

# Ancestors of Franklin Pierce Mason

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## Generation 1

1. **Franklin Pierce Mason**, son of Malachi Parke Mason and Catherine Cassidy, was born on 12 Sep 1853 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 07 Sep 1928 in Jamacia, Queens, New York, USA. He married **Ann Elizabeth Hildreth** on 21 Jun 1882 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She was born on 24 Feb 1854 in Preston, Lancashire, England, UK. She died on 06 Jun 1923 in Jamacia, Queens, New York, USA.

Notes for Franklin Pierce Mason:

In 1880, at age 26, Franklin Pierce Mason was living with his uncle, George Washington Mason, in Wilmington. FPM's father, Malachi, had died 11 years earlier in 1869, when Franklin was just 15 years old. FPM is listed as a "carpenter" in 1880 and as a "varnish manufacturer" in 1900 and 1910.

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## Generation 2

2. **Malachi Parke Mason**, son of Abiah Parke Mason and Ann Kendall, was born on 07 Jul 1819 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 10 Aug 1869 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He married **Catherine Cassidy** on 10 Feb 1848 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.
3. **Catherine Cassidy** was born about 1827 in Saint John's, Newfoundland. She died on 17 Feb 1865 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

Notes for Malachi Parke Mason:

"Malachia Park Mason son of Park and Ann Mason was born the 7th day of July 1819 4th day of the week 2 O'clock in the day"

Notes for Catherine Cassidy:

According to the marriage certificate of Delaware Mason, Catherine Cassidy was born in "Nashwalk Province New Brunswick". "Nashwalk" is actually spelled "Nashwaak".

Catherine Cassidy and Malachi Parke Mason had the following children:

- i. Ellen Kendall Mason was born on 28 Jun 1848 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She died on 13 Jun 1923 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She married Jesse Kendall Baylis on 12 Oct 1865 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He was born on 10 Feb 1843 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 21 Sep 1924 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

Notes for Jesse Kendall Baylis:

Much of the information for the descendants of Jessie Kendall Baylis and Ellen Kendall Mason comes from the Michael Patrick Lang Family Tree on Ancestry.com.

JESSE E. BAYLIS, Wilmington, Del., son of Samuel B. and Sarah (Kendall) Baylis, of Brandywine hundred, was born in Wilmington, February 10, 1843.

Mr. Baylis received a good education in the public schools of his native city, and after leaving school learned the trade of sash making. After some years he extended the business by making it include other articles necessary to builders. He was the first to introduce the tile and mantel business into Wilmington and was engaged in the sale of tiles, mantels and grates at 718 Market Street until he became the lessee of the Wilmington Grand Opera House. It was in 1874 that Mr. Baylis assumed the management of that popular place of entertainment, which he has conducted ever since so judiciously, and with such regard for the comfort, convenience and pleasure of the public as to give great satisfaction to the patrons of the house. During the past twenty-four years, all the leading artists of the country have appeared in the Grand Opera House, with marked success. Mr. Baylis is well known as a public-spirited citizen, taking pleasure in any service that he can render to the interest of the community. He was for eight years a member of the Board of Education. In 1895 he was elected president of the City Council, and served one term in that capacity with faithfulness and efficiency. He is treasurer of the Guardian

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Loan Association. Mr. Baylis is an ardent Democrat, and was the first president of Council adhering to that party for many years. He is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 1, F. and A. M.; of St. John's Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; and of St. John's Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar.

Jesse K. Baylis was married October 12, 1865, to Ellen K, daughter of Malachi P. and Catherine Mason, and granddaughter of Park Mason, an old and honored resident of Wilmington. Their children are as follows: I. Roscoe F., born February 2, 1868, educated in the public schools of Wilmington, and at present a clerk in the office of the superintendent of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, where he has been employed since the time of his leaving school. He is a member and past master of Washington Lodge, No. 1, F. and A. M., and of St. John's Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; Roscoe F. Baylis married Nina, daughter of John H. and Graham, and has two children, i. Jesse K., Jr., ii. Helen; II. Wynard L., born January 9, 1870, educated in the public schools, is at present a clerk in the freight department of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad; III. Lester K., born August 21, 1878, now engaged with his father in the management of the Grand Opera House.

