

# The Descendants of

Robert DEAN  
and  
Catharine MORGAN,  
his wife

of Kenton Hundred, Kent County, Delaware

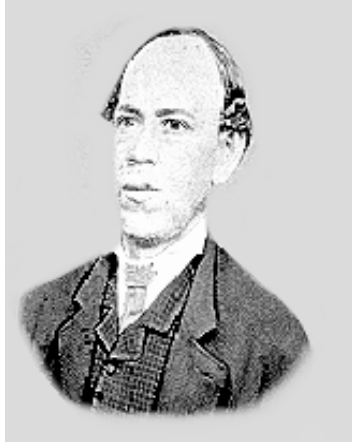
AND

Wingate MOSLEY  
and  
Nancy,  
his wife

of Kenton Hundred, Kent County, Delaware

*A preliminary report of Dean and Mosley family history research by Raymond J. Terry*

## *1st Generation, Dean Family<sup>1</sup>*



ROBERT DEAN  
1830-1874



CATHARINE MORGAN  
1833-1894

(1-D) **Robert DEAN** was born on 24 Apr 1830 in Kent County, Delaware. He died on 30 Sep 1874 in Delaware. He was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. His grave marker is engraved with his age at death, 44-5-6 (years-months-days). He married **Catharine MORGAN** on 27 Feb 1851 in Kent County, Delaware. She was born on 27 Dec 1833 in Kent County, Delaware, the daughter of **John MORGAN**. She remarried, after Robert's death, to **William A. CARNEY**. She died on 23 May 1894 at Brenford, Kent County, Delaware. She was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware, next to **Robert DEAN**.

The parents of Robert Dean and Catharine Morgan Dean are unknown. However, **Jesse DEAN**, born about 1808 (Manship Church Cemetery grave marker: died 1868 in 61st year), is buried next to (1-D) Robert Dean. Jesse may be Robert Dean's father. In addition to the site of interment, another mention of Jesse Dean occurs in the Orphans' Court file of Robert Dean. The file contains an accounting of the sales of Robert Dean's estate assets:

May 17, 1875. "To this sum retained in hand by this accountant to pay to **Ellen Dean, granddaughter of Jesse Dean:** deceased, her share...pay to **Mary Dean, granddaughter of Jesse Dean:**, deceased, her share....

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<sup>1</sup>Members of the first two generations of the Dean family are assigned a number and the letter D, thus the first person in the Dean family is (1-D) Robert Dean. The Mosley family members have been assigned a number and no letter: The first person therefore is (1) Wingate Mosley.

If the reference to Jesse Dean is accurate and not an error made by the person who wrote the accounting (writing “Jesse” when “Robert” was intended), it may refer to Jesse Dean: father to Robert Dean and father to another son who is the parent of Ellen and Mary.<sup>2</sup>

In addition, a will made by another Jesse Dean, dated 1839, mentions land he intends to leave to his sons Jesse and William and daughter Sally Ann Cott, the wife of John Cott. An effort is underway to match this land with that possessed by Robert Dean. A match would likely mean there was a family connection between Jesse Dean who made the will in 1839 and through either his son Jesse or his son William to Robert Dean.

There is in the Delaware Archives in Dover a birth record of a Louisa Catherine Morgan, born to Evans Morgan. No evidence has been found of a connection to Robert's family.

What is known of the life of the Robert Dean family is contained in the official lists and files compiled during their generation. Robert's marriage to Catharine Morgan is recorded in the marriage volumes at the Archives in Dover, but, unfortunately, without mention of their parents' names. They were born into the “Moorish” community in Kenton Hundred, Delaware.

From whence sprang the ancestors of the members of the group of people called the Moorish community has been lost in the mists of time. Late in the 1800's, perhaps because Cheswold was then named Moorton, a tradition arose, ascribing the origins of this people to a Moorish birthplace in north Africa, which would also account for their physical characteristics. The results of studies of the history of the residents of Cheswold (nee Moorton) and of related communities in southern Delaware, southern New Jersey and eastern shore Maryland have been disappointing. As with most triracial isolate groups<sup>3</sup> in the United States, records were kept mainly in the Bibles and memories of individuals and rarely (and then only poorly) by governmental offices.

Excerpts of an interview with John Sanders of Cheswold, reported in the *Philadelphia Times*, 1892, follow. His story is the memory of one who lived in the area of Cheswold throughout the 1800's. (The full article, as well as others which purport to answer the questions about the origins of the Moors of Delaware, are in Appendix B.)

*We are Indians, and we belong to a branch of the great Delaware Nation, which used to hold all the country from New York to Cape Charles. Down in Sussex county, on the backbone ridge of the Peninsula, the head waters of two rivers rise close together—one of them, the Nanticoke River, flows west into Chesapeake Bay, and Indian River, the other, flows east and empties into the ocean; and it was at the place where these two rivers rise that our clan had its chief seat, and it is still the centre for our people.*

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<sup>2</sup> Errors of this type have been seen in documents examined at the Delaware Archives. For instance, a sworn statement by the administrator of Charles H. Mosley's estate, Kent County Orphans' Court files, reads as follows: “Jesse Dean, Administrator of Charles H. Mosley deceased, late of Kenton Hundred on solemn oath says that he has made due and diligent inquiry concerning the goods and chattles of Charles H. Dean deceased....”

<sup>3</sup> For example, see *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 83, n. 40, page 178, 1995.

*In time they adopted the names of their white neighbors, and the principal names in our tribe now are Harmon, Norwood, Sanders, Street, Ridgway, Jackson, Mosely, Durham and Hughes--all unmistakably of English derivation. They settled all over the country in squads in the same way. You can find them almost anywhere if you know how to look for them, and in Accomac and Northampton counties, Va., at the extreme lower end of the Peninsula, there are any number of them. And down there they have kept more to themselves than they have elsewhere, and they look and live more like the Indians did when I was a boy. I am 80 years old, and I can remember a good way back.*

*I was born in 1811, not two miles from here. My father, while a boy, was bound out to a man named Jefferson, who brought him up here from Sussex, so that I claim kindred with the old families down there. He settled here and lived here all his life; so did I...*

*My father and mother and all my foreparents were Indians. There are not many of the pure blood about here now, though there used to be a great many. It is strange how people have forgotten about us. Sixty years ago (about 1832) everyone knew who and what we were; there never was any question about it...*

*I really don't know how we came to be called Moors. I have heard, though, that a good many years ago a family of genuine Moors settled somewhere in this part of the country, but I have never seen them, and never heard anything more about them. They certainly had no connection with our people, who are the ones usually known by that name. But if the story is true, the newcomers about here, whom I spoke of, may have got us confused with them, or attached their story to us. There are quite a number of families by the name of Moor or Moore living about here, and this village used to be called Moorton until a few years ago.*

*But the Moore families are mostly white people and none of them have ever been connected with us in any way, and I never heard whether the village was so named on their account or ours. Probably it was on theirs, for the settlement, the original one, is a pretty old one and have got its name long before we were ever called Moors, and while our descent was well known. In my young days we were called "planters." We belonged to the Delaware Tribe of Indians, but I don't know what was the name of our clan, probably nobody does now. But I know that our last chief was buried somewhere in the neighborhood of Millsborough, in Sussex County...*

After the birth of their first child, Mary Ann, in 1854, Robert Dean began accumulating over 100 acres of farmland in Kent County, Delaware. His purchases of land are recorded in the Grantee (buyers) Deed Libers, at the Delaware Archives, and are as follows:

1. 1857. Liber N, Vol. 4, page not yet discovered.
2. 1867. Liber C, Vol. 5, page 375, 29 1/2 acres.
3. 1868. Liber F, Vol. 5, page 273, 13 acres +.
4. 1872. Liber L, Vol. 5, page 35, 25 acres.
5. 1873. Liber P, Vol. 5, page 53.

Yet to be inspected are the Grantor (seller) indexes at the Delaware Archives. Additionally, Jesse Dean's land transactions have not yet been recorded. Jesse may be the name of both Robert's father and grandfather.

After his death, Robert Dean's estate was handled by the Kent County Orphans' Court (Delaware State Archives, Dover). He died without a will and had minor children. By state law, guardians had to be appointed to protect the children's interest in their father's estate. A description of his estate and inheritors thereof, follows:

Orphans' Court file of Robert Dean:

"at the time of his death seised<sup>4</sup> in his demesne as of fee, of and in the following described lands and tenements to wit:

- No. 1, 30 acres in Kenton Hundred near Eben Cloak's land.
- No. 2, 30 acres in Kenton Hundred near Surgen & Cloak's land.
- No. 3, 25 acres in Kenton Hundred near Eben Cloak's land.
- No. 4, 9 acres in Kenton Hundred near Salmons and Cloak's land,
- No. 5, 7 acres on the road from Dover to Smyrna.

