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Franklin Pierce Mason I was born in the United States of America in 1853. His first American ancestor, John Mason, arrived in Pennsylvania in 1700. Ann Elizabeth Hildreth was born in England in 1854. Her ancestry has been traced back to before 1600 in Yorkshire.

Franklin Pierce Mason

Franklin Pierce Mason was born on 12 September 1853 in Wilmington, Delaware. His parents were Malachi Parke Mason [born in 1819 in Wilmington, Delaware, son of Abiah Park Mason and Ann Kendall] and Catherine Cassidy [born in about 1827 in Saint John's, Newfoundland]. His parents were married on 10 Feb 1848 in Wilmington.

Malachi and Catherine had eight children, all of whom were born in Wilmington:

Ellen Kendall Mason, b. 28 June 1848

Emma Virginia Mason, b. 15 March 1850

Henry Parke Mason, b. 20 February 1852

Franklin Pierce Mason, b. 12 September 1853

Delaware Mason, b. 26 July 1856

William Mason, b. 11 March 1858

Thomas Mason, b. 11 September 1861

Isaac Edward Mason, b. 10 August 1864

Franklin's father, Malachi, was a bricklayer by occupation and Malachi was also a police officer (as was his father before him).

The Malachi Parke Mason family lived at 620 West 8th Street in Wilmington. And they were members of the St. Andrews Episcopal Church.¹

Very unfortunately, in 1865, Franklin's mother, Catherine, died of pneumonia. She was just 38 years of age, and Franklin was 12. Then, just four years later, in 1869, Franklin's father died. Malachi died of "lung consumption" (tuberculosis²) at age 50 years, when Franklin was 16 years of age.

With the death of his father, Franklin, and the other children, became orphans. At the time of Malachi's death, the children ranged in age from 21 to 5 years of age.

¹ With the name "Catherine Cassidy", and coming from Newfoundland, where there was a large community of Irish fishermen, one can only assume that Franklin's mother was of Irish descent. And it is well known that most Irish are Catholic. However, it is clear that when she was an adult, Catherine was an Episcopalian Protestant. As the article: <http://faculty.marianopolis.edu/c.belanger/nfldhistory/ReligiousHistoryNewfoundland.htm> states, "Newfoundland was one of the first countries outside Great Britain to share the benefits of the great evangelical revival which swept England under the Wesleys during the eighteenth century." Thus, it is quite possible that Catherine was a Protestant all of her life.

² In those days, as many as 25% of adults died of tuberculosis!

After the death of Malachi Parke Mason, his children went to live with members of the family: with his daughter, Ellen Kendall Mason Baylis; with his sister Tamson Mason Hoffman; and with his brother George Washington Mason.

Note: The oldest child of Malachi and Catherine, Ellen Kendall Mason, was married to Jesse Baylis in 1865. Thus, by the time her father died she had a well-established household in Wilmington with a child of her own. Malachi's sister, Tamson, was living with her husband, Joseph Hoffman in Philadelphia. She had three children. Malachi's brother, Washington Mason, who was a master carpenter and house builder, lived in Wilmington. He and his wife, Rebecca Slack, had five children, however, only one of whom was still living in 1869.

Thus, the children were placed with family members as follows:³

Henry Parke (age 17) and Isaac Edward (age 5 years) went to live with their sister, Ellen Kendall Mason Baylis. William Mason (age 9 years) went to live with his aunt, Tamson Mason Hoffman, and her husband, Joseph Hoffman, in Philadelphia. Franklin (age 16 years) and Delaware (age 13 years) went to live with their uncle, George Washington Mason.⁴

Franklin lived with his uncle, Washington Mason, for about 12 years beginning in 1869 (just after his father's death) until 1882 (when he got married). Thus, Franklin P. lived with his uncle from age 16 to age 28 years. During that time Washington Mason and his family, including Franklin P., lived at 222 West 9th Street.



1872 Franklin Pierce Mason I at age 18 years

³ Emma Virginia went out on her own as a house domestic after her father died in 1869. She married James Knott in 1872. Thomas had died in 1868, before his father died.

⁴ **Note:** There is no record of where Franklin P. lived in 1870. The U.S Census for Washington Mason, shows Delaware Mason, age 13. But it does not show Franklin P. And no other U.S. Census record can be found as to where Franklin P. was living in that year. There is, however, a Baptism Certificate (see below) for Franklin P. in 1871 in Wilmington. Thus, he must have lived in Wilmington, and it is likely that he was with his uncle during that time.

As was mentioned, Washington Mason was a master carpenter and house builder. As such, he apprenticed his nephews, Franklin and Delaware, as carpenters. In those days, boys became apprentices at about age 14 years. Therefore, Franklin P. was just the correct age to begin an apprenticeship with his uncle. Apprenticeships typically ended at age 21 years. And when Franklin P. fulfilled his apprenticeship, he continued to work with his uncle as a fully-fledged carpenter. This arrangement continued until 1882, when in May of that year, George Washington Mason died and, in June, when Franklin P. got married.

Franklin P. continued to work as a carpenter until 1895, when he began to work for the Hildreth Varnish Company (see below).

On Sunday, April 30, 1871, (when he was 17 years of age), Franklin P. Mason was confirmed as a member of the Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church of Wilmington. Rev. George A. Latimer was the pastor of the church from 1868 to 1877.⁵ Thus, he was the pastor when Franklin became a member of the church.



Rev. George A. Latimer

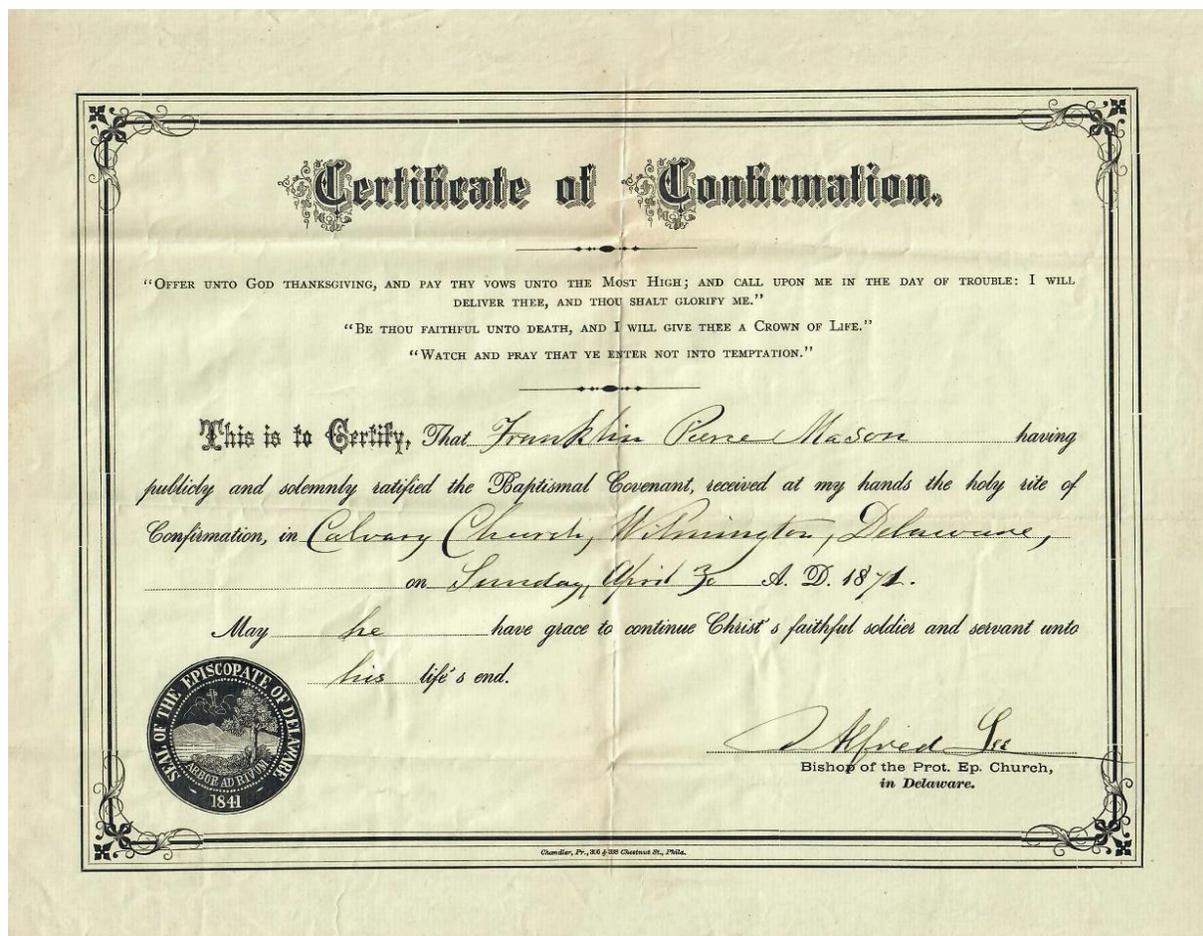
Note: The first record of Franklin's involvement in the church was his baptism in 1858, when he was about 5 years of age.⁶ He, and four of his siblings, were baptized at the same time, which might indicate that the family had just joined the church at that time. The church that the children were baptized in was St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Wilmington. The family continued to be members of St. Andrew's as is indicated by the record of the burial of Catherine Cassidy Mason in 1865 and the record of the burial of Thomas Mason in 1868. The service for the burial of Thomas was officiated by Rev. George A. Latimer, who had recently become a pastor at that church. Apparently, it was in 1868 that Franklin (age about 14 years) first met Rev. Latimer. The family was still members of St. Andrew's in 1869, when Malachi died. (However, the officiating clergyman at Malachi's funeral was Rev. G.A. Redles.)

In about 1868, Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church was established as an outgrowth of St. Andrew's with Rev. George A. Latimer as its first settled clergyman.⁷

⁵ From: files.usgarchives.net/pa/1pa/church/hotchkin/e-clergy-7.txt

⁶ For a detailed compilation of the church records, refer to the Appendix.

⁷ Rev. George A. Latimer must have been important to members of the Mason family other than Franklin P. For example, Henry Parke Mason, Franklin's older brother, in 1886, named his first son George Latimer Mason.

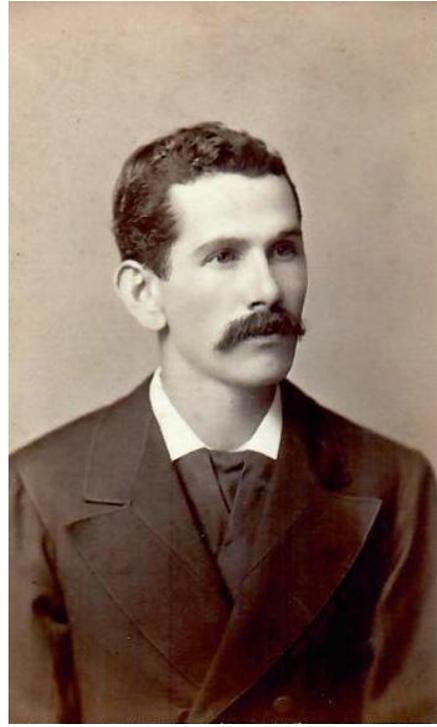
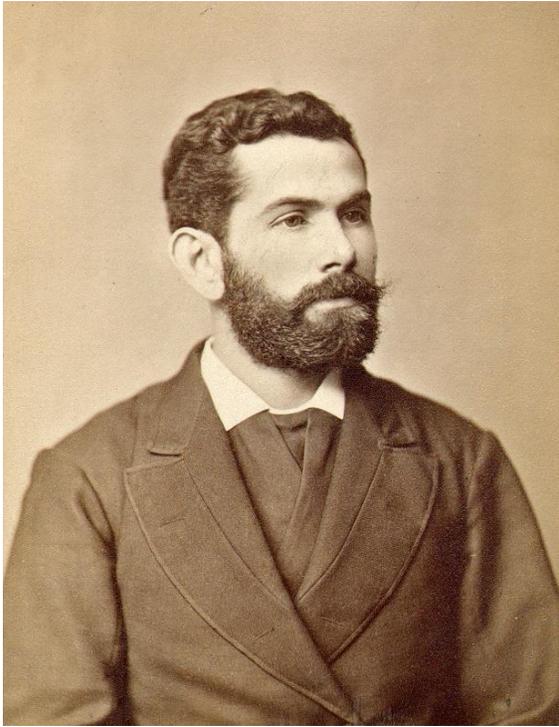


1871 Franklin Pierce Mason I Certificate of Confirmation into the Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church of Wilmington, Delaware

Franklin was a very active member of the church. In 1877/78, some of the church members decided to sever connections with the Protestant Episcopal Church and become affiliated with the newly formed Reformed Episcopal Church.⁸ (The Reformed Episcopal Church was founded by George D. Cummins⁹ in about 1873.) To make a long story short, Franklin P. Mason I was one of the leaders of the change in affiliation, and (at age 25 years) he was elected to be a Trustee of the new church. The new church was named the Church of the Covenant. Sadly, in 1881, there was a schism within the Church of the Covenant, which caused the pastor, Rev J. L. Estlin, to resign. Thence, a new church, the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, was formed in 1881 by forty communicants from the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Covenant. Franklin P. was one of the communicants who joined the new church.

⁸ This information is a brief summary of an essay written by Franklin P. Mason I in 1878 entitled "Diary if the Reformed Episcopal Church", which is in the possession of the author.

⁹ For more on George D. Cummins and the Reformed Episcopal Church, refer to: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_David_Cummins



Pictures of Franklin Pierce Mason I in about 1878 to 1880 at age 24 and 26 years, respectively

Ann Elizabeth Hildreth

Ann Elizabeth Hildreth was born on 24 February 1854 in Preston, Lancashire, England. Her parents were James Hildreth [born 1826 in Ripley, Yorkshire, England, son of Richard Hildreth and Mary Wheatly] and Ellen Otley [born in 1819 in Cartmel, Lancashire, England, daughter of George Otley and Ester Sandham]. Her parents were married on 14 April 1850 at the Church of Saint John in Preston, Lancashire, England.

James and Ellen had four children:

Mary Jane Hildreth, b. 05 August 1850 in Preston, Lancashire, England

Ann Elizabeth Hildreth, b. 24 February 1854 in Preston, Lancashire, England

James Hildreth, Jr., b. 22 September 1855 in London Middlesex, England

George Otley Hildreth, b. 02 October 1858 in Rahway, New Jersey, USA

Nothing is known of Ann Elizabeth's early life except that she lived with her parents, first for about one year (1854) in Preston then for about another year (1855) in London.

In about 1856 the James Hildreth family emigrated to America, where the family lived in Rahway, New Jersey (1858), Newark, New Jersey (1860), New York City (1870), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1880), and in Wilmington, Delaware (1880).¹⁰

Thus, Ann Elizabeth came to America when she was about 2 years of age, and she grew up in America.

In 1860, the Hildreth family was living in the 3rd Ward of Newark City, Essex, New Jersey.¹¹

The 1870 U.S. Census shows Ann Elizabeth living with her parents in New York City. While Ann Elizabeth was living in New York City, she was confirmed into the Protestant Episcopal Church. She was confirmed by Rev. Henry C. Potter, who was the Rector of Grace Church from 1868 to 1883. (Rev. Potter became the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York in 1883.)

Clearly, religion and the church were very important to Ann Elizabeth. The major topic of her *In Memoriam* (see below), which was distributed after her death, was her church memberships and her contributions to the churches she attended.

The 1880 U.S. Census shows Ann Elizabeth living with her parents in Philadelphia. However, as was noted before, the family must have maintained a presence in both Philadelphia and in Wilmington during the years 1875 to 1883.

It was in Wilmington that she met her future husband, Franklin P. Mason I.

¹⁰ Between 1875 and 1883, it seems that James Hildreth, Sr. spent time in both Wilmington, Delaware and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (The two cities are only 30 miles apart. Thus, it seems feasible for one to do so.) For example, James is listed as a "Painter" in each of the 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, and 1883 Wilmington City Directories. And he is listed, also as a "Painter", in the 1882 and 1883 Philadelphia City Directories. In addition, he is listed as a "House Painter" in the 1880 U.S. Census for Philadelphia.

¹¹ <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/M4R5-9WV>

The Marriage of Franklin P. and Ann Hildreth Mason

For both Franklin Pierce Mason and Ann Elizabeth Hildreth, the church was a central part of their lives. And they each were involved with the Episcopal Church. Thus, it seems very likely that they met at church.

Franklin Pierce Mason and Ann Elizabeth Hildreth were married on 21 June 1882 by the Rev. George A. Latimer, Rector of Saint John's Protestant Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

At the time of the wedding, both Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth were 28 years of age (although Franklin P. was five months older than Ann Elizabeth).

As has been mentioned, Franklin P. and George Latimer had become friends when Rev. Latimer was the pastor at the Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church in Wilmington. Therefore, when Franklin married in 1882, he chose his old friend Rev. George A. Latimer to perform the ceremony.



