c. below cost, who when told that she could not be making much, replied: "Oh, I sell so many of them or I would not." H.E. French still keeps at it and does his share. Mt. Holly Herald 12/15/1883

The schooner yacht W.S. French of which Capt. Burrows M. French is the sole owner, has been thoroughly overhauled and is now ready to tackle anything of her dimensions on the river. She can accommodate fishing parties nicely and many a pleasant time in her is anticipated this summer. Mt. Holly Herald 6/27/1885

R. Ashley Mathis, clerk in B.M. French & Co's store and Freeholder Joseph B. Lamson, are candidates for the postmastership. They have been in the field for some months but lately they have kept quiet. As postmaster Adams is dead, something will have to be done now. Mt. Holly Herald 9/5/1885

Capt. Burrows M. French has sold his store at New Gretna to R. Ashley and Howard Mathis. Capt. French prefers a seafaring life, and is now running a vessel between New York and Virginia. Mt. Holly Herald 5/29/1886

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Once more, in a most sad manner, has been illustrated the saying that trouble rarely comes singly. Our whole community was shocked, a week ago, with that startling news that comes so frequently to the homes of a sea-faring community – a vessel struck, and lives lost!

This time it touched us more deeply, for two were taken, both from the same household- father and son.

As Capt. Burrows M. French was going down the beach, on the evening of Jan. 27th, his vessel was run into by a foreign steamer, about 15 miles off the Delaware capes, and sunk. All on board were saved excepting Winfield S. French, son of the Capt. who was carried down in the sinking vessel. The Capt. Himself was so seriously injured in the accident that he survived only two days, passing away in the Pennsylvania hospital in Phila. His body was buried from his home in New Gretna on Sunday last. Capt. French was widely known throughout this community, having lived both in Tom's River and Barnegat as well as in New Gretna, and especially among sea-faring men.

Born in 1837 on his father's farm on the Bass River, he was early given a liking for the water by the fact that his father was a ship-carpenter as well as a farmer, and as each of his oldest sons became of age, secured for them the charge of one of the vessels of his own building. Capt. French, took command of the last vessel that his father built. He started his sea-faring life at the age of 19, and has followed the water ever since, having acquired much experience, and being esteemed by all ship owners as one of the ablest Captains in the coast trade.

He was married about 33 years ago to Miss. Mary Cavileer, who survived him, and has had three children; one, Winfield, was carried down in the sinking vessel at the time his father received his fatal injuries; the other two, a son and a daughter, are both married. At the time of his death arrangements were being made for the marriage of Winfield which was to have occurred in about two months. He had left home to make his first trip with his father only the Friday before, joined the vessel in New York on Saturday and on Tuesday evening he met his death.

In 1852 when Capt. French's father died, there was left a family of ten children and their mother, with the exception of the mother's death in 1878, this is the first death in that family circle.

A large company of friends gathered together to follow the body to its last earthly resting place- and many more who had been associated with him in the sea-faring business were only deterred from being present because of their inability to reach the place.

Six of his nephews, Frances French, Jesse French, Suwarrow M. French, Clinton French, Earnest Bodine, and E. Russell Cramer, acted as pall bearers.

He was buried on Sunday Feb. 1st in the Miller Cemetery in New Gretna.

#### THE COLLISION AS DESCRIBED BY AN EYE WITNESS:

. . . John Adams, who was cook with Capt. French on the schooner Minnie & Gussie said, "Just one week ago, we started from Sandy Hook with a South wind, everything was going a long lovely when down toward the capes Wednesday night about six o'clock, we saw a steamer's mast-head light which afterward proved to be the Macedonia. In a short time the port or red light was seen and as she came nearer both red and green lights showed, which told us she was coming straight toward us until within a minute by porting the helm instead of putting it starboard which would have cleared us showed to us plainly the red light which we knew well meant destruction. The steamer struck us just forward of the mizzen chain cutting a large hole in the schooner and damaged the steamer somewhat, the moment the two boats came together, some of us boarded the steamer, and as soon as they swung aside each other, the balance of the crew boarded her with the exception of Capt. French who went up the rigging, as the water rose, and was taken off of the mast-head by the steamer's life boat, and Winnie who had not left the wheel, and at the last minute ran down to the cabin, and nothing more was seen of him. The mate of the steamer said the green light on the schooner was not burning and I showed it to him when she was going down, and to-day here we are at the funeral of the Captain who died from his injuries, and the son lies at the bottom of the sea"

Tuckerton Beacon; Jan., 1891

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While off the Delaware capes on Tuesday evening the Macedonia, under a full headway, collided with the schooner Minnie and Gussie, completely splitting her in halves, killing Second Mate Winfield S. French and seriously injuring Captain French. Three other members of the crew were barely rescued from the waves. Captain French had both legs badly cut, one arm broken, and internal injuries. He had been taken to the hospital, and it is believed that he will recover.

The Minnie and Gussie laden with 300 tons of phosphate sailed from New York Sunday night last bound to Norfolk, and met with favorable weather all along the coast. About 6:30 Tuesday night Cape Henlopen, bearing north northwest, fifteen miles while the schooner was on the port tack heading west southwest, the steamer coming directly upon her was sighted.

Abiding strictly to the law governing such cases, Captain French held his course throughout, but it is evident that those on board the steamer did not see the schooner.

As the steamer approached, her name could nearly be distinguished by the forward lookout. Suddenly those on board the steamship sighted the schooner, and hove the helm down hard aport in effort to throw the ship's head inshore and clear of the craft.

The vessels were in too close proximity and before the huge tramp felt her port helm she crashed into the Minnie and Gussie's port quarter and severed it completely from the other portion of the vessel. Huge planks and beams were smashed into splinters for hundreds of feet around. Efforts on the part of

the schooner's crew to launch the lifeboats proved futile as their vessel was fast going under them. As a last resort they took to the rigging and climbed aloft, keeping pace with the water as the vessel went from beneath them. Captain French, who was nearly unconscious from injuries received hauled himself aloft, although almost covered with blood.

When the schooner struck bottom, leaving a portion of the topmast heads above water, this saved the crew. On the rigging they perched themselves and were rescued after much difficulty by the steamer's boat.

At the time of the accident Second Mate French hurried down into the cabin to save some valuables. While down here he must have been pinioned to death by the crushed beams or caught so that it was impossible for him to escape. He was thirty years of age and the captain's son. On reaching the Delaware Breakwater medical assistance was sent for, and Dr. Orr came off and dressed the wounds on Captain French.

At the time the Macedonia crashed into the Minnie and Gussie she was steering southeast three-quarter east to clear Fenwick's Island before shaping her course for Cape Henry. The night was bright and the chief officer was on the bridge with the helmsman. Captain Leisk was in the chart room at the time, but rushed on deck on hearing the excitement just in time to see both vessels come together. They collided with such force that the Macedonia's iron bows on the port were smashed in and the forward compartments filled with water.

Captain Leisk feels keenly the accident. On the outward passage Captain Leisk was knocked down by a heavy sea and had barely recovered from the effects when this occurred.

The Minnie and Gussie was owned in New York by J. Blenderman and was built in Tottenville, L.I., in 1883. She was valued at \$15,000 and her cargo at \$10,000. The crew saved none of their effects.

Winfield S. French was in Mount Holly on Saturday calling on a number of friends, and left in the afternoon for New York to go on board the ill-fated vessel. He was a man of genial manners, and his death called forth many expressions of regret. Mt. Holly Herald 1/31/1891

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#### New Gretna:

Never in the existence of this town was such startling news received as the reports which the daily papers of Thursday, January 29th brought to us. "The schooner Minnie and Gussie run down by the steamer Macedonia - Winfield S. French lost in the collision and Capt. B. M. French badly hurt."

Tears trickled down the cheeks of their neighbors as they read the sad news, and the person's heart in this community that did not have a feeling of sorrow would be hard to find, and as could see groups of friends standing around and conversing over the sad, sad report, it was an easy matter to tell how heart broken every one was, while the death of Winfield was a severe blow and the shock the people had received, had scarcely passed over when a telegram, announcing the death of Capt. B.M. French was received, you can scarcely imagine the feelings of this community.

Capt. B. M. French leaves a wife and one son, Capt. Walter French, and one daughter, Mrs. J. W. Harris. The day Capt. French died, his wife and daughter were in Philadelphia, and within one block of where the Captain expired, wholly unaware of the accident which had befallen him. Mrs. French and daughter arrived at New Gretna at about 9 o'clock, that evening, and at their home received the sad news. Mrs. French's grief cannot be explained on paper, and while the rest of the family are heartbroken over the affair, they on account of Mrs. French, are required to put the best appearance forward, she requiring their almost united attention.

Capt. French's body was brought home on Friday. The funeral took place at his residence on Sunday, at 12 M. Six nephews acted as pall bearers, viz Clinton French, Jesse French, S. M. French, Francis French, Earnest Bodine and E. Russell Cramer. A large number of relatives and acquaintances from all along the shore, also from New York, were present.

Capt. French was a very large man, his weight being 310 pounds, and had followed the sea all of his life. He was a good neighbor and a man with a big heart and would accommodate his fellow man when an opportunity offered itself to do so. The family have the sympathy of the entire community in their great trial.

Winfield S. French was a single young man, about 30 years of age, and had served in the Board of Freeholders for two years, 1888-89. He had followed the sea but little, having mostly staid at home taking charge there. On Friday morning, January 23d. he left New Gretna for New York to make a trip or two with his father. On Tuesday evening, January 27th, at about 6.30 P.M. when 15 miles off Cape Henlopen, Winfield was at the helm, the steamer Macedonia collided with the Minnie and Gussie, tearing a big hole in her side, from which she soon filled with water and went to the bottom in some sixty feet of water. There were seven men on board, five of which made their escape to the steamer. -

Capt. French, with a broken arm and limbs badly cut and bruised, managed to climb up the rigging and was taken off. - The schooner was some seven minutes in sinking. Winfield was on her deck and for four or five minutes walking around apparently unconcerned. The others called to him and tried to persuade him to make an effort to save his life, but received no response from him; suddenly he made a rush for the cabin and was seen no more. No doubt the poor fellow had lost all presence of mind. Winfield was kind and courteous to all. Everybody liked him and many a tear has been dropped on account of his sad end. No boy was ever better than he was to his mother; always, up to the few days before his death, being at home and ever willing and ready to assist her. Winfield was a model young man. - Arrangements have been made to get the body. This will be a comfort to his mother, relatives and friends, and it is the desire of all that it may be accomplished. - Mrs. French and the relatives have the sympathy of all the community and may the good Saviour, who has seen best to afflict, may he also comfort and protect them. [newspaper & date unknown, probably Mount Holly Herald]

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Business Section at New Gretna Swept By Fire - Post Office, Store, Restaurant and Pool Room in Ashes: Result of Mid-Night Blaze - The store owned and occupied by Mr. Cramer, was an old landmark of New Gretna and was built by the late Levi French more than a half century ago. In the building Mr. French carried on a general merchandise business for many years. Later the business was taken over by Francis French, then Burr French and Howard Mathis. Later Mr. Mathis and his brother Ashley formed the partnership firm of Mathis Brothers and when this firm dissolved the business was continued by Ashley Mathis until his death, when the property was bought by the present owner. [Abstract from 1/10/1917 newspaper article. See Notes for Levi French (21) to read entire article.]

More About BURROWS MILLER FRENCH:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ  
Occupation: Sea Captain and Store Owner  
Residence: Bass River before marriage

More About MARY SOOY CAVILEER:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ  
Residence: Bass River before marriage

More About BURROWS FRENCH and MARY CAVILEER:  
Marriage: 23 Jan 1857, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>109</sup>

Children of BURROWS FRENCH and MARY CAVILEER are:

- i. WALTER S.<sup>9</sup> FRENCH, b. Abt. 1858, New Gretna, NJ<sup>110</sup>; m. ANNIE B. PALMER, 05 Jan 1881, Tuckerton, NJ<sup>110</sup>; b. Abt. 1856, Tuckerton, NJ; d. 15 Feb 1946, Philadelphia, Pa..

Notes for WALTER S. FRENCH:  
Walter was listed as age 2 in the 1860 Little Egg Harbor census making his birth year 1858.

More About WALTER S. FRENCH:  
Occupation: Sea Captain in 1900 Little Egg Harbor census

Notes for ANNIE B. PALMER:  
The 1890 census lists Annie's age as 44, and Tuckerton Methodist Church marriage records lists Annie's age as 25 at her 1/5/1881 wedding to Walter S. French. Both would confirm a birth year of 1856.