[History of the State of Delaware, Vol. 1 1899, Publishers: J. M. Runk & Co., Chambersburg, PA., submitted by Mary Kay Krogman]

- ii. Emma Virginia Mason was born on 15 Mar 1850 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She died on 07 Jan 1930 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She married James Knott on 16 Mar 1872 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He was born on 12 Mar 1844 in Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 13 Jun 1919 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

Notes for James Knott:

Civil War: 4th Regiment of Delaware Volunteers Infantry

The wedding of James Knott and Emma Virginia Mason occurred in the Methodist Church Parsonage in Chester, Pennsylvania on 16 Mar 1872 with the Rev. J.B. Maddox presiding.

- iii. Henry Parke Mason was born on 20 Feb 1852 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 19 Feb 1930 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He married Francis E. Walker on 18 Dec 1876 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She was born in Apr 1854 in Delaware, USA. She died in 1934.
- 1. iv. Franklin Pierce Mason was born on 12 Sep 1853 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 07 Sep 1928 in Jamaica, Queens, New York, USA. He married Ann Elizabeth Hildreth on 21 Jun 1882 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She was born on 24 Feb 1854 in Preston, Lancashire, England, UK. She died on 06 Jun 1923 in Jamaica, Queens, New York, USA.
- v. Delaware Mason was born on 26 Jul 1856 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 04 Feb 1937 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He married Catherine Anne Gibson on 13 Oct 1881 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She was born in 1856 in Kimbleville, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 04 Nov 1946 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

Notes for Delaware Mason:

Delaware Mason is listed as being a carpenter on his marriage certificate (1881).

- vi. William Mason was born on 11 Mar 1859 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 22 Feb 1932 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He married Gulie Elma Smoot in 1882. She was born on 14 Jul 1861 in Dorchester County, Maryland, USA. She died on 12 Feb 1947 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

Notes for William Mason:

William Mason was baptized in 1859 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Wilmington.

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- vii. Thomas Mason was born on 11 Sep 1861 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 31 Mar 1868 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.
  - viii. Isaac Edward Mason was born on 10 Aug 1864 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 22 Jan 1922 in Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, USA. He married Emilie E. Ogden. She was born in 1856 in Newark, Essex, New Jersey, USA. She died on 11 Dec 1932 in Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, USA.

Notes for Isaac Edward Mason:

Isaac Edward Mason was baptized on 12 Jun 1870 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Wilmington. Both of his parents had died by then. His baptism was sponsored by his sister Ellen Kendall Mason Baylis.

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### Generation 3

- 4. **Abiah Parke Mason**, son of John Mason II and Mary Parke, was born on 13 Apr 1782 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 20 Jan 1852 in Downingtown, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married **Ann Kendall** on 30 Jun 1803 in West Chester, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.
- 5. **Ann Kendall**, daughter of John Kendall and Mary Mason, was born on 02 May 1784 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She died on 15 Feb 1851 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

Notes for Abiah Parke Mason:

The marriage of Abiah Parke Mason and Ann Kendall was performed by John Graves, Esquire in West Chester, Chester, Pennsylvania.

"Park Mason, a somewhat noted personage in his day, was the town bellman for half a century. He was high constable of the borough of Wilmington for a dozen or more years and was bailiff for City Council from 1832 to 1867." From: *History of Delaware: 1609-1888*, John Thomas Scharf, 1888, p. 643 (footnote)

Ann Kendall and Abiah Parke Mason had the following children:

- i. Mary Dickinson Mason was born on 23 May 1804 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She died on 19 Dec 1891 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She married Michael Peppers on 02 May 1850 in First Presbyterian Church, Kensington, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She married Michael Slyhoff on 08 May 1864 in Bridesburg, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. He was born about 1811 in near Bridesburg, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 31 Mar 1881 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.
- ii. Elisa Mason was born on 03 Dec 1805 in Delaware, USA. She died after 1880 in Downingtown, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She married Evans Thornberry. He was born about 1796 in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, USA. He died in Feb 1862 in Downingtown, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

Notes for Elisa Mason:

Evans Thornberry, husband of Elisa Mason Thornberry, died in 1862 when Elisa was only about 57 years old. Elisa did not die until after 1880. During the period between 1862 and after 1880, Elisa lived with various of her children. In 1870, she was living with her daughter Laura and Laura's husband Harvey Jefferis in Wilmington, DE. And in 1880, she was living with her daughter Cora in Downingtown, PA. (Cora's husband, John W. Moyer, had also died by then. Therefore, Elisa and Cora were living together with two of Cora's children, Luther, age 8 years, and Clarence, age 4 years.)

