

Family Stories 1897-8 Melrose, MA

• The name before the hyphen is how it appears on the quilt, and the name after the hyphen is a more complete name that's been found via the census etc. pages.

* If no source is specified, the information described here was found on the 1900 census forms for Melrose, MA. Other sources are identified.

* There is a lot more research that has been entered in to the Ancestry.com records for many of these families. Once I had located the quilt in time and space, and then identified people's whereabouts in the late 1890s, I stopped my searching.

Abbott — — Row B, Column 6

Mr. E. C. - Edwin

Mrs. E. C. - Vonja A.

In 1900, Edwin, a paperhanger, 46 years old, and his wife Vonja, 45 years old, were living at 52 Upham St. Their son Ernest, 21 years old, a "helper, express", lived with them.

Aldrich — — Row E, Column 2

Alice - Alice L.

In 1900, Alice, 44 years old, lived at 33 Vine St. with her husband George, 41, a grocer. The household included their daughter Gladys, 11, and Alice's father Daniel Foster, a widower, 71.

Anderson — — Row B, Column 2

Harold W.

Geo. P.

Angelina W.

George P. Anderson lived with his wife Angelina W. Anderson, both 52 years old, and their son Harold, 11. They lived at 802 Main St.

They shared this address with the Whidden family. George A. Whidden, Angelina's brother, a carpenter, and his wife Susan. George was a Civil War veteran who had enlisted in 1861 and been wounded. They were both 59 years old. Lucy Whidden, whose name is also on the quilt, was George's sister, 11 years younger. She did not live with them.

On the 1910 Melrose census, we find members of Whidden and Anderson families still living together at 802 Main St. The household contained: George P. Anderson and his wife Angelina nee Whidden, their son Harold 21, and Angelina's brother George A. Whidden.

Anderson — — Row D, Column 4

Lillian E.

Atkins — — Row C, Column 3

Capt

Atwood

Bessie L. — — Row C, Column 2

Lizzie - Lily or Lillie — — Row E, Column 2

In 1900 sisters Bessie and Lillie Atwood were living at 74 Oakland with their parents, George

and Susan, and a third sister, Emily. George Atwood, their father, is listed as a “physician (magnetic)”.

Bessie married Walter Churchill, whose name is on the quilt, on November 7, 1905. On the 1900 census, he had been living with his parents. After they married, Bessie and Walter lived at 74 Oakland with Bessie’s family. On the 1910 census, they had a brand new baby, listed as 0 months old.

Atwell — — Row D, Column 2
S.H.

Austin — — Row E, Column 2
Mrs. H. A.

Bailey — — Row B, Column 5
Mrs. Calvin A.

Baker — — Row E, Column 6
Mr. Geo. A.
Mrs. Lizzie - Elizabeth T.

In 1900, George and Lizzie Baker, 57 and 58 years old, lived at 14 Avon St. George was a manufacturer of ships’ compasses. They had a servant, 39 year old Nellie Scarborough.

Baker — — Row F, Column 5
P. E.
J. H.

Barrett — — Row E, Column 2
Mrs. Lucy - Lucy A. Barrett nee Woodward

On the 1880 census, Lucy Barrett was a 47 year old widow, a seamstress. She was boarding at the home of Isaac and Elmira Emerson, with several other boarders: Aaron Gage, 75 years old, a retired hotel keeper - Willis Gage a 24 year old merchant and his wife Harriet, 23 years old - Benjamin Conant, a 40 year old druggist, and his 35 year old wife Elizabeth and 14 year old daughter Alice. There were two servants in the household as well, Hannah Harrington, 40 years old, and Mary Hardy, a 35 year old black woman from Alabama. Elmira Emerson’s name is also on the quilt.

Batcheller — — Row A, Column 4
Anna

In 1900, Anna was 46, single, and worked as a servant. She lived at 382 Lebanon St. with her sister, M. Della Swan, her husband William Swan, and their 3 children.

Blades — — Row C, Column 6
Jane - Jane B. Blades

Jane Blades is listed on the 1900 census in Malden, a 62 year old widow, with four of her eight children, aged 38 to 18. They had immigrated from Canada in 1893.

Blaisdell — — Row D, Column 1

Eleanor

On the 1900 census, Eleanor Blaisdell was a widow, 87 years old, and living with her son-in-law Rufus Leavitt, 77 years old, and his three daughters, who were 38, 32, and 22 years old.

Boothby — — Row B, Column 5

Lena May

In 1900, Lena was 22 years old and worked as a stenographer. She lived at 6 Grundy St. in her uncle's home. Her brother, 18 year old Asa Boothby lived there with her and worked as shipper at at dry good company. Their uncle was George H. Stone, 34, a buyer at a dry goods company, and his wife Aurelia was 33. Lena married in 1901 and moved to Fall River, MA. She divorced and remarried in 1910.

Bond — — Row A, Column 6

T. S.

Mrs. T. S.

Brown — — Row A, Column 4

Mrs. Charles

A. — — and Row C, Column 6

Burnham — — Row B, Column 1

Mrs. E. D.

Chandler — — Row B, Column 4 and Row C, Column 2

H. W. - Herbert W.

C. L. - Christie/Christina Littlefield

In 1900, Herbert and Christie Chandler lived at 144 Lebanon St. Herbert, 40 years old, was a paperhanger, and Christie, 49 years old, was the matron of the city poor farm. This was Herbert's first marriage and Christie's second. Five "inmates" of the poor farm, ages 84, 84, 75, 49, and 27, also lived with them. In city directories of 1902 and 1904, only Herbert is listed, with the title "superintendent, city farm." I haven't been able to find any indication that Christie is related to the other Littlefield's on the quilt. The Chandlers were married in Melrose by John D. Pickles, whose name is on the quilt, on 20 November 1883.

Chauncy — — Row A, Column 2

S.H.

S. H. Chauncy's name appears on a list of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but I haven't been able to find any more information.

Churchill — — Row B, Column 3

Mrs. E. F. - Emily

J. F. - Joseph F.

W. F. - Walter Francis

In 1900, the Churchill's lived at 66 Beech Ave. Joseph was 62 years old, a machinist. His wife Emily was 46 years old. The lived with their children Walter 25, a printer, Edith 23, Olive 19, and

Ralph 14. Walter married Bessie Atwood, whose name appears on the quilt, on 7Nov1905. They were married by Joel Leonard whose name appears on the quilt.

Clark — — Row C, Column 2

Mabel C. - Mabel G.

Mabel Clark, a bookkeeper, appears in a Malden directory in 1900, and also in a Melrose directory in 1905, a boarder at 314 Swans Pond, and a stenographer.

