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Willard Cassidy Mason and Genevieve Knox Barnes were each born in the United States of America in about 1885/90. They each came from ancient American families, with Willard's first American ancestor, John Mason, arriving in Pennsylvania in 1700 and Genevieve's first American ancestor, Jehu Burr, arriving in Massachusetts in 1630.

Willard Cassidy Mason

Willard Cassidy Mason was born on 22 Mar 1885 at 811 Van Buren Street in Wilmington Delaware. His parents were Franklin Pierce Mason [born in 1853 in Wilmington, Delaware, son of Malachi Parke Mason and Catherine Cassidy] and Ann Elizabeth Hildreth [born in 1854 in Preston, Lancashire, England, daughter of James Hildreth and Ellen Otley]. His parents were married on 21 June 1882 in Wilmington.

Franklin and Ann Elizabeth 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

Willard grew up in a warm and loving atmosphere with his parents and siblings. For about the first ten years of his life, he and his family lived in Wilmington, Delaware.



1887 Willard Cassidy Mason at age 1 year, 10 months



1888 Willard Cassidy Mason at age 3 year, 4 months



1892 Willard Cassidy Mason (left), at age 7 years, with his parents and siblings

In those days, Willard's father, Franklin P. Mason was a carpenter. Franklin's father, Malachi Parke Mason, had died in 1869¹ when Franklin was 16 years of age. After his father's death, Franklin lived with his uncle, George Washington Mason. George was a carpenter and house builder. Thus, young Franklin apprenticed to his uncle as a carpenter. Somewhat later, Franklin became a very skilled pattern maker. As a carpenter and pattern maker, Franklin had a good, middle-class income. Therefore, Willard lived in a comfortable home as child.

In about 1886, James Hildreth, Ann's father, established the Hildreth Varnish Company in Brooklyn, New York. The varnish company was a family owned and operated company. In late 1895, Franklin was invited to move to Brooklyn to become a part of the company. Thus, the family moved to Brooklyn. Their first place of residence was probably 75 Hooper Street in Brooklyn, less than 2 miles from the factory, which was at 91 North 12th Street. And by 1900, they were living at 329 Quincy Street in Brooklyn, less than three miles from the factory.

¹ Franklin's mother, Catherine Cassidy, had died four years earlier, in 1865.

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patternmaker: Foundry pattern makers have historically been woodworkers with skills of a woodcarver, woodturner, and cabinet maker. When an object is made from cast iron, cast aluminum, or any liquified metal the patternmaker is employed to make a wood model of the object. The original pattern must be made slightly larger, because metal shrinks when it cools.



1896 Willard Cassidy Mason, at age 11 years, with his siblings



1897 Willard Cassidy Mason with his bicycle

Willard Cassidy Mason had a thorough religious education as a youth. On 29 December 1895, at age 10 years, he received a Certificate of Achievement from the New England Congregational Church Sabbath School (probably in Wilmington) for passing an examination on various topics of the Old Testament and New Testament. And on 14 May 1899, at age 14, Willard was Confirmed at the Episcopal (Anglican) Church in the Parish of Reconciliation in Brooklyn, New York.



1899 Willard Cassidy Mason, at age 14 years, with his Confirmation class

Willard graduated from high school at age 18 years in 1903.



1903 Willard Cassidy Mason, at age 18 years, high school graduation picture

It would seem that, soon after graduation, Willard jumped right into his life-time profession as a banker. In the 1905 New York State Census, Willard (age 20) is listed as a "Bank Clerk". At that time, he was living with his parents at 412 Putnam Avenue in Brooklyn. The 1907 Brooklyn City Directory lists Willard (age 22) as a "Clerk" (presumably a bank clerk), still at 412 Putnam Avenue. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Willard (age 25) as a "Clerk" at a "Trust Company". By 1910, the family had moved to 722 Chauncey Street in Brooklyn, and Willard was still living with his parents at the new address. Finally, Willard's 1913 Marriage Certificate lists his address as 722 Chauncey Street and his occupation as Trust Clerk. Thus, by the time Willard was married, he already had about 10 years' experience in his profession.

Genevieve Knox Barnes

Genevieve Knox Barnes was born on 12 Dec 1890 in New York City. Her parents were Ambrose Edward Barnes [born May 1844, New York, New York, son of Ambrose Waterhouse Barnes and Elizabeth Littell] and Sarah Knox Anderson [born 06 May 1850, Watertown, New York, daughter of Andrew Anderson and Cordelia Knox].

Ambrose and Sarah had three children:

Ambrose Edward Barnes, Jr, b. 18 July 1881, Brooklyn, New York Violet Sadie Barnes, b. 20 August 1883, Brooklyn, New York Genevieve Knox Barnes, b. 12 December 1890, Manhattan, New York

A long-term relationship, such as that between Ambrose and Sarah, which resulted in the birth of three children, is (in the 1880s, at least) usually marked by the marriage of the people involved. This was not the case, however, for Ambrose and Sarah. This fact requires a bit of a digression.

A question in the 1900 U.S. Census asks, "Number of Years Married". To which "Mrs. Barnes" answered "20". [In that census, Mrs. Barnes and her two daughters, Violet (16) and Jennie (9), are listed as "Boarders" in the establishment of Frances Tomb (and her husband H.B. Tomb) in St. Paul, Minnesota.]

Twenty years previous, in 1880, at age 30 years, Sarah Knox Barnes was a single woman living in New York City. Both of her parents had died in 1876. She had several siblings, notably her brother, who was three years her senior, and who was also living in New York City. But otherwise, she was on her own.

And twenty years earlier, at age 36, Ambrose Edward Barnes was a married man living in Brooklyn. Ambrose had married Caroline M. Vandervoort in 1876, and they had had a son, Ambrose Theodore Barnes, who was born in 1879. Ambrose Edward Barnes was well established; he was the owner of a very successful furniture manufacturing business.

How Sarah and Ambrose met is now lost to history, but they certainly did meet, and probably in about 1880 in Brooklyn. Although they (very likely) never lived together in the same house, from the time they met, until perhaps 30 years later (with only one known exception), they never lived more than a few miles apart from one another.

The first child of Ambrose and Sarah, Ambrose Edward Barnes, Jr., was born in 1881 in Brooklyn. And their second child, Violet Sadie Barnes, was born 25 months later, also in Brooklyn.

³ Willard joined the Columbia Trust Company in about 1908 (See below).

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There is a discrepancy in the details of the names of the children with those that have been assigned to them in hindsight. This is very logical. In each case, the birth of the child occurred at the home of the mother. Just after the birth (because it cannot logically have occurred before), the Medical Attendant asked the mother questions so that he could fill out the Certificate of Birth. The happy and exhausted mother provided the answers to the questions verbally, and the Attendant heard what he heard and wrote down the answers. For example, for the first certificate, the mother said "Barnes", and the Attendant heard "Burns", and for the second certificate, the mother said "Barnes", and the Attendant heard "Byrnes". This oral to written interchange occurred for each of the questions and answers.

