

Introduction

In his 1932 book *Genealogy of the Ives Family* (“*Ives Genealogy*”), Arthur Coon Ives places one William Ives, who died in 1899 and was buried in Beacon [then, part of Fishkill], New York, in a lineage he traces back to the Pottstown, Pennsylvania family of the late-17th-century “William [Ives] the Quaker”.

The author acknowledged that he was guessing at a key point:

We are informed that the William who married Sarah Moré was a Quaker, that he lived at Philadelphia (not far from Pottstown), and that his father’s name was William. Presumably he is properly listed, though positive evidence is lacking.¹

Regrettably, he guessed wrong. But even today some are relying on his construction when filling in their own family tree. This paper will undertake to show, in as brief a fashion as seems likely to be compelling, the argument and evidence against A. C. Ives’ guess.

Claims with Respect to William Ives (d. 1899) and His Said Father

Ives Genealogy presents a number of claims of fact with respect to this William Ives:

1. He was born 26 January 1823
2. He died 2 November 1899, and was buried at Beacon, NY
3. He married Sarah Moré
4. His children included Frederick [Ives] born 1849, Adaline who married _ Robb, Charles, William, Walter, Howard, “Mortan”, Annie who m. Thomas Hawthorne, Joseph, Effie, Fannie who d. young, Jennie, Maud, Jessie who m. Albert Conklin.

Among the claims advanced for the said father of that William, *Ives Genealogy* includes:

5. He was the son of a William Ives who was born at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and wife Hannah (or Rebecca) Martin; this older William’s father was a Thomas Ives who was born, lived, and died at Pottstown.
6. His siblings included Jesse Ives (m. Rebecca G. Hockley), Thomas, Mary (m. _ Davies), Sarah (m. _ Mills), James (b. 6 Feb 1784, m. Mary Weiler, d. 1867 near Pottstown), and Rachel.
7. He was born about 1785
8. He probably lived at Philadelphia

¹ Ives, Arthur Coon, *Genealogy of the Ives Family* (Watertown, N. Y.: Hungerford-Holbrook, 1932), page 162 (<https://archive.org/details/genealogyofivesf00ives/page/162/mode/2up>).

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9. He rem[oved] [to] "Byrnesville, N. Y."
10. His other children included son Joe, daughter Mary who m. ___ Moshier, daughter (name unknown) who m. 1st ___ Cavanaugh, 2nd ___ Ticehurst.

As we will see, the characterization in *Ives Genealogy* of the younger William Ives is accurate in many details. But the next-older William as presented in *Ives Genealogy* is a chimera, a mix of more-or-less true facts but from two different persons.

William Ives (d. 1899)

Documents and Facts

The City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York was formed in 1913 from the villages of Matteawan and Fishkill Landing, which were part of the Town of Fishkill prior to that date. The William Ives who d. 1899 is easily recognized in many records from the area. This includes a series of no fewer than seven census records that unmistakably go together:

1. 1850. In Fishkill, William Ives Jr., age 22, machinist, with Sarah E " [ditto: Ives] age 18 and Frederick age 1.²
2. 1855. In New Windsor, Orange County, William Ives, age 26, born Dutchess County, machinist, with wife (named as such) Sarah Ives age 22, born Dutchess County and children Frederick age 6, Charles age 2, William age 9/12.³
3. 1860. In Fishkill, Matteawan Post Office, William Ives jnr, age 32, born NY, with Sarah age 28, Frederick 11, Adaline 9, Chas 7, "Wilbur" 5, William 4, Howard 2.⁴
4. 1865. In Fishkill, Second E.D., William Ives age 37, wife (named as such) Sarah E Ives age 33, children Frederick, Adelaide, Charles, William Ives jr., Walter (age 9, born in Penn[sylvania], the only child not born in New York), Morton, Annie, Joseph.⁵
5. 1870. In Fishkill, William Ives, age 41, born New York, Sarah age 38, 10 children ranging from Frederick age 21 to Maude age 3/12.⁶
6. 1875. In Fishkill, Second Election District, William Ives age 46, born Dutchess County, wife Sarah age 43 born Orange County, children ranging from Frederick age 25 down to Jessie age 1; Adalade [sic] is listed in order but with the surname Robb, and Alexander "Rob", age 28, son-in-law, is listed at the end with William Ives' grandson William "Rob" age 1.⁷

² 1850 US Census, Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, Dwelling 149, Family 197 (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=8054&h=11658932&indiv=try>).

³ 1855 New York State Census, New Windsor, Orange County, First Election District, Family Number 130. It is not clear why Adelaide (then about age 4) was omitted from this enumeration; still, the other matching elements are unmistakable. (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=7181&h=1654097225&indiv=try>).

⁴ 1860 US Census, Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, Page (stamped) 753, Dwelling 2532, Family 2867 (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=7667&h=49237469&indiv=try>).

⁵ 1865 New York State Census, Fishkill, Dutchess County, Page 59, Dwelling 241, Family 437 (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=7218&h=1163180&indiv=try>).

⁶ 1870 US Census, Fishkill District 2, Fishkill Plains P.O., Page 19 (handwritten), 193 (stamped), Dwelling 61, Family 129 (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=7163&h=24082736&indiv=try>).

