

Tombeau Lake Children Catherine Research June to November 2019 For Patrick Tombeau, Saline, MI Prepared by Jane E. Wilcox 22 November 2019

Research Goal: To determine the parents of William Lake.

Prior Knowledge: William S. Lake's middle name was Seeley¹ (which he sometimes used as his given name) and his wife Catherine's maiden name was Rodford² or Barlom³ or Batchford.⁴ Both were likely born in New York. Pennsylvania was reported as William's birthplace a couple of times by his children much after the fact. The 1850 and 1860 U.S. censuses taken while William was living both say New York.

Catherine and some of the children were baptized at the Providence United Methodist Church in Scranton. William was already a member of the church. Catherine's and the children's middle names were given at the baptism as Catharine Amanda, Mary Louisa,

¹ Ralph L. Lake, death certificate, 26 Oct 1940, Commonwealth of Penn. Dept. of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 93321, "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1967," 1940>093151-096150>image 206, www.Ancestry.com.

² Charles Lake, death certificate, 3 April 1920, Commonwealth of Penn. Dept. of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 51343.

³ Lucius C. Lake, death certificate, 2 Nov 1907, Commonwealth of Penn. Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 110478, "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1967," 1907>109071-112820>image 1467, www.Ancestry.com.

⁴ Ralph L. Lake, death certificate, 26 Oct 1940, Commonwealth of Penn. Dept. of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics, file no. 93321, "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1967," 1940>093151-096150>image 206, www.Ancestry.com.

Frances Alwilda, John Wells, Angeline Amanda, Ines Delvin, Lucius Seeley, Percival Keen, and Emeretta. Later children's middle names were Ralph Laten and Charles Merian. These names could be clues to the origins of William.

William and Catherine first appear in the records in Lenox, Susquehanna County in 1850 and then moved about 15 miles southeast to Carbondale, Luzerne County by 1855 and then about 10 miles southwest to Dickson City by 1870. Scranton is another 6 miles southwest of Dickson City. Carbondale, Dickson City, and Scranton all lie in the Lackawanna River valley. The area in Luzerne County where they lived became Lackawanna County in 1878.

Results:

As reported in two emails, the New York death records for son Percival and daughter Ines report two more maiden names for their mother: Bosford⁵ or Baxton.⁶ Both report Catherine's birthplace as Ellenville, New York. Ellenville is in Ulster County and it's on the Delaware and Hudson (D&H) Canal. Percival's death record reports William's name as Seeley and Ines's death record reports his name as Edward, which in not accurate.

Because we don't know where William met Catherine, we need to look at both New York and at Pennsylvania as possible locations. I did numerous searches in the 1820, 1830, 1840, and 1850 U.S. censuses to try to verify Catherine's maiden name and then identify Catherine's family in Ellenville, Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County, and to see if there was an intersection with any Lake families. Ellenville is a village surrounded by the more rural Town of Warwarsing. They are separate jurisdictions, each with a municipal clerk.

A Thomas Botchford lived in the Town of Wawarsing from 1820 to 1840. He seems to be the best candidate for Catherine's father. He was age 26-44, living alone, and engaged in agriculture in 1820.⁷ In 1830 he was age 50-59 and had a family with a female age 30-39 and four children from under 5 to age 14; however, he did not have a female Catherine's age (born 1822-1826) living in the household in 1830.⁸ He did have a female age 10-14 (born 1816-1820). Thomas was age 60-69 in 1840 with a female age 40-49 and four children ages 5 to 19.⁹ Three in the household were engaged in agriculture in 1840. By 1840 Catherine was presumably married to William Lake. Perhaps Catherine was the daughter age 10 to 14 in 1830 and her age was reported incorrectly on the 1850 and

⁵ Percival Keen Lake, death certificate, 23 April 1932, Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, Register of deaths, p. 59, Rensselaerville Town Clerk.

⁶ Inez English, death certificate, 10 March 1915, City of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York, Record of Deaths, no. 33, Oneonta City Clerk.

⁷ Thomas Bothsford household, 1820 U.S. Census, Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, p. 73, NARA Roll M33_76.

