

*The Parents of Sarah Ann Jenks*

No hard evidence has been found that definitely shows who the parents were of the Sarah Ann Jenks who married Spencer Clay Gunn. However, this study combines a large amount of related evidence to show that in all likelihood her parents were Obadiah and Cleora (Worden) Jenks.

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There is no doubt regarding the identity of the wife of Spencer Clay Gunn, since her name Sarah A. Jenks is prominently shown on their gravestone in Plattsburgh NY in Figure 1.



Spencer C. Gunn  
Born  
March 25, 1816  
Died  
July 19, 1879  
Sarah A. Jenks  
His Wife  
Born  
Jan. 19, 1819  
Died  
Feb. 1, 1892

**Figure 1. Spencer and Sarah Gunn gravestone in Riverside Cemetery, Plattsburgh, NY.**

There are many posted family trees that identify the parents of Sarah Ann Jenks as Obadiah and Cleora (Worden) Jenks. However, no actual documented historical evidence has been found to give any factual support for that claim. The purpose of this study is to gather together a large amount of circumstantial evidence that has been found that supports the statement that Obadiah and Cleora (Worden) Jenks were the parents of the Sarah Ann Jenks who married Spencer Clay Gunn.

The apparent link between Spencer and Sarah started with some connection that existed between their grandparents' families in Shaftsbury, Vermont, and we will look at these families in turn.

### **Spencer Gunn's Parents and Grandparents**

The ancestors of Spencer Clay Gunn are known from *The Children of Aaron D and Philinda Stratton Gunn*. Spencer's parents were Aaron D. Gunn and Philinda Stratton. Both parents were born in Bennington/Shaftsbury, VT and they were married in Shaftsbury on 13 December 1813. Their son Spencer was born in Vermont on 25 March 1816. The couple had three other sons: Jefferson, Cornelius and Cyrenius who were all born in New York State. Aaron's father was

Moses Gunn, and Figure 2 shows the blue highlighted entry for the Moses Gunn Family in the 1790 Federal Census in Shaftsbury, VT.

Sam <sup>l</sup> Matheson	2	1	2
August Hardison	2	1	2
Sam <sup>l</sup> Matheson	2	5	6
John Robert	1	2	2
William Matheson	1	2	2
John Hardison	1	3	3
James Matheson	2	2	5
John Dodge	1	2	
John Matheson	1	1	
Calvin Matheson	1	1	
Sam <sup>l</sup> King	1	2	3
Thomas Hardison	3	1	2
James Lewis	1	1	5
Harphiah Matheson	2	2	3
Sam. Conley	2	6	5
John Singer	2	3	3
Sam <sup>l</sup> Matheson	1	2	3
Robert Matheson	1	2	
Joseph Bennett	1	1	
James Matheson	3	1	6
Alanson Matheson	1	1	1
David Webster	1	3	4
Benjamin Matheson	1	2	3
Matheson Matheson	1	2	3
Amel Brown	3	2	5
Constant Matheson	1	1	5
John Conley	1	1	2
David Wolfe	2	2	5

**Figure 2. Federal Census Record for Shaftsbury, Bennington County, Vermont, page 7.**

The Federal Census entry for Moses Gunn indicates that the household contained four males under the age of 16, and one of these boys would have been Aaron D. Gunn who was born in July of 1790.

## Judah Worden and his Daughter Cleora

The name Judah Worden appears on the same page of the 1790 Federal Census for Shaftsbury, VT as the Moses Gunn entry, and it is highlighted in yellow in Figure 2. That indicates that there were three females in the Worden household, and one of them was daughter Cleora Worden who was born 11 January 1783. The appearance of the Moses Gunn and Judah Worden Family entries on this same page for the Federal Census indicates that they lived in rather close proximity near Shaftsbury, VT to suggest that the family members probably knew each other.

The *Worden Genealogy* (1868) in Figure 3 indicates that Judah Worden was the son of Peter Worden of New Providence, RI who was a Baptist minister with ties to Shaftsbury and to central New York State. Moreover, Judah had a brother Rufus who is also listed in the 1790 Federal Census Record in Figure 2 (shaded orange) with Judah and Moses Gunn. This genealogy also states that Judah was Deacon of the Shaftsbury Baptist Church in 1800.

SOME RECORDS  
OF PERSONS BY THE NAME OF  
**WORDEN,**  
PARTICULARLY OF OVER ONE THOUSAND OF THE  
ANCESTORS, KIN, AND DESCENDANTS OF  
JOHN AND ELIZABETH WORDEN,  
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, RHODE ISLAND.  
COVERING THREE HUNDRED YEARS,  
and comprising Twelve Generations in America.

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For Private Circulation.

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"Honor and shame from no condition rise:  
ACT WELL YOUR PART—there all the credit lies.  
\* \* \* \* \*  
What can ennoble sets, or fools, or cowards?  
Not all the blood of all the Howards."

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BY O. N. WORDEN.

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LEWISBURG, PA.:  
Printed at the Railway Press of J. R. Cornett.  
1868.

Figure 3A. Worden Genealogy (1868).

Eld. P. Worden, of New Providence, reporting that 60 had been baptized there—that he baptized 29 in Shaftsbury in one day—and the work was spreading. In 1795, he aided in forming old "Otsego"—the pioneer Baptist Association in Central New York.

In 1865, James Redway, of Amber, a nonagenarian member of my father's former church in Marcellus, remembered, when a boy, of seeing "the old Elder." He was indeed a dignified man, discoursing, in a chair, with a cane in his hand, upon the evidences of adoption. "I know," said he, "that I am born of God, just as I know that I hold this staff in my hand—because I FEEL it."

Eld. J.B. Lyons, who in his youth looked upon old Eld. Worden as a superior being, says he was a large and portly man, his eyes blue, his hair somewhat sandy, his complexion fresh, his voice strong and rather harsh, but his deportment mild, affable, and instructive.

He was buried in a yard in the East parish of Cheshire, and an inscribed stone erected to his memory.

From the Warwick town records it seems that Peter Worden of Coventry bought of J. Wightman, Warwick, 1750. In 1756, Peter and Mercy Worden, of Warwick, sold lands to J. Ladd, in Wechatacourt, for £700.

#### HIS POSTERITY.

In 1753 was b Esther—and in 1754, b Lucinda—daughters of Peter and Mercy Worden, of Warwick. They had two or three other daughters, and four sons. A grandson—Peter Worden Dean, who was ordained a Deacon of Manchester Baptist church in 1827, and is now an Associate Judge of Windham Co., Vt.—gives me some information respecting the family. From him I learn that the four sons were Judah, Deacon of a Shaftsbury Bapt. Ch. in 1800—Richmond—Peter, 6th, who lived with the Elder—and Rufus. Peter, 6th, had four sons—Peter, 7th, lived near Auburn, N.Y.—Leland, died in Adams (north of Cheshire) and left a number of children, one a merchant at Waukegan, Ill.—Alden, died in Illinois, and has a son there—and Elmer, who emigrated and was lost sight of.

Of the daughters of Eld. P. W., two m brothers of the name of Mattison: one lived in Hoosick, had no children; the other lived in Shaftsbury and had four children. Ano-

Figure 3B. Worden Genealogy (1868), page 14.

Another *Warden (Worden) Genealogy* (1901) in Figure 4 gives further details about Judah Worden. This genealogy indicates that Judah Worden left Shaftsbury and moved to New York State. The fact that this is the same Judah Worden from the 1868 *Worden Genealogy* follows from the fact that it says Judah was born in Rhode Island and that his oldest son Allen was born in Shaftsbury, VT in 1781.

THE ANCESTORS, KIN AND DESCENDANTS  
OF  
JOHN WARDEN  
AND  
NARCISSA (DAVIS) WARDEN,  
HIS WIFE.  
  
Together with Records of some other Branches of  
Warden Family in America.  
  
BY  
WILLIAM A. WARDEN,  
WORCESTER, MASS., U. S. A.  
1901.

**Figure 4A.** *Warden (Worden) Genealogy* (1901).



# WARDEN FAMILY.

NEW YORK.

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## 1.

**Judah<sup>1</sup> Warden**, the first of this line of which we have any record, was born in Coventry, R. I., 16 May, 1756. He married Abigail Richardson, the daughter of Jonathan Richardson of Cheshire, Mass.

### Children :

- 2 i. Clarissa<sup>2</sup> Warden, born 20 July, 1779, died 27 May, 1783.
- 3 ii. Allen<sup>2</sup> Warden, born 26 Feb. 1781, died 31 Oct., 1854.
- 4 iii. Clara<sup>2</sup> Warden, born 11 Jan., 1783.
- 5 iv. Adelia<sup>2</sup> Warden, born 13 Nov., 1785.
- 6 v. Elisha<sup>2</sup> Warden, born 5 Feb., 1787.
- 7 vi. Bucklin<sup>2</sup> Warden, born 11 Feb., 1789.
- 8 vii. Abigail<sup>2</sup> Warden, born 11 Aug., 1793, married Mr. Niles, —, died July 15, 1834.
- 9 viii. Judah<sup>2</sup> Warden, born 26 Jan., 1796.

## 3.

**Allen<sup>2</sup> Warden**, oldest son of Judah<sup>1</sup> and Abigail (Richardson) Warden, was born at Shaftsbury, Vt., 26 Feb., 1781. He married Sallie Satterlee of Skaneateles, N. Y. ; she was born 28 June, 1781, died 16 Feb., 1820.

### Children :

- 10 i. Ethan Allen<sup>3</sup> Warden, born at Brulies, N. Y., 21 Oct., 1803, died 22 March, 1861.
- 11 ii. Amanda<sup>3</sup> Warden, born at Skaneateles, N. Y., 18 Jan., 1805, married A. D. Leonard (her brother-in-law), died 15 Nov., 1844.

**Figure 4B. Warden (Worden) Genealogy (1901), page 108.**

This 1901 biography also states that Judah Worden had a daughter named "Clara" Worden who was born on 11 January 1783. This is an obvious misprint for Cleora Worden, since the will of Judah Worden, dated 26 November 1817, in Nunda, Allegany County, NY lists his surviving children from the 1901 biography, including his daughter "Cleora Worden Jenks" on page 126.

