

GRAY FAMILY GENEALOGY

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Much of what is known about the Gray line comes from a bible belonging originally to Samuel Gray, born 5 May 1784, later the property of Dr. Edward Gray. All of the entries except the date of his death are in his handwriting; in all cases, he spells "Powars," not "Powers." There is no record of the ancestry of Samuel Gray, born 19 June 1711, and his wife Sarah Emmons, nor of any of their children other than Samuel Gray, born 13 July 1738, husband of Hannah Cotton. For more on Gray, and also Wells, see the *Descendants of Joseph Bixby*, available online.

1. **Samuel GRAY**, born 19 June 1711 o.s. (30 June 1711 n.s.) at Boston, died 2 May 1748 o.s. (13 May 1748 n.s.) at Boston; married Sarah Emmons, born 31 May 1714 o.s. (11 June 1714 n.s.) at Boston, died September 1784 at Boston; at least one child.

Child of Samuel Gray and Sarah Emmons:

- i. Samuel Gray, born 13 July 1738 at Boston, died 12 September 1784 at Boston; married, 19 April 1775, Hannah Cotton, born 14 January 1750 at Boston, died 21 October 1818, 3:00 p.m., Boston (the Cotton line has been fully traced to William Cotton, born in England, came to New Hampshire sometime before 1650, died 1678; married Elizabeth Ham); moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia, soon after marriage, returned to Boston with surviving children in 1790; five children.

Children of Samuel Gray and Hannah Cotton:

- i. Sarah Gray, born Halifax (?), 5 September 1776, 12:30 a.m., died 6 June 1792.
- ii. John Cotton Gray, born Halifax, 24 May 1778, 4:00 p.m., died 7 April 1825 at New Haven, Connecticut; occupation printer; married 25 October 1807 at Danbury, Connecticut, to Esther Benedict of Danbury, born , died 13 December 1812 at Danbury; three children.

Children of John Cotton Gray and Esther Benedict:

- i. Oliver Benedict Gray, born 3 September 1808 at Danbury, died .
- ii. John Noble Gray, born 23 August 1810 at Danbury, died October 1837 on a journey to Illinois.
- iii. Russel Henry Gray, born 8 November 1812 at Danbury, died 22 February 1813.
- iii. Hannah Gray, born Halifax, 7 February 1780, 5:00 p.m., died Boston, 26 July 1831.

- iv. Mary Cotton Gray, born Halifax, 7 May 1782, 2:00 a.m., died 17 June 1783.
- v. Samuel Gray, born Halifax, 5 May 1784, 4:00 p.m., died 20 October 1830 at Boston; a manufacturer of harness, saddles, trunks, military caps and accoutrements, mail bags, etc.; married Sunday evening, 22 November 1807 (at the house of Daniel E. Powers, Boston, by the Rev. Dr. Lothrop), Joanna Powers, daughter of John Powers (born 1744, died 12 January 1826, aged 82, at Bernardstown) and Aphia or Affa Bixby (born 16 March 1750, died 16 March 1829), born 3 February 1785 at Quincey, Massachusetts, died 22 December 1862 at Stillwater, New York; a portrait of Joanna is owned by Helen Gray (Jones) Ostrander; nine children.

Children of Samuel Gray and Joanna Powers:

- i. George Powers Gray, born 20 October 1808, 1:30 p.m., at Boston, died there on 3 March 1829; unmarried
- ii. Affa Maria Gray, born 27 August 1810, 2:30 a.m., at Boston, died 7 December 1884 (date of burial permit, 8 December 1884) at Baltimore; married 30 September 1840, 3:00 p.m., at St. John's Church, Providence, Rhode Island, to Lewis Wheeler Wells, born 14 January 1817 at Stratford, Connecticut, died 8 November 1879 (date of burial permit, 8 November 1879) at Baltimore; both buried at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore (Lot 86, Area L); five children (see **Wells Family Genealogy**).
- iii. Emily Naomi Gray, born 6 September 1812, 6:00 p.m., at Boston, died 22 June 1892 at Troy, New York, buried at Brooklyn, New York; married 10 May 1842 at Providence, Rhode Island, Rev. Isaac Admiral Charles Eldred Pitman, born Middletown, Rhode Island, 14 March 1815, died about 1895; two children.

Children of Emily Naomi Gray and Isaac Admiral Pitman:

- i. William Wirt Pitman, born 9 (19?) May 1844; married 1 October 1867 to Jeannie H. Lewis; two children.