Cobb — — Row A, Column 2

Harriet

On the 1900 census, there is a Harriet Cobb living in Cambridge. She was 61 years old, a widow, and a physician. She lived at a boarding house run by her sisters Ellen Cowley and Mary LaCroix. There were 7 boarders there and 2 servants. One of the other boarders was also a woman doctor.

from a family member / descendant:

I can't guarantee the Harriet Cobb you are looking for is from my tree. There were other Harriet Cobb's living in Middlesex around that time. The one from my tree is one of my aunt husband's cousin. She was born (24 May 1839) and lived in Norfolk till her husband (Married 28 Mar 1860) died in 1869. They never had children and she did not remarry. After he died she moved to Cambridge (in Middlesex) and became a Physician. She moved back to Norfolk when she was in her 90's and lived with family till she died in 1932. She might or might not be the Harriet Cobb you are looking for. Like I said, there were other women named Harriet Cobb living in Middlesex at the same time. In things like this it is important to be accurate for the history. I will let you decide.

from me:

None of the Harriet Cobb's in the Ancestry files lived in Melrose. I'm thinking maybe a doctor would have had connections with people in many towns.

Coffin — — Row F, Column 2

Lucy P.

Lucy was the mother of Georgina Everson. In 1900, she was living with Georgina and her family, whose names are also on the quilt.

Cole — — Row F, Column 3

Mary - Mary T.

Mary Cole doesn't appear on the 1900 census. In 1920, she was living at 56 Linden Rd. with the Florence Meredith family.

C?urville — — Row A, Column 4

Edith

Coy — — Row F, Column 4

Mrs. ?. L.

Ida Sievwright's maiden name was Coy. Her mother would have been Mrs. E. L. Coy. Unfortunately, the first initial on the quilt is not clear. It doesn't look like an E, but doesn't look

clearly like any other capital letter.

Crowell — — Row D, Column 4

Mrs. E. A.

Damon — — Row F, Column 1

Mrs. R. M. - Rosilla North Bennett Damon

Gladys - Gladys Louise

Mrs. Jessie

The Damon's lived at 116 Hillside Ave. Frank, 45 years old, was a clerk at the railroad office. His wife Jessie was 43. Their son Arthur was 18 and their daughter Gladys was 13. Frank's mother Rosilla Damon also lived with them. If or how they were related to the George Damon family is unclear.

Damon — — Row E, Column 3

George C. - George R.

May M. - Mary M.

George Damon and family lived in Leominster. George was a Civil War veteran, who had enlisted in 1862 and who had been promoted to corporal in 1864. In 1900, he was 55 and a comb manufacturer. His wife Mary was 52. Their daughter May, 28, a music teacher, and son Ralph, 20, a student, also lived with them. They had a maid, 23 year old Kate Farwell, an Irish immigrant. If or how they were related to the Frank Damon family is unclear.

Davis — — Row F, Column 3

Maria C. - nee Maria C. Austin

In the Melrose city directory of 1897, Maria Davis was living at 24 Vine St. She was the widow of Bartlett Davis.

Dorchester — — Row A, Column 1

Chester O. - Chester Otis

Chester Stanley

Alice Jean

Edith G. - Edith Gertrude

The Dorchester family lived in Boston in 1900. Chester O. Dorchester was 31 years old, a bank clerk. His wife Edith was 30. Their son Chester S. was 6 and their daughter Alice was 4. They had another son, Kenneth, who was born in November 1899, and is not named on the quilt. A possible reason that they are on the quilt is that Chester's father Daniel, who also lived with them in Boston but is not named on the quilt, was a retired minister.

Dunham — — Row D, Column 6

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Dunham lived in Medford in 1900. She was 58 year old, a widow, and lived in her son Charles' home. He was 31, and an architect.

Ellis — — Row C, Column 4

Harriet H. - Harriet Hollingsworth nee Griffith

Harriet appears in the Melrose directory of 1897 as the widow of W. Irving Ellis. She is listed on the 1900 census living at 21 Vine, 59 years old, a school teacher. She was living with her daughters, Mary, 24, also a school teacher, and Martha, 20.

Emerson — — Row E, Column 2

Mrs. E. A. - Elmira A.

In the 1897 Melrose city directory, Elmira Emerson was living at 19 Lake Ave. She died at age 72 on November 12, 1898. Her husband Isaac and George Emerson were brothers. George's wife Mary is named on the quilt.

Emerson — — Row D, Column 2

Mrs. George

Mrs. George - Mary Mehitable nee Parker

On the 1900 census, George and his wife Mary Emerson were living at 118 Bellvue Ave. George was 75 years old and Mary was 42. They had married in 1895. It was his third marriage. George's sister Eliza, 72 years old, also lived with them. Mary is listed in the 1902 city directory as treasurer of the WCTU.

Mary's sister, Climena Parker, a spinster, is also named on the quilt. On the 1910 census, Mary, who had been recently widowed, and Climena Parker lived at 118 Bellvue Ave.

Everson — — Row F, Column 2

Grace

Lucy P.

Charles H.

Georgina B.

In 1900, Charles, a carpenter, and his wife Georgina lived at 235 Porter St. They lived with their 5 year old daughter Lucy and Georgina's mother Lucy Coffin, 66 years old, whose name also appears on the quilt. Charles and Georgina's second daughter, Grace, was born on March 21 1897 and died on September 13, 1898. She lived between the 1880 and 1900 censuses, so the record of her short life on this quilt is very touching. The household also included servant Emily Payne, 54 years old, a widow, immigrant from England via Canada, and Elvira Ramsdell, a 14 year old boarder.

Fogg

George E. - George Edward — — Row E, Column 1

George F. — — Row B, Column 3

Clara - nee Johnson — — Row B, Column 3

In 1900, George E. and Clara Fogg lived at 38 E. Foster St. George was a janitor, and Clara had immigrated from Sweden in 1890. They had been married in Lynn, MA, in 1886 by John Pickles, whose name also appears on the quilt. Their son, George F., was born in July 1896.

Ford — — Row B, Column 4

Mrs. S. A. - Sophronia A. Ford nee Wilbur

Laura A.

Sophronia Ford lived with her son Ralph Wilbur at 63 E. Foster. She was 48 years old, a

dressmaker. Ralph's half-sister Laura Ford, 12, also lived with them.

French — — Row C, Column 5

John E.

J. Howard - John Howard

Margarette

Blanche

Harry - Alfred Henry

In 1900, John, 42, a leather cutter, and Margarette French, 42, lived with their sons John, 13, and Alfred, 19, a clerk at a patent medicine business, and their daughter Blanche, 21, a cashier at a dry goods store. The name Harry French that is on the quilt is more than likely the son whose full name in the census record is Alfred Henry. In the History of Melrose book, John is listed in the Provisional Military Co. in a town parade. By the time of the 1910 census, Harry had moved out, and the household included a servant and three boarders.

from a family member / descendant:

The French's were step relatives to me and Blanche was my step-great-grandmother. Blanche, married Rev. Charles Stackpole, who rebuilt the Methodist church about 1904. Charles and his first wife, Maude Rolfe adopted my grandmother, sometime between 1904 and 1910. My grandmother, Dorothy Louise (Hamel) Stackpole, was half Jewish and French Canadian. Her Jewish family was Shapiro, from the Lowell area. About 1927 Maude, [died]. A couple of years later, Charles married Blanche.

Friend — — Row D, Column 6

A.