In 1889, seemingly, Ambrose had two residences, one in Brooklyn (142 Clinton Avenue) and one in Manhattan (167 Madison Avenue)⁴. The question arises, why two residences? It is pure speculation, but the answer might be one residence in Brooklyn for him and his wife and child and the other in Manhattan for him and Sarah and their child(ren), Ambrose Edward, Jr.⁵ and Violet. In addition, Sarah was pregnant with Genevieve in 1890. This could well have been the result of the cohabitation of Ambrose, Sr. and Sarah in the apartment in Manhattan.

As was mentioned before, Genevieve Knox Barnes was born on 12 December 1890. There does not seem to be a Certificate of Birth for Genevieve, as there were for the other children. According to other records (mostly provided by her), she was born in Manhattan, not in Brooklyn. So, record keeping in the two boroughs could have been different from one another. In addition, Genevieve was born seven years after Violet. Thus, record keeping could have changed in the intervening time. In any case, there does not seem to be an extant, official record of her birth.

In the same 1900 U.S. Census mentioned before, Mrs. Barnes is listed as "Capitalist", which in the language of the times meant "independently wealthy". It seems that Ambrose was generous to the mother of three of his children.

Clearly, Genevieve knew who her father was. She listed his name on her marriage license and on her Social Security Application. It is not clear, however, if Genevieve ever met her father or if he ever had a relationship with her, as is usual for a father and a daughter. (However, see below.)

There are some who might say that all of the foregoing is merely circumstantial. There is no real evidence that the father of Sarah Knox Barnes' children was, in fact, Ambrose Edward Barnes. And that might be true. However, thanks to DNA testing, there is proof that Ambrose is the father. In addition to the three children that he had with Sarah Knox Anderson, Ambrose Edward Barnes had one child, Ambrose Theodore Barnes, with his wife (Caroline Meserole Vandervoort). Ambrose Theodore Barnes, in turn, had a child, Audrey Wilson Barnes. To make a long story short, comparison of the DNA of Audrey Wilson Barnes with the grandson of Genevieve Knox Barnes (Franklin P. Mason II) revealed the correct DNA relationship between the parties: They are half, first cousins once removed.

This (and other) DNA evidence proves, beyond the shadow of a doubt that Ambrose Edward Barnes was the father of Genevieve Knox Barnes. (Refer to the Appendix for more information.)

Genevieve did not, necessarily, lead a usual life with a father and mother and siblings living in one location for her entire early life. For example, when she was 10 years of age, she was living in a boarding house 1200 miles from where she was born. However, the one constant in her life was her mother (and usually her sister) with whom she lived until she was, at least, 20.

As a side note, family legend has it that Genevieve (at age 15 years) was with her mother and sister on a visit to San Francisco on 18 April 1906. Thus, if this is so, she must have lived through the 7.9 magnitude earthquake that killed 3000 people and largely destroyed the city of San Francisco!

⁴ The Ambrose E. Barnes & Brother Furniture Manufacturing Company was located at 198 Canal Street in Manhattan, which is just 2.5 miles from 167 Madison Avenue.

⁵ Ambrose Edward Barnes, Jr. died before 1900. Ambrose, Jr. does not appear in the 1900 Census. However, the following questions and answers are present: "Mother of how many children: 3"; "Number of those children living: 2".

Even though she probably never lived with her father in the same household, Genevieve did live in close proximity to him during several periods of her life.

Year/ Age	With Whom	Address	Proximity to Her Father
1890 / 0 yrs.	Mother, sister, (and brother)	167 Madison Avenue Manhattan, NY (purely speculative)	(This address is listed as one of two for Ambrose E. Barnes)
1900 / 10 yrs. Mother and sister 351 N. Washington St Saint. Paul, MN			N/A
1905 / 15 yrs.	Mother	31 Lefforts Place Brooklyn, NY	1½ miles to: 775 Carroll Street Brooklyn, NY
1910 / 20 yrs.			667 Vanderbilt Avenue
1912 / 22 yrs.	Unknown	640 West 139 th Street Manhattan, NY	N/A

Thus, a question arises: How well did she know her father? Seemingly, there are three possibilities: very well, sort of, and not at all. The best guess might be she knew him fairly well but never lived with him as a family. Genevieve certainly knew who her father was. For example, she gave his name as her father for her marriage license. In addition, she entered his name on her Social Security Application in 1936. Genevieve's sister, Violet Sadie Barnes, also listed Ambrose Barnes as her father on her marriage certificate in 1929. Thus, it would seem that both children knew very well who their father was. It can only be hoped that Genevieve and her father had a warm and loving relationship.

At some time before her marriage, Genevieve was given a gift of a gold locket with her initials engraved on its surface. The year that she received this gift is not known, but it does confirm that it was generally acknowledged that her initials were "GKB".



1906 Genevieve Knox Barnes' Locket, showing her initials "GKB"

In 1912, Genevieve was a model for the well-known illustrator Frank Snapp.⁶ How she and Frank Snapp met and how she became his model are unknown. In 1912, Genevieve was 22 years of age and Frank Snapp was 36. There are no known photographs of Genevieve before the time she was married. Thus, these illustrations are the first known representations of her. See the Appendix for more portraits of Genevieve by Frank Snapp.



1912 Genevieve Knox Barnes, a detail from a portrait by Frank Snapp

⁶ Frank Snapp (1876-1927) attended the Art Institute of Chicago and worked in Detroit, New York City, and Chicago as an illustrator of books, newspapers, and magazines. He illustrated *Seven Keys to Baldpate* by Earl Derr Biggers (1913), *The Thousandth Woman* by Ernest W Horning (1913), and other novels throughout the 1910s and 1920s. Snapp worked during the Golden Age of Illustration in America, and he won several awards for his watercolors.

Our Grandparents Time Together: 1913 to 1933

Willard Cassidy Mason and Genevieve Barnes were married on 30 August 1913 in Greenwood Lake in Orange County, about 50 miles north of New York City. Greenwood Lake was a popular vacation spot at that time. The ceremony was performed by Minard S. Hazen,⁷ Justice of the Peace.

At the time of their wedding, Willard was 28 years of age. Willard lived with his parents at 722 Chauncey Street in Brooklyn and was a Clerk in a Trust Company.

And at the time of the wedding, Genevieve was almost 23. Three years earlier, in 1910, when she was 20, Genevieve lived with her mother and sister at 148 Saint James Place in Brooklyn (just 3 miles from where Willard lived at the time), and she was a Ladies Taylor, working from home.

