

A Grant Family

This family has no direct connections to my Clirehugh family. They have an indirect connection to my Winterbottom family. I researched this family in conjunction with writing about one family member. I am publishing this information to share it with other researchers.

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Grant Descendancy

Josiah Curtis Grant, born abt. 1773 Stratford, CT; died 10-27-1865 NYC (age 92); buried 10-29-1865 Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. He was living in Charlton, Saratoga Co., CT by 1820. Parents unknown.

- m. 6-7-1802 Rhoda Wheeler in Wallingford, CT. Born 10-5-1780 CT; died 3-19-1857 (age 77); bur. 3-22-1857 Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. Parents Nathan Wheeler (b. 10-19-1747, d. 4-11-1817, m. 1773) and Charity Beach (b. 4-1754 Stratford, Fairfield Co., CT; bap. 5-19-1754 Trumbull, CT; d. between 1780 and 1784¹).

Rhoda Wheeler's youngest sister Mehitable Wheeler married Lockwood De Forest; this is likely the source of Rhoda's second child's name (Oliver De Forest Grant).

[The 1810 census reported 9 in household: 2 males under 10, 1 male 16–25, 1 male 26–44, 2 females under 10, 1 female 10–15, 2 females 16–25. Assuming no servants in the household, there were 7 children, I only know of 3. It may be that Wheeler family members were included in the count, or it may be that 4 children died young.]

3 children known.

- i. David Beach Grant, b. 7-31-1803 in Wallingford, CT; bap. 9-16-1810 CT; died 4-11-1876 at Pontotoc, Miss. (age 73); bur. 04-16-1876 Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. [The notice of his death appeared in the New York Times, no explanation of what he was doing in Mississippi, no explanation of how he came to be buried so far away in New York.] His probate was in Mississippi, #19-393-399.
- ii. Oliver De Forest Grant, b. 9-24-1806 in Wallingford, CT; bap. 9-16-1810 CT; d. 11-24-1869 (age 63); bur. 11-27-1869 Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. NOTE: the cemetery has a large gravestone with lots of data about Oliver and Elizabeth, but it has the wrong birth date for Oliver: it has 9-24-1807. Graduated 1827 from Union College in Chorlton, NY; he subsequently became a Councilor of the Alumni Association. He moved to New York City where he married and founded Grant & Co., a securities brokerage and bank located at 45 Wall Street, later at 71 Broadway. He was also the director of at least two banks, a director in a

1. Charity's last child, Rhoda Wheeler, was born 1780, her husband Nathan Wheeler remarried in 1784, so we can guess that Charity died between 1780 and 1784.

granite business, and the owner of what came to be named Grant Locomotive Works. His sons David Beach Grant and Richard Suydam Grant joined him in Grant & Co. and Grant Locomotive Works.

m. 3-8-1837 Elizabeth Adeline Suydam in Essex, NJ; b. 10-9-1816 NY; d. 9-16-1891 (age 75); bur 9-18-1891 Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. Parents Richard Suydam (1784–1855) and Rachel Eliza Henderson (1783–1869) of Lancaster, PA. Married by Rev. Mr. Henderson. At this marriage, Oliver acquired a brother-in-law (Courtlandt Palmer²) and a father-in-law (Richard Suydam), who became business partners and advisors.

5 named children.

Three un-named children buried 3-16-1846, 8-25-1852, and 5-31-1859 in Green-Wood Cemetery.

1. James Henderson Grant, b. 1-8-1838³ NY; d. 4-13-1880 Denver, CO (age 43); bur. 4-20-1880 Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. Class of 1855 at New York City Free Academy; attended Yale University, got BA in 1857, got MA in 1880. A broker in 1879 at Wall Street, NYC; worked with father until 1864. In 1862–63 served as Lt. Col. 22nd Regiment National Guard of NY State. In 1866 went to Japan⁴ where he was in business for a few years as a broker. What was he doing in Colorado? There were gold, silver, and coal mines; there was a railroad (Denver Pacific) in which Thomas A. Scott had an interest. No clear evidence of his purpose in Denver.

2. David Beach Grant, b. 12-10-1839 NYC; d. 6-15-1888 Washington, DC (age 48); bur. 6-18-1888 Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. David retired 1-1-1880. FindAGrave memorial 152600251.

m. 9-17-1863 Rebecca M. Douglas Stewart in Philadelphia, PA⁵; b. 4-10-1835 Harpers Ferry, VA; died 2-6-1917 Paris, France. Parents were John Henderson Stewart (b. 2-1-1807 PA, d. 12-26-1884 PA) and Mary C. Scott (b. 2-3-1813 PA, d. 4-29-1893 PA). Rebecca was a niece of Thomas Alexander Scott, 4th President of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

3 children.

i. Douglas Stewart Grant, b. 9-13-1863 Paterson, NJ (location of Grant Locomotive Works). Died 4Q 1921 Newhaven, Sussex, UK age 58; will proved 3-31-1922 NY. Matriculated 1-22-1883 Oxford University, Christ Church, age 18.