More About ANNIE B. PALMER:  
Burial: Elizabeth, NJ  
Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida

Marriage Notes for WALTER FRENCH and ANNIE PALMER:  
Walter S. French from New Gretna and Annie V. Palmer from Tuckerton were married in the Tuckerton United Methodist Church by Rev. S.S. Weatherby on January 5, 1881. Walter's occupation was listed as "Seaman." (Tuckerton United Methodist Church

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Marriage Records)

More About WALTER FRENCH and ANNIE PALMER:  
Marriage: 05 Jan 1881, Tuckerton, NJ<sup>110</sup>

- ii. BURROWS M. FRENCH, JR., b. 20 Oct 1860.
- iii. PHOEBE A. FRENCH, b. 28 Sep 1862; d. 1944; m. JOHN W. HARRIS, 24 Jun 1888, Mt. Holly, NJ<sup>111</sup>.

Notes for PHOEBE A. FRENCH:

Bass River Methodist Church records show that Phebe A. was baptised as an adult at her home in New Gretna on 3/3/1883 by Rev. S.H. Potter.

More About PHOEBE A. FRENCH:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ in Burrows M. French Plot

More About JOHN W. HARRIS:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ in Burrows M. French Plot

More About JOHN HARRIS and PHOEBE FRENCH:  
Marriage: 24 Jun 1888, Mt. Holly, NJ<sup>111</sup>

- iv. WINFIELD S. FRENCH, b. 06 Oct 1860; d. 27 Jan 1891, At Sea.

Notes for WINFIELD S. FRENCH:

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING WINFIELD S. WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

The caucus meeting was held on Saturday and passed off very quietly. Winfield S. French, to the surprise of every one, received the nomination for Chosen Freeholder. The defeated candidate bore himself like a man, and had no hard words for any one. The nominees were afterwards tendered a serenade by the band. Mt. Holly Herald 3/7/1885

Some of our boys are not of the wayward sort, but occasionally take a hand at elections (for instance, think of last November), and they feel willing to wager and give odds that Winfield S. French will be the man to succeed Lamson as Freeholder from Bass River township. Mt. Holly Herald 2/5/1887

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Burlington county was invaded Thursday last by Atlantic county Board of Freeholders. Director Currie was in command of the company.

The expedition was organized to view the site of the proposed Mullica river bridge near Chestnut Neck. Leaving Absecon in carriages at 11 A.M., the party drove through not very picturesque nor mountainous scenery to Chestnut Neck arriving there at 12:30. They inspected the road which is being built and is nearly finished to the Mullica river bank as an extension of the Port Republic road from the farm of John W. Johnson and through that of Capt. T.E. French. It consists of a foundation of pine log trimming, apparently coming from the mill, varied on both sides and filled in with meadow muck, to be topped with gravel.

Crossing the historic battlefield of Chestnut Neck the company swooped down upon Capt. Daniel Rose's oyster scow, which for then once was turned into a private yacht or ferry on which the invaders were soon safely landed in Burlington county. On that further shore they were met by Winfield S. French, William R. Lipponcott and Horace G. Ireland, the committee appointed by Burlington county to receive them.

Winfield S. French, as chairman, explained that the site was the narrowest part of the Mullica river which they found feasible for the building of the bridge. The channel was 28

feet deep, and the tide very swift during its rise and fall. It will require a bridge about 700 feet long, and the one they had in view would be substantial as well as ornamental, an iron bridge with a driveway 16 feet wide and the draw 23 to 25 feet in length. The bridge will cross the river obliquely so as to better withstand the swift current.

One carriage and two "jump seat" wagons were at the landing to convey the party to New Gretna, four miles distant to dine.

They were driven over the new road one mile and a half in length built expressly in anticipation of the bridge, and runs through a fine expanse of meadow land. It is built similarly to the one on the Atlantic county side.

A ten minute conference was held in the post office, deciding that Director Currie should call a special meeting of the Board of Freeholders between the 10th and 15th of June to decide whether the bridge is to be built or not, half at the expense of Atlantic county.

When work is started it will require about three months to complete the bridge. –

Atlantic Times

Mt. Holly Herald 12/13/1890

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SEE NOTES FOR BURROWS M. FRENCH FOR AN ACCOUNT OF THE SHIP ACCIDENT RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF WINFIELD S.

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More About WINFIELD S. FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ in Burrows M. French Plot

**72.** LEVI<sup>8</sup> FRENCH (*FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 13 Jun 1841, and died 03 May 1905. He married JULIA ADELIN ADAMS<sup>12</sup> 11 Apr 1861 in Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>13</sup>, daughter of JOSEPH ADAMS and ANN BRUSH. She was born 07 Apr 1840 in Lower Bank, NJ, and died 09 Jun 1895 in New Gretna, NJ.

Notes for LEVI FRENCH:

The 1870 Bass River Township census lists Levi French (Age 29) as the head of Household 53 as follows: Julia (Age 30), Levi E. (Age 7), George M. (Age 3), and Clara R. (Age 1).

The 1880 Bass River Township census lists Levi French (Age 39, Farmer) as the head of Household 61 as follows: Julia A. (Age 40, Wife, Keeps House), Levi C. (Age 17, Son, At School), George W.A. (Age 13, Son, At School), Clara R. (Age 11, Daughter, At School), Lela M. (Age 7, Daughter, At School), Richard M. (Age 5, Son, At School), and Charles S. (Age 3, Son).

The 1900 Bass River Township census lists Levi French (Age 58, born June 1841) as the head of Household 100, Family 103 as follows: Leah (Age 27, born April 1873, Daughter), Stanley (Age 22, born January 1878, Son), and Mary S. (Age 59, born October 1840, Servant).

BASS RIVER, April 12th 1864 Township Meeting: C. Wils. Esq.: The special Town Meeting of Bass River Township was held this day pursuant to the Act of its incorporation. The following officers were chosen, viz: Chosen Freeholder- Levi French (D)

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The McKeen Hotel at the Wading River Bridge was destroyed by fire sometime in early 1888 as evidenced by the following 6/13/1888 letter from County Clerk, Levi French, to Catherine McKeen. [ Original letter in possession of Steve Eichinger, Wading River at Bridgeport. ]

Mount Holly, N.J. June 13th, 1888  
Catherine McKeen,  
Madam

In reply to your [letter] of a few days ago which I had overlooked, I will state that there is no doubt but you may sell your liquors by the quart where you now live. Yet there is a strong doubt as to your

right to sell by the drink at any place except the house you lived in when your license was granted. You could rebuild on the old foundation and sell after you rebuild until the license expires.

I don't think that any body would trouble you if you sold by the drink provided you have Hotel accommodations. Or that the court would notice a complaint if you were complained of under the circumstances, But of course there is a risk about it. And you will be the best judge as to whether you will take it.

Yours very truly  
Levi French

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Levi French Extrx to New Gretna Town Hall Company deed is recorded in the Burlington County Courthouse deeds Book No. 298, p. 488 (1892).

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING LEVI WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

The Draft, for Burlington County, commenced in Trenton, on Thursday, with the following results: BASS RIVER- Enrolled 125 - Deficiency, 27 - Drawn, 54. Levi M. French was the 14th name on the list. Mount Holly Herald 4/8/1865

The Rev. Mr. Boswell, pastor of the M.E. church at Bass River was very severe on Joseph P. Adams on Sunday last. He accused him of being very religious and temperate when at home but when away, the reverse. Mr. Adams has had some trouble with his church we believe, and is not now a member. While Mr. Boswell could not call Levi French either a professor of religion or an advocate of the temperance cause, he gave him credit for not being two-faced. The charge of hypocrisy on the part of Joseph P. Adams coming from the pulpit will seriously hurt him. Mt. Holly Herald 10/31/1874

The schooner Rob Roy, captain Josiah Cale, owned by Rapp & Sons of New York, and running between that city and Bass River, went ashore opposite the lighthouse while trying to come in the inlet on Wednesday night, the 1st inst. She was loaded with store goods, feed, &c., the principal part of which belonged to L. & F. French, of Tuckerton and New Gretna. There being a heavy swell on at the time, the schooner was thrown up on the beach so that the crew could walk ashore dry-footed on the low water. She immediately bilged and before the cargo was taken out it was damaged to about 50 per cent of its value. There were two barrels of whiskey on board which it is needless to say were promptly saved. The schooner will be a total loss. Mt. Holly Herald 9/11/1875

The schooner Cora loaded with hoop poles one day last week at Bridgeport, Wading River, for New York. When off Squan on Monday about 4 A.M. she began to leak badly and was at once driven ashore opposite lifesaving station No. 11 and is now a total wreck. The surf boat was launched at 9 A.M., the wreck boarded at 9:05, the crew taken off and the boat returned to the beach at 9:30. The Cora was an old boat and was manned as follows: J. Frank McKeen, captain, Samuel McKeen, mate, Jesse Williams, Joshua Kaywood and William Adams, sailors. The hoop poles belonged to Levi French and were worth about \$550. The Cora was owned by Samuel McKeen, John Cavileer and Samuel Crowley. The whole outfit is a total loss. Mt. Holly Herald 11/18/1875

Levi French, New Gretna, N.J. Surveyor, Conveyancer and Master in Chancery. Old titles investigated in Burlington and Ocean counties. Refers to Franklin W. Earl, Prof. E. Haas and others. [Advertisement] Mt. Holly Herald 2/24/1883

The regular caucus ticket was elected with the exception of Theodore C. Allen for Committee who was beaten by William G. Cramer and David Russell Adams, Road Overseer, S.D., who was beaten by Charles H. Cramer. Among the officials elected are Clerk, Robert F. McKeen, Assessor, Chalkley S. Cramer, Collector, Mark W. Adams, Freeholder, John O. Mathis, Committee, Daniel M. Mathis, Levi French, William G. Cramer, Road Overseers, C.H. Cramer, John S. Adams, B.F. Headley. Mt. Holly Herald 3/17/1883

At the sale of Levi French's property on Saturday, corn brought 59 and 60c, cows from \$27 to \$32, hay \$6.60 to \$6.80, potatoes 48c. Mt. Holly Herald 12/15/1883

Capt. Levi French's sloop yacht Warden has just been overhauled and painted up with the best of materials. She is now in first class order, a perfect model of mechanism and floats on the water like a thing of life and beauty. Levi expects to come down in a few weeks and live over again the scenes of his younger days and play some of his old tricks with fish. He is an expert fisherman and takes delight in relating stories about fishing and sailing and Capt. Tom's drumfishing. Mt. Holly Herald 6/27/1885

On Friday last Commissioners sold the real estate of the late Franklin Adams in the townships of Bass River and Little Egg Harbor. The hotel property at New Gretna brought \$1500, and was purchased by Mrs. Adams, Blanchard Adams [Franklin's brother] and Mrs. Deacon [Franklin's daughter]. The "Half Moon" meadows were sold to Mrs. Deacon for \$250; 46 acres of meadow land to Mrs. Adams for \$782; a lot in New Gretna to Blanchard Adams for \$200; four acres in New Gretna to four of the heirs for \$400; 9 acres of cedar swamp to Willard Adams for \$45 per acre; also, a cranberry bog for \$11, and a house and lot at New Gretna for \$720 to Willard Adams. Levi French paid \$2.85 per acre for six acres of cedar swamp and the same price for 24 acres of upland, and \$130.10 for a lot of land at Tuckerton. James Speck paid \$159 for three acres of cedar swamp. Alfred Palmer got 42 acres of woodland for \$2.55 per acre, and John L. Marshall bought 98 acres of land near the Lemunyon Place for twenty-five cents per acre. Mt. Holly Herald 9/5/1885

Bass River township is pleased to know that Levi French received the nomination for Clerk by association. He is a man in every way qualified for the position as his past of term office will show. Mt. Holly Herald 10/13/1888

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That New Gretna Affair: The Republican papers have been working themselves into a great state of indignation over the report that at a meeting at New Gretna last week a colored man got up and announced himself in favor of Cleveland. They said the colored man was fired up with Democratic rum, and that the crowd badgered Senator Carter about free rum and groaned at Charles T. Parker.