As was mentioned before, in 1912 Genevieve was an artist's model. Perhaps that allowed her to establish her own home. In any case, by the time of the wedding, she had moved to 640 West 139th Street in Manhattan.

After they were married, Willard and Genevieve lived in the Washington Heights neighborhood of upper Manhattan at 551 West 157th Street. And in fact, that was where, three years later, their son, Willard Franklin Mason ("Billy"), was born at 8:10 P.M. EST on August 24, 1916.⁸



1916 Genevieve Barnes Mason, shortly after the birth of her son, Willard Franklin Mason ("Billy")

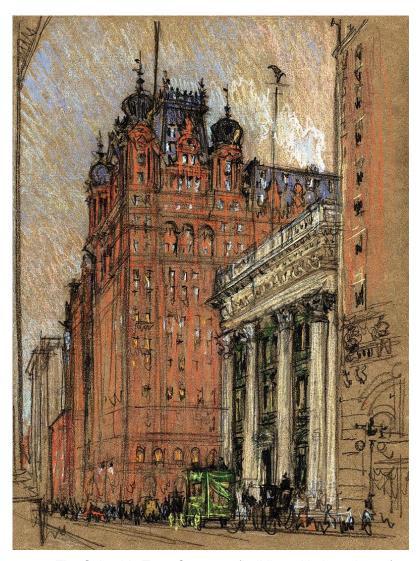


1917 Billy at age 5 months

⁷ Minard Sutton Hazen (1867 – 1917) had a store at Greenwood Lake and was a Justice of the Peace.

⁸ At birth, Billy weighed "8 pounds stripped" as his father wrote in one birth announcement.

During that time, Willard was a Trust Clerk for the Columbia Trust Company, which was at one time among the largest banks in the United States. Willard's office in the 1913 to 1917 timeframe was, perhaps, at the main branch at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 34th Street.



1912 The Columbia Trust Company (building with the columns), shown next to the original Waldorf-Astoria Hotel near the corner of Fifth Avenue and 34th Street

Although they were each rich in heritage, it seems unlikely that they were rich in worldly goods,⁹ at least not when they were first married. None-the-less, they found the resources to purchase some of the finer things in life. For example, they had a set for twelve of sterling silver flatware. The pattern they selected was "Kensington New" by International Silver. This pattern had just come out the year before their wedding, and it was very fashionable, indeed. They also had a sterling silver dish, which is quite attractive. In addition, they had a coffee serving set, although in silver plate, not sterling.





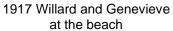


1913 Some items owned by Willard and Genevieve Mason soon after they were married

⁹ Although Willard had worked for 10 years before marriage, while living at home. Therefore, perhaps he had saved and thus was able to buy some of these more expensive items.

This period seems to have been one of harmony for the family. During this time, they would go to the beach together and visit with Willard's parents and extended family.







1917 Willard and Genevieve with Billy, with Willard's parents (Franklin P. Mason and Ann Elizabeth Hildreth Mason) in addition to Willard's sister (Helen) and her husband and their two children

Willard and Genevieve also had an active social life, spending time with their friends.



1917 Willard and Genevieve with friends

In those days, people who lived in New York frequently went the Atlantic City for vacations. Willard and Genevieve were no exception.



1919 Genevieve with Billy, at age 3 years, in Atlantic City

In about 1917, the family moved to 250 Washington Avenue in Brooklyn, about a 30-minute walk to Prospect Park. While they family lived at this location, Genevieve would often take Billy to play in the park. During this time, Genevieve's mother, Sarah Knox Anderson Barnes (1850 - 1926), lived with the family for a while.

Willard's office at the Columbia Trust Company was now at 60 Broadway in Manhattan, which was less than 4 miles from their new home, just across the Brooklyn Bridge. In 1920, the family still lived on Washington Avenue, and Willard had been promoted to Assistant Trust Officer at Columbia Trust.

Willard and Genevieve were separated on and off over the years. The first time was in about 1919, when Billy was 3 years of age. Billy recalled later that he used to embarrass his mother frequently on that account. When on the subway, Billy would pick out the most disreputable character he could find, point to him and yell "Daddy, Daddy, there's Daddy."

Even when Willard and Genevieve were separated, Genevieve would take Billy to visit his paternal grandparents, Franklin Pierce Mason and Ann Elizabeth Hildreth Mason, at their home at 212 Stuyvesant Avenue in Brooklyn.



1920 Genevieve and Billy visiting Billy's paternal grandparents

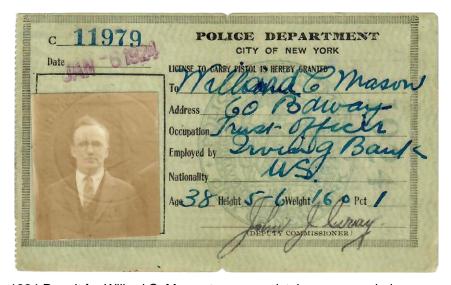
In addition, Genevieve took Billy to see his father. On those occasions, Genevieve would dress Billy in his best suit. One time at least, however, after he was all dressed, Billy was allowed to go out to play before they left for the visit. He was perhaps 4 years old. By the time he was called in from play, his best suit was filthy. He wore his second-best suit on that visit.

Willard and Genevieve's on-again / off-again relationship was "on" as much as it was "off". In about 1921, they were together again for the Christmas season. One night during that time, they had a wild, drunken party. The next morning, the bodies of the revelers were strewn on the living room floor with half-finished drinks here and there around the room. When Billy (then perhaps 5 years of age) got up, he went around the room, moving around the sleeping people, drinking what remained in each of the glasses.

Shortly thereafter, they spilt up again, and Genevieve and Billy moved to Washington Heights (near the Presbyterian Hospital). Genevieve worked in a dress shop, and Billy attended the local elementary school. Ordinarily, Billy's mother was home when he got home. One night a week, however, she had to work late. They none-the-less had dinner together near her work. On the afternoon of those days, Billy, at perhaps 6 years of age, let himself in to their apartment and did his homework. Then at an appropriate time, Billy went to the dress shop to meet his mother for dinner. To do this, he had to take two trolleys (one of which he recalls was the Fordham trolley). After dinner, Billy took the trolleys back home again alone, let himself in again, and put himself to bed. Genevieve came home after he was asleep. During this period, upon occasion, Billy would cook dinner for his mother and himself.

For about two years, from 1923 to 1925, Willard, Genevieve, and Billy lived in New Rochelle, New York at 35 Saint Paul's Place (about 15 miles north of New York City). Billy attended Mayflower School (the local public school, which was just a two-minute walk from where they lived), his mother worked in a dress shop, and Willard commuted to his job in the City.