The Last Will and Testament of  
Judah Worden Deceased

In the Name of God Amen I Judah Worden of the Town of Nunda in the County of Allegany and State of New York Considering the Uncertainty of this mortal and <sup>brief</sup> ~~brief~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>perfect</sup> ~~perfect~~ <sup>mind</sup> ~~mind~~ <sup>memory</sup> ~~memory~~ <sup>blessed</sup> ~~blessed~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>God</sup> ~~God <sup>at</sup> ~~at <sup>unity</sup> ~~unity~~ for the Same do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I Give and bequest unto my beloved Wife Abigail the Sum of five Dollars Together with what she has Received hitherto I do also Give and bequest to <sup>my</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>Elderest</sup> ~~Elderest~~ <sup>Son</sup> ~~Son~~ Allen Worden the Sum of one Dollar together with what he has Received hitherto. I do also Give and Bequest to my Son Elisha Worden the Sum of one Dollar together with what he has Received hitherto I do also Give and bequest unto my Youngest Son Bucklin Worden all my farming utensils together with <sup>what</sup> ~~what~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>has</sup> ~~has <sup>Received</sup> ~~Received <sup>hitherto</sup> ~~hitherto I do also Give and Bequest unto my eldest Daughter Rebecca Worden <sup>Porter</sup> the Sum of five Dollars together with what she has Received hitherto. I also Give and bequest unto my second Daughter Adella Worden five Dollars together with what she has Received hitherto and I do also Give and bequest unto my Youngest Daughter Abigail Miles one fifth Part four Shillings (Two Shillings) and the other Part Worden) and some Coward and Red quilt and Botster and Soapstone together with what she has Received hitherto I do also Give and Bequest unto my adopted Son John Worden Blackmore all that certain piece or parcel of Land situated the Course of~~~~~~~~~~

Figure 5A. Judah Worden Will 26 November 1817, Nunda, Allegany, NY, page 126.



Nunda in the County aforesaid <sup>12</sup> Bounded as  
 Follows. Beginning at the South East <sup>Corner</sup> of Lot 12  
 her Twenty being in the Seventh ~~South~~ Township  
 first Range of the Holland Companies Lands or near  
 West Thirty one chains and six links thence or north thirty  
 chains and twenty four links thence East thirty one chains  
 thirty seven links thence South thirty chains and twenty four  
 links to the place of beginning containing thirty seven  
 Acres be the same more or less I do bequeath unto the  
 above mentioned premises with all my Right and  
 Title what ever it may be to my ~~before said~~ adopted Son  
~~John Worden Blackmer~~ <sup>John Worden Blackmer</sup>  
 and further I do bequeath unto my <sup>aforesaid</sup> adopted  
 Worden Blackmer all the remaining part of my  
 Estate after <sup>paying</sup> all the aforesaid dower and Lawful  
 Demands against my Estate, and further if in case  
 my aforesaid adopted Son John Worden Blackmer  
 should not live to the age of Twenty one Years  
 then in that case all the aforesaid mentioned prop-  
 erty that I have bequeathed unto him the aforesaid  
 adopted Son John Worden Blackmer I do give and  
 Bequeath unto my Son Buckner Worden and to my  
 Youngest Daughter Abigail Wiles to be equally  
 Divided - When said Several Legacies or Sums of  
 Money Shall and order shall be <sup>paid</sup> paid to the  
 Said Respective Legacies within one Year after my  
 Decease - Now Know Ye that I do appoint  
 Thomas Dale of <sup>the Town</sup> Nunda in the County and State  
 aforesaid Sole Executor of this my Last will and  
 Testament hereby Revoking all former Wills by me  
 made in Writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
 and Seal this Twenty Sixth Day of November in  
 the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
 Seventeen -

Judah Worden

I do hereby bequeath unto my Son  
 John Worden Blackmer

Figure 5B. Judah Worden Will 26 November 1817, Nunda, Allegany, NY, page 127.

Signed Sealed and published  
and Declared by the above  
named Judah Worden to  
be his last will and Testament  
in the presence of us who have  
hereunto subscribed our  
Names as witnesses in the  
presence of the testator—

Solomon Newcomb  
Zala Newcomb  
Anson Hinman

Allegany County N. Y. Be it Remembered that on  
the Twentieth day of May in the Year of  
our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and  
Twenty three personally came and appeared  
before me Ephraim T. Leavelle, Surrogate of  
the County of Allegany Solomon Worden and  
Zala Newcomb and Anson Hinman who  
being duly sworn Declared that they saw  
Judah Worden sign and Seal the within written  
most purporting to be the Will of the said  
Judah Worden bearing date the Twenty sixth  
Day of November in the Year of our Lord  
one thousand Eight hundred and Seventeen and  
Signed him publish and Declare the same as and  
for his last will and Testament that at the time  
thereof he the said Judah Worden was of sound  
disposing mind and memory to the best of their  
Knowledge and belief of the deponents— and that  
he and all the Executors named in the within written  
Will likewise afterwards appeared before me and  
was duly qualified to the true execution and for  
performance of the said will by taking the  
usual oath of an Executor  
M. J. Leavelle Surrogate

Figure 5C. Judah Worden Will 26 November 1817, Nunda, Allegany, NY, page 128.

There is no doubt as to who Judah's daughter Cleora Worden married, since marriage records from Shaftsbury, VT in Figure 6 indicate that Cleora "Wordin" married Obadiah Jenks there on 21 February 1802.

MARRIAGE-GROOM			
Name of Groom	Obadiah Jenks		
Name of Bride	Cleora Wordin		
Residence of Groom	Shaftsbury		
Date of Marriage	February 21, 1802.		
Color	Age in Years	No. of Marriages	Widowed Divorced
Occupation			
Place of Birth			
Father's Name			
Birthplace			
Mother's Name			
Birthplace			
Name Party Officiating	Francis Matteson. J.P.		
Town Shaftsbury.			

**Figure 6. Marriage record for Cleora Worden and Obadiah Jenks.**

This has been a long effort to show three facts. First, Aaron D. Gunn, a son of Moses Gunn, married Philinda Stratton in Shaftsbury on 13 December 1813. Second, Cleora Worden, a daughter of Judah Worden, married Obadiah Jenks in Shaftsbury on 21 February 1802. Third, the listing of fathers' names in the 1790 Federal Census records for Shaftsbury indicate that Moses Gunn and Judah Worden lived fairly close together. It is very likely that some connection existed between these two families. Moreover, the 1920 letter that was written by Aaron D. Gunn\* states that his grandfather Aaron D. Gunn travelled west from Vermont to New York State "with a family called Jinks or Jenks".

Another important fact that follows from this information is that Cleora Jenks was born in the vicinity of Shaftsbury, VT on 11 January 1783. This follows from the facts that her brother Allen was born in Shaftsbury in 1781 from the 1901 *Worden Genealogy* (Figure 4), that her father Judah was Deacon of the Baptist Church there in 1800 from the 1868 *Worden Genealogy* (Figure 3), and that she was married to Obadiah Jenks there on 21 February 1802 from the Shaftsbury marriage records (Figure 6).

An undated *Jenks Genealogy* in Figure 7 gives a brief biography of Obadiah Jenks, stating that he was born in Providence, RI in 1778, that he died 12 June 1837, and that he married Cleora Worden in Shaftsbury, VT on 21 February 1802, and that she died 9 August 1854. This leaves no doubt that this is the particular Obadiah Jenks that we are interested in. This short biography lists three children for Obadiah and Cleora, and while these names are correct, this list will be found to be very incomplete. Two of the children's names (Eunice and Almira) on this list will however be critical later in our study.

GENEALOGY  
OF THE  
**Jenks Family**  
OF AMERICA  
*Compiled by*  
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**Figure 7A. Jenks Genealogy (undated).**

## Children:

- i. Emma Harriet, b. Mar. 28, 1840; d. Jan. 6, 1878; m. Henry Adams.
- ii. Charlemagne, b. May 6, 1843; d. 1863 in Libby Prison.
- iii. Reginald, b. 1845; d. Oct. 23, 1912 at Woburn, Mass.; unm.
- iv. Elizabeth C., b. Oct. 23, 1858; d. July 28, 1931 at Nashua, N. H.; m. Frederick Abba, Dec. 21, 1881.

261 WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> JENKS (*William*,<sup>6</sup> *Zachariah*,<sup>5</sup> *Obediah*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Joseph*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Stafford, Conn., July 14, 1774 and died at Leyden, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1865, ae. 91. He married, Mar. 8, 1806, POLLY KENT, born Apr. 1775 and died Oct. 14, 1854. It is possible that William had a previous wife, but no substantiating records have been discovered. He resided at Leyden and Turin, N. Y.

## Children:

- 528 i. Sally, b. 1792.
- 529 ii. Ira,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 26, 1795.
- iii. Hiram, b. Dec. 8, 1806; d. Nov. 5, 1865; m. Ann ———, Mar. 17, 1833; no ch.
- 530 iv. Orson,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. (or June) 12, 1808.
- v. Ann, b. 1809; d. Nov. 23, 1892; m. Ira Thayer, Mar. 1873.
- 531 vi. Almon,<sup>8</sup> b. Apr. 13, 1815.
- 532 vii. Johnson,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 12, 1816.
- viii. Achsah, b. Jan. 24, 1817; m. cousin James M. Jenks, son of Obediah Jenks (262).
- ix. Hannah, m. Robert Markham.
- x. Fidelia, b. 1818; d. 1882; m. Silas Higby of East Florence, N. Y. ch: Le Roy, Harvey and Charles.
- xi. Lucinda, b. July 6, 1810; m. Benjamin Higby, Sept. 6, 1838 at Leyden, N. Y.

262 OBEDIAH<sup>7</sup> JENKS (*William*,<sup>6</sup> *Zachariah*,<sup>5</sup> *Obediah*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Joseph*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Provi-

Figure 7B. Jenks Genealogy (undated), page 183.



dence, R. I., 1778 and died June 12, 1837. He married, at Shaftesbury, Vt., Feb. 21, 1802. CLEORA WORDEN, born 1780 and died Aug. 9, 1854. They resided at Delhi, N. Y.

Children:

- i. Almira, d. May 31, 1826, ae. 12.
- ii. Eunice, m. Lorenzo Carpenter, Nov. 12, 1825.
- 533 iii. James Madison,<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 2, 1809.