⁷ 1875 New York State Census, Fishkill, Dutchess County, Second Election District, Page 16, Dwelling 104, Family 133 (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=7250&h=1365623408&indiv=try>).

7. 1880. In Village of Matteawan, Town of Fishkill, William Ives, age 52, born New York, both parents born N.Y., with Sarah age 48, and children Charles age 27, Walter 24, Morton 20, Annie 17, Joseph 15, Effie 13, Jennie 8, Jessie 6.⁸

Among many other records pertaining to the family, here we will note:

8. 1856 (or, 1857). Walter Ives was born in Philadelphia, according to the passport application of his son Arthur;⁹ in 1856 (consistent with the earlier censuses cited above), or in March 1857, as listed in the 1900 census.¹⁰
9. 1857. Listed in the Philadelphia City Directory, for this year only, William K Ives, Kensington Court, Bag Maker.¹¹
10. 1898. Jessica Ives married Albert Conklin; the record lists her parents as William K Ives and Sarah Moore.¹²
11. 1899. William Ives died 2 November; a snapshot of the gravestone on Find-A-Grave (memorial for his wife Sarah) gives his name and his dates as "JAN. 26, 1828" / "NOV. 2, 1899"; her dates are shown as JAN. 23, 1832" / "MAR. 4, 1907".¹³

Assessment

The applicable William Ives family group in *Ives Genealogy* is unmistakably the family described by the census records etc. listed above. The censuses corroborate the names and details for the children. William Ives' 1899 date of death is a match. The daughter Adelaide did marry (Alexander) Robb. The daughter Jessie did marry Albert Conklin. His wife's name was Sarah E Mo[o]re; her lifespan dates match.

Since we are clearly talking about the same William Ives, it is important to note that there are at least two crucial details in which the evidence contradicts the account in *Ives Genealogy*:

- This William Ives was born in 1828, not 1823. Seven censuses permit estimates in the range of mid-1827 to mid-1829 and a gravestone inscription gives the exact date, 26 Jan 1828.
- His father was born in New York, not in Pennsylvania (1880 Census).

⁸ 1880 US Census, Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, Page 24, SD 3, ED 37, Dwelling 158, Family 228 (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=6742&h=1593510&indiv=try>).

⁹ Ancestry.com, U.S., Passport Applications, 1795-1925, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Washington D.C.; Roll #: 1555; Volume #: Roll 1555 - Certificates: 14626-14999, 05 Apr 1921-06 Apr 1921. Record for Albert Ely Ives. <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=1174&h=344003&indiv=try>.

¹⁰ 1900 US Census, Newburg Ward 6, Orange, New York; Page: 10; Enumeration District: 0044; FHL microfilm: 1241141. Record for Walter Ives. <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=7602&h=67253542&indiv=try>.

¹¹ McElroy's Philadelphia City Directory (Philadelphia, Publisher Varies, 1837 - 1867), Internet Archive, Year 1857, Page 327. Ives, Wm K. <https://archive.org/details/mcelroysphiladel1857amce/page/326/mode/2up>.

¹² "New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940", database, Family Search, Marriage, Brooklyn, Kings, New York, New York City Municipal Archives; FHL microfilm 1,562,118. Albert L Conklin and Jessica Ives married 16 Feb 1898; groom age 26, son of Albert L [Conklin] and Josephine A Goldsmith, bride the daughter of William K [Ives] and Sarah E Moore. <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:24H3-163>.

¹³ Ancestry.com, U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current, Memorial Id 110156721. Record for Sarah Ives; includes photo of GS giving dates for Sarah and her husband William; her DoB mis-transcribed on the site. <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=60525&h=58297214&indiv=try> (see also <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/110156721/sarah-ives>)

The match on month and day, but not year, of William Ives's birth seems noteworthy. It is very unlikely that the earlier year is correct: all of the many censuses and the GSI agree on 1828 (within a year), not 1823. It is not clear now how the author of *Ives Genealogy* arrived at the earlier year. But it is crucial to his case: although the book omits the fact, the man he supposed was William's father, discussed in the next section, actually died in 1823.

William Ives (son of William and Hannah or Rebecca)

This is the man identified in *Ives Genealogy* as the father of the William Ives who d. 1899.

An important resource for placing this man in context of his family is the *Genealogy of Berks [County, Pennsylvania]*. This manuscript is a compilation of information from Quaker records, drafted in the 20th century by John E. Eshelman (b. 1930). Its contents page lists the Meetings whose records were used by the compiler: approximately 20 different sources, including the Exeter Meeting (established 1725), Maiden Creek (from 1735), and Pottsgrove (from 1756). On page 152 there is a family group which unmistakably includes this William Ives in context of his parents and his siblings and their spouses. Along with names and dates, this grouping includes multiple references to the Pottstown Mtg. and to the Maiden Cr[ee]k Mtg. The volume also includes a merged list of burials from multiple Meetings, arranged by date died.¹⁴

We should acknowledge that this source is derivative, and that reference to the originals would be preferred. So far, original entries of vital events of interest have not been located in the available digitized Quaker records. This is not to say they are absent from the registers where they would be expected; rather, the relevant volumes have not been recognized within the available collection of digitized materials. Since the compiler did identify his original sources and did reference the specific meetings within the compiled family group, in this case the risk of making an important error due to not referring to originals is taken to be small. Also, a number of less-derived sources do corroborate some details.