In 1924, Willard obtained a permit to carry a pistol. The permit lists Willard's height and as 5 ft, 6 in., which is a bit shorter that the average, at the time, of 5 ft, 7 ½ in. In 1923, Columbia Trust Company was acquired by Irving Trust Corporation. Thus, the permit shows that Willard was employed by "Irving Bank" in 1924.



1924 Permit for Willard C. Mason to carry a pistol as a concealed weapon

In 1924, Genevieve was 34 years of age. A picture take of her at about that time is shown below.



1924 Genevieve Barnes Mason

Their home at 35 Saint Paul's Place was on top of a hill, the site of much adventure. For example, in 1924, when Billy was 8 years of age, he got a bicycle for his birthday. The bicycle came in a box, partially disassembled. Billy assembled the bicycle himself. It was a Columbia bicycle, and he thought it was the best bicycle ever built. One day, when Billy was riding down the hill with several of his friends, he decided to show the world that, indeed, he had the best bike around. The boys were riding down the hill side-by-side, perhaps five or six abreast. Suddenly, Billy began to peddle as fast as he could and, at the same time, he cut in front of the pack. The inevitable happened. Billy was run over by the other bicyclists, and they all ended up in a big pile. Billy was carried home all bloody. Genevieve was, typically, calm in emergencies. She was true to form on that day. She did not panic, but rather she cleaned him up and put him to bed.



1923 A house similar to 10 25 St. Pauls Place in New Rochelle, New York

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¹⁰ Google Maps is not allowing the display of 25 St. Pauls Place. This picture is of 23 Hilltop Avenue. Perhaps the street names or house numbers have changed since 1923. In addition, this house looks quite similar to the one shown below with Billy on his bicycle. So perhaps it is the same house.



1924 Billy on his bicycle in New Rochelle

The exact composition of the household in New Rochelle is a bit ambiguous. It appears that when the family first moved there in about 1923, they moved as a family.

In fact, the New Rochelle City Directory for 1925, shows both Willard and Genevieve living in New Rochelle, with Willard listed as Banker, working in New York City.

However, the 1925 New York State Census lists Willard C. Mason as a "lodger" at 177 West 12th Street in Manhattan in Greenwich Village about 3 miles from Willard's office in lower Manhattan.

To make things even more confusing, Genevieve and Billy were also listed as living at that address in New York City. Thus, the family had two addresses at the same time in 1925! So, it looks like this was one of those on-again / off-again parts of his Willard and Genevieve's relationship, with various members of the family moving back and forth between the two residences.

Billy, himself, (many years later) told the author that at least some of the time, he recalled living in New Rochelle with just his mother. This is borne out by another of Billy's memories:

When Genevieve and Billy were living in New Rochelle by themselves, Willard used to visit Billy on the weekends. On one such visit, Willard decided that his son should get some religion. (Recall that Willard had had quite a strict religious upbringing.) Thus, Willard and Billy went to church. During the ceremony Billy was fooling around, for example, putting his father's hat on and off repeatedly. All of Billy's antics made his father laugh. Unfortunately, no one else in the church was laughing. Finally, during the sermon, the disturbance was so great that the minister asked the father and son comedy team to leave, which they did. After that admonition, both father and son were glad to be out of the church.¹¹

¹¹ Billy, Willard Franklin Mason, was never baptized as a child. Both he and his son, Willard Leckie Mason, were baptized on 25 June 1939 in the apartment of Janet Leckie and Sophia Leckie at 14 Sutton Place in New York City.

In the fall of 1925, the Mason family moved back to New York City, perhaps to 60 West 169th Street in Manhattan, where they were living in 1930.

That same year, Billy, at age 9 years, was sent away to boarding school in Connecticut. Billy would spend much of his time for the next nine years of his life in boarding schools. For grades 4 - 6 (ages 9 - 12; 1925/26 through 1927/28, three years), he attended Carmel Hall in Stratford, Connecticut. For grades 7 - 12 (ages 13 - 18; 1928/29 through 1933/34, six years), Dad attended Suffield School (first Suffield Junior School and then Suffield Senior School) in Suffield Connecticut (in the Connecticut River Valley near the Massachusetts boarder).

It seems that the uncertainty and complications of the on-again / off-again nature of his parent's relationship did not have room for a child at home.

Of course, Billy always went home during school breaks and for the summer each year. Although, for three years during this period, 1928 through 1930 (age 12 through 14), he went to summer camp at the Adirondack Woodcraft Camps just north of Old Forge, New York. 12

During this time from 1925 to 1930, there must have been some on-again periods, because at least once during this time, Willard and Genevieve visited Atlantic City together.

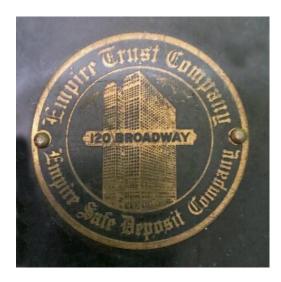


1927 Willard and Genevieve in Atlantic City

¹² There exists a postcard from camp from Billy to his dad from the summer of 1928 sent to 123 Pierson Street in Jamaica in Queens, which is where Willard's younger sister, Gertrude, lived. Thus, this address would indicate that that was an off-again period for his parents.

In 1926, Irving Trust Company acquired by merger the American Exchange-Pacific Bank. It seems that during that process, Willard left his position of 18 years with Columbia Trust / Irving Trust Company. Obviously, Willard had been a valued employee at that company to have worked there for so long. Mergers often create redundancies, and apparently that is what happened in this case, as well.

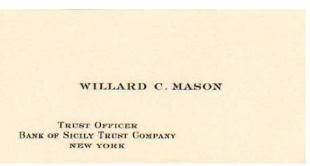
For three years, from about 1926 through 1928, Willard worked for the Empire Trust Company at 120 Broadway in Manhattan. The Empire Trust Company was established in 1915, and it merged with the Bank of New York in 1966.



Empire Trust Company Logo

In 1929, for one year, Willard was a Trust Officer with the Bank of Sicily Trust Company at 487 Broadway in Manhattan.







1928 Willard Cassidy Mason in his office, his business card, and his signature

On 29 October 1929, the Stock Market crashed! Shortly thereafter, many banks failed, and of those that survived, many of their employees were let go. It would appear that Willard was one of those who found himself without a job, because by the summer of 1930 (nine months after the crash), he was looking for a new position. Willard was 45 years of age and was in failing health (he had cancer of the pancreas). Therefore, it is likely that he never found one.

Some time before 1929, Genevieve met Harry E. Lewis. In mid-1929, Harry E. Lewis was one of the signers, as a witness, on the marriage certificate of Genevieve's sister, Violet. It would seem that Genevieve went to the wedding with Harry rather than with Willard. This would imply that Willard and Genevieve were in an off-again phase of their relationship. It would also imply that Genevieve and Harry already, by that time, had an established relationship. More about Harry later.

