Family of Obadiah Gildersleeve



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Generation One

1. Obadiah Gildersleeve #191161.

He married (unidentified) #191162.

Children:

2. i. **Philip Gildersleeve** #191159.

Generation Two

2. Philip Gildersleeve #191159, occupation Shipbuilder.

He married Temperance Gibbs #191160.1

Children:

3. i. Henry Gildersleeve #178646 b. 08 November 1785.

Generation Three

3. **Henry Gildersleeve** #178646, b. 08 November 1785 in Gildersleeve (Portland), Connecticut, d. 01 October 1851 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario. 2.

Emigrated from Connecticut and settled at Bath, Ernestown, Lennox and Addington. Family of five sons, three of whom died in infancy, and three daughter.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, 1904 The Gildersleeve Family, pages 339 - 344

"Henry Gildersleeve, the founder of the Canadian branch of the Gildersleeve family, who may properly be called the "Father of Navigation upon the Bay of Quinte," came from Connecticut and settled at Bath, about July 1st, 1816. His life for a time is so closely connected with the Finkle family, that a brief reference to the latter's history, even at the risk of repetition, may not be inappropriate.

"The Finkles are descended from the United Empire Loyalist George Finkle, who came from Germany when a young man, and settled in Dutchess County, New York. Here he acquired very considerable landed property, which remained in his possession until about the close of the American Revolution, His loyalty during this trying period led to the confiscation of his estates, and impelled his to seek shelter in another land, under the protection of the British Crown.

"Of his two sons, one immediately migrated to the further West and is said to have been the founder of the Finkle family in Sidney. The second son, Henry Finkle, entered the Engineer's Department at Quebec, and also mastered the trade of carpentry, before taking up the lands to which he was entitled. Subsequently he settled on the Front of

Ernesttown, and on May 15th, 1788, married Lucy Bleeker. He died January 15th, 1808. He utilized his knowledge of carpentry in creating the first framed house in Upper Canada. It was, for its day, quite an imposing mansion. Here, Judge Hagerman held Court at various times, and in one of the cases before him, he inflicted capital punishment.

"The name of Henry Finkle occurs repeatedly in all the early records of Ernestown. Not only was he respected for his means and attainments, but his kindly disposition seems to have brought him no little personal popularity. The marriage register of the parish church at Bath, shows that he officiated as a witness at innumerable weddings, among the children of the pioneers.

"He amassed a very considerable estate, and his widow was enabled to provide their children with the best possible education. Their daughter, Minerva, attended Litchfield Academy, Connecticut, as the school mates of the sisters Beecher, one of whom subsequently became famous in history and literature as Harriet Beecher Stowe, whose celebrated story of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was instrumental in driving slavery from the Western World.

"Another daughter, Sarah Finkle, attended the same academy. There is some question whether she was born in 1801 or 1804, but in either event she was scarcely more than a child when her future husband, Henry Gildersleeve, arrived in Canada.

"He came from a long line of successful ship builders, including his father, who at that time owned and operated at large ship yard, upon the banks of the River Connecticut. Henry had thoroughly learned his trade as shipwright, before coming to Ontario; indeed he was then over thirty years of age, and, as his subsequent career would indicate, thoroughly matured; a resourceful, energetic man of marked executive ability.

"Ship building had already commenced at Finkle's Point; indeed, it is stated that the steamer "Frontenac" (constructed at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars), was launched within a month of two after his arrival. It is more likely, however, that this steamer was finished under his direction. Certain it is that he finished two other steamers called, "The Queen Charlotte" and the "Sir James Kempt," respectively, and subsequently constructed a number of additional steamers, that plied for years between the various ports along the Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario. Among these we recall the "Commodore Barry," "The Henry Gildersleeve," "The Prince of Wales," "The New Era"" and the "Bay of Quinte." Another packet built to ply between Toronto and Niagara, and declared by Captain Murny (sic) to have been the finest boat that he had ever seen in Kingston Harbor, is said by a very eminent historian, to have been called the "Minerva Ann," but this is probably an error. The names of Minerva and Ann were borne respectively by the eldest and youngest daughters of Henry Finkle; and this title the "Minerva Ann" was born not by this packet but by a small schooner built for the Widow Finkle.