Frost — — Row D, Column 2

Dan T. - Dan Thomas

On the 1900 census, Dan Frost was a boarder at the Blackstone house, 16 Foster St. He was 20 years old, a bookkeeper at a leather business.

Gates — — Row A, Column 2

E.A.

George — — Row C, Column 4

Mary

Mary George's name appears on a Melrose obituary page, date of death 23 Aug 1934, but I couldn't find any more information about her.

Gibbons — — Row F, Column 3

M.E.

Gibson — — Row C, Column 4

Anna - Anna M.

In 1900, Anna was living at 24 Vine. She was 32, a clerk at a dry goods store, and a boarder with Sarah Hicks, whose name is also on the quilt.

from a family member / descendant:

Her full name was Anna Molineux Gibson, b. 1 Dec 1867 in Paris, ME, daughter of James Molineux Gibson & Martha Lewis Eastman. Her father was a farmer and the landlord of the Washington House hotel. She was one of 2 daughters in a household of 7 children. In 1913, at the age of 45, she married Ira Durrell Shaw, his 2nd wife. Ira was a teamster in 1900 and in 1920 the president of a company that made auto parts. He died in 1947 and is buried in the Riverside Cemetery in South Paris, Oxford County, ME, but I haven't yet found a record of the death of either of his wives.

You may or may not be interested in Anna Molineux Gibson's ancestry, but I will mention that her 5g grandfather was Sir John Gibson (1601-1694), the Scottish merchant who immigrated to Cambridge, MA in 1631, and from whom one genealogist has said "most of the colonial Gibson families of this country were descended."

Gilman — — Row F, Column 4

John H.

Mrs. J. H. - Anna Gertrude Oliver, or Gertrude Anna John, 35 years old, and his wife Gertrude, 30 years old, were living at 288 E. Foster.

Grady

Margaret — — Row F, Column 1

Alice — — Row B, Column 1

In 1900, Margaret and Alice Grady were living at 35 Otis. Margaret was 23, and Alice was 27 and a stenographer. They lived with their father Thomas, 53, a professor at a training school, their mother Margaret, 46, and their brother Wallace, 18, who was a sailor.

from a family member / descendant:

You have stumbled upon Alice Grady whose life story is truly fascinating! You mention in your blog/book that you did not find any surprising career info for the women named in the quilt squares, but Alice Harriet Grady had an amazing, trailblazing career--her office was in the State House in Boston! She was the Administrator of Massachusetts Savings Bank Life Insurance (SBLI). A 1914 story in the Boston Globe identified her as the highest paid woman in Boston.

She began her career as secretary to Louis D Brandeis before he was appointed to the United States Supreme Court. They collaborated for decades (Alice is mentioned in all biographies of Justice Brandeis). Alice assumed leadership of SBLI when Brandeis was appointed to the Supreme Court--she carried on the effort to help working-class families by providing them the financial safety net of affordable life insurance. Alice was a larger-than-life character with historical significance.

In your message, you assume that the Margaret Grady named in the quilt square is Alice's sister, but it might be her mother who was also named Margaret (Arthurs) Grady. At the time you estimate the quilt was made, Alice lived at home in Melrose with her parents. The Grady family were members of, and leaders in, the Methodist Church in Melrose. Alice was a Sunday School teacher and leader there.

Alice is my maternal great-great aunt, and one of the most interesting people in my family tree. Alice Harriet Grady is buried in the Wyoming Cemetery in Melrose with her parents and one of her brothers, Wallace Garfield Grady.

from me:

After reading this great story, I looked back at the Grady census records. I discover that there were two Grady families living in Melrose at that time with daughters named Alice and Margaret! In one family, the mother was Margaret, as the descendant mentioned, and in the other, the mother was Ann. There are no helpful middle initials in either family to help determine which is which.

Since the quilt seems to have a strong connection to the Methodist church, that's a vote in favor of Margaret and Alice being the ones from this descendant's family.

from the descendant:

Alice was working in the law office of Brandeis at the time you estimate the quilt was made. Alice worked in the Brandeis law office from April 1894 to 1916 (she began work there as a stenographer and quickly became Brandeis' trusted personal assistant).

Alice and her sister Margaret were living at home in Melrose at the time you estimate the quilt was made. Their sister, Mary Ellen, was no longer living in Melrose when you estimate the quilt was made, which could explain why only Alice and Margaret Grady's names are in the square.

I cannot think of a way to definitively identify the quilt square as representing my Grady ancestors.

The other Grady family in Melrose with daughters Alice and Margaret were Catholic. The father James Grady is buried in a Catholic cemetery, St Patrick's Cemetery in Stoneham MA per his death certificate from March 28, 1913. So, if the quilt is associated with the Methodist Church in Melrose, the Alice and Margaret Grady square is much more likely to refer to my ancestors.

Gray — — Row B, Column 6

Jessie

Hanniford — — Row B, Column 1

Mrs. J. L. - Abbie Ann Trowbridge nee Learned

Jeremiah Langford Hanniford is on the 1880 Melrose census, living at 244 Cherry St. He had been pastor at the First Methodist Episcopal Church from 1861-62.

Jeremiah had married Caroline Brainerd in 1845, but she died July 11, 1887, before the quilt was made. Jeremiah then married Sarah Colcord, a milliner, June 7, 1888. Sarah died August 1, 1893, also before the quilt was made. Then Jeremiah married Abbie Ann Learned Trowbridge, a housekeeper, on January 24, 1894. It was Jeremiah's 3rd marriage and Abbie's 2nd. It is likely this Mrs. J. L. Hanniford whose name appears on the quilt. Jeremiah died on 1 January 1897 and is buried in Melrose.

Hanson — — Row C, Column 2

Mrs. Sarah - Sarah E.

In 1900, Sarah Hanson, 72, was living at 105 Beech Ave. It was the home of her son-in-law Edwin Waterhouse, 49, a furniture dealer, and her daughter Nelcenia, 46. Also living there were Edwin and Nelcenia's son Clinton, and their daughter Marion with her husband J. Clifford Hills, a paperhanger, and their son Kenneth Hills, born in 1899.

Hanson — — Row D, Column 1

Sarah

This is probably a mistaken second entry for Sarah E. Hanson. Sarah had a daughter also named Sarah E. Hanson, but she had married Richard Carr in 1877 and moved to Michigan.

Harnum — — Row D, Column 4

Lillian H.

Hersey — — Row C, Column 1

Mary Ives Hersey

In 1900, Mary Ives Hersey was 45 years old and lived at 16 Vine St. She lived with her uncle, Nehemiah M. (written on the census as "Mayo N.") Dyer, 61 years old, a retired US Navy captain and Civil War hero, and Nan O'Connell, 30 years old, a servant and immigrant from Ireland.

Hicks — — Row D, Column 4

Sarah E. - nee Skerry

Sarah Hicks was a widow, 73 years old, living at 24 Vine St. Her niece Emma Lane, 50, lived with her. Emma's name is also on the quilt. Sarah had four lodgers - Harlan Glazier, 27, a reporter; W. Bouton Glazier, 30, a painter; Anna Richardson, 72, a widow, whose name is on this quilt; and Anna Gibson, 32, a clerk at a dry goods store, whose name is on this quilt.

