

Jeffrey Ferris Family Genealogy

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Preface

It is gratifying to me to present this book to the descendants of Jeffrey Ferris.

It has taken more than two years of intensive research in every possible source to make my dream come true. At times it seemed impossible to marshal the information given in the following pages.

I wish to give highest praise and credit to the following members who spent many days in research:

Miss Harriet Scofield, who, like myself, is a descendant of Jeffrey Ferris and also of Nicholas Knapp, who came to America in 1630.

Mrs. Blanch (Hawkins) Semans, whose mother was a sister of Woodbridge N. Ferris, a former governor of Michigan and later United States senator from that state.

Dr. Elmer Pendell, a grandson of Fay Ferris, now a professor at Jacksonville State College at Jacksonville, Ala. It was through correspondence with the doctor that the so-called disappearance of the Fay Ferris family was unraveled.

The above members are university graduates, Miss Scofield being a professional genealogist. She is genealogist in the Western Reserve Historical Society Library and has the largest collection of Ferris history in the country.

I was fortunate to have the assistance of Mrs. Semans. She also has a huge collection of family history, gathered in and around Spencer. It includes clippings, cemetery inscriptions, Bible records, birth, marriage and death records, and wills, together with files of real estate transfers and deeds.

Miss M. Florence Kirk of Owego did a mountain of research on the Susannah Ferris-Thomas Kirk Family.

I gathered information on the Daniel Ferris branch of the family, besides assisting others in research.

You will find some names and dates missing. Early records were not kept in a way to preserve them. Bibles became torn and brittle; thus a part of family's history was lost.

Fires also did their part in destroying valuable information. This is especially true of the fire that destroyed the Tioga County Court House in Spencer in 1821 when the county seat was there.

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The Ferris Family

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The earliest Ferris immigrant to New England was Jeffrey, or as the name was usually spelled in records of his day, Jeffery Ferris. Exactly when he came or from what place has never been found, and certainly there is no evidence to support the tradition that he came from Leicestershire.

The Ferris name is a corruption of the Norman Ferrers or de Ferrieres, a town of Normandy so called from the iron mines with which the region abounds. It also originated as an occupational surname for farrier or iron-dealer, when surnames first came into use. There were two men called de Ferrers on the Battle Abbey Roll of those who came with William the Conqueror from Normandy. Henri de Ferrers, son of Walkelin or Gualchelme, was the ancestor of the first Earls of Derby, whose descendants even to this day spell their surname "Ferrers." The other Norman baron was Hermanus de Ferres, probably not related to Henri, whose descendants located in southwestern England, where today in the counties of Wiltshire and Devonshire the name "Ferris" is fairly common.

Jeffrey Ferris came to America before May 6, 1635, when he was made a freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. First at Watertown, Mass., he removed with the Watertown men to Wethersfield, Conn., by 1636. In 1640 and 1641, with some others from Wethersfield he prepared to move to Stamford, Conn., where he received a plot of land in the summer of 1641. But before July 1640, he had bought land in Greenwich from the Indian Sachem Keofferam, as we learn from the original deed of that date given by the Indians to Daniel Patrick and Robert Feake, agents for the purchase of Greenwich lands. Some few years later he was living at "Oostdorp" (Easttown) in the New Netherlands, where, Jan. 1, 1657, Gov. Stuyvesant recorded in his journal that he had breakfast at Ferris's, and where Jeffrey, with others, signed articles of submission to the Dutch Governor "so long as we live in his jurisdiction." He was back in Greenwich by the summer of 1658, and his wife died there July 31 of that year. All we know of her is the least two letters of her name "—ne," and that she was the mother of his five children. She may have married Jeffrey soon after he arrived in America or have come with him as a bride.

Soon after her death, Jeffrey signed a marriage contract with Susanna, widow of Robert Lockwood who had died in September 1658, agreeing to pay the Lockwood children their just portions of the Lockwood estate. Susanna died in Greenwich Dec. 23, 1660, and Jeffrey took as his third wife, Judith (Feake) Palmer, widow of Lt. William Palmer. She survived him and married, for her third husband, John Bowers. As "Juda Bowers, lately Widow Ferris," she receipted for her own and her sons' shares of Jeffrey's estate. His will had made bequests to her, her four sons by her former husband, and his own son James, daughter Mary, wife of Jonathan Lockwood, and five grandchildren—three of son Peter's and two of son Joseph's children. John Holly and Peter Ferris, eldest son, were named executors. Peter and Joseph were both of age before October 16, 1656, when they signed as inhabitants of Greenwich a statement of submission to New Haven authority. John Ferris of Westchester, N. Y., was

another son, not named in the will, perhaps because he had already received from his father the land Jeffrey had owned in New York. That he was son of Jeffrey is proved by several deeds recorded in Greenwich, one of which reads, "This present Testifieth that I, John Ferris, inhabitant of Westchester in her Majesties provence of New York, son of Jeffere Ferris of Greenwich, in ye countie of Fairfield in her majesties collonie of Connecticut have received of my brothers peeter feris & Joseph Ferris & Jonathan Lockwood of ye countie & collonie above said ... 1705 July ye 16 day." Although John Ferris was in Greenwich as late as 1659, as we learn from a court record, in later years he was listed as a proprietor of Westchester, perhaps as heir of his father, who was there first.

In a record of Dec. 5, 1705, John Ferris gave his age as 65, and hence was born about 1640. On Feb. 15, 1667, he received a patent to land in Throgmorton's Neck (Throgs Neck), which was still in the family during the Revolution when Howe landed a force of 4000 men there and took over the Ferris home for British headquarters. His wife, who died in 1704, mother of all his children, was Mary Jackson, daughter of Robert. After her death he married Grace ———, perhaps Grace Prawling, who was listed as a servant in the household in the census of Westchester. As a widow, Grace Ferris died in Flushing, L.I., Dec. 31, 1716. He died between May 9, 1715, (date of his will) and Feb. 25, 1716, when it was probated. His children named in his will were: John, Samuel, James, Jonathan, Peter, Phebe, wife of Edward Burling, Hannah, wife of William Mott, Martha and Sarah. His eldest daughter, Mary, wife of Nathaniel Underhill, had probably died before him.