263 ZACHARIAH<sup>7</sup> JENKS (*William*,<sup>6</sup> *Zachariah*,<sup>5</sup> *Obediah*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Joseph*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1791 and died in 1877 according to the inscription on his tombstone at Forestport, Oneida Co. N. Y. He married, at Martinsburg, Lewis Co., N. Y., FANNY CRONK, daughter of James and Nancy Coates and widow of John Cronk, born at Martinsburg in 1822 and died at Forestport, N. Y. in 1874.

Zachariah appears in the 1825 census of the town of Leyden with two females in his family. In 1851 he bought land in Leyden from the heirs of John Schuyler (Revolutionary bounty land) and in 1853 he conveyed this land to Margaret Jenks and she sold it in 1856. He served in the War of 1812 in the company of Capt. E. Strong, Connecticut militia. His two sons were born in what is now the town of Osceola but which was then part of Leyden, Lewis Co., N. Y.

Children:

- 534 i. Dewitt L.,<sup>8</sup> b. May 6, 1854.
- 535 ii. Lamont Merritt,<sup>8</sup> b. June 13, 1857.
- 536 iii. Lucy, b. Apr. 3, 1862 in Lee, Oneida Co., N. Y.

264 LOREN<sup>7</sup> JENKS (*Esek*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>5</sup> *Nathaniel*,<sup>4</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>3</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Joseph*<sup>1</sup>) was born Mar. 4, 1774 and died May, 1826. He married PATIENCE MARTIN,

Figure 7C. Jenks Genealogy (undated), page 184.

The first clue that the Sarah Ann Jenks who married Spencer Clay Gunn was a daughter of Obadiah and Cleora Worden Jenks comes from the 1880 Federal Census entry for Sarah A Gunn in Saranac, Clinton County, NY. We know from *The Children of Aaron D and Philinda Stratton Gunn* that Sarah and Spencer had a daughter named Amelia who married Hugh Muholland, and Sarah was shown as living with them in 1880, as shown in Figure 8.

**Figure 8. Federal Census entry in 1880 for Sarah Ann Gunn in Saranac, Clinton, NY, pg. 8.**

The 1880 Federal census asked for the birthplace of individuals and their parents. Sarah Gunn who is identified as “Mother” responded that she was born in “NY”, her father was born in “RI”, and that her mother was born in “Vt”. As a result, the Sarah Ann Jenks who married Spencer C. Gunn reported that her parents were born in locations that perfectly coincide with the proper birthplaces for Obadiah Jenks and Cleora Worden to be her parents. Moreover, Rhode Island and Vermont were rather uncommon responses for individuals who were being registered in Saranac, NY in 1880, so it would be very unlikely for this response simply to be due to coincidence. Additional evidence will be developed as we progress to support this possibility regarding Sarah Ann Jenk’s parentage.

The next step is to find evidence that places Spencer C. Gunn and Sarah Ann Jenks, and their parents, at the same location when Spencer and Sarah were married. Figure 9 shows the 1850 Federal Census entry for the Spencer C. Gunn Family in Girard Township, Erie County PA. The couple’s oldest child Eunice Gunn is listed at age 12. For greater precision regarding her birth year, a copy of Eunice Gunn Cornell’s death certificate is shown in Figure 10. This death certificate correctly names her parents and says that she was born in Beaver Township, PA on 30 May 1838, which is consistent with the Federal Census entry in 1850. It seems reasonable to conclude that Spencer and Sarah were married in 1836 or 1837, but no record of their marriage has been located anywhere. It is however possible to show that both of them, and their parents, were in Darien/Pembroke, Genesee County, NY until around 1837.

**SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in** Girard Township **in the County of** Erie **State** Pa **405**  
**of** Spencer Gunn **enumerated by me, on the** 25th **day of** Nov **1850.** E. W. Harty **Ass't Marshal.**

Dwelling-house numbered in the order of visitation.	Family numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year. (If not, state when married.)	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	Color.					
126	1	Spencer C. Gunn	34	M		Clerk				
	2	Isaac A. "	31	M						
	3	Eunice "	17	F						
	4	Amelia "	10	F						
	5	Asa "	8	M						
	6	Gideon "	6	M						
	7	Harriet "	6	F						

Figure 9. Federal Census 1850 for Spencer Gunn in Girard, Erie County, PA, page 405.

Form V. & No. 5—88M-3-18

**1. PLACE OF DEATH.**  
County of Erie  
Township of Mill Creek  
City of Edinboro

**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**  
Registration District No. 490  
Primary Registration District No. 2632  
(No. Nicholson Street St. Edinboro Ward.)

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
File No. 986  
Registered No. 986

**2. FULL NAME** Eunice P. Cornell

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

3. SEX F  
4. COLOR OR RACE W  
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Widowed  
6. DATE OF BIRTH May 30 1838  
7. AGE 81 - 5 - 8  
8. OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Housewife  
9. BIRTHPLACE (State or County) Edinboro Twp, Pa  
10. NAME OF FATHER Spencer Gunn  
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or County) Vermont  
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sarah Jones  
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or County) Edinboro Twp, Pa  
14. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.  
(Informant) Mrs. F. J. Gates  
(Address) Erie Pa

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

15. DATE OF DEATH Sept 8 1919  
16. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from Sept 6 1919 to Sept 8 1919  
that I last saw him alive on Sept 5 1919  
and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 1-45 PM.  
The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
79-90  
Chronic Tubular Endocarditis  
(Duration) 2 yrs. mos. ds.  
Contributory (Secondary) Chronic Bronchitis  
(Duration) 5 yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) A. E. Lyons M. D.  
Date Sept 9 1919 (Address) 113th St, Erie Pa

\*FROM THE DISEASE CAUSING DEATH; or in combination VEREY CAUSE, show (1) MARKS OF INJURY; and (2) WHETHER ACCIDENTAL, FORTUITOUS, or HOMICIDE.

17. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents).  
At place of death 1 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds. In the State 1 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.  
When was disease contracted? At place of death  
Former or usual residence Edinboro Twp, Pa

18. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Spring Ave DATE OF BURIAL Sept 10 1919  
20. UNDERTAKER E. J. Jones ADDRESS Springboro Pa

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Figure 10. Eunice Gunn Cornell's death certificate.

## Obadiah Jenks Arrives in Darien/Pembroke, NY in 1815

Obadiah Jenks is referenced in *Genesee County Gazetteer* (1890) in Figure 11, stating that he arrived in “what is now Pembroke and Darien” as an early settler in 1815. Little distinction is made between these two adjoining towns in Genesee County.

PART FIRST.

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GAZETTEER

AND

BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

OF

GENESEE COUNTY, N. Y.

1788-1890.

Edited by F. W. BEERS.

“He that hath much to do, will do something wrong, and of that wrong must suffer the consequences; and if it were possible that he should always act rightly, yet when such numbers are to judge of his conduct, the bad will censure and obstruct him by malevolence, and the good sometimes by mistake.”—SAMUEL JOHNSON.

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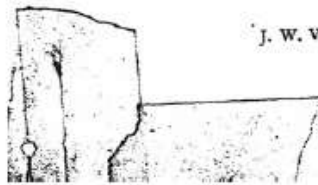


Figure 11A. *Genesee County Gazetteer* (1890).



J. Nichols was a merchant, and H. N. Vickery was a physician at Darien Center.

The following is a list of many of the principal settlers prior to 1820, in what is now Darien and Pembroke:

Benjamin C. Adams, Selah Carpenter, Alanson T. Fisher, Lott K. Griswold, William and Dexter Humphrey, Selvy Kidder, ——— Mullett, David Nay, Jesse Tubbs, Zina Wait, Capt. Jonathan Woodward, and George Wright. In 1804, Isaac Chaddock and David Goss. In 1806, Rufus Kidder, Orange Carter, Saxton Bailey, Israel Doane, and James Day. In 1807, Capt. Jonathan Bailey, Benjamin and David Carter, and John and David Long. In 1808, John Lamberton, Abraham Matteson, Stephen Parker, Joseph Peters, and Samuel Carr. In 1809, S. D. Cleveland, A. L. Clemets, Owen Curtis, Amos Humphrey, Samuel Matteson, John Sumner, James G., H. G., and D. Tiffany, Maj. William Thayer, and Jonathan Vaughan. In 1810, Anna Horton, Daniel and Levi Jones, Jotham Sumner, Sally and Henry Salisbury, Dexter Bordwell, Orris and E. N. Boughton, Maj. Jonathan Durkee, and John Jr., and Russell Waite. In 1811, John Ball, Peleg Brown, Nathaniel Jones, John Murray, Jerome Sumner, Joel Sutherland, and Harry Stone. In 1812, Ichabod and Alva Jefferson, Jonas Kinne, Winslow and Tyler Sumner, David and John Sutherland, John Stickney, Daniel and Barzilla Carter, Frank Chapin, Abner C., Reuben, and Daniel Colby, and Ira J. Tisdale. In 1813, Anson Ackley, Harvey Butler, Hiram Hedges, Jonathan Hastings, John A. Lathrop, Josiah Lee, William and Thomas Vickery, John McCollister, and Thorp Wildman. In 1814, Daniel Marsh, William B. Garfield, Horace Sloan, Jonathan Vickery, and John Webb. In 1815, Ezra Clark, Baxter Gilbert, A. Hutchinson, Shadrach Harmon, Obadiah Jenks, Quartus and D. J. Lee, Elijah Lamb, Joshua Peters, Jr., Ephraim Sumner, and David Salisbury. In 1816, Col. Jesse Safford, D. Anderson, William Cole, Benajah Griswold, John L. Hoyle, Daniel C. Stoddard, John Seaver, and Julius Wildman. In 1817, John W. Brown, C. Dodge, Davis Huntley, Elisha H. Lathrop, Noah Winslow, and Hugh Wallis. In 1818, Elijah Lee, Philo Farnham, Lemuel Stickney, and Silas and Adna Tiffany. In 1819, James Booth, L. H. Colby, Justus Fales, Oliver Harper, Samuel Harroun, Zebulon Jones, Stephen King, Anson and Caroline Lathrop, William Shumway, Benjamin Sloan, and John W. Willett.

Saxton Bailey came to Darien in 1806, with his son Joshua, and bought 600 acres of land where Charles C. Magry now lives. His family came in 1808. His son Daniel came in 1808, and served as a captain in the War of 1812. He was a Presbyterian, and built the church at the Center. Joshua Bailey was also an early settler. He was a farmer of much industry and accumulated a great deal of property. He sold his farm and started a school at the Center.

