

[Tony Smith Family Tree - History of Ancestors and Some Cousins](#)

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In 2004 I had found some ancestors earlier than 11 generations back from me.

At the 11th generation, I have $2^{11} = 2,048$ ancestors, of whom I have found only 3 (John Chew who came from England in the 1600s, and Roger Thompson and Sarah Walker).

At the 4th generation, I have $2^4 = 16$ ancestors:

- mother of Christiana Gordon - ?
- father of Christiana Gordon - ?
- Martha Gwynes - ?
- William Blanton Stewart - ?
- [Margaret McKennon - ?](#)
- Malcolm McKinnon - ?
- mother of William Jeremiah Absolom Ham (-) - ?
- father of William Jeremiah Absolom Ham (-) - ? Hamm, Germany ?
- Mary Jolly (1838-) - Ireland
- Rev. Edmund Harling - Germany and ?
- Sarah Lowry - ?
- Christopher Dodd (1818-) - ?
- Mary Thompson (1826-1888) - ?
- John McClellan (1825-1864) - ?
- Mary Brewster Dickerson(1819-1895) - England
- Benjamin Franklin Smith (1816-1893) - ?

If the Gordon, Stewart (not spelled in the French no-w Stuart way), McKennon, McKinnon, and McClellan lines are mostly from Scotland; and if Lowry, Thompson, and Gwynes are mostly English; then I might be (approximately as estimated at the 4th generation level):

- about 5 / 16 Scot;
- about 1 / 16 Irish;
- about 4 / 16 English;
- about 2 / 16 German (with some other);
- about 4 / 16 sort of unknown (Smith being a name of occupation rather than origin, and the names of the mothers of Christiana Gordon and William Jeremiah Absolom Ham being unknown).

Of course, if you go back far enough, your ancestors will NOT all be distinct. For example, at the 6th generation, Robert Dickerson, who came from England to Virginia and then to South Carolina, is my double-ancestor because he was the great-great-grandfather of both my grandmother Clara Dodd and my grandfather James Smith, who were therefore 3rd cousins.

11 generations takes me back about 400 years. **At 30 generations back**, maybe about $400 \times 30 / 11 = 1,091$ years ago, or about 909 AD, **I have 1,073,741,824 ancestors, which is more than twice as many ancestors as [the total population of Earth at 909 AD](#)**. As far as I know, there is some chance that **anybody** (or even everybody) on Earth in 909 AD could be my ancestor.

My cousin Fred Smith has been skeptical of some of my genealogical research and I now (April 2017) see that my earlier version of this web page showing a Culpepper chain was wrong.

I think that this Taylor chain is correct. My earlier error was to consider the father of James Taylor I (1635-1698) to be John Taylor (1611-1658) son of Matthew Taylor grandson of Elizabeth Chute (Taylor) great-grandson of Margaret Culpepper (Chute) when in fact it seems that the father of James Taylor I is John Taylor I, the immigrant born 1607 in Pennington Castle, Carlisle, Cumberland, England; died 1651 in Virginia

- [Frank Dodd \(Tony\) Smith, Jr. \(1941-?\)](#) Cartersville, GA
 - Frank Dodd Smith (1906-1986) Stilesboro, Cartersville, GA
 - James Madison Smith (1877-1932) Taylorsville, Cartersville, GA
 - James Madison Smith (1841-1884)
 - Mary Brewster Dickerson(1819-1895)
 - Sarah Brewster (1781-1852)
 - Mildred Downs (1760-) married James Brewster born 1756ha
 - Frances Chew (1730-1774)
 - Martha Taylor (1702-1762)
 - James Taylor II (1674-1730)
 - James Taylor I (1635-1698) Chester UK to New Kent (Caroline) VA
 - John Taylor I, the Immigrant born 1607
 - Thomas James Taylor, Jr., born 1574
 - Thomas Taylor, Sr., born 1548
 - Rowland Taylor, Archdeacon of Exeter, born 1510, burned at stake 1555