"We call attention to this details, because it is important that there should be historical accuracy concerning the beginning of steam navigation upon the Bay of Quinte; and already some confusion is found in the accounts heretofore published. For example, the Finkle family undoubtedly took an active part in the shipbuilding at Finkle's Point, both before and after the arrival of Henry Gildersleeve, but that Henry Finkle himself was not connected with the building of the "Frontenac." In spite of all assertions to the contrary, is evidenced by the fact he died in 1808, while, as we have seen, the launching of the "Frontenac" occurred in August of the year 1816.

"His widow, however, was a woman of uncommon shrewdness and ability. She was one of the first to urge the necessity of better boats, and the feasibility of construction at Finkle's Point, and beyond doubt, she cooperated with her sons and afterwards with her son-in-law, in carrying her views into effect.

"In 1824 Henry Gildersleeve married Sarah Finkle, and his descendants are traced in the table annexed. In time he passed from the building, to the operation and running of steam ships, training his men in every department of the work, and successfully carrying on a business that has grown and prospered to this hour. He died in Kingston, October 1st, 1851, aged sixty-five.

"He was succeeded in business by his son, Overton Gildersleeve, who married Louise, daughter of Chief Justice Draper. He died in 1864, and the business was then taken over by his brother Charles, as hereafter noted.

"Miss Lucretia Gildersleeve, lived in the fine old homestead, on King Street, opposite St. George's Cathedral. She has in her possession a bugle, that was used on her father's vessel, and many family records and heirlooms of priceless value, including some pieces of silver that came to her mother as a wedding gift. She is a lady of cultivation, who has retained as far as possible, the draperies and furniture that so appropriately belong to, and are associated with the house itself; and the stately old mansion is also brightened by may curios collected by her during years of travel.

"Charles Fuller Gildersleeve, the son of Henry Gildersleeve, and Sarah Finkle, was born in Kingston, educated at Upper Canada College, and called to the bar in 1859. Upon the death of his brother in 1864, he assumed the management of the steamship business, built and owned the "Corinthian," "Norseman," "Maud," and "North King;" and has also owned the "Empress," "the "Bay of Quinte," "Hastings," and "Hero," plying between Rochester and Port Hope, and Kingston and Belleville. In 1893, he formed the Lake Ontario and Bay of Quinte Steamboat Company, which took over the vessels owned by him, and of which Company he was at once made general manager. In 1894 he was appointed general manager of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., owning some twenty-five steamers in active operation and controlling the passenger traffic between Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, and the Saguenay River. Although before his appointment the stock had paid no dividends for years, it at once became, under his management, a good investment. He was instrumental in having built the Kingston and Pembroke railroad, and became the President of the Company. He took an active part in founding the Kingston School of Mines and the Agricultural College. He was chairman of the committee which secured the enlargement of St. George's Cathedral at Kingston. For more than twenty years he was a member of the city council, and in 1879, was Mayor of Kingston. He is a member of the Liberal party and has been a candidate in the Liberal interest for the Provincial Parliament. He is a member of the Church of England, and also of the A.F. and A.M., being the third eldest resident member of the St. John's Lodge. He married Mary E. Herchemer (or Herkimer as the name was formerly spelled), a descendant of Colonel Herkimer, a distinguished loyalist, mentioned by Sabine, Ryerson, Canniff and other historians, Upon her mother's side she was descended from Sir Frederick McKenzie. Of their children, Henry resides at Collingwood, where he is manager of the Northern Navigation Company; Maud Gertrude, who married Colonel Rivers, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, who is stationed at Ottawa.

"Of the remaining daughters of Henry Gildersleeve, it may be mentioned that Sarah married James Grant McDonald, and that Gertrude married Rev. Frank Kirkpatrick, son of the late Thomas Kirkpatrick, and nephew of the late Sir George Kirkpatrick.

