Introduction

This is a research paper of the Ferree family. A member of this family, Charles Ferree, may have had a child out of wedlock with Sadie Mae Knaper in York, York County, Pennsylvania.

Sadie’s child went by the name Charles Henry Knaper, whose granddaughter, Tina Brumley, is a DNA match to my wife, Janelle Taylor-Graham.

Charles Henry Forry (1890-1962)

Charles Henry Forry was born October 20th 1890 to John A. Forry and Ellen J. Shue in Springettsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania. [[1]](#endnote-1) Charles was baptized on May 30th 1891 at the Bethlehem United Methodist Church in York, York County. [[2]](#endnote-2)

In 1900 and 1910 the family lived in Dallastown, York Township, York County. In 1900 the John, worked as a day laborer, and his son, Charles, was attending school. By 1910 the John was a salesclerk in a furniture store, and Charles worked aa a cigar maker in a cigar factory.

* In 1910 Sadie Knaper lived in Dallastown, and worked as a cigar maker in a cigar factory.
* The Forry family lived about a two-minute walk, one block, from the Knaper family.
* This Charles is most likely the Charles Forry Jr. mentioned in numerous news articles attending Sadie Knaper’s family parties.

On March 13th 1913 Charles married Mamie Viola Kriedler in York, Pennsylvania. [[3]](#endnote-3) Mamie was born June 11th 1892.

By 1918 Charles was living with his wife and child in Yoe, and working as a laborer for the I. Lewis Cigar Manufacturing Company in Yoe. Yoe is about 2 miles north of Dallastown.

Charles was of medium height and a slender build with light brown hair, and blue eyes when he signed up for the WW I draft in 1918. At the time he was living with his wife and child in Yoe, and working as a laborer for the I. Lewis Cigar Manufacturing Company in Yoe. [[4]](#endnote-4)

Two Brothers

Parents: Albert Andrew Ferree Sr. and Mary A. Knaub

Mary A. Knaub > Edward Knaub > John Knaub and Rosina (Rosanna) Kohr [[5]](#endnote-5)

Edward Knob is the brother of Janelle’s 3rd great-grandfather, Henry Knaub.

Charles M. Ferree (1887-1950)

Charles Monroe Ferree was born July 16th 1887 to Albert Andrew Ferree Sr. and Mary A Knaub in York, York County, Pennsylvania. [[6]](#endnote-6)

Charles and his brother, John H. Ferree lived with the Ferree family in 1900 York, York County.

Before April 25th 1910 Charles was living with his sister Daisy and her husband, Frank Becker, on 8th street in Erie, Pennsylvania. When his mother died in 1937, he was still living in Erie, Pennsylvania. [[7]](#endnote-7)

* Saide would have been pregnant between late October 1910 to July 1911.

Charles was 63 years old when he died November 1st 1950 while living at 946 Potomac Avenue in Erie Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest in Plot 11, Lot 31, Grave 2 at the Laurel Hill Cemetery, Millcreek Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania.[[8]](#endnote-8) FAG#:5492977 [[9]](#footnote-1)

Did he come home, and hook up with Sadie in October? I doubt it.

John H. Ferree (1890-1918)

John H. Ferree was born December 29th 1890 [[10]](#endnote-9) to Albert Andrew Ferree Sr. and Mary A. Knaub in York, York County, Pennsylvania. However, in 1910 this family lived in York, York County. [[11]](#endnote-10) John H. Ferree and his brother lived with the Ferree family in 1900 and 1910 in York, York County.

John was 28 years old when he left York for Camp Lee in Virginia. Then on July 16th he was killed when a cave in buried him under several tons of earth.



Mary Ann Knaub was born March 11th 1851 to Edward Knaub and Catherine Zellers [[12]](#endnote-11) in Manchester, York County, Pennsylvania. [[13]](#endnote-12)

* Edward Knaub is the brother of Janelle’s 3rd great grandparents, Henry F. Knaub and Elisabeth Neff. Edward and Henry were brothers born to John Knaub married Rosina (Rosanna) Kohr. [[14]](#endnote-13)

Charles Edward Ferree (1890-1968)

Parents: Daniel B. Ferree and Mary Ann Frey.

Charles Edward Ferree was born December 8th 1890 Daniel B. Ferree (1847–1925) and Mary Ann Frey [[15]](#endnote-14) in Seven Valleys, Springfield Township, York County, Pennsylvania.[[16]](#endnote-15)

* Mary Ann Frey was born October 22nd 1852 to Joshua Frey and Julianna Kinard in York County, Pennsylvania. [[17]](#endnote-16)-[[18]](#endnote-17)

In 1910 Charles lived with his parents in the borough of Seven Valleys, working at odd jobs.

* Dallastown, where Sadie Knaper lived, is about 8 miles northeast of Seven Valleys where Charles Ferree lived.

Charles married Grace M. Fitzkee, who was born March 6th 1897 in Craley, York County, Pennsylvania. By 1920 Charles was married and living on Main Street in Windsor, York County, Pennsylvania. At the time he was a cigar maker.

End Notes

1. Charles H. Forry Name, Parent’s Names, and Place of Birth: The information came from his obituary in The York Dispatch, Wednesday, December 12th 1962, Page 32, Ancestry, Newspapers.com, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Charles Henry Forry Birth and Baptism Dates, Parent’s Names: The information came from the Methodist Church Records. Valley Forge, Pennsylvania: Eastern Pennsylvania United Methodist Church Commission on Archives and History, Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Sadie May Knaper Marriage, Marriage Date, and Husband’s Full Name: The information came from his marriage application and license; Marriage Records (1885-1949), Application: 26789; York County Archives, 150 Pleasant Acres Road, York, Pennsylvania, 17402. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. Charles Henry Forry Name, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Physical Characteristics, Occupation, and 1918 Residence: The information came from the United States Selective Service System; World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, National Archives and Records Administration, M1509, 4,582 rolls; National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, D.C., 20408-0001. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. John Knaub (1790-1888) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. Charles M. Ferree Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent’s Names: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 93503, 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. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. Mary A. Ferree Surviving Children: The information came from Mary’s obituary, The York Dispatch, Monday, February 1st 1937, Page 18, Ancestry, Newspapers.com, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
8. Charles M. Ferree Name, Occupation, Residence, Date of Death, Place of Death, and Burial: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 93503, 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. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
9. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
10. John H. Ferree Name, Date of Birth, Physical Characteristics, Occupation, Employer Address, and 1917 Residence: The information came from his WW I draft registration card, United States Selective Service System; World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, National Archives and Records Administration, M1509, 4,582 rolls; National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, D.C., 20408-0001. [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
11. Albert Ferree (1847-1927) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-10)
12. Edward Knaub (1819-1893) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-11)
13. Mary A. Knaub Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, Parent’s Names, Occupation, Residence, Date of Death, Place of Death, and Burial: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #:9663, 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. [↑](#endnote-ref-12)
14. John Knaub (1790-1888) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-13)
15. Daniel B. Ferree (1847-1952) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-14)
16. Charles Edward Ferree Name, Date of Birth and Death, and Burial: The information came from the Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1669-2013, Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107. [↑](#endnote-ref-15)
17. Mary Ann Frey Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent’s Names: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #:58071, 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. [↑](#endnote-ref-16)
18. Joshaua Frey (1822-1877) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-17)