In 1930, as in 1925, Willard shows up at two addresses: The entire family is listed in the 1930 U.S. Census at 60 West 169th Street in Manhattan. And Willard alone is listed at 123 Pierson Street (also called 139-47 87th Avenue) in Jamaica in Queens. The second address is that of Willard's younger sister, Gertrude Hildreth Mason. So, it appears that Willard was, once again, living with the family and living away from the family simultaneously.

It would appear that, after 1930, Willard lived with his sister full time. As was mentioned, he was unemployed, was in a broken relationship, and was in failing health. Gertrude had received her father's house when he died in 1928, and she was employed as an art teacher in the public-school system. Thus, she had quite a stable life compared to many in 1930's America. Therefore, it seems natural that Willard would live with his sister.

It also appears that after 1930, Genevieve was in a relationship with Harry E. Lewis. They were not living together, however. Genevieve had a job, and Billy was still in high school.

Willard Cassidy Mason died on 11 March 1933 just before his 48th birthday. He died of cancer of the pancreas. At the time of his death, he was living with his sister, Gertrude at 123 Pierson Street in Jamaica in Queens. However, just three years earlier, in 1930, he was still living part time, at least, with Genevieve at 60 West 169th Street in Manhattan. And in that year's census, his occupation was listed as Officer in a Bank, so it seems like he was still working at that time. Billy was 16 at the time of his father's death, in his junior year at Suffield School in Connecticut.

Willard Cassidy Mason worked as a banker for 27 years, all his adult life, from age 18, in 1903, until age 45, in 1930. Eighteen of those years he worked for one organization, Columbia Trust Company / Irving Trust Company. In addition, despite the on-again / off again relationship he had with his wife, he forged a strong bond with his son, who loved him very much. Thus, he fulfilled the purpose of his live. He provided well for his family and he was a loving father.

Note: Gertrude Hildreth Mason, Willard's younger sister, was extremely important in his life. And later, also very important in the life of his son Billy, Willard Franklin Mason.

After he graduated from high school, Billy attended the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn¹⁴ in Brooklyn, New York. During this time, Billy lived with his mother at 41 W 16th Street in Manhattan and commuted by subway to school in Brooklyn. The tuition at Brooklyn Polytech was \$360 per semester. When Billy's grandfather, Franklin Pierce Mason, died in 1928, he left Billy an inheritance of \$1000 to be administered by Billy's Aunt Gertrude. Unfortunately, because of the Great Depression, most of the money was lost in investments that crashed with the

¹³ It would seem that Willard was also living part time with his sister in Queens, and it might be that he was counted twice in the 1930 U.S. Census.

¹⁴ Now called the New York University Polytechnic School of Engineering

stock market. Even though the loss of the money was not her fault, his Aunt Gertrude felt responsible. Therefore, she paid 100% of Billy's college tuition for all four years of his higher education out of her own pocket. (As was mentioned, his Aunt Gertrude was a schoolteacher; and unlike many others she did not lose her job during the depression.)

Gertrude's help did not stop with Bill's graduation from college. Nine years later, in 1947, Billy (with his wife and five children) bought a house in Westport, Connecticut. The house cost \$17,000, which was everything that Billy could beg, borrow, or steal. The house had two stories, but Billy did not have enough money to finish the second story. Gertrude lent, but finally gave, Billy \$3000 to finish the second story.

Genevieve Barnes Mason after the Death of Willard Cassidy Mason: 1933 to 1963

From a young age, Genevieve Barnes Mason had worked in the woman's fashion industry. When she was 20 years of age (and probably before), Genevieve was a "Lady's Taylor", working from home. And in 1925, it would seem that she had worked in a women's clothing store in New Rochelle. Thus, it was probably natural that, after Willard's death, Genevieve would continue in that industry.

In 1936 (and probably before), Genevieve was working for James McCreery & Company, ¹⁵ a high-end department store at 5 West 34th Street ¹⁶ in Manhattan. At that time, Genevieve lived at 41 West 16th Street, just a mile from her work.

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1936 Social Security¹⁷ Application for Genevieve Barnes Mason, showing her residence address, place of employment, and an (incorrect) date of birth. (She was born in 1890.)

¹⁵ McCreery's was a high-end department store that originated in the 1860s but failed in 1953. McCreery's apparently opened its magnificent location at 9 West 34th Street around the turn of the 20th Century. It lasted a long time, but wars and the Great Depression ultimately forced it to close. It was McCreery's that installed the massive awning/canopy over the entrance to the building.

¹⁶ Apparently, the numbering of 5 West 34th Street changed over the years, sometimes being "5", sometimes "7", and sometimes "9". In 1936 it was "5".

¹⁷ The Social Security Act was passed in August of 1935. Apparently, it took a year or so for the applications to become available.





1930 James McCreery & Company at 5 West 34th Street in Manhattan and an advertisement from 1915

As mentioned before, since at least 1929,¹⁸ Genevieve had had a relationship (of an unknown nature) with Harry E. Lewis. This relationship continued after Willard's death. Thus, it was in full swing during the period when Billy was finishing high school and during his college years and beyond. At first, Billy did not like his stepfather. He gave him the name "Uncle Ezra" after a then "popular" bad guy on the radio.

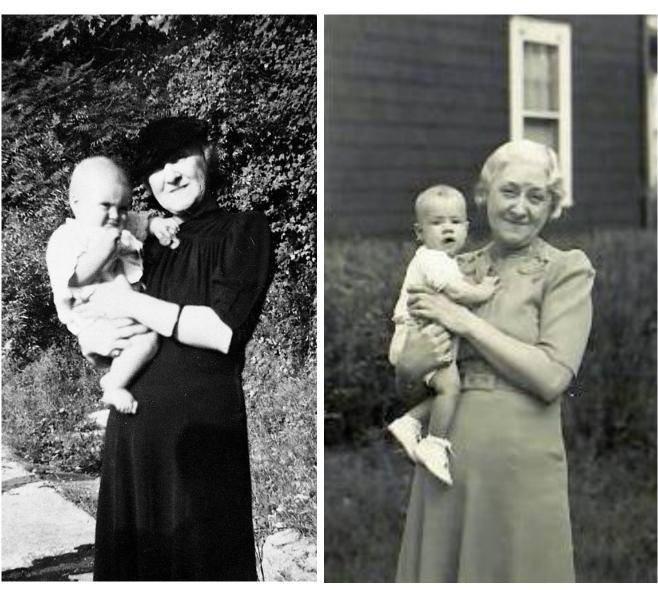
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Billy graduated from college in 1938. That same year, he got married (to Agnes Armstrong Leckie), and he had a child (Willard Leckie Mason). Thus, from June of 1938 forward, Billy no longer lived with his mother.