⁸ Thomas Bochford household, 1830 U.S. Census, Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, p. 195, NARA Series M19 Roll 106.

⁹ Thomas Botchford [indexed as Boteford] household, 1840 U.S. Census, Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, p. 265, NARA Roll 347.

1860 censuses. But—Catherine did not name a son Thomas or, interestingly, use Botchford as a middle name for any of her children. The age difference between Thomas and the adult female in his household in 1830 and 1840 suggests that she was perhaps a second wife (could Catherine be from the first marriage and perhaps was living with her mother's family members in 1830?), or a first much-younger wife, or even a daughter or daughter-in-law with children who came back to live with him.

None of the middle names of William and Catherine's children was found in the last names of Thomas Botchford's neighbors in Wawarsing or anywhere in Wawarsing in 1840 when I did a line-by-line search.

I found a Jerome Botsford born 1833 and his wife and son and a Thomas Botsford born 1826 living together in Wawarsing in 1855.¹⁰ Jerome was a hotel keeper and Thomas a lumberman. They could Thomas Botchford's sons or grandsons. Botchford is a variation of Botsford. With Jerome and Thomas in Warwarsing in 1855, this could mean that Catherine's potential father never left Wawarsing, and that Catherine and William met and married in Wawarsing before moving to Penn. I could not find Botsfords or any variation living in Wawarsing in 1850—but I did not do a line-by-line check for them. Only a search engine search. Thomas Botsford was in Napanoch, Town of Wawarsing in 1860 as the owner or manager of a "Mountain House"—one of the iconic summer hotels that were being established in the Catskills and Shawangunks during this period.¹¹

As for Catherine born in Ellenville, it's common to say the nearest village or city as the place of birth if someone was born in a more rural and less well-known location, such as Wawarsing.

Lakes near Wawarsing

I found a William Lake in the Town of Shawangunk, Ulster County. This is about 20 miles up and over the Shawangunk Mountain range from Wawarsing. A Schuyler Lake was living in the Town of Wawarsing in 1840. Schuyler Lake is worth pursuing to see if there is a connection to William Seeley Lake—but again, William and Catherine did not give the name Schuyler to any of their children so there may be no relation.

¹⁰ Jerome Botsford household, 1855 New York Census, Wawarsing E.D. 1, Ulster County, unpaginated, "New York, State Census, 1855," digital image 32, Ancestry.com.

¹¹ Thomas Botsford household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Wawarsing, Napanoch post office, Ulster County, New York, p. 693, NARA Roll M653_872.

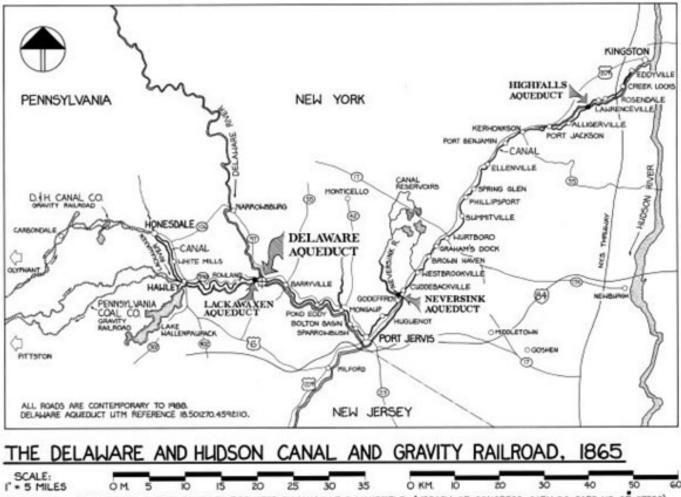
¹² William Lake household, 1830 U.S. Census, Shawangunk, Ulster County, New York, p. 234, NARA Series M19 Roll 106.

¹³ Schulyer Lake household, 1840 U.S. Census, Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, p. 266, NARA Roll 347.