John Ferris, Jr., was born about 1661, as he appears in the records as "Junior" in 1682, and his father as "Senior" in 1683. In 1686 both John Ferris, Sr., and John Ferris, Jr., were listed as Trustees of the Town of Westchester, and on Jan. 31, 1698, John Ferris "of Lower Yonkers" and John Ferris, Jr., of Westchester took the oath of allegiance to the King of England. There are many records of the two men from 1682 to 1715 but it is difficult to tell which belongs to which man.

One John Ferris died between Oct. 19, when he made his will, and Nov. 15, 1729, when it was probated. In it he mentioned his wife, Elizabeth and his son John, and made provision for another unborn child, if it should be a boy. The wife of this John Ferris was Elizabeth Clarke, daughter of Daniel and his second wife, Hannah (Underhill) Barnes. As Daniel did not marry Hannah until after 1698, Elizabeth was probably born in 1700. Daniel Clarke made his will in 1727, and named John Ferris as one of the executors. He died in 1734, and when the will was probated, all of the executors being dead, his daughters, Elizabeth Ferris and Sarah Hinckman were named to administer the estate. Elizabeth married, by 1736, John Griffin. If her husband was John Ferris, Jr., above, as some printed genealogies aver, we have a man about 60 years of age marrying a girl of about 20. This seems very unlikely, and it is quite possible that John, Jr., had a son John III who was the one to marry Elizabeth Clarke. From the partial records available, it is impossible to tell, although when records from 1715 to 1729 are examined proof may be found.

The only child of John and Elizabeth (Clarke) Ferris was the son John, born probably about 1727-28, whom we shall call John IV. His farm in Scarsdale (under colonial government the Manor of Scarsdale included the greater part of White Plains and the towns of New Castle, North Castle and Mamaroneck) was

devastated by the British during the Revolution, his barns burned, his crops destroyed and his livestock carried off. After the Revolution his home was on the road from Peekskill to Yorktown in the town of Cortlandt. He was Justice of the Peace during the Revolutionary war, and some of his activities in defense of his country are mentioned in the Public Papers of George Clinton, first governor of New York State. In 1790, he was living in Cortlandt, with his two **sons** married and in homes of their own nearby. The census would indicate that he may have had two daughters, and possibly he had others who were married before 1790.

He died intestate, April 28, 1805, and his eldest son was appointed administrator of the estate. His wife, Susannah, or Susan, had died before him, April 1, 1803. From the pension application of his son, Richard, we learn that he had only two sons, but know nothing about any daughters.

David Ferris, the eldest son, served as a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war. In 1790 his family included five persons: probably himself, his wife, a son under 16 and two daughters. One of his daughters may have been Ann K. Ferris, who as "daughter of David and Mary Ferris," was married Dec. 12, 1811, in the Highland Presbyterian Church, to David Woolsey. The only other possible mention of this David is found in the history of Tioga County, N. Y., as one of the early settlers there with Richard Ferris. But nothing is given about his family.

Richard Ferris served in the Revolution under his brother, Lt. David Ferris. The story of his life and his descendants are given in this book.

One of the sons, probably the youngest, of John and Mary (Jackson) Ferris was Peter Ferris, who married Susannah Fowler. He lived in Westchester, Eastchester and Mamaroneck, N. Y., at different times, and was called "Esquire." He had four sons, Gilbert, Jonathan, Joshua and Caleb, and possibly two daughters. One of the latter may have been Mary, who married Richard Cornell and named a son Peter Cornell.

Jonathan Ferris, son of Peter, was born in Eastchester, Feb. 15, 1732, but moved to Cortlandt, N. Y., where he died Aug. 26, 1798. In the Revolutionary war he was a sergeant of the Associated Exempts of Cortlandt. He was married twice, and had fifteen children, of whom the first eleven were by his first wife, Rachel Dean. His second wife, who survived him, was Elizabeth Miller. The children were:

1. Joseph, b. Nov. 15, 1757, m. Lydia Seymour.
2. Sarah, b. July 25, 1759, m. Richard Currey.
3. Caleb Dean, b. Aug. 14, 1761, m. Elizabeth Lent.
Joshua, b. June 26, 1763, m. Elizabeth Hathaway.
4. Susannah, b. Oct. 3, 1765, died before her father.
5. Deborah, b. Dec. 3, 1767, m. Benjamin Drake.
6. John, b. June 7, 1769, d. Feb. 21, 1789.
Benjamin, b. Nov. 9, 1771. m. (1) Anna Post, and (2) Anna Maria Schieffelin.
9. A son, b. Jan. 19, 1774, died in infancy.
10. Phebe, b. Nov. 3, 1776, m. Henry Lounsbury.
11. Jonathan, b. March 18, 1779, m. Jane Owen.
12. Elizabeth, m. Feb. 4, 1801, John Jacobs.
13. Peter, b. between 1781 and 1784, m. ——— Lounsbury.
14. Rebecca, b. before 1785, m. ——— Lyons.
15. Fanny, b. about 1790, m. Caleb Wetmore.

Joshua Ferris served in the Revolutionary war from 1778 to 1783 in the

colonial army, drawing a pension for his service later. After the war he moved to Kortright's Patent, then part of Montgomery County, but now Delaware County, but returned to Westchester County after 1790, and about 1798 went to Tioga County, N.Y. In that year he married Eliza Hathaway, by whom he had four children. Although he had lived in Spencer over thirty-five years, he died in Ithaca, March 20, 1848. Eliza died in November 1841, in Spencer. The children were:

1. Benjamin G., President of the village of Ithaca, member of the state legislature, prominent attorney in Ithaca and New York City, appointed Secretary of Utah Territory in 1855; m. Cornelia Woodcock; d. in 1893.
2. Eliza Ann, m. Horace Mack, in Spencer, but moved to Ithaca, where she d. 1876.
3. Joshua H., b. about 1808, m. Louisa Fisher, lived in Spencer, N.Y.
4. Myron H., m. Henrietta Augusta Lanstaff.