Notes for Evans Thornberry:

Evans Thornberry and Elisa Mason Thornberry were baptized as adults on 11 Jan 1852 at St. James Episcopal Church in Downingtown. Three of their children--Cora, Laura, and Joseph--were also baptized there. That seems a bit surprising because both the Mason family and Thornberry family were Quakers when they first emigrated to America.

- iii. Benjamin Mason was born on 07 Nov 1806 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 01 Jul 1807 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

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- iv. Jonathan Mason was born on 01 Jan 1808 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 17 Apr 1817 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

Notes for Jonathan Mason:

From the *Mason Family Record of Births and Deaths* in the collection of Joseph Kendall Mason:

"Johanathan Mason Son of Park Mason by Ann his Wife was born the first day of the first month 6 Day of the weak 12 oclock at night in the year 1808 he Departed this Life 7 Day of April 1 Day of weak 2 oclock in the Day aged 9 years and 2 months old 1817 he Died in The Lord"

- v. Isaac Mason was born on 11 Apr 1809 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 30 Sep 1864 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He married Susan Middleton about 1835 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She was born about 1818 in Pennsylvania, USA. She died between 1888-1891 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

Notes for Susan Middleton:

Despite the fact that her parents were married in Delaware, apparently Susan Middleton was born in Pennsylvania. Susan married Isaac Mason in about 1835 when she was about 17 years old and Isaac was about 26. They had five children all of whom were born in Delaware. In 1860, the family was all together (except for Anna who was already on her own) in Wilmington and was living next door to Washington Mason, Isaac's younger brother, and his family. Isaac died in 1864, at age 55 years, when Susan was just 46 and when their youngest child, Clifford, was 17. In 1870, Susan was living with two of her sons, Oscar and Clifford, and her daughter-in-law, Mary, at 204 West 9th Street in Wilmington. Oscar was married to Mary Bernhardt in September 1869. By 1875, Oscar and his wife were living on their own. (Susan and Clifford were no longer listed in the Wilmington City Directory.) In 1880, Susan and Clifford were living with Susan's daughter Sarah Mason Shuster and her family at 819 Wollaston Street in Wilmington. There is no further record of Susan Middleton Mason. Even though there was a grave site available for her next to where her husband, Isaac, was buried, she was not buried there. (Clifford continued to live with his sister Sarah Shuster at least until 1900. Clifford died in 1906. In 1900, Anna Mason Chapin, who was widowed in 1896, also lived in the Shuster household. Anna Mason Chapin also died in 1906. Sarah Mason Shuster died in 1921.)

- vi. John A. Mason was born on 31 Jan 1811 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 04 Oct 1896 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. He married Beulah Roselle. She was born about 1812 in Delaware, USA. She died before 1860 in Maryland, USA.
- vii. Esther Evans Mason was born on 08 Jun 1812 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She died on 24 Aug 1897 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She married Archibald Minto on 25 Jan 1873 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He was born about 1805 in Isle of Man. He died in 1883 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

Notes for Esther Evans Mason:

Esther Mason was 60 years old when she married Archibald Minto. The indications are that this was her first (and only) marriage. After Archibald died in 1883, Esther continued to live on West 9th Street in Wilmington until her death in 1897. Esther and Archibald were members of the Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington.

Notes for Archibald Minto:

Archibald Minto was given the title "Captain" in his marriage record to Esther Mason and in the family tree prepared by Joseph K. Mason. How he deserved this title is unknown. In the census records for Archibald Minto, he is listed as a "laborer", and in the 1880s Wilmington city directory he is listed as a "watchman". Perhaps his glory days were over before his marriage to Esther Mason.

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- viii. Tamson Mason was born on 11 Jan 1815 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She died on 11 Jul 1870 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. She married Joseph Hoffman on 17 Sep 1840 in Kensington First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. He was born on 26 Oct 1805 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 24 Sep 1896 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

Notes for Tamson Mason:

Tamson Mason is referred to as Thomasini Mason in some family documents.

- ix. George Washington Mason was born on 07 Jul 1817 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 09 May 1882 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He married Rebecca Slack on 26 Oct 1843 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She was born on 30 Aug 1817 in New Castle County, Delaware, USA. She died on 09 Nov 1903 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

Notes for George Washington Mason:

George Washington Mason was a master carpenter and a builder. Washington's younger brother, Malachi Parke Mason, died in 1869 leaving eight orphaned children. Washington took in two of the boys, Franklin P. and Delaware, In addition, the boys became apprentices to Washington as carpenters, an occupation that both boys pursued successfully in their adulthood.

