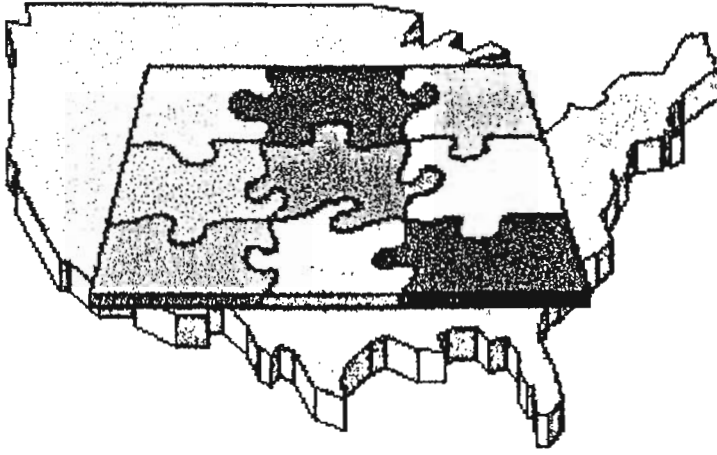


Vermily/e/a's...

Historically Speaking



"You are a piece of the puzzle"

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We encourage your participation and your contributions to this newsletter. We are all part of one great historic family, a family which fought in all wars from the American Revolution to the present; a family which has helped to populate the nation; a family which, although rooted in Europe, can still lay claim to being ultimately "American." With the phrase "Many hands make light work" resounding in our ears, we ask that you share knowledge of your immediate Vermilyea family origins, stories and history with the rest of our clan.

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Organizations: For Better or For Worse?

An editorial by Joe Vermilye

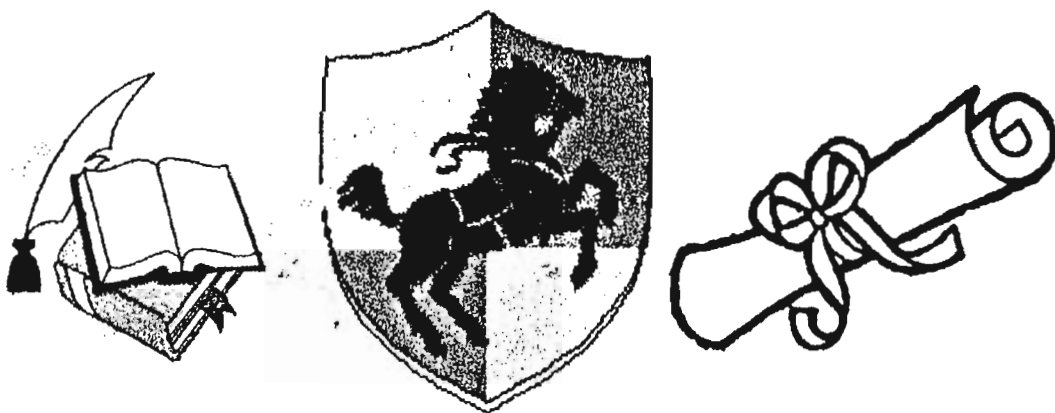
Genealogy, by its nature, tends to bring people together for purposes of sharing. The question often comes up, "Should it be for fun or for profit?" The youngster learns how much fun it is to "show and tell". I still know the joy of sharing and telling others what I have discovered. The time and effort spent on looking and recording what we have found is not without expense. Certainly one's time is worth something. Should there be a "margin of profit" figured in?

I belong to several "Family Organizations". Each was selected because it provided me an additional resource to a line of my "tree". I want to support those that are doing research and gathering information on my Laderoute line, for example. In supporting them and staying in contact with them, I will benefit by mutual sharing. We started the Vermilyea Family Assoc. for that same purpose. Our objectives include promoting, researching, and sharing in the Vermilyea Genealogy. We charge a membership fee to cover minimal expenses and give of our time freely. The organizations that I have joined have this similar philosophy.

I am extremely skeptical of any mailing from an organization that wants to sell me something, and particularly so if I have not asked for it. I can recall the promotion of family "coats of armor" that were very popular in the 70's. In many cases these proved to be just someone's money-making scheme. I really fear that same mentality is still out there today. The computer enables one to gather large selections of data. Phone books are put on computer. The computers connected to the Family Research Center in Utah contain large amounts of data and names. It does not take one long to imagine how an organization with some computer knowledge could gather a large list of names and attempt to sell

that information. I think the key difference here is that the objective is to make money rather than promote a particular genealogy.