By 1910 census, Sarah Hicks was a boarder at the William Emerson house at 22 Howard St. She was 82 years old.

Holmes

Maurice M. — — Row A, Column 5

Helen — — Row A, Column 5

Edna — — Row A, Column 5

A. L. - Augustus Lawrence — — Row A, Column 5

S. E. - Susan Elizabeth — — Row A, Column 5

Mr. C. A. - Charles — — Row B, Column 5

In 1900, the Augustus Homes family lived at 462 Lebanon St. Augustus, 49, was a furniture merchant. Also in the household were his wife Susan, their children Edna, Morris, and Helen, ages 7 to 9, and a servant Mary MacNeil, 22, immigrant from Canada. Charles A. Holmes was Augustus's father, but he was not living with the family.

Holmes — — Row D, Column 2

Mrs. E. A.

Mrs. Holmes appears on the church membership list at the Methodist Episcopal Church, but I found no other information about her.

Holmes — — Row E, Column 4

E. P. - Edwin Paul

Fannie W. - Fannie Waltron Holmes nee Manning

The Edwin Holmes family lived at 19 Green St. Edwin was 56 years old, a shirt cutter, and a Civil War veteran. His wife Frances, Fannie on the quilt, was also 56.

Howes

Jennie H. Howes — — Row D, Column 6

Mrs. W. H. - Jane/Jennie nee Stone — — Row B, Column 1

William H. — — Row C, Column 6

On the 1900 census, William H. Howes was 30 years old, a salesman of artist's materials. Jennie was 22 years old, and had immigrated from England in 1886. William and Jennie married on June 28, 1898. That places the making of the quilt after their wedding date. Their first child, Hazel, was born in June 1899, probably placing the quilt before that date.

Jennie H. Howes was William Howes' mother. On the 1880 census, she was living in Melrose, a 37 year old widow, with her sons William age 12 and Andrew age 9. By 1885, she was proprietor of a millinery shop in Upham.

from a family member / descendant:

You asked about Mrs. W.H. Howes (Jennie Stone) and her connection to the Grady family: Jennie Stone's brother, Samuel Stone married Mary Ellen Grady (there were three Grady daughters: Alice, Mary Ellen, and Margaret). Mary Ellen Grady Stone is Jennie Stone Howes' sister-in-law. Mary Ellen Grady Stone Castner is my maternal great-grandmother.

Hunt — — Row F, Column 3

Frank J.

Sarah H.

Frank and Sarah Hunt appear on the 1880 Melrose census and in the 1896 Melrose directory. In 1880, Frank was 25 years old and a store clerk. Sarah was 26. Sarah's brother Sidney Hart was living with them, and worked at brass finishing. Sidney and Sarah had immigrated from Nova Scotia.

Ingham? Ingram? — — Row E, Column 5

Ruth Douglas

Jones

Gertrude - nee Worth — — Row C, Column 1

W. DeHaven - Walter — — Row C, Column 1

Stella W. — — Row D, Column 5

Dettmar W. — — Row D, Column 5

In 1900, Walter and Gertrude Jones lived at 245 Porter St. Walter, 43, was city clerk. He authored a letter in 1898 that appears in the book "History of Melrose" published in 1902, and his name appears on many civic lists. Gertrude was 34. Their children were Stella 11 and Dettmar 9. Walter and Gertrude had been married in 1885 by John D. Pickles, whose name also appears on the quilt.

from a family member / descendant:

Gertrude Mabel (Worth) Jones is my 6th cousin. Walt is her husband. Stella and Dettmar are her children. Dettmar's occupation: entomologist.

from a family member / descendant:

— bio of Walter De Haven Jones:

published in - Historic Homes and Places and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Volume 4

John Wesley Jones, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1825, resided in Melrose for many years, and was engaged in the newspaper business. When the integrity of the Union was placed in jeopardy by the secession of the slave-holding states he marched with the nation's defenders to the scene of conflict and attained the rank of lieutenant. He married Clara Jackson, a native of Melrose. and had a family of three children.

Walter De Haven Jones, son of John W. and Clara (Jackson) Jones, was born in Melrose, August 7, 1856. His preliminary studies were pursued in the Melrose public schools, and he completed his education in Brooklyn, New York. For a period of nine years he was engaged in the wholesale clothing business in New York City, but subsequently returned to his native state, and entering the service of the Merchants' Despatch Company in Boston, was connected with that concern for over seventeen years.

Upon his return from the metropolis Mr. Jones resumed his residence in Melrose, and has ever since participated actively in local civic affairs, devoting much of his time to the public service, in which he has displayed marked ability. For two years he officiated as clerk of the board of selectmen under the old town government; was for a similar period a member of the board of registrars; and since the organization of the city government in 1900 his time has been occupied almost exclusively in the interest of the municipality, his multifarious duties embracing the offices of city clerk, clerk of the board of aldermen and clerk of committees. For nine years he served as secretary of the Republican town committee, and has been affiliated with that party from the time of his majority.

Aside from his prominence in political affairs he has occupied positions of honor and responsibility in various organizations—social, religious, military, philanthropic, etc. He is at the present time secretary of the board of trustees of the First Methodist church, of which he is a leading member ; was for several years secretary of the East Side Association; has been a director of the Young Men's Christian Association since 1896; superintendent of the Upham Hill Sunday school for the same length of time; was deputy grand commander of the Order of the Golden Cross in 1898-99, and is an active member of the Sons of Veterans. He is especially devoted to objects of a philanthropic or benevolent nature and takes an active interest in the work of the East Side Mission.

On October 21, 1885, Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Gertrude Mabel Worth, daughter of Henry and Hannah L. (Mooers) Worth, of Melrose. Of this union there were two children. Stella Worth, born November 14, 1888; and Dettmar Wentworth, born September 2, 1890.

— about Stella Worth Jones:

My father and family would visit Stella at her house in New Jersey when she was older. She used to keep raccoons for pets! Stella helped write a Family History book (https://dcms.lids.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE12691948) and I have copies of her rough drafts. She left a wonderful legacy.

excerpt from: Women's History Month: Stella Worth Jones, Suffragette
by Lynne Ranieri, *Milburn Patch*, 2012
<https://patch.com/new-jersey/milburn/stella-worth-jones-suffragette>

A 1917 Melrose, Mass. article about Stella notes that "Miss Stella Worth Jones of 245 Porter St, daughter of City Clerk W. de Haven Jones, has gone to New York to conduct a two months' campaign, under the auspices of the National Woman's Suffrage Association. She will later return to do Americanization work in this State. Miss Jones has been (an) organizer for the Boston City Suffrage Association." A 1918 Connecticut newspaper article further noted that: "Miss Stella W. Jones, the new suffrage organizer for Fairfield County, is to address a gathering of members and friends of the Stratford Women's suffrage association..."