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References: Battle Abbey Roll; Cokayne's Peerage; original records of the Massachusetts Bay Colony; New Haven Colonial records; and records of the Connecticut Colony; vital statistics and probates and deeds of Fairfield County, Conn., and Westchester, N.Y.; The American Genealogist; New York Genealogical and Biographical Record; Families of Old Fairfield; Pension records in the National Archives; family papers; the Public Papers of George Clinton; and various published family genealogies.

The First Ferris in America

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The Ferris family is of Norman-French origin, having come originally from Normandy. Henri de Feriers, the son of Gualchelde de Feriers, master of the house of the Duke of Normandy, obtained from William the Conqueror large grants of land in the Counties of Leicestshire, Staffordshire and Derbyshire in England.

Jeffrey Ferris, born in 1610, was believed to be the first Ferris in America. He emigrated to the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Boston, about 1635 and was made a freeman (one entitled to citizenship) and settled in Watertown just outside of Boston.

Charles I drove 20,000 people out of England to America between 1625 and 1635 in the "Puritan Exodus" or "Puritan Migration."

Boston was settled by Puritans in 1630 and by 1634 it had 4,000 people scattered in 20 nearby towns.

In 1635-36 many Puritans, looking for more and better food, left Massachusetts and went southwest into Connecticut and settled at Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield.

Jeffrey Ferris was one of the first settlers of Wethersfield.

In 1639 Hartford, Windsor, and Wethersfield set up a form of government for themselves, making no mention of the power of the King of England or that of Massachusetts. They adopted a written constitution called the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut which made them practically an independent republic.

That Connecticut Constitution is the first written constitution in the history of the world which was drawn up by the people themselves for their own government, and it remained in force many years.

Jeffrey finally settled in Greenwich, Fairfield County, which acknowledged jurisdiction of the New Haven Colony in 1656. His first wife died two years later, May 31, 1658. They had four sons, Joseph, Peter, John and James. He married Susannah Lockwood, widow of Robert Lockwood, and agreed to pay, according to Probate Court records, Oct. 20, 1658, legacies for Robert Lockwood's children to Samuel and Joseph Lockwood and William Ward, husband of Deborah Lockwood. Susannah died Dec. 23, 1660.

His third wife was Judy (Feake) Palmer.

Jeffrey Ferris died in Fairfield County, Conn., May 31, 1666.

Son Joseph, 1635?-1699, married Ruth Knapp, daughter of Nicholas and Eleanor Knapp. (Nicholas Knapp also was one of those who landed at Watertown in 1630, together with Bradford and Saltonstall. He was the antecedant of the Knapp families living now in Groton, Ithaca and nearby communities.) Joseph Ferris was a large landowner.

Peter married Elizabeth Reynolds. He was made a freeman in 1662 and a representative in 1685, and removed to Stamford, Conn.

James was living on a large estate in Greenwich, Fairfield County, Conn., in 1672.

John, 1639-1715, was one of the patentees of the town of Westchester, Westchester County, N. Y., confirmed under Governor Nicholas Feb. 15, 1667, from James, Duke of York.

John became a Quaker like many of the Puritans who left Massachusetts in 1635-1636. His first wife, Mary Jackson, mother of his 10 children, died in 1704. His second wife, Grace, died the year that John died, 1715, at Flushing, Long Island.

Richard Ferris, the Revolutionary War soldier, buried in the Garret farm cemetery in Spencer, is his great-grandson as is Joshua Ferris, a lieutenant in the Revolution.

In 1779, Gen. John Sullivan led' an expedition through northern Pennsylvania and on to New York State, laying waste to the Iroquois country. He was under orders to destroy villages, orchards and crops so utterly as to put it out of British power to derive the smallest succor from their British allies. The Battle of Newtown (Elmira) Sunday, Aug. 29, 1779, was fought on original Tioga County soil.

The Indian lands were opened to settlement in 1788. Tioga County was formed by an act of the New York State Legislature in 1791, and was taken from Montgomery County, formerly Tryon County. It contained territory now embraced in the Counties of Chemung, Tioga, Broome, Schuyler with the exception of the Towns of Orange and Tyrone, all of Tompkins with the exception of the Town of Groton, a portion of Lansing, one-third of Cortland County and a large portion of Chenango County. Four years later a series of acts gradually lessened the territory of Tioga County until today it has but 542 square miles or 346,880 acres.

Disbanded soldiers of Sullivan's army told such glowing stories of this territory that many of their friends and neighbors soon started west to establish homes in the wilderness.

Ferris Family by Generations

The two fold-out family “trees” on the following four pages give the first five generations of the Jeffrey Ferris family as far as it has been possible to trace his descendants.

You will notice the “tree” on pages 13 and 14 gives only four of Jeffrey’s children, while the one on pages 15 and 16 gives John, the other son of Jeffrey. This latter “tree” shows the antecedants of Richard and Joshua Ferris, each having a common great-grand. father, John Ferris, b. about 1639.

Starting on page 17 is the author’s concept of what a family history should contain. The usual family history, or “tree, gives but an outline or list of its members.

You will find this form of listing used in the balance of the book. The Ferris parent, or a descendant of a Ferris parent, is listed in one generation and the children in the following generation. By using this system all children are given, including marriages, and all known births and deaths.

The Richard Ferris family is divided into seven parts. Although Richard had 10 children, James, Henry and Gilbert not being married, their names will not be repeated.

These seven families are listed under headings set in bold type. If the preceding page does not make a full page, blank space or pages are left so descendants of this family may make corrections or additions, as the case may be.

John, b. 1784, d. 1867, being the oldest child of Richard, his family is placed first. His descendants are given, in order, down to the twelfth generation. Following John, each of the other children of Richard are given, in order, down to the youngest son, Fayette (Fay) Ferris.