Notes for Rebecca Slack:

After her husband's death in 1882, Rebecca Slack Mason lived with her daughter, Ella Mason Garsed and Ella's husband and child in Philadelphia (1900 U.S. Census).

2. x. Malachi Parke Mason was born on 07 Jul 1819 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 10 Aug 1869 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He married Catherine Cassidy on 10 Feb 1848 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She was born about 1827 in Saint John's, Newfoundland. She died on 17 Feb 1865 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.
- xi. Cideney Ann Mason was born on 19 Jul 1823 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She died on 01 Apr 1838 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

Notes for Cideney Ann Mason:

From the *Mason Family Record of Births and Deaths* in the collection of Joseph Kendall Mason:

"Cideney ann Mason Daughter of Park Mason by Ann his Wife was born the 19 Day of July 7 Day of the week 8 o'clock 1823"

and

"Cideney Ann Mason Daughter of Park Mason by Ann his Wife Departed this Life on the first Day of April 1838 first Day of weak 7 o'clock in the Evening aged 14 years & 9 months olde She is At rest in the arms of that Dear Jesus her Loving Saviour"

- xii. Catharine Jane Mason was born on 30 Jan 1826 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She died on 27 Dec 1841 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

Notes for Catharine Jane Mason:

From the *Mason Family Record of Births and Deaths* in the collection of Joseph Kendall Mason:

"Carhrine Jane Mason Daughter of Park Mason by ann his Wife was born 30 Day of Janury 2 Day of week at 5 o'clock 1826"

and

"December 27 1841 Cathern Jane Mason Daughter of Park Mason By Ann his Wife Departed this Life on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the day aged 14 years & 11 months old 27 Decem 1841 She went happy to Jesus her Dear Redemer"

Her death is also recorded as follows in the *Delaware Gazette* of 7 Jan 1842:

**Generation 4**

8. **John Mason II**, son of John Mason and Eleanor (Ellen) Kendall, was born on 18 Jul 1755 in perhaps Marple, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 31 Mar 1822 in Uwchlan, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married **Mary Parke** in 1781.
9. **Mary Parke**, daughter of Abiah Parke and Ruth Jones, was born on 12 Feb 1761 in East Caln, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 01 Aug 1800 in Uwchlan, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

Notes for John Mason II:

Mary Parke Mason died in 1800, at age 39 years. When she died, she left behind five children ranging in age from one to 18 years, with two children who were 5 years or under. (Jonathan Mason died before his mother.) According to the Joseph Kendall Mason family tree, John Mason married again to a widow named Sarah Pratt (nee Davis), by whom he had one child, John Mason, Jr. The will of John Mason Sr., written in 1822 shortly before his death, shows Sarah as his wife and lists Parke, Isaac, and John Mason, and Ruth Kendall and Mary Downing as his children. (Benjamin Mason died before his father but after his mother.)

Mary Parke and John Mason II had the following children:

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  - i. Abiah Parke Mason was born on 13 Apr 1782 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 20 Jan 1852 in Downingtown, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married Ann Kendall on 30 Jun 1803 in West Chester, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She was born on 02 May 1784 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She died on 15 Feb 1851 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.
  - ii. Isaac Mason was born on 06 Jun 1784 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 08 Feb 1826 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, USA. He married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Weaver on 23 Dec 1811 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. She was born on 12 Aug 1789 in East Earl, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 20 Mar 1866 in Salisbury, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA.
  - iii. Ruth Anna Mason was born on 01 Feb 1788. She died on 30 Jun 1830 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She married Samuel Kendall on 25 Dec 1807. He was born on 08 Oct 1786 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 07 Dec 1840.
  - iv. Jonathan Mason was born on 02 Jul 1791. He died on 07 Nov 1794.
  - v. Benjamin Mason was born on 05 Nov 1795. He died on 10 Aug 1803.
  - vi. Mary Parke Mason was born on 18 Feb 1799 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 30 Nov 1871 in Downingtown, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She married William Worrall Downing on 17 Dec 1816 in Downingtown, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He was born on 29 Dec 1791 in Downingtown, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 13 Feb 1873 in Downingtown, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

Notes for Mary Parke Mason:

Information for Mary Parke Mason is from the following sources: Joseph K. Mason Family Tree; Scott, Hope, Barton & Related Families of Chester Co., PA on Ancestry.com, owner: MarkWaldron87

Mary Parke Mason was only about 1 1/2 years old when her mother died. Thus, when her father remarried, to the widow Sarah Pratt (nee Davis) in 1801, Sarah must have very quickly become Mary's mother. In fact, Sarah was probably the only mother that Mary remembered.