"James Gildersleeve, youngest son and fifth child of Henry Gildersleeve and Sarah Finkle Gildersleeve, was educated at Kingston, Upper Canada College, and Queen's University, receiving the degree of LL.B. from Queen's" in 1863. It is an interesting fact that the law faculty having been but recently organized, its first graduates to receive this degree, was the class of '63. Thus, Mr. Gildersleeve, being the first to receive his diploma, enjoys the singular distinction of being the first Bachelor of Laws to graduate from this famous University. In the same years he was called to the Bar, and continued in active practise for the next ten or twelve years; during a portion of this time he was in partnership with R.T. WALKEM, LL,F., now chancellor of the Diocese of Ontario.

"It was about 1875 that he entered into the insurance and steamship business, becoming agent to the Allan and other leading lines. In 884, he was gazetted Registrar of the city of Kingston; and since 189, has devoted his entire life to the responsible duties incumbent upon this position. In the last names year, he formed a partnership with his nephew, James Kirkpatrick, who devotes his entire time to the steamship agencies and the insurance business, now carried on under the firm name and style of "Gildersleeve and Kirkpatrick."

"Prior to his appointment to his present office, Mr. Gildersleeve took an active interest in politics, being an earnest member of the Liberal party, and high in the counsels of the late Sir Oliver Mowat.

"He also interested himself in all matters municipal, serving as Alderman of the city of Kingston, from 1878 to 1882, inclusive. He is a faithful member of the Church of England. He married Julia S. Rose, daughter of Isaac N. Rose, a leading citizen of Morrisburg and for years, Superintendent of Canals."

"Canvas and Steam on Quinte Waters" Willis Metcalfe, 1979

"Gildersleeve ships well known on Bay of Quinte"

"We would be remiss not to mention the Gildersleeves of Kingston, and the vast empire of shipping on the Great Lakes, which lasted for one hundred and fifteen years.

"The late Mrs. Anna Young, of Guelph, who tells the story of the Gildersleeves, in her book "Great Lakes Saga," was the daughter of a ship's purser, Hugh Young, who had known two generations of Gildersleeves and had served most of his life on the Great Lakes.

"Their names are associated with the inauguration and development of steam navigation on Lake Ontario, Bay of Quinte and the Upper Great Lakes.

"Henry, grandson of Richard Gildersleeve, decided in 1816 to try his luck in Upper Canada. His journey by stagecoach and ship ended at a shipyard, where the village of Bath now stands. There he met the widow of the founder, Mrs. Henry Finkle, who also owned the tavern as well as shared in the new steamer, Frontenac, built there and launched September 7th, 1816.

"He was an outstanding success, and when his ship was launched, he was put in charge.

"He gained fame as a shipbuilder, and ship-owner, and soon hailed as "the father of steam navigation on the Great Lakes."

"Henry Gildersleeve soon was dividing his time between Kingston and the Ernestown shipyard. Mrs. Finkle was a partner in these enterprises and they decided to develop a regular water transportation system to serve the Bay of Quinte, Kingston, Montreal and settlements in between.

"In 1819, the steamer Queen Charlotte was built in their yard, which attained speeds in any weather, of five to seven miles per hour. She burned wood in her twin engines. Henry Gildersleeve became purser of this vessel in her second season, and later qualified for captain's papers.

"He built the steamer Sir James Kempt in 1829 and on April 17th, 1832, it commenced running between Prescott and Carrying Place.

"Other ships constructed by the firm were the Commodore Barrie, 1833, Prince of Wales, 1842, Henry Gildersleeve, 1839 and New Era.

"It is said that the Bay of Quinte was Henry Gildersleeve's first love, and that Gildersleeve steamers were the only ones on the Bay that ever did more than pay expenses.

"The Gildersleeve firm which later was known as the Lake Ontario and Bay of Quinte Steamship Company, also built the steamer Bay of Quinte and owned the steamers: Hero, Caspian and North King which called regularly in Picton harbour. Mr. H.H. Gildersleeve was general manager in Picton.

"The Father of Steam Navigation," Henry Gildersleeve passed away on October 3rd, 1851, at the age of seventy five.

"Overton S. Gildersleeve, Henry's eldest son, succeeded his father as manager on the firm's boats on the Bay of Quinte."

He married **Sarah Finkle** #178647, 28 January 1824 in Ontario,³ b. c. 1801 - 1804 in Bath, Ontario (daughter of **Henry Finkle** #178685 and **Lucretia Bleeker** #178686).

