Branch & Record

A family history research report

A sample family

Prepared for Avery Lynn Marlow

Family Tree, four generations back on every line, 28 of 30 direct ancestors found

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Standard	Modelled on the Genealogical Proof Standard. Each link is graded by the evidence found for it.

Sample. Every name, date and record is invented.

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The border shows how strong the evidence is for each person.

How to read the evidence grades



Original record

Checked against the census page, certificate or register entry itself.



Index

A transcribed index lists them, but the original page hasn't been seen.



Inferred

The evidence points one way, and the report says exactly why.



Family account

From your interview or family papers, not yet matched to a record.



Not yet found

No one has been identified here yet. The place stays empty instead of holding a guess.

Counts are for the 30 direct ancestors.

What the evidence shows

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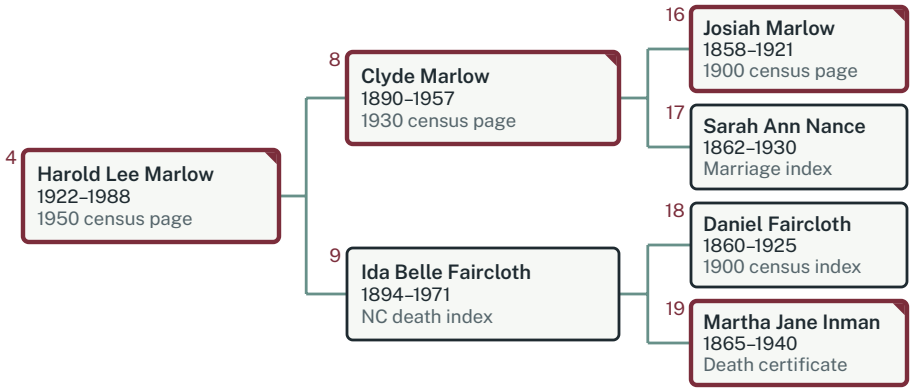
Sample report. Every name, date and record in it is invented. Only the places are real.

- Every one of Avery's four grandparents' lines reaches the great-great-grandparents, with two slots still open.
- The Lindgren line crossed from Sweden in 1913; the passenger list names Karl and where he was going.
- Two links on the Gaskill line rest on strong indirect evidence; the chapter says *why*, and what would settle them.

The Marlow line

The Marlow line stays close to the Cape Fear country for four generations, moving from Columbus County farms to Wilmington by 1950. Most links on this line rest on a census page or a certificate.

The line from Avery's father's side. Numbers match the pedigree.



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Original record

Thomas Edwin Marlow, 1949–2019

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	4 June 1949, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina	1
Work	Machinist, shipyard and then a boat-repair shop, Wilmington	9
Died	22 October 2019, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina	
Married	Carol Ann Pridgen	

How we know he is Avery's father

Birth certificate

“Father: Thomas Edwin Marlow, age 34, born North Carolina.”[1]

Thomas Edwin Marlow was born in Wilmington in 1949 and died there in 2019. He was a machinist, first at the shipyard and later in a boat-repair shop. Avery’s birth certificate, seen in the copy she provided, names him as her father, aged 34 and born in North Carolina.

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Original record

Harold Lee Marlow, 1922–1988

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	9 February 1922, Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina	2
Work	Welder, shipyard, 1950, Wilmington	10
Died	3 May 1988, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina	
Married	Ruth Evelyn Gaskill, 1948, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina	11

How we know he is Thomas's father

1950 census page

"Harold Marlow, 28, head; Ruth, 24, wife; Thomas, under 1 year, son."[2]

Harold Lee Marlow was born in Whiteville in 1922, a tobacco farmer's son, and was in Wilmington by 1948, when he married Ruth Gaskill there. He worked as a welder at the shipyard and died in Wilmington in 1988. The 1950 census page for New Hanover County lists him as head of the household with Ruth as his wife and Thomas as his son. The page itself was seen, and it is the proof that Thomas was Harold's child.

