

Robert L. Graham (1805 – 1887)

Robert L.<sup>1</sup> Graham was born December 21<sup>st</sup> 1805.<sup>2</sup> It was recorded that Robert was born in Ireland.<sup>3</sup> Robert died September 17<sup>th</sup> 1887 at 81years, 8 months, and 27 days.<sup>4</sup> Robert was reported to be buried in the Middle Springs Presbyterian Church, Southampton Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. However, there are no Graham names in this cemetery.<sup>5</sup> He married: Ann Devor, sister of his brother, John's wife Lydia.<sup>6</sup>

Ann Devor was born about 1806 and Ann's father was James Devor, who was born in Scotland England, and died at the age of 87 in Spring Run. He was married 1<sup>st</sup> to Mary Ann Elizabeth Taylor, and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Lydia Roles.

Ann died during the 1860's.

The home of the Devor family was in the Spring Run, and Amberson Valley region of Fannett Township Franklin County Pennsylvania. James's father was Joseph Daver.<sup>7</sup> Joseph was born in Scotland England and died in Franklin County Pennsylvania.

***William and Agnes Children***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Generation***

***2. Robert L. Graham:*** (William and Agnes: 1<sup>st</sup> Son)

Born: December 21<sup>st</sup> 1805 in Ireland<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Died: September 17<sup>th</sup> 1887 - 81years, 8 months, 27 days (he was 74 years old in 1880)

Buried: Middle Springs Presbyterian Church Cumberland County

Married: Ann Devor (Deavor), sister of John's wife Lydia

Born: about 1806

Died: after 1850 and before 1860

Father: 2. James Devor (Deavor)<sup>3</sup>

Born: Scotland

Died: Spring Run at age 87

Father: 1. Joseph Daver, born in Scotland,

died at 87 in Spring Run

Married;

1<sup>st</sup> Marriage: Mary Ann Elizabeth

Taylor

2<sup>nd</sup> Lydia Roles

James and Lydia children:

2. Jemima: married William French

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<sup>1</sup> William A. Graham Death Certificate, #4423075, Pennsylvania Division of Vital Records, Harrisburg PA

<sup>2</sup> Robert C. Graham – Death - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1887 - 81years, 8months, 27 days, Pg. 164 (born about 1806), Middle Springs Presbyterian Church Cumberland County Records

<sup>3</sup> Biographical Annals of Franklin County, Chicago, The Genealogical Publishing Company, 1905, page 696

Mary E. Graham (They are 1<sup>st</sup> Cousins)

3. Robert French married

3. Nancy French

2. Ann: married Robert Graham

2. Lydia: married John Graham

Locations: Mifflin and Hopewell Townships. Cumberland Co., adjacent to  
Toboyne and Jackson

Townships Perry Co.

Robert and Ann Children:

3. Mary E.: born 1834 – married Robert French, their children are: Carrie S. and  
Edith J.

3. Joseph: born 1836, died about 1870 to 1878

3. Sarah J. or I.: born 1838

3. Agnes: born 1842

3. William A.: born 1834 – may have lived with William and Agnes in 1850

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The death certificate for William A. mentioned Robert was born in Ireland, which is possible. However because the information on the certificate is provided by the next of kin, most likely William's wife, Robert's birth place will be researched.

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#### Robert Graham and Ann Devor Children

i. Mary E. Graham was born about 1834. She 1<sup>st</sup> married Robert French. Their children were: Carrie S. French who was born about 1856, and Edith J. French who was born about 1858. Robert French married Mary E. Graham, the daughter of Robert Graham and Ann Devor <sup>8</sup>

Robert French was born about 1832 in Pennsylvania, most likely in the Franklin or Cumberland County region of Pennsylvania. Robert’s parents may have been John and Sarah French of Newton Township Cumberland County. John would have been born about 1794 and Sarah about 1797, both in Pennsylvania.

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ii. Joseph Graham was born about 1836, and died about 1870 to 1878. <sup>9</sup> He married Lavina A. Mort who was born about 1842.

Lavina’s father was Mathias Morte Jr. who was born in Germany before settling in Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Mathias later settled in Maryland before moving to Burnt Cabins Fulton County Pennsylvania where he was laid to rest in the local Reform Church Cemetery.

In 1860 Joseph and Lavina lived in Newburg area of Hopewell Township Cumberland County Pennsylvania. His father Robert and Uncle John also lived in the same area at this time. Joseph died and Lavina then married about 1878 to Michael Hammond, and they lived in Letterkenny Township Franklin County Pennsylvania.

Joseph and Lavina Graham had the following children. There is some confusion to who the children were for Joseph and Lavina.

- A. Mary E. Graham was born June 1860. <sup>10</sup>

- B. Minta (Araminta) was born May 1869. She married Samuel Staver at 18 years old on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1886
- C. Rosetta J. (Rose) Graham was born about 1872. She married June 16<sup>th</sup> 1894 to John Shank of Upper Strasburg Letterkenny Township Franklin County Pennsylvania. John was born about 1867. John's father was John S. Shank. John was 1<sup>st</sup> married to Anna, Divorced May 29<sup>th</sup> 1898, Prothonotary Office Franklin Co
- D. William A. Graham was born October 25<sup>th</sup> 1873.<sup>11</sup> He married Caroline Wharton of Sewickley from Haysville Borough Pittsburg Area and Allegany County Pennsylvania. William died September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1911 at the age of 37, and was laid to rest in the Sewickley Cemetery, Sewickley Alleghany County.
- E. Joseph Newton. Graham was born about 1877
- iii. Sarah J. or I. Graham was born about 1838
- iv. Agnes Graham was born about 1842
- v. William A. Graham was born about 1834,<sup>12</sup> at the age of 64 in Boling Springs, struck by train September 1906. He was buried Huntsdale, Cumberland County Pennsylvania. William had 8 children.

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#### End Notes

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<sup>1</sup> Robert's middle initial "L" comes from the death certificate of his son, William A. Graham, cited in footnote 3.

<sup>2</sup> Robert's middle initial 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.

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<sup>4</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. unknown: unknown,

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<sup>5</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.

<sup>6</sup> Biographical Annals of Franklin County, Chicago, The Genealogical Publishing Company, 1905, p. 695 to 699

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., 695-696

<sup>8</sup> ABD File for Graham, The Perry Historians, 763 Dix Hill Road, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania

<sup>9</sup> The body of work that follows on Robert Graham is a combination of the work by Graham W. Rider, Ph.D., Major General, USAF, Retired, and my work with the Federal Census, and Cumberland, Perry, and Franklin County Historical Societies and Courthouse records. All specific sources are contained at the end of this document.

<sup>10</sup> The birth date for Mary comes from the 1860 Census for Newburg, Hopewell Township, Cumberland County PA.

<sup>11</sup> William A. Graham is William W. Rider's Grandfather

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