It's also possible that William was transient and came through Ellenville while working on the D&H canal. The D&H canal started on the Roundout Creek in Esopus, just south of Kingston, in Ulster County. The Roundout connected to the Hudson River at Kingston. The canal made its way southwestward through Ellenville to Port Jervis at the border of New York and Penn. From there it went to the area in Penn. where William and Catherine lived. Carbondale was connected to the D&H canal by the D&H Gravity Railroad. It's main purpose was to transport coal from Penn. to New York City via the Hudson River. Passenger service on the D&H canal did not prove profitable, so few passenger canal boats were on this canal.

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 $^{^{14}\ \}underline{http://theantiquesalmanac.com/dandhcanal.htm}$



MAP SOURCE: ENDSHEET FROM COAL BOATS TO TIDEHATER BY MANVILLE B. WAKEFIELD (LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CATALOG CARD NO. 65-27932).

Map from http://www.canalmuseum.org/history

Clues from Children

While waiting for the death records, I did a little more research on William and Catherine's children. I found the marriage of son Arthur Lake in 1880 at the Providence United Methodist Church in Scranton,¹⁵ the obituary of son Charles Lake from 1920,¹⁶ and the death record for daughter Emeretta as Emma C. Carey in Scranton in 1921.¹⁷ Emma's death record named her father as Nathan Lake and her mother as Catherine, both born in Penn. The informant was her niece, daughter of her sister Angeline. Emma was buried in Wyoming, Penn., about 14 miles southwest of Scranton in the Lackawanna River valley. See below for the obituary and death record.

Conclusions:

Despite Thomas Botchford's household not having a female of Catherine's age in 1830, I think this is Catherine's family. Two of her children reported that she was born in Ellenville, and this Botchford family is the only one there from 1820 to 1840 that fits the bill. (Note: A Bradford family was in Wawarsing too, but that doesn't match the surnames given on the death records for Catherine's children.) The five maiden names that were on her children's death records are all very similar with most starting with a B, three ending with "ford," and one actually has Botchford and another has Bosford—both variations of Botsford.

Because Jerome and Thomas Botsford were living in Wawarsing in 1855 and they were both born in Ulster County in 1833 and 1826, respectively, and had lived in Wawarsing their entire lives, it appears that Catherine was the one to move away with her new husband William rather than the whole family moving to Penn. It seems likely that Catherine and William were married in Ellenville or Wawarsing, perhaps in a Methodist church.

I recommend focusing on Ellenville and Wawarsing and the Botchford family there for clues to William's origins. It's possible that William was from another part of Ulster County—or even nearby Sullivan County—and worked on the canal.

Recommendations for Research:

¹⁵ Lake-Russell marriage 1880, Providence United Methodist Church marriages, Lackawanna GenWeb, https://www.lackawannapagenweb.com/churches/ProvidenceMethodistMarriages.html

¹⁶ Charles Lake obituary 1920, *The Scranton Republican*, 5 April 1920, p. 4, col. 5.

¹⁷ Emma C. Carey death record 26 Jul 1921, "Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1967," Ancestry.com.

- Deeds and mortgages for Susquehanna County. William owned his land in 1850. Who witnessed the deed?
- Botsford/Botchford family in Wawarsing. Who were they? Did the elder Thomas stay in Wawarsing or did he go to Penn. with his apparent daughter Catherine?
- Marriage for Catherine and William in Ellenville/Wawarsing churches.
- Deeds and mortgages for Ulster County, also Sullivan County
- Surrogate's court records for Ulster County for Lake and Botchford, also Sullivan County
- Middle names of William, Catherine, and children: William Seeley, Catherine Amanda, Mary Louisa, Frances Alwilda, John Wells, Angeline Amanda, Inez Delvin, Lucius Seeley, Percival Keen, Ralph Laten, Charles Merien. Seeley is the main clue. Check online trees: What Lake families have Seeley ancestors? Were the middle names from well-known Methodist preachers or family names?
- Contacting the owner of the Ancestry.com tree that has Catherine's maiden name as Braxton and that she was born in 1815 to see if she has any information—and why she has Braxton as the maiden name.
- Obituaries for all children and Jerome and Thomas Botsford. [Checked for some in this round of research]
- Portrait and biographical books and county histories for bios on the sons and sons-in-laws. Because some of the sons were involved in mining, it's possible they did not pay to have their bios included in these types of books.
- Prospect Cemetery, Peckville for interment records. Do they have a record for when Catherine died? Is there a local death record for her that gives her maiden name and place of birth? Sons Ralph and Charles were members of the Peckville United Methodist Church.
- Greene County, NY for Lakes families in 1810-1840. Are any of William's children's names the same as any from the Lake families there?
- Checking more people in the 1850 census to see who was born in NY, as possible clues to origins in NY.