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Original record

Clyde Marlow, 1890–1957

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1890, Columbus County, North Carolina	3
Work	Tobacco farmer, 1930, Columbus County	12
Died	1957, Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina	
Married	Ida Belle Faircloth, 1919, Columbus County, North Carolina	

How we know he is Harold's father

1930 census page

"Clyde Marlow, 40, head, farmer; Ida, 36, wife; Harold, 8, son."[3]

Clyde Marlow was born in Columbus County in 1890 and was still farming tobacco there forty years later. On the 1930 census page he is 40 and head of the household, with his wife Ida, 36, and two children at home: Harold, 8, and Opal, 5. The page calls Harold his son,

so this link is graded Original record. Clyde died in Whiteville in 1957.

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Ida Belle Faircloth, 1894–1971

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1894, Bladen County, North Carolina	4
Died	1971, Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina	
Married	Clyde Marlow, 1919, Columbus County, North Carolina	

How we know she is Harold's mother

NC death index

"Harold Lee Marlow, 1988; mother Ida Faircloth."[4]

Ida Belle Faircloth came from Bladen County, the next county north, and married Clyde in 1919. She outlived him by fourteen years and died in Whiteville in 1971. The state death index entry for Harold gives his mother as Ida Faircloth. Harold's certificate itself has not yet been seen, so the link is graded Index. The 1930 census page, where Ida is Clyde's wife with Harold in the house, agrees with it.

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Original record

Josiah Marlow, 1858–1921

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1858, Columbus County, North Carolina	5
Died	1921, Columbus County, North Carolina	
Married	Sarah Ann Nance, 1884, Columbus County, North Carolina	6

How we know he is Clyde's father

1900 census page

"Josiah Marlow, 42, head; Sarah A., 38, wife; Clyde, 10, son; Ernest, 7, son."[5]

Josiah Marlow is the earliest Marlow found so far. He was born in Columbus County in 1858, married Sarah Ann Nance in 1884 and died in 1921. The 1900 census page lists him at 42 with Sarah, 38, and their sons Clyde, 10, and Ernest, 7. A daughter, Hattie, aged 4, is on the same page.

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Sarah Ann Nance, 1862–1930

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1862, Columbus County, North Carolina	6
Died	1930, Columbus County, North Carolina	
Married	Josiah Marlow, 1884, Columbus County, North Carolina	6

How we know she is Clyde's mother

Marriage index

"Josiah Marlow and Sarah A. Nance, 1884."[6]

Sarah is the wife in Josiah's household on the 1900 census page, with Clyde listed as a son. A census gives a wife's married name only, so her maiden name comes from the Columbus County marriage index: Josiah Marlow and Sarah A. Nance, 1884. Because the name Nance rests on an index entry and not on the marriage register itself, I have graded her Index. Reading the register would lift that.

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Daniel Faircloth, 1860–1925

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1860, Bladen County, North Carolina	7
Died	1925, Bladen County, North Carolina	
Married	Martha Jane Inman	

How we know he is Ida's father

1900 census index

"Daniel Faircloth, 40, head; Ida B., 6, daughter."[7]

Daniel Faircloth was born in Bladen County in 1860 and died there in 1925. The index to the 1900 census has him at 40, head of a household that includes a daughter, Ida B., aged 6, and a son, Luther, aged 9. Only the index entry has been seen, not the census page, so this is an Index link.

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Original record

Martha Jane Inman, 1865–1940

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1865, Bladen County, North Carolina	8
Died	1940, Bladen County, North Carolina	
Married	Daniel Faircloth	

How we know she is Ida's mother

Death certificate

"Mother: Martha Inman."[8]

Martha's name comes from her daughter's death certificate. When Ida died in 1971 the certificate gave her mother as Martha Inman. That comes from the certificate itself, not from an index. A death certificate is only as good as the person who supplied the names, but no other record found so far disagrees with it. Martha was born in Bladen County in 1865 and died there in 1940.

Citations name the original record and where it is held.

Sources for the Marlow line

1 North Carolina birth certificate of Avery Marlow. "Father: Thomas Edwin Marlow, age 34, born North Carolina."

2 1950 U.S. census, New Hanover County, North Carolina: Harold Marlow household. "Harold Marlow, 28, head; Ruth, 24, wife; Thomas, under 1 year, son."

3 1930 U.S. census, Columbus County, North Carolina: Clyde Marlow household. "Clyde Marlow, 40, head, farmer; Ida, 36, wife; Harold, 8, son."