Upon the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution in August 1920, guaranteeing women the right to vote, Stella dove even more vigorously into her work on the Americanization movement. According to Emory Stephen Bogardus' book *Essentials of Americanization*, the movement that started around WWI was defined as "...an educational process unifying both the native-born and the foreign-born in the United States in perfect support of American principles..."

In this Women's History Month of March, we are happy to acknowledge and express our gratitude to Stella Worth Jones Voorhees for the many valuable contributions she made to women's history.

— about Dettmar Wentworth Jones:

published at http://hockeygods.com/images/14896-Dettmar_Jones__Univ__of_Massachusetts_at_Amherst_1912?nav=cat

Dettmar "Det" Jones ... played on the university team at Amherst for four seasons between 1911–1914. In 1916 and 1917 Jones was a member of the Boston Athletic Association ice hockey team that won the American Amateur Hockey League championships. In 17 combined league and playoff games over two seasons in the AAHL Jones scored 8 goals

Jones — — Row C, Column 6

Naomi M.

Naomi Jones lived in Medford in 1900. She was 62 and a widow. She was Charles Baker's housekeeper. Charles was 40 years old, a moulder by profession.

Jones — — Row E, Column 1

Charles C.

Mrs. C. C. - Hannah or Annie

On the 1880 census, there were two Charles C. Jones's in Melrose. They lived next door to each other. The first was 63 years old, and lived with his wife Hannah, 50 and their daughter Jessie, 23. Hannah died shortly after the census, in 1880. Frank Damon, whose name is on the quilt, was executor of Hannah's will. The second Charles was 34 years old, the son of Charles and Hannah, who lived with his wife Annie, 30, and their sons Frederick, 3, and Samuel 1.

Kennerson — — Row D, Column 1

Carla L. M. - Marguerite

Maud B. - Maude Bertha

Charles H.

Emma M. - nee Houghton

The Kennerson's lived at 173 Bellvue Ave. in 1910. The family consisted of Charles, a 57 year old salesman, his wife Emma 51, daughters Maud 28 and Carla 15, and niece Olive Haughton, 22, a nurse.

Lane — — Row A, Column 3

Emma W.
John W.

The Lane's lived at 4 Adam St. Emma was 70 years old. She lived with her son John, 35, a vocal teacher, her daughter Edith, 33, and son-in-law Samuel Thompson 39, a lace curtain salesman, and their son Ralph, 12.

Lane — — Row F, Column 3

Emma A.

In 1900, Emma Lane was living at 4 Vine St. with her aunt, Sarah Hicks, whose name also appears on the quilt.

Lavender — — Row B, Column 1

Sarah M.

Sarah Lavender lived at 4 Vine St. She was 73 years old and living with the Sawtelle family, who also appear on the quilt. Carrie Sawtelle was her daughter. Sarah is the sister of Eunice Phinney and the aunt of Mary Ives Hersey, whose names are on the quilt.

Laviolette — — Row D, Column 6

Ella

Leonard — — Row F, Column 6

Ralph D. - Ralph Davis
Ray - Ray M.
J. M. - Joel Marvin
Mary T.
H. West - Hiram West

In 1900, Joel and Mary Leonard were living at 647 Main St. They lived with their sons Ralph, 13, and Ray, 12, and a servant Emma Stolsten, 30.

Joel was pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, beginning in 1896. He married John Davis Pickles (and his second wife Lucy Cora Selee,) Herbert Weeks and Hattie Orcutt, Walter and Bessie Churchill, and Ada Stone (to Franklin Green Bennett), whose names appear on the quilt.

H. West Leonard was born in Iowa, the son of Joel Leonard and his first wife, Ada Joana West Leonard. Joel and Ada had married in 1877. Ada died in 1882.

from a family member / descendant:

Joel Leonard, my great-grandfather, was a Methodist minister. My mom is the only daughter of Joel's son, Ralph Leonard. They lived in Melrose.

Littlefield — — Row E, Column 5

J.O. - Joshua Owen
Mary E.

In 1900, Mary Littlefield was a 61 year old widow, living at 8 Avon St. with her son William, a widower, and his sons George 8 years old and Owen J., nearly one year old born 16 Jan 1899. I searched further, and found that Mary's husband was Joshua Owen Littlefield, making him the J.O. Littlefield on the quilt. He had just died as the quilt was being made, on May 1, 1898, and was buried in Melrose.

Loveland — — Row F, Column 4

E. S. - Emiline
C. H. - Charles H.

In 1900, Emiline Loveland was 72 years old, a widow. She lived at 4 E. Emerson St. with her son Charles, 49, a tailor's cutter, his wife Caroline, 41, and their son Ralph, 11. There were two boarders in the house: Louisa Kendall, 75, a widow, and Frances Bowker, 76, also a widow.

Luce — — Row E, Column 4

Leroy W.
Mary B. - nee Harding
Frank P. - aka Francis

The Luce family lived at 95 E. Foster. Frank was 41 and a furniture merchant. His wife Mary was 41. They lived with their son Leroy, 16, their niece Winifred Harding, 13, and a servant, Marguerite Compton, 23, an immigrant from Canada.

Lunt — — Row A, Column 4

Lizzie - Elizabeth
Christie - Christina

Lizzie and Christie Lunt were sisters. On the 1910 census, they were living at 360 Upham St. Elizabeth was 58 years old, her profession was crocheting. Christine was 54 years old.

Macomber — — Row F, Column 3

Fannie

There is a Fannie Macomber on the 1900 census for Lynn, MA, who was 16 years old and a servant in the Hurd household.

McKensie — — Row C, Column 3

Capt.

McLean — — Row C, Column 3

Capt.

McKinnon — — Row F, Column 4

Mrs. Ida

Ida McKinnon, 32, lived at 159 Third St. with her husband Charles, 35, a salesman at a grocery store. Also in the household were their children, Royal, Ruth, Mildred, Marion, and Ralph, ages 1 to 12.

Merrill — — Row A, Column 6

Richard - Richard S.

Marion - Marion D.

Frank H. - Francis H.

Phillip P.

Edward F.

Isabel - Isabel F.

Frank H. - Jr., aka Francis

Isabella P. - Mary Isabel Peirson Merrill

It took me a while to sort out the Merrill family. On the 1900 census, living at 12 Summer St., we have Francis Merrill, a 50 year old grocer and his wife Mary 45 years old, and their children - son Philip 18 years old, son Richard 13 years old, daughter Marion 7 years old, twins Isabelle and Edward 4 years old. This doesn't quite match up with the names on the quilt though, as there is both an Isabel and an Isabella and no Mary, and also there are two Franks on the quilt and only one on the census form. After quite a bit of further searching, I discovered that Frank's wife Mary's full name was Mary Isabel Peirson Merritt, and she is listed as Mary I. Merrill in the census, so I am assuming that she is the Isabella P. on the quilt. The second Frank Merritt may be their eldest son, older than Phillip, who probably had moved away.

Miller — — Row E, Column 4

Susie - Susie E.