Children:

- 4. i. Overton Smith Gildersleeve #178648.
- 5. ii. Lucretia A.M. Gildersleeve #178650 b. c. 31 December 1826.
- 6. iii. Charles Fuller Gildersleeve #178651 b. c. 1834.
- 7. iv. Sarah Minerva Gildersleeve #178653 b. c. 1835.
- 8. v. **James Philip Gildersleeve** #178659 b. c. 1840.
- 9. vi. **Gertrude Gildersleeve** #178664.

Generation Four

4. Overton Smith Gildersleeve #178648, b. 3 d. 1864 in Kingston?. 3.

He married Louise Draper #178649,3 d. in Kingston?.3

5. **Lucretia A.M. Gildersleeve** #178650, b. c. 31 December 1826 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario,^{3,4} never married,⁴ d. 08 February 1909 in 264 King Street, Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario.

Lived in Kingston at the family homestead, corner of King and Johnson Streets, never married.

6. **Charles Fuller Gildersleeve** #178651, b. c. 1834 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario, religion Church of England, occupation 1906 Steamboat Manager, d. 18 January 1906 in 199 King Street, Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario.

He married **Mary Elizabeth Herchmer** #178652,³ b. c. 27 September 1844 in Belleville, Hastings County, Ontario,⁶ (daughter of **Charles Herchmer** #178741 and **Ocheva? McKenzie** #178742), religion Church of England, d. 07 March 1927 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario,⁶ buried 09 March 1927 in Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston Township, Frontenac County, Ontario.⁶

Children:

- 10. i. Henry Herkimer (Herchmer) Gildersleeve #178672 b. c. 1867.
- 11. ii. Maud Gertrude Gildersleeve #178674 b. c. 1864.
- 7. Sarah Minerva Gildersleeve #178653, b. c. 1835.³.

She married **James Grant MacDonald** #178654, 27 OVT 1859 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario, b. 19 November 1830 in Surrey, England, (son of **Allen MacDonald** #178715 and **Helen Grant** #178716), baptized 08 January 1831 in George Street Independent, Croydon, Surrey, England, occupation Manager, Merchants Bank, Kingston, occupation Manager, London and Canadian Loan Company, Toronto, d. before 1904.

Children:

- 12. i. Allan MacDonald #178655.
- 13. ii. Overton Fullerton MacDonald #178656 b. c. 1865.
- 14. iii. Reginald McDonald #178657.
- 15. iv. **Helen MacDonald** #178658.
- 8. **James Philip Gildersleeve** #178659, b. c. 1840 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario,³ occupation 1871 Barrister at Law in Kingston, d. 31 July 1929 in 45 Gore Street, Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario,⁸ buried 03 August 1929 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario.⁸.

1922: Informant at son Ernest's death, lived in Kingston.

He married Julia Sophia Rose #178660, 27 June 1865 in Dundas, Ontario,³ b. c. 1844 in Morrisburg?,³ (daughter of Isaac N. Rose #178682 [Superintendent of Canals in Morrisburg] and Elizabeth (unidentified) #178683), d. June 1914 in 45 Gore Street, Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario.⁹

Children:

- 16. i. Mabel Rose Gildersleeve #178661.
- 17. ii. Arthur MacDonald Gildersleeve #178662 b. 10 December 1869 1874.
- 18. iii. Ernest Charles Gildersleeve #178663 b. 27 July 1871.
- 9. Gertrude Gildersleeve #178664, b.^{3.}

She married Frank Kirkpatrick #178665,3 occupation Minister.3

Children:

- 19. i. Francis Kirkpatrick #178666.
- 20. ii. James Kirkpatrick #178667.
- 21. iii. Herbert Kirkpatrick #178668.
- 22. iv. Rose Kirkpatrick #178669.
- 23. v. Henrietta Kirkpatrick #178670.
- 24. vi. Kathleen Kirkpatrick #178671.