4 North Carolina death index. "Harold Lee Marlow, 1988; mother Ida Faircloth."

5 1900 U.S. census, Columbus County, North Carolina: Josiah Marlow household. "Josiah Marlow, 42, head; Sarah A., 38, wife; Clyde, 10, son; Ernest, 7, son."

6 Columbus County, North Carolina, marriage index. "Josiah Marlow and Sarah A. Nance, 1884."

7 1900 U.S. census index, Bladen County, North Carolina. "Daniel Faircloth, 40, head; Ida B., 6, daughter."

8 North Carolina death certificate of Ida Belle Marlow. "Mother: Martha Inman."

9 Family account: interview with Avery Marlow, 2026

10 1950 U.S. census, New Hanover County, North Carolina: Harold Marlow household, Occupation column

11 North Carolina marriage register, New Hanover County. “Harold Marlow and Ruth Gaskill.”

12 1930 U.S. census, Columbus County, North Carolina: Clyde Marlow household, Occupation column

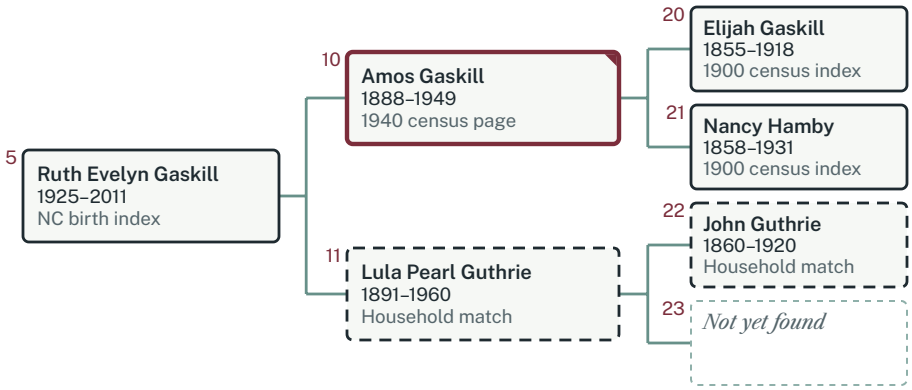
- The three census pages and the two certificates on this list were seen as images. The index entries are still to be followed to the pages behind them.
- In a client’s report each entry also says where the record is held and gives its page or entry number. They are left off here because every record in this sample is invented.

The Gaskill line

The Gaskills were fishermen on Harkers Island, in Carteret County, for as far back as this line has been followed. This is the line with the most open questions: Ruth's mother and her mother's father are both inferred, and one great-great-grandmother is still unknown.

The entries below say what each inference rests on and what would settle it.

The line from Avery's father's side. Numbers match the pedigree.



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Ruth Evelyn Gaskill, 1925–2011

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	17 August 1925, Harkers Island, Carteret County, North Carolina	1
Died	30 January 2011, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina	
Married	Harold Lee Marlow, 1948, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina	8

How we know she is Thomas's mother

NC birth index

"Thomas Edwin Marlow, 1949, New Hanover County; mother Ruth Gaskill."[1]

Ruth Evelyn Gaskill was born on Harkers Island in 1925 and is 14 in her father's house on the 1940 census page. She married Harold Marlow in Wilmington in 1948 and lived there until she died in 2011.

The state birth index for 1949 names Ruth Gaskill as Thomas's mother. The index entry has been seen, but not the certificate, so the link is graded Index. The family says her younger brother Carl was lost at sea in 1944.

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Original record

Amos Gaskill, 1888–1949

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1888, Harkers Island, Carteret County, North Carolina	2
Work	Fisherman, 1940, Harkers Island	9
Died	1949, Harkers Island, Carteret County, North Carolina	
Married	Lula Pearl Guthrie, 1924, Carteret County, North Carolina	

How we know he is Ruth's father

1940 census page

"Amos Gaskill, 52, head, fisherman; Lula, 49, wife; Ruth, 14, daughter; Carl, 12, son."[2]

Amos Gaskill was a Harkers Island fisherman, born there in 1888. The 1940 census page shows him at 52 with his wife Lula, 49, and three children at home: Frances, 19, Ruth, 14, and Carl, 12. The page itself lists Ruth as his daughter. Frances was the child of an earlier marriage. Amos's first wife died in 1923, and he married Lula the next year. He died on the island in 1949.