For my research reference:

William Seeley Lake and Catherine Amanda Bosford, Rodford, Batchford, Barlom or Baxton.

Children:

- Mary Louisa Lake 1840
- Frances Alwilda Lake 1842 Carbondale, Lackawanna Co. [then Luzerne County]; m. 1st Samuel Tombow, 2nd Nicholas John
- John Wells Lake 1843, died 1916 Tucker Co., WV [not sure this is our John]
- Angeline Amanda Lake 1845 m. Wm. P. Yarns, Carbondale, Lackawanna Co. 1861, died 1899 Archibald, Lackwanna Co. [no source]
- Ines **Delvin** Lake 1849 Greenwood, Lenox Township, Susquehanna Co., m. by 1865 Harrison English, died 1915 Oneonta, Otsego Co., NY
- Lucius Seeley Lake 1849 Lenox, m. 1st Charlotte, 2nd Nettie E., died 1907 Scranton, Lackawanna
- Percival Keen Lake 1850 Lenox, m. Mary C., died 1932 Rensselaerville, Albany Co., NY
- Arthur R. Lake 1853, m. Maggie C. Russell, Providence Methodist church, died 1908 Scranton
- Emeretta/Emma C.[?] Lake 1854 m. 1st ? Cronk before 1870, 2nd ? Carey, died 1921 Scranton
- Ralph Laten Lake 1857 Carbondale, m. Eliza Ann Ready, d 1940 Olyphant, Lackawanna Co.
- Charles Merian Lake 1859 Carbondale, Luzerne Co., died 1920 Underwood Village, Lackawanna Co.

Research Log and Notes:

Source	Notes	Comments
Old Fulton	Search for Percival/Keen Lake 1932 and Inez/Ines and Harrison English 1915 for	
Postcards,	obituaries.	
Fulton		
Search, and	Nothing for either of them.	
New York		
Historic		
Newspapers		
Lackawanna	7 Jan 1880	From 1851 to 1913
GenWeb,	Arthur R. Lake, Dickson City to Maggie C. Russell, Dickson City, by R.W. Van Schoick	
Providence	Providence Methodist Church marriages	

Methodist	https://www.lackawannapagenweb.com/churches/ProvidenceMethodistMarriages.	
marriages	<u>html</u>	
The	p. 4 col. 5	
Scranton	Olyphant, Pa. April 4 – Charles Lake died at his home at Underwood Saturday	
Republican,	morning after an illness of several months of rheumatism. Deceased was formerly a	
5 April 1920	well known and respected resident of Grassy Island. He had lived at Underwood for	
	the past six year. He is survived by his wife and the following daughters and sons:	
	Mrs. Minnie Coates, of Peckville; Mrs. Russell Wilding, of this place; Herbert,	
	Charles, Joseph, Howard, Frank, and John Lake; one sister, Mrs. Emma Carey of	
	Luzerne, and one brother, Ralph Lake, of this place. The funeral will be held from	
	the family home at Underwood, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be made	
	in Prospect cemetery, Peckville.	
West	Tucker County, Register of Deaths, p. 113	Is this the son John?
Virginia	John Lake, white, male, died 11-27-16, at Fort Comfort, of old age, age 73 years 6	
Department	months, retired, [blank for consort of or unmarried], J.W. Minear informant,	This death record is
of Arts,	undertaker	attached to a FindAGrave
Culture and		memorial that is not John.
History,	http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_view.aspx?Id=4454615&Type=Death	https://www.findagrave.co
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	4004 50504 74500	memorial/60597285
Pennsylvani	1921> 68501-71500	No FindAGrave memorial
a, Death		
Certificates,	Emma C. Carey	
1906-1967	No. 70757	
	Died Scranton, Lackawanna Co.	
	26 Jul 1921 Born May 1856 Carbandala	
	Born May 1856 Carbondale Father Nathan Lake, born Penn.	
	Mother Catheran, born Penn.	
	Informant Mrs. Gertrude Coffey, 2228 Boulevard [niece of Emma. Daughter of	
	Amanda Lake Yarns]	
	Amanda take Tarnsj	