Here is information from Quaker and other records that we may use in assessing the claims in *Ives Genealogy*:

1. 1774. Year of birth [possibly, this was calculated from the stated age] listed in the record of burial for William J. Ives, son of William, Pottstown, died 9/16/1823, age 49.¹⁵
2. 1783. Admitted to the Exeter Monthly Meeting, William Ives with wife Rebecca and their seven children, Sarah, Jesse, Rachel, William, Thomas, Mary, and Elizabeth.¹⁶
3. 1795. Sarah Ives, daughter of William and Rebecca, married Thomas Mills.¹⁷

¹⁴ Ancestry.com, U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014), Ancestry.com, Swarthmore College; Swarthmore, Pennsylvania; *Genealogy of Berks*; Collection: Quaker Meeting Records; Call Number: MR-PH 170 ("Genealogy of Berks"). Page 152, record for William Ives Family, of Pottstown; also, Elizabeth Ives. <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=2189&h=2648954&indiv=try>.

¹⁵ *Genealogy of Berks*, p. 414.

¹⁶ Ancestry.com, U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014), Ancestry.com, Haverford College; Haverford, Pennsylvania; Minutes, 1780-1785; Collection: Reading Monthly Meeting Minutes. <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=2189&h=8093920&indiv=try>.

¹⁷ *Genealogy of Berks*, p. 152.

4. 1800, 26 Feb. At the Exeter Monthly Meeting, "William Ives informs that he gave this meetings testimony against Willoughby Maybury to his mother..."¹⁸
5. 1803, 05 Oct. Mary Ives, daughter of William and Rebecca Ives of Douglass, County of Montgomery [Pennsylvania] married Jacob Parvin, and among the witnesses who signed to attest that they attended the solemnization were William and Rebecca Ives (i.e., her parents) and (listed below them) Jesse Ives, William Ives Jr., Thomas Ives, James Ives, and Rachel Ives (i.e., Mary's siblings).¹⁹
6. 1809. Jesse Ives and William Ives (residence and occupations omitted) together bought property, comprising land and mills in Pottsgrove ("late Douglass") from Matthew Pearce of Pottsgrove.²⁰
7. 1812. Jesse Ives, son of William and Rebecca, married Rebecca Grace Hockley.²¹
8. 1813. Jesse Ives of Pottsgrove and wife Rebecca, and William Ives junr of Pottsgrove, sold their mills and land in Pottsgrove (same property bought in 1809).²²
9. 1817. Mary (Ives) Parvin married second, Mark Davies, her first husband Jacob Parvin having died 24 Dec 1813.²³
10. 1823. William J. Ives, son of William Ives (son of Thomas and Rachel) and Rebecca (), died 9/16/1823, Pottstown Meeting, "unmarried".²⁴
11. 1824, 21 Feb. The will of William Ives, signed and dated 18 Sep 1822, was proved and recorded in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. It provided that his bills were to be paid and then his estate was to be divided among his "Brothers and Sisters"; although not explicitly identified as such, Sarah Mills, James Ives, and Thomas Ives are named and the text clearly implies they were among his siblings.²⁵ He also left his watch to Rebecca Parvin, identifiable as elsewhere as his niece (Mary's daughter).²⁶

Assessment

There is no reason to doubt that these records pertain to the indicated family in *Ives Genealogy*. The names of all the children match. Sarah Ives married (Thomas) Mills: match. Mary Ives married (second) (Mark) Davies: match. Births around Pottstown, PA in the latter part of the 18th century: match.

¹⁸ Ancestry.com, U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014), Ancestry.com, Haverford College; Haverford, Pennsylvania; Minutes, 1785-1801; Collection: Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Minutes. Exeter Monthly Meeting, Page 417. <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=2189&h=8266955&indiv=try>.

¹⁹ Ancestry.com, U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935, Swarthmore College; Swarthmore, Pennsylvania; Birth, Deaths and Marriages, 1759-1816; Collection: Quaker Meeting Records; Call Number: MR-PH 170. Record for Mary Ives. <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=2189&h=6642778&indiv=try>.

²⁰ Montgomery County Deeds, 029:395: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSF1-GC99?i=206&cat=228409>

²¹ *Genealogy of Berks*, p. 152.

²² Montgomery, Pennsylvania, Deeds, Deed, 035:229. 1813, Jesse Ives and wife Rebecca and William Ives junr, all of Pottsgrove, mills and land to Daniel Hitner; all sellers appeared in person 9 April 1813.

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSXB-6R7K?i=119&cat=228409>.

²³ *Genealogy of Berks*, p. 152.

²⁴ *Genealogy of Berks*, p. 152.

²⁵ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1683-1993. Register of Wills, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Vol 6, pp 199-200. William Ives, Will and Proof; <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=8802&h=1663760&indiv=try>. See also: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-899B-VFGH>.