10. **John Kendall**, son of Thomas Kendall and Mary, was born on 28 Nov 1719 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 23 Sep 1795 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He married **Mary Mason** on 07 Dec 1782.
11. **Mary Mason**, daughter of John Mason and Eleanor (Ellen) Kendall, was born on 21 Feb 1745 in probably Upper Providence, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 31 Oct 1820 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

Notes for John Kendall:

John Kendall was married twice, first to Rebbecca Collier and second to Mary Mason. Rebbecca

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Collier died in 1778, and John remarried in 1782. Mary Mason was John Kendall's niece, the daughter of his sister Eleanor Kendall Mason. At the time of their marriage, John was 63 years of age, and Mary was 37, a 28 year difference.

Mary Mason and John Kendall had the following children:

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  - i. Ann Kendall was born on 02 May 1784 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She died on 15 Feb 1851 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She married Abiah Parke Mason on 30 Jun 1803 in West Chester, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He was born on 13 Apr 1782 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 20 Jan 1852 in Downingtown, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.
  - ii. Samuel Kendall was born on 08 Oct 1786 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He died on 07 Dec 1840. He married Ruth Anna Mason on 25 Dec 1807. She was born on 01 Feb 1788. She died on 30 Jun 1830 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.

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#### Generation 5

16. **John Mason** was born about 1695 in England. He died after 1768 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. He married **Eleanor (Ellen) Kendall** on 25 Nov 1741 in First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.
17. **Eleanor (Ellen) Kendall**, daughter of Thomas Kendall and Mary, was born on 16 May 1723 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. She died about 1780 in probably Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA.

Notes for John Mason:

The weight of evidence suggests that this John Mason is the immigrant ancestor. The evidence is as follows: First, a genealogy copied from one compiled by Eleanor Ida Evans 6 (1858 to 1935) (John Mason 1, John Mason 2, Isaac Mason 3, Mary Ann Mason 4, Lewis M. Evans 5) states that this John Mason came to America with Thomas Kendall from England when John was a boy. Second, a genealogy compiled by an unknown author (who was also a descendant of Isaac Mason) states that this John Mason was the son of John Mason and Elizabeth Collins of Kent, England. Third, in the book "Genealogy of the Smedley Family" by Gilbert Cope, on page 298, it states the following: "John Mason, supposed from England, m. about 1741, Elinor, dau. of Thomas and Mary Kendall, of Springfield."

According to the staff at the Chester County Archives in West Chester, Pennsylvania, in Colonial America, men 21 years of age and older were divided into three categories for taxation purposes: Freeman, Inmate, and Property Holder. A "Freeman" was an unmarried man without property. An "Inmate" was a married man without property. And a "Property Holder" was a married man with property, either owned or leased. It seems that Freeman were taxed at a higher rate than Inmates to encourage men to get married.

In the tax records, in 1739, John Mason was listed as a Freeman living in Upper Darby. In 1747/48, he is shown as being an Inmate in Upper Providence. And in 1751 to 1765, he is shown as being a Property Holder in Marple. Upper Darby is just north of Springfield, where Thomas Kendall lived for many years. Upper Providence is just south of Marple. And Marple is where John Mason and his family lived much of their lives.

The information in the tax records correspond nicely with other information known about John Mason. He was unmarried in 1739. He married in 1741. He was still just getting started even by 1748. And he was settled down on a farm in Marple by 1751.

The tax records of 1765 were more detailed than those that preceded them. Those records show that John Mason rented land from Joseph Worrell. Thus, it is safe to assume that he rented land all along and that he never owned the land that he farmed.

Unfortunately, the first tax records for John Mason were in 1739. If there were earlier records, it might be possible to determine when he turned 21 years of age, and thus, to determine the year of his birth.

The tax records for 1768, list John Mason as "Poor", which means that he did not need to pay taxes. Evidently something happened to him (an accident that rendered him unable to work?) between 1765 and 1768. The tax record in 1768 was the last for John Mason. Thus, it seems likely that he died shortly after 1768.

John Mason married Eleanor Kendall in 1741. At the time of their marriage, John was about 46 years of age, and Eleanor was 18, a difference of about 28 years.