There is not a simple solution. There is nothing wrong with making money. It is the “American Way”, is it not? I think the important thing is for the “buyer to beware”. If at all possible, try to preview what you are buying before you buy it. If it is a valid source of information, then the larger libraries or genealogy societies should have a copy or knowledge of the item. Certified genealogy researchers are available through most genealogy and history societies. Ask them their opinion of the organization that is selling the item.



The Vermigli Hypothesis (part 2)

When I was a child and told anyone that my name was Dyckman Vermilye, I was often confused when someone asked whether I was Dutch or not. I knew that Dyckman was the family name of a Dutch woman who married a Vermilye many generations ago. So I knew I was, in part, of Dutch origin. But Vermilye did not sound like a Dutch name. Was Vermilye an English name or German or Italian? I was brought up on the myth that the surname Vermilye came from Peter Martyr Vermigli, a distinguished Italian theologian. I did not know if all Vermilyes were descended from this Italian forefather. The printed history of the family found in Riker's "History of Harlem", included a footnote on page 104 that seemed to confirm this.

Traced to its origin, the surname (Vermilye) was doubtless the same as the Italian Vermigli. "Its birthplace", says Rev. A. G. Vermilye, "was probably Perrugia, Italy. The name, I believe, means 'from the midst.'" Peter Martyr, the reformer, was born at Florence, Italy, the son of Count Stefan Vermigli. His portrait is at Basle, Switzerland. He was Catholic and doubtless the whole family. It is assumed they came from Italy to Southern France, as there are traces of the name in that section of the country, particularly in Bordeaux. The name evidently worked upward to Northern France, but how early, we do not know. Vermeille is the French for "vermillion."

It was not until I was late in my 50's that I had the time, inclination and opportunity to try and settle this Dutch/Italian issue.

I spent time in London on several occasions en route to and from Africa where I lived in the 1980's. I went to the Library in the British Museum and began looking up references to Peter Martyr Vermigli. There were many of them. He was a distinguished man. Here are extracts from an intriguing document that answered some of my questions - and left a bigger one:

From J. Simler, "An Oration where it is set forth the life and death of the most famous man and excellent Divine D. Peter Martyr Vermeillius, Professor of Divinitie in the Schoole of Tyguse, made there by Josias Simlerus, one of Zuriche." Translated and partlie gathered by Anthonie Marten, 1583.

Entered Fesulane College, Aged 16, as a member of Augustinians. His father, probably influenced by Savanaolla, cut him out of his will, except for an annual pittance. Probable cause: Father's desire to have his name continued, and his distaste for monastic orders. Savorolla preached against their excesses.

He went to the University of Padua, earned a doctorate at age 26, was later Abbot of Spoleto. Stayed 3 years, was made governor of Neapolitan College of St. Peter at the Altar. Here began his problem with Church teachings. He almost dies of a disease after 3 years. He was a continuing Fridian at Luca, a post of difficulty because citizens mistrusted Flornetines.

Politics in the religious order put him in danger with Rome. He left the Church for Zurich, then to Strasbourg for five years. At Strasbourg, he married Catherine Dampmarin. She lived eight years died in England without issue. (He had come to England in 1547. He fled when Mary ascended the throne in 1553. He returned to Strasbourg and left for Zurich on 13 July, 1556.)

The dead body of this woman Cardinal Pole commanded to be dugged up and to be vast into a dung hill; and, that he might seem to deal justly, when he had no other thing to accuse her of, he ascirved this cause, to wit, that she was butied hard by the body of S. Dridesuide, and that she was the sife of a Hereticke. (After Elizabeth's accession) the body, by commandment of the Bishops, was again lifted out of the filth and dunghill, and in a great assembly of people was solemnly buried in the most honorable place of the Temple. Her bones were mingled with those of S. Fridesuide.

He took a second wife six years after the death of Catherine. The new wife was Catherine Nerenda of Bress, then in Zurich. On her did he beget a sonn called Eliperious, and at another birth, Gerodora, both of which... died in their first infancy. He hath left the same wife great with child, who I beseech the Lord may be delivered of a sonne, which living may one day represent his father in learning and godliness.

Peter Martyr Vermigli died in 1562. The question for me was, did his widow bear a son? If she did not, then any chance of a male heir

carrying the name to Southern or Northern France - or anywhere else - seemed unlikely.

I had a chance to find out.