Franklin Pierce Mason I and Ann Elizabeth Hildreth at about the time of their marriage in 1882

This is to Certify

That, on the Twenty first day of June
in the year of Our Lord,
One Thousand, eight hundred, and eighty two (1882)
at No 702 Washington Street in the City of Wilmington
in the Diocese of Delaware

I joined together in Holy Matrimony

Franklin Pierce Mason and

Ann Elizabeth Hildreth according
to the Rites of the Protestant Episcopal Church
in the United States of America and in conformity
with the Laws of the State of Delaware

In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my
name this Twenty first day of June A.D.
One Thousand, eight hundred, and eighty two (1882)

George A. Latimer

Rector of St. John's P.E. Church
(Northern Liberties)
Philadelphia.

When the newly married couple returned to Wilmington, they resumed their membership in the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.¹²

After the wedding, it was not long before the children started coming, with the first being born in 1883, followed every two years by a new arrival.

Franklin and Ann had four children, all of whom were born in Wilmington:

Helen Otley Mason, b. 02 July 1883

Willard Cassidy Mason, b. 22 March 1885

Miriam Jean Mason, b. 13 March 1887

Gertrude Hildreth Mason, b. 26 July 1889

As has been mentioned, Franklin P. worked as a carpenter for many years with his uncle, George Washington Mason. However, in May of 1882, just before Franklin P. got married, his uncle died. Therefore, at that time Franklin P. took a position with the P. & J. Company as a carpenter and as a pattern maker.¹³ Franklin P. continued to work for the P. & J. Company for 13 years, until 1895, when he began to work for the Hildreth Varnish Company (see below).

Ann Elizabeth was a home maker. She had four children to care for and raise. As has been mentioned, Ann Elizabeth was very active in the church, and she devoted much of her time to church activities.

Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth continued to live in Wilmington until 1895. Their addresses in Wilmington are as follows:

811 West 8th Street (1883)

811 Van Buren Street (1885-1888)

1033 West 7th Street (1889-1894)

¹² For information on this historic church, refer to: <https://www.brownstoner.com/architecture/building-of-the-day-423-nostrand-avenue/>

¹³ Pattern making was a very precise, specialized form of woodworking. Pattern makers made the patterns (molds) from which castings were produced. A pattern maker crafted and built the mold to the correct specifications necessary to cast many identical metal parts in a mold. The precision of work was important, but what really distinguished the pattern maker was understanding how a part was to be cast and then finished. Critical to the process was understanding the shrinking behavior of the metal (as it cools). Pattern makers used special rulers that were scaled to represent the shrinkage of different metals. Most of the work was done with wood of the best quality and the pattern maker needed to have many years of experience. Today, this trade as a woodworking specialty is nearly extinct. Summarized from: <https://www.finewoodworking.com/forum/what-is-a-pattern-maker>



1893 The Mason family in Wilmington, Delaware

In 1895, Franklin was invited to move to Brooklyn, New York to become a part of the Hildreth Varnish Company. Ann Elizabeth's father, James Hildreth, Sr., had founded the Hildreth Varnish Company in 1883 in Brooklyn. Thus, the family moved to Brooklyn in November of that year.

When the Mason family moved to Brooklyn, they transferred their church membership to the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation at Nostrand and Jefferson Avenues in Brooklyn.

Franklin P. was a practical, hands-on type of person. Therefore, he jumped into the manufacturing aspect of the company. James Hildreth, Sr. was also involved in the manufacturing. And, perhaps, Franklin P. lightened the load of his father-in-law. (Others were involved in the office, finance, marketing, and other aspects of the operation.)

The first place of residence for the Mason family in Brooklyn was 75 Hooper Street, less than 2 miles from the factory, which was at 91 North 12th Street.



1896 The Mason children—Helen Otley, Willard Cassidy, Miriam Jean, and Gertrude Hildreth—just after the move to Brooklyn

It was at that location that tragedy struck the family. On Saturday, November 27th of 1897 Miriam Jean, who was 10 years of age, complained of a slight cold. By Thursday, the cold had gotten worse and had turned croupy but, it seemed, still nothing to be concerned about. The doctor was called in on Friday, and every effort was made to divert disaster. However, Miriam Jean passed away on Sunday December 5th in the morning, just eight days from the first appearance of symptoms.¹⁴ She was buried in the Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery in the family plot there.



1897 Miriam Jean Mason, just prior to her death

¹⁴ For an account of Miriam Jean's illness, written by her father, refer to the Appendix.



1898 Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth Hildreth Mason

As the family (and extended family) circumstances changed, Franklin P. and family moved within Brooklyn. The residences of the Mason family in Brooklyn are as follows:

1897: 75 Hooper Street, Brooklyn

1900: 329 Quincy Street, Brooklyn

1905: 412 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn (with Ellen Hildreth and James Hildreth, Jr.)

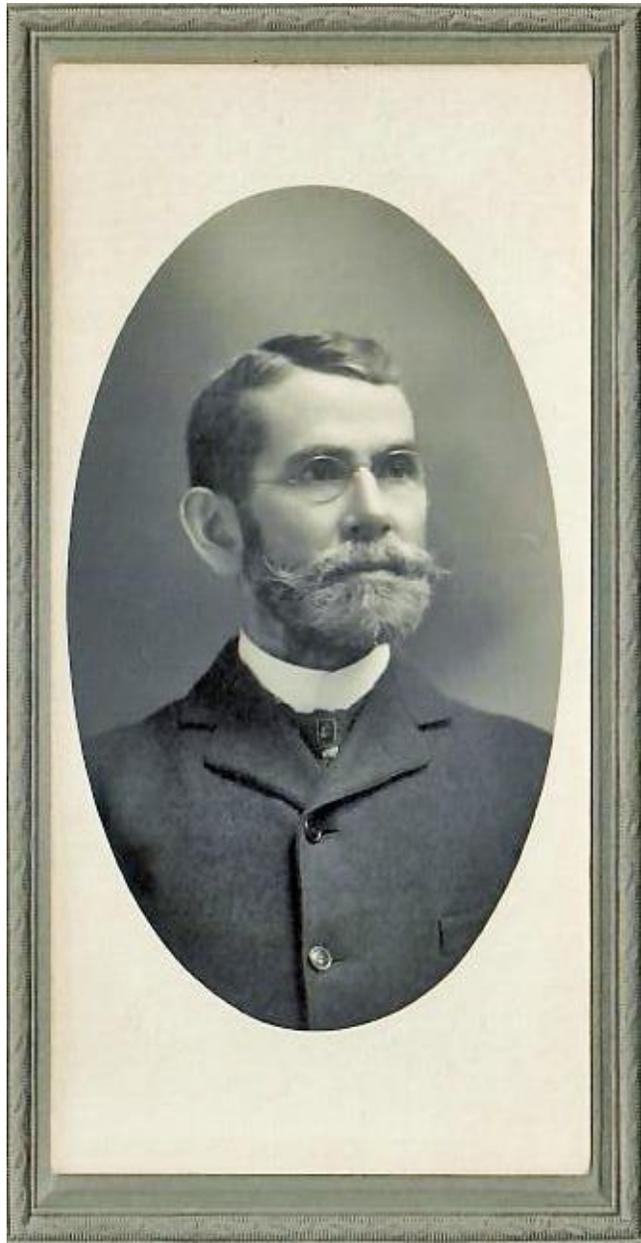
1910: 139 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn (with Ellen Hildreth and Helen Mason Knappmann)

1915: 722 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn (with Helen Mason Knappmann)

1920: 212 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn

By 1900, the Mason family was living at 329 Quincy Street in Brooklyn, which was less than three miles from the factory, and, perhaps more significantly, about one half a block from where Ann Elizabeth's parents lived (at 314 Quincy Street). Helen, Willard, and Gertrude were all at home at this time.

Ann Elizabeth's father, James Hildreth, Sr. died in 1903. By 1905, Franklin P. and family had moved to 412 Putnam Avenue (still less than 3 miles from the factory), and Ann Elizabeth's mother, Ellen Otley Hildreth, was also living with them. In addition, James Hildreth, Jr., who also worked for the Hildreth Varnish Company, had moved in with the extended family. The children, Helen, Willard, and Gertrude were still all at home. The 1904 Brooklyn City Directory shows Franklin as being in the varnish business.



1905 Franklin Pierce Mason I

From the time of James Hildreth's death in 1903 until Ellen Otley Hildreth's death in 1910, Ellen lived with the Mason family. In 1907, Helen Mason, the eldest daughter of Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth, married George Knappmann. The Knappmann family also moved into the Mason home. Thus, with the birth, in 1908, of the daughter of Helen and George, there were four generations of Otley/Hildreth/Mason/Knappmann women all living under the same roof.



1908 Four generations: Ann Elizabeth Hildreth Mason (54), Ellen Otley Hildreth (89), Helen Elizabeth Knappmann (6 months), and Helen Otley Mason Knappmann (25)

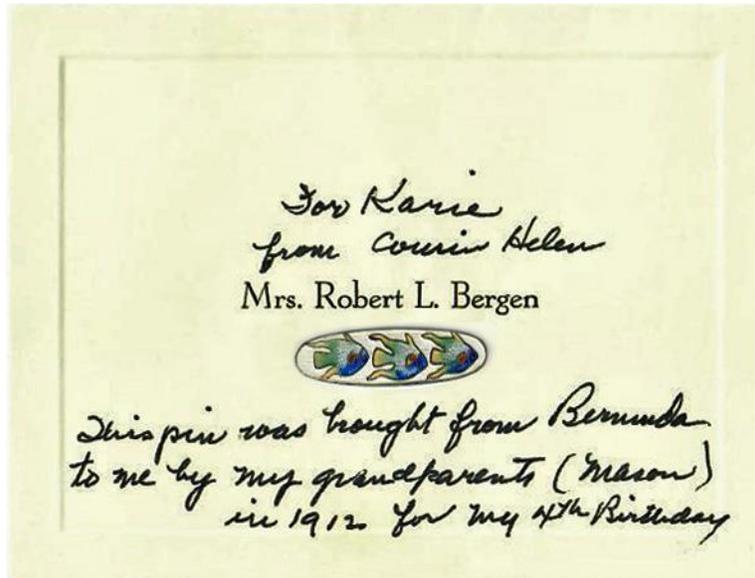
By 1910, the family had moved again, this time to 139 Chauncey Street. Ellen Otley Hildreth was still part of the extended family as was Helen, with her husband, George Knappmann and their child, Helen. Willard and Gertrude were also still in their parents' home. The 1910 US Census for Brooklyn lists Franklin P. as a "Varnish Maker" in a "Varnish Manufactory".

In September of 1910, Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth took a trip to Bermuda. There is no longer a record of the ship that took them to Bermuda. However, they returned on the ship *SS Trent*.



1910 The ship *SS Trent* and deck with passengers and crew

While they were in Bermuda, Franklin and Ann bought a small pin for their granddaughter Helen Elizabeth Knappmann, which they gave to her in 1912, when she was 4 years of age.¹⁵



Pin from Bermuda, given to Helen Elizabeth Knappmann Bergen by her grandparents, Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth Mason

On 25 April 1914, Franklin P. Mason applied for a patent for a “Centrifugal Clarifier for Liquids”. The patent application states the following:¹⁶

This invention relates to centrifugal clarifiers for liquids, such, for instance, as varnish, with the object in view of providing a device of this character which adapted to promote a step by step clarification of the liquid in such a manner that as the liquid is clarified at each step it passes permanently out of contact with the foreign matter removed therefrom.

This patent was granted on 26 January 1915. This indicates that in 1914 and 1915 Franklin was very much involved in the Hildreth Varnish Company.¹⁷

¹⁵ This pin was given by Helen to Karie Mason (her first cousin twice removed and the daughter of the author). Karie still has the pin.

¹⁶ United States Patent 1,126,247, Patented Jan. 26, 1915

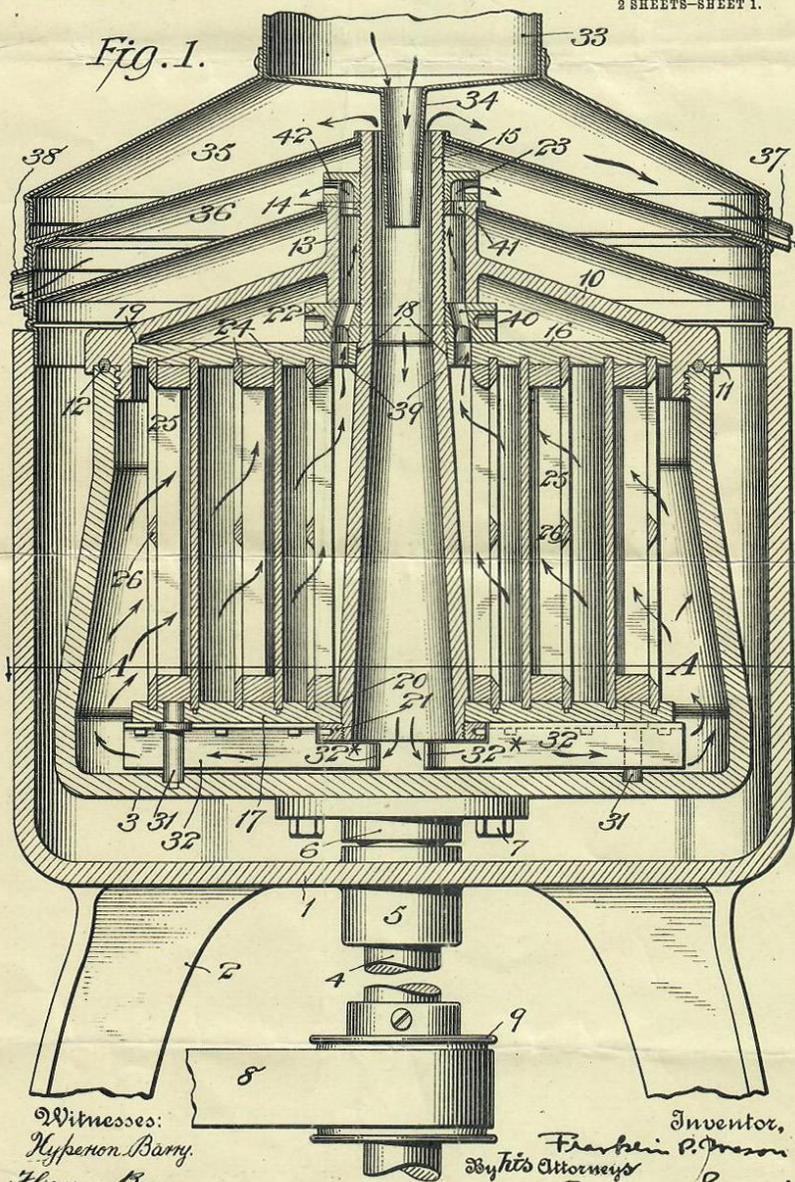
¹⁷ For a copy of the entire patent, refer to A History of the Hildreth Varnish Company by Franklin P. Mason II, 2020.

F. P. MASON.
CENTRIFUGAL CLARIFIER FOR LIQUIDS.
APPLICATION FILED APR. 25, 1914.

1,126,247.

Patented Jan. 26, 1915.

2 SHEETS—SHEET 1.



1915 Figure 1 from United States Patent 1,126,247, Franklin P. Mason, Inventor

It is highly likely that by 1918 Franklin had been promoted to General Superintendent of the Hildreth Varnish Company factory. (George Otley Hildreth, who had been the previous General Superintendent, retired before that year.) The 1920 US Census for Brooklyn lists Franklin as a “Varnish Manufacturer”.



1918 Franklin P. Mason, far right, and the crew at the Hildreth Varnish Company

Religion and the church and family were very important to both Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth.

They were both ardent Christians. They were both life-long members of, and very active in, the Episcopal Church. In addition, Franklin P. wrote many prayers and, in her *In Memoriam*, Ann Elizabeth is extolled for her church membership and the contributions to the churches she attended.

As an example of their devotion to the family, even after the children were of age, they continued to live with, or very near, their parents. Willard Cassidy lived with his parents until age 28 years, when he got married. Helen, after moving out for a while, moved back in with her parents, with her husband, after her marriage, and she had a child while she was living with them. And Gertrude, lived with her parents most of her life and continued to live with her father even after Ann Elizabeth had died.



1914 Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth with Helen Mason Knappmann and her family



1917-08-09 Entire extended family: Franklin P. Mason, George Knappmann, Helen Mason Knappmann, Genevieve Barnes Mason, Ann Hildreth Mason, Willard Cassidy Mason, Ruth Gertrude Knappmann, Willard Franklin Mason, Helen Elizabeth Knappmann, Rockaway Park, New York
(not shown: Gertrude Hildreth Mason, who probably took the picture)



1918 Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth Mason

In 1919, at age 65 years, Ann Elizabeth suffered a debilitating stroke, which affected her right side and deprived her of the power of speech.