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Inferred

Lula Pearl Guthrie, 1891–1960

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1891, Craven County, North Carolina	3, 4
Died	1960, Harkers Island, Carteret County, North Carolina	
Married	Amos Gaskill, 1924, Carteret County, North Carolina	

How we know she is Ruth's mother

Household match

1930 U.S. census, Carteret County, North Carolina: Amos Gaskill household

"Lula, 39, wife; Ruth, 4, daughter."[3]

1940 U.S. census, Carteret County, North Carolina: Amos Gaskill household
"Lula, 49, wife; Ruth, 14, daughter."[4]

Why this is inferred

No record found so far names Ruth's mother. Lula is Amos's wife in the 1930 and 1940 censuses, with Ruth in the house both times. Each census calls Ruth the daughter of Amos and says nothing about her mother. Amos had an earlier wife, but she died in 1923, two years before Ruth was born. That leaves Lula as the likeliest mother.

Ruth's death certificate, if it names her mother, would confirm this. So would a Carteret County birth record for Ruth.

Lula Pearl Guthrie was born in Craven County in 1891 and married Amos Gaskill in Carteret County in 1924. She was still on Harkers Island when she died in 1960. I believe she was Ruth's mother, but no record says so directly.

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Elijah Gaskill, 1855–1918

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1855, Harkers Island, Carteret County, North Carolina	5, 10
Died	1918, Harkers Island, Carteret County, North Carolina	
Married	Nancy Hamby	

How we know he is Amos's father
1900 census index
"Elijah Gaskill, 45, head, fisherman; Amos, 12, son."[5]

Elijah Gaskill was born on Harkers Island in 1855 and died there in 1918. The 1880 census has him at 25, single, a fisherman still living in his father's house. Twenty years later the index to the 1900 census lists him as head of his own household, with Amos, 12, as his son. The 1900 entry is the one that ties him to Amos, and so far only the index to it has been seen.

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Index

Nancy Hamby, 1858–1931

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1858, Carteret County, North Carolina	6
Died	1931, Harkers Island, Carteret County, North Carolina	
Married	Elijah Gaskill	

How we know she is Amos's mother

1900 census index

"Nancy, 42, wife; Amos, 12, son."[6]

Nancy is Elijah's wife in the 1900 census index, aged 42, with Amos, 12, in the household as a son and Annie, 10, as a daughter. She was born in Carteret County in 1858 and died on Harkers Island in 1931, thirteen years after Elijah. Her link to Amos rests on the same index entry as his, and reading the census page itself is the next step for both of them.

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Inferred

John Guthrie, 1860–1920

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1860, Craven County, North Carolina	7
Died	1920, Craven County, North Carolina	

How we know he is Lula's father

Household match

"John Guthrie, 40, head; Lula, 9, [relationship torn]."[7]

Why this is inferred

The 1900 census page lists "Lula, 9" in the household of John Guthrie, 40, and his wife. The column that would normally say "daughter" is torn on her line. She is the right age to be his daughter, his age and the other children in the house fit a father, and no other Guthrie family in the county has a Lula.

Lula's death certificate from 1960 should name her father. Her 1924 marriage record in Carteret County may name him too.

John Guthrie was born in Craven County in 1860 and died there in 1920. On the 1900 census page his household includes a girl named Lula, aged 9, which fits Lula Gaskill's birth in Craven County in 1891. I think he was her father, but the page does not say so.

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Not yet found

Father's mother's mother: not yet found

Still unknown

Lula Guthrie's mother. John Guthrie has a wife in the 1900 household, but with Lula's line torn the page cannot show whether that wife was Lula's mother, and it would give no maiden name in any case. A search of the Craven County marriage index from 1880 to 1891 found no entry that fits John Guthrie.

The likeliest next source is Lula's own death certificate from 1960, which has not yet been seen. North Carolina certificates of that date ask for the mother's maiden name, so one page could settle this slot and her father's together.

Citations name the original record and where it is held.

Sources for the Gaskill line

1 North Carolina birth index. "Thomas Edwin Marlow, 1949, New Hanover County; mother Ruth Gaskill."

2 1940 U.S. census, Carteret County, North Carolina: Amos Gaskill household. "Amos Gaskill, 52, head, fisherman; Lula, 49, wife; Ruth, 14, daughter; Carl, 12, son."

