Eugene (Tommy) Thomas Johnston was born February 1951.

Tom’s father is Eugene Thomas Johnston who was born in 1925 to Benjamin and Genevieve Johnston.

Benjamin’s father was Thomas Robert Johnston who was born May 1850 in New York.

Thomas Robert Johnston was the son of Robert Johnston who was born about 1816 in Ireland, and his wife Mary who was born about 1816 in England.

***1850***

According to the 1850 Federal Census Robert and Mary lived in Ward 1 Western Division, New York, New York. Robert was born in Ireland and Mary was born in England. Their children were listed:

1. Samuel Johnston, age 10, was born about 1840 in England
2. Edward Johnston, age 8, was born about 1842 in England
3. Robert Johnston, age 6, was born about 1845 in England
4. Thomas Johnston , age 0, was born 1850 in New York

It appears that Robert and Mary married and moved to New York sometime between 1846 and 1850

***1860***

By 1860 Robert and Mary had moved to Ward 1 of Newark, Essex County, New Jersey

The 1860 Federal Census indicated their children as:

1. Samuel who was born about 1840 in England
2. Edward Johnston who was born about 1842 in Ireland [[1]](#footnote-1)
3. Robert Johnston who was born about 1845 in England
4. Thomas Johnston who was born 1850 in New York
5. Mary Jane who was born about 1853 in New York
6. William John who was born December 1859 in New Jersey

It appears that the family moved to New Jersey between 1854 and 1860

***1870***

According to the 1870 Federal Census for Robert’s wife, Mary Johnston: Robert had died and Mary lived Ward 7 of Newark, Essex County, New Jersey. Living with her were:

1. Thomas Johnston who was born 1850 in New York
2. Mary Jane who was born about 1853 in New York

***1880***

We lost track of Mary Johnston in 1880, but Thomas was ....According to the 1900 Census for Thomas, he and his wife Helen were living in Newark, Essex County, New Jersey. Together they had the following children:

1. Eugene R. Johnston, age 8, born about 1872
2. Mary F. Johnston, age 6, born about 1974

Also living with them was Eugene Biddulph, age 38, born about 1842. We believe that Eugene Biddulph is the brother of Helen Johnston, and who named her son Eugene.

***1900***

According to the 1900 Census for Thomas:

v. Thomas’s father was born in Ireland, and his mother was born in England. Thomas married Helen M. who was born in October 1853 in New Jersey. Her father was born in England and her mother was born in Ireland. In 1900 Thomas and his family lived in Ward 7 of Newark, Essex County New Jersey. Together they had:

1. Benjamin Johnston who was born August 1887 in New Jersey . Benjamin Campbell Johnston Gender: Male Birth Date: 26 Aug 1887 Birth Place: Saint Patricks Pro-cathedral-catholic, Newark, Essex, New Jersey Christening Date: 2 Oct 1887 Christening Place: Saint Patricks Pro-cathedral-catholic, Newark, Essex, New Jersey Father's Name: Thomas R Johnston Mother's Name: Ellen Biddulph [[2]](#footnote-2)
2. Helen Johnston who was born May 1893 in New Jersey
3. Gertrude Johnston who was born November 1894 in New Jersey

***1910***

Can’t find anything

***1920***

By 1920 Thomas’s wife Helen had died and Thomas was living with his daughter Helen, who married William Fitzgerald, and they lived in Belleville Ward 2, Essex, New Jersey. Thomas was with his daughter Helen and her husband William Fitzgerald in 1930 living in Bloomfield, Essex County New Jersey.

i. Benjamin was born about 1888 in New Jersey: his father was born in New York and his mother in New Jersey. Ben married Genevieve when he was 31 years old, about 1909, and when Genevieve was 21 years old.

Genevieve was born about 1898 in Iowa: her father and mother were born in Wisconsin.

***1930***

In 1930 Ben and Genevieve rented a home for $25.00 each month at 187 Oakwood Avenue, in the 1st Ward of Bloomfieldtown, Essex County New Jersey. Ben was not a Veteran, and worked as carpenter.

Ben and Genevieve had the following children:

1. Benjamin was born about 1921 in Illinois
2. Eugene was born about 1925 in Illinois, possibly Woodstock Illinois...Tom’s father
3. Robert was born about 1926 in Illinois
4. Genevieve was born about 1927 in New Jersey

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