But one story is always good until another is told. When the Republican speakers reached New Gretna they were offered the use of the hall by J.B. Lamson. But it was refused, and Senator Carter, the high priest of temperance, with Senator Nichols and Mr. Parker went to the barroom of Deacon's hotel to speak, preferring that to the hall. Under the circumstances the crowd could not be expected to be exclusive.

When Senator Nichols spoke on the tariff he said the surplus did not need to be reduced.

"Then why did the Senate introduce a bill to reduce it?" said someone in the crowd. This made the speaker angry, and some of the hoodlums outside the barroom began to groan. The next minute some one offered three cheers for Levi French, and they were given. But there were no groans for Charles T. Parker. The people there felt kindly toward him, and had no desire to groan at him. And the colored man didn't get fired up on Democratic whiskey unless that is the kind sold over at Deacon's bar.

The fact was the speakers did not make a favorable impression, and were sore over the fact, and ready to put the blame on some one. Mt. Holly Herald 10/27/1888

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That New Gretna Affair. New Gretna, N.J. October 30, Mr. Editor: The statements as published in some of our county papers concerning the disturbance of a Republican meeting held at this place a few days ago are greatly exaggerated.

The speaking took place in a small room about 15 feet square connected with a barroom with no partition between, so that many present had to stand in the barroom to hear, and also many on the outside, mostly boys. The speaker started out with gross misrepresentations as to the Democratic party and its policy. This caused some Democrats to ask a few questions, and the manner in which they were evaded or attempted to be answered were really amusing and surprising from the fact that the speaker had the honor of once being a State Senator. The questions that were put were for information and not intended to insult or disturb the meeting, and it soon became evident that the questions were bothersome, not in the way of disturbing the meeting, but to give them proper consideration. We didn't think any noise would have occurred had all present been able to get in the house, but from the fact that many were on the outside, mostly boys, and they seeing that the questions put staggered the parties, gave vent to their feelings. As to the disturbance caused by the negro appearing in the room, what he did was done after Mr. Nichols and Mr. Carter were through speaking. He slipped in the room and sainted those present by saying: "Good evening gentlemen when I came to this meeting I was a Republican, but after listening to those men talk I have made up my mind to vote the Democratic

ticket," and then slipped out. He had not been drinking "Democratic rum" as was stated, as that kind is not dealt out in our tavern, neither had he touched a drop of any other kind or even been in Deacon's barroom that evening.

On the outside, three cheers were given for Cleveland and Thurman, which was followed by groans, and I have no reason to think they were intended for the candidates present. "This was the first incident that ever occurred in our midst to mar the pleasantness of a Republican meeting and for which the Democratic party, as a party, is not responsible. We cannot help but notice the difference in the statements in the Republican organs between what Democrats may do and our Republican friends.

How would it look to give a correct statement of the manner in which Democrats have been treated by our Republican friends from an adjoining township?

More than one rotten egg and more than one brick has been thrown; more than one fence and more than one rope has been stretched for the purpose of injuring the Democrats when on the way to and from political meetings out of this town, and many of the wagons contained ladies, but I will not attempt to lay the blame on the rank and file of the Republican party or injure those Republicans that are innocent and above doing such things.

We have inquired very diligently as to what the Republican leaders did towards making Mr. Parker acquainted with the Democrats and find they never attempted either before or after the meeting to introduce him to the Democrats. Had they done so many a Democrat in this town would have taken Mr. Parker by his hand and shown him just as good treatment as ever any Republican ever did Mr. French in Burlington. That the Republicans could have had much better accommodations at the New Gretna house for their meeting is an undeniable fact, even though the proprietor is a Democrat. That Mr. Nichols made Democratic votes is a sure thing. Isaac F. Ballinger made many friends by being introduced to many Republicans that formed a good opinion of him and when Levi French entered the room the people showed they appreciated him and are proud of his record, and no one feels more hurt than does Mr. French that the least thing should have happened to cause the Republican candidate or his friends to feel hurt, and no fair minded man can blame Mr. French for what may have occurred. Mr. French's pleasant manner and courteous treatment to all that know him is above criticism, and no man that is a true friend to Mr. French will vote against him because of some other person's wrong doing. [signed] ONE WHO WAS PRESENT Mt. Holly Herald 11/3/1888

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Levi French has built and sold a house to Cale Mathis to be occupied soon. Mt. Holly Herald 8/14/1889

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GREENBUSH: A picnic was given on the 15th to raise money to furnish the school house, without raising the funds by taxing the citizens. Everything went off pleasantly until about 10 o'clock at night when a man was seen carrying a five gallon demijohn of whiskey near the grounds. About a dozen young fellows were following him and he dealt out the stuff in a tin cup. As a consequence, they all fell by the wayside and none of them got near the picnic. After the picnic Constable Jesse French and Maja Mathis took care of them and put them in Levi French's new barn to let them sober off. It seems to be the general opinion of those who are in the ring that more liquor is now sold and drunk in and around New Gretna than ever before. Some of it comes from West Creek and some from Atlantic City. A favorite refrain with the frolicking party at the picnic was:

"Whiskey is very high in New Gretna  
Whiskey is very high in New Gretna  
Whiskey is very high and we got it on the sly  
And we'll have it if we die,  
In New Gretna"

Mt. Holly Herald 9/15/1891

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The shares of stock subscribed for the new town hall foot up 263 which will be run up to 400 or more. Levi French has bought the old Adams hotel property and after he obtains a clear title to it through the courts, will sell it to the hall association and the building will be erected there. This is the most central part of the village. The withdrawal of several of the subscribers because the site didn't suit them has not interfered with the work. Building will be started next winter. Mt. Holly Herald 8/1/1891

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A rousing Democratic meeting was held here on Saturday evening at which there was considerable enthusiasm displayed for the whole ticket. Owing to the fact that the town hall is not finished, the meeting was held in the open air in front of J.B. Lamson's. It was presided over by Levi French who introduced the candidates. A. Henry White, candidate for Assembly, made a stirring address, and was applauded. He was followed by Prosecutor E.P. Budd, who spoke for over half an hour on the issues of the hour and the merits of the Democratic candidates. Charles P. Ballinger, Democratic candidate for Surrogate also made a short speech. All received a cordial welcome by the people of New Gretna. Howard Mathis, our candidate for Auditor, lives here, and will poll a large vote, as he is well and favorably known. Mt. Holly Herald 10/31/1891

At New Gretna on Tuesday, Mark R. Sooy, Special Master, sold the following properties at public sale. Hotel property at New Gretna to Levi French for \$975; one acre of ground on the road from New Gretna to Tuckerton for \$60 and the Half Moon meadows for \$200 to Levi French; lot of land between New Gretna and Tuckerton to Lewis L. Mathis for \$120; one acre of land between Bass River and Bridgeport to Levi French for \$60. The hotel property was bought by Mr. French for the Towns Hall Association. Mt. Holly Herald 1/16/1892

The Democratic primary was held at New Gretna on Saturday afternoon. Levi French was elected chairman. The principal contests were over the office of Freeholder and Township Committeeman. The aspirants for the nomination for Freeholder were George L. Cramer and Marshall A. Loveland. The latter was successful, the vote being 90 to 97. The contest for Township Committeeman was between James E. Cramer and Joseph B. Lamson. The latter got the prize. S.M. French was renominated for Clerk, B.F. Headley for Justice of the Peace, Charles C. Cramer also for Justice of the Peace. The Republicans will put up William C. Irons for Freeholder. Mt. Holly Herald 3/5/1892

The newly elected board of directors of the New Gretna Building and Loan association met in the town hall on the 24th and organized by electing Levi French, president; Augustus Cramer, vice president; John W. Harris, secretary; Mark W. Adams, treasurer; who compose the board of directors together with Chalkley S. Cramer, James M. Darby, C. Harry Cramer, Edwin C. Sooy, Albert F. Cramer, William E. Mathis, Reuben A. Loveland, Ashton Lamson, Joseph B. Lamson, Watson D. Cramer, Marshall A. Loveland. The past year has been one of the most prosperous of the association. Three series are now running as follows: 1st paid in, \$30.50; paid in, \$18.50; 3d paid in, \$6.50. The first series gained \$3.47. Mt. Holly Herald 4/7/1894

New Gretna has organized a branch of the Republic Savings & Loan Association. The following officers are: President, Levi French, Vice President, Rev. J.W. Tower; Secretary & Treasurer, M. W. Adams. Appraisers are Dr. Garrabrant, J.B. Lamson, C. C. Cranmer; resident Trustee, Levi French. Tuckerton Beacon 9/26/1895

The tax rate this year in Bass River township was \$1.65; in Washington \$2. Ex County Clerk Levi French is the heaviest resident tax-payer in Bass River township. The recent rumors about his being sold out by the sheriff grew out of a sale in which he was only acting as agent for Joseph Wharton to perfect the title to the Harrisville property. Mt. Holly Herald 12/26/1896

The new school trustees elected were: Levi French, James A. Gale, J.H. Leek, C.S. Cramer, and W.G. Cramer. The Board organized by the election of Levi French, President and W.G. Cramer, Clerk. Mt. Holly Herald 4/8/1899

The election last Saturday resulted in a vote for the new school house and the graded school. \$3,000 was voted, and the trustees were directed to issue bonds for the amount. The lot opposite Levi French's was selected and operations will soon begin thereon. Mt. Holly Herald 5/3/1899

The Tuckerton and New Gretna Telephone Co. has organized with Levi French of New Gretna, as President; Carlos P. Steelman of Tuckerton, Secretary; Howard Mathis of New Gretna, Treasurer. It will construct a line between New Gretna and Tuckerton and go further north if conditions warrant. Mt. Holly Herald 7/15/1899

The contract to build the new school house in New Gretna has been awarded to Levi French, who was

the lowest bidder. It will cost \$2850. Mt. Holly Herald 8/5/1899

Workmen are moving the old school house on the lot opposite Levi French's where it will be joined to the new building and will be made ready for use at the beginning of the school term. Mt. Holly Herald 8/19/1899

Joseph B. Lamson has succeeded to the insurance business of Levi French. Mt. Holly Herald 4/20/1901

Levi French, of Atlantic City, was in town a few days, attending to his various property and business interests. Mt. Holly Herald 2/1/1902

Joseph B. Lamson has purchased the homestead from the heirs of Levi French. Mt. Holly Herald 3/23/1907

Fred Minor has bought a tract of cedar swamp on the Merigold stream in Bass River from the heirs of Levi French, deceased. Mt. Holly Herald 3/27/1909

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Business Section at New Gretna Swept By Fire - Post Office, Store, Restaurant and Pool Room in Ashes: Result of Mid-Night Blaze

#### POPULATION HELPLESS IN ZERO WEATHER AND NO WATER. BATTLE TO SAVE TOWN HALL

The population of New Gretna were given a shock Friday night when at about 10 o'clock the store of Milton Cramer caught fire. The fire started from some unknown cause after Mr. Cramer closed for the evening and when discovered was beyond control, citizens who gathered to witness the spectacle were helpless to combat the flames as the zero weather had cut off the water supply and with practically no fire-fighting apparatus little could be done to save the property.

The fire quickly spread to the old hotel building and the post office and with the store all were reduced to ashes in less than two hours.

For some time it looked as if the big K. of P. [Knights of Pythias] Hall would be destroyed but heroic effort of a volunteer force of firemen saved this building. It caught on fire on several occasions.

The store owned and occupied by Mr. Cramer, was an old land-mark of New Gretna and was built by the late Levi French more than a half century ago. In the building Mr. French carried on a general merchandise business for many years. Later the business was taken over by Francis French, then Burr French and Howard Mathis. Later Mr. Mathis and his brother Ashley formed the partnership firm of Mathis Brothers and when this firm dissolved the business was continued by Ashley Mathis until his death, when the property was bought by the present owner.

The old hotel property is also an old land mark with an interesting history and many gay times have taken place there that can be recalled by the older residents of that town.

This old building was erected by the late Frank Adams and later owned by his son-in-law, Charles Deacon. Since then it has had a long string of occupants in different lines of business. At the time of the fire the building was occupied by Levi Downs and was owned by Fred Miner.