Benjamin C. Adams was a very early store-keeper at Darien City, and had the business all to himself for a number of years, or until about 1832.

Dexter Bordwell, son of John and Mary (Edson) Bordwell, of Orange County, Vt., was born March 24, 1801. With his father he came to Darien in 1810, residing with him until 22 years of age. The labors of clearing the farm were so great that all were obliged to assist. The first school-house, of logs, Mr. Bordwell assisted in erecting. At this school he was educated, and proved himself a master of the spelling book. He purchased, in 1825, the farm where his only son, Aaron Bordwell, now lives, and borrowed \$1 to pay for making out the contract. He married Tirzah, daughter of Sullivan and Lucy Russ, in 1829, and by close economy, industry, and perseverance succeeded in paying for his place. He was an "old line Whig" and a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He died in 1885, and his wife in 1873. Their only daughter, an amiable

Figure 11B. *Genesee County Gazetteer* (1890), page 408.

Obadiah Jenks and his family also appear in the 1820 Federal Census in Pembroke, as shown in Figure 12. This includes the transcription that is provided to interpret the entries.



The Number of Persons within my Precincts consisting of 22,000 and 1/2, as ascertained in a Schedule hereto annexed, and submitted by me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Schedule of the whole number of persons within the Precincts allotted to A. T. Van Cleave

Name of the Family	Genesee	Free White Males				Free White Females				Slaves				Total			
		Under 10	10 thru 15	16 thru 25	26 thru 44	Under 10	10 thru 15	16 thru 25	26 thru 44	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Mrs. Coffield		1	2			3	1							4	4		
Obadiah Jenks		1	1	2	1	3	2	1		4	4			8	8		

Mrs. Coffield	1	2			3	1								4	4		
Obadiah Jenks	1	1	2	1	3	2	1			4	4			8	8		

Name Obadiah Jenks  
Home in 1820 (City, County, State) Pembroke, Genesee, New York  
Enumeration Date August 7, 1820  
Free White Persons - Males - Under 10 1  
Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 15 1  
Free White Persons - Males - 16 thru 18 1  
Free White Persons - Males - 19 thru 25 2  
Free White Persons - Males - 26 thru 44 1  
Free White Persons - Females - Under 10 3  
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 15 2  
Free White Persons - Females - 16 thru 25 1  
Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44 1

**Figure 12. Obadiah Jenks in 1820 Federal Census, Pembroke, Genesee County, NY pg 216.**

A search of the Federal Census records shows this entry is for the only Obadiah Jenks in all of Genesee County, NY in 1820. In addition, this represents the only Jenks Family entry in Darien/Pembroke in 1820. So, if this is indeed the Obadiah Jenks of interest, Obadiah and Cleora Worden Jenks had many more children than the three that were listed in the *Jenks Genealogy* in Figure 7. Since the Sarah Ann Jenks who married Spencer C. Gunn was born 19 January 1819, she would match perfectly with this family group as one of the three females being under the age of 10 in 1820.

The Obadiah Jenks family also appears in Pembroke in the 1830 Federal Census, and that entry is shown in Figure 13. Just as in 1820 this entry is for the only Obadiah Jenks in all of Genesee County, NY in 1830. Norman Jenks is the second Jenks Federal Census entry in Pembroke in 1830, and this family resides directly next to the Obadiah Jenks entry in the Federal Census in Figure 13. Being registered at age 20-30 with one son, Norman is a probable son of Obadiah and Cleora. Sarah Jenks was age 11 in 1830, so she could not possibly be a daughter of Norman Jenks. However, she is a probable match for one of the two females aged 10 through 15 in the Obadiah Jenks household in 1830 Federal Census in Figure 13.



*Early Settlers of*  
**NEW YORK STATE**

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*Their Ancestors and Descendants*

Janet Wethy Foley

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**Figure 14A.** *Early Settlers of New York State* (1993).

- Adams, Carrie W. and James E. Ford, June 7, 1866.  
 Adams, Chancy N. and Mary Jane Loomis, June 7, 1848.  
 Adams, Charles and Lucy N. Howard, Oct. 22, 1857.  
 Adams, Charles D. and Ida M. Clarke, Dec. 21, 1880.  
 Adams, Charles H. and Catharine Monileaux, May 2, 1868.  
 Adams, Chester and Laura Spooner, May 15, 1839.  
 Adams, Clara E. and James Grace, Apr. 5, 1870.  
 Adams, Cyrene and William Piper, Feb. 25, 1836.  
 Adams, D. and Elizabeth Salisbury, June 7, 1846.  
 Adams, David and Hannah Parine, Jan. 2, 1826.  
 Adams, Mrs. E. C. and Ezra Carr, Aug. 2, 1881.  
 Adams, Elijah C. and Susan Grider, June 17, 1846.  
 Adams, Eliza and Joseph Lambier, Apr. 28, 1848.  
 Adams, Elizabeth and David Bell, May 18, 1844.  
 Adams, Emily and Aaron West, June 2, 1831.  
 Adams, Esther E. and Ezra S. Carr, Apr. 28, 1853.  
 Adams, George and Louisa Rowe Paul, Sept. 10, 1878.  
 Adams, George S. and Lucy A. Edwards, May 16, 1866.  
 Adams, H. Helen and Gayton Gowing, Apr. 29, 1868.  
 Adams, Hannah M. and Albert L. Rowland, M. D., Jan. 25, 1877.  
 Adams, Harriet and William Foote, July 4, 1854.  
 Adams, Harriet and Stephen C. Rathbun, July 3, 1844.  
 Adams, Helena and Peter Baker, June 21, 1845.  
 Adams, Henry and Sarah L. Thomas, Nov. 12, 1865.  
 Adams, Henry A. and Elizabeth Oldman, Dec. 29, 1884.

### Tombstone Inscriptions

#### MAPLE HILL CEMETERY, NORTH DARIEN

- Volney R. North, May 9, 1873, 28y. 1917, 55y. Pembroke. B in Pembroke.  
 Attica, 4y. Darien. B in Mt. Morris.  
 Mary A. North, Oct. 31, 1875, 33y.  
 Attica, 6y. Darien. B in Mt. Morris.  
 \*Noah North, June 27, 1809-June 15, 1880, Attica, 11y. Darien. B in Alexander.  
 Lot 65—James Booth  
 John S. Booth, May 8, 1830. Pembroke. B in Pembroke. Croup.  
 \*James S. Booth, Aug. 26, 1791-May 2, 1852. Pembroke, 33y. Manchester, N. Y. B in Middleborough, Mass.  
 Phebe McCumber, Aug. 4, 1864, 67y. Pembroke 30y. B in Ontario County.  
 \*Lydia Booth, wife of James S., Aug. 17, 1887, 89y. Pembroke.  
 \*Lucretia Booth, wife of James L., May 10, 1899, 57y. Pembroke.  
 Ruth Booth, Sept. 1, 1899, 75y. Pembroke 75y.  
 \*James L. Booth, May 22, 1912, 77y. Pembroke. B in Pembroke.  
 Nancy Booth Lawrence, Nov. 4, George Strong sold to Fred Booth and resold to Morris Lawrence in 1917.  
 Lot 66—Jacob Wheeler  
 Esther Wheeler, Jan. 17, 1824, 4y. Darien. B in Darien.  
 Bradford Wheeler, Aug. 28, 1830, 6 y. Darien. B in Darien.  
 \*Jacob Wheeler, Aug. 21, 1832, 49y. Darien 19y. Watertown. B in Nelson, N. H.  
 \*Pierce, son of Russel and Mary, Feb. 16, 1835, 7m. Darien.  
 \*Hannah, wife of Jacob Wheeler, Oct. 6, 1843, 57y. Darien 30y. Litchfield, N. Y. B in Temple, N. H.  
 \*Robert Finley, Aug. 4, 1842-May 1, 1874. Darien. B in East Pembroke.  
 \*Julane, wife of Robert Finley, 1844-1930.  
 Lot 67—Brazilla Carter  
 \*Brazilla Carter, Apr. 23, 1846, 80y. Darien 57y. B in Warren, Conn.

Figure 14B. *Early Settlers of New York State* (1993), page 160.



\*Harriet, wife of William Carter, July 5, 184-, 33y. Darien 15. Catta-raugus Co. B in Albany Co.

\*Mary, wife of Brazilla Carter, Apr. 29, 1851, 76y. Darien, 40y. Warren, Conn. B in Danbury, Conn.

George Carter, Apr. 1865, 27y. Darien. B in Darien.

Mary Carter Sumner, Apr. 1867, 21 y. Darien. B in Darien.

\*William H. Carter, May 22, 1880, 76y. Darien. B in Warren, Conn., Apr. 25, 1804.

Harvey W. Carter, May 5, 1906, 26 y. Corfu. B in Darien.

Riley S. Carter, Jan. 24, 1908, 65y. Darien. B in Darien.

J. Carter, Mar. 24, 1914, 73y. Darien. B in Darien.

s Hannah, wife of William H. Carter, Jan. 21, 1886, 62y.

Lot 68—Anson Lawrence

A. H. Bore.

Mrs. Anson Lawrence, Jan. 24, 1893, 57y. Pembroke. B in Germany.

George Lawrence, Apr. 17, 1901, 25 y. Pembroke. B in Germany.

Anson Lawrence, Apr. 20, 1904, 73 y. Pembroke. B in Germany.

Lot 68—South Half

Christopher Carpenter

\*Christopher Carpenter, July 2, 1812-June 12, 1880. Pembroke 30y. Springwater. Savoy, Mass. Leaves wife and one daughter.

sBetsey, wife of Christopher Carpenter, Aug. 15, 1812-Mar. 1, 1882.

Lot 69—Obadiah Jenks

Almira Jenks, May 31, 1826, 12y. Darien 11y. B in Brutus.

\*Obadiah Jenks, Jan. 12, 1837, 60y. Darien 23y. Brutus. Providence, R. I.

\*Cleora, wife of Obadiah Jenks, Aug. 9, 1854, 74y. Darien 39y. Brutus. Manchester, Vt.

Eliza Buttolph, Feb. 12, 1892, 60y. Darien. B in Darien.

Lot 69—John Keibler

Elizabeth Keibler, July 12, 1880, 2 y. Darien.