Children of William Wirt Pitman and Jeannie H. Lewis:

- i. George Herbert Pittman, born 20 January 1869 at Troy, New York, died 22 October 1869 at Brooklyn, New York, buried at Brooklyn.
- ii. Frederick Lewis Pitman, born 20 (21?) February 1871 at

Brooklyn; married 21 June 1899 to Olive Marie Lesh of Americus, Kansas; one child.

Child of Frederick Lewis Pitman and Olive Marie Lesh

- i. Lucile Pitman, born 11 April 1900 at Americus, Kansas.
- ii. Edward Gray Pitman, born 16 September 1847.
- iv. Joanna Gray, born 25 November 1814, 2:00 a.m., at Boston, died 5 June 1820, 5:00 p.m.
- v. Samuel Cotton Gray, born Friday, 11 October 1816, 11:00 a.m., in Boston, died Sunday, 19 June 1892, 3:00 p.m., in Benecia, California, buried in Benecia; an important figure in the early history of Benecia, he wrote and presented a lecture in 1879 titled "Recollections of Benecia," included in the *History of Solano County* of the same year; he was acquainted with all the early important figures of that region; first marriage, Tuesday, 14 December 1847, 8:00 p.m., at her father's home, Lucy Hubbard Wetmore, daughter of Chauncey and Rebecca (Hubbard) Wetmore, born 24 December 1820 at Middletown, Connecticut; died 2 July 1879, 5:00 a.m., buried at Benecia, five children; second marriage to Martha Frances Garretson, no children.

Children of Samuel Cotton Gray and Lucy Hubbard Wetmore:

- i. Edward Gray, born 17 November 1849, at Benecia; first marriage, 31 August 1876, in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England, to Gertrude Colton, daughter of Rev. Henry M. and Lucy Colton, born 15 February 1856 at Avon, Connecticut, died 10 July 1884 at Fort Gaston, California (buried there originally but her remains later transferred to the Presidio, San Francisco), four children; second marriage, at San Francisco, to Maria Mulford Willey, daughter of Rev. Samuel H. Willey and Martha Nichelson (Jeffers) Willey, born 7 December 1856 at San Francisco; two children.

Children of Edward Gray and Gertrude Colton:

- i. Henry Colton Gray, born 13 April 1878 at San Francisco, married December 1904, at Benecia, to Margaret Jane Stewart, daughter of Charles and Mary (McPhail) Stewart, born 3 February 1878 at Napa, California; two children.

Children of Henry Colton Gray and Margaret Jane Stewart:

- i. Stewart Gray, born 28 September 1905 at Manilla, Philippines, died 26 February 1975 at San Jose, California; married 31 December 1939 at Albany, Oregon, to Helen Bryant; three children.

Children of Stewart Gray and Helen Bryant:

- i. Alice Gray, born 20 September 1946; married 1975, Mark Johansen; two children.

Children of Alice Gray and Mark Johansen:

- i. Kirsten Marda Johansen
- ii. Naomi Grace Johansen

- ii. Frank Bryant Gray, born 27 May 1949, never married.

- iii. Bonnie Gray, born 20 July 1954

- ii. Logan Gray, born 12 April 1911, in Benecia, California; died 5 July 1982 in San Mateo, California, buried in Benecia; married 20 June 1937, at San Pedro, California, to Bernice Marie Johnson, daughter of Axel E. Johnson and Marie Katherine Valborg (Olson) Johnson, born 9 January 1916 in Seattle, Washington, died 25 April 1978 at Mateo, California; divorced 3 June 1974; three children.

Children of Logan Gray and Bernice Marie Johnson:

- i. Logan Gray, Jr., born 5 April 1942, in San Mateo; married 30 September 1967 in Portland, Oregon, to Peggy Louise Crawley, born 2 February 1945 in Seattle; three children.

Children of Logan Gray, Jr. and Peggy Louise Crawley:

- i. Elizabeth Marie Gray, born 23 October 1969 in Eugene, Oregon.
 - ii. Christa Marie Gray, born 22 February 1973 in Eugene, Oregon.
 - iii. Michael Logan Gray, born 3 April 1977, Portland, Oregon.
- ii. William Brewster Gray, born 29 July 1946 in San Mateo.
 - iii. Robert Johnson Gray, born 30 June 1949 in San Mateo; married 14 August 1982 at Burlingame, California, to Nancy Putnam Lehmann, born 18 December 1948 at Pittsfield, Massachusetts; two children.