²⁶ *Genealogy of Berks*, page 32. "Rebecca Brooke d of Jacob Parvin & Mary (Ives)..."

So, the fact that the information on record contradicts elements of the construction in *Ives Genealogy* is significant, in some cases, critically so. Based on the evidence in hand, we can say that:

- This William Ives Junior was born in 1774, not 1785. He was included when the family joined the Pottstown Meeting in 1783 [item 2]; his burial record (extract/transcript) shows he was age 49 when he died in September 1823, thus born in 1774, or the latter part of 1773 [item 10].
- This particular William Ives Junior was not married and did not have any children. *Genealogy of Berks* lists him as “unmarried”. And other records corroborate this. When William Junior and (his brother) Jesse Ives sold mill property in 1813, Jesse’s wife Rebecca was named with him as a seller, though they married after the property was bought; no wife is listed for William, supporting the inference that he was not then married [item 8]. The will signed by William Ives in 1822 and proved in Montgomery County in 1824 is surely that of the man who died in September 1823; he left everything to his brothers and sisters and did not mention or suggest the existence of any wife or children of his own [item 11].
- The evidence is not consistent with this William Ives having “removed to Byrnesville N. Y.” His engagement in Church affairs in the year 1800 indicates that he lived in or near Pottstown then [item 4]. He was physically present in Pennsylvania in 1803 to sign as a witness to his sister’s wedding [item 5]. He bought property in Pottsgrove with (his brother) Jesse in 1809, and when they sold it again in 1813 he was described as “of the same place [as Jesse Ives, *i.e.*, Pottsgrove]” and he personally appeared in Pennsylvania to sign the deed [item 8]. His will was filed in 1824 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, not in Dutchess County, New York [item 11].

William Ives “of Fishkill” (1806 – 1863)

The true family connections of the William Ives who was buried²⁷ at “Beacon” in 1899 are actually easy to find today. His father was another William Ives [this writer’s great-great-grandfather], who was born, lived, and died in Fishkill, New York. Here we will discuss and document only selected details.

1. 1850. Enumerated in Fishkill, William Ives, age 44, born N.Y., laborer, owned real estate value \$1000, with Charlotte A [Ives] age 21, Mary E. age 18, Phebe J. 17, Julia L. age 13, Joseph age 8, George age 1.²⁸
2. 1850. Enumerated in Fishkill immediately following the family of William Ives, William Ives Jr, age 22, machinist, born N.Y., with Sarah E [Ives] age 18, and Frederick [Ives] age 1.²⁹
3. 1860. Enumerated in Fishkill, Matteawan Post Office, William Ives, age 54, cooper, born in NY, and Charlotte Ives age 31, George W. P. Ives 11, Sarah 9, Charles T age 5, Harriet 2. Two families were listed in the preceding dwelling, including that of James Mosher and Mary E [Mosher] , age 40 and age 27, respectively.³⁰

²⁷ At present it seems not quite clear where he actually died; for one thing, he is not listed in the NYS index of deaths for the year 1899.

²⁸ 1850 US Census, Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, Page (machine numbered) 14, Dwelling 148, Family 196: <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=8054&h=11658925&indiv=try>.

²⁹ Ibid. Dwelling 149, Family 197.

³⁰ 1860 US Census, Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, Pages (machine numbered) 751-2, Dwelling 2527, Family 2859. <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=7667&h=49237462&indiv=try>

4. 1860. Enumerated in Fishkill, Matteawan Post Office, Wm Ives jnr, age 32, born NY, laborer, with Sarah "do" [ditto: Ives] age 28, Frederick 11, Adalaide 9, Chas 7, "Wilbur" 5, William 4, Howard 2. There were several other families in the same dwelling, including that of Chas and Julia Thayer, ages 24 and 22, respectively.³¹
5. 1863. In her petition for Letters of Administration dated 15 June 1863, "Charlotte A Ives widow of William Ives late of the town of Fishkill" represented that he died there on or about 7 June 1863, and that "the deceased has left your petitioner his widow William Ives Jr Anne Maria Tice [sic] Mary Elizabeth Mosher Phebe Jane Cavanaugh Julia Logan Thayer Joseph Ives and George W. Ives Sarah Ives Charles T Ives Harriet Ives his children all residing in said town of Fishkill".³²
6. 1863. On August 14, "William Ives Junior of Fishkill... of the first part" transferred to "Sarah Elizabeth Ives wife of William Ives Junior of Fishkill", in two steps, "all the right title & interest" he had "in and to the real estate of which William Ives Senior deceased late of the town of Fishkill the father of the party of the first part died seized."³³
7. 1863. Charlotte Ives petitioned the Court for a partition of the property of her late husband William. Attorney Peter Dorland was appointed guardian of the oldest minor heir, Charlotte's son George, and the case was re-titled and proceeded as a division of property lawsuit. Judgement was issued 19 December 1864, the property was sold at auction, and distribution made in June 1865.³⁴
8. 1865. The deed of sale from the auction of the property of the late William Ives executed 29 April 1865. The text references the court order of 19 December 1864 in the action "between George Ives by Peter Dorland his next friend against William Ives and Sarah his wife William Ticehurst and Ann Maria his wife James Mosher and Mary E his wife Phebe Jane Cavanaugh Charles Thayer and Julia his wife Sarah Ives Charles Ives Harriet Ives Emma and Charlotte Ann Ives". The property sold comprised "all the lands... as per Deed from George W Price and wife to William Ives dated September 8 1847..." with exceptions for pieces he had previously sold.³⁵
9. 1865. Enumerated in Fishkill, William Ives age 37 born Dutchess County, wife Sarah E Ives, 33, Orange County, son Frederick age 16 Orange, daughter Adelaide 14 Dutchess, William Ives Jr 12 Orange, Walter [not "Wilbur"] age 9 born Penn[sylvania], Morton 5 Dutchess, Annie 2 7/12 Dutchess, Joseph 9/12 Dutchess.³⁶
10. 1898. Harriet Ives married Albert Conklin in Brooklyn; her parents named as William "K" Ives and Sarah Moore.³⁷