- o John Taylor, Jr., triplet #1, born 1480
 - John Taylor, Sr., born 1450
 - William Taylor, II, born 1429 Master of the Rolls of the Court of Chancery
 - John Taylor, II, born 1403
 - William Taylor, I, born before 1377
 - Sir John Taylor (Taylifer), Kt, born circa 1324
 - Baron Hanger Taylifer born 1256
- o Count D'Agouleme William Taillefer born 1200 brother of Isabelle of Angouleme, Queen Consort of England
 - Aymer d'Angouleme, comte d'Angouleme, born 1160

The Taylor chain continues based in Angouleme back through William I "Taillefer" d'Angouleme (born ca 895) to Breisgau in the 700s.

Aymer d'Angouleme, born 1160, is 23 generations back. At that level of ancestry, I had $2^{23} = 8,388,608$ ancestors, so it is not surprising that they include some prominent people such as the brother of Queen Consort Isabella (1188-1246) of England's King John (1166-1216) during the Robin Hood era.

Some other interesting connections from the Taylor chain are:

James Taylor II (1674-1730) father of Zachary Taylor Sr. and Frances Taylor.

Zachary Taylor Sr. is father of Richard Taylor who is father of USA President Zachary Taylor and

Frances Taylor married Ambrose Madison. Their son James Madison, Sr., is father of USA President James Madison, Jr., namesake of my grandfather and his father.

John Taylor immigrant (1607-1652) is father of Thomas Taylor (1628-1687) who is father of Thomas Taylor (1657-1712).

His daughter Dorothy Taylor (1681-1754) married William Lee, Jr. 1704-1764).

Their son William Lee III (1705-1763) is father of Ann "Nanny" Lee (1742-1794) who married Joseph Hanks (1725-1793).

Their daughter Lucy Hanks (1767-1833) was mother of Nancy Hanks (1784-1818) whose father is unknown.

Nancy Hanks married Thomas Herring Lincoln I (1778-1851) the father of USA President Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865).

Thomas Taylor, Jr. born 1574 is father of Anne Taylor (1620-1657) who married Miles Cary (1622-1667).

Their daughter Bridget Carey (1652-1670) married William Bassett II (1630-1671).

Their son William Bassett III (1671-1723) was father of William Bassett IV (1709-1792) who was father of Elizabeth Bassett (1730-1792) who married Benjamin Harrison V (1726-1791) who signed the Declaration of Independence.

Their son William Henry Harrison (1773-1841) was USA President and Grandfather of USA President Benjamin Harrison (1833-1901).

Also, my 15-Great Grandfather William Taylor II born 1429 is the 9-Great Grandfather of General William Tecumseh Sherman.

As of 2016-17 here are some of my thoughts on 3 lines of ancestors:

8 Generations of Smith / Ham / McKinnon / McKennon / McIntosh / Whistler

1715 - 8th Gen Grandfather Angus McIntosh of Inverness Scotland supported exiled Stuarts and participated in the Jacobite Rebellion to overthrow the House of Hanover he and his daughter 7th Gen Grandmother Ann McIntosh were captured and

7th Gen Grandmother Ann McIntosh was Indentured Orange County VA

she married 7th Gen Grandfather John Whistler slave from Africa

she was whipped 50 lashes for pregnancy with 6th Gen Grandmother Mulatto Molly

1756 - 6th Gen Grandmother Mary (Molly) McIntosh born

she was indentured to Arjalon Price Orange County VA

her tax value was 20 pounds

1787 - 5th Gen Grandmother Mary McIntosh born Free Culpepper County VA

she at age 16 got a certificate of free status Culpepper County VA

she moved to Richmond County NC where she married John McKennon

they moved to Montgomery County GA where she represented herself as Scottish

1810 - 4th Gen Grandmother Margaret McKennon born Montgomery County GA

1843 - 3rd Gen Grandmother Mary Frances McKinnon born Echols County GA

1875 - 2nd Gen Grandfather George Clinton Ham born Statenville GA

1915 - 1st Gen Mother Willie Julia "Billie" Ham born Statenville GA

4 Generations of Smith

Question - ? WHERE WAS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SMITH BORN in 1816) ?