Petition of Moses Coker and Mary Ann his wife For assignment of Dower and partition of the Residue:

"Robert Dean (colored)<sup>5</sup> late of Kenton Hundred...departed this life intestate...30 Sep 1874.... That the said deceased left to survive him a widow named Catharine (who has since married, and is now the wife of William A. Carney), and nine children, To Wit, Mary Ann Coker, one of your petitioners, John T. Dean; Lucinda, wife of William Johnson; Jesse Dean; Robert Dean; William Dean; Hester Dean; Annie Dean; and Ulysses G. Dean, as his only heirs at law: That...Lucinda Johnson, has since...Departed this life intestate, leaving to survive her, her said husband William Johnson and a daughter Mary, an infant, who has also died...leaving to survive her, her...father William Johnson.... That...all are minors, except your Petitioner Mary Ann Coker and the said William Johnson."

<sup>4</sup> See a brief explanation of legal terms in Appendix A.

<sup>5</sup> See the interview with John Sanders published in the *Philadelphia Times*, 1892 in Appendix B (excerpts on page 3).

Robert Dean was a man of wealth compared to the typical farmer of his day. He owned over 100 acres of land and considerable farm assets, as described in the court records. A list of the items sold at the auction of his goods is interesting because the smallest of assets was not overlooked and because Robert's widow, Catharine, had to bid for things she wanted to keep. She was the apparent beneficiary of an error made by the administrator, as underlined in the list on the next page. The bay horse she bought was listed at \$60.00, but the amount charged was put down as 60 CENTS.

The list of sale of goods follows on the next page....

A List of Sales of the goods and chattels of Robert Dean Dec'd December 16th 1874 by James S. Moor Administrator. C. F. Hawkins Auctioneer

John Heitsher	3 Chairs	.12
J.S. Taylor	Bucket & coffee pot	.03
Thomas Stevens	Strainer pan & coffee pot	.03
John Heitsher	Table	.10
Risden Ringgold	Lounge	.90
Jacob Lineberger	Lard can	.05
J.S. Moor	Crock & washing machine	3.20
John Heitsher	Broad axe	.03
John Berry	Grindstone	2 .30
McClusky	Shovel & fork	.01
James Burrows	2 Spades	.05
Wm. Williams	1 Spade	.17
John H. Morgan	Box tools	.20
Wm. Williams	1 Spade	.17
McClosky	Basket & old iron	.16
Wm. Williams	Spinning wheel & hackle	.04
Wm. Williams	Keg and old iron	.05
Wm. Williams	2 Wash boards	.02
Wm. Williams	Keg hinge	.01
Samuel Emmory	Keg iron	.09
Thos. Sapp	2 Hoes	.15
Jno. H. Johnson	1 Hoe	.30
McClosky	Wheels churn	.04
Job Bishop	Corn knives scythe	.30
Thos. Sapp	2 Scythe blades	.05
Risden Ringgold	Cutting box	.30
John Heitsher	New ground plow	.90
Job Bishop	Grain cradle	.20
John H. Morgan	1 Double plow	1.25
B.F. Middleton	1 Double plow	.50
J.H. Morgan	1 Concave plow	.10
Adam Siem	1 Wiley plow	.50

missing lines

H.P. Mellan	Steeltooth rake	2.25
Mrs. Moore	640 Oak shingles @ .30	1.92
Mrs. Dean	Farm wagon	20 .00
John Boyd	101 Chestnut post	8.08
Alex Pleasonton	1 Field roller	2.75
Jas. S. Moor	90 Chestnut post	7.24
John A. Cavendar	19 Long chestnut post	1.33
Mrs. Dean	2 Set wagon harness	8.00
Jas. Sammons	1 Cask	.10
Mrs. Dean	6 Chairs	2.00
Mrs. Dean	Tinware	.75

missing lines

J. Lineberger	1 Sieve	.12
Adam Siem	2 Barrels	.25
Thos. Sapp	2 Kegs	.55
J.W. Jackson	Barrel O Vinegar	2.10
Mrs. Dean	1 Pork barrel	.75
Isaac Pearson	1 Pork barrel	.60
Mrs. Dean	1 Tub	.25
Mrs. Dean	2 Washboards	.25
Mrs. Dean	Box beans	.25
Mrs. Dean	Cradle & Jar	.03
Mrs. Dean	Rock salt	.05
H.P. Mellan	Platform scales	8.50
J.H. Morgan	Grain fan	20 .00
J.H. Johnson	25 Grain bags	1.50
J.W. Jackson	26 Grain bags	2.34
J.W. Jackson	14 Sacks	.56
John Heitsher	Grain shovel	.20
J.H. Stroud	10 Bus. wheat	11.89
John Moore	456 lb. Pork	41.50
Mrs. Dean	596 lb. Pork @ 9.00	53.64
David Johnson	182 lb. Pork @9.50	17.29
John Heitsher	Reaper & mower	100.00
J.S. Moor	Sett cast harness	1.10
Jas. Burrows	2 old Collars	.05
L.H. Black	1 Old collar	.10
Isaac Pearson	1 Bridle	.27
J.S. Moor	Lot harness	.02
Mrs. Dean	1 Cow (Rose)	25.00
Minos Conway	1 Cow (Red Buffalo)	30.50
A. Allen for		
B.B. Allen agent	1 Cow (White & Red)	31.00
L. Stockwell	1 Cow (Red & Horned)	34.75
A. Allen for		
B.B. Allen agent	1 White calf	10.00
M. Grasley	1 Red calf	7.50
Alex Pleasonton	1 Young Bull	23.00
Wm Richardson	1 Grey mare	37.50
Mrs. Dean	1 Bay Colt	1 25.00
Mrs. Dean	1 Bay Horse \$60	.60
Jas. Williams	1 Dark bay horse	67.50
Mrs. Dean	1 Stack blades	6.00
H.P. Mellan	1 Stack blades	8.50
Arch King	Top stack no. 1	4.00
Arch King	Top stack no. 2	4.20
Adam Siem	Top stack no. 3	5.00
Mrs. Dean	Lot long fodder	10.00
H.P. Mellan	Lot old lines	.50
J.A. Cavendar	1 Brood sow	12.50
J.W. Jackson	Sausage cutter & stuffer	2.90
Thos Reed	Lard can	.12½
J.S. Moor	Grover & Baker sewing machine	33.00
H.P. Mellan	1 Mantle clock	.50
Mrs. Dean	2 Lamps & bottles	.25

Jas. Numan	1 ditto	.80	Mrs. Dean	1 Bureau	2.00
Wm Williams	Double A harrow	.30	L. Johnson	1 Lantern	1.25
Thos. Sapp	2 Singletrees thames?	.05	D. Johnson	1 Rocking chair	.50
Thos. Sapp	Double & triple tree	.10	Mrs. Dean	1 Chair	
Mrs. Dean	1 Twin harrow	5.00	Mrs. Dean	Feather bed & bedding no 1	5.00
James Todd	Harrow chain	.70	Mrs. Dean	" " " no 2	10.00
Risden Ringgold	Grain fork	.30	Mrs. Dean	Straw bed & bedding	2.00
John Berry	Manure fork	.30	Mrs. Dean	Bed stead no. 1	.50
Mrs. Dean	1 Iron frame cultivator	5.00	Mrs. Dean	Bed stead no. 2	2.50
Mrs. Dean	1 Iron frame cultivator	5.00	Mrs. Dean	Looking glass	.75
Job Bishop	1 Corn coverer	.45	Mrs. Dean	Cherry table	2.50
Mrs. Dean	2 Plows		Mrs. Dean	Cook table	.50
Mrs. Dean	1 Plow	5.00	3.50 Mrs. Dean	Carpet on floor	2.00
Risden Ringgold	Wheel barrow	1.25	Mrs. Dean	Breakfast table	1.00
McClosky	1 Sleigh	2.10	Moses Coker	Bureau	.90
J.H. Morgan	5-48 qt Strawberry crates	6.75	Mrs. Dean	Wash stand	.50
J.H. Morgan	7-32 qt " "	5.00	Moses Coker	Bonnet	.40
Risden Ringgold	4-60 qt " "	6.60	Mrs. Dean	Reel & S. Wheel	2.00
Risden Ringgold	4-60 qt " "	6.00	J. S. Moor	Box of spools	.05
J.H. Morgan	4-60 qt " "	6.60	Mrs. Dean	Chicken feather bed & bedding	2.00
R. Robinson	Lot peach baskets no. 1	.30	Mrs. Dean	2 old bedsteads	.50
John Berry	Lot " " no. 2	.20	Mrs. Dean	8 baskets	.25
Adam Siem	5-48 qt Berry crates	7.50	Mrs. Dean	Old bed clothing	.50
Adam Siem	5-48 qt " "	10.00	Mrs. Dean	2 Chests	.25
Minos Conway	Hominy mortar	.40	Thos Stevens	1 Broom	.25
John Berry	Corn shiller	3.00	Mrs. Dean &		
John Berry	½ Bushel measure	12½	Moses Coker	Crop of wheat on ground	115.00
H.P. Mellan	Goods box	.45	Mrs. Dean	101 Peach baskets	5.05
Mrs. Dean	2 Sett plow harness	.60	Thos Stevens	Large Waiter	.05
Mrs. Dean	10-32 qt Berry crates	7.50	Mrs. Dean	Clothes Wringers	3.50
John Berry	1 Carriage	8.25	Mrs. Dean	2 cutting axes	1.00
Mrs. Dean	1 Dearborn	35.00	Mrs. Dean	1 churn & lot of old carpet	1.25
John Berry	1 Sett Dearborn harness	9.00	Mrs. Dean	Lot earthen stoneware	1.00
Mrs. Dean	Contents of cupboard	1.50	Mrs. Dean	Tubs and Buckets	1.00
Mrs. Dean	Cook stove & fixtures	8.00	Mrs. Dean	Lot damaged straw	.50
Wheat sold		108.20	Mrs. Dean	Lot damaged clover hay	2.00
			Corn sold		248.46