	Buried Wyoming, Pa. 29 Jul 1921 [Is Amanda also buried there?] [Luzerne County]	
	Undertaker Howard Snowdon, Scranton	
History of	No Lake, Rodf*, Batchf*, Seeley	
Lackawanna		
County, H.		
Hollister,		
1869		
1820 U.S.	James Barford, Wawarsing, Ulster	
Census for	John Bradford, Wawarsing, Ulster	
B*ford in	Thomas Bothsford, Wawarsing, Ulster – no recognizable neighbors. 1 M 26-44,	
Wawarsing,	engaged in agriculture	
Ulster		
County, New	Others are too far from Ellenville	
York;		
Also R*ford	No R*ford	
1820 U.S.	None in Wawarsing, none near Ellenville	
Census for		
Baxton in		
Wawarsing,		
Ulster Co.		
1830 U.S.	Thomas Bochford, Wawarsing, Ulster [image 21]	
Census for	• 1 M under 5 [Thomas Jr. born 1826 from 1855 NY census?], 1 M 5-9, 1 M 10-	
B*ford in	14, 1 M 50-59, 1 F 10-14 [Could this be Catherine?], 1 F 30-39 [no girls under	
Wawarsing,	10]	
Ulster	John Bradford, Wawarsing [image 21]	
County, NY;	• 1 M 5-9, 1 M 10-14, 1 M 40-49, 2 F under 5, 1 F 5-9, 1 F 10-14, 1 F 40-49 [3	
also R*ford	girls under 10]	
	Others are too far from Ellenville	
	No R*ford	

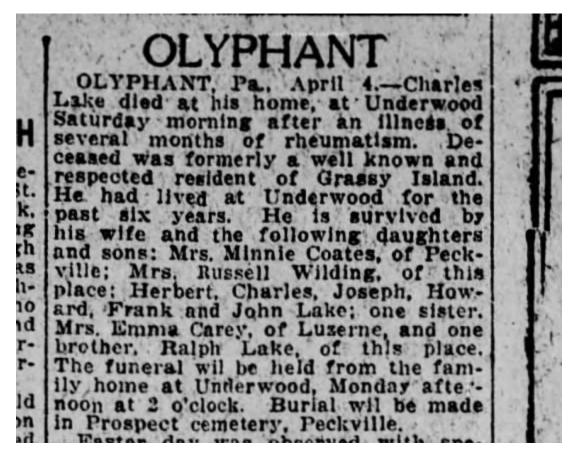
1830 U.S.	None in Wawarsing, none near Ellenville	
Census for		
Baxton in		
Wawarsing,		
Ulster Co.		
1830 U.S.	None in Warwarsing	
Census for		
Lake in	William Lake in Shawangunk, Ulster Co.	
Wawarsing	Joshua Lake in Esopus, Ülster Co.	
1840 U.S.	William H. Bradford [indexed as Bradper], Wawarsing	
Census for	John Bradford, Ellenville in the town of Wawarsing [image 9]	
B*ford in	• 1 M 10-14, 1 M 15-19, 1 M 20-29,, 1 M 50-59, 1 F 10-14, 1 F 15-19, 1 F 20-29,	
Ulster	1 F 50-59; 1 agriculture, 3 navigation	
County, NY;	Thomas Botchford [indexed at Boteford], Wawarsing [image 37]	
also R*ford	• 1 M 5-9 [Jerome born 1833 from 1855 NY census?], 1 M 10-14 [Thomas Jr.	
	born 1826 from 1855 NY census?], 1 M 15-19, 1 M 60-69, 1 F 5-9, 1 F 40-49,	
	3 agriculture	
	Others are too far from Ellenville	
1840 U.S.	Line by line for any pertinent name. None found other than those above.	
Census,		
Wawarsing,		
Ulster		
County		
1840 U.S.	None in Wawarsing, none near Ellenville	
Census for		
Baxton in		
Wawarsing,		
Ulster Co.		
1840 U.S.	Andrew Bedford, Abington, Luzerne	
Census for	Jacob Belford, Salem, Luzerne	
B*ford in	James Belford, Salem, Luzerne	