In 1911 he (48) and wife Lillian (34) lived Frome, Somerset, England, his occupation “private means;” she born Chatham, Kent.

m1. 9-25-1890 Isabelle Isham Scott in St. Mary’s Church, Marylebone, London, England; they both lived in London at that time: he at Great Cumberland Place⁶, she at Berkeley Square. She was born 4-1868 NY. Her parents were

2. Courtlandt Palmer was the first president of the Stonington & Providence Railroad, built 1833. The railroad remained in his family until 1913. He was also a director of the Safe Deposit Company and a director of the Mutual Bank and Trust Company.

3. Date from gravestone.

4. Thomas Scott Stewart, brother-in-law of James Henderson Grant, had been a U.S. Consul in Japan beginning January 1868.

5. The dates are provocative: she married 4 days after her first child was born, the birth in New Jersey, the marriage in Pennsylvania. At least one date may be in error.

6. His mother Rebecca Grant had rented this residence some time before. Marriage record signed by the couple, Rebecca and Adele Grant, and Isabelle’s parents.

George Slesman Scott⁷ (1837–1912) and Augusta Isham, In 1893 Isabelle Scott Grant applied for a passport at the U.S. Legation in Athens, she was born 5-6-1868 NY she left the U.S. on 10-20-1892; her sister Louise Beatrice Scott applied for a passport on the same day and place. In 1900 she lived with her parents in Newport, RI. She remarried on 5-7-1910 in London at St George Hanover Square to John Tarn McGrew (1876–1955), born Honolulu; at the time she lived in Paris at Avenue du Bois de Boulogne.⁸ Her father was a banker in NYC and director of several railroads. Isabelle Scott McGrew died 5-11-1911 Paris, France.

div. abt. 1900

m2. 5-26-1906 Lillian Bates at Atcham, Shropshire. Born 2-16-1880 Worcester, England. On 9-14-1921 she applied for a passport to go to NY with her husband and children; she reported her husband's health "has been so precarious since 1909 that his physicians forbid his leaving the climate of England until his heart condition and general health shall greatly improve. His condition is so serious that the Farmers Loan and Trust Company of New York have been appointed Trustee for him." Douglas died shortly thereafter in England.

2 children.

- i. Margaret P. Grant, b. 6-3-1912 Iwerene, Dorset.
- ii. Beach Douglas Grant, b. 3-24-1914 Iwerene, Dorset; d. 1-1-1978 Riverside, California.
 - m. 11-21-1940 Harriet Ann Siegfriede Krauth at Reno, Nevada; b. 5-30-1908 Port of Spain, Trinidad; d. 5-9-1998 Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, CA.

1 child.

- i. Douglas Stewart Grant, b. 11-9-1944 Los Angeles, California; d. 4-28-2013 Beverly Hills, CA.
- ii. **Adele Beach Grant**, b. 12-9-1866 NY; d. 7-28-1922 in London, England (age 63). Her married name was Adele Capell; she was the Countess of Essex.
 - m. 12-14-1893 George Devereux de Vere Capell at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, England. Born 10-24-1857 Lowndes Square, London; bap. 11-26-1857 Holy Trinity, Upper Chelsea, London; died 9-25-1916 (age 58) at Stanley House in Newmarket, Suffolk of a heart attack (he had been run over by a taxi some months before). George was the 7th Earl of Essex.

2 children.

- i. Iris Mary Athenais de Vere Capell (1895–1977).
- ii. Joan Rachel de Vere Capell (1899–1979).

7. George Slesman Scott was a Trustee under a mortgage made by The New York City and Northern Railroad Company bearing date May 1, 1878. He was the subject of a lawsuit based on the mortgage default begun by Henry Villard. The railroad company went into receivership. Scott was at one time a director of the Union Pacific Railway Company and other businesses.

8. The New York Times reported "her salon is one of the most noted in Paris." At the time of her marriage she had a large fortune. "Mrs. McGrew's independence in electing to wed an American without a title, in defiance of all the intrigues of which she was the object, has not failed to awaken admiration even in that sphere of Parisian society in which sordid self-seeking seems to be the highest law."