Two sizes of type are used to differentiate between the parent and children. Let’s start off with Richard, who was born in 1762 and died in 1846. This line is set in bold type and is one size larger than the light-face type used to denote his children, listed in the next generation.

The Jeffrey Ferris Family

FIRST GENERATION

- 1. Jeffrey¹ Ferris,** b. 1610; d. 1666.
m. (1) Unknown; d. May 31, 1658.
Children
- 2. Peter Ferris b. about 1633 or 1634.
 - 3. Joseph Ferris b. about 1635 d. 1699.
 - 4.+ John Ferris b. 1639; d. 1715.
 - 5. Mary Ferris
 - 6. James Ferris
- m. (2) Susannah, widow of Robert Lockwood, with his 10 children. They were:
Jonathan, Deborah, Joseph, Daniel, Ephraim, Gershom, John, Abigail, Sarah
(died in infancy), Sarah (b. the next year), and Mary.
- m. (3) Judith Feake, widow of Lt. William Palmer, with five children, four boys and one
girl.

SECOND GENERATION

2. Peter² Ferris (Jeffrey¹), b. about 1633 or 1634. Had three children when
Jeffrey made his will. Three more born later, and perhaps others.

3. Joseph² Ferris (Jeffrey¹), b. about 1635 d. 1699. Had two children
when Jeffrey made his will. Nine more born later.

4. John² Ferris (Jeffrey¹), b. 1639; d. 1715.
m. (1) Mary Jackson; d. 1704; m. (2) Grace. d. 1715.

Children

- 7.+ John Ferris, b. 1660; d. 1729.
 - 8. Mary Ferris, b. 1663.
 - 9. Martha Ferris,
 - 10. Samuel Ferris, b. 1676.
 - 11. James Ferris,
 - 12. Phebe Ferris,
 - 13. Hannah Ferris, b. 1679; d. 1759.
 - 14. Jonathan Ferris, d. 1753
 - 15. Peter Ferris,
 - 16. Sarah Ferris,
5. Mary² Ferris (Jeffrey¹), m. (1) Jonathan Lockwood.
Children
- 17. Robert
 - 18. Jonathan
 - 19. Gershom
 - 20. Joseph
 - 21. Abigail
 - 22. Still John.
- m. (2) Thomas Merritt.

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6. **James² Ferris (Jeffrey¹)**, had an estate in Greenwich, Conn., in 1672.

THIRD GENERATION

7. **John³ Ferris (John²)**, b. 1660; d. 1729.
m. Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Daniel Clark. He was born 1700-1. Elizabeth was with child for John.
23. John Ferris, b. before 1729; d. 1805.
8. **Mary³ Ferris (John²)**, b. 1663.
m. Nathaniel Underhill, son of Capt.. John Underhill.
9. **Martha³ Ferris (John²)**, m. Clark.
10. **Samuel³ Ferris (John²)**, b. 1676.
m. Sarah Pinckney, daughter of John Pinckney.
11. **James³ Ferris (John²)**, m. Anne Sands.
12. **Phebe³ Ferris (John²)**, m. Edward Burling. He died in May 1749.
13. **Hannah³ Ferris (John²)**, b. 1679; d. 1759. m. William Mott.
14. **Jonathan³ Ferris (John²)**, d. 1753. Will proved May 31, 1753. Not married.
15. **Peter³ Ferris (John²)**, m. Susannah Fowler, daughter of Henry Fowler, Eastchester. Lived in Westchester and Mamaroneck.
Children:
24. Gilbert
25. Joshua
26. Jonathan
27. Caleb.
16. **Sarah³ Ferris (John²)**, m. (1) Samuel Harrison in 1719.
m. (2) Solomon Palmer of Mamaroneck in 1735.

FOURTH GENERATION

23. **John⁴ Ferris (John³)**, b. before 1729; d. 1805.
m. Susannah ; b. ; d. 1803. His mother was pregnant with another child in 1729.
28. David Ferris b. before Richard.
29.+ Richard Ferris, , b. Apr. 11, 1762, Scarsdale, N. Y.; d. Oct. 19, 1846

Richard Ferris-Catherine Lent Family

FIFTH GENERATION

28. David⁵ Ferris (John⁴), b. older than Richard. Served as a lieutenant in Revolutionary Army. m. Mary, daughter of Hercules and Lavina "Winchy" (Van Tassel) Lent; b. Dec. 10,

Children

- 30. Son Ferris
- 31. Daughter Ferris
- 32. Anne K. Ferris

29. Richard⁵ Ferris (John⁴), b. Apr. 11, 1762, Scarsdale, N. Y.; d. Oct. 19, 1846. m. Catherine Lent, daughter of Hercules and Lavina "Winchy" (Van Tassel) Lent; b. Dec. 10, 1763; d. Apr. 11, 1856. Served under David as a private in the Revolutionary Army. (Hercules Van Lent dropped "Van" when son was baptised in 1712 in Tarrytown.)

Children

- 33.+ John Ferris, b. July 26, 1784; d. Jan. 5, 1867
- 34. James Ferris, b. Dec. 10, 1785; d. Feb. 28, 1805
- 35. Stephen Ferris, b. Aug. 25, 1787; d. Mar. 27, 1864;
- 36. Mary (Polly) Ferris, b. Mar. 22, 1789; d. 1891
- 37. Susannah or Susan Ferris, b. Jan. 11, 1792; d. Jan. 27, 1874
- 38. Catherine Elizabeth Ferris, b. Dec. 7, 1794; d. 1876.
- 39. Daniel Ferris, b. Apr. 1, 1796; d. Nov. 8, 1876.
- 40. Hester (Hetty) Ferris, b. Apr. 30, 1798; d.
- 41. Henry Ferris, b. June 20, 1800; d. Nov. 12, 1823.
- 42. Gilbert Ferris, b. Sept. 7, 1804; d. Apr. 2, 1865.