Shortly thereafter, in about 1921, Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth moved to a home of their own at 123 Pierson Street¹⁸ in Jamaica, Queens. (The 1920 US Census shows Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth living with their daughter, Gertrude, at 212 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn.)

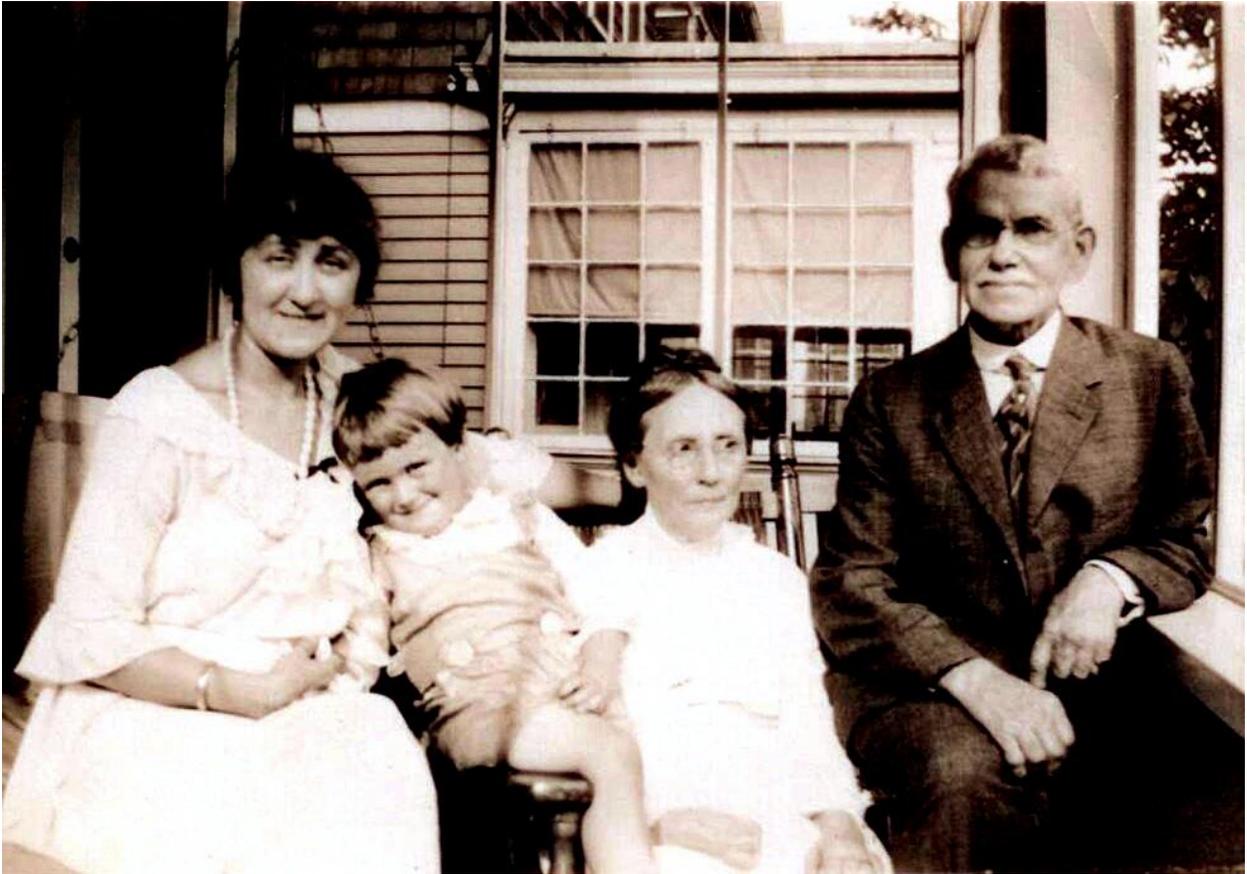


1921 House on 123 Pierson Street (shown in a photograph from 2020). Originally, the house had a front porch where now there is a bricked-in room, and there were no fire escapes on the original house.

¹⁸ This address was also known as 139-47 Pierson Street and is now called 139-47 87th Avenue.



1921 Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth at 123 Pierson Street on the original front porch with their daughters, Helen and Gertrude (and with Helen's husband George Knappmann)



1921 Franklin P. and Ann Elizabeth at 123 Pierson Street on the original front porch with their daughter-in-law, Genevieve Barnes Mason and their grandson, Willard Franklin

Then, about four years after her stroke, on 06 June 1923, at age 69, Franklin's beloved wife, Annie (Ann Elizabeth Hildreth Mason), died.

THE BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE. NEW YORK, FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 1923.

MASON—On June 6, 1923, ANN E. MASON, beloved wife of Franklin P. Mason. Funeral services at her late residence, 123 Pierson st., Jamaica, L. I., on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. Interment Saturday, Wilmington, Delaware. (Wilmington, Delaware, papers please copy.)

1923 Ann Elizabeth Hildreth Mason death notice

THERE passed away from her home in Jamaica, L. I., on June 6th, a gentle little lady, who had been a mother in Israel in our churches for many years, in the person of Mrs. F. P. Mason. She was born in Preston, Lancashire, England, in February, 1854, her parents being James and Ellen Otley Hildreth and was brought by them to this country when fifteen years of age. The family settled in New York, and Miss Hildreth was confirmed by Bishop Potter of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The family moved to Wilmington, Del., and here Miss Hildreth met and married Mr. Frank P. Mason. They both became members of the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington. When business called Mr. Mason to reside in Brooklyn, N. Y., they transferred their membership to the Church of the Reconciliation in that city. Both in Wilmington and Brooklyn, Mrs. Mason was in labors more abundant for the welfare of our churches. Her heart and home were always open, and a most gracious hospitality extended to those who served the churches of her love.

Nearly four years ago Mrs. Mason suffered a paralytic stroke, which affected her right side, and also deprived her of the power of speech.

During these years of forced inactivity, her bright and patient disposition was sustained by the power of Divine grace. The end came suddenly on the evening of Wednesday, June 6th. Funeral services were conducted on Friday evening by the Revs. Dr. Robert Wick, of the Dutch Reformed Church, and Egbert Macklin, of the Congregational Church of Jamaica. The interment was at the Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery, Wilmington, Del., on Saturday, June 9th, the service being conducted by the Rev. Dr. William A. Freemantle.

Mrs. Mason is survived by her husband and three children—Mrs. George W. Knappman, Miss Gertrude H. Mason, and Mr. Willard C. Mason. To these we extend our heartfelt sympathy. Mrs. Mason was an ideal wife and mother, possessing in a marked degree those qualities that make a real Christian home. Unostentatious but genial, energetic but not self-assertive she was a capable little woman, whom it was a pleasure to greet and a deepening joy to know. Her friends loved her, her husband safely trusted in her, her children rise up and call her blessed.

W. A. F.

in Episcopal Recorder

1923 Ann Elizabeth Hildreth Mason *In Memoriam*

Not much is known about Ann Elizabeth Hildreth Mason, her personality, her activities, her likes and dislikes. Most of what is known is told in the records for her father and then her husband. However, the pictures of her give one an inkling of who she was: a kind, loving, warm person, but one with definite beliefs. It is also clear that she was devoted to her family and that she was a strong Christian who was active in the church.

After Ann Elizabeth's death, Franklin P. remained active. For example, the 1925 New York Census shows that Franklin P. Mason was still involved in varnish manufacturing. But by then, his involvement must have decreased significantly.

And he remained in close contact with his family, for example, attending a picnic with the extended family in 1924 and going to Atlantic City with his daughters in 1927.



1924 Family picnic, showing, top, the entire group, and bottom, Franklin P. with his granddaughter, Ruth Gertrude and with his grandson, Willard Franklin

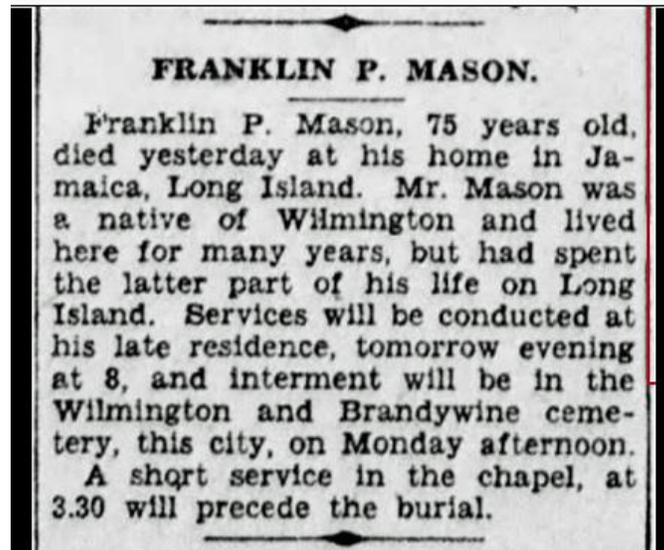


1927 Franklin P. with his daughters, Helen and Gertrude, in Atlantic City

After his wife's death, Franklin P. remained at 123 Pierson Street, where he lived until his death, with his daughter, Gertrude.¹⁹

Franklin Pierce Mason died on 07 September 1928, one week before his 75th birthday.

The News Journal (Wilmington, Delaware) • 08 Sep 1928, Sat



1928 Franklin P. Mason I death notice

¹⁹ And Gertrude continued to live in this house until shortly after the death of her brother, Willard, in 1934.

As was mentioned, in 1927, at age 74 years, Franklin P. visited Atlantic City, New Jersey, with his daughters, Helen and Gertrude, where the following picture was taken. This picture, which is probably the last one taken of him, shows that even a year before his death, Franklin P. was still a vital, active person.



1927 Franklin P. Mason I, at age 74 years, in Atlantic City, New Jersey

Franklin P. Mason

Franklin P. Mason I signature

While he was at Atlantic City with his daughters in 1927, Franklin P. wrote the following poem. In fact, he wrote many poems, some of which are reproduced in the Appendix.

ROLL ON, O SEA

Roll on, O sea, in majesty,
Each crested wave o'erleaps a crest;
Thy song eternally has sung,
'Tis ever ceaseless without rest.

Thy song of matchless melody
Has rolled across the shores of time,
And like the music of the spheres,
It sings to men in notes sublime.

'Tis he, who is attuned, can hear
And catch the rhythm of the sea;
It speaks to him in tones most clear,
Unfathomed depths of mystery.

The Master's voice that stayed thy Power
Beside the Gallilean shore
Shall speak again in time to come,
And thou shalt be no more.

And we, who viewed thee with affright,
Awed by thy tumult and thy strife,
Will cross dry shod unto that land,
Where there will be no sea nor night.

FRANK P. MASON
April 1927

1927 "Roll on, O sea" by Franklin P. Mason I. Written in Atlantic City, New Jersey

Franklin Pierce Mason had a humble beginning. He was the fourth of eight children. Even though his father, no doubt, worked very hard to keep the family, that is a lot of children to care for. Then, in 1865, when Franklin was 12 years of age, his mother died, which made things all-the-more difficult. To make things even worse, Franklin's father died just four years later, in 1869, which left him an orphan at age 16. With that, the children dispersed, and Franklin went to live with his uncle, Washington, and his family.²⁰

Despite that difficult childhood, Franklin P. did quite well in life. He had a successful career as a carpenter and, later, in the varnish business. He married a loving wife whom he loved. And he had four children to whom he was very close.

In addition, through his own hard work, he was able to acquire some of the finer things of life:

For example, he had a set of sterling silver flatware and a set of formal dishes, which were made in Germany.



1920 Franklin's sterling silver flatware: Plymouth by Gorham and
1920 Franklin's formal dinnerware: Rosebud by Fraureuth

²⁰ One gets the feeling that, despite the great loss, Franklin living with his uncle could have been an improvement in his life in two ways: materially and in the level of attention that he received. In a material sense: Washington Mason was a successful carpenter and contractor (house builder). Thus, his material surroundings were probably better than that of Malachi and his family. In addition, Washington was accustomed to having apprentices in his care, who he taught the valuable trade of carpentry. Thus, Franklin, at age 16, was apprenticed to his uncle as a carpenter, a trade that he would practice for many years to come. In addition, again despite the loss, Franklin, most likely, entered a warm and loving family with his uncle and his aunt, Rebecca Slack Mason. Washington and Rebecca had a total of five children. However, only one reached maturity. Mary Elizabeth Mason died in 1863 at age 18 years. George Washington Mason, Jr. died in 1868 of wounds sustained in the Civil War. Two younger sons died in infancy in 1851 and 1852, respectively. Only the youngest child, Ella Rebecca Mason, lived to marry and have a child. Thus, in 1869, when Franklin went to live with Washington and Rebecca, only Ella Rebecca, who was also 16 at the time, remained as a child in the family. One can only imagine the love that was poured on Franklin by Rebecca (his aunt), who had suffered such loss by the death of four of her children.



Franklin's gold pocket watch and chain with locket



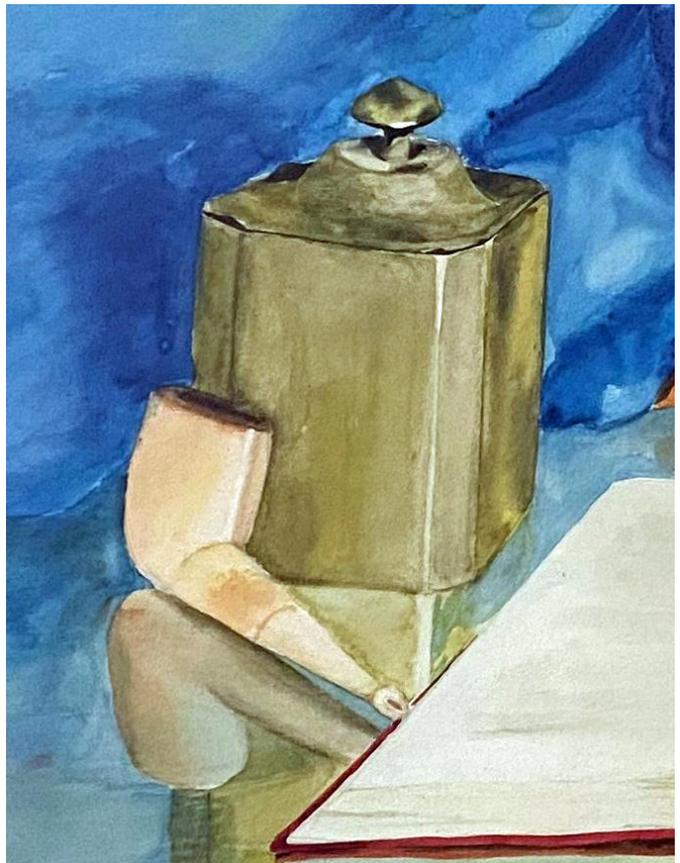
Franklin's gold pocket watch, showing the face, mechanism, front, and back



Cabinet made by Franklin P., shown with monogrammed drinking glasses



Franklin's Onyx ring, showing the ring and the inscription (*F.P.M. Sept. 12th 1906*)



Franklin's tobacco container and meerschaum pipe.
The illustration on the right is a detail from a watercolor painting by his daughter, Gertrude



Franklin's carpenter's plane, which was made by the Peugeot Freres Co. in France



Franklin's mechanical pencil and ink blotter



Franklin's dinner bell



Toys for visiting grandchildren: Steam engine and dancing man

Franklin P. Mason I was something of a Renaissance man. He was skilled woodworker, a manager, an inventor, a poet, a devoted family man and a devotee to God.

In addition, family lore holds that he had a fruit tree in his back yard onto which he grafted several fruits of different kinds: apples, pears, plums, and cherries.

In 1892, Franklin P. Mason purchased several burial plots (Section 25, Lots 33 and 35) in the Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery for him and for other members of the Mason family and for members of the Hildreth family. Franklin's father, Malachi Parke Mason (1819-1869) and his grandfather, Abiah Parke Mason (1782-1852) had been buried in the Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery [Section V (5), Lot 13]. Many other Masons had also been buried in that cemetery over a long period of time. Thus, in choosing to be buried at that cemetery, Franklin was maintaining a long-standing family tradition.

Franklin P. was buried in the Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery on 10 September 1928 next to his beloved wife Ann Elizabeth Hildreth Mason.