I was a Friend in Residence at Woodbrooke, a Quaker Study Center in Selly Oak, England, during the academic year 1989-90. A woman came for a term as student from Zurich. I told her my story, and she volunteered to go to the records office when she got home and see if there was any birth record on file. The Swiss are methodical. There was a baptismal record in "The book of baptism of the Munster Church of Zurich" for the years from 1516- 1600. It read in part:

Name of father: H. Doctor Peter Martyr

Name of the child: Maria

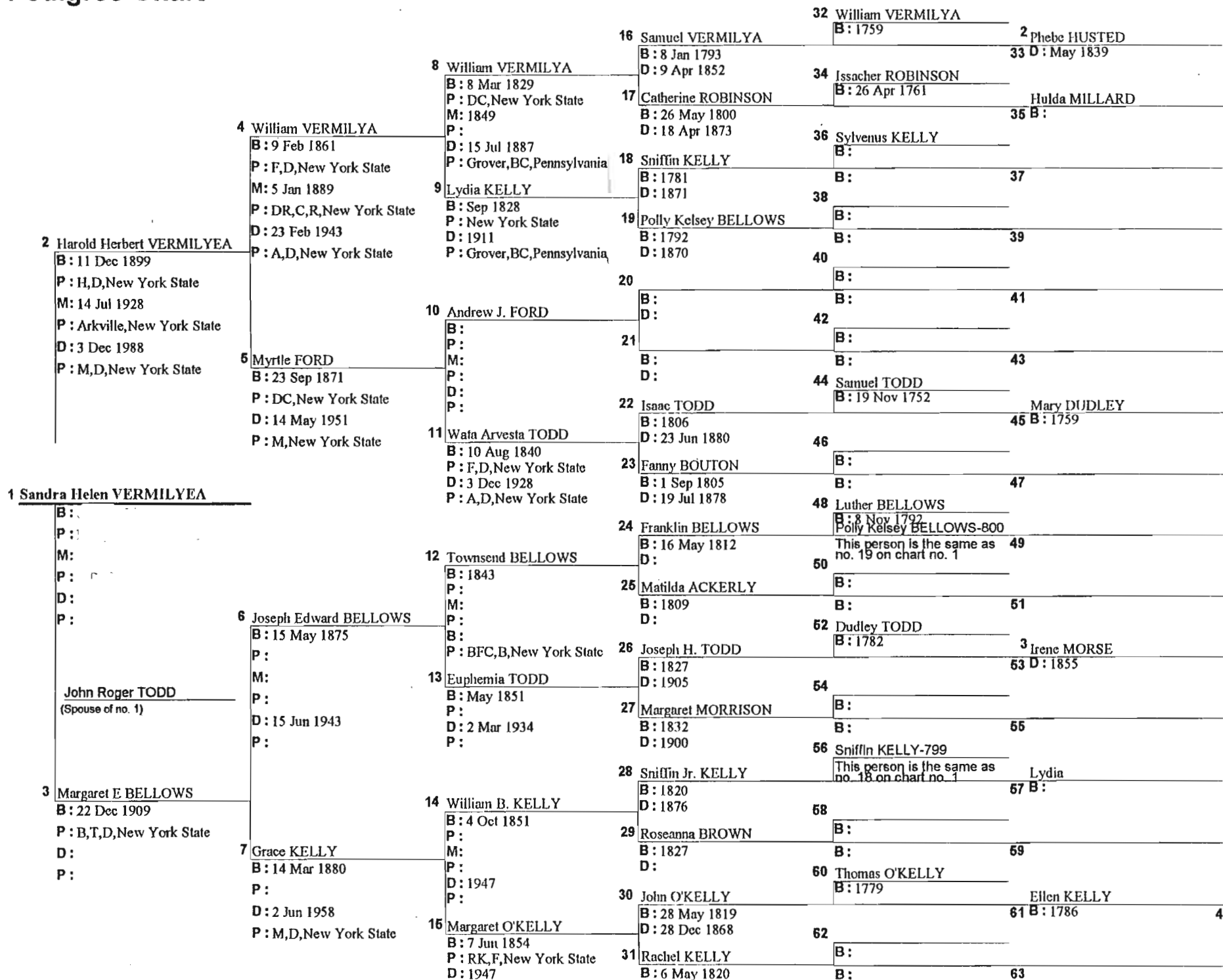
Date of baptism: 7 March 1563

Maria is a name that normally would be given to a girl. Unless I can find out otherwise, as far as I am concerned, this puts to rest the story of our possible Italian origins.