Robert Dean's full name has not yet been confirmed. Robert is called *Robert B. Dean* in the death certificate of his son Jesse (information given by 2nd wife Susan). Robert had another son named Robert Burton Dean. Since no other record has been found which indicates a middle name or middle initial, we will assume his full name is ROBERT DEAN.

Children:

- 2-D i **Mary Ann DEAN** was born on 26 May 1854 in Delaware. She died on 21 Nov 1923. She married Moses Coker.
- 3-D ii **John T. DEAN** was born on 16 Dec 1855 in Delaware. His birth date has been determined from the Orphans' Court file of Robert Dean in John T. Dean's petition to receive funds from his father's estate when he becomes age 21 on 16 Oct 1876. (Delaware Archives, Dover, Kent, Delaware).
- 4-D+ iii **Lucinda DEAN** was born about 1856 (Federal Census, age            ).
- 5-D iv **Jesse DEAN** was born on 20 Jul 1858 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware.
- 6-D v **Robert Burton DEAN** was born about 1860 in Delaware ----- Census. He married **Almira WILSON**. Orphans' Court file of Robert Dean, guardian appointed at age 16, Sep Term of the Court, 1876.
- 7-D vi **William F. DEAN** was born about 1863 at Moorton, Kent, Delaware. He married **Elizabeth MOSLEY** on 3 Jun 1883 in Kent County, Delaware. She was born about 1862 at Moorton, Kent, Delaware. 1850, 1870, 1880 Federal Census, Kent Hundred, Delaware. Marriage record Vol 90, p 130, Kent Co Marriages 3 Jun 1883 gives ages, birth places, parents. Orphans' Court file of Robert Dean, guardian appointed at age 13, Sep Term of the Court, 1876
- 8-D vii **Hester DEAN** was born about 1865 in Delaware. Orphans' Court file of Robert Dean, guardian appointed at age 11, Sep Term of the Court, 1876.)
- 9-D+ viii **Anna Elizabeth "Annie" DEAN** was born on 30 Jan 1870.
- 10-D ix **Ulysses Grant DEAN** was born about 1872 in Delaware. Orphans' Court file of Robert Dean, a guardian was appointed for Ulysses at age 4, September Term of the Court, 1876.

Sources and notes:

Marriage: Dover, Delaware archives record, Kent County

For Mary Ann Dean Coker: Death certificate #2941 Kent Co, Delaware 1923.

For Jesse Dean: His death certificate #2171 (Kent County) dated 12 Aug 1931 states his birth date and age, 73. It also notes that he is Moorish, male, married and the child of Robert B. Dean and Catharine Morgan and is a farmer. Grave marker at Manship Church Cemetery is engraved: Jesse Dean 1858-1931. Buried near Jesse : are E.C. Dean, S.A.. Dean, Edward & Laura Carter.

The Orphans' Court file of Robert Dean reports that a guardian was appointed for Jesse at age 18 during the September term of the Court in 1876, which also confirms his birth year, 1858.

Catherine CARNEY, died 23 May 1894, age 63 at Brenford, Kent, DE. Buried Manship. Reference 1894 folder 2C, reel 62, RG 1500, death records 1861-1913, Del: White. Widowed. Died from "complications." W.A. Faries & Bros, undertaker, Smyrna, Del.

## *2nd Generation, Dean Family*

(4-D) **Lucinda DEAN** was born about 1856 in Delaware. She died on 30 Jan 1876, in her 20th year. She was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She married **William G. JOHNSON**.

Children:

11-D i **Mary Melisse JOHNSON** was born about Jan 1876 in Delaware. She died on 6 Feb 1876 in Delaware.

Sources and notes:

Manship Church Cemetery grave marker of Lucinda Johnson: "Wife of William G. Johnson in her 20th yr."

Manship Church Cemetery grave marker of Mary Johnson: "Died 6 Feb 1876 age 1 month, daughter of William & Lucinda" Orphans' Court file

of Robert Dean: one heir is Lucinda Dean. "That the said Lucinda has since the death of her said father departed this life intestate, leaving to survive her, her said husband William Johnson and a daughter Mary, an infant who also has died. (Delaware Archives, Dover, Kent, Delaware).

(5-D) **Jesse DEAN** was born 20 Jul 1858 in Delaware. He died on 12 Aug 1931 and was buried 15 Aug 1931 at Manship Church Cemetery, both at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He married Sarah A. Seaney. She was the daughter of **James SEANEY**. She is probably buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Delaware with her husband and child, Ernest.

Children:

12-D i **Ernest Clarence DEAN** was born about 1878 in Delaware. He death date is unknown. He is probably buried at Manship Church Cemetery with his father.

Sources and notes:

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(6-D) **Robert Burton DEAN** was born about 1860 in Delaware. He married **Almira WILSON**, daughter of **Solomon** and **Mary Augusta (CARTER) WILSON**. Orphans' Court file of Robert Dean, guardian appointed at age 16, Sep Term of the Court, 1876.

(7-D) **William F. DEAN** was born about 1863 at Moorton, Kent, Delaware. He married **Elizabeth MOSLEY** on 3 Jun 1883 in Kent County, Delaware. She was born about 1862 at Moorton, Kent, Delaware. 1850, 1870, 1880 Federal Census, Kent Hundred, Delaware. Marriage record Vol 90, p 130, Kent Co Marriages 3 Jun 1883 gives ages, birth places, parents. Orphans' Court file of Robert Dean, guardian appointed at age 13, Sep Term of the Court, 1876

## *1st Generation, Mosley Family*

(1) **Wingate MOSLEY** was born about 1820 in Kent County, Delaware. During his life he worked as a woodchopper, laborer and farmer in Kent County, Delaware. No record of his death has as yet been found. He married **Nancy H. or A.** She was born about 1825 in Kent County, Delaware. She died on 30 Jan 1894 at Dover, Kent, Delaware.

### Children:

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| 2  | i    | <b>James MOSLEY</b> was born about 1843 in Delaware.   |
| 3+ | ii   | <b>Purnell MOSLEY</b> was born about 1846.   |
| 4  | iii  | <b>Betsey MOSLEY</b> was born about 1847 in Delaware.  |
| 5  | iv   | <b>Ephram MOSLEY</b> was born about 1850 in Delaware. He married <b>Caroline GREEN</b> on 30 Jul 1870 in Kent County, Delaware.  |
| 6  | v    | <b>Nancy MOSLEY</b> was born about 1854 in Delaware. She died on 29 Mar 1890 in Delaware.  |
| 7  | vi   | <b>Harriett MOSLEY</b> was born about 1855 in Delaware.  |
| 8  | vii  | <b>Wingate MOSLEY</b> was born about 1858 in Delaware. He married a person whose name is not yet known.  |
| 9+ | viii | <b>Charles Henry MOSLEY</b> was born on 15 Nov 1861.   |
| 10 | ix   | <b>Elizabeth MOSLEY</b> was born about 1862 at Moorton, Kent, Delaware. She married <b>William F. DEAN</b> on 3 Jun 1883 in Kent County, Delaware. He was born about 1863 at Moorton, Kent, Delaware. Marriage record Vol 90, p 130, Kent Co Marriages 3 Jun 1883 gives ages, birth places, parents. |
| 11 | x    | <b>Sarah MOSLEY</b> was born about 1863 in Delaware.   |

### Sources and notes:

1850, 1870, 1880 Federal Censuses, Kent Hundred, Delaware.  
No will, Del. Archives (Aug 1974) 1860-1940.  
Death records, Delaware State Archives, Dover, Delaware.  
Kent County marriage records, Delaware State Archives, Dover, Delaware.  
Federal census listings for this family, 1850, 1870 and 1880.