Mason memorial in the Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery (Section 25, Lots 33 and 35)

Appendix

Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S., Church and Town Records, 1669-2013 for Malachi Park Mason
 DE - All Counties > Wilmington, DE > Episcopal > St Andrew's Episcopal

1858

June 7th Nov 7th, at Front Street Mission Room.
 Rachel Elizabeth child of William & Sarah Butler
 Born Sept 10th 1838. Sponsors Parents
 Wilmer Vandenberg, born Feb 23rd 1853
 & Samuel Thomas born July 29th 1855
 children of John & Mary Downing Harris
 Sponsors Parents, Mrs H Gallagher, Rebecca Gallagher
 John Washington born Jan 7th 1855
 Edward Shakespeare Feb 1st 1852
 Ida Elizabeth " May 14th 1855
 children of Geo Washington & Susanna S. Alcockton
 Sponsors Parents, J B Lewis, Mrs Eastwood
 Maria, child of Robert & Maria Menley
 born Oct 7th 1838, Sponsors Parents & Mrs Jane Walker
 Mary Elizabeth child of Joseph and Harriet
 Hampton, born Apr 28th 1838 Sponsors Parents
 Catherine Rebecca child
 of William & Eliza Ann Jones, born March 9th
 1831, Sponsors Mother, Min Kilby, & Frank
 Ellen, born June 28th 1848 } children of
 Emma " March 15th 1850 } Malachi Park
 Henry Park " Feb. 20th 1852 } & Catherine
 Frankton " Sep. 12th 1853 } Muson
 Delaware " July 28th 1856 }
 Sponsors, Mother, Miss Anna Daily, & H Gallagher
 William Thomas, son of Robert P. & Margaret
 & Faten, born Sep. 2nd 1837 Sponsors
 Parents, Mrs Harriet Elizabeth Judd
 Lucretia born Feb 8th 1830 } children of
 Alfred Daniel " Nov 9th 1856 } George &
 Storm - Sponsors for Lucretia
 Parents & Mrs Eliz. Judd - for Alfred Daniel
 Geo Thomas John Elliott Henry John Elliott

1859

March 4th at Bishop Lee's Residence, Wilmington
 Mary Isabella, child of John & Isabella
 Dwyer, born April 6th 1859, Sponsors
 Mother, Badoloff Chudwick & Mary Chudwick
 March 11th privately by Rev M B Smith. Elizabeth
 child of George M & Elizabeth Gallagher 11th December

1858 Baptism record, from St Andrew's Episcopal Church, of five Mason children, including that for Franklin P. Mason I

Baptisms Infant.

1859

Easter Sunday April 24th in Church, Henry Gregg
 Son of Wilberforce N. & Anna Henrietta Chandler
 Born August 11th 1838. Sponsors, parents &
 Mr & Mrs Gregg Chandler - also Thomas
 Son of Joseph & Helen Stewart, born Jan 26th
 1839. Sponsor Mother.

May 20th in Church, Mary child of Augustus
 M. L. & Eliza V. Groff, born Feb 25th 1858
 Sponsors Parents. Sarah Thompson

child of John & Annanda C. Palmer Born
 Oct 3rd 1838 Sponsors Mother & John Gray

July 13th in Wilmington, privately, Isaac
 Thomas, Son of Eliza & Sarah Ann (nee) Register
 born May 23rd 1855.

Sunday July 17th in Church Sarah
 child of William & Eliza Rensson, born
 February 26th 1839 Sponsors Parents

Received into the Church Samuel James (baptized
 privately Feb 18th 1836) and baptized John Thomas
 born June 11th 1839 children of John and
 Martha Maguire, Sponsors Parents.

Susan child of Robert & Sarah Grier,
 born Dec 3rd 1838 Sponsors Parents.

Sarah Ann born Jan 7th 1857 & Helen Laura
 born Oct 6th 1858 children of Nathanael &
 Ellen Chadwick, Sponsors Parents.

John, born October 5th 1854, Robert and
 William (twins) born Jun 10th 1859 children
 of David & Ann Thabo Sponsors Parents, Mrs
 Audrey Douglass, Robert Salisbury, Eliza Salisbury.

Laura born May 13th 1848, Fannie Susan
 born Sep 30th 1850, Florence born Sep 24th 1856
 children of Benjamin & Elizabeth Elliott
 Sponsors Parents & Gray Chandler

William child of Malachi P & Catherine
 Massey born March 11th 1859. Sponsors Mother
 & Anna Bailey.

July 18th in Wilmington, privately, Allan
 Thomson, child of Alexander & Mary Ann
 White, born April 3rd 1855

1859 Baptism record, from St Andrew's Episcopal Church, of William Mason

1860 United States Federal Census for Malachia P Mason

Delaware > New Castle > Wilmington Ward 3

15	Ann	68	f				
16	Sarah Ann	24	f				
17	Rheuben White	76	m			20.00	
18	Malachia P Mason	41	m	Police Officer	200	200	0.00
19	Catharine	38	f				100.00
20	Ellen	12	f				0.00
21	Emma	10	f				0.00
22	Henry	8	m				0.00
23	Franklin	6	m				0.00
24	Delaware	4	m				0.00
25	William	1	m				0.00
26	John P Liller	49	m	Commander US Navy	9500	20000	
27	Elizabeth	45	f				
28	Edward P	17	m				
29	John P	14	m				
30							

1860 U.S. Census for Malachi Parke Mason (detail)

1864.

Dec 10 at Trinity Church yard, Wilmington, Elizabeth Ann
 wife of Samuel C. Mervin, aged 26 years.

1865.

January 20th in Wilmington Cemetery, by Rev Edward Hale,
 John Chaqter son of Thos H. & Fanny Crayth aged 3 years.

Feb 4th in id. by Bishop Lee, Thomas Woodward Red 24 "

" 10th " " Mrs Margaret Watson " 67 "

" 14th " " Catherine wife of Matwchi P. Hayden " 38 "

March 8th " " Major James C. Bailey of 5th Regt Det
 Volunteers wounded in battle I made prisoner War 28 yrs.

March 15th do do John Sewell of 2nd Regt Det Vol " 22 "

March 15th in St Ann's Church yard, Newcastle,
 Lorenz Poesman Red

March 28th in Wilmington Cemetery, in one yr age,
 George Whitfield, Mrs Ann Whitfield Mrs Mildred Whitfield
 who lost their lives in the Potomac river fire in Phila.

April 13, in do, Wajah wife of Saml B. Ryder of St Louis Missis

May 8, in Trinity Ch Yard Wilmington, Anna Barrard
 child of Benj & Emma H. Lee, aged 16 days.

June 29, in Wilm "Camp, John Philip Coleman aged 3 yrs

July 6, " " Ellen child of William
 & Eliza Rogers, Red 2 months

July 29, in Wilm "Camp, Samuel Bassler Red 30 yrs

Sept 15 " " James T. Fern " 73 "

" " in old Trin Church Hurvill child of Joshua &
 Mary Ann Bowers, Red 1 month.

Sept 22 in Wilm "Camp, Martha wife of Capt. Steadney
 Taylor U. S. Army, aged 26 years

Oct 23 in Wilm "Camp, to the W. W. Johnson, James Surran 73

Dec 23 in old Trinity Ch Yard, James Hitchie aged 63 years

" 29 in do George son of Mrs Mary Ann White " 3 years.

1866

Jan 18, in Wilmington Cemetery, John Shaw aged 72 years

March 8 " " Margaretta Porter " 73 "

" 15 " " Frank son of William H.
 Catherine Valentini, aged 5 years.

Feb 3, in Wilmington Cemetery, William Platten son
 of John P. & Ellen H. Hobb, aged 18 months.

July 22, Charles the son of Isaac W. & Sarah C.
 Harrison, aged 6 months.

Oct 4 in do " " " " " " " " " " " "

1865 Burial record, from St Andrew's Episcopal Church, of Catherine Cassidy Mason
 19 Feb 1865

1867

July 14, in Wilmington Cemetery, Sarah wife of
 Thomas Holt, and 60 years
 Aug. 1. In do David J. Irvine age 27 years.
 " 10 " Edward Submitt Lea " 16 years
 " 21 " David William Moring " 6 1/2 years.
 " 27 " Elmira S. Legg " 16 months
 October 23 " John T. Robinson " 53 years.
 " " in Trinity Church, Wilmington,
 James Patterson age 34 years
 " 26 in do Robert M. Mearns age 12 months
 October 24 in Wilmington Cemetery, Elizabeth J. wife of George J. Mearns 17 months
 Nov 11 " do Catherine wife of Sam Golden " 30 years
 Dec 13 " do Lewis Thatcher "

1868

March 7, in Wilmington Cemetery, Richard H. Bayard 7 yrs
 " 19 " Trinity Church, Wilmington
 Thomas Mearns, 16 months
 " 19 " in Wilmington Cemetery, John Cornwell 17 1/2 "
 " 22 " " Army Estelle
 child of Thomas & Army Johnson " 9 "
 h 24, in Wilm Cemetery, Lewis, Son of David
 & Mary Elizabeth Williams, aged 5 months
 " 9, in Wilm Cemetery, James Henry son of Rachel
 Bryan, aged five years.
 April 1, in do Thomas, son of Malachi P. Mason age 7 years
 April 17, in do same church, Rachel Griffith - 10 "
 June 6, in Laurel Hill Cemetery, District of Columbia,
 Harriet S. Vincent
 Aug 17 in Wilm Cemetery, Sarah Castles - 16 "
 Aug 19 in Trinity Church, Wilmington James Thomas
 son of William & Maria Powell aged 2 years
 Sept 5, in Wilm Cemetery, Isaac C. child of Isaac & S
 Ellen Dapley, aged 2 years.
 Oct 12, in Mt Salem Cem near Wilmington
 James Hudson, aged abt 50 years
 Sept 17 in Wilmington Cem, Clemon child of John
 P. Ellen H. Hales aged 20 months
 Oct 3 in Wilmington Cem, Mrs Maria Deane aged 7 years
 Oct 8 " " James P. Wilson M.D. " 56 "
 Nov 16 " " Hannah Hughes " 79 "

1868 Burial record, from St Andrew's Episcopal Church, of Thomas Mason
 01 Apr 1868, service performed by the Rev. George A. Latimer

Funerals.

December 2, 1868, in Trinity Church Yard, Wilmington,
 Julia White, wife of R. B. Alfred Lee, aged 57 years.
 Dec 18, 1868, in Wilmington Cem., Jane R. Huff, about 50 "

1869

Jan 28, in Wilmington Cem., Eliz. Watson Aldair aged 4 1/2 yrs.
 Feb 1 " " " Priscilla H. Daily " 65 "
 March 25 " " " Lewis Hawesley 20 months
 April 3 " " " Samuel Daily 10 7/5 yrs.
 May 13 " " " Thomas Hyde " 87 "
 May 28 " " " Slave child of
 James P. & F. Olivia Cauder " 2 months
 June 19 " " " David James son of
 David & Kate Drey, 10 3/4 months
 June 20, service at house for Mary McMurten abt 50 yrs
 July 15 in Wilmington Cem. Mary wife of Wm. C. (yrs) " 40 "
 July 6 in Trinity Church for, Wilmington, Samuel Heblen 17 3/4
 July 24 in Wilmington Cemetery Harriet Stillborn " 43 "
 July 27 in do James Jordan son of John and
 Martha Zeller aged 3 months
 Aug 6 in Green Hill Cem. near Wilmington, Fanny
 child of James & Martha Weber 10 2 months
 (Aug 13, in White Cem.) by Rev. G. A. Redles, Malachi P. Mason, 50
 " " " Jonathan Cross
 " 25 " " by A. Lee, Evan C. Stetsenburg
 son of Dan & Emma S. S. Leech aged 2 yrs 4 months
 Aug 26, by Rev. H. Williamson, at Wilmington Cem.)
 Williams Taylor son of Andrew & Phyllis Cross, 16 mos
 Sept 12 in White Cemetery, by B. Lee, Caroline child
 of Joseph & Mary Ann Miller, aged 13 years.
 Sept 16, in Wilmington Cem. Eliza Jane Graham aged 2 yrs.
 Sept 28, funeral service in St. Andrew's for Alvina Pussily
 Fichtel, aged 24 years, interred at Laurel Hill, Pa.
 Oct 29, in Wilmington Cem., Elizabeth B. wife of
 Deil Nebelitt aged 74 years.
 November 5, in do, Spencer D. Eves, aged 66 years.
 " 22 " " " Martha J. Robinson " 60 "
 " 26 " " " Bradcliffe Chadwick " 76 "
 " 28 service at house for Sophia Hall, aged
 about 70 years, interred at Newcastle.
 December 19, service at house for Elizabeth Grace, 70 yrs
 " 19 " " Frederick Hartmann 76 "

1869 Burial record, from St Andrew's Episcopal Church, of Malachi Parke Mason
 12 Aug 1869, service performed by the Rev. G.A. Redles

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The Rev. Charles E. McIlvaine resigned his position as Assistant Minister, July 1, 1867. During the fall and winter the Rector was assisted by the Rev. Charles H. Williamson. The Rev. George A. Latimer accepted an invitation to become Assistant Minister, having special charge of Calvary Chapel, in March last. The Chapel has so far prospered as to warrant the formation of a separate Parish, which was effected at Easter, and the Rev. Mr. Latimer elected Rector.

He has since resigned as Assistant of St. Andrew's, and the Rev. G. A. Redles has been invited to succeed him and enters upon his duties the present month. A considerable number of Communicants have been transferred from the Register of St. Andrew's to Calvary Church, and while the Rector cannot but feel the relinquishment of many who have been long a part of his immediate pastoral charge, he gratefully acknowledges the favoring hand of the great Shepherd of the flock in the success of this enterprise, and in the vigorous promise of growth and usefulness wherewith the new Parish starts upon its course.

ALFRED LEE.

CALVARY CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. George A. Latimer, Rector.

Having received and accepted a call as "Assistant Minister of St. Andrew's Church in charge of Calvary Chapel," I entered upon the duties thereof, on the 10th day of March, last past. On the 15th day of April, "Calvary" was duly organized as an independent Church and Parish, and on the 21st of April I was elected Rector thereof. Since that time, the Bishop has confirmed 8 persons; and I have baptized 1 Adult, 2 Infants, Total, 3; and have married 1 couple. My other acts are included in the Bishop's report, as Rector of "St. Andrew's."

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	47
Sunday School—Teachers, Male, 13; Female, 26; Total,							39
“ “ Scholars, Male, 186; Female, 261; Total,							447

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church in Camden, South Carolina,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 55 82
Mission House, West Philadelphia,	-	-	-	-	-	59 52
Bell and Belfry,	-	-	-	-	-	360 04
Offertory,	-	-	-	-	-	37 61

Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$512 99
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GEORGE A. LATIMER, Rector.

George Allen Latimer

A Brief (incomplete) History

For a family tree for George Allen Latimer, refer to:

[George Allen Latimer SR - Facts \(ancestry.com\)](#)

Born 01 Jan 1829

Was a student at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in 1836 and was a teacher there in 1849

A graduate of the Central High School of Philadelphia

1855 - 1859: Established a mission called the Boone Street Mission. Later called the Church of St John the Evangelist

1859- 1863: Rector of Grace Church of Cressona, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania

1863-1868: Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Pottstown, Pennsylvania

After 1866: Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1868: Assistant Minister of St. Andrew's Church in charge of Calvary Chapel

1868 – 1877: First Pastor of Calvary Church, Wilmington, Delaware

Before 1884 - after 1890: Founder of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia

Died 09 Mar 1905 in Philadelphia

See also: [WPACHurchArchives.pdf \(delaware.gov\)](#), entries 545 and 557

1870 United States Federal Census for James Hildreth

New York > New York > New York Ward 19 District 01

Page No. 2 } Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in The 1st Election District 19th Ward, in the County of New York, State of New York, enumerated by me on the 14th day of June, 1870.

Post Office: NY James Adams, Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11			14	15	16	17	18	19	
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12	13						19	20
		Hagan Mrs M	4	M	W				N.Y.		/	/							
		— Arthur	7	M	W				"			/							
		11 Ellis Robert	38	M	W	Reverber		500	"		/	/						/	
		— Catharine	36	F	W	Washing House			England		/	/							
		— George	13	M	W				N.Y.		/	/							
15		— Louis	18	M	W	"			"		/	/							
16		— Frederick	16	M	W	"			"		/	/							
17		— Catharine	13	F	W	"			"		/	/							
18	4	15 Douglas Bridget	42	F	W	Washing House		500	Ireland		/	/						/	
19		— Cecilia	27	F	W	Black in Irony K.			"		/	/							
20		— Kate	21	F	W	Attends Young Girls Sch.			N.Y.		/	/							
21		— Elizabeth	17	F	W				"		/	/							
22		16 Walker Thomas	27	M	W	Wh. Goods Dealer		400	Ireland		/	/							
23		— Ellen	24	F	W	Washing House			"		/	/							
24		— Ellen J	5	F	W				N.Y.		/	/							
25		— Annie	3	F	W				"		/	/							
26		— John	7	M	W				"		/	/							
27		Deunlois Ben	18	M	W	Clk for Butler Cook			"		/	/							
28		17 Hildreth James	44	M	W	Works with Carpenter		200	England		/	/						/	
29		— Ellen	24	F	W	Washing House			"		/	/							
30		— Anne	17	F	W				"		/	/							
31		— George	11	M	W				N.Y.		/	/							
32		— James	14	M	W				England		/	/							
33		18 Wincke Charles	21	M	W	St. Meat Store		600	Prussia		/	/						/	
34		— Annie	25	F	W	Washing House			N.Y.		/	/							
35		— Eva	4	F	W				"		/	/							
36		—									/	/							

1870 US Census for James Hildreth, showing the family living in New York City, with Ann Elizabeth age 17 years

1870 United States Federal Census

Delaware > New Castle > Wilmington Division 25

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in City Wilmington Sub-Division 25 in the County of New Castle, State of Delaware, enumerated by me on the 25th day of June, 1870.

