

## Robert L. Graham (1805-1887)

Robert L.<sup>i</sup> Graham<sup>1</sup> was born December 21<sup>st</sup> 1805<sup>2</sup> in Ireland.<sup>3</sup> He married Ann Devor, sister of his younger brother, John Graham (1810-1883),<sup>4</sup> who married Lydia Devor.<sup>5</sup>

Ann Devor was born about 1806 to James Devor and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Lydia Roles in a village near Spring Run Franklin County Pennsylvania.<sup>6</sup>

- On the death certificate of William A. Graham, Robert was identified as Robert L. Graham who was born in Ireland, and his mother Anna Devern (Devor or Deveron) who was born in Pennsylvania. The informant on William's death certificate was his son, Stover J. Graham,<sup>ii</sup> of Huntsdale Pennsylvania.<sup>7</sup>
- The June 14<sup>th</sup> 1880 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Carlisle Census indicated William's parents' origins were Scotland. This is the only William that matches William's and Agnes's 3<sup>rd</sup> son William. It also correlates to other family members with similar William A. names.

In 1840 Robert's family lived in Toboyne Township Perry County, and by 1850 they had moved to the adjacent township of Mifflin<sup>iii</sup> in Cumberland County Pennsylvania.<sup>iv</sup> Also living with them was a female (possibly Robert's or Ann's sister) who was born 1791-1800.

The family lived in the areas of Mifflin and Hopewell Townships Cumberland Co., adjacent to Toboyne and Jackson Townships of Perry County.

Robert died September 17<sup>th</sup> 1887 at 81 years, 8 months, and 27 days old.<sup>8</sup> He is buried in the Middle Springs Presbyterian Church, Southampton Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. However, there are no Graham names in this cemetery.<sup>v</sup>

Ann died during the 1860's; Robert Graham shows up in the 1870 and 1880 Southampton Township Shippensburg Post Office census living with William H. Watson.

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<sup>i</sup> What could the "L" stand for. There was a Leander Gramm living in Franklin County.

<sup>ii</sup> Stover J. Graham also was known as John Stover Graham.

<sup>iii</sup> Toboyne and Mifflin Townships both border between Perry and Cumberland County. Perry County was created out of Cumberland County in 1821. Today Mifflin is known as Lower, Upper, and North Mifflin Townships.

<sup>iv</sup> In 1840 Mifflin Township is where Robert's brother, John, is living with his family.

<sup>v</sup> All records for the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church, 135 Middle Spring Road, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. This location has four cemeteries with entombments dating back to 1738. There are no Grahams in this cemetery.

Robert and Ann Children:

- i. Mary E. Graham (1834-1863)
- ii. Joseph Graham (1836-1874) <sup>9</sup>
- iii. Sarah J. (I) Graham was born 1838
- iv. Agnes Graham was born 1842
- v. William A. Graham (1834-1906) <sup>10</sup>

## Mary E. Graham (1834-1863)

Mary E. Graham was born about 1834 to Robert Graham and Ann Devor in Franklin County Pennsylvania.

She 1<sup>st</sup> married Robert French, who was born about 1832 to William French and Jemima Devor<sup>vi</sup> in Franklin or Cumberland County region of Pennsylvania.<sup>11</sup>

Robert must have died after the 1860 census.

After Robert died, Mary married William H. Watson.<sup>vii</sup> William Watson worked in a paper mill, and was 26 years old at the time, while Mary (Graham) was 32 years old.

Mary and Robert French children included:

- i. Carrie S. French was born 1856. She married a Walterick.<sup>viii</sup>
- ii. Edith Jane French was born August 25<sup>th</sup> 1858 to Robert French and Mary Graham. She married John A. Walterick. Edith died May 5<sup>th</sup> 1929 in Modena Chester County Pennsylvania.<sup>12</sup>

Mary and her new husband William Watson had two children.

- iii. William G. Watson was born about 1869
- iv. Lillie A. Watson was born about 1871.

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<sup>vi</sup> Jemima Devor is Mary E. Graham's aunt, her mother, Ann Devor's, sister. Mary is marrying her 1<sup>st</sup> cousin Robert French.

<sup>vii</sup> Mary E. Graham's 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage, In the 1870 and 1880 Mary, her children Carrie and Edith, along with her father, Robert Graham, show up in the 1870 and 1880 Southampton Twp, Shippensburg Post Office.

<sup>viii</sup> The name Walterick is associated with Edith's 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, Annie Catherine Graham (Robert Graham's nephew William Graham's daughter) who married Edward Agle. Edwards's mother's maiden name is Regina Waltrick. (See William Graham (1833-1908))

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## End Notes

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<sup>1</sup> Robert Graham's Middle Initial, "L", and Parents Name: The information comes from Robert's son, William A. Graham, death certificate, #4423075; Pennsylvania Death Certificate # 4423075, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944; Pennsylvania (State). Death certificates, 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17102.

<sup>2</sup> Robert's Death Date: The middle initial was "C", in the record, which came from the Church record, and we used Robert's age; years, months, days from the date of his death; Robert C. Graham – Death - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1887 - 81years, 8months, 27 days, Pg. 164, Middle Springs Presbyterian Church Cumberland County Records, using a birth date calculator in determining her estimated birth date, Franklin County Historical Society, 175 East King Street, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201.

<sup>3</sup> Robert Graham's Parents name and Place of Birth; Ireland: The information comes from Robert's son, William A. Graham, death certificate, #4423075; Pennsylvania Death Certificate # 4423075, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944; Pennsylvania (State). Death certificates, 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17102.

<sup>4</sup> John Graham (1810-1883) research paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

<sup>5</sup> The Robert and John Graham Brothers, Marrying Sisters: The relationships came from page 695 to 699, James Devor, Biographical Annals of Franklin County, Chicago, The Genealogical Publishing Company, 1905, Franklin County Historical Society, 175 East King Street, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201.

<sup>6</sup> James Devore's Life, and Marriages: The relationships came from page 695 to 699, James Devor, Biographical Annals of Franklin County, Chicago, The Genealogical Publishing Company, 1905, Franklin County Historical Society, 175 East King Street, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201.

<sup>7</sup> William A. Graham Name, Occupation, Residence, Date of Death, Place of Death, Circumstances of Death, and Burial: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 85780, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

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<sup>8</sup> Robert C. Graham – Death - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1887 - 81years, 8months, 27 days, Pg. 164, Middle Springs Presbyterian Church Cumberland County Records; History of the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church, Middle Spring, Pa., 1738-1900, Swope, Belle McKinney Hays, History of the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church, Middle Spring, Pa., 1738-1900, Historical Society of Pennsylvania; Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records; Reel: 291.

<sup>9</sup> Joseph Graham (1836-1874) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

<sup>10</sup> William A. Graham (1834-1906) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

<sup>11</sup> Robert French's Mother, Jemima Devor, is Ann Devor's Sister: The relationship came from the ABD File for Graham, The Perry Historians, 763 Dix Hill Road, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, 17608.

<sup>12</sup> Edith Jane French Birth Date, Parents Names, Death, Burial, and Husbands Name: The information came from her death certificate; Pennsylvania Death Certificate # 55474, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944; Pennsylvania (State). Death certificates, 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17102.