³¹ 1860 US Census, Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, Page (machine numbered) 753, Dwelling 2532, Family 2867. <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=1860usfedcenancestry&h=49237469&indiv=try>

³² Dutchess County, New York, Probate Records, Probate Packets, number 2880. Estate of William Ives, died 7 Jun 1863. The quoted petition is at frame 863 in the digitized FHL film:

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99H1-V1BM?i=862&cc=1920234>

³³ Dutchess County, New York, Deeds 127:209 (William Ives Junior to Eugene A Brewster of Newburgh, Orange County, 14 August 1863), and 127:210 (Eugene A Brewster of Newburgh to Sarah Elizabeth Ives, 14 August 1863).

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9WZ-N9KN-T?i=135>

³⁴ Supreme Court of New York State, Dutchess County, Clerk's Minutes Case File 1863 / 74. Dutchess County Archives, Poughkeepsie, New York. Selected documents are attached to public tree "*Ives of Fishkill Corrections Tree*" at <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/166507581/person/372160164912/gallery>

³⁵ Dutchess County Deeds 131:436, <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99WZ-F9PF?cc=2078654&wc=M7CW-G6N%3A358133801%2C359604301>

³⁶ 1865 New York State Census, Fishkill; see note 5.

³⁷ Marriage record: see note 12.

Assessment

There is no mistaking the congruence between the family of William Ives Junior documented in these records, and that of the William Ives described in generation 5 on pages 163 – 164 in *Ives Genealogy*. He lived in Matteawan [now part of Beacon]; his wife was Sarah Moore ["Moré"]; he had a brother "Joe" [Joseph], a sister Mary who married [James] Mosher, a sister [Phebe Jane] who married _ Cavanaugh;³⁸ his children included Frederick born 1849, Adelaide [a fair match for "Adaline"], Charles, William, Walter, Howard, Morton, Annie, Joseph. This is the family that is described in the book.

While his father lived, this William Ives was known as William Ives Junior. His father, William Ives Senior, was born in New York in 1805 – 1806, he lived in Matteawan (now part of Beacon), New York, and he died there 7 June 1863.

William Ives Junior (d. 1899) evidently did live in Philadelphia, briefly, around 1856-7 when his son Walter was born there. But, as evidenced by the birthplaces of his other children, William Ives Junior's time in Pennsylvania was brief;³⁹ and at the time he was an adult with wife and children and there is nothing to suggest that his father William Senior was ever there.

Conclusion: Placement of the Beacon Ives Family is Incorrect

The claim in *Ives Genealogy*, that the William Ives "junior" of Pottstown, son of William and [Hannah or] Rebecca, was the father of the William Ives who died in 1899⁴⁰ and was buried at Beacon, New York, is simply wrong. The available evidence indicates that the supposed father was not married and had no children to leave his estate to. The available evidence indicates that the supposed move of the supposed father from Pennsylvania to New York did not occur. The supposed father died 5 years before the supposed son was born. The supposed son was named as a son and heir of a different William Ives who was born in New York State about 1806 and who died at Fishkill, New York in 1863. The lineage given in this section of the *Ives Genealogy* breaks down at this mistaken claim of a father / son relationship of the William born Pottstown and the William buried at Beacon.

By Way of an Explanation

As noted on page 1 here, A. C. Ives did tell us that he was guessing, and on what basis: he was "informed that the William who married Sarah Moré was a Quaker, that he lived at Philadelphia (not far from Pottstown), and that his father's name was William". It would be helpful to get a look at his research and correspondence files, to know by whom he was so "informed". But even without reference to his files (which may or may not still exist) it is intuitively obvious, in looking at the varying amount of detail given in the book, that the source for a great deal of the later information was someone in the family of Walter Ives (1856 – 1925), himself the son of William and Sarah (Moore / Moré) Ives. Most likely this source was one of Walter's children, and surely at least some of the information was provided not earlier than 1925 (the latest date in that family), and all of it before publication in 1932. The published account suggests that the source's retained knowledge tailed off with respect to successively earlier generations, as one would expect, to the point of knowing only the name of their great-great-

³⁸ Phebe's first husband John Cavanaugh died while the court action was pending; she married second William Ticehurst, the son and namesake of the second husband of her sister Ann Maria (Ives) (Cherry) Ticehurst.