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Post Office: Wilmington Delaware

Thos M. Pulbert, Asst. Marshal.

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11		13	14	15		18	19		20
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12			15	16		17	19	
		Laura	27	W	at Home				Delaware										
35		Mason Catharine	24	W	at Home	2000	500		Delaware										
36	798	Mason Wm	53	M	at Home	2000	500		Delaware										1
37		Rebecca	3	W	at Home				Delaware										
38		Ella	16	W	at Home				Delaware										
39		Bonnie Lewis	19	W	Apprentice				Delaware					1					
40		Richd. Philinna	19	W	Apprentice				Delaware										
1	799	Mason, Delaware	14	W	at Home				Delaware					1					1
2	796																		2
3	798	Benett James	24	W	at Home	2000	1000		Delaware										3
4		Elyahud	29	M	at Home				Pennsylvania										4
5		Sandi Laysa	12	W	at Home				Delaware					1					5
6	797	Mason Susan	20	W	at Home	2000	500		Pennsylvania										6
7		Oscar	22	M	at Work				Delaware					1					7
8		Esther	22	W	at Work				Delaware					1					8
9		Mary	19	W	at Home				Delaware					1					9
10	799																		10

1870 US Census for Washington Mason, pages 110 and 111 combined
(lines 35-40, p. 110; lines 1-9, p. 111)

- Note that (1) Franklin P. is not listed, however, Delaware is listed
- (2) Washington has two apprentices living with him,
- (3) Ester Mason, Washington's sister, is listed on line 35, and
- (4) Susan Mason (Isaac Mason's widow and Washington's sister-in-law) and her children are listed on lines 6-9.

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Frank P Mason

Delaware > Wilmington > 1875 > Wilmington, Delaware, City Directory, 1875

WILMINGTON CITY DIRECTORY.

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Marvel Wilson D., h Walnut bel 3d
 Marvin Alexander, lab., h 212 Maryland av
 Marvin Ebenezer, h 311 E Front
 Martin John W., carpenter, h 311 E Front
 Marvin Thomas, lab., h 311 E Front
 Mason Adulphes, lab., h 9th ward
 Mason Alex. H., carpenter, h McDowellville
 Mason Chas., lab., h Hooten, 9th ward
 Mason Dell, carpenter, h 620 W 9th
 Mason Eliza Ann, wid. Charles, h 910 Walnut
 Mason Elizabeth, wid., h Pinkett's court
 Mason **Frank P.**, carpenter, h 222 W 9th
 Mason George, lab., h 14 Mechanic
 Mason Henry P., cabinetmaker, h 630 W 9th
 Mason James, h cor 7th and Lombard
 Mason James, h 500 E 7th
 Mason John M., fireman, h 119 Jackson
 Mason Lewis, engineer, h 201 Lombard
 Mason Lewis H., puddler, h 201 Lombard
 Mason Lewis W., lab., h 213 W 8th
 Mason Oscar T., coach finisher, h 909 Orange
 Mason Park, sashmaker, h Palmer row, 9th ward
 Mason W. A., coachmaker, h 323 E 4th
MASON WASHINGTON, carpenter, Orange ab 10th, h 222 W 9th
MASONIC TEMPLE, Market ab 8th
 Masonic Tie, Royal Temple, 3d story 300 E 4th
 Mass Nicholas, lab., h 713 Robinson
 Masev Edwin E. Lovering av ab Scott

1875 Wilmington City Directory, showing Franklin P. (age 22) as a carpenter living with his uncle, Washington Mason, at 222 West 9th Street in Wilmington

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Frank P Mason

Delaware > Wilmington > 1878 > Wilmington, Delaware, City Directory, 1878

Marvin James, lab., h 1 Liberty
Marvin John W., carp., h 1 Liberty
Marvin Mary A., h 212 Maryland av
Marvin Thomas W., lab., h 1 Liberty
Mary Mary, wid. William, h 237 Adams
Mary Patrick, lab., h 216 Van Buren
Maser Charles A., barber, 2105 Market, h 53 E 21st
Mason Albert, coach maker, h 323 E 4th
Mason Alexander H., letter carrier, h 11th cor Scott
Mason Clifford, lab., h 729 W 9th
Mason Delaware, carpenter, 630 W 9th
Mason Eliza Ann, wid. Charles, h 910 Walnut
Mason Elizabeth, wid. Isaac, h Pinkett's court
Mason **Frank P.**, carpenter, h 222 W 9th
Mason George, lab., h 722 E 6th
Mason George W., puddler, h 3 Tindall's ct
Mason Henry, carpenter, h Front ab Union
Mason James, h 7th below Lombard
Mason John M., watchman, h 119 S Jackson
Mason John R., machinist, h Stroud, W Wil
Mason Lewis, engineer, h 201 Lombard
Mason Lewis H., lab., h 213 W 8th
Mason Park, lab., h 1800 Market
Mason Susan, wid. Isaac, h 729 W 9th
Mason **Washington**, builder, h 222 W 9th
Mason W. A., coachmaker, h 323 E 4th
Masonic Temple, Market ab 8th
Massey Henry C., lab., h 604 Windsor
Massey Jesse V., paper hanger, h 621 W 6th
Massey Joseph, lab., h 502 Poplar
MASSEY J. C., watchmaker, 404 King
Massey Sewel, lab., h Front cor Clayton
Massey William J., painter, h 26 Wilson
MASSEY WILLIAM T., flour, feed, hay, and fertilizers, 201 W

1878 Wilmington City Directory, showing Franklin P. as a carpenter living with his uncle, Washington Mason, at 222 West 9th Street in Wilmington

1880 United States Federal Census for Frank Mason

Delaware > New Castle > Wilmington > 012

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 Enumeration Dist. No. 12

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
 Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
 Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

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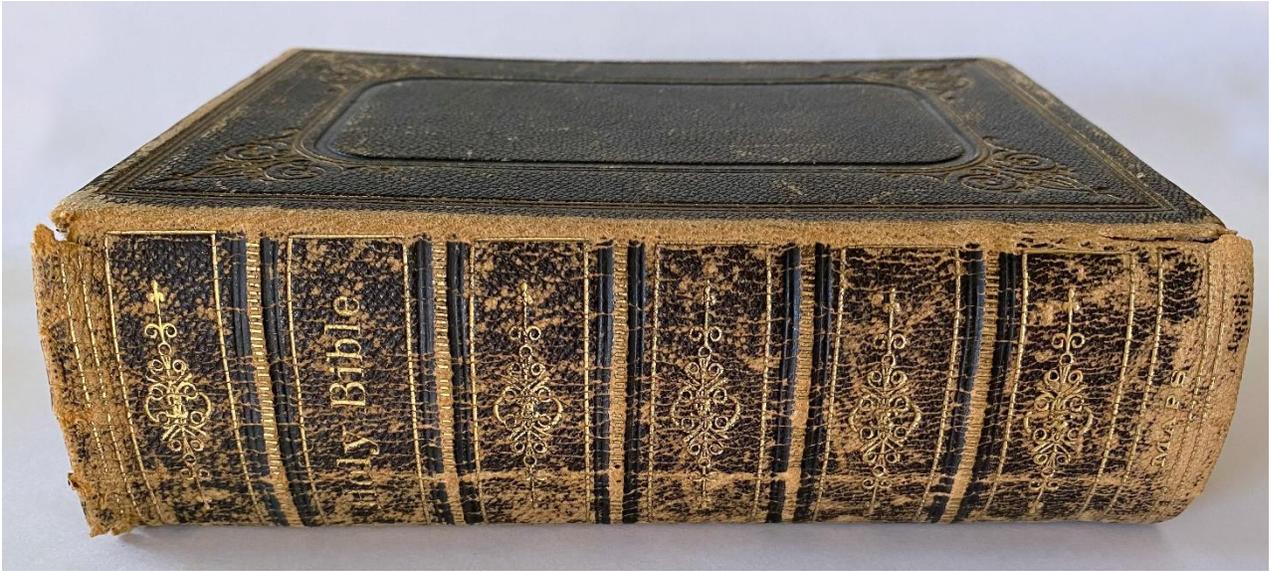
SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in the City of Wilmington, in the County of New Castle, State of Delaware enumerated by me on the Eighth day of June, 1880.

Henry J. Capper
 Enumerator

No. of Dwelling	No. of Inhabitants	Name of Dweller	Sex	Age	Color	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, name of Employer, or other	Married			Place of Birth of the person named in this column, naming the State or Territory, or County, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the person named in this column, naming the State or Territory, or County, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the person named in this column, naming the State or Territory, or County, if of foreign birth.		
							Married	Wife	Single					
24	36	324	Theresa Camille	W	F	42	wife	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			S. Baroda	W	M	22	son	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Lucyanna	W	F	21	daughter	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
229			Bonnie James	W	M	64		/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Sarah	W	F	20	wife	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
227	330		Smithers Thos	W	M	36		/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Bonnie	W	F	35	wife	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Thomas	W	M	8	son	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Corby John	W	M	12	servant	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
218	318	331	Beecher J. P.	W	M	46		/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Isabella	W	F	31	wife	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Emma M.	W	F	18	daughter	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Philomena	W	F	6	daughter	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Mabel	W	F	5	daughter	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Wright Lillie	B	F	18	servant	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
222	319	332	Mason Washington	W	M	63		/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Rebecca	W	F	63	wife	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Sarcedella	W	F	26	daughter	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Mariann	W	F	72	Highway Capital	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			James Edward	W	M	41	boarder	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Joseph	W	F	40	boarder	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Smelling Kawan	W	F	72	boarder	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			March Frank	W	M	26	carpenter	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Baker Frank	W	M	30	boarder	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Winton Walter	W	M	21	boarder	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Sarah	W	F	40	boarder	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Dougherty Kate	W	F	21	servant	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
220	319	333	Woodward Mary	W	F	72		/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Sarah R.	W	F	30	daughter	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Maria Archibald	W	M	73		/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Ethel Evans	W	F	65	wife	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
220	321	334	Simon Archibald	W	M	57		/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware
			Annie	W	F	53	wife	/				Delaware	Delaware	Delaware

West Ninth Street

1880 US Census for Washington Mason, at 222 West 9th Street in Wilmington, showing Franklin P., age 26 years, as a carpenter living with his uncle



Mr & Mrs Franklin P. Mason
 from their
 Affectionate Friends
 G. A. & M. C. H. Latimer
 June 21, 1882

Elijah's coming		MALACHI		and office.	
Before CHRIST about 307.	the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.	Elijah the prophet ^{is} before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:	Before CHRIST about 307.	1. Matt. 11. 14.	
Ex. 24. 3.	4 ¶ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.	6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.	2. Luke 9. 17.	2. Jos. 2. 11.	
Deut. 4. 10.	5 ¶ Behold, I will send you		3. Zech. 1. 12.	3. Zech. 1. 1.	
Ps. 147. 18.					
THE END OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.					
Franklin P. Mason. Born at Wilkell Sep 12th 1853. Died Sept. 7, 1928. Buried in Wilmington, Delaware.					
Annie E. Mason Born at Preschester Lo an co.					
Annie Enosmond. Born at Wilkell July 24th 1854. Died June 6-1923. Buried June 9-1923 in Wilkell.					
Helen Otley Mason daughter of Frank & Annie Mason Born at Wilmington Del July 2nd 1853 - 4-20 p.m. weight 8 1/2 lbs. Died Aug 21, 1956 - Buried in Maple Grove Cg 25					
Willard Cassidy Mason Son of Frank & Annie. Mason Born at Wilkell March 22nd 1885 Sunday morn 9.05 o'clock. Died March 11, 1933 Buried in Wilmington, Delaware.					
Miriam Jean Mason Born at Wilkell March 13th 1887 at 5-20 a.m. weight 9 lbs. Died Dec 5th 1897 at Brooklyn, N.Y., Del.					
Bertrude Hilobeth Mason Born at Wilkell July 26th 1889 at 3-15 p.m. weight 9 lbs.					

(off Frank & Annie Mason)

Mason Family Bible presented to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin P. Mason on their wedding day, 21 June 1882, by G.A. and M.C.H. Latimer
 top: the Bible; bottom left: the dedication; bottom right: birth and death dates recorded in the Bible

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Franklin P Mason

Delaware > Wilmington > 1883 > Wilmington, Delaware, City Directory, 1883

**TRY WARREN'S ENTIRE WHEAT PATENT FLOUR. J.J.
SMITH, FOURTH AND SHIPLEY STREETS.**

1896

WILMINGTON CITY DIRECTORY.

Mason **Franklin P.**, pattern maker P. & J. Co., h 811 w 8th
Mason George W., rougher, bds 201 Lombard
Mason Hamilton, laborer, h Lovering av ab Scott
Mason Henry P., carpenter H. & H. Co., h Hawley bet 2d and 3d
Mason Isaac, coachman Annie Murphy, bds 901 Delaware av
Mason James E., teamster Jas. Riddle, Son & Co., h Riddle's bank
Mason John, huckster, bds 910 Walnut
Mason John M., fireman Delaware Pulp Works, h 1011 Elm
Mason John R., machinist Walker & Elliot, h 218 w 5th
Mason Lewis, engineer Seidel, Hastings & Co., h 201 Lombard
Mason Mary, widow Oscar, h 921 Market
Mason Park, wood worker J. & S. Co., h Mousley's row
Mason Rebecca, widow Washington, h 222 w 9th
Mason Rebecca J., widow Albert, h 323 e 4th
Mason Sheridan, riveter P. & J. Co., h 323 e 4th
Mason Sidney B., widow Beverly, h 806 Market
Mason Susan, widow Isaac, h 819 Wollaston
Mason Thomas, laborer Jas. H. Beggs & Co., h Pinkett's court
Mason Wm., fireman P. W. & B. R. R., h 412 e 9th
Mason William H., brick maker J. H. Beggs & Co., h 910 Walnut
Mason William T., carpenter, h Lovering av n Lincoln
Masonic Mutual Benefit Association, Masonic Temple
Masser Adolph, laborer J. R. S. & Co., h Wawaset n Lincoln

1883 Wilmington City Directory, showing Franklin P. (and family) living at
811 West 8th Street in Wilmington

Note that it also shows Rebecca Mason, widow of Washington Mason, living at
222 West 9th Street, where Franklin P. lived before his marriage

Mason, Helen Otley

RETURN OF A BIRTH.

CITY OF WILMINGTON, DEL.

1. Full name of the Child, *Helen Otley Mason*
2. Sex, *female*
3. Color, *white*
4. Date of Birth, *July 2nd - 1883*
5. Place of Birth.—Street, *# 811 — West 8th St*
6. Father's Name, *Franklin Pierce Mason*
7. Father's Age, *30 years*
8. Occupation of Father, *Carpenter*
9. Father's Birthplace, *Wilmington* — *NC* — *Del*
CITY OR TOWN. COUNTY. STATE OR COUNTRY.
10. Mother's Name prior to marriage, *Ann E. Hildreth*
11. Mother's Age, *29 years*
12. Mother's Birthplace, *Denton* *Lancashire* *Eng* —
CITY OR TOWN. COUNTY. STATE OR COUNTRY.
13. Child's number in family, *one* — State if Still Born.
14. Number by this Mother, *one* —
15. Date of Certificate, *July 11th 1883*
16. Date of Registration, *July 12 - 83*
17. I hereby certify that the above is a true report of the birth at the time and place above stated.

A. H. Gruntor
Informant.

N. B.— At No. 1 give the full name of the child, and BE PARTICULAR TO GET MIDDLE NAMES IN FULL. At No. 3 state whether the child is white, black or mulatto. At No. 5 give the street, number and ward.
If the child was still-born, or has died since birth, state the facts at No. 13, WITH ANY OTHER FACTS OF INTEREST.
In the case of twins or triplets, a separate blank is to be filled for each child.