Luzerne	Jacob Bedford, Abington, Luzerne	
County, PA	Owen Bradford, Greenfield, Luzerne	
1840 U.S.	None	
census for		
Baxton,		
Luzerne Co.,		
PA		
1840 U.S.	Line by line for Lake or any of Catherine's maiden names or any of the children's	
Census,	middle names	
Luzerne		
County, PA,		
Carbondale		
1840 U.S.	Line by line for Lake or any of Catherine's maiden names or any of the children's	
Census,	middle names	
Susquehann		
a County,		
PA, Lenox		
1840 U.S.	Schuyler Lake (indexed as Sake), Wawarsing	
Census for		
Lake in		
Wawarsing		
1840 U.S.	Wm Lake, Braintrim, Luzerne County [image 23]	
Census, for	• 1 M under 5, 1 M 30-39, 1 F 5-9, 1 F 30-39 [no occupation tick on next page]	
Wm Lake in	Also	
Penn.;	Henry Lake	
Seeley Lake;	David Lake	
William Lake		
1840 U.S.	nothing	
Census for		
Wm. Lake in		

NY; Seeley		
Lake;		
William		
Lake; also		
Seeley as a		
first name		
with no last		
name		
1850 U.S.	Carbondale was in Luzerne County at the time.	
Census for		
B*ford in	None in Carbondale	
Luzerne		
county		
1850 U.S.	Mary Jane Bradford, Lenox, born 1838	
Census for		
B*ford in		
Lenox,		
Susquehann		
a CO.		
1850 U.S.	Schyler Lake, Wawarsing, born 1811	
Census for	Cornelia Lake, born 1811	
Lake in	Family	
Wawarsing,		
Ulster		
County		
1850 US	Thomas Batchforl, Bedford, Cuyahoga Co., OH, born Ireland, 1826	Not the one from 1840
census for		Wawarsing
Thomas		
Botchford		
1855 New	Wawarsing E.D. 1, Ulster County, image 32	Are these Catherine's
York Census		brothers?

	 Jerome Botsford, 22 [1833], hotel keeper, born Ulster County, lived in Wawarsing 22 years Mary Botsford, 17, wife Orlando Botsford, 6/12, son Thomas Botsford, 29 [1826], brother, born Ulster County, lived Wawarsing 29 years, lumberman 4 borders
1860 US census	Wawarsing, Napanoch post office, p. 693 written Thomas Botsford, 34, Mountain House (occupation) Phebe Jane Botsford, 24 Staff members of the hotel

Charles Lake obituary, Scranton Republican, 5 April 1920, p. 4



Fo	orm V. S. No. 5—50M—10-21-20.		600
1. C	PLACE OF DEATH OUNTY OF LACKAWAMMA CERTIFICATE	OF DEATH	COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
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3.	SEX 4. COLOR OR RACE 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word.) Married.	16. DATE OF DEATH	July 26 1921
6.	DATE OF BIRTH May 1856 (Month) (Day) (Year)	17. July 1 HE	REBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from
7.	AGE If LESS than I day how manyhrs. ormin.?	and that death occurred	alive on 192,
(F ()	OCCUPATION a) Trade, profession, or, particular kind of work b) General nature of industry, pusiness, or establishment in which employed (or employer)	gal-	Krowie Valvelle
9.	BIRTHPLACE late or Country) Carbondale Pa	Contributory (Socondary)	travel Compensation
	10. NAME OF Nathan Lake	(Signed)	Duling hel M. D.
SENTS	OF FATHER (State or Country) Jemsylvania	pely 26 1921	(Address) 1539 Myo
PAR	12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Cathuram 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER	MEANS OF INJURY; and (2)	ING DEATH; or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. DENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients
14.	(State or Country) (State or Country) THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.	At place of deathyrs	In the mos ds. State yrs mos ds.
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