³⁹ See e.g., 1865 New York State Census (note 5); only Walter was born outside New York.

⁴⁰ It is not clear *where* this William Ives died; there is no listing for the name in the *New York State Index of Deaths* for the year 1899.

grandfather William Ives, and not knowing the name of his wife, their corresponding great-great-grandmother, Mary Ann (Lane) Ives.

From the other end, the start of "William the Quaker's Line", it is apparent that entirely different sources were used, including, surely, at least some of the records of Quaker Meetings in and around Pottsville. But when *Ives Genealogy* was published the compiler of *Genealogy of Berks* was only about two years old, so the author of the former surely did not have the latter to rely upon. Instead, A. C. Ives would have needed to consult the Quaker records directly, or by mail, or in some other extract or compilation. It is perhaps not surprising that he may have missed the 1823 burial of the William Ives whom he mistakenly guessed was the progenitor at Fishkill in 1828 and later. It does appear that there was at least one recent informant within this family group as well. The concentration of detail, and the specific details, indicates this was a descendant of James Ives (1784 - 1867) and Mary Weiler; probably the Mary H. noted as "living, 1931". She may well have mentioned the brother of her grandfather, namely our problematic William Ives of the Pottstown family.

Evidently the source for Beacon-area information, presumably a child of Walter Ives, reported that his/her grandfather William Ives (1828 – 1899) was a Quaker. That point is not known here from any 19th-century records, but also there is nothing in hand to contradict it; and most of the candidates (most of Walter's children) were born early enough that they could have personally known William Ives (d. 1899) as their grandfather, and so possibly had first-hand knowledge on this point. Evidently they also reported that this William had lived in Philadelphia. That is apparently true, as we have seen that his son Walter was said to have been born there and he (William) was listed in the Philadelphia City Directory for 1857. But all of Walter Ives' siblings were born in New York State, and it is not clear that the family's brief tenure in Philadelphia evidences any significant connection to the place or to any person.

It seems that Arthur Coon Ives, not having the important dates and other details in hand, made the (incorrect) match based on just a few clues:

- the name *William Ives*; and
- membership in the *Quaker* faith; and
- the (brief) residence of the younger William Ives (d. 1899) in Philadelphia, in supposed conjunction with his claim that the supposed father "probably lived at Philadelphia" and that it was "not far from Pottstown.

Surely that was enough to make a *guess, as a basis for further research*. In light of records that are readily located now, it is clear that the guess was not well-founded.

Where Does the Beacon Ives Family Fit?

This author has discussed efforts to extend this Ives line back, at length, elsewhere.⁴¹

We know that the first wife of William Ives (1806 – 1863) ["William Ives Senior"] was Mary Ann Lane⁴² (1805 – 1847);⁴³ surely she was the mother of William Ives (1828 – 1899) and of his full siblings born prior to 1848. Records for some of her children indicate she was born in New York, at least one giving that place as specifically as Matteawan.⁴⁴ But her ancestry is presently unknown.

There is evidence in the county land records that William Ives Senior was the son of a Joseph Ives⁴⁵ and that he had one brother, Stephen Ives.⁴⁶ Early census records corroborate in that they support the inference that Joseph Ives was married and had two sons.⁴⁷ This Joseph Ives was born between about 1766 and 1774,⁴⁸ and died about 1825.⁴⁹ Joseph Ives lived in Byrnesville, adjacent to William Byrnes himself, and he owned a small property there from about 1801,⁵⁰ in fact his lot was divided off from the mill property,⁵¹ suggesting that Joseph Ives most likely worked at the Byrnes (later, Newlin's) Mill there near the mouth of Fishkill Creek.

⁴¹ See e.g., *William Ives (1806 – 1863) of Fishkill was not the Son of Elam Ives*.

⁴² Municipal Archives, New York City, New York, Death Certificate, 13329, July 15, 1915; Julia (Ives) Thayer. Names her parents: William Ives and Mary Lane.

⁴³ Poucher, John Wilson, *Old gravestones of Dutchess County, New York: nineteen thousand inscriptions* (Poughkeepsie, New York, Dutchess County Historical Society, 1924), Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Page 102, St. Luke's Churchyard, Matteawan, nbr. 263. Ives, Mary Ann, w. of William, d. 1847, July 21, a. 41-7-9.

⁴⁴ New York, State Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Albany, NY, Death Certificate, 01871. Phebe Jane (Ives) Ticehurst, d. 29 JAN 1907 at Matteawan. Both parents' birthplaces are listed as "Matteawan".