(to be continued)

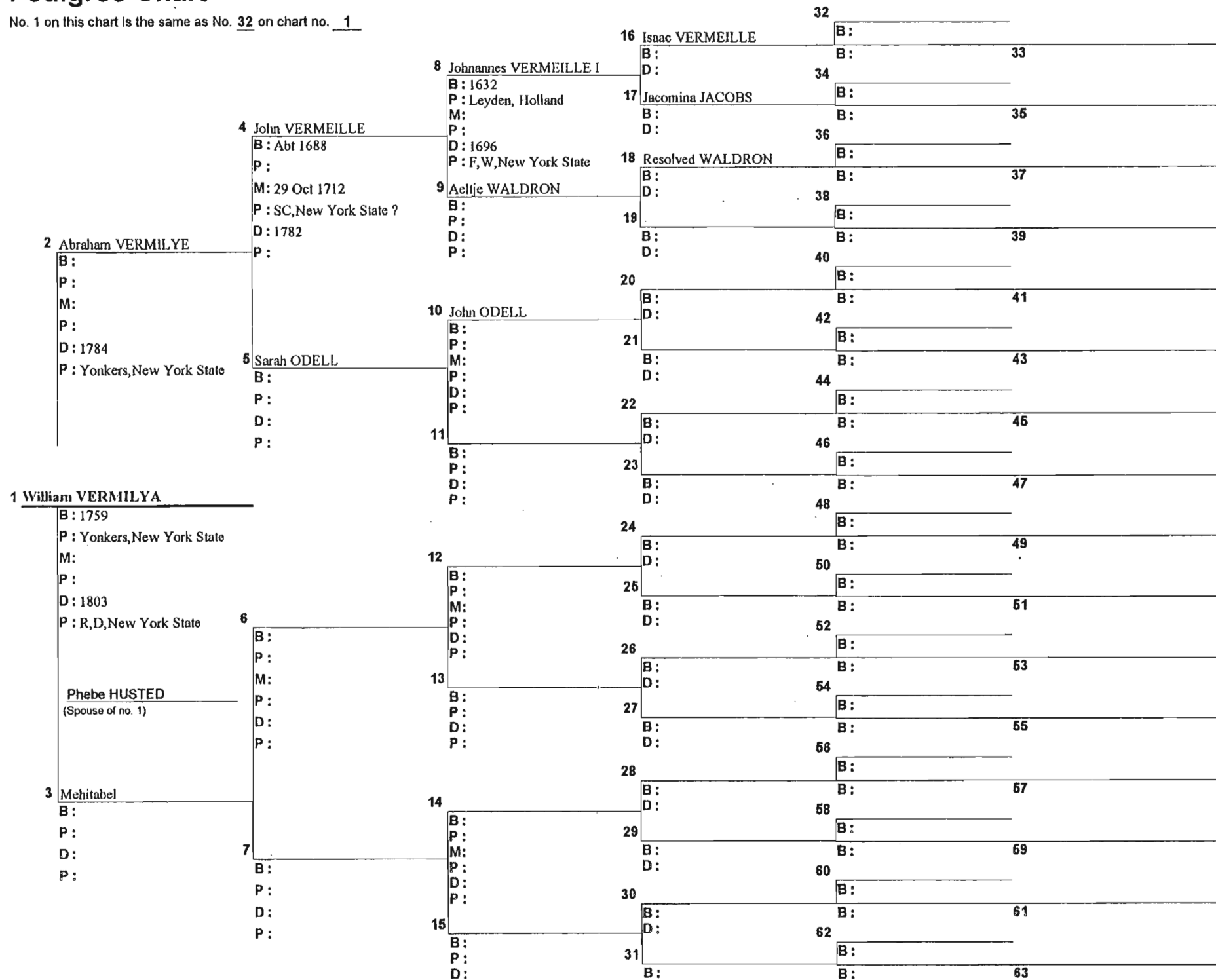
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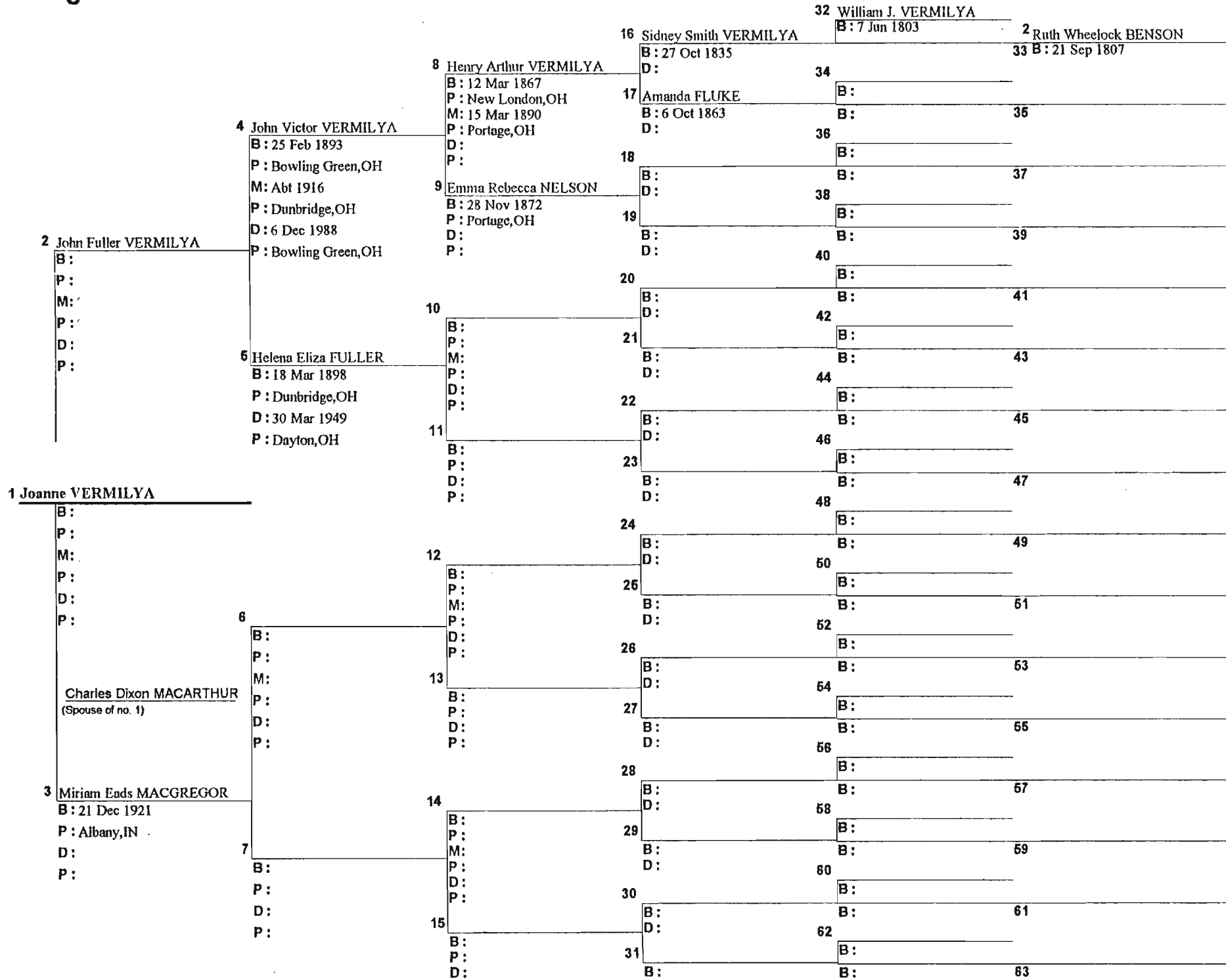