Susie Miller is listed in the Melrose city directories of 1896 and 1897. She was the widow of Walter Miller.

Miller — — Row C, Column 4 and Row E, Column 4

Mrs. W. H.

Montgomery — — Row D, Column 4

Belle M. - Luetta Mabel nee Westcott

Belle married Frederick William Montgomery on 12 Mar, 1895. The both lived in Massachusetts, but were married in Maine where they both were born. Fred was a carriage smith, 24 years old, living in Boston, and Belle was a school teacher, 28 years old, living in Medford. They appear on the 1910 Melrose census, living at 31 Cass St.

Mortenson — — Row E, Column 1

Maggie

Maggie Mortenson was living at 128 Myrtle St. in 1900. She was 50 years old, a widow, and a servant in the Stebbins household. She had immigrated from Denmark in 1882.

Nye — — Row F, Column 3

Mary E.

Mary Nye was listed at 24 Vine St. in a 1902 Melrose directory. She was single, a school teacher.

Oliver — — Row C, Column 2

Mrs. C. M.

Orcutt — — Row B, Column 6

Hattie - Hattie Eliza

Herbert A. Weeks and Hattie Orcutt were married on June 1, 1898. They were 26 and 23 years old. They were married by Joel M. Leonard, whose name also appears on the quilt. Hattie and Herbert's names share a quilt patch, but Hattie's maiden name is written, so I like to imagine that the quilt was made during their engagement. They are listed on the 1900 census as husband and wife, living at 26 Crystal St. Herbert worked as a clerk at a grain dealer's.

from a family member / descendant:

I received your message about my Great Aunt. I was only in contact with them for four or five years when my brother and I lived with her daughter Marjorie and husband in Melrose. (about 1941 to 1946) We moved there when I was ten years old.

Harriet (Hattie) was as I said my Great Aunt, my Grandfather's sister. Hattie is a Mayflower descendant which was easy to establish once I established myself as a descendant. I have not found any of their descendants living or deceased.

I actually lived with Hattie's daughter Marjorie. As best I can tell Hattie's son, Herbert Weeks Jr did not have any offspring, and I know that daughter Marjorie had no offspring. Marjorie's husband Stanley Flagg had a baking facility in the basement of his in laws, and baked and sold Macaroon cookies.

Osborne — — Row F, Column 5

Henry

Jane - Eliza Jane - Elizabeth Jane

In 1900, Henry Osborne was 61 years old and living at 1028 Main St. He owned a variety store at 21 Sixth St.

Henry had immigrated from England in 1859 when he was 18 years old. He served in the Civil War from 1861-63. He married Elizabeth, who apparently went by her middle name of Jane. They had no children. Elizabeth Jane died in 1900, possibly in Cornwall England, where I would guess they were visiting Henry's family.

In 1903 Henry married another Elizabeth, this one named Elizabeth D. Thomas nee Hawkins, the daughter of John H. W. Hawkins "the celebrated Temperance lecturer". It was her second marriage also. She had been married to John Thomas, and they had had 7 children. In 1900, she was a widow living in Boston with a married son and his family. When Henry and this Elizabeth married in 1903, he was 63 and she was 76.

On the 1910 census, Henry had retired after working at a variety store. He and Elizabeth had 3 young boarders with the last name Russell, ages 14, 13, and 9. They could be children of one of Elizabeth's married daughters, but finding her children proved to be confusing. Henry died in Melrose in 1914. There is a photo of his gravestone in his Ancestry records. He was buried with his first wife, Elizabeth Jane. I'm guessing his second wife was buried with her first husband, John Thomas.

Parker — — Row E, Column 1

Climena P. - Climena Pillsbury

Climena Parker, 66 years old, was a spinster, and the sister of Mary Parker Emerson, who is named on the quilt as Mrs. George Emerson. On the 1910 census, after George Emerson's death, Mary and Climena lived at 118 Belvue Ave.

Phinney — — Row B, Column 6

Eunice B. - nee Dyer

In 1910, Eunice was a 75 year old widow. She lived at 16 Vine St. with her niece, Mary I. Hersey. Mary was 57 years old and her name also appears on the quilt.

The story that connects Eunice B. Phinney and Mary Ives Hersey and Sarah M. Lavender:

Eunice B. Dyer, Mary Knowles Dyer (Hersey), Nehemiah M. Dyer, and Sally Mayo Dyer (Lavender) were four siblings out of the nine children of Henry Dyer and Sally Mayo Dyer. On the 1870 census, Eunice was living in Melrose at the home of her sister, Mary Knowles Dyer Hersey. Mary's husband had died in 1865. Eunice was 34 and a school teacher. Mary's children, along with one of Mary and Eunice's uncles and several boarders also lived there. Mary's daughter, Mary Ives Hersey, was 14 years old.

On December 24, 1876, Eunice married Erastus O. Phinney, a physician and Melrose resident. Erastus was 66; Eunice was 42. It was Erastus's second marriage, Eunice's first. Erastus died July 8, 1883, aged 72.

In an 1897 directory, Eunice, now a widow, is living at 16 Vine St.

On the 1900 census, Mary Ives Hersey was 45 years old, and lived at 16 Vine St. Her uncle, Nehemiah M. Dyer, 61 years old, who had served as a U.S. Navy captain during the Civil War, lived there also. Mary is listed as head of household. They had a servant, Nan O'Connell, 30 years old, from Ireland. Since Eunice was living there in 1897 and in 1910, I'm thinking she may have inadvertently been missed by the 1900 census taker.

On the 1910 census, Mary, 57, and Eunice, 75, are residing at 16 Vine St. Mary is listed as head of household and Eunice as partner. Nehemiah had died that same year.

Just to round out the story of these two women: On August 21, 1912, Mary married Abbott Davis. He was 56, his second marriage. She was 59, her first marriage. Eunice died in 1917.

In the meantime, Sally Mayo Dyer had married John Lavender, a sea captain, in 1846. He died in 1878 in Haiti. On the 1900 census, she is living at 4 Vine Street with her daughter Carrie and her family, the Sawtelle's, whose names are also on the quilt. And at this point, Sally is going by her given name of Sarah, Sarah M. Lavender.

Phinney — — Row A, Column 3

Mary A.

I have not been able to find a connection between Mary and Eunice Phinney's husband Erastus. Erastus had a sister named Mary A. Phinney, but she married in 1834 and died in 1855. So even if this was a posthumous inclusion, her name probably would have been inscribed as Mary A. Bourne, her married name.

Pickles — — Row C, Column 4

Helen

John D. - John Davis

Elizabeth - nee Seavey

John D. and Elizabeth (nee Seavey) Pickles were the first people found in my research. John was an immigrant from Canada. John and Elizabeth married on June 14, 1877. Helen was their daughter, born in 1885. Elizabeth died on October 25, 1895, probably before the quilt was made. This is the only date that doesn't make sense with the other telltale dates on the quilt. Perhaps she was named on the quilt as a memorial.