3 1930 U.S. census, Carteret County, North Carolina: Amos Gaskill household. "Lula, 39, wife; Ruth, 4, daughter."

4 1940 U.S. census, Carteret County, North Carolina: Amos Gaskill household. "Lula, 49, wife; Ruth, 14, daughter."

5 1900 U.S. census index, Carteret County, North Carolina. "Elijah Gaskill, 45, head, fisherman; Amos, 12, son."

6 1900 U.S. census index, Carteret County, North Carolina. "Nancy, 42, wife; Amos, 12, son."

7 1900 U.S. census, Craven County, North Carolina: John Guthrie household. "John Guthrie, 40, head; Lula, 9, [relationship torn]."

8 North Carolina marriage register, New Hanover County. "Harold Marlow and Ruth Gaskill."

9 1940 U.S. census, Carteret County, North Carolina: Amos Gaskill household, Occupation column

10 1880 U.S. census, Carteret County, North Carolina: Gaskill household. "Elijah Gaskill, 25, son, fisherman, single."

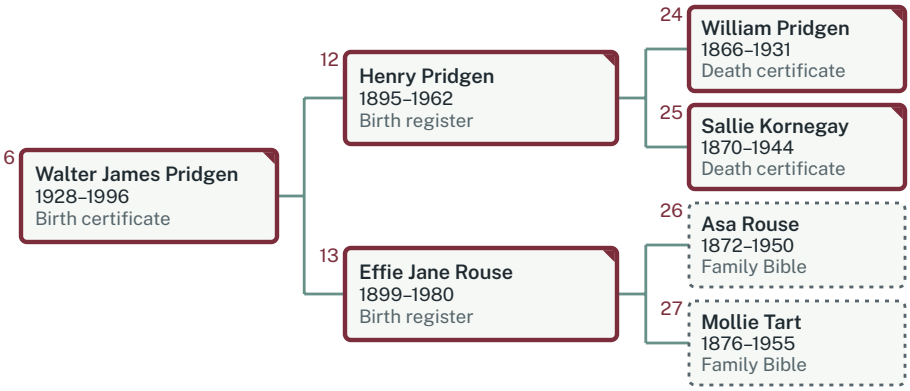
- The 1940 Carteret County page and the 1900 Craven County page were seen as images. The 1900 Carteret County entry and the birth index entry are index entries.
- As everywhere in this sample, the records are invented, so no archive or page number is given.

The Pridgen line

The Pridgens were Pender County farmers, settled around Burgaw for at least three generations, and twice they married into families from Duplin County next door.

The Pridgen names rest on certificates and a county register, each seen in the original. The Rouse branch is different. So far it rests on a family Bible, which I count as a family account until a public record agrees with it.

The line from Avery's mother's side. Numbers match the pedigree.



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Original record

Carol Ann Pridgen

Carol is living, so this report gives her name and nothing more. Avery's birth certificate names her as Avery's mother.

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Original record

Walter James Pridgen, 1928–1996

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	11 November 1928, Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina	1
Died	6 April 1996, Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina	
Married	Lorraine Mae Lindgren, 1952, Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina	7

How we know he is Carol's father

Birth certificate

"Father: Walter James Pridgen, farmer, born Pender County."[1]

Walter James Pridgen was born in Burgaw in 1928, farmed in Pender County and died in Burgaw in 1996. He married Lorraine Lindgren there in 1952. Carol's birth certificate names him as her father and describes him as a farmer born in Pender County. Both details come from the certificate itself, not from an index.

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Original record

Henry Pridgen, 1895–1962

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1895, Pender County, North Carolina	2, 8
Event	Registered for the WWI draft, 1918, Pender County	9
Died	1962, Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina	
Married	Effie Jane Rouse, 1924, Pender County, North Carolina	

How we know he is Walter's father

Birth register

"Walter James, son of Henry Pridgen and Effie Rouse."[2]

Henry Pridgen was born in Pender County in 1895. When he registered for the draft in 1918 the card described him as a farmer, tall, with blue eyes. He married Effie Rouse in 1924 and died in Burgaw in 1962. The Pender County birth register, seen in the original, has the entry for Walter James, son of Henry Pridgen and Effie Rouse. The state birth index for 1928 agrees.