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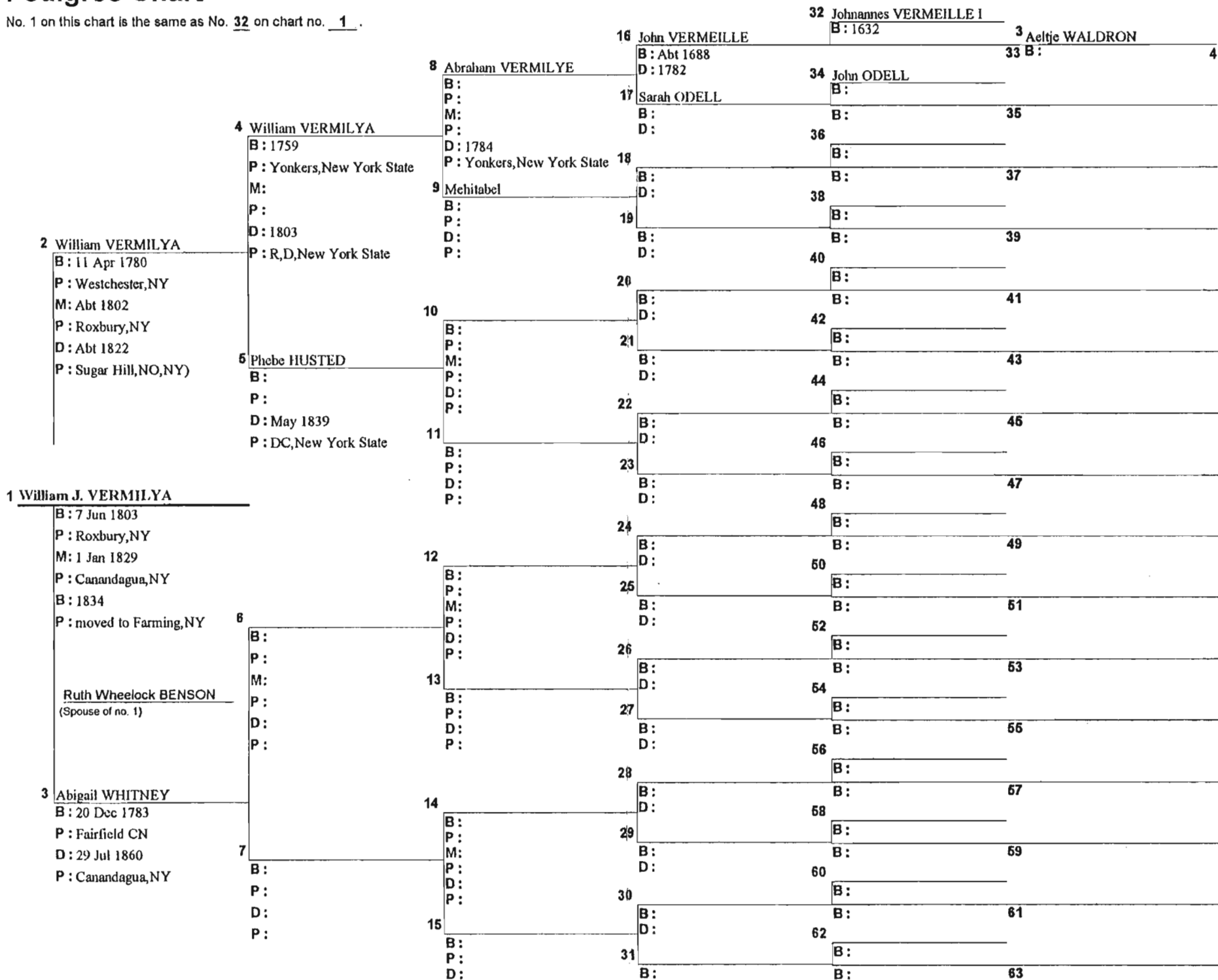
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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 2