## *2nd Generation, Mosley Family*

(3) **Purnell MOSLEY** was born about 1846 in Kent County, Delaware. There is no record at the Delaware Archives which gives Purnell's death date. He married **Eliza J. JOHNSON** on 10 Oct 1875 in Kent County, Delaware. She was born about 1847 in Kent County, Delaware.

### Children:

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| 12  | i   | <b>Lydia Ann MOSLEY</b> was born about 1873 in Delaware.   |
| 13  | ii  | <b>Sarah L. MOSLEY</b> was born about 1875 in Delaware.  |
| 14  | iii | <b>Charlotte MOSLEY</b> was born about 1876 in Delaware.   |
| 15  | iv  | <b>Levi MOSLEY</b> was born about 1879 in Delaware.  |
| 16+ | v   | <b>Wingate Burton MOSLEY</b> was born on 30 Jun 1882.  |
| 17  | vi  | <b>John MOSLEY</b> was born about 2 Aug 1872 (see note) in Delaware. He died on 5 Sep 1953 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He was buried on 10 Sep 1953 at Fork Branch Cemetery, Dover, Kent, Delaware. John married, but his wife's name is not yet known.<br>Note: There is a birth date conflict with brother John: according to their death certificates, Wingate was born 30 Jun 1882 to parents Purnell and Eliza J. Mosley and John was born 33 days later, 2 Aug 1882 to parents Purnell and Eliza J. Mosley. However, the 1880 Federal Census of Kenton Hundred, Kent, Delaware provides evidence for claiming 1872 as John's birth instead of 1882: John Mosley, 8 years old, father Purnell, mother Eliz. There is no birth or marriage record at the Delaware Archives. |

### Sources and notes:

1850, 1870, 1880 Federal Census, Kent Hundred, Delaware.

Purnell is listed in the 1880 census with wife Eliz.

Named in death certificates of son John, Kent Co, Delaware, 5 Sep 1953 #2571 and son Wingate, Kent Co, Delaware 4 Jan 1954 #12. John's record also states he was a widower. Livie Mosley reported his death. She has not been identified. It is not proved that Purnell, the father of John and Wingate, whose death certificates were copied at the Delaware Archives, is the son of Wingate and Nancy. Connection is by lack of evidence for another Purnell Mosley to be that son. The Purnell who married Susan Sammons is son of another Purnell Mosley, not #1 Wingate Mosley. Two other Purnells in the records at the Archives do not connect because of their dates of birth, compared to the census record which gives Purnell, son of Wingate and Nancy, a birth year of ca 1846.

Sarah Elizabeth "Lib" Mosley Durham named her aunts and uncles (9/97). They match #3 Purnell's children, taken from a census record. Lib: 133 Davis Cir., Lincoln Park, Kent, Del., near Dover. 302-734-4289. Visited 10/24/97.

Federal census listings for this family: See Appendix C.

(5) **Ephram MOSLEY** was born about 1850 in Delaware (age 1, 1850 census; age 20 1870 census). He possibly married **Caroline GREEN** on 30 Jul 1870 in Kent County, Delaware. A marriage record for this couple exists at the Delaware Archives. The marriage is consistent with Ephram's 1850 birth year as recorded in the Federal Census returns. In addition, Ephram and Caroline named a child Winket, presumably after Ephram's father, Wingate. However, the relationship of the Ephram who married Caroline to (1) Wingate has not been proved.

Sources and notes:

Federal census listings for this family: See Appendix C.

Kent County, Delaware marriage records, Delaware State Archives, Dover, Delaware, as follows:

1. Groom: **MOSELY, Ephraim**  
Bride: GREEN, Caroline  
Place: Kent County  
Date: 30 Jul 1870  
Minister: H.T. Rich  
Source: Kent Co. Marriages  
Reference: Vol 90, p 85, Kent Co. Marriages
  
2. Groom: **MOSELY, Winket** age 21, brown, b Cheswold, res Camden, DE  
Bride: SMITH, Ida age 18, brown, b Kantabery, DE, res same  
Place: City of Wilmington, New Castle Co. (marriage)  
Date: 19 Jun 1894  
Minister: M. Johnson  
Source: License and Return  
Reference: Vol 72, p 86, Kent Co. Marriages (license 18 Jun, 1894)  
Groom's parents: Eferens Moseley, b Cheswold & Carilorn Green, b Dover  
Bride's parents: Garriett Smith & Carsborn (Canhoin, Carsloin) Fisher  
Witnesses: R. Johnson, Amelia Moseley, Lizzie Smith

(9) **Charles Henry MOSLEY** was born on 15 Nov 1861 in Kent County, Delaware. He died on 19 Oct 1906 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He married (9-D) **Anna Elizabeth "Annie" DEAN**, daughter of (1-D) **Robert and Catharine (MORGAN) DEAN**, on 4 Jan 1888. She was born on 30 Jan 1870 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She died on 27 Jun 1963 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He was buried on 30 Jun 1963 at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware.

Memories of Charles H. Mosley have been passed down from his widow, Annie, to her grandchild, Grace Wilson Davis:

“Grandfather was a kind and gentle man and definitely head of the family and a good provider and farmer. He had 25 acres and had a variety of almost every tree and bush imaginable: red and white cherry, damson, peaches, apples, raspberries, black-berries, strawberries, and gooseberries. He raised wheat and corn and always had enough food to provide for the winter. He never had to buy anything.

“At Christmas, the table was set the night before and the children put pennies on their own dinner plate. Father got up with them at 3 a.m. and they checked their plates and found nuts, oranges and part or all of a toy.

“New Years no one could eat until a man entered the house to bring good luck. The first one to enter the house had to be a man, so father would hold a gun and Pearl always got to pull the trigger. That was the signal for Mr. Carney to come up to be first to enter the house.

“He died of typhoid fever and complications of pneumonia. His family was enveloped in typhoid as were others in that area at the time. Daughter Katie died two days after her father.”

Charles H. Mosley bought a farm with two transactions in Kenton Hundred, Kent, Delaware, 12 Sep 1892, from William S. Hardcastle and his wife, Mary, for \$1100. These are described in the deeds as follows:

No. 1. All that certain farm or tract of land situated in Kenton Hundred, Kent County and State of Delaware on the public road leading from the Seven Hickories to what is known as the Upper Mill, adjoining lands of William R. Smith, lands of James K. Morgan and Lot No. 2 hereinafter described and said to contain **twenty five acres** of land more or less.

No. 2. Also, all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated in the Hundred, County and State aforesaid, adjoining lands of James K. Morgan. and the farm above described as No. 1 and said to contain **one acre** of land more or less, and being the same lands and premises which were conveyed to the said William S. Hardcastle. by Minos Conaway as Administrator of William Morgan deceased by deed dated 22 Sep AD 1891 and recorded by the Recorders office at Dover in Deed Book G, Vol. 7, page 455.

As Grace Davis recalls, the Fall of 1906 turned out to be a terrible one for the Mosley family. Charles H. Mosley became desperately ill from typhoid fever, succumbing to it October 19th. His daughter Sarah Catharine Mosley Durham contracted typhoid and passed away October 21st. Sarah's husband, Wilbur W. Durham, held out awhile, finally giving up the ghost to the same illness on November 23rd. 1906 .

Charles H. Mosley's estate was handled by the Kent County Orphans' Court. He died without a will and had minor children. By state law, guardians had to be appointed to protect the children's interest in their father's estate. The inheritors are listed by the Court as follows:

"To Annie E. Mosley, widow, Bessie A. Mosley, Felix Mosley, Charles M. (*sic*) Mosley, Clifton Mosley, Edith P. Mosley, Bulah (*sic*) Mosley, Mabel Mosley, Mary E. Mosley, Annie J. Mosley & Reba D. Mosley, children and heirs-at-law and Charles M. Durham, grandchild, (son of Sarah Catharine Mosley, deceased) and to Annie E. Mosley tenant in possession, I intend to apply to the Orphans' Court...on Monday the tenth day of December next...for an ORDER to sell the...REAL ESTATE of Charles H. Mosley deceased, as will be necessary to settle the debts due...  
Dover, Nov 9, 1906. (signed) Admin. Jesse Dean

There is no record of the guardians appointed, but there is a record of the disposition of the assets of the estate to pay outstanding debts (see the auction notice on page 18). Jesse Dean, who may be Anna Elizabeth Dean Mosley's brother, was appointed administrator of the estate. He put up the auction notice at about 10 locations around Kent County. Charles Mosley's farm equipment and household furniture were included in the sale.