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Original record

Effie Jane Rouse, 1899–1980

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1899, Duplin County, North Carolina	2
Died	1980, Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina	
Married	Henry Pridgen, 1924, Pender County, North Carolina	

How we know she is Walter's mother

Birth register

"Walter James, son of Henry Pridgen and Effie Rouse."[2]

Effie Jane Rouse was born in Duplin County in 1899, the eldest of the three children named in her family's Bible, ahead of Clara and Walter. She married Henry Pridgen in 1924 and lived until 1980. The

register entry that names Henry as Walter's father names her as his mother, so one page proves both links.

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Original record

William Pridgen, 1866–1931

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1866, Pender County, North Carolina	3
Died	1931, Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina	
Married	Sallie Kornegay	

How we know he is Henry's father

Death certificate

"Father: William Pridgen."[3]

William Pridgen was born in Pender County in 1866 and died in Burgaw in 1931. Henry's death certificate gives his father's name as William Pridgen, and the certificate itself was seen. William and his wife Sallie are buried side by side in Pender County.

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Original record

Sallie Kornegay, 1870–1944

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1870, Duplin County, North Carolina	4, 10
Died	1944, Pender County, North Carolina	
Married	William Pridgen	

How we know she is Henry's mother

Death certificate

"Mother: Sallie Kornegay."[4]

Sallie Kornegay came from Duplin County and outlived William by thirteen years. The death certificate that names William also gives Henry's mother as Sallie Kornegay. The Pender County cemetery index adds her dates: Sallie K. Pridgen, 1870 to 1944, wife of William.

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Family account

Asa Rouse, 1872–1950

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1872, Duplin County, North Carolina	5
Died	1950, Duplin County, North Carolina	
Married	Mollie Tart, 1897, Duplin County, North Carolina	11

How we know he is Effie's father

Family Bible

"Effie Jane, daughter of Asa and Mollie."[5]

Asa Rouse is known so far only from the Rouse family Bible. Its births page records "Effie Jane, daughter of Asa and Mollie", and its marriages page has Asa Rouse and Mollie Tart in 1897. His years, 1872 to 1950, and Duplin County as his home come from the family as well. He has not yet been matched to a census or a county record, so he is graded Family account.

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Family account

Mollie Tart, 1876–1955

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1876, Duplin County, North Carolina	6
Died	1955, Duplin County, North Carolina	
Married	Asa Rouse, 1897, Duplin County, North Carolina	11

How we know she is Effie's mother

Family Bible

"Asa Rouse and Mollie Tart."[6]

Mollie Tart's maiden name comes from the marriages page of the same Bible. A family Bible is often right, but it is the family's own record and not a public one, so I treat it as an account still to be checked. The Duplin County marriage register for 1897 is where I would look first.

Citations name the original record and where it is held.

Sources for the Pridgen line

1 North Carolina birth certificate of Carol Ann Pridgen. "Father: Walter James Pridgen, farmer, born Pender County."

2 Pender County, North Carolina, birth register. "Walter James, son of Henry Pridgen and Effie Rouse."

3 North Carolina death certificate of Henry Pridgen. "Father: William Pridgen."

4 North Carolina death certificate of Henry Pridgen. “Mother: Sallie Kornegay.”

5 Family Bible of the Rouse family, birth and death pages, Births page. “Effie Jane, daughter of Asa and Mollie.”

6 Family Bible of the Rouse family, birth and death pages, Marriages page. “Asa Rouse and Mollie Tart.”

7 Obituary of Lorraine Pridgen, Wilmington newspaper, 2017. “Married Walter Pridgen in 1952.”

8 North Carolina birth index. “Walter James Pridgen, 1928, Pender County; father Henry Pridgen.”

9 WWI draft registration card of Henry Pridgen. “Farmer, tall, blue eyes.”

10 Cemetery index, Pender County, North Carolina. “Sallie K. Pridgen, 1870-1944, wife of William.”

11 Family Bible of the Rouse family, birth and death pages, Marriages page

- The certificates and the county birth register were seen as images. The birth index and the cemetery index are index entries.
- The Rouse family Bible is in the family’s hands, not in an archive. This is a sample, so it and every other record here are invented.