The post office building was owned by Howard Mathis. The store and stock was covered by \$2,500 insurance, the hotel \$1,000 and the post office was a total loss, there being no insurance. [Unknown newspaper, 1/10/1917]

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The Board of Freeholders had a lively discussion over the personal bills of some of the far-away members on Tuesday. That of Levi French of Bass River was the one taken as a test case. Since it has been decided that the only pay a Freeholder is entitled to is \$2.00 per day with no allowance for travelling or other expenses, it is a loss to those Freeholders who live on the shore to attend meetings. Mr. French stated that it cost him \$5 to attend each meeting for fare alone. The Board, by a vote of 13 - 12, decided to pay the bill of Mr. French. It is no more than right that those members should receive their actual traveling expenses but the law is certainly against such a course. Their only redress is to have the law amended by the Legislature so that all such expenses and their day's services may be covered. It will be difficult to draw the line however. The law is often harsh in its workings and it especially so in the cases of our Freeholders from the shore. Of late years the honor of being a

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Freeholder has been somewhat belittled by the unruly and disreputable conduct of some unworthy members, so that all talk about the honor of the position compensating for the pecuniary loss does not amount to much. Mt. Holly Herald – date unknown

More About LEVI FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Occupation: Farmer in 1880 census/Lumber Dealer in 1900 census

Residence: Bass River before marriage

Notes for JULIA ADELINE ADAMS:

THE FOLLOWING ITEM REGARDING JULIA WAS TRANSCRIBED FROM THE TUCKERTON BEACON:

Mrs. Levi French died at her home in New Gretna on Sunday last, and was buried yesterday afternoon, Rev. S. G. Webb officiating. [Tuckerton Beacon: Jun 13, 1895]

More About JULIA ADELINE ADAMS:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

More About LEVI FRENCH and JULIA ADAMS:

Marriage: 11 Apr 1861, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>113</sup>

Children of LEVI FRENCH and JULIA ADAMS are:

- i. LEVI C.<sup>9</sup> FRENCH, b. 08 Feb 1863.
84. ii. GEORGE W. FRENCH, b. 1867; d. 11 Nov 1920, Mt. Holly, NJ.
- iii. CLARA R. FRENCH, b. Abt. 1869; m. ERNEST D. HOLEMAN<sup>114</sup>, 03 Sep 1891, New Gretna, NJ<sup>115</sup>.

More About CLARA R. FRENCH:

Residence: Lower Bank, NJ before marriage<sup>116</sup>

Notes for ERNEST D. HOLEMAN:

Ernest and Clara were married in New Gretna by the Rev. S.G. Webb. (NJ Mirror)

More About ERNEST HOLEMAN and CLARA FRENCH:

Marriage: 03 Sep 1891, New Gretna, NJ<sup>117</sup>

- iv. LELA M. FRENCH, b. 08 Apr 1873; d. 01 Aug 1953; m. JOSHUA HILLIARD, 24 Oct 1906, New Gretna, NJ<sup>118</sup>; b. 01 Jan 1873; d. 26 Sep 1952.

Notes for LELA M. FRENCH:

NEW GREटना PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS SHOW THAT:

- Lela was baptized as an adult on March 5, 1893.
- Lela May French, daughter of Levi French, married Joshua Hilliard, M.D., from Manahawkin, on 10/24/1906. Witnesses: C. Stanley French, Serena J. Hilliard.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM REGARDING LELA WAS TRANSCRIBED FROM THE MT. HOLLY HERALD:

The largest class that ever graduated in New Gretna held their commencement exercises Monday evening. With the able assistance of Miss Leila French at the piano, and the principal, Maja C. Mathis, as violinist, an excellent program was rendered. Miss Helen Gerew delivered the salutatory. Miss Ada McCambridge was valedictorian and Eugene H. Sears the class prophet. Rev. Frazier offered prayer and Rev. Mr. Rusbridge delivered a forcible address "On the Threshold." The class consists of Phoebe A. Allen,

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Emerson S. Jones, Ada McCambridge, Alberta M. Cramer, Eugene H. Sears, Helen Gerew, Laura E. Allen, Marietta Sooy, Elvena R. Allen, Stella R. Hickman. Motto "Not the End, But the Beginning." Colors, blue and white. Flower, white rose. Mt. Holly Herald 7/14/1906

LELA WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE NEW GREтна OLD HOME SOCIETY:

[Lela was listed as a founding member of the New Gretna Old Home Society, the organization formed to maintain the cemeteries located in Bass River Township as evidence by the following introductory paragraph of the Old Home Society's Certificate of Incorporation. Her address is listed in the incorporation papers as follows: Lela Hillard, Manahawkin, N.J.]

Certificate of Incorporation - New Gretna Old Home Society Incorporated, Recorded Jan. 14, 1927:

This Is To Certify, that, we, Leonard D. Algar, Kirk Loveland, Lela Hillard, Hiram Mathis, J.H. Leek, Arnold Cramer, John H. Cramer, John S. Mathis, Samuel H. Headley, C. Stanley French, Thos. A. Mathis, Harry T. Headley, Jos. Cramer, Amasa Mathis, Norris Sears, Augustus Cramer, Maja Mathis, and J. Pratt Cramer do hereby associate ourselves into a Corporation under and by virtue of the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey entitled: An act to incorporate associations not for pecuniary profit (Laws of 1898, page 422) and the several supplements thereto and acts amendatory thereof.

More About LELA M. FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Religion: Admitted to New Gretna Presbyterian Church on 5/4/1893<sup>118</sup>

More About JOSHUA HILLIARD:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Occupation: Medical Doctor

More About JOSHUA HILLIARD and LELA FRENCH:

Marriage: 24 Oct 1906, New Gretna, NJ<sup>118</sup>

- 85. v. RICHARD M. FRENCH, b. 04 Apr 1875; d. 24 Sep 1952.
- 86. vi. CHARLES STANLEY FRENCH, b. Abt. 1877.
- 87. vii. L. CLINTON FRENCH.
- viii. JULIA FLORENCE FRENCH, b. 1865; d. 1866.

More About JULIA FLORENCE FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

- ix. DANIEL WEBSTER FRENCH, b. 1861; d. 1864.

More About DANIEL WEBSTER FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

**73.** FRANCIS<sup>8</sup> FRENCH, JR. (*FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 15 Mar 1844, and died 19 Apr 1915. He married ELLEN E. SAPP<sup>119</sup>, daughter of JOSEPH SAPP and ESTHER SAWYER. She was born 1841, and died 1922.

Notes for FRANCIS FRENCH, JR.:

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING FRANCIS, JR. WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

The schooner Rob Roy, captain Josiah Cale, owned by Rapp & Sons of New York, and running

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between that city and Bass River, went ashore opposite the lighthouse while trying to come in the inlet on Wednesday night, the 1st inst. She was loaded with store goods, feed, &c., the principal part of which belonged to L. & F. French, of Tuckerton and New Gretna. There being a heavy swell on at the time, the schooner was thrown up on the beach so that the crew could walk ashore dry-footed on the low water. She immediately bilged and before the cargo was taken out it was damaged to about 50 per cent of its value. There were two barrels of whiskey on board which it is needless to say were promptly saved. The schooner will be a total loss. Mt. Holly Herald 9/11/1875

Francis French has sold out his store to his brother Capt. Burrows M. French. The latter was tired of the hard and wearing life of a mariner and proposes to do "shore duty" for the rest of his days. Mt. Holly Herald 9/8/1883

F. French and Samuel Downs have been in our place for the past 2 days taking account of stock in the store of Francis French, now about changing hands to Capt. B.M. French. The old store is a good stand and we think will be very nicely conducted for time to come as is his intention to make it a first class store. Mt. Holly Herald 9/15/1883

Francis French [from Tuckerton] now owns and will run the menhaden oil factory, formerly owned and managed by Capt. C.N. Smith. Mr. Smith has gone into the cultivation of small fruits at Lower Bank, quite extensively, putting out thousands of strawberries, etc. of late and fine varieties. N.J. Mirror 6/10/1885

The menhaden fishermen will begin operations about the first of June. There are four factories in this county. Viz: Otis's factory at Tuckerton, Wharton's and Sooy & B Cavileer's at Seven Islands, and Francis French's on Wills's Island. They are now getting ready for the first run of menhaden. Mt. Holly Herald 5/8/1886

Francis French of Jersey City is here to attend the funeral of his brother, ex-county clerk, Levi French. (New Gretna) Tuckerton Beacon 5/18/1905

More About FRANCIS FRENCH, JR.:

Burial: Tuckerton Methodist Cemetery

Occupation: Storekeeper in 1880 Little Egg Harbor census

More About ELLEN E. SAPP:

Burial: Tuckerton Methodist Cemetery

Children of FRANCIS FRENCH and ELLEN SAPP are:

- i. HARVIE<sup>9</sup> FRENCH, b. Abt. 1869; d. 13 Oct 1877, Little Egg Harbor, NJ.

Notes for HARVIE FRENCH:

Little Egg Harbor Death Records state that Harvie died of diptheria on 10/13/1877 at age 8 which would make his birth year 1869.

- ii. CARROLL J. FRENCH<sup>120</sup>, b. 1871.

Notes for CARROLL J. FRENCH:

Carroll was listed as age 9 in the 1880 Little Egg Harbor census making his birth year 1871.

- iii. JOSEPH C. FRENCH<sup>121</sup>, b. 02 Aug 1871, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>121</sup>.

Notes for JOSEPH C. FRENCH:

Joseph was not listed in the 1880 Little Egg Harbor census.

- iv. CHARLES F. FRENCH<sup>121</sup>, b. 06 Feb 1873, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>121</sup>.

Notes for CHARLES F. FRENCH:

Charles and his brother, Ernest, moved to New York State. (Sandy Johnson Notes.)

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Sandy, the daughter of Bayard, is Charles and Ernest's neice)

- v. BERTHA A. FRENCH<sup>121</sup>, b. 28 Dec 1874, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>121</sup>; d. 21 Oct 1877, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>122</sup>.

Notes for BERTHA A. FRENCH:

Bertha was not listed in the 1880 Little Egg Harbor census.

Little Egg Harbor Death Records state that Bertha A. died of diptheria on 10/21/1877.

- vi. ERNEST L. FRENCH, b. Abt. 1877.

Notes for ERNEST L. FRENCH:

Ernest was listed as age 3 in the 1880 Little Egg Harbor census which would make his birth year 1877.

Ernest and his brother, Charles, moved to New York State. (Sandy Johnson Notes. Sandy, the daughter of Bayard, is Charles and Ernest's neice)

- vii. GILBERT E. FRENCH<sup>123</sup>, b. 30 Jan 1879.

Notes for GILBERT E. FRENCH:

Gilbert was listed as age 1 in the 1880 Little Egg Harbor census.

88. viii. BAYARD SAWYER FRENCH, b. 19 Oct 1880; d. 1946, Newark, NJ.  
ix. UNKNOWN FRENCH<sup>123</sup>, b. 07 May 1882.  
x. UNKNOWN FRENCH<sup>123</sup>, b. 11 Jan 1884.

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**74.** CHARLES NEWTON<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*JOHN NEWTON<sup>8</sup>, IRA<sup>7</sup>, AARON<sup>6</sup>, AARON<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 08 Aug 1865 in Sumner, Ill.<sup>124</sup>. He married EVA MAY BUNN, daughter of JOHN BUNN and MARY SUMNER.

Child of CHARLES FRENCH and EVA BUNN is:

- i. IRA LYON<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. 13 Oct 1886, Sumner, Ill.<sup>124</sup>.

**75.** WILLIAM SCHOONOVER<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*MARTIN VANBUREN<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 30 Apr 1855 in Pa, and died 15 May 1928 in Washington, DC<sup>125</sup>. He married (1) ELIZABETH JANE HOTTEL<sup>126</sup> 26 Feb 1885. He married (2) BERTIE MELISSA HOTTEL 27 Dec 1899 in Manassas, Va.<sup>127</sup>. She was born 30 Mar 1855 in Virginia, and died 15 May 1928.

Notes for WILLIAM SCHOONOVER FRENCH:

The 1910 Johnston Magisterial District, Shenandoah County, Va. lists William's family as Household 108, Family 114 as follows: W.S. French (age 54, Head, 2nd marriage, Flour Mill employee); Bertie M. (age 33, Born in Virginia, Wife, 1st Marriage, 4 children); Emma (age 23, Born in Virginia, Daughter, Public School Teacher); Warren B. (age 23, Born in Virginia, Son); MARK (age 20, Born in Virginia, Son); Harry (age 8, Born in Virginia, Son); William S., Jr (age 7, Born in Virginia, Son); Loraine (age 5, Born in Virginia, Daughter); and Helen (age 3, Born in Virginia, Daughter). Also listed in the household is Lucy Clem (age 18, Servant).