As we saw on page 6 with Robert Dean's estate, the same rule of disbursement was applied to Charles H. Mosley's estate. In addition to personal assets, he owned about 30 acres of land near Seven Hickories. Again, the widow *had to bid for things she wanted to keep*. A surprise was that Annie E. Mosley *bid and won the right to buy the farm!*

The Administrator of the estate reported to the court:

“...I did on the twenty-sixth day of December last, at the front door of Coopers Store in town of Cheswold expose to sale, by way of public vendue, all the lands and premises described in the said order; and I did then and there at the said vendue sell the farm or tract of land and premises containing Twenty five acres of land more or less, unto **Annie E. Mosley** for the sum of Three Hundred and forty Dollars (\$340.00), she being at said sum the highest and best bidder for the same; and which said purchase money has been duly paid to me before making this return. All of which is respectfully submitted to the Court for approval.”

List of Appraisement of Goods & Chattels of Charles H. Mosley, dec'd.

	\$
Kitchen Table & Chairs	.75
Bed Stead & Table      1.00	
Hay Rack	5.00
Barrel	.25
2 Shoats	12.00
3 Cultivators & Harrow	1.00
Dearborn	5.00
Wagon & Harness	20.00
2 Plows	2.00
Grind Stone	.50
Barrel	.25
Ladder	.25
Scoop	.50
Saw & old Harness	.75
Buggy	2.00
Corn Shelter & c	1.00
Blades	5.00
Harness	.50
Yellow Horse	25.00
Grey Colt	75.00
Corn & Fodder in field	28.00
1/2 Interest in grain Drill	3.00
Growing Wheat	5.00
	183.75
Appraisement on file	183.75
Net proceeds, sale of land	280.35

30th Day of October 1906      464.10

(signed) Jesse Dean : Administrator

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, the twenty seventh day of December A. D., 1906

(signed) Amos Watson Clerk



# ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

OF VALUABLE

## REAL ESTATE

SITUATED IN

**Kenton Hundred, Kent County, and the State of Delaware.**

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By virtue of an order of the Orphans' court of the State of Delaware, in and for Kent County, will be exposed

to Public Auction or Vendue, on

**Wednesday, DEC. 26th**

at 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

At the Front Door of Cooper's Store, in the

Town of Cheswold,

County and State aforesaid, the following Real Estate, to wit:

All that certain farm or tract of land and premises situated in Kenton Hundred, Kent County and State of Delaware, on the easterly side of the public road leading from Seven Hickories to Sherwood's Mill, adjoining lands of William R. Smith, lands of William Sapp and lands of John Carney, and containing Twenty Five Acres of Land, be the same more or less. The improvements thereon being a two-story frame dwelling, barn, stable, and other outbuildings.

Being the same lands and premises of which Charles H. Mosley, late of Kenton Hundred, died seized, and will be sold for the payment of his debts.

Attendance will be given and terms made known on day of sale by Jesse Dean, Administrator of Charles H. Mosley, deceased, or John B. Hutton, Esq., his Attorney.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

Dover, Delaware, December 10th, 1906.

Attest:

AMOS A. WATSON,  
CLERK.

**TERMS~** 25 per cent of the purchase money must be paid to the undersigned on the day of sale, and the residue thereof on the first day of the December term of the Orphan' Court, in and for Kent County, to be held in Dover, on Thursday, the 27th day of December next, A. D. 1906. The percentage to be paid on the day of sale will be treated as part of the purchase money if the other terms of sale are complied with, otherwise it will be forfeited for non-compliance.

R.O.P. Wilson, Auctioneer  
Mosley, deceased.

**JESSE DEAN,**  
Administrator of Charles H.

Children:

- 18+ i **Geoffrey A. "Ree"** (also known as Garfield) **MOSLEY** was born on 24 Jul 1885.
- 19+ ii **Bessie Alice MOSLEY** was born on 26 Nov 1888.
- 20 iii **Felix MOSLEY** was born on 8 Jan 1890 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He died on 14 Apr 1937 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware.
- 21+ iv **Sarah Catharine MOSLEY** was born on 24 Jan 1891.
- 22 v **Charles Milton MOSLEY**, a farmer, was born on 25 Jun 1892 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He died on 26 Jul 1960. He was buried on 29 Jul 1960 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He married **Mae SAMMONS** on 15 Nov 1917 in Kent County, Delaware. She was born in 1896. She died in 1968. She was buried at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. Marriage: Delaware State Archives, Dover, Delaware, Kent County marriage records and Family Bible.
- 23+ vi **Clifton MOSLEY** was born on 22 Sep 1893.
- 24 vii **Edith Pearl MOSLEY** was born on 13 Feb 1895 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She died on 3 Mar 1973 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was buried on 7 Mar 1973 at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She married **William J. WHITEMAN** on 28 Jan 1922. He died on 22 May 1945. She married **John CHAPPELLE** on 13 Feb 1959. He died in 1978. He was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. An elementary school teacher Dover, Philadelphia. No children.
- 25+ viii **Beulah MOSLEY** was born on 6 Aug 1896.
- 26+ ix **Mabel MOSLEY** was born on 20 Apr 1898.
- 27+ x **Mary E. MOSLEY** was born on 16 Sep 1899.
- 28+ xi **Anna Jeanette MOSLEY** was born on 4 Jan 1901.
- 29+ xii **Rheba Dean MOSLEY** was born on 10 Mar 1904.

Sources and notes:

Birth certificate Dover Archives

Kent County Marriages, Dover Archives.

Death certificate reference: 1906, folder 5A. Race Moor, age 45.

Grave marker, Manship Church Cemetery.

Bible of Charles H. Mosley, a copy in poss. of BDT. .

Orphans' Court file, Delaware Archives.

Geoffrey's birth and death are taken from his death certificate #1151 Kent County 1937 from Delaware State Archives and grave marker and from the Family Bible of Howard Clifton Wilson, Sr in the possession of Lillian Pierce Wilson, widow of Clarence Wilson Cheswold, Delaware. Xerox copy possessed by Betty D. Terry He was named

"Geoffrey" **XE** "MOSLEY: Geoffrey A." at birth and in his marriage license. Later in life he adopted "Garfield" (death certificate and grave marker).

Kent County Grantee Index: deed recorded in Book K, Vol 7, page 462.

### *3rd Generation*

(16) **Wingate Burton MOSLEY** was born on 30 Jun 1882 in Delaware. He died on 4 Jan 1954 at Kent General Hospital, Dover, Kent, Delaware. He was buried on 7 Jan 1954 at Fork Branch Cemetery, Dover, Kent, Delaware. He married **Clara JACKSON**. She died in 1937 in Delaware. She was buried at Fork Branch Cemetery, Dover, Kent, Delaware.

#### Children:

- 30    i       **Sarah Elizabeth "Lib" MOSLEY** was born 22 Feb 1912 in Dover, Kent, Delaware. She married **Norman Manuel "Pick" DURHAM** in 1931 at the Cheswold Methodist Church Parsonage.
- 31    ii       **Jessie Leola MOSLEY** was born about 3 Mar 1913 in Kent County, Delaware. She died about 1937 in Kent County, Delaware.
- 32    iii       **James Parris MOSLEY** was born about 1914/15 in Delaware. He married **Grace Simmons**.
- 33    iv       **Jeanette MOSLEY** was born about 1916 in Kent County, Delaware. She married (1) **Mr. SMITH**. She married (2) **Walter FLEMING**.
- 34    v        **Grace MOSLEY** was born about 1925 in Delaware. She married (1) **Albert MARTIN**. She married (2) **Thomas KEMP**.
- 35    vi        **Walter Warren MOSLEY** was born about 1926 in Delaware.

#### Sources and notes:

Wingate Mosley's Will made 29 Nov 1945, probated 1954 (Del. Archives 8/74) Wingate Mosley's death certificate Kent Co # 12  
4 Jan 1954

Marriage Folder 1A 1908 Del. Archives, 4 June 1908

Birth date conflicts with brother John: J 2 Aug 1882, W 30 Jun 1882

Visit with Elizabeth Mosley Durham, dau of Wingate & Clara 10/24/97. She said her father married Ethel Mosley second.