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MUSINGS THROUGH ROSE COLORED GLASSES, PART 2

In Part 1, in the last newsletter, Pat Smith postulated that the name Vermilyea in its origins was not initiated with Peter Martyr, but with the possible family business. gave some dictionary definitions, from English and Italian of terms associated with "Vermi~~~." Many of the definitions and derivations contained references to the color red and a word root/base from "vermi.." having to do with earthworms.

Part 2:

Undoubtedly at some time in the past this family was in the business of making red dye, selling red dye, or gathering the little worms from which the red dye was derived. Or all of the above.

The book Peter Martyr in Florence, 1499 - 1514 by Philip McNair states that

"their (meaning Vermilyea's) surname probably arose from the commerce between Pisa and the Middle East during the twelfth century. The Pisan trading companies which were based on Tyre use to operate in Acco, Antioch, Beirut, Jaffa, and Tripolis under the distinctive trade name which (like the names of certain literary Academies in later centuries) may have been facetious, for the most powerful and prosperous of them was the Umili *(from the Italian Dictionary umie adj. humble gli umili mpl the meek). Next in importance to the Umili were the Vermigli, so called presumably because they traded under a red flag."

I don't think that is the origin of the name nor do I believe that it is facetious. My reasoning being first; Why would anyone take a phoney name meaning red worm? Second I doubt that Philip McNair researched the name for his book, his interest being the history of Peter Martyr and

the the history of the name. Third: people took the name of the work they did eg. Smith, Goldsmith, Miller ect.