- iii. Edith Scott Grant, b. 1-2-1873 NY; d. 11-27-1947 Switzerland. On 11-21-1921 Edith was awarded the Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor in recognition of her work during World War I.
 - m1. 3-27-1895 Arthur Padelford in St. Paul's American Episcopal Anglican Church in Rome, Italy; he died 6-7-1896 in Paris leaving Edith a widow. This was his second marriage, his first ended in annulment in 1889.
no children.
 - m2. 7-19-1904 Viscomte Gaston-Charles Joseph Le Tonnelier de Breteuil⁹ (younger brother of the 8th Marquis de Breteuil) in the Church of Pierre de Chaillot, Paris; Edith became a Viscountess. Gaston b. 5-4-1864 Choisel, d. 3-24-1937 Paris.
2 children.
 - i. Charles Suydam Gaston le Tonnelier de Breteuil, b. 6-26-1905 Paris; d. 9-29-1960 Rabat, Morocco. Married 3 times, 2 children. He was a newspaper proprietor. "Commandeur de la Légion d'Honneur."
 - i. Charles-Michel Le Tonnelier de Breteuil, b. 1926 Nice.
 - ii. Jean Le Tonnelier de Breteuil, b. 1949 Paris; d. 1972 Tangier, Morocco of a drug overdose, age 27.
 - ii. Jean Douglas Robert le Tonnelier de Breteuil, b. 10-23-1907; d. 4-3-1945 Paris.
Married once, 1 daughter.
- 3. Richard Suydam Grant, b. 4-26-1842 NY; d. 12-16-1912 NYC; bur. 1-1-1913 Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. Graduated NY City College 1860 with an A.B.. He became a smart and successful businessman. He worked in his father's businesses while holding positions of ownership and/or directorship with several other businesses. Richard worked to the end of his life. Did not marry.
 - † un-named child buried 3-6-1846.
- 4. Adel Grant, b. 6-8-1848 NY; d. 11-21-1859 (age 12). Only appeared in 1850 census. Buried 11-23-1859 Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY.
 - † un-named child buried 8-25-1852..
- 5. George De Forest Grant, b. 4-2-1854 NY; d. 4-5-1905 St. Augustine, FL of nephritis (age 51); bur. 4-8-1905 Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. His death notice said "He has never adopted any profession but has taken very kindly and enthusiastically to sport. He is a good shot, a good whip and a good fellow. He has a bluff, jovial manner and looks upon all things with that careless, yet not unkindly indifference which is possible only to the wealthy and the contented."
 - † un-named child buried 5-31-1859.
- iii. Elizabeth Ellen Grant, b. 6-27-1810 CT; bap. 9-16-1810 Wallingford, CT; d. 6-19-1842 NY (age 32); bur. Oak Lawn Cemetery, Fairfield, CT.
 - m. 4-4-1838 Henry W. Rowland in Charlton, NY. Born 3-25-1806 Fairfield, CT; d. 10-10-1884 CT; bur. Oak Lawn Cemetery, Fairfield, CT. Parents Samuel Rowland (1769–1837) and Sarah Maltbie (1772–1862). Prominent businessman and banker in Brooklyn. He had a second marriage, on 4-28-1847 (announced 5-1-1847), with Elizabeth Tappan

9. The surname is Le Tonnelier de Breteuil. The family seat is Chateau de Breteuil, located 35 km south of Paris in the Chevreuse valley, between Versailles and Rambouillet, in the town of Choisel.

Edwards at Brooklyn, NY, with whom he had three children. There is one gravestone with Henry and his two wives.

Grant Family Ancestors

My focus on this family has been Adele Grant, daughter of David Beach Grant and Rebecca M. Douglas Stewart. Her father's ancestors belonged to five families.

- **Grant.** Three generations are known. The immigrant is unknown, may have come from England.
- **Wheeler.** The immigrant Moses Wheeler came from England.
- **Beach.** The immigrant is unknown, may have come from England.
- **Suydam.** Six generations are known, The immigrant Hendrick Rycken came from Holland.
- **Henderson.** Four generations are known. The immigrant Mathew Henderson came from Fife, Scotland.

Stewart Family Ancestors

The ancestors of Rebecca M. Douglas Stewart were descendants of Scotch-Irish immigrants to Pennsylvania. Those that didn't immigrate from Ulster, northern Ireland, immigrated from Scotland.

- **Stewart.** The immigrant was John Stewart (1736–1814), born County Antrim, Ulster.
- **Scott.** The immigrant was Hugh Scott (1639–1745), born County Antrim, Ulster.
- **Douglas.** The immigrant was James Douglas (1685–1757), born Scotland.
- **Agnew.** The immigrant was James Agnew (1711–1770), born Ballow/Balloo, County Down, Ulster.
- **Clingan.** The immigrant was Thomas Clingan (1723–1788), born County Donegal, Ulster.

Descendancies on these families are available upon request.

Ulster Scots — the Scotch-Irish

A word about the Irish origins of the Scottish immigrants.

Historically Ireland was divided into four provinces, **Ulster** being one. It was composed of nine counties.