Margaret Keibler, June 1, 1920, 72 y. Darien 46. B in Germany.

John Keibler, June 9, 1927, 82yrs. Darien 53. B in Germany.

Lot 70—Cyrus Williams

Levant Williams, Jan. 20, 1835, 2y. Darien.

\*Harley F. Williams, son of Cyrus and Clara, Feb. 1842, 15y. Darien. Cleveland, Ohio, B in Darien.

Lot 70—Part of Lot

William Bennett

Maud Bennett, Dec. 1892, 8y. Darien.

Martha E. Bennett, Jan. 20, 1901, 47y. Darien.

Dexter Allen

Louise Bradley Allen, Mar. 26, 1878, 6y. Darien.

Mary Jane Allen, Sept. 9, 1906, 67 y. Darien.

Lot 71—Frank Losee

Carrie Losee, May 11, 1901, 42y. Darien.

Frank Losee, Aug. 3, 1924, 65y. Darien.

Lot 72—Ebenezer Losee

Almond D. Losee, July 1834, 7y. Darien. B in Darien.

Hannah J. Losee, Oct. 8, 1848, 17y. Darien. B in Darien.

\*Diana, wife of Ebenezer Losee, Mar. 23, 1865, 59y. Darien. Pompey.

\*Ebenezer Losee, Mar. 20, 1880, 83 y. Darien 60y. Pompey. Providence.

Richard Losee, Nov. 24, 1915, 81y. Alexander. Darien.

Helen L. Losee, Feb. 13, 1922, 85y. Buffalo. Alexander and Darien.

Lot 73—South Half

Israel Doan

\*Helen M. Vader, wife of James G., dau. of I. G. and Eliza Doan, Feb. 13, 1855, 22y. Pembroke.

\*Israel Doan, Sept. 11, 1859, 57y. Pembroke. B in Saybrook, Conn.

Levant Doan, Dec. 19, 1862, 22y. Washington, D. C. B in Pembroke.

Henry Doan, Apr. 6, 1864, 34y. Pembroke. B in Pembroke.

Mrs. Eliza Doan, May 10, 1893, 92 y. Mason, Mich., 14y. Pembroke.

Lot 74—Benjamin Lawrence

\*Abigail, wife of Edwin L. Lawr-

Figure 14C. *Early Settlers of New York State* (1993), page 161.





**Figure 15. Gravestone of Almira Jenks in Maple Hill Cemetery.**

The *Jenks Genealogy* in Figure 7 stated that Obadiah and Cleora's daughter Eunice Jenks married Lorenzo Carter, and this fact is verified on page 111 of a *Carter Genealogy* (1909) in Figure 16. Moreover, the 1850 Federal Census entry in Figure 17 shows that Lorenzo and Eunice Jenks Carter were living in Darien, Genesee County, NY with their family. Cleora Jenks is also listed as another resident of that Carter Family household, at age 67 and reporting that she was born in "Vt".

All of this information leads to the obvious conclusion that the Obadiah and Cleora Worden Jenks that were being tracked earlier did in fact settle in Darien/Pembroke, NY in 1815, where Obadiah died in 1837 and Cleora died in 1854. They also obviously had many more children than the three that were recorded in the undated *Jenks Genealogy* in Figure 7.

CARTER  
A GENEALOGY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF  
THOMAS CARTER  
OF  
Reading and Weston, Mass., and of Hebron and Warren, Ct.  
ALSO  
Some Account of the Descendants of his Brothers  
Eleazer, Daniel, Ebenezer and Ezra,  
SONS OF  
Thomas<sup>2</sup> Carter  
AND GRANDSONS OF  
Rev. Thomas Carter  
First Minister of Woburn, Massachusetts  
1642

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Figure 16A. *Carter Genealogy* (1909).

- vii. Mark, }  
               } Twins { b. June 15, 1835; m. Rockport, O.,  
                               Oct., 1863, Elizabeth Foot Taylor,  
                               b. Rockport, about 1840, d.  
                               Olmsted, O., about 1877, dau. of  
                               John D. and Emily Laura (Foot)  
                               Taylor. G. A. R. Res. Perry, O.  
                               Ch.: (1) *George*. (2) *A. D.*  
                               (3) *John Taylor*. (4) *Emily*  
                               *Laura*. (5) *Gertrude*.  
 viii. Ann, } (b. June 15, 1835; d. May, 1897.  
 ix. Lucy, b. Jan. 31, 1841; d. Sept. 21, 1849.  
 x. Luke, b. Nov. 26, 1843; d. May 23, 1863.  
 xi. Aseneth, b. Nov. 3, 1845; m. Rockport, Nov. 18, 1863,  
       James A. Pease, b. Rockport, Sept. 9, 1840, son of  
       Solomon and Eliza (Rogers) Pease. Undertaker;  
       I. O. O. F. Res. Rockport and Dover, O. Ch.:  
       (1) *Marcia*, b. Sept. 13, 1864; d. Sept. 9, 1879.  
       (2) *Herbert E.*, b. June 18, 1866. (3) *Chester C.*,  
       b. July 22, 1868. (4) *Clarence J.*, b. Nov. 17,  
       1873; d. Sept. 15, 1879. (5) *Clifford*, b. Sept. 17,  
       1879. (6) *Clinton T.*, b. Feb. 3, 1882.

163. ELEAZER BUEL<sup>6</sup> CARTER (*David*<sup>5</sup>) b. Castleton, Vt., Aug.  
 18, 1790; d. Vincennes, Ind., 1823; m. Vincennes, 1816, Dorcas  
 Armstrong, d. Terre Haute, Ind., 1852.

Children:

- i. William<sup>7</sup>.
- ii. Andrew Buel.
- iii. Eleazer David, b. April 1, 1824; d. July 6, 1886, Terre  
 Haute.

165. LORENZO<sup>6</sup> CARTER (*David*<sup>5</sup>) b. Vermont, Dec. 30, 1800;  
 d. March 14, 1854; m. Darien, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1825, Eunice Jenks,  
 b. Auburn, N. Y., April 18, 1804, d. Darien, Aug. 10, 1854, dau. of  
 Obadiah and Cleora (Worden) Jenks.

Children:

386. i. Theda Adelaide,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 10, 1829.
- ii. Carlton, b. Feb. 21, 1831; d. Feb. 11, 1832.
387. iii. Eliza, b. Aug. 31, 1832.
388. iv. Emma Amarantha, b. Dec. 12, 1834.
- v. Ella, b. May 17, 1836; m. Conneautville, Pa., Oct. 13,  
       1877, Ladurna Lawton Palmer, son of Lawton and  
       Amy (—) Palmer.
- vi. Julia Clara, b. Nov. 12, 1838.

Figure 16B. *Carter Genealogy* (1909), page 111.

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in The Town of Darien in the County of Genesee 3 Sept  
of New York enumerated by me, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1850. David Kelly Ass't Marshal 171

Dwellings where the head of the family resides	Family numbered in the order of families	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such Male Persons over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place or Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.			
			Age.	Sex.	Color, (last of line)				Married within 1 year.	Attended School within 1 year.	Was never read & write.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
17	100	Josiah Carter	49	M		70	3000	Genesee				17
18		Eunice Carter	41	F				N.Y.				18
19		Sheld A. Carter	22	M				N.Y.				19
20		Oliver Carter	17	M				N.Y.	1			20
21		Emilia Carter	15	F				N.Y.	1			21
22		Eliza Carter	12	F				N.Y.	1			22
23		Julia C. Carter	10	F				N.Y.	1			23
24		Joseph C. Carter	7	M				N.Y.	1			24
25		Oliver J. Carter	6	M				N.Y.				25

**Figure 17. Federal Census 1850 for Cleora Jenks with daughter Eunice Carter, page 171.**

To summarize to this point, we know that Obadiah Jenks was born in Providence, RI, that he married Cleora Worden in Shaftsbury, VT in 1802, and Cleora was born near Shaftsbury, The couple moved to central New York State and then relocated to Darien/Pembroke, Genesee County, NY in 1815. They remained there until Obadiah died in 1837. The Sarah Ann Jenks who married Spencer C. Gunn at about age 18 in about 1837 when Obadiah died was born in New York, and she reported in 1850 that her father was born in RI and that her mother was born in VT, which points her parentage directly toward being Obadiah and Cleora. The associated Worden and Gunn Families also probably had some connection in Vermont.

If evidence exists to place Spencer C. Gunn in Darien/Pembroke, NY in 1837 when he was married, there is very substantial circumstantial evidence that the Sarah Ann Jenks that he married was indeed the daughter of Obadiah and Cleora Worden Jenks, since no other feasible Jenks parents resided in the area in that time-frame based on Federal Census records.

### **Aaron D. Gunn Arrives in Darien/Pembroke, NY in 1817**

Brothers Aaron and Daniel Gunn jointly purchased land from Holland Land Company on 24 June 1817 from records from Western NY Land Transactions (1996) in Figure 18. The codes for Lot 36 that they purchased indicate that it was located in Darien, Genesee County, NY. Their families were living as neighbors in the 1820 Federal Census in Figure 19. Aaron and Philinda Gunn are shown as residing in Pembroke with two boys less than 10 (Spencer and Jefferson). As before, there is no real distinction being made between the towns of Darien and Pembroke.

Both brothers Aaron and Daniel Gunn were still residing in Pembroke in the 1830 Federal Census, but they were no longer neighbors, as seen in Figure 20 with the entry for Aaron Gunn. Two additional sons have been added to Aaron's family since 1820 (Cyrenius and Cornelius). One, or both, of Aaron and Daniel Gunn must have relocated between 1820 and 1830.