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U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Frank P Mason

Delaware > Wilmington > 1885 > Wilmington, Delaware, City Directory, 1885

912 Benerson

Martin William L., salesman Thompson, Fry & Co., h 715 Wollaston
Martin William S., laborer L. C. W. Co., h 912 w 6th
Marvel Aaron, millwright H. & H. Co., bds 908 w 2d
Marvel Ella, teacher Public School No. 2, h 123 w 11th
Marvel John A., emp. W. Bush & Co., h 501 e 4th
Marvel William F., butcher Evitt H. Wells & Bro., h 501 e 4th
Marvel Wilson D., clerk H. R. Bringhurst, h 123 w 11th
Marvin Ebenezer, h Liberty nr Maryland av
Marvin Thomas W. laborer H. & H. Co., h Liberty nr Maryland av
Maser Charles, grinder Riddle & Son, Wawaset av nr Lincoln
Maser Charles E., barber, 2120 Market, h do
Mask Edward T., trimmer, Wil. Mal. I. Co., h 503 e 10th
Mask Harry, messenger, P. W. & B. R. R., h 503 e 10th
Mask Rosa G., dressmaker, 503 e 10th, h do
Mask Thomas, trimmer Wil. Mal. I. Co., h 503 e 10th.
Mask William M., tel. operator P. W. & B. R. R., h 1013 Pine
Mason Alexander H., car builder P. W. & B. R. R., h Pennsylvania av cor Lincoln.
Mason Charles, laborer, Riddle & Son, h Lovering av nr Lincoln
Mason Clifford, clerk W. H Blackiston, h 833 Wollaston
Mason Delaware, carpenter, h 710 Maryland av
Mason Eliza A., widow Charles, h 910 Walnut
Mason Elizabeth, widow John, cigars and tobacco, 501 Orange, h do
Mason **Frank P.**, carpenter P. & J. Co., h 811 VanBuren
Mason George laborer Pulp Works, h 6th av nr Duncan
Mason George W., roller, h. 201 Lombard
Mason Isaac, coachman E. M. Duncan, h 616 French
Mason James E., coachman, h 5 Riddle's banks
Mason John, carrier P. O., h 910 Walnut.
Mason John M., laborer, McC. Iron Co., h 1011 Elm

1885 Wilmington City Directory, Showing Franklin P. (and family) living at
811 Van Buren Street in Wilmington

Mason, _____

RETURN OF A BIRTH.

CITY OF WILMINGTON, DEL.

1. Full name of the Child _____
2. Sex Male
3. Color White
4. Date of Birth March 22^d 1885-
5. Place of Birth,—Street 811. Dan Brown St
6. Father's Name Franklin P. Mason
7. Father's Age 32 years
8. Occupation of Father Pattern maker
CITY OR TOWN. COUNTY. STATE OR COUNTRY.
9. Father's Birthplace Delaware
10. Mother's Name prior to marriage Elizabeth Hildret
11. Mother's Age 31 years
CITY OR TOWN. COUNTY. STATE OR COUNTRY.
12. Mother's Birthplace England
13. Child's number in family 2^d State if Still Born _____
14. Number by this Mother 2
15. Date of this Certificate March 31
16. Date of Registration July 7-85-
17. I hereby certify that the above is a true report of the birth at the time and place above stated.

John P. Mason Informant.

N. B.—At No. 1 give the full name of the child, and BE PARTICULAR TO GET MIDDLE NAMES IN FULL. At No. 3, state whether the child is white, black or mulatto. At No. 5 give the street, number and ward.

If the child was still-born, or has died since birth, state the facts at No. 13, WITH ANY OTHER FACTS OF INTEREST.

In the case of twins or triplets, a separate blank is to be filled for each child.

Mason, Mary Jane

RETURN OF BIRTH,

CITY OF WILMINGTON, DEL.

1. Full name of the Child Mary Jane Mason
2. Sex Female
3. Color White
4. Date of Birth March 15th 1887
5. Place of Birth,—Street 811. San Bruno St
6. Father's Name Frank P. Mason
7. Father's Age 33 years
8. Occupation of Father Carpenter
9. Father's Birthplace Delaware
City or Town. County. State or Country.
10. Mother's Name prior to Marriage Ann E. Hildreth
11. Mother's Age 33 years
City or Town. County. State or Country.
12. Mother's Birthplace England
13. Child's number in Family 3 ~~State if Still Born~~
14. Number by this Mother 3
15. Date of this Certificate 3.20
16. Date of Registration
17. I hereby certify that the above is a true report of the birth at the time and place above stated.

John P. Hales Informant

N. B.—At No. 1 give the full name of the child, and BE PARTICULAR TO GET MIDDLE NAMES IN FULL. At No. 3, state whether the child is white, black or mulatto. At No. 5 give the street, number and ward.

If the child was still-born, or has died since birth, state the facts at No. 13, WITH ANY OTHER FACTS OF INTEREST.

twins or triplets, a separate blank is to be

Mason, _____

RETURN OF A BIRTH,

CITY OF WILMINGTON, DEL.

1. Full name of the Child _____ Mason
2. Sex _____ Female
3. Color _____ White
4. Date of Birth _____ July 26, 1889
5. Place of Birth,—Street _____ 1033 N. 7th St
6. Father's Name _____ Frank P. Mason
7. Father's Age _____ 38 years
8. Occupation of Father _____ Pattern maker
9. Father's Birthplace _____ Delaware
City or Town. County. State or Country.
10. Mother's Name prior to Marriage _____ Ann E. Hildreth
11. Mother's Age _____ 37 years
City or Town. County. State or Country.
12. Mother's Birthplace _____ England
13. Child's number in Family _____ 4 State if Still Born
14. Number by this Mother _____ 4
15. Date of this Certificate _____ 7 30
16. Date of Registration _____
17. I hereby certify that the above is a true report of the birth at the time and place above stated.

John P. Hales Informant

N. B.—At No. 1 give the full name of the child, and BE PARTICULAR TO GET MIDDLE NAMES IN FULL. At No. 3, state whether child is white, black or mulatto. At No. 5 give the

1889-07-26 Birth Certificate for Gertrude Hildreth Mason

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Franklin P Mason

Delaware > Wilmington > 1892 > Wilmington, Delaware, City Directory, 1892

15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, The Liverpool and London Merchant Tailors, 521 Mark
 14.00, \$15.00, \$16.00, W. H. LOCKYER, MANAGER.
 9, \$20.00.

- Mask William M, tel operator P W & B R R, h 1029 Poplar
- Mason Albert H, bricklayer, h 1922 Hutton
- Mason Alexander H, carldr P W & B R R, h 1901 Penna av
- Mason Alexander L, waiter, h 219 w 11th
- Mason Bessie, saleswoman Crosby & Hill, h 739 s Harrison
- Mason Charles H, lab P W & B R R, h 739 s Harrison
- Mason Charles H, lab, h 1025 Orange
- Mason Charles H jr, lab P W & B freight depot, h 730 s Harri-
son
- Mason Charles W, lab J B & Co, h 910 Walnut
- Mason Charles W, coachman, h 1317 Wilson
- Mason Clifford, butcher, h 100 w 8th
- Mason C E, agt P Ins Co, h 2225 Tatnall
- Mason Daniel, driver, h Railroad av bel Lombard
- Mason Delaware, joiner H & H Co, h 810 Maryland av
- Mason Edward, boilermkr P W & B R R, h 715 Bennett
- Mason Eliza A, wid Charles, h 910 Walnut
- Mason Elizabeth, h n w cor 5th and Orange
- Mason Elizabeth, wid Isaac, h 802 French
- Mason Frank H, sashmkr, h 1922 Hutton
- Mason Franklin P, carpenter, h 1033 w 7th
- Mason Henry P, h 414 Shearman
- Mason Henry P, carpenter, h 219 Hawley
- Mason James E, coachman W M Fields, Kentmere
- Mason James H (Rev), h 120 Townsend
- Mason John, carrier P O, h 910 Walnut
- Mason John F, draughtsman P W & B R R, h 703 French
- Mason Joseph M, machinist H & H Co, h 2 e 15th
- Mason Lena, clerk Wm Lawton, h 501 Jefferson
- Mason Lewis, emp S & H Co, h 413 e 8th
- Mason Lillian M, dressmkr, h 1901 Penna av
- Mason Parke, h 1922 Hutton
- Mason Mary B, wid Oscar T, h n w cor 5th and Jefferson
- Mason Robert J, chipper H & H Co, h 414 Shearman
- Mason Samuel, driver D S I Co, h 107 Lombard

ERRY BUCHER, PHOTOGRAPHER, 720 M

1892 Wilmington City Directory, showing Franklin P. (and family) living at 1033 West 7th Street in Wilmington

URSULINE ACADEMY, Delaware Ave. & Harrison St.

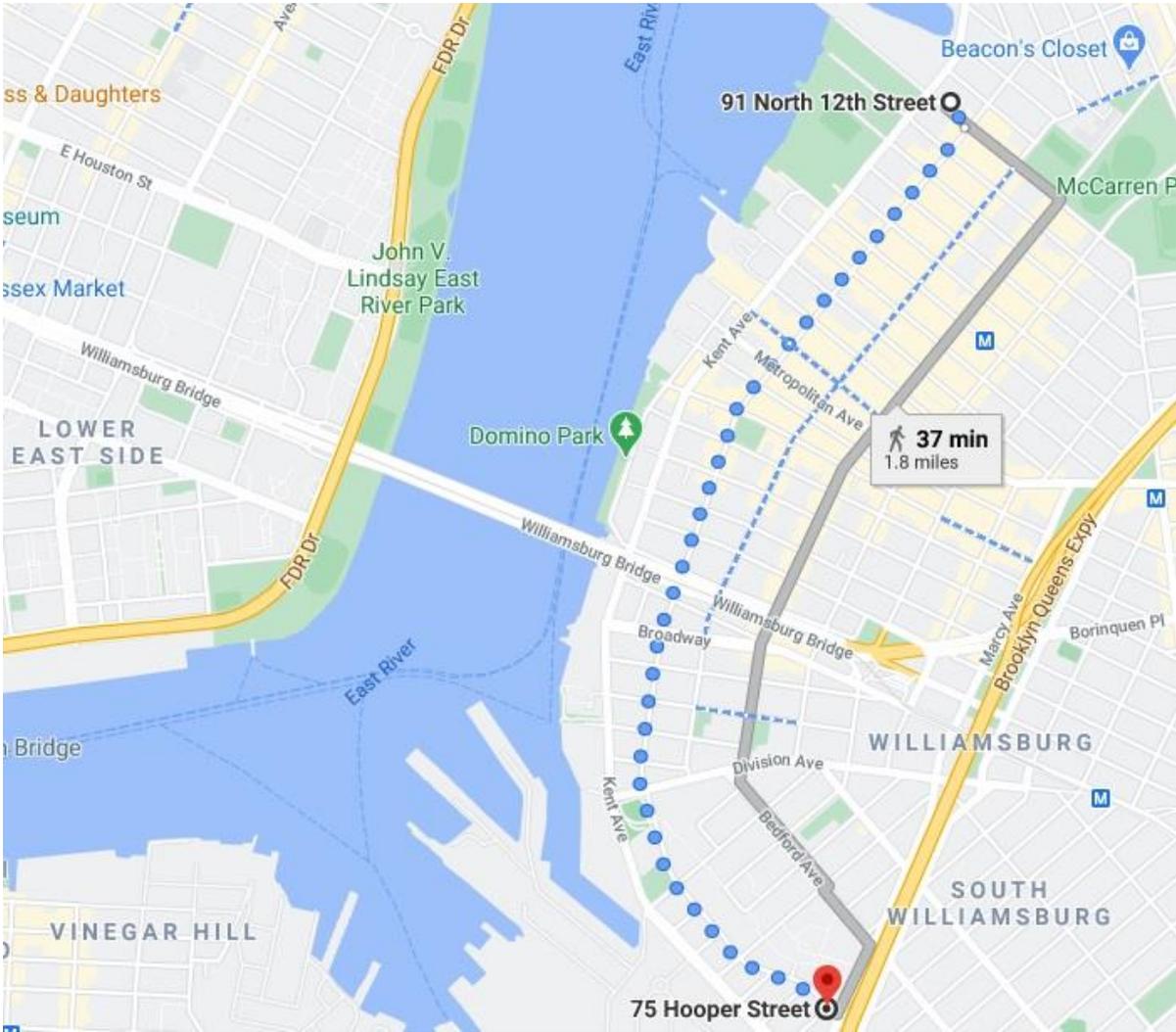
Terms for Board and Tuition, \$200 per Annum. Music, Piano, \$64 per Annum. Terms for Day Pupils according to Grade.

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Mason Charles, lab, h 418 e 11th
 Mason Charles H, conductor W C P R Co, h 739 s Harrison
 Mason Charles H, jr, conductor W C P R Co, h 730 s Harrison
 Mason Charles W, lab, h 1317 Wilson
 Mason Clifford, butcher, h 1609 Howland
 Mason Delaware, joiner, h 810 Maryland av
 Mason Edward, boilermkr, h 715 Bennett
 Mason Elizabeth, wid Isaac, h 802 French
 Mason Elizabeth, boarding, 419 e 4th, h do
 Mason Frank H, sashmkr J & S Co, h 2321 Tatnall
 Mason Franklin P, carpenter P & J Co, h 1033 w 7th
 Mason Henry P, h 814 Wright
 Mason James E, coachman W M Field, h Kentmere
 Mason James H, emp J B & Sons Co, h Kentmere
 Mason John, lab D S R M, h 423 e Front
 Mason John, carrier P O, h 418 e 11th
 Mason John F, patternmkr, h 703 French
 Mason John J, brakeman P R R, h 103 Monroe
 Mason John T, carpenter H & H Co, h 110 s Van Buren
 Mason Lewis, engineer S & H Co, h 413 e 8th
 Mason Lillian M, dressmkr, 1201 Lincoln, h do
 Mason Mary, wid Oscar T, h 1603 Howland
 Mason Parke, h 1922 Hutton
 Mason Rebecca J, boarding, 522 e 4th, h do
 Mason Robert J, car inspector P W & B R R, h 601 Adams
 Mason Roderick, lab, h 1235 Wilson
 Mason Sheridan P, boilermkr P W & B R R, h 522 e 4th
 Mason Sydney B, wid Beverly, h 806 Market
 Mason Thomas J (Rev), h 1303 w 5th
 Mason Waite, lab, h e 12th nr Heald
 Mason William, engineer P W & B R R, h 703 Pine
 Mason William P, painter, h 814 Wright
 Mason William T, clerk, h 110 s Van Buren
 Masonic Hall Co, 816 Market

1894 Wilmington City Directory, showing Franklin P. (and family) still living at 1033 West 7th Street in Wilmington

Note that this is the last time the Mason family is documented in Wilmington. The family moved to Brooklyn in 1895.



1895 75 Hooper Street, Brooklyn, New York, showing the relationship between the Mason home and the Hildreth Varnish Company at 91 North 12th Street

Miriam Jean Mason
was born at Wilmington
Del (811 Pemberton St) ^{a.m.}
on March 13th 1887 at 5-20
she moved to Brooklyn N.Y.
with her parents in Nov 1895
on Sat eve Nov 27th 1897
she complained of a slight
cough it seemed to be but
a slight hoarseness until
Thursday morning when it
gave evidence of being croupy
but not of a nature to give
alarm the Dr was called
in on Friday the 3rd and
every effort made to avert
the disease but she passed
away on Sunday morning
Dec 5th at 8-30 just
as the sun burst forth
from the clouds her spirit

took its flight
she bade us all an affectionate
fare well and prayed if
it was Gods will she
might be spared to us
Her Testimony was
I Have asked God to for-
give my sins for Jesus
sake & I am going home
I am resigned

On Tuesday morning we
laid her away in the
Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery
on a slope in the valley over-
looking that historic stream
she rest in the hope of
a glorious resurrection
she was of a warm ardent
affectionate nature and
had made happiness &
sunshine in our home for
nearly 11 years

1897 Account, by her father, of the events surrounding the death Miriam Jean Mason

Name:	Miriam Jean Mason
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Marital status:	Single
Age:	10
Birth Date:	abt 1887
Birth Place:	Wilmington, Delaware
Death Date:	5 Dec 1897
Death Street Address:	75 Hooper St
Death Place:	New York City, Brooklyn, New York, USA
Death City Ward:	19
Cause of Death:	Croup (Primary)
Burial Date:	6 Dec 1897
Burial Place:	Wilmington Delaware Cemetery
Father's Birth Place:	Delaware
Mother's Birth Place:	England
Certificate Number:	19294

1897 Abstract of the death notice for the death of Miriam Jean Mason

1900 United States Federal Census for Franklin P Mason

New York > Kings > Brooklyn Ward 23 > District 0391

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TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

B

State New York Supervisor's District No. 2 Sheet No. 4
 County Kings Enumeration District No. 391
 Township or other division of county City of New York Name of Institution _____
 Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division City of New York Word of city, 23rd
 Enumerated by me on the 4th day of June, 1900. J. G. Mason Enumerator.