SIXTH GENERATION

32. Anne⁶ K. Ferris (David⁵) m. David Woolsey Dec. 12, 1811.

33. John⁶ Ferris (Richard⁵), b. July 26, 1784; d. Jan. 5, 1867.
m. (1) Harriet Phebe Mosher; b. 1794; d. Oct. 15, 1832.

Children of Harriet

- 43. Thomas Ferris, b. 1811.
- 44. Selah Ferris, b. 1814
- 45. James Ferris, b. 1815; d. 1898.
- 46.+ Harriet Ferris, bb. Jan. 13, 1816; d. May 14, 1882
- 47.+ Susan Ferris, b. 1820; d. 1894.
- 48.+ John Ferris, b. 1824; d. 1895.
- 49. Eliza Ann Ferris, b. 1827; d.
- 50. Andrew Ferris, b. June 3, 1829; d. 1910
- 51. Fayette (Fay) Ferris, b. 1830; d. June 17, 1880

m. (2) Rachel Cass; b. 1798; d.

Richard Ferris Family

- 34. James⁶ Ferris (Richard⁵),** b. Dec. 10, 1785; d. Feb. 28, 1805.
Not married.
- 35. Stephen⁶ Ferris (Richard⁵),** b. Aug. 25, 1787; d. Mar. 27, 1864;
m. (1) Deborah Mosher; b. 1795; d. Mar. 6, 1854. m.: (2) Catherine; b. 1814; d.
7 sons, 5 daughters.
- 36. Mary⁶ (Polly) Ferris (Richard⁵),** b. Mar. 22, 1789; d. 1891.
m. John Forsyth; b. 1785; d. 1861.
- 37. Susannah⁶ or Susan Ferris (Richard⁵),**
b. Jan. 11, 1792; d. Jan. 27, 1874. m. Thomas Kirk; b. 1790; d. 1871.
- 38. Catherine⁶ Elizabeth Ferris (Richard⁵),** b. Dec. 7, 1794; d. 1876.
m. Abram Garey; b. Apr. 23, 1784; d. 1840.
- 39. Daniel⁶ Ferris (Richard⁵),** b. Apr. 1, 1796; d. Nov. 8, 1876.
m. Roxy Thompson; b. 1795; d. May 28, 1874.
- 40. Hester⁶ (Hetty) Ferris (Richard⁵),** b. Apr. 30, 1798; d.
m. Samuel Clark.
- 41. Henry⁶ Ferris (Richard⁵),** b. June 20, 1800; d. Nov. 12, 1823.
Not married.
- 42. Gilbert⁶ Ferris (Richard⁵),** b. Sept. 7, 1804; d. Apr. 2, 1865.
Not married.

SEVENTH GENERATION

- 43. Thomas⁷ Ferris (John⁶),** b. 1811. Lived in Michigan in 1850.
m. Lucinda ; b. in New York State.
Children:
52. Jane Ferris, 8,
53. Chauncey Ferris, 3, both born in N. Y. State
- 44. Selah⁷ Ferris (John⁶),** b. 1814 in N.Y. State.
Was in Clinton Co., Mich, 1850. m. Lydia (perhaps) Pritchard.
Child
54. Thomas, b. 1838, Michigan.
- 45. James⁷ Ferris (John⁶),** b. 1815; d. 1898. m. Elizabeth ; b. 1816; d. 1898
Children
55.+ Myron Ferris, b. 1838; d. 1905.
56. Gabriel (Gabe) Ferris, b. 1839; d. 1889.
57. Eleeta (Lectie) Ferris, b. 1845
58. Mary Ferris, b. 1848; d. 1878.
59. Franklin Ferris, b. 1854; d. 1865.
60. Charles D. Ferris, b. 1856.

Richard Ferris Family

- 46. Harriet⁷ Ferris (John⁶),** b. Jan. 13, 1816; d. May 14, 1882.
m. James R. Hazen; his first wife was Roxy Ann Read; d. 1850.

Children

- 61. Rachel Ann Hazen, b. July 9, 1855; d. Mar. 27, 1881.
- 62. Edward J. Hazen, b. Feb. 15, 1857.
- 63. Frances H. Hazen, b. Mar. 29, 1859.
- 64. Eliza L. Hazen, b. Mar. 14, 1861.

- 47. Susan⁷ Ferris (John⁶),** b. 1820; d. 1894.
m. Gabriel News; b. Apr. 12, 1819; d. Feb. 4, 1898.

Children

- 65. Edward News, b. Oct. 4, 1845; d. ;
- 66. Margurete News, b. June 26, 1850; d. Sept. 3, 1928;
- 67. Phebe News, b. Dec. 29, 1856; d. Feb. 17, 1934;

- 48. John⁷ Ferris (John⁶),** b. 1824; d. 1895. m. (1) Sarah Woodard; b. 1818;
d. Mar. 23, 1851. m. (2) Stella Reed; b. 1835; d. 1918.

Children

- 68. Woodbridge Ferris, b. Jan. 6, 1853; d. Mar. 28, 1928
- 69. Sarah Ferris, b. 1854; d. 1938
- 70. Anna Eliza Ferris, b. 1856; d. 1920.
- 71. Mariette Ferris, b. Mar. 9, 1858; d. Sept. 3, 1926
- 72. Olive Ferris, b. 1860; d. Dec. 13, 1939.
- 73. Stella Ferris, b. Feb. 7, 1866; d. 1953.
- 74. Seymour H. Ferris, b. 1868; d. 1905.

- 49. Eliza⁷ Ann Ferris (John⁶),** b. 1827; d. ; m. Alvah Spencer; b. 1821;

Children

- 75. Hezekiah Spencer, b. 1841; d. ;
- 76. Charles Spencer, b. 1844; d. ;
- 77. John Spencer, b. 1852; d. ;

- 50. Andrew⁷ Ferris (John⁶),** b. June 3, 1829; d. 1910.
m. Lucy Adelia Converse; b. Mar. 16, 1837; d. Oct. 4, 1892.