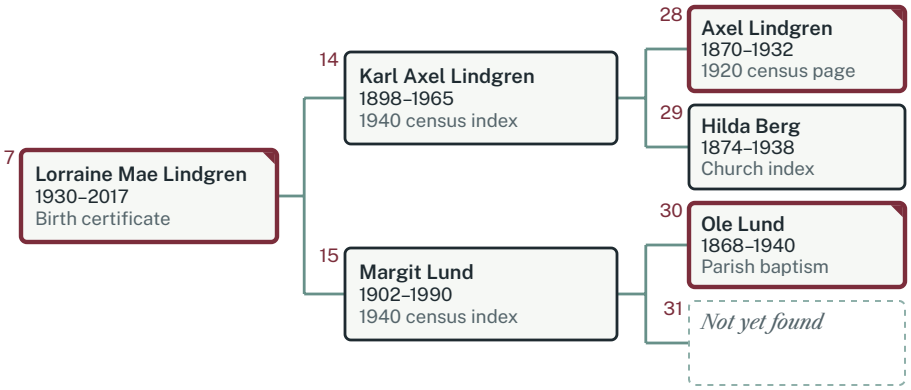
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The Lindgren line

This is the line that crossed the ocean. Karl Lindgren came from Karlstad in Sweden in 1913, aged 15, and his wife Margit Lund was born in Vang, in Norway. They raised their family in Erie, Pennsylvania, and their daughter Lorraine came south to Burgaw after the war.

The American records on this line are census entries, and the Scandinavian ones are church registers.

The line from Avery's mother's side. Numbers match the pedigree.



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Original record

Lorraine Mae Lindgren, 1930–2017

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	2 July 1930, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania	1, 7, 8
Died	14 September 2017, Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina	
Married	Walter James Pridgen, 1952, Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina	9

How we know she is Carol's mother

Birth certificate

"Mother: Lorraine Mae Lindgren, born Pennsylvania."[1]

Lorraine Mae Lindgren was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1930 and died in Burgaw in 2017, aged 87. Avery remembers her as the grandmother who "came down from Erie after the war". Her obituary agrees on the Erie birth and gives her marriage to Walter Pridgen in

1952. Carol's birth certificate, seen in the original, names Lorraine Mae Lindgren, born in Pennsylvania, as her mother.

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Karl Axel Lindgren, 1898–1965

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1898, Karlstad, Värmland, Sweden	2
Arrived	1913, New York, New York	10
Died	1965, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania	
Married	Margit Lund, 1927, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania	

How we know he is Lorraine's father

1940 census index

"Karl Lindgren, 42, head; Margit, 38, wife; Lorraine, 9, daughter."[2]

Karl Axel Lindgren was born in 1898 in Karlstad, in the Swedish province of Värmland. A passenger list of 1913 at New York has Karl Lindgren, 15, a laborer bound for Erie, and by 1920 he was in his father's household there. He married Margit Lund in Erie in 1927 and died in 1965. The 1940 census index lists him at 42 as head of the household, with Lorraine, 9, as his daughter. That entry is the link, and it is an index entry.

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Margit Lund, 1902–1990

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1902, Vang, Oppland, Norway	3
Died	1990, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania	
Married	Karl Axel Lindgren, 1927, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania	

How we know she is Lorraine's mother

1940 census index

"Margit, 38, wife; Lorraine, 9, daughter."[3]

Margit Lund was born in 1902 in Vang, a farming parish in Oppland, Norway. When she came to America is not yet known, only that she married Karl in Erie in 1927. The 1940 census index lists her as Karl's wife, 38, with Lorraine, 9, as a daughter of the household. She died in Erie in 1990. Her brother Johan stayed in Vang.

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Original record

Axel Lindgren, 1870–1932

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1870, Karlstad, Värmland, Sweden	4
Died	1932, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania	
Married	Hilda Berg	

How we know he is Karl's father

1920 census page

"Axel Lindgren, 49, head; Hilda, 45, wife; Karl, 21, son; Ebba, 19, daughter."[4]

Axel Lindgren was born in Karlstad in 1870 and died in Erie in 1932. The 1920 census page for Erie County lists him at 49 with his wife Hilda, 45, and two grown children, Karl, 21, and Ebba, 19. The page itself calls Karl his son.