LOCUSITY	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	NATIVITY			CITIZENSHIP	INDUSTRY OR TRADE IN PRESENT	EDUCATION	PROPERTY
				Place of Birth	Year of Birth	Year of Arrival in this country				
329 27	Franklin P Mason	Head	40 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1860		U.S. born			
	Elizabeth Mason	Wife	38 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1862		U.S. born			
	William Mason	Son	10 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1890		U.S. born			
	Elizabeth Mason	Daughter	8 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1892		U.S. born			
	John Mason	Son	6 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1894		U.S. born			
	William Mason	Son	4 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1896		U.S. born			
	Elizabeth Mason	Daughter	2 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1898		U.S. born			
	John Mason	Son	1 yr, single, white, native born	New York	1899		U.S. born			
	Elizabeth Mason	Daughter	6 mos, single, white, native born	New York	1900		U.S. born			

1900 U.S. Census, showing the Mason family living at 329 Quincy Street in Brooklyn

329 30	98	Franklin P Mason	Head	40 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1860		U.S. born	
		Elizabeth Mason	Wife	38 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1862		U.S. born	
		William Mason	Son	10 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1890		U.S. born	
		Elizabeth Mason	Daughter	8 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1892		U.S. born	
		John Mason	Son	6 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1894		U.S. born	
		William Mason	Son	4 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1896		U.S. born	
		Elizabeth Mason	Daughter	2 yrs, single, white, native born	New York	1898		U.S. born	
		John Mason	Son	1 yr, single, white, native born	New York	1899		U.S. born	
		Elizabeth Mason	Daughter	6 mos, single, white, native born	New York	1900		U.S. born	

1900 U.S. Census, detail for the Mason Family

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Franklin P Mason

New York > Brooklyn > 1901 > Brooklyn, New York, City Directory, 1901

Chas. bookbpr, h 18 Mont
 " Chas. brasswkr. h 132 Laf
 " Chas. carp'r, h 1149 Bed'ord av
 " Chas. pilot, h 201 Graham
 " Chas. porter, h 17 Meserole
 " Chas. salesman, h 266 Palmetto
 " Chas. C. police, h 390 Sackett
 " Chas. E. police, h 490 Gates av
 " Chas. F. tel. oper, h 132 Sch't'dy av
 " Chas. H. notions, h 77 Middleton
 " Chas. H. truckman, h 289 Pacific
 " Chas. J. engineer, h 174 Stuy't av
 " Chas. J. (Rev.) h 270 Hicks
 " Chas. M. lawyer, h 1268 Fulton
 " Chas. S. trunks, 468 Fulton, h Jersey
 City N. J.
 " Chas. W. h 230 Livingston
 " Chas. W. jr, windowdresser, h 230
 Livingston
 " Charlotte E. music teacher, h 421
 Greene av
 " C. E. h 490 Gates av
 " Edw'd G. police, h 31 Linden
 " Edwin, clk, h 2266 Pacific
 " Edwin C. salesman, h 157 Heyward
 " Edwin V. designer, 151 Greene N. Y.
 h 1386 Dean
 " Eliza, wid. Peter, h 153 Lex av
 " Elliott, manager, h 432 Greene av
 " Emily, wid. h 147 57th
 " Emma, wid. Jos. h 561A Baltic
 " E. T. dentist, h Decatur & B'way
 " Francis Edgar (Rev.) h 424 Greene av
 " Frank, clk, h 413 T'kins av
 " Frank, machinist, h 621 Knick'r av
 " Frank, shoemkr, h 420 6th av
 " Frank C. cloth sponger, h 2529 Pitkin
 av
 " Frank C. supt, Municipal bldg, h 263
 Cumberland
 " Frank D. bookbinder, h 141 Park av
 " Frank N. salesman, h 230 Livingston
 " Franklin P. carp'r, h 329 Quincy
 " Fred, lab. Dahlgren pl n 92d
 " Fred'k, billiards, 626 B'way, h 67
 Whipple
 " Fred'k, clk, 32-34 Grand
 " Fred'k W. bookkpr, h 119 Vand't av
 " F. furniture, h 41 T'kins av
 " F. Howard, salesman, h 424 Greene av
 " Geo. bookkpr, h 537 Bainbridge
 " Geo. carp'r, h 1374 B'wick av
 " Geo. clk, h 613 Vand't av
 " Geo. lab. h 150 Adams
 " Geo. supt, h 492 2d
 " Geo. B. tel. h 2266 Pacific
 " Geo. E. manager, 31 Cortland N. Y.
 h 393 Macon

land
 " Hugh, electrician, h 147 Dupont
 " Isaac, furniture, 117 Myrtle av, h 860
 Pres't
 " Isaac, pres't, h 860 Pres't
 " Isaac D. realestate, h 1043 Halsey
 " Jabez F. umbrellas, 507 DeKalb av, h
 84 Hart
 " Jacob, supt, ft Hewes, h 35 Spencer
 " Jas. engineer, h 145 Dupont
 " Jas. plasterer, h 354 20th
 " Jas. H. electrician, h 591 Bainbridge
 " Jas. R. mechanic, h 72 Hall
 " Jas. R. sec. & treas'r, 536 Fulton, h
 Derby, Conn.
 " Jas. W. agt, h 291 Carlton av
 " John, bookbinder, h 141 Park av
 " John, bookkpr, h 239 53d
 " John, clk, h 353 Court
 " John, goldbeater, h 743 58th
 " John, lab. h 511 Myrtle av
 " John, lab. 237 26th
 " John (Rev.) h 47 Oakland
 " John, waiter, h 1197 Rogers av
 " John jr, mason, h 15 Kossuth pl
 " John B. caulker, h 71 4th pl
 " John D. lawyer, 21 William N. Y. h
 30 Garden pl
 " John E. bricklayer, h 315 Kingsland
 av
 " John F. paper, h 833 Pres't
 " John J. confectioner, h 97 Oakland
 " John J. shipwright, h 1868 Dean
 " John T. mechanic, h 72 Hall
 " John W. broker, Duane N. Y. h 138
 Hicks
 " John W. coal, 34 Columbia hqts, h 138
 Hicks
 " Jos. agt, h 72 Hall
 " Jos. grocer, 7th av c 39th
 " Jos. shoemkr, h 203 Marcy av
 " Jos. shoes, h 362 S 4th
 " Jos. A. h 490 Madison
 " Jos. B. engineer, h 43 Hicks
 " J. h 222 Bleecker
 " Kate, wid. Chas. h 1942 Fulton
 " Kate, wid. Chas. h 220 Suydam
 " Kate, wid. Rich'd, h 1000 Putnam av
 " Lawrence D. physician, h 171 Jorale-
 mon
 " Lewis G. (Rev.) h 358 S 3d
 " Leonard, clk, h 272 11th
 " Louis B. blacksmith, h 360 Nostrand
 " Lovinia, wid. Chas. h 398 S 3d
 " Marg't, wid. Jas. h 135 N 6th
 " Mary, wid. John, h r 132 N 5th
 " Mary A. teacher, h 421 Greene av

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Marvin John D salesman h 78 Putnam av	Mason Chas W h 226 Lincoln rd
" Oliver W broker 20 Exchange pl Mhtn h 458 Macon	" Charlotte E music teacher h 421 Greene av
" Peter J silversmith h 53 E 32d	" Chauncey H upholsterer h 867 Glenmore av
" Richd lawyer h 600 Marcy av	" David L bookkpr h 6018 4th av
" Robt B teacher h 826 Marcy av	" Edgar H broker h 99 Prospect pk W
" Walter bldr 9 Fulton	" Edwd h 48 Windsor pl
" Wm E h 124 S Elliott pl	" Edwd G police h 31 Linden
" Wm E salesman h 1214 40th	" Edwin C salesman h 2d av c 72d
Marwede John h 355 7th av	" Edwin V designer h 1386 Dean
" Rudolph liquors 700 Evergreen av	" Elizabeth A wid Albert h 47 Remsen
Marx Alex produce h 78 Stockholm	" Elliott manager 12 Warren Mhtn h 432 Greene av
" Carrie wid Fredk h 301 Degraw	" Emily O wid Oliver h 253 57th
" Conrad Ivory h 1244 Bwick av	" Ernest broker 85 Wall Mhtn h 47 Brevoort pl
" Davis cigars 1061 Myrtle av	" Ernest hotel Voorhies av c Shore rd
" Emil barber 924 Bedford av	" Fannie wid Richd h 106 Arlington av
" Emil meat 170 Stuyt av	" Frank tailor h 946 Belmont av
" Ernest coml trav h 139 6th av	" Frank tel oper h 354 Madison
" Francis X bookkpr h 1345 Bwick av	" Frank A h 253 6th av
" Gertrude wid Geo h 1072 Lorimer	" Frank A frescoer h 176 Nostrand av
" Hy restaurant 148 Sackett	" Frank C supt 16 Smith h 263 Cumberland
" Isaac meat 224 Fulton h 1330 45th	" Frank J monuments 367 Fulton
" Jacob tailor 219 DeKalb av	" Frank N salesman h 226 Lincoln rd
" John baker 1012 Fbush av h 35 Lorimer	" Frank P varnish h 412 Putnam av
" Leo cashier h 1330 45th	" Fredk T salesman h 650 41st
" Leopold bookbinder h 51 Russell	" Fredk W clk h 119 Vandbt av
" Margt wid Fredk h 263 Hicks	" Geo ins h 1050 Hancock
" Max meats 221 5th av	" Geo ins h 492 2d
" Melville h 1330 45th	" Geo B oper h 2266 Pacific
" Morris meat 221 5th av	" Geo E musical insts 28 E 22d Mhtn h 398 Macon
" Nicholas produce h 117 Stanhope	" Geo O cloth h 867 Glenmore av
" Peter delicatessen 465 Hamburg av	" Geo W fitter h 448 Waverly av
" Philip meats 314 Franklin av h 1059 Bedford av	" Geo W supt 253 Bway Mhtn h 61 Monroe
" Rose grocer 38 Floyd	" Harley J collector h 2266 Pacific
" Saml tailor h 357 59th	" Harriet L notary 52 William Mhtn h 1000 Laf av
" Wm clk h 338 Degraw	" Hy cigars 110 Myrtle av h 157 Duffield
" Wm H coal 96 Scholes	" Hy cigars 47 Wilby h 250 Jay
" & Rawolle glycerine 9 Van Brunt & 100 William Mhtn	" Hy horses h 272 Van Sickien
Mary Powell Steamboat Co 4 Court	" Hy salesman h 436 15th
Maryland Casualty Co 143 Montague & 76 William Mhtn	" Hy G printer h 436 15th
Marz Chas delicatessen 182 Centl av	" Hy J h 659 Putnam av
" Fredk machinist h 168 Chauncey	" Hobart elec eng h 432 Greene av
" Geo grocer 262 Franklin	" H Scudder physician 176 Nostrand av
" John delicatessen 1202 39th	" Ida wid Chas h 378 Bergen
Marzano Anthony barber 1110 8th av	" Isaac furniture 115 Myrtle av & 563 Fulton h 860 Prest
Marzio Jos liquors 2978 Atlantic av	" Jabez F umbrellas 507 DeKalb av h 88 Hart
Marzullo Celestine candy 390 Met av	" Jacob ice h 35 Spencer
" Luciano watchmkr h 121 Navy	" Jas plasterer h 354 20th
Marzy Adolph soap mfr h 46 Floyd	" Jas H ins 16 Court h 191 Congress
Masch Wolf clothing 590 Myrtle av	" John (Rev) h 47 Oakland
Mascher Chas H h 101 15th	" John D lawyer 22 William Mhtn h 30 Garden pl
Maschman Louis tanner h 964 Madison	" John F coffee h 833 Prest
Maschmeyer Chas cigars 14 Bwick av	" John J candy 124 Norman av
Mascolo Pellegrino music teacher h 223 N 8th	" John J mfr h 25 Clermont av
" Ricardo liquors 16 Havemeyer	" John T agt h 83 Wall
Mascord Edwd W mer Produce Ex Mhtn h 69 Montague	" John W clk h 1000 Laf av
Masel S h 246 Stanhope	" Jos engineer h 1048 Hancock
Maseras Jose planter h 611 3d	" Jos horseshoer h 1074 DeKalb av
Mashin Danl realstate 1428 Fbush av h 2628 Farragut rd	" Jos B engineer h 43 Hicks
Maske Albert architect h 16 Palmetto	" Jos G manager 228 5th av Mhtn h 236 McDonough
" Wm bldr h 16 Palmetto	" Kate wid Jas h 36 Reid av
Maslin Jos electrotyper h 135 Wilson	" Kate wid Richd h 800 Halsey
Mason Adelaide wid Chas h 75 Fort Greene pl	" Lewis D physician 171 Joralemon
" Albert painter h 229 Schermerhorn	
" Albert D clk h 217 Schermerhorn	
" Alex clk h 1055 Hancock	

1904 Brooklyn City Directory, showing Franklin P. at 412 Putnam Avenue

New York, U.S., State Census, 1905 for Franklin P Mason

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Enumeration of the Inhabitants living in 13 Election District, Block 6

17 Assembly District, Borough of BROOKLYN, County of KINGS, State of NEW YORK, on June 1, 1905.

Name of Institution _____, Enumerator F. C. [Signature]

RESIDENCE	NAME	RELATION	COLOR, SEX AND AGE			NATIVITY	CITIZENSHIP		OCCUPATION		FOR INSTANCES OF INSTITUTIONS ONLY
			Male	Female	Age		Number of Years in U.S.	Years in U.S.	Trade or Profession	Class	
Street	House number	Relationship of each person to the head of the family	Color or race	Sex	Age	If born in this country, write the name of the country.	Number of Years in U.S.	Years in U.S.	Occupation	Class	If an inmate of an institution, enter the residence, thorough, city or town, and county given when admitted.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
✓ 410	Barney Elizabeth J	Head	W	M	60	United States			House Work	X	
✓ 410	William J	Low	W	M	35	United States			Buyer Books Salaman	W	
✓ 410	Eva B	Daughter	W	F	38	United States			House Work	X	
✓ 410	Martina J	Neice	W	F	44	United States			Stenographer	W	
✓ 410	Edward W	Nephew	W	M	40	United States			Clerk	W	
✓ 412	Mason Franklin P	Head	W	M	52	United States			Carpenter	W	
✓ 412	Anna E	Wife	W	F	53	England	37		House Work	X	
✓ 412	Helen C	Daughter	W	F	21	United States			House Work	X	
✓ 412	Richard L	Son	W	M	20	United States			Bank Clerk	W	
✓ 412	Estelle H	Daughter	W	F	12	United States			School	X	
✓ 412	Hildreth Ellen	Daughter	W	F	25	England	27		House Work	X	
✓ 412	James	Daughter	W	M	49	England	37		Physician	W	
✓ 412	Norman William	Son	W	M	77	Ireland	40		Retired	X	
✓ 412	Robert William	Son	W	M	35	United States			House Work	X	
✓ 412	Constance	Daughter	W	F	17	United States			House Work	X	
✓ 414	Josephine	Cousin	W	F	22	United States			Secretary	W	
✓ 414	Alphacaster	Servant	W	F	19	United States			Servant	X	
✓ 416	Irving William	Head	W	M	39	United States			Business	Eng	
✓ 416	Mary	Wife	W	F	39	United States			House Work	X	
✓ 416	Houlym Mary	Servant	W	F	24	Ireland	6		Servant	W	
✓ 418	Barbara	Head	W	M	70	United States			Physician	W	
✓ 418	Ida	Wife	W	F	20	United States			House Work	X	
✓ 418	Ellen B	Daughter	W	F	20	United States			Office Clerk	W	
✓ 418	Smith Julia A	Daughter	W	F	16	United States			House Work	X	
✓ 418	Bullard Ellen	Son	W	M	30	United States			House Work	X	
✓ 418	Steel Elizabeth	Son	W	M	30	United States			Public Salaman	W	

1905 New York State Census, showing the Mason family was joined by Ellen Hildreth and James Hildreth, Jr., still at 412 Putnam Avenue

1910 United States Federal Census for Franklin P Mason
New York > Kings > Brooklyn Ward 28 > District 0516

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THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 POPULATION

SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 2 SHEET NO. 11 A
ENUMERATOR DISTRICT NO. 2371 WARD OF CITY 28 DISTRICT 0516 ENUMERATOR William C. [Signature]

LOCATION	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION			NATIVITY			OCCUPATION		EDUCATION		SEXED IN 1910
			Age	Sex	Color	Place of Birth of this Person	Place of Birth of father	Place of Birth of mother	Trade or Profession	Industry	Years of Schooling	Years of Reading	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
✓ 139 238	Mason Franklin P	Head	W	M	52	New York	New York	New York	Carpenter		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Anna E	Wife	W	F	53	England	England	England	House Work		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Helen C	Daughter	W	F	21	United States	United States	United States	House Work		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Richard L	Son	W	M	20	United States	United States	United States	Bank Clerk		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Estelle H	Daughter	W	F	12	United States	United States	United States	School		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Hildreth Ellen	Daughter	W	F	25	England	England	England	House Work		10	10	
✓ 139 238	James	Daughter	W	M	49	England	England	England	Physician		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Norman William	Son	W	M	77	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	Retired		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Robert William	Son	W	M	35	United States	United States	United States	House Work		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Constance	Daughter	W	F	17	United States	United States	United States	House Work		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Josephine	Cousin	W	F	22	United States	United States	United States	Secretary		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Alphacaster	Servant	W	F	19	United States	United States	United States	Servant		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Irving William	Head	W	M	39	United States	United States	United States	Business		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Mary	Wife	W	F	39	United States	United States	United States	House Work		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Houlym Mary	Servant	W	F	24	Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	Servant		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Barbara	Head	W	M	70	United States	United States	United States	Physician		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Ida	Wife	W	F	20	United States	United States	United States	House Work		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Ellen B	Daughter	W	F	20	United States	United States	United States	Office Clerk		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Smith Julia A	Daughter	W	F	16	United States	United States	United States	House Work		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Bullard Ellen	Son	W	M	30	United States	United States	United States	House Work		10	10	
✓ 139 238	Steel Elizabeth	Son	W	M	30	United States	United States	United States	Public Salaman		10	10	