¹⁸ Genevieve's sister, Violet, was married in 1929, and Harry was one of the official "Witnesses to the Marriage" along with Genevieve B. Mason. One must assume that the relationship must have been fairly longstanding to have Harry sign such a document.

Very few details are known about the life of Genevieve from 1938 to 1948. One can only assume that she continued to work at James McCreery & Company and continued her relationship with Harry E. Lewis.

Of course, Genevieve maintained close contact with Billy and visited him and his family often. For example, one time, in about 1946, when she was visiting the Mason family in Farmingdale, Long Island, the assembled company was seated at a picnic table in the backyard at their house at 82 Sullivan Road. That house was only about 100 yards from the tracks of the Long Island Railroad, which still used steam (coal) locomotives at that time. Just as everyone was getting settled, a train came by, spewing smoke and ash everywhere. That was not an uncommon occurrence. Thus, everyone got up, pulled a couple of sheets from the close line, and covered the food, which was on the table. When the smoke and ash cleared, the sheets were removed, and the picnic continued as if nothing had happened.



1939 and 1942 Genevieve Barnes Mason with two of her grandsons, Willard Leckie Mason (left) and Franklin Pierce Mason II (right)



1946 Genevieve Barnes Mason with her son Willard Franklin Mason (Billy) in New York City

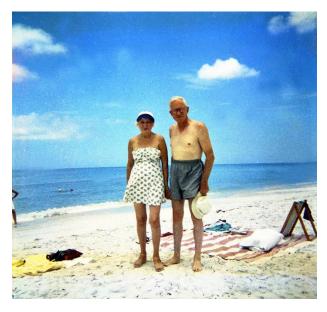
In 1948, Genevieve married Harry E. Lewis in New Jersey. Harry worked as the art director for advertising and promotion for Pathé¹⁹ in NYC.²⁰ When their New York City studio closed, Harry took a similar position at Paramount Pictures' studio in NYC.

Genevieve and Harry retired in Florida some time before 1957. According to the 1957 City Directory for New Port Richey, Florida, Harry E. Lewis and Genevieve K Lewis were residing at 121 North Harrison Street. New Port Richey, Florida, a coastal community on the Gulf of Mexico, north of Tampa.

¹⁹ Pathé was a company founded and originally run by the Pathé Brothers of France starting in 1896. In the early 1900s, Pathé became the world's largest film equipment and production company, as well as a major producer of phonograph records. In 1908, Pathé invented the newsreel, which was a summary of world news, that was shown in cinemas prior to a feature film

²⁰ Harry E. Lewis had worked for Pathé since, at least, 1918, as is indicated by reference to a design that he did for Pathé in that year.





1958 Genevieve Barnes Mason alone and with her second husband, Harry E. Lewis, in Florida

Genevieve Knox Barnes Mason Lewis died on 24 July 1963 at age 72 years. She died in New Port Richey.

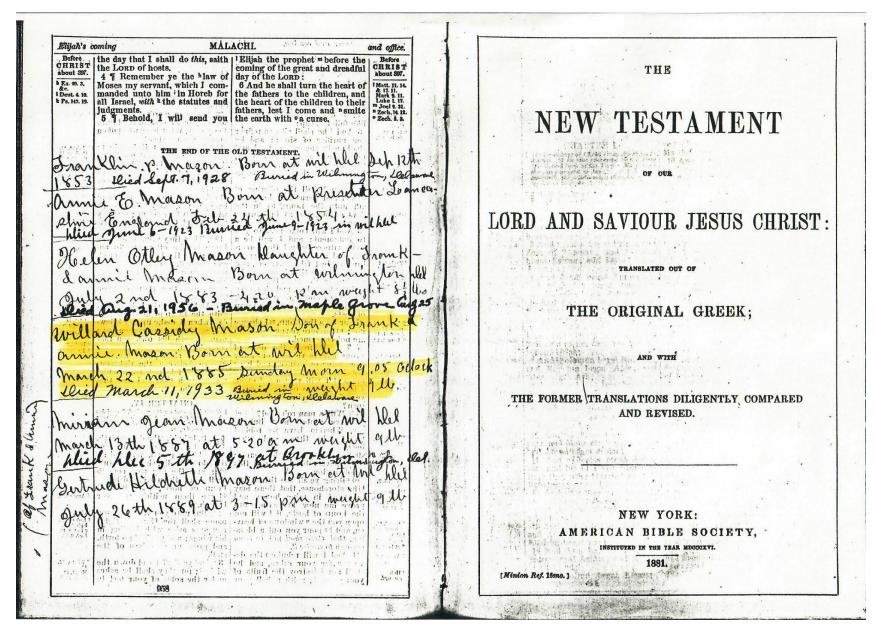
After Genevieve died, Billy helped to support his stepfather, who, by then, he called "Harry". Harry E. Lewis died in November of 1968 in New Port Richey.

Genevieve and Harry are buried side by side at Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park in Clearwater, Florida

Appendix: Related Documents

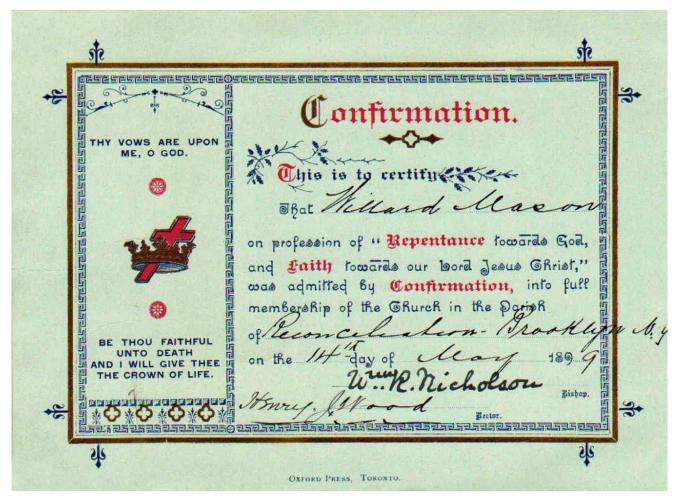
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1885 Willard Cassidy Mason Birth Certificate





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1905 New York State Census, showing Willard Cassidy Mason, age 20, living at 412 Putnam Avenue in Brooklyn with his parents, listed as a bank clerk