Now to quote again from this book:

"Some members of this company may have been Florentine, or have retired to Florence; at any rate people called Vermigli had settled in the Florentine parish of S. Pier Maggiore, (since 1784 incorporated in S. Ambrogio) before the cays of Darto, when Ridolfo and Teobaldo, sons of the Berardo Ardovino Vermigli, 'dederunt in Cambian Episcopatu Florentino certas terras cum eorum confinibus positas a Fichi' From this parish Aucto and Lotto Vermigli were amongst the 'cittadini ostinati a maltare' who withstood Henry O' Luxemburg in 1312. One generation later, Geri Vermigli was elected Prior in May, 1344, but having attained such civic eminence, the family subsided for more than a century into the decent obscurity of the bourgeoisie. Apart from Pucello, who raised his voice in counsel after the apocalyptic visitation of the Black Death, no Vermigli affected the affairs of Florence until 1457, when Francesco revealed to the Segnorìa a conspiracy in which Piero de' Ricci had thought to interest him, whereby Francesco won his fortune and Piero lost his head.

I won't give McNair's documentation as it is long and in Latin. His book is well documented. You can read it yourself. But this does show that the name was in print a century before Peter Martyr.

* This is an insertion by me to shed a little more light on the subject of the names.

Don't you think an appropriate logo for the family would be a little red worm on an oak leaf?

- Patricia Smith

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance as of April 1, 1996 \$75.65

DEPOSITS:

April 22, 1996 Memberships and Gift 27.00

June 24, 1996 Membership 12.00

Balance as of June 30, 1996 \$114.65

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

July 8 Dyckman Ware Vermilye,
& Joe Vermilye,

July 21 Ed Vermilyea,

July 31 Joelle(Jody) Vermilye Wheeler,

August 9 Frederick (Fritz) Vermilyea,

August 26 Winona Graham Vermilyea,

September 30 Janet Taylor Vermilyea,

Congratulations and Happy Birthday! We missed a Birthday for our last issue: JENNIE COFFREN STOUT, celebrated her birthday on June 4th. Sorry Jennie, hope you enjoyed a Happy Birthday.



CHARLES H. VERMILYA:

A Biographical sketch printed in the Centennial Edition of the *Catskill Mountain News*, dated August 15, 1963.

-Submitted by Sandra Vermilyea Todd

Charles H. Vermilyea, builder of Lake Switzerland*, was of diverse interests and abilities. In the January 23, 1907 issue of the Griffin-Fleischmanns Herald, an advertisement proclaimed him a real estate broker, fire insurance agent, sales agent for Delaware and Hudson Coal, and notary public. A contemporary biography tells that he was station agent for the Ulster and Delaware. He worked at intervals in New York*, but because of his wife's health, found that the climate of the Catskills agreed with her. In addition to other business interests,

Mr. Vermilyea was a butter commission merchant, handling nearly all the butter from Halcott, Griffins Corners and Fleischmanns. He was also a commission merchant for bluestone which at that time was an important industry in this township.

Despite his years (he was born in 1851), and an infirmity which necessitated the use of a heavy cane at all times, Mr. Vermilyea was nothing if not adventurous. In 1908 he purchased one of the first motor driven vehicles in the vicinity. This was a two cylinder Schacht. This car boasted high, buggy type wheels, a motor in the rear, a friction clutch with 7 or 8 forward speeds and 3 for reverse speeds. Mr. Vermilyea purchased this vehicle from Amos Post in Catskill for \$750.00. Clarke Sanford** consented to go to Catskill to drive the auto back to Fleischmanns.



Mr. Vermilyea learned to operate the car, but apparently not too well. One day while taking his wife out for a ride to show her the progress made on the Switzerland dam, his foot slipped on the clutch. The car hit a fire hydrant, and his wife was

thrown out. She sustained a fractured arm. Mr. Vermilyea frequently employed a driver. This fortunate young man was allowed use of the car as part of his pay. Therefore, since the driver was paying serious attention to a young woman who was working at the Pakatakan hotel, this vehicle was the first car to be driven around this still famous landmark. The young lady, now a young-looking grandmother, tells that it was a good reliable, comfortable car. She said she had recently had a ride in a new MG, which was a dream of a car.

Lake Switzerland is located at Fleischmanns, Delaware County, New York State. It was started in 1906 and finished

in the spring of 1907. The magnitude of this construction may be better understood when a person realizes that this was constructed before the time of tractors, bulldozers and other heavy earth moving equipment. The lake was constructed for boating, bathing and the harvesting of ice.