Phone conversation with Grace Mosley Kemp 10/24/97.

(18) **Geoffrey A. "Ree"** (also known as Garfield) **MOSLEY** was born on 24 Jul 1885 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He died on 24 Jan 1953 at Milford, Sussex, Delaware. He was buried on 27 Jan 1953 at Forest Grove cemetery, Dover, Kent, Delaware. He married **Lulu DURHAM** on 24 Apr 1907. She was born in 1888. She died on 31 Jul 1962. She was buried at Forest Grove cemetery, Kenton/Cheswold, Kent, Delaware.

#### Children:

- 36    i        **Wilbert D. MOSLEY**. He married **Betty** (last name unknown). He married **Elaine** (last name unknown).  
Ida Webster 9/5/97, Fairton, N.J. Geoffrey's XE "MOSLEY: Geoffrey A." will dated 16 May 1946 (on file Delaware Archives, Dover) mentions sons Wilbert D. and Willard C. and 3 grandchildren, Larry, Jerome and Janet, the children of Willard.

## Sources and notes:

Grave marker, Forest View Cemetery, near Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Pearson's Corner Rd, 3 miles from Rt. 42, near Cheswold and Kenton, Delaware (visit 2/21/97).

Geoffrey died after a logging truck lost its trailer and the trailer's attachment mechanism rammed into his car from the driver's side, killing him and severely injuring his wife. They were on their way home from attending church services nearby at Milford, Delaware.

Ree was named "Geoffrey XE "MOSLEY: Geoffrey A." at birth and in his marriage license. Later in life he adopted "Garfield" (death certificate and grave marker).

Marriage license application 19 Apr 1907 Kent Co: Geoffrey Mosley XE "MOSLEY: Geoffrey A." and Lulu Durham. Delaware Archives, Dover.

Bible of Charles H. Mosley, a copy in poss. of BDT. Orphans' Court file, Delaware Archives

Papers of Anna Eliz. Dean Mosley, in poss. of Mae Wilson Collins 9/97.

Geoffrey's (Garfield's) death certificate #327, Sussex Co, Delaware 1953 (BDT .has Xerox copy).

9/97 Calvin Carter, Rosebowl Rd, Dover, heard Ree called both Garfield and Geoffrey XE "MOSLEY: Geoffrey A." at times.

Delores Sammons and Dalton Sammons both lived with Ree. She lives near Pearl Reed Durham on Seven Hickories Rd, Cheswold, about 5 houses further toward Kenton from Pearl's.

(19) **Bessie Alice MOSLEY** was born on 26 Nov 1888 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She died on 13 Aug 1919 at Ridgely, Caroline, Maryland. She married **Howard Clifton WILSON** in May 1907 in Delaware. He was born on 25 Feb 1883 at Ridgely, Caroline, Maryland. He died on 25 May 1950 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware.

Anna Elizabeth Wilson Davis remembered her Aunt Bessie, Sept. 10, 1997: My mother, Mabel Mosley, traveled to Ridgely, Maryland, in 1919 to care for sister Bessie Mosley Wilson. After Bessie's death from tuberculosis, Howard Clifton Wilson moved his family to Cheswold, Delaware. Other members of the Mosley family cared for his children while he prepared to farm in Delaware. Grace and Charlie Wilson went to live with Aunt Mary Mosley Reed. Howard Clifton, Sr. and Jr. lived with my grandmother, Annie Mosley at her home in Cheswold.

Grace Wilson Davis, 1985, remembered her parents, Howard and Bessie Wilson in a story about her life which follows her listing (family member #39) in the Mosley family history.:

## Children:

38 i **Charles Edward WILSON** was born on 9 Apr 1908 at Ridgely, Caroline, Maryland. He died on 7 Jul 1923 in Delaware.

39+ ii **Grace Geneva WILSON** was born on 3 Aug 1909.

40 iii **Howard Clifton WILSON** was born on 10 Feb 1911 at Ridgely, Caroline, Maryland. He died on 19 Aug 1985 in Delaware. He was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He married (1) **Bessie WATERS**. He married (2) **Frances DURHAM**. She died at Dover, Kent, Delaware. He married (3) **Mrs. Josephine CARTER** on 10 Mar 1979 in Delaware. Howard had no children by any of his 3 wives.

Sources and notes:

Family records of Grace G. Davis

Death: Family Bible of Howard Clifton Wilson, Sr1997: in the possession of Lillian Pierce Wilson, widow of Clarence Wilson Cheswold, Delaware. Xerox copy possessed by Betty D. Terry.. Date of Bible: 1892

Orphans' Court file, Delaware Archives.

Some members of the family believe most of the children of Charles and Anna Mosley were given one name at birth and adopted middle names later on. Bessie liked "Alice."

(21) **Sarah Catharine MOSLEY** was born on 24 Jan 1891 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She died on 21 Oct 1906. She married **Wilbur W. DURHAM**. He died on 23 Nov 1906.

Children:

- 41 i **Doris? DURHAM**. She married, but the gentleman's name is not known. An unattributed comment: Doris married Mr. Carney.
- 42 ii **Charles Wilbur DURHAM** died on 23 Nov 1906. Orphans' Court file, Delaware Archives, estate papers of C.H. Mosley: . mentions a son of the late Sarah Catharine Mosley Durham, Charles "M." Durham. (See Sources, below.)

Sources and notes:

Orphans' Court file, Delaware Archives, estate papers of C.H. Mosley. .

Papers of Anna Eliz. Dean Mosley, in poss. of Mae Wilson Collins 9/97.

Charles H. Mosley died 19 Oct 1906. His daughter Sarah Catharine Durham died 21 Oct 1906. Her husband Wilbur W.

Durham died 23 Nov 1906 -- all from typhoid fever. Their child, Charles W. Durham also died 23 Nov 1906.

Card from Doris Carney, Chester, Pa to W&G Davis, 7 Feb 1968: she calls him Charles Wilbur Mosley. She consulted a family Bible.

(23) **Clifton MOSLEY** was born on 22 Sep 1893 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He died on 5 Feb 1918 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He married **Bertha Edna SAMMONS**. She died on 28 Jan 1943 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware.

Children:

- 43+ i **Doris Victoria MOSLEY** was born on 27 Jun 1915.
- 44 ii **Clifton MOSLEY** was born on 14 Jun 1917 in Delaware. He died on 2 Apr 1918 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. Death certificate #4196 Kent County 1918 from Delaware State Archives. This is the sole citation of this child in family or vital records.

Sources and notes:

Bertha Edna Sammons Mosley Bible.

Death: 1) Family Bible of Howard Clifton Wilson, Sr1997: in the possession of Lillian Pierce Wilson, widow of Clarence Wilson Cheswold, Delaware. Xerox copy possessed by Betty D. Terry.Date of Bible: 1892

2) Death certificate #4143 Kent County 1918 from Delaware State Archives.

(25) **Beulah MOSLEY** was born on 6 Aug 1896 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She died on 7 Jan 1987. She was buried on 12 Jan 1987 at Gulph Christian Church Cemetery, Gulph Mills, Pennsylvania. She married **Joel Clemons SMITH, Sr.**, on 18 Oct 1916. He was born in Oct 1895 at Pennsylvania. He died on 23 May 1965 at Wayne, Delaware, Pennsylvania. He was buried on 27 May 1965 at Gulph Christian Church Cemetery, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

Beulah grew up in the Immanuel Union Methodist Church of Cheswold. She moved to Wayne, Pennsylvania in her late teens, where she met Joel Smith, at St. John's AME Church, Highland Ave, Wayne, Pa. Beulah was working for the wife of the nephew of St. John's Reverend Emerson. They married. Around 1920, they moved to Philadelphia where they became members of the St. Matthews A.M.E. Church. Later, they moved back to Wayne where they built their house and renewed their membership in St. John's A.M.E. Church. Beulah was active in church and was a board member of the Neighborhood League of Wayne. She was an active leader in opposing an attempt to segregate the Tredyffin Township schools. Seven years after the death of her husband she moved to Lamott to live with her daughter and family. She transferred her church membership to Lamott A.M.E. Church.

Beulah's sister, Pearl Mosley, decided to go to Cheney State because ----- Later, both Pearl's husband, Billy Whiteman, and Beulah's husband, Joel, worked for the US Post Office.

Children:

- 45+ i **Kathryn Lorraine SMITH** was born on 26 Jul 1917.
- 46+ ii **Joel Clemons SMITH, Jr.** was born on 13 Jan 1924.