The 1910 Johnston Magisterial District, Shenandoah County, Va. lists William's family as living next door to his mother, Frances C., and sister, Florence, who are listed as Household 109, Family 115.

More About WILLIAM SCHOONOVER FRENCH:  
Burial: Woodstock, Va. Cemetery<sup>128</sup>

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and ELIZABETH HOTTEL:  
Marriage: 26 Feb 1885

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and BERTIE HOTTEL:  
Marriage: 27 Dec 1899, Manassas, Va.<sup>129</sup>

Children of WILLIAM FRENCH and ELIZABETH HOTTEL are:

- i. EMMA S.<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. 1886, Virginia; d. 1952.

More About EMMA S. FRENCH:  
Burial: Woodstock, Va. Cemetery<sup>130</sup>

- ii. WARREN B. FRENCH, b. Abt. 1887, Virginia.

Notes for WARREN B. FRENCH:

Warren French (age 31, Single, Superintendent Electrical Company) is listed in the 1920 Johnston Township, Shenandoah County, Virginia census as the Head of Household 224, Family 227. There is no one else listed in that household and family.

89. iii. MARK G. FRENCH, b. Abt. 1890, Virginia.
- iv. INFANT FRENCH<sup>130</sup>, b. 03 Jan 1892, Virginia; d. 21 Jan 1892.

Children of WILLIAM FRENCH and BERTIE HOTTEL are:

- v. HARRY F.<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. 1901, Virginia; d. 1923.

More About HARRY F. FRENCH:  
Burial: Woodstock, Va. Cemetery<sup>130</sup>

- vi. WILLIAM SCHOONOVER (JR) FRENCH<sup>131</sup>, b. 31 May 1902, Woodstock, Va.<sup>131</sup>; d. 19 Nov 1983, Arlington, Va.<sup>131</sup>; m. MARGARET LILLIAN RITTER<sup>131</sup>, 15 Oct 1931<sup>131</sup>.

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and MARGARET RITTER:  
Marriage: 15 Oct 1931<sup>131</sup>

- vii. LORAIN FRENCH, b. Abt. 1905, Virginia.

Notes for LORAIN FRENCH:

The 1910 Johnston Magisterial District, Shenandoah County, Va. lists Loraine's age as 5 which would make her birth year 1905.

- viii. HELEN FRENCH, b. Abt. 1907, Virginia.

Notes for HELEN FRENCH:

The 1910 Johnston Magisterial District, Shenandoah County, Va. lists Helen's age as 3 which would make her birth year 1907.

**76.** MARIA L.<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*LIVINGSTON BENTOW<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 24 Apr 1868 in Tuckerton, NJ, and died 15 Dec 1932 in Philadelphia, Pa<sup>132</sup>. She married HARRY W. TWOES 24 Dec 1895.

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Notes for MARIA L. FRENCH:

Maria was born in the Charlton Hotel, Tuckerton, NJ, which was owned by her father.

Maria's home was in Camden at the time of her death. She was visiting her nephew, Walter Loveland, in New Gretna for the winter. At the time she was taken to Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., she was in Tuckerton at the home of her niece, Alberta Loveland Entwistle, wife of Walter Entwistle. Death was caused by pneumonia and diabetes. [Obituary]

More About HARRY TWOES and MARIA FRENCH:  
Marriage: 24 Dec 1895

Child of MARIA FRENCH and HARRY TWOES is:  
i. STANLEY<sup>10</sup> TWOES.

**77.** GERTRUDE M.<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*HIRAM ELBRIDGE<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born Nov 1876, and died Nov 1948. She married DANIEL ARNOLD CRAMER 1889<sup>133</sup>, son of CALEB CRAMER and MARY ROBBINS. He was born 10 Apr 1879, and died 09 Feb 1944 in Bass River Township, NJ<sup>134</sup>.

Notes for GERTRUDE M. FRENCH:

Bass River Methodist Church records show that Gertrude M., daughter of Hiram and Mary E., was baptised as an infant on 2/23/1879 by Rev. S.P. Cossaboom.

NEW GREटना PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS SHOW THAT:

- Gertrude M. French, daughter of H.E. French, married Arnold Cramer in 1889.
- Gertrude was appointed, on Dec. 20, 1896, as an Officer for the Sabbath School along with J. I. Campbell, B. C. Mathis, Ashton Lamson, Norris Sears, Wm. S. Sears, Ward Sears, Gertrude M. French.

More About GERTRUDE M. FRENCH:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ  
Religion: New Gretna Presbyterian Church- Joined in 1889<sup>135</sup>

More About DANIEL ARNOLD CRAMER:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ  
Occupation: Oysterman

More About DANIEL CRAMER and GERTRUDE FRENCH:  
Marriage: 1889<sup>135</sup>

Child of GERTRUDE FRENCH and DANIEL CRAMER is:  
i. HAROLD<sup>10</sup> CRAMER, b. 1909.

More About HAROLD CRAMER:  
Baptism: 10/3/1909- New Gretna Presbyterian Church<sup>135</sup>

**78.** WILLIAM COLLINS<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*WILLIAM NELSON<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 30 Jul 1870 in Bass River, NJ, and died 25 Feb 1930 in Collingswood, NJ. He married ADELAIDE LAWRENCE PINYARD 02 Dec 1903 in Camden, NJ, daughter of THEODORE PINYARD and ABIGAIL GOODWIN. She was born 1882, and died 1918.

Notes for WILLIAM COLLINS FRENCH:

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING WILLIAM C. WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

On behalf of Thomas J. Gaskill, Arnold Cramer and about 300 South Jersey oystermen William C. French of Camden, last week through attorney general Robert McCarter began suits in ejectment against the Sooy Oyster company, James Gale, Hilliard Gale, Benjamin Chew and others who hold valuable riparian grants in the Mullica river and Great bay. This is the latest of the oyster war that has been agitating the shore counties since October and the action taken is in accordance with an opinion recently filed by Vice-chancellor Leaming. The trouble began in October when the oystermen claiming that the Riparian commission had given favored corporations and individuals grants on natural oyster beds contrary to the act of 1888 descended upon the usurpers and a pitched battle ensued. There were a number of broken heads and suits at law were instituted in the civil and criminal courts. A number of the latter are to be disposed of at the September term of court in Atlantic county. Some weeks ago counsel for the Sooy company secured from Vice-chancellor Leaming an order restraining the oystermen from trespassing upon the corporation's land. In giving decision in the matter however the vice-chancellor averred that it would be possible in a court of law to show that the grants had been improperly made. It is in consequence of this that the present action in ejectment has been begun. It is the contention of the oystermen that the commission had no right to give away property where natural beds have existed for generations. It is declared that the issue means the life or death as far as the vocation is concerned of the 300 oystermen and their families. Mt. Holly Herald 8/29/1908

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WILLIAM C. FRENCH, FORMER JUDGE, DIES: DEMOCRATIC LEADER WAS ON CAMDEN CITY DISTRICT BENCH FOR 18 YEARS - STRICKEN AT SUPPER

Former Judge William C. French, who was for eighteen years on the bench of the Camden City District Court, and was Democratic leader of Camden county, died of apoplexy at his home, 643 Park Ave, Collingswood, last night.

The retired Jurist two weeks ago suffered an attack of acute Indigestion and heart disease, but was reported on the road to recovery. He was stricken last night, while having supper in bed. His brother and law partner, Samuel P. French, and a nurse were with him. Before his children could be summoned from downstairs; however, he was dead.

Judge French, who was fifty-nine, received his early education in the public schools of Camden and Atlantic City.

He studied law by a correspondence course and was admitted to the bar in 1898. He was connected first with the law office of Richard G. Miller, and in 1905 formed a partnership with his brother. He left his practice in 1911 when he was appointed to the bench, but resumed it, after his retirement from the bench eighteen years later.

In his youth he was an able boxer and played as captain of the Camden foot ball team when it defeated the University of Pennsylvania and Mi.. Holly, then New Jersey champions, in the early nineties.

Judge French was one of the three men responsible for the nomination of Woodrow Wilson as Governor of New Jersey when at the Democratic convention in Trenton he ran counter to James Smith, then State leader, who wanted the nomination of the Supreme Court Justice Frank S. Katzenbnch.

His wife, Adelaide L. Pinnard, died during the epidemic of influenza in 1918. He is survived by six children.

The funeral will be at 1 o'clock Saturday from the Port Republic Methodist Episcopal Church, in Atlantic county. The body will be on view from 2 until 11 P. M. on Friday at the home in Camden. [The Evening Bulletin- Feb. 26, 1930]

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and ADELAIDE PINYARD:

Marriage: 02 Dec 1903, Camden, NJ

Children of WILLIAM FRENCH and ADELAIDE PINYARD are:

90. i. THEODORE TILDEN<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. 27 May 1908, Camden, NJ; d. 22 Jan 1954, Collingswood, NJ.
91. ii. WILLIAM COLLINS FRENCH, JR., b. 02 Dec 1906, Camden, NJ; d. 01 Apr 1947, Westmont, NJ.
- iii. GENEVIEVE ADELAIDE FRENCH, b. 03 Oct 1904, Camden, NJ; d. 1990, Port Republic, NJ;

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m. HARRY HATFIELD BENNETT, 19 Dec 1923; b. 1901; d. 1979.

Notes for GENEVIEVE ADELAIDE FRENCH:

A DAR Medallion is on Genevieve's grave in the Methodist Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ.

More About GENEVIEVE ADELAIDE FRENCH:

Burial: Methodist Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

More About HARRY HATFIELD BENNETT:

Burial: Methodist Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

More About HARRY BENNETT and GENEVIEVE FRENCH:

Marriage: 19 Dec 1923

- 92. iv. CAROLINE ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. 26 Apr 1910.
- 93. v. FLORENCE HOWARD FRENCH, b. 03 Dec 1912, Port Republic, NJ; d. 16 Aug 1970, Port Republic, NJ.
- 94. vi. WOODROW WILSON FRENCH, b. 08 Nov 1914.

**79.** SAMUEL TILTON<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*WILLIAM NELSON<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 23 Jan 1877, and died 1956. He married ALMA ASHLEY CAVILEER 17 Sep 1906 in Port Republic, NJ<sup>136</sup>. She was born 1884, and died 1942.

More About SAMUEL TILTON FRENCH:

Burial: Methodist Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

More About ALMA ASHLEY CAVILEER:

Burial: Methodist Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

More About SAMUEL FRENCH and ALMA CAVILEER:

Marriage: 17 Sep 1906, Port Republic, NJ<sup>136</sup>

Children of SAMUEL FRENCH and ALMA CAVILEER are:

- i. NELSON G.<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. 07 Aug 1907; d. 13 Jun 1974; m. ALIDA G.; b. 1907; d. 1983.

More About NELSON G. FRENCH:

Burial: Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

Notes for ALIDA G.:

Alida G. is on the same tombstone as Nelson G. in the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Port Republic.

More About ALIDA G.:

Burial: Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

- ii. SAMUEL TILDEN FRENCH, JR., b. 07 Jun 1909; d. 05 May 1988; m. AUDREY C. UNKNOWN; b. 06 Aug 1910.

More About SAMUEL TILDEN FRENCH, JR.:

Burial: Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

Notes for AUDREY C. UNKNOWN:

Audrey C. is inscribed as the wife of Samuel Tilden French, Jr. on the family tombstone with a birth date of 8/6/1910. In 1991, there was no death date on the tombstone, therefore it is uncertain whether she had died as of 1991.

- iii. LILLIAN BESSIE FRENCH, b. 19 Feb 1916.
- iv. RICHARD COLLINS FRENCH, b. 11 Dec 1922.

**80.** LEWIS E.<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS E.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1853, and died 1920. He married AGNES J. HOURISLEN<sup>137</sup> 21 Jun 1879 in Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>137</sup>. She was born Abt. 1861 in New York.

Notes for LEWIS E. FRENCH:

The 1880 Bass River Township census lists Lewis E. French (Age 27, Farmer) as the head of Household 144 as follows: Agnes J. (Age 18, Wife, Keeps House) and Leland B. (Age 4/12, Son).