⁴⁵ Dutchess County, New York, Deeds, 095:443. Sale, 16 Oct 1851, William Ives and wife Charlotte Ann, of Fishkill, to Robert Newlin of Philadelphia, consideration \$500, the equal and undivided half interest in property in Fishkill of Joseph Ives deceased. No probate was recorded for the estate of the said Joseph Ives; the fact that William and Stephen Ives held undivided (half) interests in Joseph's real property indicates that they were his sole heirs and almost certainly his sons. <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9WZ-XCQ2?cc=2078654&wc=M7CQ-1P8%3A358133801%2C359411901>

⁴⁶ Dutchess County Deeds, 045:334. Sale 9 June 1830 by Sherriff John Wood to Robert Newlin, for \$50, all the interest of Stephen Ives in the undivided properties of Joseph Ives, deceased, in the Town of Fishkill, being two houses and lots bounded by said Newlin, by William Burns, and the road to Burns Mills; per writ issued 12 Feb 1827 for payment of \$32.50 owed by Stephen Ives to Benjamin Thorne. This Robert Newlin was not the same man named in the 1851 deed, but rather, his father of the same name. <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9WZ-FG7Q?cc=2078654&wc=M7CS-CM9%3A358133801%2C359123801>

⁴⁷ 1810 US Census, Fishkill, Dutchess, New York; Roll: 30; Page: 154; Image: 00107; FHL Film: 0181384. Record for Joseph Ives: near James Hopkins, Robert Newlin, William Byrnes; Two Males under 10, two Males 26 - 44, One Female 26 - 44. <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=1810usfedcenancestry&h=248249&indiv=try>.

⁴⁸ Range estimated from a combination of three census records for Joseph Ives in Fishkill, 1800, 1810, 1820.

⁴⁹ Based on: Joseph listed in census 1820, and not listed in 1830, and his property was inherited by 1830 and possibly by 1827 (see note 46).

⁵⁰ Ancestry.com, New York, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799-1804; Dutchess County, Town of Fishkill, Tax Year 1801, Page 14. Record for Joseph Ives. <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=NYTaxAssessment&h=270973&indiv=try>.

⁵¹ There is no deed on record for the sale to Joseph Ives of his first home lot, but several later deeds with William Byrnes as a party mentioned, as an exception within the bounds of the mill property, that a lot had been sold to Joseph Ives, for example in the year 1808 in Dutchess County Deeds 20:378.

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9WZ-XJLT?cc=2078654&wc=M7CM-KNL%3A358133801%2C358999001>

If one is inattentive to the details it might be thought that perhaps this "Joseph Ives" was the same as the "William J. Ives" from *William the Quaker's Line*, going by his middle name. But not only do we lack evidence of what that "J." stood for; the substantial sequences of records that we see now, showing one man in Pennsylvania and the other in New York over the relevant span of years, indicates that this "theory" would be too much of a stretch to take seriously.

William Byrnes and the Newlins were Quakers,⁵² and we can speculate that *perhaps* Joseph Ives was also a member of the Society of Friends. If so, this is a likely context in which William Byrnes and Joseph Ives could have become acquainted. Even if not, it still suggests a connection through which William Ives "junior" (1828 – 1899) might have later become a Quaker, a circumstance which seems to have figured prominently in the construction given in *Ives Genealogy*.

Originally there were three partners in the venture at the Fishkill Creek mills, but with only one of them on site at Fishkill;⁵³ perhaps Joseph Ives was sent to Fishkill by one of the distant partners, or perhaps William Byrnes brought him along.

In 1790 there was an Ephraim Ives across the Hudson River, in New Windsor,⁵⁴ and William Byrnes and some of his immediate family were in that area as well.^{55,56} The Byrnes were involved in mills on that side of the River, around the time that William Byrnes acquired the Fishkill mill.⁵⁷ The possibility that this represents the origins of Joseph Ives is intriguing, but there is no further evidence in hand to connect them.

One little snippet of the text in *Ives Genealogy* seems to compel attention. Of the William Ives whom he incorrectly identifies as the generational link from Pennsylvania to New York, Arthur Coon Ives wrote

rem. "Byrnesville, N. Y."

with the quotes shown as printed in the book. The *real* William Ives "senior" of Fishkill probably was born at Byrnesville, where his father Joseph Ives lived. If there is any reference to any Ives "removing to Byrnesville" in any of the Pennsylvania Quaker records, it would be a compelling clue that there is some close connection. Perhaps, we might then speculate, Joseph was a *cousin* of the Pottstown William Ives,

⁵² Hasbrouck, Frank, editor, *The History of Dutchess County New York* (Poughkeepsie, NY: S. A. Matthieu, 1909). "Byrnesville", pages 319-20. <https://archive.org/details/cu31924028853327/page/319/mode/2up>

⁵³ Not just two partners, as asserted by Hasbrouck. See Dutchess County Deeds 15:541 (June 1792, Byrnes bought the mill), 18:232 (September 1792, Byrnes sold ¼ to Daniel Trimble of Pennsylvania), 18:236 (September 1792, Byrnes sold ½ to Cyrus Newlin of Delaware).

⁵⁴ 1790 US Census, New Windsor, Ulster (now, Orange) County, New York, (NARA M637, Roll 6, Page 235; Image 491, FHL Film 0568146). Record for Ephraim Ives. <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=1790usfedcen&h=417469&indiv=try>.

⁵⁵ Ancestry.com, U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935, citing Haverford College; Haverford, Pennsylvania; List of Members, 1784-1794; Collection: Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Minutes. *List of Friends who have removed from the Southern District*: Removed to New Cornwall, March 1791, William Byrnes; etc. <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=2189&h=8397634&indiv=try>.