Sources and notes:

Interview with Lorraine Smith Bass, 9/5/97, Lamott, Pa. Lived at 971 Henry Ave, Wayne, Pa.  
Funeral program, Lamott A.M.E. Church, Lamott, Pennsylvania: Beulah was the eighth of twelve children.  
G. Frank Page, Jr. Funeral Home, 1748 W. Erie Ave, Phila, Pennsylvania

(26) **Mabel MOSLEY** was born on 20 Apr 1898 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She died on 5 Aug 1956 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She married **Howard Clifton WILSON** on 18 Dec 1920. He was born on 25 Feb 1883 at Ridgely, Caroline, Maryland. He died on 25 May 1950 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware.

Children:

- 47 i **Marjorie Katherine WILSON** was born on 15 Sep 1921 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She died on 4 Jun 1929 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware in the Wilson family plot. No dates are engraved on her grave stone.

- 48+ ii **Anna Elizabeth WILSON** was born on 16 Jan 1923.  
 49+ iii **Lillian Mae WILSON**  
 50 iv **Clarence WILSON** was born on 23 Nov 1929 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He died on 26 May 1990 in Delaware. He was buried on 31 May 1990 at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He married **Lillian Marion PIERCE** on 4 Oct 1952. She was born at Millville, Cumberland, New Jersey. Clarence Wilson was a Private in the U.S. army during World War II.

Sources and notes:

Oral report by Lillian Pierce Wilson.  
 Funeral program, Torbert Funeral Home, Dover Delaware  
 Family records of Grace Wilson Davis  
 Family Bible owned by Beulah Mosley Smith, sister of Mabel Wilson.

(27) **Mary E. MOSLEY** was born on 16 Sep 1899 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She died on 14 Nov 1978. She was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She married **William Thomas REED** on 30 Apr 1921. He was born on 17 Jul 1898. He died on 19 Jul 1989 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware.

Children:

- 51+ i **Charles William "Buck" REED** was born on 13 Dec 1920.  
 52+ ii **Edith Pearl REED** was born on 30 Oct 1924.  
 53+ iii **Allen T. REED**

Sources and notes:

Oral report of Pearl Reed Durham.  
 Grave marker.  
 Pearl Durham says her mother died 4 Nov 1978, not 14 Nov 1978.  
 Written report from Mae Wilson Collins 9/97: Mary E. Mosley  
 List of children in Charles Henry Mosley's estate papers cite "Mary E. Mosley."

(28) **Anna Jeanette MOSLEY** was born on 4 Jan 1901 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She died on 12 May 1978 at Germany. She was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She married (1) **William Russell WILSON** on 20 Apr 1921. He was born on 7 Jan 1893. He died on 5 Apr 1963. She married (2) **Norman Benston FRAIM**. He was born on 17 Jul 1895. He died on 21 Nov 1985.

Children:

54+ i **Anna Jeanette WILSON** was born 8 Sep 1934 in Delaware. She married  
1) Elmer Saunders; 2) Joe Strickland. She died 17 Dec 1994 at Charlotte, NC.

Children:

(Private)

(29) **Rheba Dean MOSLEY** was born on 10 Mar 1904 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She died on 15 Apr 1938 at Kent General Hospital, Dover, Kent, Delaware. She was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She married **George Elwood "Dick" CARTER** on 22 Jul 1922 at Smyrna, Kent, Delaware. He was born on 12 Jun 1900 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. He died on 17 Feb 1971 at Wilmington Medical Center, Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware. He was buried on 21 Feb 1971 at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware.

Children:

(Private)

Sources and notes:

Family Bible owned by George Elwood Carter copied by Betty Terry .9/5/97. No dates on grave marker.

Howard Clifton Wilson's Bible says Rheba died 15 Apr 1938 age 32. Death date agrees, but age does not. Is death date 10 Mar or 19 Mar???

Ida Carter Webster says her mother spelled her name "Rheba," not "Reba." Grace Davis' notes give death date 25 Feb 1938.

In the Family Bible and in C.H. Mosley's estate papers, it is spelled "Reba."

List of children in Charles Henry Mosley's estate papers cite "Reba D. Mosley."

### *4th Generation*

(37) **Willard "Boo" MOSLEY**. He married **Ruth SAMMONS**.

Children:

57 i **Janet MOSLEY.**  
58 ii **Jerome MOSLEY.**

Sources and notes:

Ida Webster 9/5/97, Fairton, N.J.

Geoffrey's will dated 16 May 1946 (on file Delaware Archives, Dover) mentions sons Wilbert D. and Willard C. and 3 grandchildren, Larry, Jerome and Janet, the children of Willard.



(39) **Grace Geneva WILSON** was born on 3 Aug 1909 at Ridgely, Caroline, Maryland. She married **Wilson Seville DAVIS** on 18 Apr 1934. He was born on 18 Aug 1912 at Clayton, Kent, Delaware. He died on 31 May 1994 at Beltsville, Prince Georges, Maryland. He was buried on 6 Jun 1994 at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware.

## **My Life Story** by Grace G. Davis

On August 3, 1909 near Ridgely, Maryland, I was born to Howard Clifton Wilson and his wife Bessie Alice Mosley Wilson. I remember my parents and Grandmother Wilson telling me that the day I arrived it was very hot. My parents were living with my Grandparents, the Solomon Wilsons, on the Oakland Farm. My mother, I guess, was a little anxious for me to arrive. I was stubborn even then so she asked my Grandmother could they go over to visit Aunt Elmira. After lunch (dinner) they drove over to Aunt Elmira's and in midafternoon Mother started in labor and quickly they went home, called the midwife and near evening I was born.

My poor Grandmother was a tiny lady and she was very nervous because my Grandfather said "Augusta," very sharply, "you should have known better than to go off with Bessie. That child could have been born on the road in the carriage." Everyone was so nervous but when it was all over they could and did look back with joy when I was their darling daughter, just what they had hoped for.

As I grew older I found out that I had an older brother, Charles Edward, and a younger one, Howard Clifton. We grew up to be typical country brothers and sister. My parents would tell my brothers, "Now this is your only sister and you should treat her nice," and I grew older thinking they should come to my every call (a mess, in other words) but we dearly loved each other--at times--and other times fight and tease, cry a bit. I can remember crying at the drop of a hat.

My first ten years were spent on farms near Ridgely, Maryland. My father each spring would have migrant workers come from Roanoke, Va., to pick strawberries and they lived in what my parents called shanties and in our home I remember my folks had a small store house of supplies, like groceries, and even candy my mother would sell to the workers. I can remember those wooden buckets of lard, salted mackerels, sugar, flour, hard candy and gum pieces. After strawberry season was over it was wheat, corn and tomatoes to be cultivated and harvested.

My mother was a very wonderful person, one that loved others and worked too hard and loved her family. They would take us to church and almost every Sunday we would go home with Grandmother for dinner. Grandfather Wilson was a delightful man in a nine-year-olds mind. He would be sitting in his rocking chair at the side of the kitchen stove near a window and his spittoon or cuspidor where he spit his tobacco juice into. Terrible now that I look back, but this was in the early 1900s. Times were different. Grandmother's hot biscuits with her homemade jellies and jam was so good. She would have the best dinners. We would ride like this in a horse

and carriage and take turns in our places in the middle and the other two in the bottom of the carriage. The horse's tail would give us a switch ever so often but we didn't mind because we loved going to church and to be able to go to Grandmother's.

Grandmother Wilson was a very sweet person, very thin and about 5 feet 6 inches in height, had white hair, wore about four petticoats, the long hoop type, all the way to the floor and ruffle on top of ruffle. My Grandfather was about the same height but more on the stouter side, wore sideburns and whiskers on his chin. We adored him and I'm sure there were times he could have sent us home asailing. I can remember him getting very ill and my parents would go every day. Finally my mother would stay all night there and in a few days Grandfather died from a kidney something. His funeral was my first to ever attend. It was held in their home and I'll never forget it, this huge casket and my Grandfather laying there as if he were asleep.

Death meant very little to me then, but I can remember these beautiful horses that carried my Grandfather's body to the cemetery and soon after my Grandmother sold the home place near Greensboro, Maryland and came to live with us near Ridgely. She loved my mother and said she was like a real daughter.

Then I can remember mother would bring us up by train to visit my other Grandmother Mosley and my first remembrance of her was she was really a big stately lady whom was the average tall woman and weighed about 200 lbs. or more. She had a big, big bust, could sit and lay her hands to rest on her bust. I'm sure they weren't as big as they looked to me but I can remember her asking mother to have us with them for a while but my mother would stay a few days and return home, happy to be back home to Dad in Maryland. Charlie my older brother would cry to go back to Grandmother's and one time they let him go and he said Aunt Mary, Aunt Jeannette, Aunt Reba and Uncle Milton did all sorts of things with him and for him, he loved this.