Generation Five

10. **Henry Herkimer (Herchmer) Gildersleeve** #178672, b. c. 1867 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario,³ occupation 1905 Steamboat Manager in Collingwood, occupation 1933 General Manager, Canadian Steamships, d. 12 March 1933 in 252 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, Carleton County, Ontario,¹⁰ buried 14 March 1933 in Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario.¹⁰.

Family lived in Collingwood, Simcoe County, Ontario 1906: Lived on Elgin Street, Collingwood at time of daughter Muriel's birth

The Windsor Star (Windsor, Ontario), 13 MAR 1933; Obituary of Henry Gildersleeve "Ex-Manager of Northern Navigation and C.S.L.

"Ottawa, March 13 - Henry H. Gildersleeve, former manager of the Northern Navigation Company and later of the Canada Steamship Lines, was dead here today. Prior to his retirement a few years ago he was a prominent figure in navigation circles on the Great Lakes. He died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Victor B. Rivers after a lengthy illness and was 66 years old.

"Born in Kingston, Ont., Mr. Gildersleeve was the last surviving member of a direct line of nine generations of Gildersleeves dating back to 1544 in England. His predecessors were United Empire Loyalists and settled in Frontenac County after the American revolution. His grandfather operated the first steamship on Lake Ontario and was the founder of the Lake Ontario and Bay of Quinte Navigation Company.

"It was with the company founded by his grandfather that Henry Gildersleeve first entered the shipping business, although prior to that he had worked for a bank. He was promoted to the position of manager and in 1904 took over the office of general manager of the Northern Navigation Company at Collingwood.

"When Northern merged with the Canada Steamship Lines in 1918 Mr. Gildersleeve continued in office. He was largely responsible for the building of the Hamonic and Noronic, two of the largest and best known passenger steamers plying the Great Lakes. From Collingwood, Mr. Gildersleeve moved to Sarnia as district manager and later he went to Toronto. He retired in 1909.

"The funeral will be held in Kingston, Ont., at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Interment will take place at Cataraqui Cemetery there."

He married Lucy Abigail Thompson #178673,3 d. after 1933 in Ottawa?

Children:

- 25. i. Muriel Herchmer Gildersleeve #178724 b. 31 July 1905.
- 11. **Maud Gertrude Gildersleeve** #178674, b. c. 1864 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario, religion 1888 Church of England, d. 19 December 1954 in 252 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, buried c. 21 December 1954 in Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario.

She married **Victor Brereton Rivers** #178675, 09 October 1888 in St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario, 3,12 b. c. 15 February 1861 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario (son of **James Rivers** #178702

and **Emma (unidentified)** #178703), occupation 1888 Captain, Canadian Artillery, London, Ontario, religion 1888 Church of England, occupation Army Colonel,³ d. before 154 in Ottawa, occupation 1901 Artillery Officer in Ottawa.

Victor:

Family lived in Ottawa, Carleton County, Ontario.

1901: Family lived in Ottawa.

1919: Family lived at 252 Daly Avenue, Ottawa.

Children:

- 26. i. **Marjorie Rivers** #178676 b. c. 09 August 1888.
- 27. ii. Charles Rivers #178677 b. c. 15 June 1895.
- 28. iii. Victor Henry Robert Rivers #178678 b. 25 November 1898.
- 29. iv. **Alice Helen Rivers** #178704 b. 22 February 1891.
- 12. Allan MacDonald #178655, b.3.
- 13. **Overton Fullerton MacDonald** #178656, b. c. 1865,³ occupation 1899 Physician in Toronto, d. 08 August 1901 in 329 College Street, Toronto, York County, Ontario.¹³ .

He married **Adelaide Sullivan** #178717, 01 February 1899 in Toronto, York County, Ontario, ¹⁴ b. c. 1868 (daughter of **Robert Sullivan** #178718 and **Henrietta M. Scadding** #178719).

Children:

- 30. i. Adelaide Helen Grant MacDonald #178720 b. 16 January 1900.
- 14. **Reginald McDonald** #178657, b.^{3.}
- 15. Helen MacDonald #178658, b.^{3.}
- 16. Mabel Rose Gildersleeve #178661, b.3.

1929: Informant at father's death, lived at 45 Gore Street, Kingston.