The 1910 Port Republic, Atlantic County census lists Lewis E. French (Age 56, Farmer) as the head of Household 26, Family 28. He is the only one listed for the household and family. Agnes French (Age 50) is listed as the head of the Household and Family 498 in the 1910 Atlantic City census with two children: William (Age 20, Son) and Leland (Age 29, Son). The reason that Lewis appears separated from the family is unknown to this author.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING LEWIS E. WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

Capt, Lewis French is making great improvements on his farms in the way of buildings and fences. He also intends building a fine wharf on Bass river for his own personal benefit, of which D.M. French is the builder. Mt. Holly Herald 3/7/1885

Capt. Lewis French is here making big improvements to his place. The town is improving as fast as any place along the shore. Mt. Holly Herald 8/6/1887

More About LEWIS E. FRENCH:

Occupation: Farmer in 1880 census

Residence: Bass River before marriage

Notes for AGNES J. HOURISLEN:

Agnes was age 18 at her marriage to Lewis on 6/21/1879 and 18 in the 1880 Bass River Township census. This would make her birth year about 1861.

More About LEWIS FRENCH and AGNES HOURISLEN:

Marriage: 21 Jun 1879, Little Egg Harbor, NJ<sup>137</sup>

Children of LEWIS FRENCH and AGNES HOURISLEN are:

- i. LELAND B.<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. Abt. 1880, Bass River Township, NJ.

Notes for LELAND B. FRENCH:

Leland was listed as age 4/12 in the 1880 Bass River Township Census and age 29 in the 1910 Atlantic City, NJ census. This would make his birth year about 1880.

95. ii. THOMAS E. FRENCH, b. Sep 1881, Bass River Township, NJ.
- iii. FRANCES FRENCH, b. 18 Sep 1886, Atlantic County, NJ.
96. iv. WILLIAM H. FRENCH, b. Mar 1889, Atlantic County, NJ.

**81.** THOMAS HOUSTEN<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*THOMAS E.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1872. He married EMMA BASTOW 1898 in Atlantic City, NJ. She was born Abt. 1872 in England<sup>138</sup>, and died in 419 No. Massachusetts Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ<sup>138</sup>.

More About THOMAS HOUSTEN FRENCH:

Occupation: Contract Painter<sup>139</sup>

More About THOMAS FRENCH and EMMA BASTOW:

Marriage: 1898, Atlantic City, NJ

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Child of THOMAS FRENCH and EMMA BASTOW is:

- i. JOSEPH E.<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. 28 Jun 1903, Atlantic City, NJ; d. 06 Jul 1965, Atlantic City, NJ<sup>140</sup>; m. GERALDINE LONG; b. Abt. 1907, Pa.<sup>141</sup>.

Notes for JOSEPH E. FRENCH:

The 1920 census shows Joseph living at home with his parents in Atlantic City. The 1930 census shows Joseph Married to Geraldine V. and living in Bass River Township. Joseph operated a Variety Store on New York Road (Rt. 9) in New Gretna.

We have a new grocery store in town now. Jos. French began the business about two weeks ago. He is getting quite a lot of trade. Joe told me that the clothing business was scandalously [sic] poor and that the government had actually put him out of business by supplying the CCC Camp men and CWA men with clothing. Grocery business seemed to be his next logical step since everybody must eat and drink even though they may not be merry. [Franklin A. Gray 2/9/1934 letter to Milton Cramer]

Joseph and Geraldine have no children.

Joseph died in the Atlantic City, NJ Hospital.

More About JOSEPH E. FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Occupation: Store Proprietor

Notes for GERALDINE LONG:

Geraldine is buried with her first husband, Joseph E. French.

More About GERALDINE LONG:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

**82.** SUWARROW M.<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*DANIEL M.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1859, and died 25 Oct 1924. He married (1) ADDIE L. CALE 01 Dec 1878<sup>142</sup>. She was born 11 Dec 1857, and died 03 Mar 1893. He married (2) IDA E. ALLEN 01 Jul 1893 in Washington Township, NJ<sup>142</sup>, daughter of JOHN ALLEN and LOUISE. She was born 1868, and died 15 Dec 1930.

Notes for SUWARROW M. FRENCH:

The 1900 Bass River Township census lists Suwarrow M. (Age 41) as the head of Household 90, Family 93 as follows: Ida M. (Wife, Age 31), Stanley (Age 16, Son), and Hallie (Age 17 Son). Suwarrow and Ida are listed as being married 11 years.

The 1910 Bass River Township census lists S.M. French (Age 51) as the head of Household 181, Family 186 as follows: Ida E. (Age 42, Wife) and Elizabeth (Age 28, Single, Daughter). Suwarrow and Ida's marriage is listed as Suwarrow and Ida's second marriage being blessed with 4 children and 3 children living.

The 1913 Farm Journal Directory of Burlington County, NJ contains the following listing: Suwarrou French (Ida E) 1 ch poultry business, New Gretna.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING SUWARROW WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

Maurice C. Darby is going to get married soon and take up his residence with S.M. French. Mt. Holly Herald 5/9/1885

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They are having great times in Bass River and the Rev. P.W. Bilderback, the Methodist preacher, seems to be the central figure. It is said he is a member of the church militant and the neighborhood is divided into Bilderback and anti Bilderback forces. On Monday the preacher swore out a warrant against Joseph B. Cramer and had him arrested on the charges of inciting and abetting a stranger in insulting the aforementioned Bilderback. Suwarrow French and Bilderback are also at loggerheads and it is reported that Bilderback dared Freeholder Lamson and Clerk R. Furman McKeen out behind the meeting house to fight. Bass River generally has something to agitate her citizens but it doesn't look altogether right to see and hear of so much quarreling on the part of church members and the pastor at the head of it. The good book teaches a different way of life even of the pastor is insulted or aggrieved. But poor, weak human nature seems to insert itself at every opportunity. Mt. Holly Herald 5/28/1887

We see that the libelous fellow who wrote concerning Mr. Bilderback that he had not the legal right to perform the marriage ceremony, may have a hard road to hoe. My! How much lawing there will be from New Gretna at the next term of court! Rev. P.W. Bilderback has been bound over to court for assaulting Suwar M. French Secretary of the M.E. church Young People's meetings (at the time of the assault) Charles E. Munson, of Philadelphia, for assaulting Rev. P. W. Bilderback and that very small fellow (of a libelous nature) pictured out in astonishing language, style and gesture. How much better would it have been for him had he written a letter of praise concerning himself than to cause trouble. Still, perhaps, he lacks the brass that a man requires to blow his own horn. We know of a man that published in one of our county papers news that was calculated to injure not only a father but a mother and her children and perchance he too should be punished, but it makes all the difference whose ox is gored. Mt. Holly Herald 7/30/1887

The election passed off very quietly here on Tuesday. The only contest was over the position of Township Committeeman and Inspector of election. John W. Harris was elected on the committee over Hiram E. French by a vote of 101 to 89. For Inspector Chalkey C. Sears was elected over Willard F. Adams. Suwarrow M. French was elected Clerk; Howard Mathis, Collector; E. Russell Cranmer, Assessor; Joseph B. Cranmer and Albert A. Cranmer, Constables; Joseph P. Adams, Justice of the Peace. The election for road overseers was held on Thursday. Mt. Holly Herald 3/6/1889

The main fight here was at the caucus meeting in which both parties make a contest for the nominations. A union ticket is thus made up, composed of members of both parties, and is the only one voted on election day. The officers elected are: Town Clerk, S.M. French; Judge of Election, William T. Cramer; Inspectors of Election, C. Sears, S.A. Mortimer; Chosen Freeholder, C.W. Mathis; Collector, Howard Mathis; Assessor, M. W. Adams; Township Committee, Hiram E. French; Commissioners of Appeal, D.R. Adams, Joseph P. Adams, Joseph Gerew; Surveyors of Highways, Arthur H. Cramer, D.R. Adams; Justice of the Peace, M.B. Mathis; Overseer of Poor, Benjamin F. Headley; Pound Keeper, Willard F. Adams, William Moore. Mt. Holly Herald 3/15/1890

The Democratic primary was held at New Gretna on Saturday afternoon. Levi French was elected chairman. The principal contests were over the office of Freeholder and Township Committeeman. The aspirants for the nomination for Freeholder were George L. Cramer and Marshall A. Loveland. The latter was successful, the vote being 90 to 97. The contest for Township Committeeman was between James E. Cramer and Joseph B. Lamson. The latter got the prize. S.M. French was renominated for Clerk, B.F. Headley for Justice of the Peace, Charles C. Cramer also for Justice of the Peace. The Republicans will put up William C. Irons for Freeholder. Mt. Holly Herald 3/5/1892

The following were elected to the Board of education last week: C.S. Cramer, Daniel Cramer, Samuel C. Allen and S.M. French. S.C. Allen was elected district clerk. Mt. Holly Herald 4/5/1902

R. Ashley Mathis and Uriah J. Allen have bought a tract of 23 ½ acres of land at Goose Pond in Bass River township from S.M. and W.M. French. Mt. Holly Herald 4/28/1906

More About SUWARROW M. FRENCH:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ  
Residence: New York Road (Rt 9), New Gretna, NJ

Notes for ADDIE L. CALE:  
New Gretna Presbyterian Church records show that Mrs. Addie L. French, wife of S. M. French, died

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March 3, 1893.

More About ADDIE L. CALE:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ  
Religion: Presbyterian

More About SUWARROW FRENCH and ADDIE CALE:  
Marriage: 01 Dec 1878<sup>142</sup>

More About SUWARROW FRENCH and IDA ALLEN:  
Marriage: 01 Jul 1893, Washington Township, NJ<sup>142</sup>

Children of SUWARROW FRENCH and ADDIE CALE are:

- i. UNKNOWN<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. 21 Jun 1880.
- ii. UNKNOWN FRENCH, b. 18 Nov 1881.
- iii. HALSTEAD (HALLIE) FRENCH, b. 13 Sep 1882.
- iv. STANLEY FRENCH, b. 15 Sep 1883.
- v. UNKNOWN FRENCH, b. 15 Sep 1884.
- vi. UNKNOWN FRENCH, b. 13 Mar 1887.

Children of SUWARROW FRENCH and IDA ALLEN are:

- vii. EVA B.<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. 11 May 1899; d. 23 May 1899.
97. viii. IDA ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. 21 Jul 1904, New Gretna, NJ; d. 17 Feb 1977.

**83.** WALLACE M.<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*DANIEL M.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 19 Aug 1861. He married CARRIE S. STONE<sup>143</sup>. She was born Abt. 1850.

Notes for WALLACE M. FRENCH:

A Masters Certificate was issued to Wallace M. French as Captain of the schooner "Lizzie Bell", Tuckerton, NJ, on February 16, 1890. He is listed as being 29 years old, 5 foot 8 inches tall, with black eyes, and having dark hair and a dark complexion. [Document # 00600, Microfilm reel #7 housed at the Tuckerton Seaport Museum Library]

The 1910 Atlantic City, NJ census lists Wallace M. French (Age 49, House Painter) as the Head of Household 271, Family 336 with the following: Carrie (Age 54, Wife, 2 children born, 2 living children); Wallace M. (Age 15, Son); and Percy S.B.V. (Age 12, Son). It is noted that it is the second marriage for Wallace and the first marriage for Carrie with Wallace and Carrie being married for 17 years.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING WALLACE M. WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

R. Ashley Mathis and Uriah J. Allen have bought a tract of 23 ½ acres of land at Goose Pond in Bass River township from S.M. and W.M. French. Mt. Holly Herald 4/28/1906

Capt. Wallace French's home promises to excel all others on the road for beauty. Mt. Holly Herald 2/19/1887

More About WALLACE M. FRENCH:  
Occupation: Painter  
Residence: Atlantic City, NJ

Notes for CARRIE S. STONE:

Carrie was listed in the Burlington County Birth Records as age 47 at Percy's birth on 10/20/1897 making her birth year 1850.

Children of WALLACE FRENCH and CARRIE STONE are:

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- i. WALLACE M.<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. Abt. 1895; m. EILEEN M. LUNNEY, 15 Sep 1926, Elkton, Md<sup>144</sup>.

More About WALLACE FRENCH and EILEEN LUNNEY:  
Marriage: 15 Sep 1926, Elkton, Md<sup>144</sup>

- ii. PERCY A. FRENCH, b. 20 Oct 1897.

**84.** GEORGE W.<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*LEV<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1867, and died 11 Nov 1920 in Mt. Holly, NJ<sup>145</sup>. He married MARY LOVE<sup>146</sup> 22 Dec 1892 in Mt. Holly, NJ<sup>147</sup>. She was born 1867.