One time I can remember Dad taking me to visit his sister, my Aunt Elmira Dean whom now lived in Bears, Delaware, near Wilmington, and Uncle Bob Dean met us and this was a trip I never forgot. Also one morning cousin Walter Mosley owned a car, he came over and took my Dad and me over in Delaware to get some crates of strawberries, we hit a hole in the road and I went off the back seat into the floor but I was so happy to be along that this didn't even hurt.

Along about this time World War I was in action. President Woodrow Wilson was our president and one afternoon we were out in the tomato field picking tomatoes when my two older cousins came over in the field to tell Mother and Dad that they would be leaving for Camp Meade, Maryland, and on into the service. I can remember my Mother putting her arms around them, telling them things to be careful of and how much we would miss them and would look for their return. By the way, I don't think there is much truth to the story that old Woodie, as we called the President downhome, was Solomon Wilson's illegitimate child.

The winter before this my Uncle Cliff had died and Mother went to his funeral in a snow storm (a blizzard) and when she arrived at Clayton, Delaware, no one could get there to meet her, the roads were closed to snow drifts and etc. She walked from the Kenton Station to

Grandmother's house which was about 2 1/2 to 3 miles. My Grandfather Mosley had passed a year or so before he and Aunt Katie had typhoid fever and died, and now Uncle Cliff. My mother returned home with pneumonia and the next fall when the flu epidemic went through she came down with the flu and this developed into TB and in those years the doctors were not aware of how to take care of this so in the spring of 1919 my mother would take with these horrible chills at night and morning. She was in the bed more than out but there were we three children to take care of and she did the best she could.

My Grandmother Wilson was living with us and my Grandmother Mosley would come for a few days, Aunt Jeannette would come and help. My Father was so upset, I can remember him asking mother is there anything you want or what can I do, mother was of a gentle nature and everything was fine she would say. She did ask Dad to buy an organ for me to take music lessons on, which he did buy a brand new organ, and I know he couldn't afford this, and on August 3, 1919 my Mother had planned a birthday party for me, it was my 10th birthday. She had 3 or 4 of my girl friends in and I can remember one present I got was a plate with animals on it, hair ribbons and we had cake or cookies and something to drink.

Each evening and day my Mother grew weaker and weaker and she would always be hot, wanted the doors open so she could get the fresh air, and chills that would seem to shake her through and through. We would pile on more blankets until the chill would pass over. On the 13th day of August, 1919, my Mother called us children into her bedside and talked to each of us as individuals, Charlie being first, he was to go and live with Uncle Milton and Aunt Mae because he loved Uncle Milton so much plus they had no children of their own and she knew he would be taken good care of.

I was next to go in and she hugged me very tightly and said Grace my darling daughter, I want you to be a good girl, take care of your father and I want you to go to Delaware and live with Aunt Mary and Uncle Tommie because I'm going home to my Father's House to live. I promised her I would do whatever she wanted me to but little did I realize what going home to live with her Father meant. Next in line was my younger brother Howard Clifton, Jr. whom she adored and he being the youngest she wanted him to go with Grandmother Mosley to live and what else she said to him I do not know but I do know that afternoon and evening the doctor came, her relatives and Mother slipped quietly away. But I can never forget her, nor do I want to.

Being ten years old, her death was like a dream. For Mother this must have been sad to leave her three children and a wonderful husband, but we all realize our Heavenly Father knew best.

Child:

59+ i **Betty Glendora DAVIS** was born on 15 Jan 1930. She married 1) Robert Parker; 2) Raymond Terry. She died 21 Feb 2011 at Beltsville, MD.

Sources and notes:

Delaware marriage certificate No. 248 18 Apr 1934, registered #19 or #79.

Oral report of Grace Wilson Davis SSN 214-22-3411.

Birth: Family Bible of Howard Clifton Wilson, Sr. 1997: in the possession of Lillian Pierce Wilson, widow of Clarence Wilson 27 Cheswold, Delaware. Xerox copy possessed by Betty D. Terry. Date of Bible: 1892

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(43) **Doris Victoria MOSLEY** was born on 27 Jun 1915 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She married **Lawrence William CARNEY Sr.** on 20 Oct 1934 at Elkton, Maryland. He was born on 18 Jul 1912 at Chester, Delaware, Pennsylvania. He died on 5 Jan 1964 at Riddle Hospital, Media, Pennsylvania. He was buried at Immanuel Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware.

Children:

- 60    i       **Lawrence William CARNEY** was born on 4 Apr 1935 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He married Ada Vaughn. He died 23 Nov 1997.
- 61    ii       **Barbara Lee CARNEY** was born on 6 Nov 1936 at Media, Delaware, Pennsylvania. She died on 17 Mar 1990. She married **Lewis JOHNSON**

Sources and notes:  
Doris Victoria Carney Bible.  
Bertha Sammons Mosley Bible.

(45) **Kathryn Lorraine SMITH** was born at Mt. Pleasant, Chester, Pennsylvania. She married **Aaron Charles BASS** at Wayne, Delaware, Pennsylvania. He was born at Jackson, Madison, Tennessee, the son of **Charlie Ulysses** and **Mayflower (Spencer) BASS**.

Lucille was named "Kathryn" after her godmother, Kathryn White. She attended Cheney State in Pennsylvania, receiving a BS in Education in ----- . After graduation she learned of a position available in North Carolina at an educational center (grammar and high schools), founded by the famous George Eastman of Kodak fame. A teacherage (living accommodations) came with the job, which, according to Lorraine, made it sound "soooo" attractive. She accepted a position from afar and traveled to Enfield, Halifax County, NC to teach the upper grades. She found a couple of clapboard houses, no water and chamber pots.

It was too late to turn back--she had spent all the money allocated for travel on a one-way train ticket. She found that the male teachers lived downstairs and the ladies above. The shy lady teachers would put their chamber pots on a pillow so the men downstairs wouldn't hear.

Lorraine, suffered terribly from an auto accident she was involved in near Richmond, Va. at age 21. She received a fractured skull and other injuries to her right side. She was unconscious for a month. When she awoke in the Hospital, she could speak only the French she had studied for 3 years in High School!

Aaron Bass was a private pilot prior to WW II, flying Piper Cub-type light aircraft. His father was an electrical worker, influencing his son in choice of career. Aaron was trained at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama and was a member of ROTC there. During World War II, he was called to active duty. The usual expectation for a college-trained person was a commission to Lieutenant at the end of basic training. But Fort Benning, Ga., at that time, had too many ROTC graduates for the limited number of slots available to colored men. He had had a hint of what was to come and attempted to enlist in the Air Force before a decision was made about his commission. The Army shipped him to Texas a week prior to his interview with the Air Force. He was told the Army did him a "favor" by giving him Corporal's stripes, telling him to be happy as he wouldn't have any KP duties to perform!

Aaron retired after working as an aeronautical electrical engineer with U.S. Naval Air Development Center, Warminster, Bucks County, Pa. He specialized in aeronautical electronics, research and development, with emphasis on stress levels on electronics systems in Naval aircraft. After spending 36 years with the Navy, 26 of it in the environmental lab, which he headed, he became a troubleshooter for private industry.

Children:  
(Private)

Sources and notes:  
Interview with Lorraine Smith Bass, 9/5/97, Lamott, Pa.

(46) **Joel Clemons SMITH, Jr.**, was born on 13 Jan 1924 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He died on 7 Nov 1993 in the Washington, DC area. He married (1) **Gertrude BROWN**. She died in 1967 at probably Bethesda, Montgomery, Maryland. He married (2) **Jacqueline T. SMITH**. Joel Clemons Smith lived in Wayne Pennsylvania while growing up. He practiced medicine in Washington, D.C. and was associated with Howard University for years.

Children:  
(Private)

Sources and notes:

Interview with Lorraine Smith Bass, 9/5/97, Lamott, Pa.

(48) **Anna Elizabeth WILSON** was born on 16 Jan 1923 at Cheswold, Kent, Delaware. She died 28 Aug 1999 at Hartley, DE. She married **Robert Nehemiah DAVIS** on 9 May 1943. He was born on 27 Mar 1908 at Kent, Delaware. He died on 12 Mar 1994 at Dover, Kent, Delaware. He was buried at Manship Church Cemetery, Cheswold, Kent, Delaware.

Children:

(Private)

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