The history of Ireland saw many changes to Ulster, from its place as the heart of the Gaelic world of Ireland, Scotland, and the Isle of Man, to Anglo-Norman domination after the Norman invasion post 1066, and the Nine Years War (1594–1603) wherein the English King James I caused Ulster to be colonized with English-speaking Protestants. The Presbyterian Scots became a majority in Ulster by the 1690s. The religious conflicts between the Protestant settlers and the Catholic Irish seemed endless and have continued into modern times.

When the country was partitioned into two states in 1921, six of the nine counties of Ulster became Northern Ireland, a part of the UK; the remaining three (Donegal, Cavan, and Monaghan) were merged with the other three provinces into the Irish Free State which, in 1937, was transformed into the Republic of Ireland.

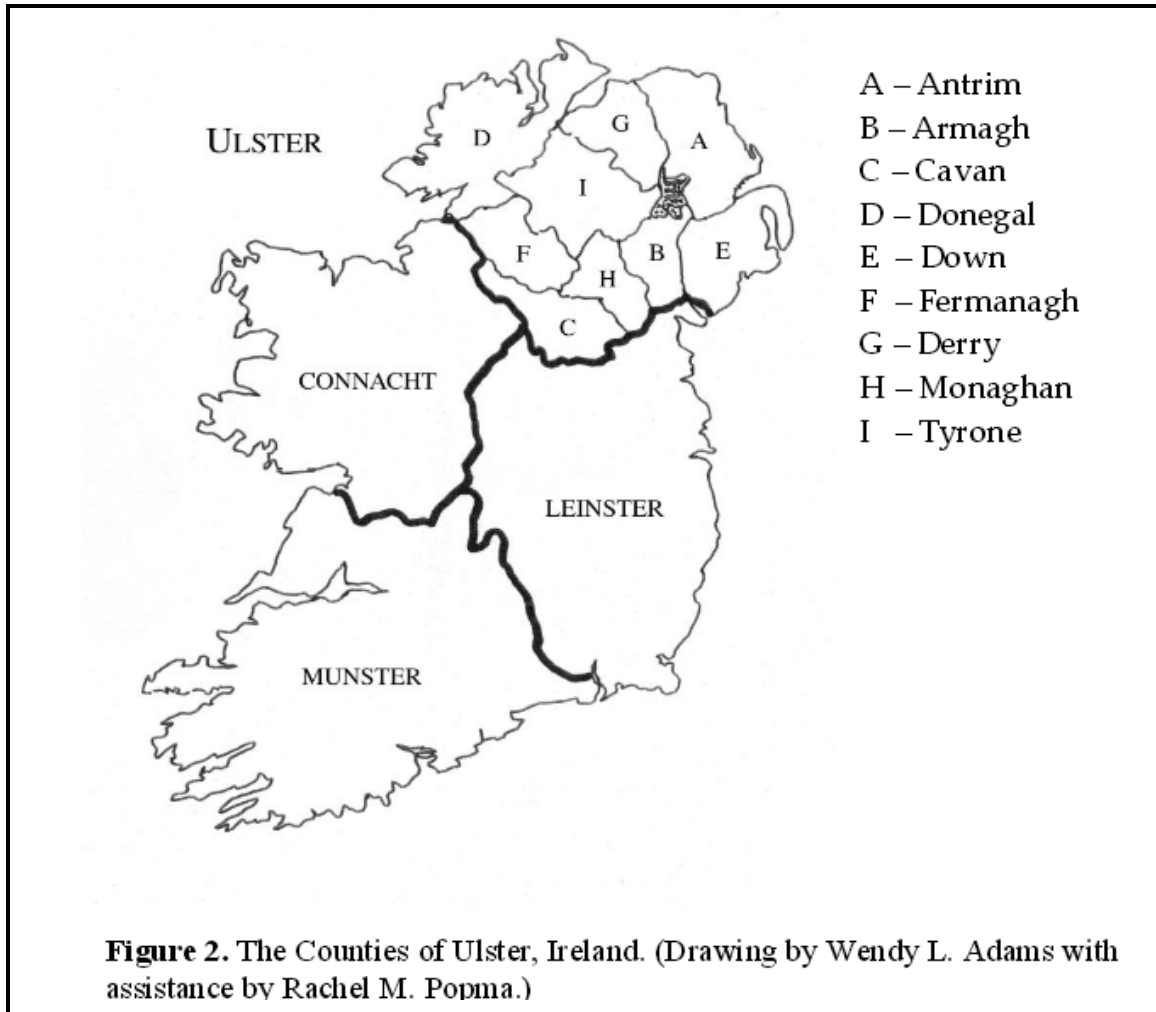


Fig. 1: Map of the Ulster Province, Ireland