Children

- 78. Frederick Ferris, b. July 3, 1855; d. Dec. 19, 1893;
- 79. Thomas Ferris, b. 1857; d. Sept. 13, 1905;
- 80. Another child died at birth

- 51. Fayette⁷ (Fay) Ferris (John⁶),** b. 1830; d. June 17, 1880.
m. (1) Julia Kurtendall; b. June 17, 1808; d. Aug. 6, 1872.

Children:

- 81. Frances Delphine Ferris, b. July 22, 1850; d. June 17, 1880;
 - 82. Phebe Ferris, b. 1835; d. Sept. 8, 1900 (Galveston Flood)
- m. (2) Mary Jane Catlin, widow with two sons, Verne and Will.

EIGHTH GENERATION

55. Myron^s Ferris (James⁷), b. 1838; d. 1905.
m. Emily J. Hanyan; b. 1841

Children

- 83. Nellie Ferris
- 84. Annie. Ferris

56. Gabriel^s (Gabe) Ferris (James⁷), b. 1839; d. 1889.

57. Electa^s (Lectie) Ferris (James⁷), b. 1845. m. Compton.

58. Mary^s Ferris (James⁷), b. 1848; d. 1878. M. Eastham.

59. Franklin^s Ferris (James⁷), b. 1854; d. 1865.

60. Charles^s D. Ferris (James⁷), b. 1856. m. Eva Hanyan.

68. Woodbridge^s N. Ferris (John⁷), b. Jan. 6, 1853; d. Mar. 28, 1928. He was born in Spencer, N. Y.; attended district schools there and later Spencer Academy, walking four miles daily to and from school in town. He became principal of the latter school. On leaving Spencer, he went to Illinois where he was principal in several schools, the last five years of which as superintendent of schools in Dixon, Ill. Desiring to branch out in a greater work, he started the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, Mich., in 1884. The first semester had 18 pupils and this was held in a room over a store. The school grew until 1917 there were over 800 enrolled on a 12-month basis. No one was barred from entering; there was no race distinction; habits, age or other qualifications made no difference. There were no entrance examinations. He entered politics in 1892 upon the insistence of Democratic leaders and ran for Congress but was defeated. In 1904 he was induced to run for governor but defeated. He again was a candidate for governor in 1912 and was elected by a majority of 3'5,000, and re-elected in 1914, this time by a majority of 180,000. He gave as a reason for his success the last time the 20,000 graduates of the Institute in Michigan who proved to be great campaigners, especially the girls'. Later he ran for the United States Senate and was elected. After his death in Washington in 1928, the state obtained control of the school.
m. (1) Helen F. Gillespie; b. 1853; d. 1917.

Children

- 85. Carleton Gillespie Ferris, b. 1876; d. Nov. 1961
- 86. Clifford Ferris, b. 1881; died in infancy.
- 87. Phelps F. Ferris, b. 1889; d. Dec. 10, 1935.

69. Sarah^s Ferris (John⁷), b. 1854; d. 1938. m. (1) Frank Wilbur;
b. 184'1; a. 18110.

Child

88. Harry, b. 1877; d. 1906.
m. (2) E. Dean Wilbur; b. 1848; d. 1932.

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70. Anna^s Eliza Ferris(John⁷), b. 1856; d. 1920.
m. George Crans; b. 1841; d. 1899.

Children:

89. Claude Crans, b. 1880; d. 1945;
90. Nellie Crans, b. 1886, d. 1918;
91. Olive Crans, b. 1892; d. 1959.

71. Mariette^s Ferris (John⁷), b. Mar. 9, 1858; d. Sept. 3, 1926. m.
Henry Shaw; b. Dec. 3, 1850; d. Oct. 23, 1934.

Children

92. Henry Lee Shaw, b. June 8, 1881; d. Apr. 3, 1941; Not Married
93. Stella Shaw, b. Dec. 30, 1882; d. ;
94. William Shaw, b. Dec. 17, 1884; d. ;

72. Olive^s Ferris (John⁷), b. 1860; d. Dec. 13, 1939. Not married.

73. Stella^s Ferris (John⁷), b. Feb. 7, 1866; d. 1953.
m. (1) Albert J. Hawkins; b. 1868; d. 1907.

Children

95. Blanch Hawkins, b. Jan. 31, 1887; d. ; NYU, B.S. 1930; M.A. 1933
96. Philena M. Hawkins, b. Jan. 29, 1888; d. ;
97. Harry Larow Hawkins, b. June 7, 1889; d. . ;

m (2) James Stewart; b. 1859; d. 1922.

74. Seymour^s H. Ferris (John⁷), b. 1868; d. 1905.
m. (1) Grace Quick.

Children

98. Alice Ferris,
m (2) Nellie Richter.

78. Frederick^s Ferris (Andrew⁷), b. July 3, 1855; d. Dec. 19, 1893.
m. Belle Bowen. b. 1858; d. 1941.

Children:

99. Raymond Ferris, b. Oct. 5, 1889; d. Aug. 9, 1961.
100. Another child died at birth

79. Thomas^s Ferris (Andrew⁷), b. 1857; d. Sept. 13, 1905.
m. Blanche Clark. b. 1855; d. 1905.

Children:

101. Grace Ferris, b. 1882; d. 1888.
102. Hazel Ferris, b. 1892; d. Oct. 18, 1952.

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NINTH GENERATION

85. Carleton⁹ Gillespie Ferris (Woodbridge⁸), b. 1876; d. Nov. 1961. Purdue, Michigan. m. (1) Maude Osyering. Divorced. m. (2) Marguerite Bourg; b. 1929.

86. Clifford⁹ Ferris (Woodbridge⁸), b. 1881; died in infancy.

87. Phelps⁹ F Ferris (Woodbridge⁸), b. 1889; d. Dec. 10, 1935. m. (1) Mable; b. June 13, . Divorced.

Children:

- 103. Helen Ferris
- 104. Woodbridge Ferris.

m. (2) Mary; deceased.