This lake has been the subject of controversy since it was built. The dam's location is such that if it broke the Village of Fleischmanns would be completely washed out. As of this date the dam is still holding, recently surviving the flood of January 1996.

* Refers to New York City.

**Clarke Sanford was the publisher and owner of the Catskill Mountain News. The first paper was published in 1904 and is still being published today at Margaretville, Delaware County, New York.

Charles Henry Vermilya⁷, (Orville⁶, Samuel⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹) born March 17, 1851, at Shandaken, Ulster County, New York State, died in 1929, married in 1880, Loretta, daughter of George W. and Sally Jane (Dodge) Doolittle, who was born in 1855, and died in 1932. Both are buried in the Clovesville Cemetery, Fleischmanns, New York State. They had no children. The spelling Vermilya was used by this family.



CORRECTION ...

TO REVISED HISTORY OF HARLEM, by James Riker, 1904.

Page 647, number 115. Nathaniel Drake, who married Jane Eliza Ackley, October 28, 1809, had fourteen children, and died February 2, 1826*. Note: Page 654, number 258. John Akley was born May 20, 1833*.

I do not have date of death for Nathaniel Drake, however the 1850 Federal Census New York State, Queens County,

Hempstead lists Nathaniel Vermillie, age 40, wife Jane E., age 33. Children's ages correspond with dates listed in Revised History of Harlem. This would indicated Nathaniel was born around 1810 (October 28, 1809?), and was still living in 1850. Date of birth of last child was listed as January 6, 1858 in Revised History of Harlem. I was unable to locate this family on the 1860 Federal Census in New York State.

-Sandra Vermilyea Todd

FAMILY QUERIES:

The following queries have been submitted by family seeking information on one or more ancestors. If you have material, or ideas where missing information is located please respond to:

Sandra Vermilyea Todd

Patience Leavens, b. November 30, 1745 in Dutchess County, (probably at Nine Partners), New York State. She married a Vermilye, does anyone know which Vermilye?

Harriet Comstock, m. Washington Romeyn Vermilye. He was born October 2, 1837, probably at Springfield, Hampton County, Massachusetts. Need names of her parents.

Archibald R. Vermilyea, b. December 1871 in Illinois (or Kansas), m. Dora B._____. Living at Lyon, Kansas in 1920. They were the parents of Edward Roy, Arthur, Ernest, Gladys, Archibald Jr., Florence, May, and Julia Belle, all born in Kansas 1900-1910. Who were his parents?

Gilbert B. Vermilyea, b. October 1862 in New York State, m. Augusta _____, could have m. second Lucy Tompkins. Lived at Starrucca and Lanesboro, Pennsylvania, d. August 7, 1945. Need his parents names.

William Vermilyea b 14 Feb 1762, in Corland, Westchester, NY.

Married first Cynthia Simons and 2nd Roxie Meacham. I have quite a bit about his second marriage with Roxie Meacham and their family. I would like more about his first marriage and specifically Cynthia Simons as well as the children of the first marriage. (Although I have information on child Jacob Vermilyea, I have little or nothing on any others.)

Looking for information to help complete your family tree? We will be happy to print your requests.

If you have information requested, send to Sandra V. Todd. We will print answers in the next newsletter.

A JOB WELL DONE!



Sandra Vermilyea Todd has incorporated the names of the original Vermilyea Family Association members in a lovely design for a wall-hanging. She took the idea from a similar "family tree" design suggested by several quilts she had seen. What a fantastic idea! And what a fantastic job! Congratulations, Sandra, and thank you for your support.

Vermilye(a) et al Reunion:

The 10th annual reunion of the loosely formed Vermilye(a) et al group was held in Hudson Park near Rainer, OR on July 13, 1996. This group was originally started by the five siblings of Lester and Paul Vermilye. It has spread to include many more Vermilyea's from different branches of our tree.

Although rather sparsely attended, perhaps because of the heat

near 100 degrees, the reunion offered everyone a good time with opportunities for pictures and activities galore. There were water balloon volley ball, a barbecue of hot dogs and hamburgers, and time to talk and share in the log cabin lodge.

Last year at Tillamook, OR, Jody Vermilye Wheeler had everyone write down their family's names. Those names all appeared in blocks on a quilt this year. Although the quilt was intended for a raffle this year, the sparse attendance caused us all to decide to postpone the raffle until a later reunion date.

The following picture, which includes sisters, cousins, nieces and nephews, is from last year's reunion. By the way, I'm in the middle of the back row, number 9 from the left.

- Joe Vermilye