John married again, to Lucy Cora Selee, on November 10, 1897. He was 49; she was 36. It was her first marriage. They were married by Joel M. Leonard, whose name also appears on the quilt. They had two daughters, born in 1889 and 1900. Neither Lucy nor their two daughters are named on the quilt.

On the 1900 census, John was 52, living with his wife Lucia, 39, in Westfield. They lived with his daughter Helen, 15, and their daughters Katharine and Marion, one year and one month old. They had a boarder, Lucetta Hardy, 45, an immigrant from Canada and a dressmaker, and a servant, Flora McInnes, 30, also from Canada.

John was pastor of the First Melrose Methodist Episcopal Church from 1883-1885. During his tenure as pastor, he married three of the couples named on the quilt: George and Clara Fogg, Herbert and Christie Chandler, and Walter and Gertrude deHaven Jones.

from a family member / descendant:

Rev. John Pickles was my great great uncle.

Melrose is where an great-great-aunt lived back in the 1900s and was an herbalist. Marion Pickles was a metzo soprano and was John Pickle's daughter. She was in music in New York. I just found her son ..that I had searched for for years. He lives in Scotland and he is such a wonderful person.

John and the family are all buried in Melrose.

Pierce — — Row A, Column 2

William P.

Sarah B.

The Pierce's lived at 498 Lebanon St. William was 63, a widower, and an accountant. He lived with his daughter Sara, 35. They had three lodgers: Harriet Fairbanks, 53, Naomi Stevens, 26, and Maud Nickerson, 30, who were all schoolteachers.

Pittaway — — Row F, Column 5

J. - Joseph

L. A. - Lucy

In 1900, Joseph Pittaway, 38, a "comm. trad. lecturer", and his wife Lucy, 38, lived at 18 Florence St. Their children, Mary, John, William, Annie, Eva, ages 11 to 16, lived there also. Joseph, Lucy, Mary, John, and William had immigrated from Liverpool to Boston in 1891. Annie and Eva were born in Boston.

Poor — — Row D, Column 2

S. C.

Putman — Row F, Column 3
Mamie

Putnam
M. R. C. — Row D, Column 6
Mr. J. A. — Row D, Column 6
Mrs. T. Francis — Row B, Column 1

Richardson — Row B, Column 4
Fannie

Annie Richardson was 76 years old, a boarder at the home of Sarah Hicks, whose name also appears on the quilt.

Rink — Row F, Column 1
Mrs. J. J. - Allie
John J.

The Rink family lived at 15 Emerson Pl. John was 53, a blacksmith, an immigrant from Germany. His wife Allie was 51. Her father had immigrated from Germany. They lived with their daughter Ida, 27, a post office clerk, their son John, 19, a student at Boston University, and their son Fred, 14. They had a servant, Jessie Oliver, a 37 year old widow who had immigrated from Canada.

Roberts — Row B, Column 5
William C.
Mrs. W. C.

The Roberts' names appear in a membership list of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but I haven't found any other information.

Roby — Row E, Column 2
Mrs. P. S. - Phoebe Serepta Mahala Pharisina Roby (nee Grant)
The death records of Melrose in the early 20th century list a woman with the astonishing name of Phoebe Serepta Mahala Pharisina Roby (nee Grant) who died on January 3, 1911. Could this be the Mrs. P. S. Roby whose name is on the quilt? On the 1900 census page for Wincendon, she was a widow, 77 years old, living alone. Her husband was David S. Roby. The census pages of 1850-1911 all show her living, and dying, in nearby Wincendon.

Rodgers — Row A, Column 2
Cora M.

Saltmarsh — Row E, Column 1
Charlotte

In 1900, Charlotte was 48 years old. Her household included her husband Frederick, 46, a sewer inspector, their son William, 11, and a boarder, Lyman Frank, 20, a beef salesman. By 1910, the family had moved to California, where Frederick worked as a submarine inspector for

the US Navy.

Sanborn — — Row E, Column 3

Harriet - Harriet E.

Harriet, a spinster, was 69 years old in 1900. She lived at 68 Upham St. with her brother John, 75 years old, a physician, and his wife Rebecca, 67, and their daughter Fanny, 40.

Sawtelle — — Row A, Column 1

Dorothy

H. Russell

Carrie - Carrie Louise nee Lavender

The Sawtelle family lived at 4 Vine St. Russell Sawtelle, 30 years old, was a bank bookkeeper. His wife Carrie was 32 years old, and their daughter Dorothy Sawtelle was 5. Their children Katherine, 2 years old, and Russell, 1 year old, are not named on the quilt, which helps date the quilt before their births. Carrie's mother, Sarah Lavender, 73, also lived with them.

Sawyer — — Row E, Column 5

Mrs. F. R.

Schwartz — — Row A, Column 3

Chas. J.

Martha J.

On the 1900 census, Charles, a 46 year old farmer and his wife Martha, 51, were living in Limington, Maine. By 1910, Charles had died and Martha had moved to Melrose to live with her brother-in-law George Anderson, whose name is on the quilt, and his family.

Sievwright

Mr. J. B. - James Beatty — — Row E, Column 3

I. B. - Ida Belle nee Coy — — Row E, Column 3

Ruth — — Row F, Column 4

The Sievwright's lived at 236 E. Foster St. James was 43 years old, a dry goods salesman. He had immigrated from Canada in 1870. He lived with his wife Ida, 34, their daughters Ruth, 9, and Clara, 2, and a 23 year old servant whose last name was McInnes, an immigrant from Canada. Clara was born May 3, 1898, so the quilt was made after that date.

from a family member / descendant:

I do have photos of James B Sievwright, Ida Coy Sievwright, Clara May Sievwright Harban, Ruth Sievwright McCunn. I just recently connected with descendants of James. Also I am in touch with Ruth McCunn's husband.

My connection with the Sievwrights would be my grandmother Anna Jennie Sievwright Bentley Whitaker who would be James Beatty Sievwright's first cousin.

Smith

Lizzie — — Row D, Column 3

Mark E. — — Row D, Column 3

Preston W. — — Row D, Column 4

On the 1900 census, Mark Smith 28, a court room clerk, his wife Lizzie 29, and their sons Preston and Mark, 3 and 9 months, were living in Boston. The household also included Lizzie's mother and father, 56 and 52 years old, Sarah and David Wiley. Sarah and David Wiley are also named on the Melrose quilt.

Smith — — Row E, Column 6

Leslie G - Leslie Guild

Fred A. - Frederick H.

Effie E. nee Gile

In 1900, the Frederick Smiths lived at 40 Fairmount St. Frederick was 32 years old, a traveling salesman, selling glass. His wife Effie was 37, their son Leslie was 9 and daughter Ruth was 2, born in July 1898. The household also contained Effie's sister Laura Gile, 39, Frederick's nephew Howell Wilson, 20, a glass awning builder.