Notes for GEORGE W. FRENCH:

George W. was listed as age 3 in the 1870 Bass River Township census making his birth year 1867.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM REGARDING GEORGE W. WAS TRANSCRIBED FROM THE MT. HOLLY HERALD:

George W.A. French of Mount Holly, was spending a few days at his old home here. [In New Gretna section] Mt. Holly Herald 5/12/1906

More About GEORGE W. FRENCH:  
Residence: Mt. Holly after marriage

Notes for MARY LOVE:

Mary was listed as age 25 at her marriage to George W. French on 12/22/1892 which would make her birth year 1867. (Burlington County Marriages)

Mary's mother Ann is listed in the 1880 Bass River Township census as living with Levi and Mary which would indicate that Mary's father, Joseph, died prior to 1880.

More About MARY LOVE:  
Residence: Mt. Holly after marriage

More About GEORGE FRENCH and MARY LOVE:  
Marriage: 22 Dec 1892, Mt. Holly, NJ<sup>147</sup>

Children of GEORGE FRENCH and MARY LOVE are:

- i. JULIA<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, m. THOMAS ORVILLE CRANE.
- ii. JAMES FRENCH, m. HAZEL WHIPPO.

**85.** RICHARD M.<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*LEV<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 04 Apr 1875, and died 24 Sep 1952. He married MARIETTA ALLEN, daughter of JOSEPH ALLEN and ANNIE PARKER. She was born 04 Apr 1875 in Mount Holly, NJ, and died 21 Jan 1964 in Holmdel Nursing Home.

Notes for RICHARD M. FRENCH:

The 1900 Bass River Township census lists Richard M. (Age 25, born April 1875) as the head of Household 112, Family 116 as follows: Mary E. (Age 25, born June 1874, Wife), Leroy A. (Age 3, born August 1896, Son). Harold A. (Age 2, born October 1897, Son), and Preston M. (Age 3/12, born March 1900, Son). Richard M. and Mary E. are elisted as being married for 4 years with 3 children birthed and 3 children living.

The April 23, 1910 Orange, NJ, Essex County, census lists Richard M. French (Age 35, Captain) as the head of Household 227, Family 317 with the following: Mary E. (Age 35, Wife); LeRoy A. (Age 14, Son);

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Sarah F. (Age 5, Daughter); Margaret (Age 3, Daughter); and Richard M. (Age 2, Son). Richard M. and Mary E. are listed as being married for 15 years with 7 children birthed and 4 children living.

The April 14, 1930 Brooklyn, New York, Kings County, census lists Richard M. French (Age 53, Marine Superintendent) as the head of Household 9, Family 9 with the following: Maty E. (Age 53, Wife) and Olga Scholz (Age 24, Servant from Norway). He lived next door to son LeRoy French who is listed as Household 10, Family 10.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING RICHARD M. WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

The steam yacht commanded by Capt. "Dick" French has left her moorings and proceeded to Delaware prior to going into commission. She will visit New York, Buffalo and the lakes during the summer. Mt. Holly Herald 6/1/1901

Mr. Spilitzer, the barber, has bought the house vacated by Richard French and now occupies it. Mt. Holly Herald 11/23/1901

Capt. Richard French has moved with his family to Mt. Holly. Mt. Holly Herald 11/23/1901

Richard M. French, 77, Red Bank. d. 9/25/1952 b. New Gretna, s/o late Levi & Julia Adams French. Surv. by wife: 2 dau: Sarah F. Low, Mrs Lawrence Cranmer: son: LeRoy A. French, Homdel; Sis: Mrs Joshua Hilliard; bro: C. Stanley French of Atlantic City. Burial in Miller Cemetery, New Gretna. Tuckerton Beacon

More About RICHARD M. FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Occupation: Sea Captain

Residence: Orange, NJ in 1910 census/Brooklyn, NY in 1930 census

Notes for MARIETTA ALLEN:

Marietta was a member of the Day Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Court Ameranth, both of Brooklyn, New York. (1964 Obituary Notice)

More About MARIETTA ALLEN:

Burial: Baptist Cemetery, Mt. Holly, NJ

Children of RICHARD FRENCH and MARIETTA ALLEN are:

- i. MARGARET F.<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. Abt. 1907; m. LAWRENCE CRANMER.

Notes for MARGARET F. FRENCH:

Margaret French is listed in the 1910 Orange, NJ, Essex County, census as age 3 which would put her birth year at 1907.

More About LAWRENCE CRANMER:

Residence: Manahawkin, NJ in 1964

- ii. RICHARD M. FRENCH, JR., b. 01 Nov 1907; d. 08 Apr, Los Angeles, Cal..

More About RICHARD M. FRENCH, JR.:

Burial: Baptist Cemetery, Mt. Holly, NJ

Residence: Coral Gables, Florida

- iii. SARA FRANCES FRENCH, b. Abt. 1905; m. UNKNOWN LOWE.

Notes for SARA FRANCES FRENCH:

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Sarah F. French is listed in the 1910 Orange, NJ, Essex County, census as age 5 which would put her birth year at 1905.

More About UNKNOWN LOWE:  
Residence: Ridgewood, NJ in 1964

98. iv. LEROY A. FRENCH, b. Aug 1896.  
v. HAROLD A. FRENCH, b. 03 Oct 1897; d. Bef. 1910.

Notes for HAROLD A. FRENCH:

Harold A. French is not listed in the 1910 Orange, NJ, Essex County, census with the family. The census indicates that Mary E. had 7 children with 4 living in 1910. It is likely that Harold died before the 1910 census.

- vi. PRESTON M. FRENCH, b. Mar 1900; d. Bef. 1910.

Notes for PRESTON M. FRENCH:

Preston M. French is not listed in the 1910 Orange, NJ, Essex County, census with the family. The census indicates that Mary E. had 7 children with 4 living in 1910. It is likely that Preston died before the 1910 census.

**86.** CHARLES STANLEY<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*LEV*<sup>8</sup>, *FRANCIS*<sup>7</sup>, *THOMAS*<sup>6</sup>, *FRANCIS*<sup>5</sup>, *JOSEPH*<sup>4</sup>, *THOMAS*<sup>3</sup>, *THOMAS*<sup>2</sup>, *THOMAS*<sup>1</sup>) was born Abt. 1877. He married ELLA MAY CRANE<sup>148</sup> 1907<sup>148</sup>, daughter of THOMAS CRANE and EMMA EDWARDS.

Notes for CHARLES STANLEY FRENCH:

Charles Stanley was listed as age 3 in the 1880 Bass River Township census making his birth year 1877.

The April 21, 1910 Atlantic City, NJ census lists Richard M. French (Age 32, Merchant-Lumber Yard) as the head of Household 155, Family 114 with the following: Ella M. (Age 25, Wife) ; Charles S. (Age 1 4/12, Son); and Nellie Jackson (Age 22, Servant, Black). They are listed as being married for 3 years with one child.

CHARLES STANLEY WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE NEW GRETNA OLD HOME SOCIETY:

[C. Stanley French was listed as a founding member of the New Gretna Old Home Society, the organization formed to maintain the cemeteries located in Bass River Township as evidence by the following introductory paragraph of the Old Home Society's Certificate of Incorporation. His address is listed in the incorporation papers as follows: C. Stanley French, 122 N. Massachusetts Avenue, Atlantic City, N.J.]

Certificate of Incorporation - New Gretna Old Home Society Incorporated, Recorded Jan. 14, 1927::

This Is To Certify, that, we, Leonard D. Algar, Kirk Loveland, Lela Hillard, Hiram Mathis, J.H. Leek, Arnold Cramer, John H. Cramer, John S. Mathis, Samuel H. Headley, C. Stanley French, Thos. A. Mathis, Harry T. Headley, Jos. Cramer, Amasa Mathis, Norris Sears, Augustus Cramer, Maja Mathis, and J. Pratt Cramer do hereby associate ourselves into a Corporation under and by virtue of the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey entitled : An act to incorporate associations not for pecuniary profit (Laws of 1898, page 422) and the several supplements thereto and acts amendatory thereof.

More About CHARLES STANLEY FRENCH:  
Residence: Moved to Atlantic City in 1898

More About CHARLES FRENCH and ELLA CRANE:

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Marriage: 1907<sup>148</sup>

Children of CHARLES FRENCH and ELLA CRANE are:

- i. CHARLES STANLEY<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, JR<sup>148</sup>, b. Abt. Jan 1908.
- ii. ELEANOR A. FRENCH<sup>148</sup>.

**87.** L. CLINTON<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*LEV<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*)  
He married ELLA FRAKE<sup>148</sup>.

Notes for L. CLINTON FRENCH:

L. Clinton was Past Master of the Pemberton Lodge 199 of Masons in 1925 (Proceedings of Grand Lodge, Vol. XXXI)

Children of L. FRENCH and ELLA FRAKE are:

- i. C. VERNON<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, m. H. MARGUERITE COPERRRTHWAITE.
- ii. ALBERT CARROL FRENCH, b. Abt. 1886; d. 16 Feb 1888, Mt. Holly, NJ<sup>149</sup>.

**88.** BAYARD SAWYER<sup>9</sup> FRENCH (*FRANCIS<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 19 Oct 1880, and died 1946 in Newark, NJ. He married (1) HELENA LOUISE LONECKE. She was born Feb 1879 in New York City, NY, and died 02 Mar 1956. He met (2) HELENE UNKNOWN. She was born in England.

Children of BAYARD FRENCH and HELENA LONECKE are:

- i. BERTHA BEVERLY<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. 27 Oct 1908, Newark, NJ; d. 04 Jun 1996, Mt. Laurel, NJ; m. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HELWIG, 1940.

More About BENJAMIN HELWIG and BERTHA FRENCH:  
Marriage: 1940

- ii. STANLEY FRENCH, b. 1917; d. 1918.

Notes for STANLEY FRENCH:  
Stanley died during an influenza epidemic.

- iii. EVELYN ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. 29 Oct 1920; m. EDWARD MYSTKOWSKI.

Children of BAYARD FRENCH and HELENE UNKNOWN are:

- iv. WALTER<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, b. 1923, Newark, NJ; d. Bet. 1941 - 1945.

Notes for WALTER FRENCH:  
Walter died during World War II.

- v. BAYARD FRENCH, b. 1928.
- vi. ELIZABETH ANN FRENCH, b. 04 May 1944, Newark, NJ; m. WARREN CURTIS JOHNSON, 18 Jul 1970, Peapack-Gladstone, NJ.

Notes for ELIZABETH ANN FRENCH:  
Elizabeth Ann French, the daughter of Bayard French and Helena (unmarried), was adopted by Bertha Beverly French Helwig and her husband, Benjamin Franklin Helwig, sometime between 1945-1946. Bertha French was Elizabeth's half sister. Elizabeth Ann French became Sandra Ann Helwig at her adoption.

More About WARREN JOHNSON and ELIZABETH FRENCH:  
Marriage: 18 Jul 1970, Peapack-Gladstone, NJ

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**89.** MARK G.<sup>10</sup> FRENCH (*WILLIAM SCHOONOVER<sup>9</sup>, MARTIN VANBUREN<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1890 in Virginia. He married BESS UNKNOWN<sup>150</sup>.

Notes for MARK G. FRENCH:

The information presented for Mark's wife, Bess, and daughter, Florence, is not absolutely certain. The town location of the household, his age, his birth State (Virginia), and the birth State of his Father (Pa.) and Mother (Virginia), and the naming of his daughter after his sister, Florence, make the assumptions very likely.

Child of MARK FRENCH and BESS UNKNOWN is:

- i. FLORENCE<sup>11</sup> FRENCH<sup>150</sup>, b. Abt. Jan 1920.

Notes for FLORENCE FRENCH:

The 1920 xxxxx census lists Florence's age as 3/12 which would mark her birth at January, 1920.

**90.** THEODORE TILDEN<sup>10</sup> FRENCH (*WILLIAM COLLINS<sup>9</sup>, WILLIAM NELSON<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 27 May 1908 in Camden, NJ, and died 22 Jan 1954 in Collingswood, NJ. He married MARY K. SMITH.

More About THEODORE TILDEN FRENCH:

Burial: Methodist Cemetery, Port Republic, NJ

Children of THEODORE FRENCH and MARY SMITH are:

- i. THEODORE TILDEN<sup>11</sup> FRENCH II, b. Jun 1934.
- ii. LINDA ADELAIDE FRENCH, b. 25 Jun 1941.