Child:

- 105. Shirley Ferris, b. 1927.

99. Raymond⁹ Ferris (Frederick⁸), b. Oct. 5, 1889; d. Aug. 9, 1961. m. Edyth Allen, Aug. 15, 1928. b. May 21, 1890; d.

Children:

- 106. Beverly Ferris, b. July 18, 1929; d.

101. Grace⁹ Ferris (Thomas⁸), b. 1882; d. 1888.

102. Hazel⁹ Ferris (Thomas⁸), b. 1892; d. Oct. 18, 1952. m. Rev. Willis Hull. b. July 6, 1891; d. July 5, 1949.

TENTH GENERATION

106. Beverly¹⁰ Ferris (Raymond⁹), b. July 18, 1929; d. m. James S. Reynolds, Feb. 7, 1952.

Children:

- 107. David A. Reynolds, b. Nov. 24, 1952; d.
- 108. Raymond W. Reynolds, b. Sept. 27, 1959; d.
- 109. Michael T. Reynolds, b. Mar. 3, 1961; d

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SEVENTH GENERATION

51. Fayette⁷ (Fay) Ferris (John⁶), b. 1830; d. June 17, 1880.
m. (1) Julia Kurtendall; b. June 17, 1808; d. Aug. 6, 1872.

Children:

- 81 Frances Delphine Ferris, b. July 22, 1850; d. Oct. 20, 1921.
- 82. Phebe Ferris, b. 1835; drowned in Galveston Flood, Sept. 8, 1900.

EIGHTH GENERATION

81. Frances⁸ Delphine Ferris (Fayette⁷), b. July 22, 1850; d. Oct. 20, 1921. m. Sobeski R. Harris; b. Jan. 30, 1847; d. Dec. 12, 1937.

Children:

- 110. Fred F. Harris, b. Sept. 12, 1869; d. Apr. 29, 1931.
- 111. Arthur D. Harris, b. Aug. 15, 1871; d. Mar. 10, 1953.
- 112. Ida M. Harris, b. Aug. 17, 1873; d. Aug. 30, 1953.
- 113. Guy M. Harris, b. June 6, 1876; d. Dec. 7, 1895.
- 114. Elmer Harris, b. Nov. 6, 1878; d. Dec. 7, 1895.
- 115. Dewitt E. Harris, b. Feb. 22, 1882; d. Aug. 14, 1949.
- 116. John H. Harris, b. July 28, 1887; d. Aug. 2, 1989.



82. Phebe⁸ Ferris (Fayette⁷), b. 1835; drowned in Galveston Flood, Sept. 8, 1900. m. Guy Tozer. One daughter, Zena; m. Watkins of Texas.

NINTH GENERATION

110. Fred⁹ F. Harris (Frances⁸), b. Sept. 12, 1869; d. Apr. 29, 1931. m. Margaret ; b. ; d.

Children:

- 117. Leonard Harris,
- 118. James Harris,

111. Arthur⁹ D. Harris (Frances⁸), b. Aug. 15, 1871; d. Mar. 10, 1953. m. Martha Mead b. May 3, 1876; d. Nov. 15, 1956.

Children:

- 119. Hazel E. Harris, b. Feb. 19, 1897; d.

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112. Ida⁹ M. Harris (Frances⁸), b. Aug. 17, 1873; d. Aug. 30, 1953.
m. George G. Pendell; b. Sept. 6, 1868; d. Oct. 2, 1924.

Children:

- 120. Mary F. Pendell, b. Dec. 7, 1892; d. May 15, 1951.
- 121. Dr. Elmer Pendell, b. July 28, 1894; d.
- 122. John Levering (Jack) Pendell, b. Feb. 4, 1897; d.
- 123. Gertrude Pendell, b. Jan. 2, 1900; d.

113. Guy⁹ M. Harris (Frances⁸), b. June 6, 1876; d. Dec. 7, 1895. Not married.

114. Elmer⁹ Harris (Frances⁸), b. Nov. 6, 1878; d. Dec. 7, 1895.

115. Dewitt⁹ E. Harris (Frances⁸), b. Feb. 22, 1882; d. Aug. 14, 1949.
m. Bessie Mansfield; b. June 10, 1886; d. Mar. 12, 1962.

Children:

- 124. Merle. Harris

116. Dr. John⁹ H. Harris (Frances⁸), b. July 28, 1887; d. Aug. 2, 1989; Valparaiso U.; Ratledge Chiropractic College; D.C. degree, 1935.
m. Mary L. Pettit; b. Oct. 16, 1891; d. June 16, 1987;

Children:

- 125. Ruth Lois Pettit Harris, b. Mar. 1, 1915; d. Aug. 9, 1984;
- 126. Robert Wilson Harris, b. Jan. 1, 1918; d.

TENTH GENERATION

119. Hazel¹⁰ E. Harris (Arthur⁹), b. Feb. 19, 1897; d.
m. Earnest S. Walker; b. Mar. 28, 1897; d.

Children:

- 127. Ernest S. Walker, Jr., b. Oct. 4, 1919; d. ;
- 128. Eleanor J. Walker, b. Mar. 30, 1924; d. ;

120. Mary¹⁰ F. Pendell (Ida⁹), b. Dec. 7, 1892; d. May 15, 1951.
m. Ralph W. Reazor; b. Nov. 19, 1889; d.

Children:

- 129. Doris M. Reazor, b. July 31, 1913; d. Feb. 15, 1928.
- 130. Martha R. Reazor, b. May 30, 1917; d.
- 131. M. Constance Reazor, b. Jan. 1, 1922; d.
- 132. Ruth L. Reazor, b. Mar. 11, 1924; d.