Stone — — Row D, Column 6

Ada

Ada Stone's name appears in a membership list at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

from a family member / descendant:

Ada is in my family tree. She is the sister of Mrs. W.H. Howes (Jane "Jennie" Stone) and the sister-in-law of Mary Ellen Grady (sister of Margaret and Alice). Ada did not live in Melrose, but she likely visited her sister Jennie there and occasionally attended the Methodist Church with her. I say this because a clergyman at the Melrose Methodist Church, Joel M Leonard (also in a quilt square), married Ada Stone and Franklin Green Bennett in Quincy on October 4, 1910. Jennie and Ada appear to have been close (Jennie's children are named in Ada's 1960 obituary).

Strain — — Row B, Column 5

Lottie L.

Swensson — — Row A, Column 4

Augusta

The 1900 city directory for Melrose shows Augusta Swensson living at 8 Grove St. She was a milliner. By 1910, she had married Arthur Mather, 34 years old, an auditor for a railroad. She was 33 and they had a 2 year old daughter. They were living with the Swensson family at 110 Crescent Ave.

Taylor — — Row C, Column 6

F. C. - Fernando Cortes

Mrs. F. C. - Elizabeth G.

In 1900, Fernando and Elizabeth Taylor, 76 and 70 years old, lived at 481 Lebanon St. They had a servant, Laura Thompson, a 22 year old immigrant from Canada. Fernando was a Civil War veteran, drafted in 1863.

Thompson

Virginia S. — Row C, Column 3

Eva M. nee Tucker — Row C, Column 3

Harry S. — Row C, Column 3

Kenneth S. - Kenneth Stewart — Row E, Column 3

In 1900, the Thompson's lived at 14 Third St. Harry was a clerk, 34 years old. Eva was 32 years old. Their daughter Virginia was 9 and their son Kenneth was 3. Kenneth was born 2 March 1897.

Thompson — Row D, Column 3

Edith L.

Ralph L.

In 1900, Edith Thompson was 33 years old, her husband Samuel was 39, a salesman of lace curtains, and their son Ralph was 12. They lived at 3 Adam St. with Edith's mother, Emma W. Lane, 70 years old, a widow. Also in the household was Edith's brother John, 35, a vocal teacher.

Tucker

Mrs. E. N. - Edwin — Row B, Column 3

Mrs. Tucker's name appears on a membership list for the Methodist Episcopal Church, but I haven't found any other information about her.

Weeks — Row B, Column 6

Herbert A - Herbert Ashley

Herbert A. Weeks and Hattie Orcutt were married on June 1, 1898. They were 26 and 23 years old. They were married by Joel M. Leonard, whose name also appears on the quilt. Hattie and Herbert's names share a quilt patch, but Hattie's maiden name is written, so I like to imagine that the quilt was made during their engagement. They are listed on the 1900 census as husband and wife, living at 26 Crystal St. Herbert worked as a clerk at a grain dealer's.

Weldon

Emma S. — Row A, Column 5

Grace — Row F, Column 2

Obed - Obed Baxter Jr. — Row E, Column 6

Nellie L. - nee Cooper — Row F, Column 5

On the 1900 census, Obed B. Weldon, 47 years old, a clothing salesman, lived with his wife Nellie, 44, at 55 Batchelder St. Their daughters Emma, age 20, a clerk at a "patterns" business, and Grace, 18, lived with them. Nellie's mother Anna Lander also lived with them, but her name is not on the quilt. Grace and Emma married soon after, in 1905 and 1908.

Whidden

Lucy H. — Row A, Column 3

Susie - Susan A. — Row B, Column 2

George A. - George Azso — Row B, Column 2

George Whidden lived at 802 Main St. with his wife Susan. They were both 59 years old. George was a carpenter. Lucy was George Whidden's sister. In 1900, Lucy appears on the census for Westbrook Maine. She was 47 years old, a spinster, and boarding in a home. She and George had both been born in Maine.

Whidden — — Row E, Column 5

J. D. - John Durkee Whidden

Mrs. J. D. - Ann A. nee Hazeltine

The John Whiddens lived at 250 Main St. John was 67, a real estate agent. His wife Ann was 54. Ann's mother Thankful Hazeltine, age 82, lived with them, as did Emma McQuillan, 56, their housekeeper.

Wilbur — — Row B, Column 4

Ralph H.

Ralph Wilbur lived at 63 E. Foster. He was 25 years old, and in the "composites" business. His wife Elisa was 24. They were married on June 15, 1898, so prior to the date the quilt was made. Ralph's mother Sophronia Ford, 48, a dressmaker and Ralph's half-sister Laura Ford, 12, also lived with them.

Wiley — — Row B, Column 2

Millie E.

Wiley — — Row D, Column 3

David L.

Sarah A.

On the 1900 census, David Wiley, 52, and his wife Sarah, 56, lived in Boston with their daughter Lizzie, her husband Mark Smith, and their two sons Preston, 3, and Mark, 9 months. Lizzie, Mark, and Preston Smith are also named on the quilt.

Withey — — Row F, Column 5

Clara

Mrs. C. M. - Caroline M. nee Brown

James and Caroline Withey lived at 84 Rowe St. James was 72 and Caroline was 65. Their daughter Clara, 41, lived with them.

Wooldridge — — Row D, Column 5

William

Reginald

Charlotte - nee Leggett

Ethel

The Wooldridge family lived at 180 Bellvue. William was 48, a tailor. His wife Charlotte was 47. They were both immigrants from England. Their daughter Ethel was 17 and son Reginald was 16. Also in the household were their daughter Lillie who was 25 and a stenographer, and son Edwin who was 24 and an electrician. Lillie and Edwin had been born in England. A servant, Hilda Wahlberg, 15 years old, an immigrant from Sweden, also lived in the household.

Worth — — Row C, Column 1

Grace M. - Grace Mabel

Henry W. - Watson

Mrs. H. W. - Hannah Lothrop nee Mooers

In 1900, Henry Worth and his wife Hannah lived at 456 Porter St. Henry was a farmer, 56 years old. Hannah was also 56. Their daughters Gertrude and Grace no longer lived with them. Grace was 30 years old. Gertrude had married Walter De Haven Jones, who also appears on the quilt, on October 21, 1885, when she was 19 years old. In 1900, Henry and Hannah's 2 sons and 3 other daughters, ages 17 to 23, lived with them.

from a family member / descendant:

Henry and Hannah Married in 1864 in Melrose and after Henry died in 1906 Hannah lived there till about 1922.

On the 1880 census it has Henry working at the Shoe factory and in 1900 he lists as a Farmer. The photos of the worth homestead I don't have a date for, they moved around a little. 1st living on in the post office district of Stoneham house 153 then to Upham St in 1880, then Porter St in 1890-1912 to Essex St in 1912 and last was 1920 Green St. From there Hannah moved to Redding Massachusetts.

I have a few photos the Worths at a lake, I haven't found a way to verify if the lake was one of the ones in Melrose, Spot or Elle. There is a chance though, that that is where they would go for family reunions because that is what all the photos look like.

As to the identifying of the people in the photos I feel I'm getting closer to knowing. Daisy I have a couple of her when older but since she was the youngest its hard to tell. I added a few that are of people at the lake who I think might be the Worth sisters but I really cant tell since the photos I have identified of the sisters are all when they're older.