1910 US Census, showing the Mason family at 139 Chauncy Street, still joined by Ellen Hildreth and in addition by Helen Mason Knappmann, her husband George Knappmann, and their daughter, Helen

New York, U.S., State Census, 1915 for Franklin Mason

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 Enumeration of the Inhabitants of Block No. 3, Election District No. 18, Ward No. X, City or Village New York
 Town Brooklyn, Assembly District No. 22, County Kings, State of New York, June 1, 1915.
 Name of Institution X Enumerator Arthur Smith

PERMANENT RESIDENCE		NAME of each person whose usual place of abode on June 1, 1915, was in this family. <small>Note: persons dead, that the given name and middle initial, if any. Indicate every person born on June 1, 1915. List address here next June 1, 1915.</small>	RELATION Relationship of each person to the head of the family.	COLOR, SEX AND AGE			NATIVITY If born in this country, write United States; if of foreign birth, write name of the country.	CITIZENSHIP		OCCUPATION Trade or profession, or kind of work done by, each person enumerated.	FOOT MEASUREMENT OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE
Street	House No.			Male	Female	Age		By Birth	By Naturalization		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Chauncey St	700	Kern Anna	Head	W	F	49	N. S.	49	Cit	Housework	X
"	"	" Harry B.	Bro	W	M	29	U.S.	29	Cit	Bookkeeper	N
"	"	" Henry	Brother	W	M	60	U.S.	60	Cit	Mfr of Cigars	Conf
"	702	Murray Wallace N.	Head	W	M	58	U.S.	58	Cit	Duck Fish Market	N
"	"	" Emma	Wife	W	F	57	U.S.	57	Cit	Housework	X
"	704	Scherpich Eugenia	Head	W	F	52	Germany	46	Cit	No occupation	X
"	"	" Eva	Wife	W	F	46	N. S.	46	Cit	Housework	X
"	"	" E. Arthur	Bro	W	M	20	U.S.	20	Cit	School	X
"	"	" Eva Eda	Daughter	W	F	10	U.S.	10	Cit	School	X
"	704	Schneider Albert	Head	W	M	42	Germany	35	Cit	Electrician	N
"	"	" Johanna	Wife	W	F	41	N. S.	41	Cit	Housework	X
"	"	" Beck John	Bro-in-law	W	M	51	U.S.	31	Cit	Pattern Cutter	N
"	718	Smith David S.	Head	W	M	72	Ireland	60	Cit	Boatbuilder	N
"	"	" Harry W.	Bro	W	M	59	N. S.	29	Cit	Shipping Clerk	N
"	"	" Arch. T.	Bro	W	M	37	N. S.	37	Cit	Palisman	N
"	"	Biden Johann	Bro-in-law	W	M	60	U.S.	60	Cit	Boat Maker	N
"	718	Kohlend Jacob	Head	W	M	50	Germany	59	Cit	Book Messenger	N
"	"	" Dorothy	Wife	W	F	50	Germany	59	Cit	Housework	X
"	716	Schauman H. Wm	Head	W	M	57	N. S.	57	Cit	Photographer	N
"	"	" May	Wife	W	F	33	U.S.	25	Cit	Housework	X
"	"	" Gladys	Daughter	W	F	8	U.S.	8	Cit	School	X
"	"	" Wm. J.	Bro	W	M	5	U.S.	5	Cit	No occupation	X
"	716	Mundland Chas.	Head	W	M	39	Germany	28	Cit	Teacher	N
"	"	" Florence	Wife	W	F	31	U.S.	31	Cit	Housework	X
"	"	" Chas. W.	Bro	W	M	1	U.S.	1	Cit	No occupation	X
"	720	Mulvey Mary	Head	W	F	57	U.S.	57	Cit	Housework	X
"	"	" Eugene	Bro	W	M	36	U.S.	35	Cit	Order Clerk	N
"	"	" John	Bro	W	M	32	U.S.	33	Cit	Order Clerk	N
"	"	" Timothy	Bro	W	M	20	U.S.	20	Cit	Shoemaker	N
"	"	" Joseph	Bro	W	M	18	U.S.	18	Cit	Shoemaker	N
"	"	" Anne	Daughter	W	F	22	U.S.	22	Cit	Stenographer	N
"	720	Eggers Eugene	Head	W	M	50	U.S.	50	Cit	Salvage	N
"	"	" Anna	Wife	W	F	59	U.S.	59	Cit	Housework	X
"	720	Mason Franklin	Head	W	M	65	U.S.	61	Cit	Manager	N
"	"	" Anna	Wife	W	F	64	U.S.	64	Cit	Housework	X
"	"	" Loretta	Daughter	W	F	16	U.S.	16	Cit	Travelling Saleswoman	N
"	720	Knappmann Geo.	Head	W	M	56	U.S.	56	Cit	Shoemaker	N
"	"	" Helen	Wife	W	F	21	U.S.	21	Cit	Housework	X
"	"	" Helen E.	Daughter	W	F	12	U.S.	12	Cit	Housework	X
"	"	" Ruth	Daughter	W	F	12	U.S.	12	Cit	Housework	X

1915 New York State Census, showing the Mason family still joined by Helen Mason Knappmann, her husband George Knappmann, and their daughter, Helen, and a second daughter, Ruth, and still living at 139 Chauncy Street

1920 United States Federal Census for Franklin P Mason

New York > Kings > Brooklyn Assembly District 5 > District 0293

STATE New York 9-197 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS (191-878) SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT No. 3rd SHEET No. 9 B
 COUNTY OF Kings FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920-POPULATION ENUMERATION DISTRICT No. 293
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Brooklyn NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Brooklyn WARD OF CITY 67 C
 NAME OF INSTITUTION 2 ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 5th DAY OF January, 1920. Gene M. Moran ENUMERATOR 14/20

PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	RELATION	TIME	PERSONS REPORTED	CITIZENSHIP	EDUCATION	NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE						OCCUPATION	
							FATHER		MOTHER		OTHER			
Place of birth	Native born	Foreign born	Place of birth	Native born	Place of birth	Native born	Place of birth	Native born	Place of birth	Native born	Place of birth	Native born	Place of birth	Native born
105	212	Stuyvesant Ave	Franklin P Mason	Head	27	7/1/87	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.
106	212	Stuyvesant Ave	Gertrude Mason	Wife	21	1/1/99	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.
107	212	Stuyvesant Ave	Charles Endrich	Husband	36	1/1/84	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.
108	212	Stuyvesant Ave	Franklin P Mason	Son	7	7/1/13	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.
109	212	Stuyvesant Ave	Gertrude Mason	Daughter	1	1/1/19	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.

1920 US Census, showing the Mason family living at 212 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn and joined by their daughter Gertrude

New York, U.S., State Census, 1925 for Franklyn P Mason

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 State of New York, June 1, 1925.
 Enumeration of the Inhabitants of Block No. 17, Election District No. 22, Ward No. X, City or Village X
 Town Jamaica, Assembly District No. 4
 Name of Institution X Enumerator Bertha Speck

PERMANENT RESIDENCE	NAME	RELATION	COLOR	SEX	AGE	NATIVITY	CITIZENSHIP	OCCUPATION	FOR INFANTS OF INSTITUTIONS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE	
									Street	House Number
139-47	Endrich Charles	Husband	M	M	36	U.S.	C	accountant	X	
139-47	Endrich Gertrude M	Wife	F	F	25	U.S.	C	Housework	X	
139-47	Mason Franklyn P	Son	M	M	7	U.S.	C	None	X	
139-47	Burnes Helen H	Sister	F	F	46	U.S.	C	Shopping Clerk	X	
139-47	Burnes Elizabeth	Sister	F	F	41	U.S.	C	Housework	X	
139-47	Burnes Edwin	Son	M	M	18	U.S.	C	Housework	X	
139-47	Burnes Adelaide	Daughter	F	F	15	U.S.	C	Housework	X	
139-47	Burnes Dorothy	Daughter	F	F	4	U.S.	C		X	
139-47	Heiss Melinda	Sister	F	F	8	U.S.	C	School	X	
139-47	Henry John	Son	M	M	7	U.S.	C	Retired	X	
139-52	Ludyarden Charles	Husband	M	M	62	Germany	C	1892 None	X	
139-52	Ludyarden Isabelle	Wife	F	F	58	France	C	1892 None	X	
139-53	Amzalak Ralph	Son	M	M	25	France	C	1892 None	X	
139-55	Hemwepfer William	Son	M	M	49	U.S.	C	Eng. Engineer	X	
139-55	Hemwepfer Bette	Mother	F	F	39	U.S.	C	Housework	X	
139-55	Hemwepfer Hazel	Daughter	F	F	9	U.S.	C	School	X	
139-55	Hemwepfer William	Son	M	M	7	U.S.	C	School	X	
139-61	Michals Lunnay	Son	M	M	19	U.S.	C	Houseman	X	
139-61	Michals Paul	Son	M	M	14	U.S.	C	Houseman	X	
139-61	Michals Doris	Daughter	F	F	16	U.S.	C	School	X	
139-61	Michals Burton	Son	M	M	12	U.S.	C	School	X	
139-61	Michals Mary E	Daughter	F	F	9	U.S.	C	School	X	

1925 New York State Census, showing the Franklin P. Mason living at 139-47 Pierson Street (now called 139-47 87th Avenue) with his daughter, Gertrude and her husband, Charles Endrich

A patch of clover in a field of grass -

A bunch of daisies close beside them on the lea -

A ewe tree and beneath its shade

Grew violets blue and sweet anemone.

- F.P.Mason -

"A patch of clover", a poem by Franklin Pierce Mason I

"THE POWER OF WILL"
IT'S ALL IN THE STATE OF MIND.

If you think you are beaten you are,
If you think that you dare not, you don't,
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't,
It's almost a "cinch" that you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you've lost,
For out in the world you find
Success begins with a fellow's will;
It's all in the state of his mind.

Full many a race is lost
Ere even a step is run,
And many a coward falls
Ere even his work's begun.
Think big, and your deeds will grow
Think small, and you'll fall behind,
Think that you can and you will:
It's all in the state of your mind.

If you think you are outclassed, you are;
You've got to think high to rise;
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win the prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or swifter man;
But soon or late the man who wins
Is the fellow who thinks he can.

F.P.M.

FORSAKE ME NOT

Forsake me not when I am old,
When evening's shadow comes apace;
When life is drawing to its close;
When nearing the eventful race.

Long years have passed since Thou didst call,
And gladly I Thy call obeyed;
I took the task Thou didst assign,
Thy message Lord was not delayed.

To human kind both far and near;
I took the light Thou gavest me,
Within the quiet vale at home,
And for across the distant sea.

Through weary years of patient toil,
Through Afric's heat, and Northland's cold,
I struggled on and faltered not,
I would, all men, should reach Thy fold.

The stalwart frame, once mine, is gone;
My sight is dim, my locks are grey;
My step enfeebled has become,
No shelter find I by the way.

Dear Lord, I took Thee at Thy word,
Thou didst provide through all these years,
Forsake me not; when I am old,
Stretch forth Thy hand, and dry these tears.

Forsake me not, oh Lord my God,
In time of age when strength doth fail;
Forsake me not, forsake me not;
With Thee, O Lord, I must prevail.

The Church at length has heard the cry;
It hastens to perform Thy will;
It hears the burden of His saints,
In doing, doth Christ's law fulfil.

Franklin Pierce Mason

"Forsake me not", a poem by Franklin Pierce Mason I

THE SEA

The sea knows all the truth of time,
The sea sings, ever that it knows,
Now in a lazy, lulling rhyme,
Now hurling it in billow blows;

The sea holds thoughts, too deep for speech,
For it has seen creation's gleams,
And it holds memories that reach,
The heart of the Eternal dreams;

It caught the glow the first star flung,
Across the wonder of the night,
And as the star in glory shone,
The sea flung back the living light;

It heard the songs of Primal Suns,
As they raced gladly to the dawn,
And through its chant there runs today,
The chord creation rests upon;

The desert breaks in bloom for man,
The barriers yield their treasure hord,
But neither pleading, plot, nor plan,
May find the strength the sea has stored;

Man has his way and works his will,
And holds dominion in all lands,
The changeless sea is changeless still,
And laughs at his impotent hands;

The sea unmastered, dreams, then wakes,
And fills with impulse, half world-wide,
When from the depths of space, there breaks,
The mystic call that lifts the tide;

It whispers with the wind,
It sighs its secrets in the ebb and flow,
And bothered with those bending skies,
A thousand, thousand years ago;

Un mastered in its great unrest,
The heart throb of eternity,
It keeps the gate of east and west,
And murmurs of all time, the sea;

We may not interpret its song,
Of crashing chord, or lulling rhyme,
Or ever know how long, how long,
The Sea has held the truth of time.

Franklin P. Mason

Oh God our Father, our Creator,
The creator of the ends of the earth,
Thou who hast worked from the
beginning, and who still doth work,
in nature, and in grace, we approach
Thee, Help us to realize to some degree
thy majesty, and thy creative Power,
The heavens declare the glory of God
and the firmament doth shew
forth thy handiworks, and notwith-
standing thy high and exalted state,
thou hast said I will dwell with him
who is of an humble & contrite heart
to help, to encourage, to assist to direct
Thou dost call us to be of some
service in the world thou hast given
us all more or less of talents of opportu-
nities to do good, may we not be
slothful but pray and turn the talents
and opportunities to the best within
our Power, thou dost call us to be
of some use in the world, thou wouldst
have the world better for our being
here, may we not drift, may we
have a definite aim in life,
with thee help us in determining
our lifes vocation, and in bringing
the same to a successful issue

our darkened hours in moments of doubt and indecision may we
thy promise and as wait upon thee and now depend on with thy
ameny grace x i

Help us to make the best of our
opportunities to make the best of
that which is at hand and not
to be satisfied with anything less
than the best,
we thank thee for the examples
which thou has given us among
our fellow men ~~who have struggled~~,
who have struggled and risen
above adverse conditions and by
thy help have come to a perfect
manhood, and whose lives are
pronounced a success.
we thank thee for the example of
thy son whom thou didst assign
to a most important work in the
world, my Father worketh with us and
I work, and yet that work was fraught
with hunger, poverty, and ~~calamity~~
Couliners, and opposition, yet for
the joy of its accomplishment
and the returning of his talents
with interest, he endured the cross
despised the shame and is set down
at the right hand of the majesty
on high where he ever liveth to intercede
for us and to help us, Grant that we

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Joshua 24

O God our Father grant that through thy
word we may hear thy call to us for decision
may we take thee into our confidence and accept

Thee as our Father and our God may we seek
first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness
so that all that is well for us shall be added
unto us

Thou hast the first claim upon ^{us} thro thy laws
in nature we came into being,
Thine eyes didst ^{see} all our substance while yet
imperfect, and in thy Book were all our
members written,

and by thy laws in nature we have been
sustained, in Thee we Live, and move, and
have our being, such Knowledge is so wonderful
for us, we cannot attain unto it,

Thy concern is for our Present and eternal good,
may we decide for God as against those things
that lead from God, may we decide for right,
as against the wrong,

may we decide for the truth, help us always to
speak and act the truth,

may we decide for the Pure + Honourable as against
the impure and vicious

Help us to live Pure lives and protect with
Honour the Persons and lives of those who trust in

our Honor, help us to love our neighbor as our
selves, and to do to all men as we wish
they would do to us, may we obey the civil,
and moral law, may we be useful, may
we labor truly to get our own living, as well
as for those who are dependent on us,
and help us to do our duty in this state of
life unto which it has Pleas'd Thee to call us,
so in the faithful Performance of duty we may
Prove that we have hearkned and been obedient
to the heavenly calling, and decided for Thee,
and do glorify Thee in our bodies and spirits
which are thine, Thou hast said Blessed is
the man whom Thou choosest and causest to
approach unto Thee, and now Bless Thy Promis
unto us, defend us with thy Heavenly grace
that we may continue Thine forever, and daily
increase in thy Holy spirit more, and more,
untill we come to thine eternal and everlasting
Kingdom, thro Jesus Christ our Lord Amen



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