⁵⁶ 1790 US Census, New Windsor, Orange County, New York, NARA M637; Roll: 6; Page: 225; Image: 486; Family History Library Film: 0568146. Record for Daniel Burns, Page 69, No. 91. <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=5058&h=276376&indiv=try>. Other Quaker records show that Daniel Byrnes was William's father.

⁵⁷ Ruttenber, Edward M., *History of the Town of New Windsor* (Newburgh, New York: Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands, 1911). Apparently, the Byrnes and the other owners operated separately on either side of a boundary line within a single mill building. See <https://archive.org/details/historyoftownofn00rutte/page/53/mode/1up>

and William spent time with him in New York? After all, we think Joseph worked in a mill in Fishkill, and we know that William was a miller in Montgomery County; and they were close to the same age. And there was an “extra” adult male, age 26 – 44, in the Joseph Ives Fishkill household in 1810,⁵⁸ that man’s identity is unknown, but William Ives of Pottstown would fit comfortably, being then of age 36.

At this time (December 2020) there is no evidence in hand that there is any such text in any Pennsylvania record. But the question is not entirely settled. The Quaker records are extensive, complicated, and perhaps not complete, at least insofar as they are accessible online. This is further complicated in that the Pottstown Meeting seems to have been associated with a different Monthly Meeting at different times - sometimes Exeter, sometimes Reading. There is a register of removals from the Exeter Monthly Meeting covering the relevant period, and it has been filmed and digitized; the images and an index (database) are available on Ancestry.com. Searching this resource using Ancestry’s index and also by browsing the page images has not found any record suggesting this supposed removal.⁵⁹

That absence in itself is not surprising. The form of the records of removals is fairly standardized, consisting of a certification/recommendation from the Exeter Monthly Meeting to another Monthly Meeting on behalf of a member or members who were relocating. There is no indication that there ever was a Quaker Meeting at Byrnesville, and so the supposed move would simply not fit into this source. Other Quaker records were somewhat more free-form; perhaps there is a passing mention corresponding to the “quote” at issue to be found in some volume of minutes, say at the Exeter or Reading Monthly Meeting. But again, these have been indexed on Ancestry.com, and, although several mentions of the William Ives of interest here have been found, there is nothing about any removal.

At this point it must be said that while some effort has been made to search the Quaker records for some record of this alleged removal, without any positive result, this has not been exhaustive. Still, it does seem likely that no such record exists.

While it is unlike the kind of entries seen in the Quaker “removals” records, the annotation “removed to” does resemble text that one is likely to find in a city directory. A directory of Philadelphia began early, in the 1780s, and a good run of them is available on the Internet Archive. In addition to the list of names (of heads of households and businesspersons), each year also included a much shorter list of Removals. The digitized copy of The Philadelphia Directory for all available years from 1795 through 1825 was searched for occurrences of the name “Ives”. There are a few earlier Ives listings, but the first for any William is for one William Ives, shoemaker who was listed at 98 Cedar in 1814, in 1816 (no directory for 1815), and in 1817.⁶⁰ If he were listed in Removals in subsequent years, or if some other Ives (perhaps a widow) were listed later at the same address, we would have some basis to say what happened to this William Ives. But the name does not appear in the Corrections and Removals section

⁵⁸ See note 47.

⁵⁹ Transcript of Removals Issued by the Exeter Monthly Meeting, 1755 – 1886, in *U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681 – 1935* on Ancestry.com; https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2189/images/31906_283788-00311

⁶⁰ The Philadelphia Directory, 1817, page 237. <https://archive.org/details/philadelphiadire1817phil/page/237/mode/1up>

in 1818,⁶¹ nor in 1819.⁶² And the only Ives in the main directory section for those years is one Pamela Ives, widow, at 8 South Second,⁶³ but she was listed the same way as early as the first year that William Ives was included.⁶⁴ So, these directories provide no help with respect to the fate of this William Ives.

We don't know what sort of work William Ives, miller, of Pottsgrove undertook after he and his brother Jesse sold the mill there in 1813. Nor do we know where he undertook it. And the first appearance in Philadelphia in the year after selling the mill is suggestive. So far as the information in hand here is concerned, this William Ives in Philadelphia may well have been the same William Ives of Pottsgrove. Still, nothing is found to show that he was the same man; nor is there any evidence in hand to show that he moved from there to New York.

Although separated by years, there are records showing a persistent presence of the William Ives in question in and around Pottstown. The quoted text that has driven this line of inquiry has not been backed up by anything found in the Quaker records or city directories. It was probably an "interpolation" by that author of an event that he supposed "must have happened".

⁶¹ The Philadelphia Directory, 1818, page "14" (not numbered).

<https://archive.org/details/philadelphiadire1818phil/page/14/mode/2up>

⁶² The Philadelphia Directory, 1819, page "43" (not numbered).

<https://archive.org/details/philadelphiadire1819phil/page/n43/mode/2up>

⁶³ The Philadelphia Directory, 1818, page "184-5" (not numbered).

<https://archive.org/details/philadelphiadire1818phil/page/184/mode/2up>

⁶⁴ The Philadelphia Directory, 1814, page "240" (not numbered).

<https://archive.org/details/philadelphiadire1814phil/page/n240/mode/2up>