17. **Arthur MacDonald Gildersleeve** #178662, b. 10 December 1869 - 1874 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario,³ d. 18 March 1962 in San Diego, California, USA, buried in Glen Abbey Memorial Park, Bonita, San Diego, California, USA. 15.

He married **Florence Adele Clark** #178679,³ b. 05 February 1875 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA,¹⁵ d. 08 January 1963 in San Diego County, California, USA,¹⁵ buried in Glen Abbey Memorial Park, Bonita, San Diego, California, USA.¹⁵

Florence:

Family moved to Denver, Colorado, USA.

Children:

31. i. Dorothy Gildersleeve #178680.

- 32. ii. Arthur Philip Gildersleeve #178681 b. 10 January 1902.
- 33. iii. Ruth Helen Gildersleeve #178711 b. 14 January 1907.
- 18. **Ernest Charles Gildersleeve** #178663, b. 27 July 1871 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario, 3,16 never married,3 occupation 1917 Manager, Kingston Milling Company, Flour Mill, d. 21 June 1922 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario, 17 buried 24 June 1922 in Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston Township, Frontenac County, Ontario. 17.

Lived in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario.

- 19. Francis Kirkpatrick #178666, b.³.
- 20. James Kirkpatrick #178667, b.^{3.}
- 21. Herbert Kirkpatrick #178668, b.3.
- 22. Rose Kirkpatrick #178669, b.^{3.}
- 23. Henrietta Kirkpatrick #178670, b.3.
- 24. Kathleen Kirkpatrick #178671, b.^{3.}

Generation Six

- 25. **Muriel Herchmer Gildersleeve** #178724, b. 31 July 1905 in Collingwood, Simcoe County, Ontario, d. 01 January 1906 in Collingwood, Simcoe County, Ontario. 8.
- 26. **Marjorie Rivers** #178676, b. c. 09 August 1888 in Ottawa?.^{3,20}.
- 27. Charles Rivers #178677, b. c. 15 June 1895 in Quebec. 3,20.
- 28. **Victor Henry Robert Rivers** #178678, b. 25 November 1898 in 252 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, Carleton County, Ontario.^{3,21}.

He married **Margot Sundkrist** #178705, 15 May 1937 in Ottawa, Carleton County, Ontario, ²² b. c. 1909 in Ottawa, Carleton County, Ontario (daughter of **Otto Sundkrist** #178706 and **Clara Elenora Alenius** #178707).

- 29. Alice Helen Rivers #178704, b. 22 February 1891 in Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario.²³.
- 30. **Adelaide Helen Grant MacDonald** #178720, b. 16 January 1900 in Toronto, York County, Ontario,²⁴ occupation 1930 University Lecturer.

1930: Lived at Cawthra Mansions, Toronto when married.

She married **Donald Black Sinclair** #178721, 07 June 1930 in Toronto, York County, Ontario, ²⁵ b. c. 1891 in Ontario (son of **John Sinclair** #178722 and **Donalda Black** #178723), occupation 1930 Barrister at Law in Toronto.

Donald:

1930: Lived at 14 Glen Grove Avenue West, Toronto when married.

- 31. Dorothy Gildersleeve #178680, b.3.
- 32. **Arthur Philip Gildersleeve** #178681, b. 10 January 1902 in Rock Springs, Sweetwater County, Wyoming, USA,^{3,26} d. 06 November 1965 in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California, USA,²⁶ buried in East Lawn Elk Grove Memorial Park, Elk Grove, Sacramento County, California, USA.²⁶.

He married **Maxine Louise Beard** #178708, b. 28 September 1913 in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas, USA, ²⁶ (daughter of **Harvey James Beard** #178709 and **Freda Paulina Johnson** #178710), d. 16 July 1983 in Sacramento,

Sacramento County, California, USA,²⁶ buried in East Lawn Elk Grove Memorial Park, Elk Grove, Sacramento County, California, USA.²⁶

33. **Ruth Helen Gildersleeve** #178711, b. 14 January 1907 in Denver, Colorado, USA, d. 05 May 1974 in San Diego, San Diego County, California, USA.