There seems to be a movement
from England to New Amsterdam - New York - Harvard - New Haven
then to Virginia
then to Mecklenburg County NC
then to Anderson County SC
then to Georgia

1600 - 11th Generation Grandfather Francis Brewster II born in England
1622 - 10th Generation Grandfather Nathaniel Brewster born in Bristol England
1642 - Nathaniel Brewster is one of 9 in Harvard's first graduating class
1646 - Francis Brewster II departs New Haven aboard Phantom Ship lost at sea
1653 - Oliver Cromwell is Lord Protector of England (including Wales), Scotland, and Ireland
1656 - Nathaniel Brewster gets B.D. degree from Trinity College in Dublin
1662 - 9th Generation Grandfather Daniel Brewster born in Norfolk England
1662 - Uniformity Act sent Presbyterians to New Amsterdam
1664 - New Amsterdam becomes NY
1690 - Nathaniel Brewster died in Suffolk County NY
1705 - 8th Gen Grandfather John Brewster born Suffolk NY
1728 - 7th Gen Grandfather John Brewster born Ireland
1755 - 6th Gen Grandfather James Brewster born Rockingham County VA
1765 - 6th Gen Grandfather Robert Dickerson born England died Cass GA
1778 - John Brewster (8th Gen) died Orange NY
1780 - 5th Gen Grandfather James Dickerson (married Sarah Jane Brewster) born SC
1781 - 5th Gen Grandmother Sarah Jane Brewster (married James Dickerson) born Mecklenburg County NC
1804 - James Brewster died in Anderson County SC
1816 - John Brewster (7th Gen) died in Anderson County SC
1816 - 4th Gen Grandfather Benjamin Franklin Smith born ?WHERE?
1819 - 4th Gen Grandmother Mary Brewster Dickerson born Stilesboro GA
1841 - 3rd Gen Grandfather James Madison Smith born Stilesboro GA
1857 - James Dickerson died Stilesboro GA
1877 - 2nd Gen Grandfather James Madison Smith born Taylorsville GA
1884 - James Madison Smith (3rd Gen) died GA
1893 - Benjamin Franklin Smith died in GA
1895 - Mary Brewster Dickerson Smith died in GA
1906 - 1st Gen Father Frank Dodd Smith of Tony born Stilesboro GA
1917 - 1st Gen Mother Miriam Smith (Irwin) of Clara born Cartersville GA
1926 - 1st Gen Father Jack Smith of Fred and Sarah Fran born Cartersville GA

22 Generations of Smith / Dickerson / Brewster

1279 - 22nd Gen Grandfather Sir John Brewster I born 1279 died 1299
1299 - 21st Gen Grandfather Sir John Brewster II born 1299 died 1325
1325 - 20th Gen Grandfather Sir John Brewster III born 1325 died 1379
1350 - 19th Gen Grandfather Galfridus Brewster I born 1350 died 1410
1380 - 18th Gen Grandfather John Brewster born 1380 died 1441
1410 - 17th Gen Grandfather Humphrey Brewster born 1410 died 1443
1440 - 16th Gen Grandfather Robert Brewster of Scrooby born 1440 died 1505
1470 - 15th Gen Grandfather William Brewster of Rushmere born 1470 died 1521
1494 - 14th Gen Grandfather Robert Brewster born 1494 died 1540
1526 - 13th Gen Grandfather Humphrey Clarke Brewster born 1526 died 1593
1573 - 12th Gen Grandfather Francis Brewster I born 1573 died 1632
1598 - 11th Gen Grandfather Francis Brewster II born in England
1622 - 10th Gen Grandfather Nathaniel Brewster born in Bristol England
1662 - 9th Gen Grandfather Daniel Brewster born in Norfolk England
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