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Hilda Berg, 1874–1938

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1874, Karlstad, Värmland, Sweden	5
Died	1938, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania	
Married	Axel Lindgren	

How we know she is Karl's mother

Church index

"Karl Axel, son of Axel Lindgren and Hilda Berg, 1898."[5]

Hilda Berg was born in Karlstad in 1874 and died in Erie in 1938. Her maiden name comes from an index to Swedish church records for Värmland, which has Karl Axel, born 1898, as the son of Axel Lindgren and Hilda Berg. The 1920 census page shows her as Axel's wife but gives only her married name. The birth entry in the parish book is the original to read next.

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Original record

Ole Lund, 1868–1940

Fact	What the record says	Source
Born	1868, Vang, Oppland, Norway	6
Died	1940, Vang, Oppland, Norway	

How we know he is Margit's father

Parish baptism

"Margit, daughter of Ole Lund, farmer."[6]

Ole Lund was a farmer in Vang, where he was born in 1868 and died in 1940. The parish baptism register names him as Margit's father, and the entry was seen in the register itself. The same register has his son Johan. Margit's entry does not name her mother, which is why the next box is empty.

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Not yet found

Mother's mother's mother: not yet found

Still unknown

Margit Lund's mother. Margit's baptism entry in the Vang register names her father and no one else. A search of the Vang marriage entries from 1890 to 1899 found no entry for Ole Lund.

The likeliest next source is the 1900 census of Norway, which lists each household with the wife's name. A couple often married in the bride's parish, so the registers of the parishes around Vang are worth reading too. Margit's 1927 marriage record in Erie may also give her mother's maiden name.

Citations name the original record and where it is held.

Sources for the Lindgren line

1 North Carolina birth certificate of Carol Ann Pridgen. "Mother: Lorraine Mae Lindgren, born Pennsylvania."

2 1940 U.S. census index, Erie County, Pennsylvania. "Karl Lindgren, 42, head; Margit, 38, wife; Lorraine, 9, daughter."

3 1940 U.S. census index, Erie County, Pennsylvania. "Margit, 38, wife; Lorraine, 9, daughter."

4 1920 U.S. census, Erie County, Pennsylvania: Axel Lindgren household. "Axel Lindgren, 49, head; Hilda, 45, wife; Karl, 21, son; Ebba, 19, daughter."

5 Swedish church records index, Värmland. "Karl Axel, son of Axel Lindgren and Hilda Berg, 1898."

6 Church baptism register, Vang parish, Norway. "Margit, daughter of Ole Lund, farmer."

7 Family account: interview with Avery Marlow, 2026. "Grandma Lorraine came down from Erie after the war."

8 Obituary of Lorraine Pridgen, Wilmington newspaper, 2017. “Lorraine Lindgren Pridgen, 87, born in Erie, Pennsylvania.”

9 Obituary of Lorraine Pridgen, Wilmington newspaper, 2017. “Married Walter Pridgen in 1952.”

10 Passenger list, arrivals at New York, 1913: Karl Lindgren. “Karl Lindgren, 15, laborer, bound for Erie.”

- The 1920 census page and the Vang baptism register were seen as images. The 1940 census entry and the Swedish church record are index entries.
- The interview and the obituary add to what the certificate says about Lorraine. Like the rest of this sample, they are invented.

Questions for the family

These are the questions most likely to move a stuck line. Older relatives often know the answer without knowing it matters.

- **5, Ruth Gaskill Marlow.** Does anyone have Ruth Gaskill Marlow's funeral program or death certificate? Either may name her mother. What does the family know about how her brother Carl was lost in 1944?
- **7, Lorraine Lindgren Pridgen.** What year did Lorraine come down from Erie, and what brought her to Burgaw? Does anyone have Lorraine and Walter's marriage certificate from 1952?
- **10, Amos Gaskill.** What was the name of his first wife, who died in 1923? Does anyone remember where on Harkers Island she is buried?
- **11, 22 and 23, Lula Guthrie Gaskill.** Did Ruth ever speak of her mother's people in Craven County, or name her Guthrie grandparents?
- **13, 26 and 27, the Rouse family.** Who has the Rouse family Bible now, and may I photograph its births, marriages and deaths pages?
- **14, Karl Lindgren.** Did the family keep letters from Sweden after 1913? Did Karl ever say who he crossed with?
- **15 and 31, Margit Lund.** Did Margit ever say her mother's name, or the year she left Norway? Are there letters from her brother Johan in Vang?