WESTERN NEW YORK  
LAND TRANSACTIONS,  
1825-1835

*Extracted from the Archives of  
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**Figure 18A. Western NY Land Transactions (1996).**



NAME	SURNAME	DATE	LOT	S	T	R	D	REF-PAGE
John	Stimers	09No25	1,3,5	061003	R			508-0060
John A.	Fillmore	25Ja23	7,9	021003	R			508-0060
Abijah	Jones	02My14	9,11	041003	R			508-0060
Hezekiah	Howe	14Mr22	11	021003	R			508-0060
Lewis	Maynard	27Se23	1,3,5	061003	R			508-0060
Lake	Cotton	18Se16	3	001103	R			508-0060
Benjamin	Pratt	02My18	19	001103	R			508-0060
Ebenezer, Jr.	Howes	04Ap12	18	001103	R			508-0060
Jonathan	Fox	29Ja11	9	001103	R			508-0060
Orange	Carter	28My05	22	001103	R			508-0060
Daniel & Aaron	Gunn	24Jn17	36	001103	R			508-0060
Alexander	Reed	03Ja23	28	001103	R			508-0060
Barzillai	Carter	25My19	16	001103	R			508-0060
John	Owen	26Oc18	10	001103	R			508-0060
William	Throop	24Jn17	20	001103	R			508-0060
William	Throop	24Jn17	20	001103	R			508-0060
Day &	Lathrop	20Se17	23	001103	R			508-0060
Salmon	Barr	26Oc18	34	001103	R			508-0060
John	Ames	03Oc23	47	001103	R			508-0060
Joseph	Peters	03Ja23	28	001103	R			508-0060
Justus	Rhodes	10Jn26	48	001103	R			508-0060
Charles	Fox	18Se16	3	001103	R			508-0060
Abram	Davis	07Ja23	3	001103	R			508-0060
Elijah	Cloyes	05Se20	18	001103	R			508-0060
Isaac	Preston	27Ap12	26	001103	R			508-0060
John	Cotton	25De16	11	001103	R			508-0060
Abner	Howard	26Oc18	34	001103	R			508-0060
Joseph	Montgomery	07Jy21	17	001103	R			508-0060
James	Kinsman	23Jy22	18	001103	R			508-0060
Thomas	Durkee	24Jn17	36	001103	R			508-0060
Isaac	Flynn	26Oc18	10	001103	R			508-0060
Lake	Cotton	02Ap18	11	001103	R			508-0060
Moses S.	Tinkham	06Jy18	27	001103	R			508-0060
Worden	Matteson	02Mr18	35	001103	R			508-0060
John	Geer	28Oc25	36	001103	R			508-0060
Michael	Mandeville	04Oc23	9	001103	R			508-0060
Lewis	Mead	02My18	19	001103	R			508-0060
Amos	Wright	29Se18	19	001103	R			508-0060
Job	Beacock	02Ap18	11	001103	R			508-0060
Abraham	Matteson	21Mr16	21	001103	R			508-0060
Robert	Leavitt	15No27	8	031203	R			508-0060
Pelatiah	Day	12Se20	6	031203	R			508-0060
Shadrach	Harmon	20Mr19	11	041203	R			508-0060
Peter	Jackson	23Ja29	4	011203	R			508-0060
Betsy	Godrey	23Se20	3	061203	R			508-0060
William	Barden	17Jn22	3	081203	R			508-0061
Aruna	Sawens	09Se18	4	031203	R			508-0061
Joseph	Nash	25Ja21	12	041203	R			508-0061
Alfred	Wilder	12Mr25	2	071203	R			508-0061
Laurin	Harrington	12My23	1	031203	R			508-0061
Ezra	Hammon	28Oc15	8	011203	R			508-0061
Marvin	Henry	11My16	1	081203	R			508-0061
Justus	Fales	30Au19	8	041203	R			508-0061
Alpheus	Barrett	31My20	13	001303	R			508-0061

Figure 18B. Western NY Land Transactions (1996), page 285.

Name	Aaron Gunn
Home in 1820 (City, County, State)	Pembroke, Genesee, New York
Enumeration Date	August 7, 1820
Free White Persons - Males - Under 10	2
Free White Persons - Males - 26 thru 44	1
Free White Persons - Females - 16 thru 25	1

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## SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to

NAMES		FREE WHITE PERSONS, (INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.)																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
		MALES										FEMALES																																																																																																																																																																																																										
Name of County, City, Ward, Township, Precinct, Hundred, Election.	HEADS OF FAMILIES.	Under 14 years of age.	14 to 19.	20 to 24.	25 to 34.	35 to 44.	45 to 54.	55 to 64.	65 to 74.	75 to 84.	85 to 94.	95 to 100.	101 to 110.	111 to 120.	121 to 130.	131 to 140.	141 to 150.	151 to 160.	161 to 170.	171 to 180.	181 to 190.	191 to 200.	201 to 210.	211 to 220.	221 to 230.	231 to 240.	241 to 250.	251 to 260.	261 to 270.	271 to 280.	281 to 290.	291 to 300.	301 to 310.	311 to 320.	321 to 330.	331 to 340.	341 to 350.	351 to 360.	361 to 370.	371 to 380.	381 to 390.	391 to 400.	401 to 410.	411 to 420.	421 to 430.	431 to 440.	441 to 450.	451 to 460.	461 to 470.	471 to 480.	481 to 490.	491 to 500.	501 to 510.	511 to 520.	521 to 530.	531 to 540.	541 to 550.	551 to 560.	561 to 570.	571 to 580.	581 to 590.	591 to 600.	601 to 610.	611 to 620.	621 to 630.	631 to 640.	641 to 650.	651 to 660.	661 to 670.	671 to 680.	681 to 690.	691 to 700.	701 to 710.	711 to 720.	721 to 730.	731 to 740.	741 to 750.	751 to 760.	761 to 770.	771 to 780.	781 to 790.	791 to 800.	801 to 810.	811 to 820.	821 to 830.	831 to 840.	841 to 850.	851 to 860.	861 to 870.	871 to 880.	881 to 890.	891 to 900.	901 to 910.	911 to 920.	921 to 930.	931 to 940.	941 to 950.	951 to 960.	961 to 970.	971 to 980.	981 to 990.	991 to 1000.	1001 to 1010.	1011 to 1020.	1021 to 1030.	1031 to 1040.	1041 to 1050.	1051 to 1060.	1061 to 1070.	1071 to 1080.	1081 to 1090.	1091 to 1100.	1101 to 1110.	1111 to 1120.	1121 to 1130.	1131 to 1140.	1141 to 1150.	1151 to 1160.	1161 to 1170.	1171 to 1180.	1181 to 1190.	1191 to 1200.	1201 to 1210.	1211 to 1220.	1221 to 1230.	1231 to 1240.	1241 to 1250.	1251 to 1260.	1261 to 1270.	1271 to 1280.	1281 to 1290.	1291 to 1300.	1301 to 1310.	1311 to 1320.	1321 to 1330.	1331 to 1340.	1341 to 1350.	1351 to 1360.	1361 to 1370.	1371 to 1380.	1381 to 1390.	1391 to 1400.	1401 to 1410.	1411 to 1420.	1421 to 1430.	1431 to 1440.	1441 to 1450.	1451 to 1460.	1461 to 1470.	1471 to 1480.	1481 to 1490.	1491 to 1500.	1501 to 1510.	1511 to 1520.	1521 to 1530.	1531 to 1540.	1541 to 1550.	1551 to 1560.	1561 to 1570.	1571 to 1580.	1581 to 1590.	1591 to 1600.	1601 to 1610.	1611 to 1620.	1621 to 1630.	1631 to 1640.	1641 to 1650.	1651 to 1660.	1661 to 1670.	1671 to 1680.	1681 to 1690.	1691 to 1700.	1701 to 1710.	1711 to 1720.	1721 to 1730.	1731 to 1740.	1741 to 1750.	1751 to 1760.	1761 to 1770.	1771 to 1780.	1781 to 1790.	1791 to 1800.	1801 to 1810.	1811 to 1820.	1821 to 1830.	1831 to 1840.	1841 to 1850.	1851 to 1860.	1861 to 1870.	1871 to 1880.	1881 to 1890.	1891 to 1900.	1901 to 1910.	1911 to 1920.	1921 to 1930.	1931 to 1940.	1941 to 1950.	1951 to 1960.	1961 to 1970.	1971 to 1980.	1981 to 1990.	1991 to 2000.	2001 to 2010.	2011 to 2020.	2021 to 2030.	2031 to 2040.	2041 to 2050.	2051 to 2060.	2061 to 2070.	2071 to 2080.	2081 to 2090.	2091 to 2100.	2101 to 2110.	2111 to 2120.

Name	Aaron Gunn
Home in 1830 (City, County, State)	Pembroke, Genesee, New York
Free White Persons - Males - Under 5	1
Free White Persons - Males - 5 thru 9	1
Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 14	2
Free White Persons - Males - 30 thru 39	1
Free White Persons - Females - 30 thru 39	1

Spencer Gunn was born 25 March 1816 from Figure 1, so he was 14 years old and obviously living with the Aaron Gunn Family in Darien/Pembroke in 1830. It is clear that this is the Aaron Gunn of interest from a biography of his son Jefferson in a *History of Erie County* (1884) in Figure 21. This states that Jefferson, a brother of Spencer, was born in Darien, but the stated year of birth as 1844 is a typographical error, since it correctly states that his father Aaron died in 1834. Jefferson Gunn was born 27 January 1819 according to his tombstone.

HISTORY  
OF THE  
CITY OF BUFFALO  
AND  
ERIE COUNTY,

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF  
SOME OF ITS PROMINENT MEN AND PIONEERS.

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IN TWO VOLUMES.

VOL. I.

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1884.

Figure 21A. *History of Erie County* (1884).



in Erie county in 1820, married in 1843, died in 1863, children five—Bartlett, Laney L., Harrison, Philo V., and Elizabeth; second wife, Rachel Heine, of Germany, married March 18, 1864, children four—George, William, Mary J., and Catharine. Parents Frances and Catherine (Fite) Carr, the former born in Vermont, came to Erie county in 1810, died in 1831, the latter born in Pennsylvania, and died in 1861, children five.

Cramer Sarah, p o Clarence Centre, farmer eighty acres, born in Clarence in 1810, husband, John Cramer, born in Cayuga county in 1806, married in 1831, and died in 1859, children three.

Drudge Uriah A., p o Clarence Centre, farmer, fifty-eight acres, born in Clarence, in 1852; wife Ruhama A. Dilla, born in Ohio in 1859, married in 1882.

Eldred H. B., p o Clarence Centre, general farmer and capitalist, born in Clarence in 1823, was assessor; wife Ann Eliza Bilyard, born in Onondaga county in 1825, married in 1844, one daughter—who married W. F. Boland, of Wisconsin, in 1879, one child—F. E. Boland. Parents Almon and Hannah (Baker) Eldred, both born in Otsego county, and came to Erie county in 1821, he died 1842, and she in 1877, children two—H. B., and D. W. Eldred, Mrs. Eldred was the daughter of Edward and Martha Bilyard, of Onondaga county, came to Erie county in 1825.