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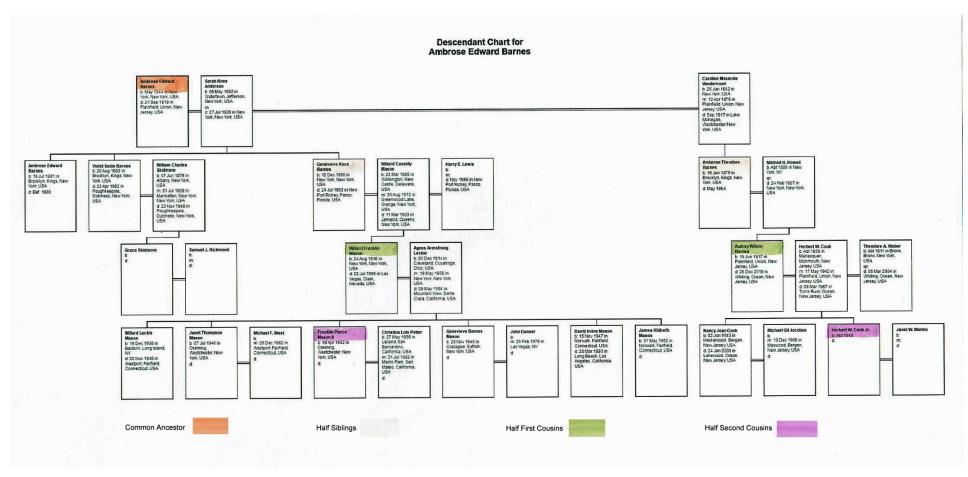
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1910 U.S. Census, showing Willard Cassidy Mason, age 25, living at 722 Chauncey Street in Brooklyn with his parents, listed as clerk at a trust company



Descendant chart for Ambrose Edward Barnes, highlighting key half siblings (Genevieve Knox Barnes and Ambrose Theodore Barnes), half first cousins (Willard Franklin Mason and Audrey Wilson Barnes), and half second cousins (Franklin Pierce Mason II and Herbert Cook, Jr.)

We need to get technical for a minute: Franklin Pierce Mason II and Audrey Wilson Barnes are half first cousins once removed. The "average shared centimorgans (cM)" for such a relationship is 212.5 cM. The tested valve found for these two people is 183 cM. (Refer to the table below.)

Franklin Pierce Mason II and Herbert Cook, Jr. are half second cousins. The average shared centimorgans for such a relationship is 106.25 cM. The tested valve found for these two people is 133 cM.

These two sets of tests were done at separate times and by different testing laboratories.

ESTIMATING RELATIONSHIPS FROM SHARED DNA

Average shared cM*	Average percentage of shared DNA**	Relationship	Range of shared cM***
3,400	50%	Parent/child	3,330-3,720
2,550	50%	Full sibling	2,209-3,384
1,700	25%	Half sibling	1,317-2,312
		Aunt/uncle/niece/nephew	1,349-2,175
		Double first cousin	2,209-3,384
		Grandparent/grandchild	1,156-2,311
850	12.5%	First cousin	553-1,225
		Half-aunt/half-uncle/half-niece/half-nephew	500-1,446
		Great-grandparent/great-grandchild	464-1,486
		Great-aunt/great-uncle/great-niece/great-nephew	251-2,108
425	6.25%	First cousin once removed	141-851
		Half-first cousin	137-856
		Half-great-aunt/half-great-uncle/half-great-niece/ half-great-nephew	125-765
212.5	3.125%	Second cousin	46-515
		First cousin twice removed	43-531
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106.25	1.56%	Second cousin once removed	0-316
		Half-second cousin	9-397
		First cousin three times removed	0-283
		Half-first cousin twice removed	37-360
53.13	0.78%	Third cousin	0-217
		Second cousin twice removed	0-261
26.56	0.391%	Third cousin once removed	0-173

^{*}AncestryDNA, MyHeritage DNA, and Family Tree DNA provide shared DNA in centimorgans (cM).

Estimating relationships from shared DNA

(from: https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/how-to-use-shared-dna-to-determine-relationships/)

^{**23}andMe provides shared DNA as a percentage.

^{***}According to the shared cM Project, a study of cMs shared by known relatives. For more information, see <thegeneticgenealogist.com/2017/08/26/august-2017-update-to-the-shared-cm-project>.

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1912 Genevieve Knox Barnes portrait by Frank Snapp from the front cover of Seven Keys to Baldpate



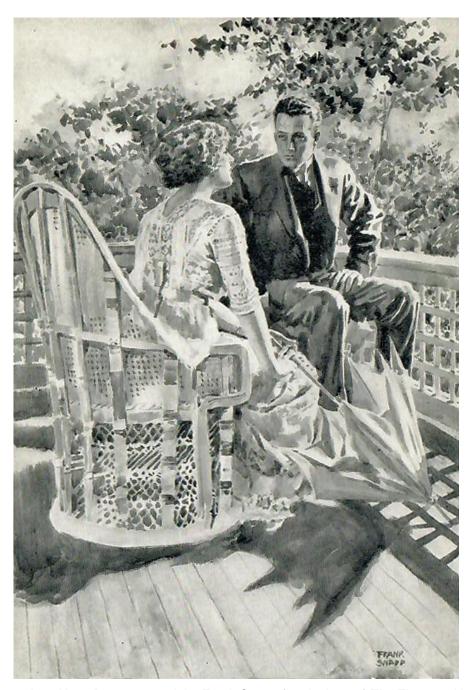
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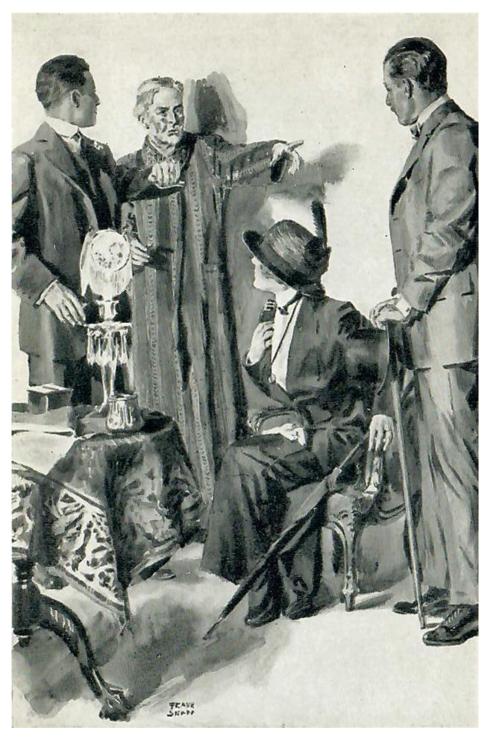
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CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE

Know all Men by this Certificate, that any person authorized by law to perform marriage ceremonies within the State of New York to whom this may come, he, not knowing any lawful impediment thereto, is by authorized and empowered to selemnize the rites of matrimony bet ork and State of New York and in the county of New York and State of New York and to certify the same to be said parties or either of them under his hand and seal in his ministerial or official capacity and thereupon he is required to return his certificate in the form hereto annexed. The statements endorsed hereon or annexed hereto, by me subscribed, contain a full and true abstract of all the facts concerning such parties disclosed by their affidavits or verified statements presented to me upon the application for this license. In Cratimany Whereaf, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said city at the City Hail nineteen this. hundred and thirteen. City Clerk The following is a full and true abstract of all the facts disclosed by the above-named applicants in their verified statements presented to me upon their applications for the above license: FROM THE BRIDE Full name Full nam Color. Color. Place of residence Place of residence Age. Age. Occupation. Occupation Place of birth Country of birth Country of birtl Country of birth Country of birth Number of marriage. Number of marriage. Former husband or husbands Former wife or wives living or dead .. living or dead. Is applicant a divorced person.... Is applicant a divorced person. If so, when and where divorce or divorces were If so, when and where divorce or divorces were

The written consent of the Parents, Guardians or Person under whose care and government the Minor or Minors may be has been filed in the City Clerk's office in the Borough of Manhattan as provided by Section 15 of Article 3 of the Domestic Relations Law.