121. Dr. Elmer¹⁰ Pendell (Ida⁹), b. July 28, 1894; d.
Cornell U., Ph.D.; George Washington, LLB.; Oregon, B.S.; Chicago, M.A.;
Cornell U., Phi Kappa Phi; Baldwin-Wallace, Delta Mu Delta; Oklahoma State,
V.-P., Pi Gamma Mu; First Lieut., WW1; Purple Heart, Distinguished Service
Cross. m. Lucille Hunt; divorced, 1946. Oklahoma State, A.B., M.A.

Children:

- 133. M. Jane Pendell, b. July 15, 1931; d.

122. John¹⁰ Levering (Jack) Pendell (Ida⁹), b. Feb. 4, 1897; d.
m. Jessie Moulton; b. Mar. 14, 1904; d.

Children:

134. Charlotte C. Pendell, b. Dec. 22, 1935; d.

123. Gertrude¹⁰ Pendell (Ida⁹), b. Jan. 2, 1900; d.
In. (1) Earl W. Marcy; b. June 14, 1899; d. June 8, 1919.

Children:

135. Earline G. Marcy; b. June 2, 1917.

m. (2) Ray M. Sprague. Divorced 1924.

Children:

136. Raymah Sprague; b. Aug. 14, 1921; d.

m. (3) Gerald E. Thomas; b. Oct. 12, 1902; d. Adopted Raymah (Sprague)

Children:

137. Geraldine Thomas, b. Mar 25, 1933; d.

138. Sandra E. Thomas, b. Oct. 31, 1937; d. ;

124. Merle¹⁰ Harris (Dewitt⁹),

Children:

139. Merle Harris, Jr. b. Oct. 25, 1932; d.

140. DeWitt Harris, b. May 4, 1934; d.

141. Donald Harris b. 1933 d.

125. Ruth¹⁰ L. Harris (John⁹), b. Mar. 1, 1915; d.
m. (1) A. M. Goodman; b. May 2, 1912; d. . Divorced. m. (2) William Levine; b.
Mar. 2, 1917; d. . Divorced m. (3) Henry R. Cooper; b. Feb. 1, 1927; d.

Child:

142. Patricia Laurie Goodman, b. Apr. 27, 1935 d.

126. Robert¹⁰ W. Harris (John⁹), b. Jan. 1, 1918; d. . Lt. Col.
U.S. Air Force. m. Marian H. Cutland; b. Mar. 18, 1921; d.

Children:

143. Alix Hope Harris, b. Jan. 18, 1947; d.

144. John H. Harris, II, b. Oct. 18, 1952; d.

145. Eric Nelson Harris, b. Aug. 31, 1957; d.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

129. Doris¹¹ M. Reazor (Mary¹⁰), b. July 31, 1913; d. Feb. 15, 1928.

130. Martha¹¹ R. Reazor (Mary¹⁰), b. May 30, 1917; d.
m. (1) McCracken; b. ; d. . Divorced

m. (2) George Fix, Jr.; b. ; d.

Children: Not recorded

131. M. Constance¹¹ Reazor (Mary¹⁰), b. Jan. 1, 1922; d.
m. Ray Baker; b. ; d,.

Child:

146. Laura L. Baker; b. Aug. 31, 1951; d.

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132. Ruth¹¹ L. Reazor (Mary¹⁰), b. Mar. 11, 1924; d.
m. Douglass D. Lagenor; b. ; d.

133. M. Jane¹¹ Pendell (Elmer¹⁰). b. July 15, 1931; d.
m. James E. Griffin; b. Sept. 9, 1927; d. University of Virginia, B.E.E., 1949;
Theta Tau. First Lieut., U.S.A., Retired.

Children:

- 147. Jackie Griffin, b. Feb. 17, 1955; d.
- 148. Jimmy Griffin, b. Feb. 9, 1958; d.

134. Charlotte¹¹ C. Pendell (John¹⁰), b. Dec. 22, 1935; d.
m. Dana R. Lear; b. ; d.

Children:

- 149. Steven D. Lear, b. Mar. 29, 1958; d.
- 150. Craig M. Lear, b. Mar. 17, 1960; d.
- 151. David A. Lear, b. May 5, 1962; d.

142. Patricia¹¹ Laurie Goodman (Ruth¹⁰), b. Apr. 27, 1935; d.
m. Edward O. Tyler; b. Mar. 9, 1932; d.

Children:

- Edward O. Tyler, b. Jan. 3, 1955; d.
- Ronald P. Tyler, b. Mar. 31, 1957; d.
- Timothy J. Tyler, b. Dec. 2, 1958; d.

143. Alix¹¹ H. Harris (Robert¹⁰), b. Jan. 18, 1947; d.

144. John¹¹ H. Harris (Robert¹⁰), II, b. Oct. 18, 1952; d.

145. Eric¹¹ N. Harris (Robert¹⁰), b. Aug. 31, 1957; d.

Prominent Ferris Family

James³ Ferris, b. Dec. 18, 1699; d. 1739.

Silvanus⁴ Ferris, Sr., was his son.

FIFTH GENERATION

Silvanus⁵ Ferris (Silvanus⁴) , Jr., b. Mar. 5, 1773; d. 1861, Galesburg, Ill. m. (1) Sally Olmstead; b. ; d. m. (2) Mrs. Sarah W. Hitchcock; b. ; d.

Moved to Galesburg, Ill., in 1909. Ferris Street in Galesburg was named after Sylvanus, Jr. He was a member of a committee which founded Knox College there in 1838; was a trustee and its financial agent.

SIXTH GENERATION

George⁶ W. G. Ferris, b. 1818; d. 1895; a son of Sylvanus Ferris, Jr. m. Martha E. Hyde; b. 1820; d. 1897.

SEVENTH GENERATION

George⁷ W. G. Ferris (George⁶), Jr., b. Feb. 14, 1859; d. Nov. 28, 1896. He was graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1881. He conceived the idea of a gigantic revolving wheel which he built in Pittsburgh and erected for the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. This first "Ferris Wheel" could hold more than 1000 passengers and during the exposition was one of its great attractions. He was a railroad and bridge builder and his really outstanding achievement was the cantilever bridge across the Ohio River at Cincinnati.