Eshleman Jacob, p o Clarence Centre, farmer, born in Pennsylvania, in 1818, settled in Erie county in 1826, was supervisor eight years; wife, Catherine Rhodes, born in Pennsylvania in 1813, married in 1837, children ten—five living.

Eshelman John, p o Clarence Centre, general store, born in Pennsylvania in 1826, has held the office of postmaster; wife, Anna H. Hershey, of Pennsylvania, married in 1850, and died in 1862; second wife Catherine M. Dessing, born in Pennsylvania, in 1825, married in 1863, children three.

Eshleman Levi F., p o Clarence Centre, farmer, two hundred and forty acres, born at Clarence, in 1841; wife, Mary Lewis, born in Ontario county in 1835, married in 1864, children four—Ada J., Edwin L., Alice C., and Mary E.

Fisher Henry, p o Clarence Centre, farmer, eighty-five acres, born in Germany in 1838, came to county in 1853; wife Charlotte Castle, born in Clarence in 1844, married in 1867; children two—Libbie and Fred.

Frick Henry, p o Harris Hill.

Gallup George, p o Clarence Hollow, general farmer, born in Clarence in 1820; wife Louisa M. Boyer, born in Newstead in 1819, married in 1842; one adopted daughter—Ellen M. Parents Asa and Laura (Pond) Gallup, who came to Erie county in 1820; he died in 1881, aged eighty-eight; she died in 1834; children seven. Mrs. Gallup was the daughter of John and Olive (Smith) Boyer; they were early settlers and died in Erie county.

Gunn Jefferson S., p o Harris Hill, general farmer, born in Darien, Genesee county, in 1844, was a teacher twelve years; wife Emeline Rearick, born in Alden in 1825, married in 1848, and died March 23, 1876; second wife Caroline Zimmer, daughter of Gideon and Catharine Zimmer, of Franklin county, Pa., born in Ohio in 1829, married in 1877. Parents Aaron D., and Philinda (Stratton) Gunn, of Genesee county; the former was one of the early settlers of Erie county, and died in 1834, aged forty-seven; the latter died in 1848, aged forty-three; children four—Spencer C., Jefferson S., Cyrenius C., Cornelius C. Cyrenius was a graduate of the Albany State Normal School in 1846; he died of consumption at the age of twenty-four. The teachers of Erie county caused a monument to be raised to his memory, at Lancaster, Erie county.

Hershey Elizabeth, p o Clarence, farmer, 72 acres, born in Canada in 1813, came to Erie county in 1816; husband Jones Hershey, born in Canada in 1809, married in 1832, and died May 13, 1882; children two.

Hunt G. B., p o East Clarence, farmer, 700 acres, born in Rensselaer county in 1819, came to Erie county in 1825; wife Eliza Parker, born in Rensselaer county in 1821, married in 1845; children four—Margaret, Caroline, Warren and Ellen.

Figure 21B. *History of Erie County* (1884), page 729.

Aaron Gunn and Philinda Stratton were married in Shaftsbury, VT on 13 December 1813 and Eunice Gunn Cornell's death certificate in Figure 10 states that her father Spencer was born in Vermont. As a result, Aaron Gunn would have relocated to Darien/Pembroke from Vermont very soon after Spencer's birth. A number of sources say that Spencer was born in Vermont, a number say that he was born in New York, and a few say he was born in New Hampshire. Whichever location of birth is true, Aaron and Philinda moved to Darien/Pembroke within a very few years of their marriage in Shaftsbury.

Jefferson Gunn's biography in Figure 21 also makes reference to Erie County, NY with regard to his parents. At some point after Aaron Gunn was residing in Darien/Pembroke for the Federal Census in 1830 (Figure 20), he relocated to Alden, Erie County, NY. Aaron D. Gunn then died intestate in Alden "on or about" 3 December 1833 and a court surrogate was appointed for the estate, according to 1834 Probate Records that were filed on 28 June 1834 in Figure 22. These probate records were filed in the county seat of Buffalo, NY, but the important point is that Aaron D. Gunn died in Alden, NY. While Alden is in Erie County and Darien is in Genesee County, these two towns are right next to each other. The dividing line between Alden and Darien is the dividing line between Erie County and Genesee County. So, after Aaron D. Gunn and his family moved to Alden, they essentially were still in the Darien/Pembroke vicinity in 1833.

These 1834 Probate Records show some very interesting facts. First, Aaron's wife Philinda had already married Uriah Newberry by June of 1834, when she renounced all duties to act as an administrator to deal with the deceased Aaron Gunn's property. Aaron's brothers Daniel and Hiram were both residents of Darien and they signed-off on the agreement for the establishment of a surrogate to deal with the property of their deceased brother who died in Alden. This presumably resulted either from the fact that Aaron and Daniel had jointly purchased property in Darien in 1817, or from the fact that they lived nearby and were uncles to their brother Aaron's four minor sons.

The next item of interest in the 1834 Probate records consists in a partial list of notes for people concerning debts that were associated with Aaron Gunn's estate in 1834. One of these notes for \$20.00 involved Aaron's brother Daniel, who was living in Darien. Another one for \$23.00 involved Samuel P. Jenks. So, the family of Aaron Gunn was associated with the Jenks Family while they lived in the Darien/Pembroke area. It is not known with certainty, but Samuel P. Jenks was most likely a son of Obadiah Jenks and therefore a brother of Sarah Ann Jenks. This relationship will be considered in more detail later.

In 1834 Spencer was 18 years old with three younger brothers, so they were all minors. Nothing is known with certainty about what happened to them, or where they lived, until 1837. But, Aaron Gunn's estate was not actually settled until 1837, and documents from that settlement are shown in Figure 23. On 27 March 1837, just two days after Spencer C. Gunn turned age 21 to no longer be a minor, his brothers petitioned the surrogate of their father's estate to make Spencer their guardian "for the purpose of selling property that they owned". On 28 March 1837 Spencer asked to be made the guardian of his three minor brothers, noting that no guardian had ever been appointed for them, and this request was approved.



In the matter of  
the minor heirs  
of Aaron D. Gunn  
decd  

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Athens  
1834

Figure 22A. Some 1834 Probate Records for Aaron D. Gunn.

To the Surrogate of the County of Erie  
 The Petition of Sarah Tulliver sheweth that  
 Aaron D. Gunn of the town of Alden died on or about  
 the 3<sup>d</sup> day of December last past and was an  
 inhabitant of the County of Erie And that the decedent  
 left no will as far as your petitioners can ascertain  
 and personal property which your petitioners  
 believe will not exceed two hundred & fifty dollars  
 And that the widow and heirs by a writing  
 filed in this office have renounced their  
 right to letters of administration in favor  
 of your petitioners and he is desiring that  
 letters on said estate should be granted to him  
 And that Simon Merri's Millis Book happened  
 appraisers of the personal property  
 of the said estate. Sarah Tulliver  
 June 28. 1834

Erie County. The above petitioners being  
 sworn cloth depose & say that the  
 above petition is true according to  
 the best of his knowledge & belief.  
 J. H. Hatch  
 Surrogate

Erie County. Sarah Tulliver being  
 duly sworn cloth depose & say  
 that she will faithfully & honestly  
 discharge the duties of an administrator  
 in the estate of ~~Aaron D. Gunn~~ Aaron D. Gunn  
 Subscribed & sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> June 1834  
 J. H. Hatch Surrogate

Figure 22B. Some 1834 Probate Records for Aaron D. Gunn.

To the surrogate of the Co. of Erie.  
Sir. I do hereby renounce all right  
to act as administrator on the estate of  
Aaron Gunn my former husband  
Albion June 21<sup>st</sup> 1834 Philadelphia. Sec'd

Town of Lewis County June 17 1834  
This may certify that Daniel Gunn and  
Hiram Gunn of said town - Brothers of  
Aaron D Gunn late of Mass in the  
County of Erie do by these presents give our  
full and entire consent that Letters of  
administration be issued to Jullison  
of Mass aforesaid for the better settlement  
of the estate of the said Aaron Gunn  
Daniel Gunn  
Hiram, H Gunn

Mr Jullison will please to fill up the  
blank with his <sup>Christian</sup> name as we do not know his  
Christian name

Figure 22C. Some 1834 Probate Records for Aaron D. Gunn.

One note against Royal Nathan  
 Dated July 22 1834 for \$20.25 20 25

One note against Nathan Jones  
 Dated Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1834 for \$4.00 Due 4 00

One against Daniel Gunn dated  
 Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1833. for \$20.00 considered bad

One against Benjamin Tiffany dated  
 May 5<sup>th</sup> 1834 for \$1.93 1 93

One against Benjamin Tiffany &  
 Harvey Litchfield dated May 9<sup>th</sup>  
 1834 for \$10.00 10 00

One against Samuel P. Jones for  
 \$33.00 dated April 12 1834 33 00

One against Isaac Gould \$3.25  
 \$215.45

Figure 22D. Some 1834 Probate Records for Aaron D. Gunn.



In the matter of the  
 Guardianship of  
 Jefferson S. Gunn, Legatee  
 to Gunn & Cornelius  
 to Gunn, minor heirs  
 of Aaron D. Gunn  
 deceased -

Op  
 Lettens north

Filed March 28: 1837

Aaron D. Gunn

Order is the enclosed  
 as of that day -

Figure 23A. Some 1837 Probate Records for Aaron D. Gunn.

To the Surrogate of Erie County

We Jefferson S. Gunn & Spencer C. Gunn  
 two of the children of Aaron D. Gunn deceased  
 hereby request the Surrogate of Erie Co. to  
 appoint Spencer C. Gunn as our guardian  
 to take charge of our property & all the  
 land belonging to us if he deems it advisable  
 to do so - Dated March 27 1837

Jefferson S. Gunn  
 Spencer C. Gunn

Figure 23B. Some 1837 Probate Records for Aaron D. Gunn.



To the Surrogate of Erie County,

The petition of Spencer C. Gunn sheweth that  
he is one of the Children & heirs of Aaron D. Gunn  
deceased - That the said deceased left four  
Children - of whom your petitioner is the  
eldest - That he is now of the age of  
twenty one years - That there are three  
Children are of the following names,  
Sage, David, Jefferson & Susan, aged  
Eighteen years the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 1837  
Spencer C. Gunn, aged nineteen years the  
17<sup>th</sup> of October last - That no  
Guardian has yet been appointed  
for them - That there is some personal  
and real estate belonging to said  
heirs, which will not exceed two hundred  
dollars each - Your petitioner is  
desirous of being appointed Guardian  
for each of them.