TO CLERGYMEN AND MAGISTRATES

The license and certificate duly signed by the person who shall have solemnized the marriage therein authorized shall be returned by him to the office of the town or city clerk who issued the same on or before the tenth day of the month next succeeding the date of the solemnizing of the marriage therein authorized and any person or persons who shall wilfully neglect to make such return within the time above required shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than fifty dollars for each and every offense.

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1915 New York State Census, showing Willard Mason as a Bank Clerk and his wife, Genevieve, living at 551 West 157th Street in Manhattan

U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995 for Willard C Mason

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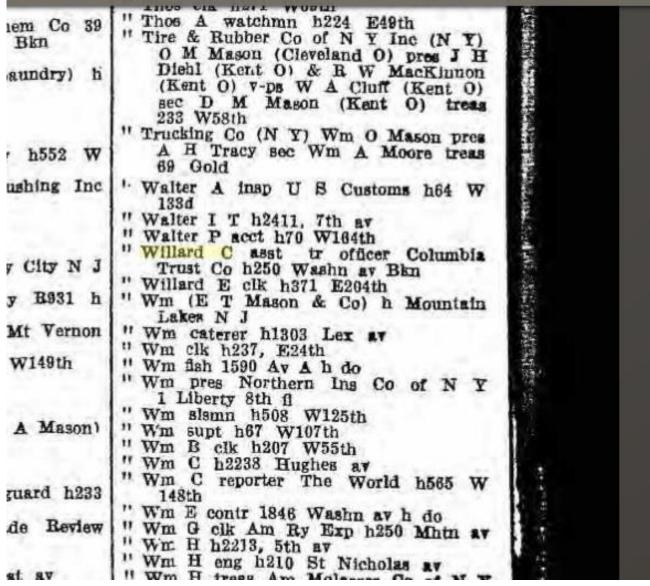
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U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995 for Willard C Mason

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1920 New York City Directory, showing Willard C. Mason as an Assistant Trust Officer at Columbia Trust Company, living at 250 Washington Avenue in Brooklyn

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1925 New Rochelle City Directory, showing Willard C. Mason as a Banker in New York City and his wife Genevieve, living at 35 Saint Paul Place in New Rochelle, New York

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1930 US Census, showing Willard C. Mason, Brother, as an Officer in a Bank with his sister Gertrude H
Mason living at 139-47 87th Avenue in Queens, New York
This census was recorded on 17 April 1930.

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Mr. Charles E. Clifton, Assistant Trust Officer, The Trust Company of New Jersey, Jersey City, N. J.

Dear

As suggested by you during our conversation of yesterday, I am submitting below a summary of my business experience for the purpose of helping you to determine my fitness for the position of Assistant Trust Officer with your company:

Experience

18 years with Columbia Trust Company, 60 Broadway, New York City, - subsequently merged with the Irving Trust Company. Covered the entire field of Trust Department activities, both personal and corporate. For the last 8 or 9 years of that period was Assistant Trust Officer supervising reorganizations and corporate trusteeships.

Over 3 years with Empire Trust Company, 120 Broadway, New York City, as Manager of the Trust New Business Department, preparing and editing trust literature; planning and supervising direct mail campaigns; soliciting appointments under wills, living trust agreements and insurance trust agreements; formulating estate plans and making recommendations for the disposition of estates and insurance moneys; called in consultation by the Trust Officers on similar matters arising within the bank.

One year Trust Officer, Bank of Sicily Trust Company, 487 Broadway, New York City. - Administrative duties and new business activities as outlined above. In addition planned and supervised direct mail campaign for new commercial accounts and personally solicited such accounts.

Mr. Charles E. Clifton, Assistant Trust Officer - 2-

References

For immediate check-up suggest that you communicate with:

Mr. Henry F. Whiteny, Assistant Vice-President Empire Trust Company. Telephone - Rector 9600.

Mr. Frederic Gerard, Treasurer, Bank of Sicily Trust Company. Telephone Canal 2360.

If this letter should lead to definite negotiations can refer you to other gentlemen of the highest standing in financial and legal circles.

Yours respectually,

TEL. WORTH 0374

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1933 Willard C. Mason death notice from The Brooklyn Daily Eagle. Willard died at his sister's home at 139-47 87th Avenue in Queens.

Willard C Mason

BIRTH 22 Mar 1885

DEATH 11 Mar 1933 (aged 47)

BURIAL Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery

Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware, USA

MEMORIAL ID 132359689 · View Source

1933 Willard C. Mason Find-a-Grave burial record. Willard was buried in the Mason Family plot in the Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery in Wilmington, Delaware





1933 Willard C. Mason memorial in the Mason plot of the Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery, Section 25, Lot Numbers 33 and 35

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1929 Marriage Certificate for Violet Sadie Barnes and William Charles Skidmore, showing the witnesses to the marriage as Genevieve B. Mason and Harry E. Lewis

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Army and navy service roll. [Design showing eagle above two U. S. flags in center with British and Belgian flag at left, French and Italian flag at right, sailor and soldier below.] © 1 c. Oct. 24, 1918; G 57010.

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Devotion. [Red cross poster showing nurse with hands clasped over breast looking up at U. S. flag.] © 1 c. Oct. 10, 1918; G 56879.

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Heroism, or the risen Saviour. American soldier standing under U. S. flag in foreground, camp in background and vision of Christ in distance. © 1 c. Oct. 17, 1918; G 5696.

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Business lavatory; by Ethridge co. One man washing hands in lavatory, another with soap in hand talking to man in doorway. © 1 c. Oct. 17, 1918;

1918 Harry E. Lewis shown as a designer for Pathé in New York City

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1936 Social Security Application for Genevieve Barnes Mason, showing her residence address, place of employment, and an (incorrect) date of birth. (She was born in 1890.)