**91.** WILLIAM COLLINS<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, JR. (*WILLIAM COLLINS<sup>9</sup>, WILLIAM NELSON<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 02 Dec 1906 in Camden, NJ, and died 01 Apr 1947 in Westmont, NJ. He married MARY LAKE BOICE 23 Jun 1928 in Pleasantville, NJ, daughter of WILLIAM BOICE and CAROLINE LAKE.

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and MARY BOICE:

Marriage: 23 Jun 1928, Pleasantville, NJ

Child of WILLIAM FRENCH and MARY BOICE is:

99. i. WILLIAM COLLINS<sup>11</sup> FRENCH IV, b. 09 Nov 1933, Chester, Pa..

**92.** CAROLINE ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup> FRENCH (*WILLIAM COLLINS<sup>9</sup>, WILLIAM NELSON<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 26 Apr 1910. She married REGINALD K. BOWEN.

Child of CAROLINE FRENCH and REGINALD BOWEN is:

- i. WILLIAM A.<sup>11</sup> BOWEN, b. 20 Feb 1930.

**93.** FLORENCE HOWARD<sup>10</sup> FRENCH (*WILLIAM COLLINS<sup>9</sup>, WILLIAM NELSON<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 03 Dec 1912 in Port Republic, NJ, and died 16 Aug 1970 in Port Republic, NJ. She married JOSEPH A. LOVELAND in Port Republic, NJ.

More About JOSEPH LOVELAND and FLORENCE FRENCH:

Marriage: Port Republic, NJ

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Child of FLORENCE FRENCH and JOSEPH LOVELAND is:

- i. JOSEPH A.<sup>11</sup> LOVELAND, JR., b. 01 Nov 1943.

**94.** WOODROW WILSON<sup>10</sup> FRENCH (*WILLIAM COLLINS<sup>9</sup>, WILLIAM NELSON<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 08 Nov 1914. He married VIVIEN BOYLE.

Child of WOODROW FRENCH and VIVIEN BOYLE is:

- i. JANE ELIZABETH<sup>11</sup> FRENCH, b. 15 Feb 1951.

**95.** THOMAS E.<sup>10</sup> FRENCH (*LEWIS E.<sup>9</sup>, THOMAS E.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born Sep 1881 in Bass River Township, NJ. He married GRACE GIBERSON 1903 in Atlantic County, NJ, daughter of DANIEL GIBERSON. She was born Abt. 1884.

Notes for THOMAS E. FRENCH:

The 1910 Atlantic City census lists Thomas E. French (Age 28, Post Office Clerk) as the head of Household 154, Family 172 as follows: Grace G. (Age 26, wife); Jacob w. (Age 5, Son); and Thomas E., Jr. (Age 2, Son). Thomas and Grace are listed as having been married for 7 years with two children, two children living.

More About THOMAS E. FRENCH:

Occupation: Post Office Clerk in 1910 census

More About THOMAS FRENCH and GRACE GIBERSON:

Marriage: 1903, Atlantic County, NJ

Children of THOMAS FRENCH and GRACE GIBERSON are:

- i. JACOB WILLETS<sup>11</sup> FRENCH, b. 17 Feb 1905, Atlantic City, NJ.
- ii. THOMAS E. FRENCH, JR., b. 23 May 1907, Atlantic City, NJ; d. 11 Sep 1962, 25 W Delilah Rd, Pleasantville, NJ<sup>151</sup>; m. KATHRYN UNKNOWN<sup>151</sup>.

More About THOMAS E. FRENCH, JR.:

Burial: Mount Laurel, Pomona, NJ

Residence: 25 W Delilah Rd, Pleasantville, NJ at death<sup>151</sup>

- iii. ROBERT D. FRENCH, b. 09 Sep 1914, Atlantic City, NJ.

**96.** WILLIAM H.<sup>10</sup> FRENCH (*LEWIS E.<sup>9</sup>, THOMAS E.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born Mar 1889 in Atlantic County, NJ. He married HANNAH K. 1923 in Atlantic County, NJ. She was born 24 Sep 1902 in Pa, and died 25 Mar 2002 in Pleasantville, NJ.

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and HANNAH K.:

Marriage: 1923, Atlantic County, NJ

Child of WILLIAM FRENCH and HANNAH K. is:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>11</sup> FRENCH.

**97.** IDA ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup> FRENCH (*SUWARROW M.<sup>9</sup>, DANIEL M.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 21 Jul 1904 in New Gretna, NJ, and died 17 Feb 1977. She married EARL CHARLES CRAMER 20 Oct 1923 in New Gretna, NJ<sup>152</sup>. He was born 25 Dec 1895 in Bass River Township, NJ, and died 17 May 1975.

Notes for IDA ELIZABETH FRENCH:

New Gretna Presbyterian Church records indicate that Ida Elizabeth French, New Gretna, married Earl Charles Cramer, Leektown, on 10/20/1923. Witnesses: Curtis C. Maxwell, Jennie S. Broome.

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More About IDA ELIZABETH FRENCH:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Religion: Presbyterian

More About EARL CHARLES CRAMER:

Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

More About EARL CRAMER and IDA FRENCH:

Marriage: 20 Oct 1923, New Gretna, NJ<sup>152</sup>

Child of IDA FRENCH and EARL CRAMER is:

100. i. NORMAN EARL<sup>11</sup> CRAMER, b. 02 May 1930, New Gretna, NJ; d. 08 Jul 1999.

**98.** LEROY A.<sup>10</sup> FRENCH (*RICHARD M.<sup>9</sup>, LEV<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born Aug 1896. He married GLADYS L. NEWMAN<sup>153</sup> Abt. 1923<sup>154</sup>. She was born Abt. 1897 in New Jersey.

Notes for LEROY A. FRENCH:

The April 14, 1930 Brooklyn, New York, Kings County, census lists LeRoy A. French (Age 33, Coal Mine Representative) as the head of household 10, Family 10 with the following: Gladys L. (Age 33, Wife); Gladys L. (Age 2 11/12); and Franka Christiansen (Age 24, Maid from Norway). He lived next door to his parents, Richard M. and Mary E. French, who are listed as Household 90, Family 9.

More About LEROY A. FRENCH:

Residence: Brooklyn, NY in 1930/Homedale, NJ in 1964

Marriage Notes for LEROY FRENCH and GLADYS NEWMAN:

The April 14, 1930 Brooklyn, New York, Kings County, census lists LeRoy A. and and Gladys L. French as being married at age 26 making their marriage year 1923.

More About LEROY FRENCH and GLADYS NEWMAN:

Marriage: Abt. 1923<sup>154</sup>

Child of LEROY FRENCH and GLADYS NEWMAN is:

i. GLADYS L.<sup>11</sup> FRENCH, b. Abt. May 1927.

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**99.** WILLIAM COLLINS<sup>11</sup> FRENCH IV (*WILLIAM COLLINS<sup>10</sup>, WILLIAM COLLINS<sup>9</sup>, WILLIAM NELSON<sup>8</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 09 Nov 1933 in Chester, Pa.. He married (1) JOYCE ANN RECHER 26 Dec 1954 in Silver Spring, Md., daughter of LEONARD RECHER and EDNA LAWSON. He married (2) JOANNE MILDRED GREENE KINKADE 19 Jul 1975 in Springfield, Va..

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and JOYCE RECHER:

Marriage: 26 Dec 1954, Silver Spring, Md.

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and JOANNE KINKADE:

Marriage: 19 Jul 1975, Springfield, Va.

Children of WILLIAM FRENCH and JOYCE RECHER are:

i. WILLIAM COLLINS<sup>12</sup> FRENCH III, b. 09 May 1956, Bainbridge, Md.; m. (1) DEBRA LYNN SPENCER, Aug 1976, Spencerville, Md.; m. (2) DENISE MAE PATTON, Jul 1983.

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and DEBRA SPENCER:

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Marriage: Aug 1976, Spencerville, Md.

More About WILLIAM FRENCH and DENISE PATTON:  
Marriage: Jul 1983

- ii. DEBRA JEAN FRENCH, b. 10 May 1957, Jacksonville, NC; m. (1) VERNON REES FRANKLIN, JR., 04 Oct 1973, Whealton, Md.; m. (2) DONALD ALAN WOODARD, Aug 1985.

More About VERNON FRANKLIN and DEBRA FRENCH:  
Marriage: 04 Oct 1973, Whealton, Md.

More About DONALD WOODARD and DEBRA FRENCH:  
Marriage: Aug 1985

- iii. ROBERT LOUIS FRENCH, b. 09 Jun 1960, Tacoma Park, Md.; m. SUSAN ROLFE CRAMER, 18 Jun 1994, Big Meadows, Va..

More About ROBERT FRENCH and SUSAN CRAMER:  
Marriage: 18 Jun 1994, Big Meadows, Va.

**100.** NORMAN EARL<sup>11</sup> CRAMER (*IDA ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, SUWARROW M.<sup>9</sup>, DANIEL M.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 02 May 1930 in New Gretna, NJ, and died 08 Jul 1999. He married DELILAH AUDREY CROWLEY, daughter of HAROLD CROWLEY and ADELE FALKINBURG. She died 27 Jun 1998.

More About NORMAN EARL CRAMER:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

More About DELILAH AUDREY CROWLEY:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

Children of NORMAN CRAMER and DELILAH CROWLEY are:

101. i. JEFFREY<sup>12</sup> CRAMER.  
102. ii. DOUGLAS CRAMER.  
103. iii. GREGORY CRAMER.  
104. iv. JOAN CRAMER.  
105. v. HAROLD CRAMER.  
vi. CHARLES ROBERT CRAMER, b. 28 Jun 1967; d. 24 Aug 1982.

More About CHARLES ROBERT CRAMER:  
Burial: Miller Cemetery, Bass River Township, NJ

*Generation No. 12*

**101.** JEFFREY<sup>12</sup> CRAMER (*NORMAN EARL<sup>11</sup>, IDA ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, SUWARROW M.<sup>9</sup>, DANIEL M.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) He married (1) THERESA PEVETTI. He married (2) BERNADETTE UNKNOWN.

Children of JEFFREY CRAMER and THERESA PEVETTI are:

- i. JEFFREY<sup>13</sup> CRAMER.  
ii. CHARLES CRAMER.

Children of JEFFREY CRAMER and BERNADETTE UNKNOWN are:

- iii. EARL<sup>13</sup> CRAMER.  
iv. JEREMY CRAMER.

**102.** DOUGLAS<sup>12</sup> CRAMER (*NORMAN EARL<sup>11</sup>, IDA ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, SUWARROW M.<sup>9</sup>, DANIEL M.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) He married MARGARETTE UNKNOWN.

Children of DOUGLAS CRAMER and MARGARETTE UNKNOWN are:

- i. DOUGLAS<sup>13</sup> CRAMER.
- ii. LAURA CRAMER.

**103.** GREGORY<sup>12</sup> CRAMER (*NORMAN EARL<sup>11</sup>, IDA ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, SUWARROW M.<sup>9</sup>, DANIEL M.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) He married DENISE DEMPSEY.

Children of GREGORY CRAMER and DENISE DEMPSEY are:

- i. GREGORY<sup>13</sup> CRAMER.
- ii. JASON CRAMER.
- iii. HEATHER CRAMER.
- iv. TIMOTHY CRAMER.

**104.** JOAN<sup>12</sup> CRAMER (*NORMAN EARL<sup>11</sup>, IDA ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, SUWARROW M.<sup>9</sup>, DANIEL M.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) She married BENJAMIN ADAMS, son of JAMES ADAMS and HELEN BARRETT.

Children of JOAN CRAMER and BENJAMIN ADAMS are:

- i. BENJAMIN<sup>13</sup> ADAMS.
- ii. DOUGLAS ADAMS.

**105.** HAROLD<sup>12</sup> CRAMER (*NORMAN EARL<sup>11</sup>, IDA ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup> FRENCH, SUWARROW M.<sup>9</sup>, DANIEL M.<sup>8</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) He married THERESA ALLEN, daughter of WINFIELD ALLEN and JOAN DEMPSEY.

Notes for THERESA ALLEN:

Brittany Rescigno is the daughter of Theresa Allen by her first husband, Jeffrey Rescigno.

Child of HAROLD CRAMER and THERESA ALLEN is:

- i. ZACHERY<sup>13</sup> CRAMER.

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