Dated March 28<sup>th</sup> 1837 -

Spencer C. Gunn

Erie Co. Spencer C. Gunn being sworn says  
that the facts set forth in the above  
petition are true -

Holdwell

Surrogate

Figure 23C. Some 1837 Probate Records for Aaron D. Gunn.

Recd Buffalo July 10 '1837 of Haldwell  
Sum of \$29.05 in full for the portion of  
the estate of Aaron D. Gunn deceased  
which belonged to the widow of said  
deceased - And said widow having  
afterwards married Uriah Newbury  
& died, & the said Uriah Newbury  
having also died & I, having been  
been appointed administrator  
of the estate of said deceased  
Newbury - and having this day  
received said sum of said sum of  
do hereby acknowledge the same  
\$29.05 - James Newbury

**Figure 23D. Some 1837 Probate Records for Aaron D. Gunn.**

Once the guardianship request was approved, the property that the brothers inherited was sold very quickly, since the 1837 probate records show a statement from James Newberry dated 10 July 1837. This indicates that he had received \$29.05 as Philinda's share of the settlement of Aaron D. Gunn's estate. It states that Philinda and her husband Uriah Newbury had both died before that time, and that he was accepting the payment as the executor of their estates

The statement that the four sons were not appointed any guardian in the time between Aaron and Philinda death and 1837 is quite odd. It seems likely that the four sons simply remained on Aaron's farm from the time of his death in December 1833 (when Spencer was close to age 18) until the guardianship petition papers were signed and the property was sold immediately after

Spencer turned age 21 in 1837. In any event, Spencer C. Gunn was still in the vicinity of Darien/Pembroke to make the sworn statement to the surrogate on 28 March 1837 in Figure 23.

The year 1837 was pivotal in the lives of Spencer C. Gunn and Sarah Ann Jenks. Spencer's father Aaron died in 1833 and Spencer turned age 21 in 1837 to be able to sell his father's property and obtain his share of the inheritance in that same year. Sarah turned age 18 in 1837 when her father died. Spencer C. Gunn and Sarah Ann Jenks were both in the vicinity of Darien/Pembroke at that time, which provides significant circumstantial evidence, along with the previous evidence, to support the fact that they married at that place about 1837 and left the area to go to Pennsylvania soon after that.

Eunice Gunn was the first child born to Spencer and Sarah, and her death certificate in Figure 10 states that she was born on 30 May 1838 in Beaver Township, PA to indicate that Spencer and Sarah left the Darien/Pembroke area for Pennsylvania very soon after they were married.. The 1840 Federal Census entry for Spencer Gunn in Figure 24 indicates that his family was residing in Beaver Township, Crawford County, PA at that time, to distinguish which particular Beaver Township in Pennsylvania that Eunice Gunn was born in.

So. 4.) *Spencer Green*

**SCHEDULE** of the whole number of persons within the division allotted to *Spencer Green*

NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES	FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES																				FREE COLORED PERSONS											
	SEXES																				MALES						FEMALES					
	Male	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	Male	5	10	15	20	25	Female	5	10	15	20	25
<i>Spencer Green</i>	1																															
<i>Sarah Green</i>																																
<i>Amelia Green</i>																																

*Spencer Green*

*Sarah Green*

*Amelia Green*

Name Spencer Green  
 Home in 1840 (City, County, State) Beaver, Crawford, Pennsylvania  
 Free White Persons - Males - 20 thru 29 1  
 Free White Persons - Females - Under 5 2  
 Free White Persons - Females - 20 thru 29 1

**Figure 24. Federal Census 1840 entry for Spencer C. Gunn.**

By the time that the 1840 Census was taken in Figure 24, Spencer and Sarah's second daughter Amelia had been born. Amelia shows up in the 1850 Federal Census at age 10 in Figure 9. Spencer and Sarah had moved again before 1850, since the 1850 Federal Census in Figure 9 shows them residing in Girard Township, Erie County, PA.

There is no evidence regarding the whereabouts of the three remaining Gunn brothers in 1840. It is noted that Spencer Gunn's brother Jefferson would have been of age 21 in 1840, and there is evidence that he took on responsibility for their two younger brothers. Jefferson's biography in Figure 21 notes that brother Cyrenius died in 1846, after graduating from Albany State Normal School, and a later catalog from that school notes that fact and gives Jefferson Gunn as a contact. Brother Cornelius is found to be staying with Jefferson Gunn in the 1850 Census in Clarence, Erie County, NY in Figure 25, with name "C. C.". The Aaron Gunn residing with Jefferson in the 1850 Federal Census entry was actually his nephew, a son of Spencer C. Gunn.

**SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in** Clarence <sup>65</sup> **in the County of** Erie **State** NY  
**of** NY **enumerated by me, on the** 25th **day of** Oct **1850.** Ed. Ely **Ass't Marshal.**

Dwelling-house number in the order of enumeration.	Family numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Demographics.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended school within the year.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, Mistic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, Black, or Other.						
44	1	Jefferson Gunn	27	m			1000	NY			
		Emeline	24	f							
		John	24	m		Plumber	300				
		Sagora	2	m						1	

**Figure 25A. Federal Census Entry in 1850 for Jefferson Gunn in Clarence, NY Page 177A.**

### More About Samuel P. Jenks

The 1834 Probate Records for Aaron Gunn in Figure 22 notes the existence of a debt between Aaron Gunn and Samuel P. Jenks, to show some connection between the Gunn and Jenks Families in Darien/Pembroke, NY. Additional information is available to give a clue to determine exactly who this Samuel P. Jenks was. A *Phelps Genealogy* (1885) gives a biography of Samuel P Jenks in Figure 26. Samuel was married in Alexander, New York on 10 April 1834, and Alexander, NY is located in Genesee County very close to Darien/Pembroke. Samuel's first child Samuel Levant Jenks was born in Darien. Given the typical age at marriage at that time, Samuel P. Jenks was probably born about 1813. As seen before in the case of Sarah Ann Jenks, there was only one option available for determining the parents of Samuel P. Jenks in the Darien/Pembroke vicinity at that time, and the Federal Census records for Obadiah Jenks in 1820 in Figure 12 and in 1830 in Figure 13 clearly conform with the notion that Samuel P. Jenks was Obadiah's son, and therefore Sarah Ann's brother.

It also definitely appears that Spencer C. Gunn's Family and Samuel P. Jenk's Family departed from Darien/Pembroke about 1837 and went to Beaver Township, Crawford County, PA together, since Spencer and Sarah had a daughter there in 1838 and the *Phelps Genealogy* (1885) states that Samuel and Pamela Jenks had a daughter there in 1840. This supports the possibility that the couples were connected by Sarah Ann Jenks and Samuel P. Jenks being siblings. Samuel P. Jenks and his family then moved from Beaver Township, PA to Wisconsin before 1850 and Spencer and Sarah moved to Girard Township, Erie County, PA in the same timeframe.

### Conclusion

No hard evidence has been found that specifically states who the parents were of the Sarah Ann Jenks who married Spencer Clay Gunn. All of the related evidence compiled here does however appear to adequately prove beyond a reasonable doubt that her parents were Obadiah Jenks who was born in Providence, RI and Cleora Worden who was born in Shaftsbury, VT.

A  
GENEALOGICAL RECORD

OF THE DESCENDANTS

OF

*Joseph and Jemima (Post) Phelps,*

OF

HEBRON, CONNECTICUT.

SHOWING ALSO, IN BRIEF, THE SEVERAL LINKS IN THE GENEALOGICAL CHAIN  
WHICH CONNECTS THEM WITH THE OLD PURITAN, WILLIAM  
PHELPS, WHO CAME TO AMERICA IN 1630;

*With some Historical Notes and Data relating  
to the Common Family Name.*

BY

*Dudley Post Phelps,*

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Figure 26A. *Phelps Genealogy* (1885).



	<i>THE PHELPS FAMILY.</i>
(12)	<p>married Alice D. Aldrich of Preble, N. Y., February 22, 1872.</p> <hr/> <p>44. CALVIN BROWN, born June 3, 1822; married at Mansfield, Ohio, November 2, 1852, Cornelia Amelia, daughter of Bazil and Mary Hoke, born in Mansfield. They now reside at Fort Wayne, Ind.</p> <p>I think all these children were born at Preble.</p>
13	<p>Dan (Farmer, Geneva, Wis.)</p> <p>45. PAMELIA, born at Tully, N. Y., August 10, 1808; married at Alexander, N. Y., Samuel P. Jenks, April 10, 1834. They now reside at Springfield, Wis. Their children are:—</p> <p><i>Samuel Levant</i>, born March 31, 1835, at Darien, N. Y.; married at Spring Prairie, Wis., September 20, 1860, Alace Anna, daughter of Jonathan and Clarissa Leach, by whom he had Edith Marcia and Elmore Mark (twins), November 17, 1861, at Lyons,</p>

Figure 26B. *Phelps Genealogy* (1885), page 58.

A GENEALOGICAL RECORD.	
(13)	<p>Wis.; and Levant J. P., November 22, 1878, at Quincy, Minn., where they now reside.</p> <p><i>Bettie Clara</i>, born September 28, 1840, at Beaver, Pa.; married William Booth at Spring Prairie, Wis., September 20, 1860. They live at Albert Lea, Freeborn county, Minn., and have one son—Willis Jenks, born in Springfield, Wis., July 27, 1862.</p> <p><i>Lucia</i> and <i>Marcia</i> (twins), born October 14, 1843, at Beaver, Pa. Marcia died in Lyons, Wis., August 20, 1845. Lucia married LaFayette Smith, October 1, 1867, and had children—Ella Pamela, born July 6, 1868, at Mishicott, Wis.; Daniel Porter, born August 19, 1870, at Minneapolis, Minn.; and Levant LaFayette, born February 10, 1874, at Preston, Minn.</p> <p><i>Cora Bell</i>, born November 11, 1849, at Spring Prairie, Wis., and there died, March 4, 1860.</p>

Figure 26C. *Phelps Genealogy* (1885), page 59.