Eleanor (Ellen) Kendall and John Mason had the following children:

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11.
    - i. Mary Mason was born on 21 Feb 1745 in probably Upper Providence, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 31 Oct 1820 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. She married John Kendall on 07 Dec 1782. He was born on 28 Nov 1719 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 23 Sep 1795 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.
    - ii. Ann Mason was born on 13 Aug 1747. She died in 1800.
    - iii. Elizabeth Mason was born on 10 Sep 1750.
    - iv. Jane Mason was born on 21 Sep 1752.
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    - v. John Mason II was born on 18 Jul 1755 in perhaps Marple, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 31 Mar 1822 in Uwchlan, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married Mary Parke in 1781. She was born on 12 Feb 1761 in East Caln, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 01 Aug 1800 in Uwchlan, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married Sarah Davis on 10 Sep 1801 in Newtown, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA. She was born on 12 Sep 1760 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 08 Jun 1834 in Uwchlan, Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA.
    - vi. Rose Mason was born in 1757.
    - vii. Benjamin Mason was born on 21 May 1764.

18. **Abiah Parke**, son of Jonathan Parke and Deborah Taylor, was born on Feb 1736/37 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 31 Mar 1800 in Caln, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married **Ruth Jones**.

19. **Ruth Jones**, daughter of Malachi Jones Jr. and Mary Parry, was born on 26 Mar 1738 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 01 Jun 1817 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA.

Ruth Jones and Abiah Parke had the following child:

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  - i. Mary Parke was born on 12 Feb 1761 in East Caln, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 01 Aug 1800 in Uwchlan, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She married John Mason II in 1781. He was born on 18 Jul 1755 in perhaps Marple, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 31 Mar 1822 in Uwchlan, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

20. **Thomas Kendall** was born about 1680 in Yorkshire, England. He died in Dec 1741 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. He married **Mary** in 1708 in probably Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

21. **Mary**. She died about 1723 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

Mary and Thomas Kendall had the following children:

- i. Jane Kendall was born on 08 Nov 1709 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. She died in 1738 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware. She married Jesse Woodward on 28 Jul 1730 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. He was born about 1708 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. He died before 1775 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA.

Notes for Jesse Woodward:

Information on Jesse Woodward and his parents and wives is taken from the article "Thomas and Rachel Martin Woodward" at [freepages.family.ancestry.com/~mygermanfamilies/ThomasWMartin.html](http://freepages.family.ancestry.com/~mygermanfamilies/ThomasWMartin.html). The aforementioned reference lists the marriage of Jesse Woodward and Jane Kendall as "9th month 5th day, 1730, at Springfield Meeting".

- ii. Mary Kendall was born on 28 Jan 1713 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. She died before 1745 in Goshen, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She married Thomas Hall on 06 Apr 1728 in Chester MM, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He was born on 24 Apr 1704 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He died in 1773 in Willistown, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.
- iii. Thomas II Kendall was born on 23 May 1715 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. He died on 26 Sep 1781 in Hillsboro, Randolph, North Carolina, USA. He married



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- Sarah Pilkington on 13 Sep 1740. She was born about 1728 in Anson County, North Carolina, USA. She died about 1750. He married Margaret Ruddick. She was born in 1725. She died in 1775.
10. iv. John Kendall was born on 28 Nov 1719 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 23 Sep 1795 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He married Rebecca Collier on 15 Nov 1739 in Springfield MM, Chester, Pennsylvania. She was born on 14 Mar 1720 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. She died on 19 Aug 1778 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware. He married Mary Mason on 07 Dec 1782. She was born on 21 Feb 1745 in probably Upper Providence, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 31 Oct 1820 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.
17. v. Eleanor (Ellen) Kendall was born on 16 May 1723 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. She died about 1780 in probably Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. She married John Mason on 25 Nov 1741 in First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. He was born about 1695 in England. He died after 1768 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA.
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#### Generation 6

34. **Thomas Kendall** was born about 1680 in Yorkshire, England. He died in Dec 1741 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. He married **Mary** in 1708 in probably Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.
35. **Mary**. She died about 1723 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

Mary and Thomas Kendall had the following children:

- i. Jane Kendall was born on 08 Nov 1709 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. She died in 1738 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware. She married Jesse Woodward on 28 Jul 1730 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. He was born about 1708 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. He died before 1775 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA.
- Notes for Jesse Woodward:  
Information on Jesse Woodward and his parents and wives is taken from the article "Thomas and Rachel Martin Woodward" at [freepages.family.ancestry.com/~mygermanfamilies/ThomasWMartin.html](http://freepages.family.ancestry.com/~mygermanfamilies/ThomasWMartin.html). The aforementioned reference lists the marriage of Jesse Woodward and Jane Kendall as "9th month 5th day, 1730, at Springfield Meeting".
- ii. Mary Kendall was born on 28 Jan 1713 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. She died before 1745 in Goshen, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She married Thomas Hall on 06 Apr 1728 in Chester MM, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He was born on 24 Apr 1704 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He died in 1773 in Willistown, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.
- iii. Thomas II Kendall was born on 23 May 1715 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. He died on 26 Sep 1781 in Hillsboro, Randolph, North Carolina, USA. He married Sarah Pilkington on 13 Sep 1740. She was born about 1728 in Anson County, North Carolina, USA. She died about 1750. He married Margaret Ruddick. She was born in 1725. She died in 1775.
10. iv. John Kendall was born on 28 Nov 1719 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 23 Sep 1795 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA. He married Rebecca Collier on 15 Nov 1739 in Springfield MM, Chester, Pennsylvania. She was born on 14 Mar 1720 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. She died on 19 Aug 1778 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware. He married Mary Mason on 07 Dec 1782. She was born on 21 Feb 1745 in probably Upper Providence, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 31 Oct 1820 in Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, USA.
17. v. Eleanor (Ellen) Kendall was born on 16 May 1723 in Springfield, Chester, Pennsylvania. She died about 1780 in probably Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. She married John Mason on 25 Nov 1741 in First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. He was born about 1695 in England. He died

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after 1768 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA.

36. **Jonathan Parke**, son of Thomas Parke and Rebecca Ward, was born on 18 Apr 1709 in Ballybrommell, Carlow, Ireland. He died on 05 Apr 1767 in Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married **Deborah Taylor**.

37. **Deborah Taylor**, daughter of Abiah Taylor Jr. and Deborah Gearing, was born in 1710 in Chester, Chester (now Delaware), Pennsylvania, USA. She died in 1793 in East Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

Deborah Taylor and Jonathan Parke had the following child:

18. i. Abiah Parke was born on Feb 1736/37 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 31 Mar 1800 in Caln, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married Ruth Jones. She was born on 26 Mar 1738 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 01 Jun 1817 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA.

38. **Malachi Jones Jr.**, son of Malachi Jones and Mary, was born about 1695 in Wales. He died in 1754 in Pennsylvania, USA. He married **Mary Parry** on 27 Nov 1729 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

39. **Mary Parry**, daughter of James Parry and Ann, was born about 1705 in Whiteland, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 22 Apr 1750 in Abington, Montgomery, Pennsylvania, USA.

Mary Parry and Malachi Jones Jr. had the following children:

i. Malachi Jones III was born in 1735 in Pennsylvania, USA. He died in 1805 in South Carolina, USA.

19. ii. Ruth Jones was born on 26 Mar 1738 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 01 Jun 1817 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. She married Abiah Parke. He was born on Feb 1736/37 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 31 Mar 1800 in Caln, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

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#### Generation 7

72. **Thomas Parke** was born in 1660 in Balleen Contra, Ballylean, Cavan County, Ireland. He died on 31 Mar 1738 in East Caln, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married **Rebecca Ward** on 21 Oct 1692 in Newgarden, County Carlow, Ireland.

73. **Rebecca Ward** was born about 1672 in Ballyredmond, Carlow, Ireland. She died on 21 Aug 1749 in East Caln, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

Notes for Rebecca Ward:

According to *Irish Immigrants in the the Land of Canaan*, by K. A. Miller, et. al., p. 73, Rebecca's maiden name was Ward (or Ware, Warr). Other sources have it as Hooper.

Rebecca Ward and Thomas Parke had the following child:

36. i. Jonathan Parke was born on 18 Apr 1709 in Ballybrommell, Carlow, Ireland. He died on 05 Apr 1767 in Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married Deborah Taylor. She was born in 1710 in Chester, Chester (now Delaware), Pennsylvania, USA. She died in 1793 in East Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

74. **Abiah Taylor Jr.**, son of Abiah Taylor and Alice, was born on 18 Apr 1675 in Didcot, Berkshire, England. He died on 10 Oct 1747 in East Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married **Deborah Gearing** on 18 Apr 1690 in Pennsylvania, USA.