She married **Alfred Ernest Bent** #178712, b. 28 March 1908 in Denver, Denver County, Colorado, USA,²⁷ d. 23 November 1946 in Alameda County, California, USA,²⁷ buried in Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, Denver County, Colorado, USA.²⁷

Children:

- 34. i. Alfred Ernest (Buzzy) Bent #178713 b. 06 May 1937.
- 35. ii. **Philip Gordon Bent** #178714 b. 01 July 1941.

Generation Seven

- 34. Alfred Ernest (Buzzy) Bent #178713, b. 06 May 1937 in Colorado, USA, d. January 2015 in California.
- 35. **Philip Gordon Bent** #178714, b. 01 July 1941 in Denver, Denver County, Colorado, USA, occupation Film Actor, d. 12 July 1966 in La Jolla, San Diego County, California, USA. ²⁸ .

Appeared in such films as "Dr. Goldfoot and the Bikini Machine", 1965 and "The Ghost in the Invisible Bikini", 1966.

¹ Dictionary of Canadian Biography, Volume 8, Ruth McKenzie, 1985.

² Died from cholera.

³ Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, 1904; The GILDERSLEEVE Family, pages 339 - 344.

⁴ ONVS Deaths, ref. 012305-1909; c/d: Cerebral apoplexy; Informant: James GILDERSLEEVE, Kingston.

⁵ ONVS Deaths, ref. 010446-1906; c/d: Cystitis; Informant: Robert J. REID (Undertaker), Kingston.

⁶ ONVS Deaths, ref. 014389-1927; c/d: Pneumonia and Influenza, two days; Arterio-sclerosis, ten years; Informant: Mrs. RIVERS, Daughter, 252 Daly Avenue, Ottawa.

⁷ England, Select Birth and Christenings, 1538 - 1975.

⁸ ONVS Deaths, ref. 015771-1929; c/d: Myocarditis, six months; Arterio-sclerosis, one year; Informant: Mabel Rose GILDERSLEEVE, Daughter, 45 Gore Street.

⁹ ONVS Deaths, ref. 0132239-1914; c/d: Arterio-sclerosis; Informant: R.J. REID (Undertaker), Kingston.

ONVS Deaths, ref. 010337-1933; c/d: Myocarditis, two years; arterio-sclerosis, five years; Informant: Mr. C. RIVERS, 252 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, Nephew.

¹¹ The Ottawa Citizen (Ottawa), 21 DEC 1954; Death Notice of Maud Gertrude RIVERS.

ONVS Marriages, ref. 003737-1888; Witnesses: Fred WILSON, Kingston; Maude M. RUTHERORD, Toronto.

ONVS Deaths, ref. 003187-1901; c/d: Gunshot wound to chest.

ONVS Marriages, ref. 001261-1899; Witnesses: Sandy? D. MOSS, H..H. GILDERSLEEVE.

¹⁵ findagrave.com, Glen Abbey Memorial Park, Bonita, San Diego, California, USA.

¹⁶ ONVS Births, ref. 027786-1871.

¹⁷ ONVS Deaths, ref. 013292-1922; c/d: Pneumonia (Influenzal type); Informant: James P. GILDERSLEEVE, Father, Kingston.

ONVS Deaths, ref. 026440-1906; c/d: Acute enteritis, four days.

¹⁹ ONVS Births, ref. 041689-1905.

- ²⁰ 1901 Ottawa, Carleton County, Ontario census; age/birthplace/relationship.
- ONVS Births, Delayed Registration, ref. 902420-1919.
- ONVS Marriages, ref. 010265-1937; Witnesses: Kenneth HILL, Toronto; Jam BRIGHAM, Ottawa.
- ²³ ONVS Births, ref. 013929-1890.
- ²⁴ ONVS Births, ref. 001833-1900.
- ONVS Marriages, ref. 025294?1930; Witnesses: H.A. SINCLAIR, Milwaukee, USA; Helen S. Grant MACDONALD, Toronto.
- ²⁶ findagrave.com, East Lawn Elk Grove Memorial Park, Elk Grove, Sacramento County, California, USA.
- ²⁷ findagrave.com. Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, Denver County, Colorado, USA.
- ²⁸ Killed while stunt flying in his WW II AT-6 aircraft.

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