75. **Deborah Gearing**, daughter of John Gearing, was born on 01 Aug 1671 in Stanford in the Vale, Berkshire, England. She died after 1741 in East Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

Deborah Gearing and Abiah Taylor Jr. had the following child:

37. i. Deborah Taylor was born in 1710 in Chester, Chester (now Delaware), Pennsylvania, USA. She died in 1793 in East Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She married Jonathan Parke. He was born on 18 Apr 1709 in Ballybrommell, Carlow, Ireland. He died on 05 Apr 1767 in Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

76. **Malachi Jones** was born in 1651 in Wales. He died on 26 Mar 1729 in Abington, Montgomery, Pennsylvania, USA. He married **Mary** about 1682 in Wales.

77. **Mary**.

Mary and Malachi Jones had the following child:

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38. i. Malachi Jones Jr. was born about 1695 in Wales. He died in 1754 in Pennsylvania, USA. He married Mary Parry on 27 Nov 1729 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. She was born about 1705 in Whiteland, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 22 Apr 1750 in Abington, Montgomery, Pennsylvania, USA.
78. **James Parry** was born in 1647 in Hanmer, Flintshire, Wales. He died in 1726 in Tredyffrin, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married **Ann**.
79. **Ann**.
- Ann and James Parry had the following child:
39. i. Mary Parry was born about 1705 in Whiteland, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 22 Apr 1750 in Abington, Montgomery, Pennsylvania, USA. She married Malachi Jones Jr. on 27 Nov 1729 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. He was born about 1695 in Wales. He died in 1754 in Pennsylvania, USA.
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#### Generation 8

148. **Abiah Taylor**, son of John Taylor and Lettice Wright, was born on 04 Sep 1636 in Didcott, Berkshire, England. He died in 1699 in Didcott, Berkshire, England. He married **Alice**.
149. **Alice** was born in 1640 in Didcott, Berkshire, England. She died in 1710 in Didcott, Berkshire, England.

Notes for Abiah Taylor:

"Father John must have been passionately devoted to the children of his later years and on his deathbed (he died in 1677) dictated a new will, leaving his entire estate to John and 15 pounds to Mary. The two older children, Abiah and Anne, now adults, were cut out of their inheritance with only a shilling apiece. Though it is not known why Anne was treated this way, Abiah is a different case. He was an irreligious man in a puritanical age, one of intense religious feeling. Abiah was presented several times for non-observance of the religious laws by the churchwardens, of whom John Taylor was one. His son failed to attend church, and was excommunicated in 1671. So it is easy to understand why Abiah was cut out of his father's will. The Archdeaconal Court found that the old man was lucid and rational at the time of his death as Abiah had contested the validity of the will. Anyway, judgment was given against him, after which he subsequently moved from Didcot" From the book "The Long Years of Obscurity-- A History of Didcot. Volume I to 1841" by Brian Lingham: posted on thor205 site [rootsweb]

Alice and Abiah Taylor had the following child:

74. i. Abiah Taylor Jr. was born on 18 Apr 1675 in Didcot, Berkshire, England. He died on 10 Oct 1747 in East Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. He married Deborah Gearing on 18 Apr 1690 in Pennsylvania, USA. She was born on 01 Aug 1671 in Stanford in the Vale, Berkshire, England. She died after 1741 in East Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.
150. **John Gearing**.
- John Gearing had the following child:
75. i. Deborah Gearing was born on 01 Aug 1671 in Stanford in the Vale, Berkshire, England. She died after 1741 in East Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA. She married Abiah Taylor Jr. on 18 Apr 1690 in Pennsylvania, USA. He was born on 18 Apr 1675 in Didcot, Berkshire, England. He died on 10 Oct 1747 in East Bradford, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.
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#### Generation 9

296. **John Taylor** was born in 1604 in Shirburn, Oxfordshire, England. He died on 16 Jul 1677 in Didcot, Berkshire, England. He married **Lettice Wright**.
297. **Lettice Wright** was born about 1610 in Didcot, Berkshire, England. She died on 03 May 1645 in Berkshire, England.

Lettice Wright and John Taylor had the following child:

148. i. Abiah Taylor was born on 04 Sep 1636 in Didcott, Berkshire, England. He died in 1699 in Didcot, Berkshire, England. He married Alice. She was born in 1640 in Didcot, Berkshire, England. She died in 1710 in Didcot, Berkshire, England.