Children of Robert Johnson Gray and Nancy Putnam Lehmann:

- i. Elizabeth Logan Gray, born 10 October 1985 at San Mateo.
 - ii. Emily Brewster Gray, born 2 March 1990 at Portland, Oregon.
- ii. Samuel Herbert Gray, born 29 June 1879 at Benecia.

iii. Theodore Woolsey Gray, born 6 March 1881 at Cherokee, California, died 6 March 1882 at Fort Gaston, California (buried originally at Fort Gaston but his remains were later transferred to the Presidio with his mother's).

iv. Percival Gray, born 7 March 1883 at Fort Gaston, California, died by drowning 13 August 1892 at Benecia, buried at Benecia.

Children of Edward Gray and Maria Mulford Willey:

i. Beulah Gray, born 18 October 1890 at Benecia., died 7 January 1899 at San Francisco, buried at Oakland, California.

ii. Girard Gray, born 24 July 1896 at San Francisco.

ii. Franklin Henry Gray, born 20 August 1851 at Benecia, died 18 January 1852 at Benecia.

iii. Samuel Arthur Gray, born 24 November 1853 at Benecia; unmarried.

iv. Theodore Gray, born 24 October 1855, 4:00 p.m., at Benecia; married at home of the bride (20 Laurel Place, San Francisco), by Rev. William M. Kincaid (Baptist), on Saturday, 1 March 1884, 4:30 p.m., to Anna Turner Farnsworth, daughter of Captain E. Seymour and Mary Emma (Weaver) Farnsworth, born 31 July 1856; one child.

Child of Theodore Gray and Anna Turner Farnsworth:

i. Harold Farnsworth Gray, born 29 June 1885, 8:30 p.m., at San Francisco; married 6 August 1911 at Oroville, California, to Harriet Kate Helman.

v. Lucy Gertrude Gray, born 25 May 1866, 4:00 p.m., at Benecia; married 29 April 1894 at Palace Hotel, San Francisco, to David Marion Hart, son of Joseph and Babette (Kullman) Hart, born 13 December 1855 at Lafayette, Indiana; three children.

Children of Lucy Gertrude Gray and David Marion Hart:

- i. Percival Gray, born 19 September 1895 at Benecia.
 - ii. Richard Hubbard Gray, born 22 September 1898 at Benecia.
 - iii. William Brewster Gray, born 31 October 1904 at Los Angeles, California.
- vi. Mary Cotton Gray, born 19 August 1818, 2:30 p.m., at Boston, died 24 July 1819, 4:00 a.m.
 - vii. Mary Joanna Gray, born 21 July 1820, 4:30 a.m., at Boston, died 7 December 1907; first marriage to William Blanding, no children; second marriage to Ezekiel Calhoun Davis, no children; third marriage to George Staley Morton, died 27 July 1910, no children.
 - viii. (Rev.) Edward Powers Gray, born 31 July 1822, 7:00 a.m., at Boston, died 6 March 1902, buried at Lorraine Cemetery, Baltimore; first marriage to Ada Curran, died autumn 1858 at Lansingburgh, New York, no children; second marriage, 1 October 1861 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Maria Louise Clark, daughter of Amos and Rebecca Clark, born at Johnstown, Canada; six children.

Children of Edward Powers Gray and Maria Louise Clark:

- i. Affa Maria Gray, born 18 November 1862 at Shakopee, Minnesota, died 23 June 1894 at Colorado Springs, buried at Lorraine Cemetery, Baltimore.
- ii. Edward Clark Gray, born 11 November 1864 at Shakopee, Minnesota, died 30 August 1865, buried at Minneapolis.
- iii. Bertha Gray, born 31 October 1866, died 29 December 1878 at Baltimore, buried at Lorraine Cemetery, Baltimore.
- iv. Louisa Gray, born 9 May 1869 at Benecia, died 1 January 1900 at Summit, New York, buried at Lorraine Cemetery, Baltimore.
- v. Albert Morton Gray, born 31 January 1872 at Benecia, died Queens, New York, 25 April 1927; an architect working in New York City; married 27 October 1900, at Boston, to Caroline Adelaide Jacobs, daughter of George Washington Jacobs and Mary Brazier Fowler, born 20 July 1871 at Boston, died Queens, New York, 27 September 1943; four children.

Children of Albert Morton Gray and Caroline Jacobs:

- i. John Jacobs Gray, born 2 August 1901 in New York City, died 24 May 1976.
- ii. Kimball Gray, born 13 December 1902 in New York City, died Charleston, South Carolina, 14 April 1988; married Helen Fanchon Fisk, born July 1908.
- iii. Elizabeth (“Bettie”) Quincy Gray, born 5 February 1906 in East Orange, New Jersey; married 20 July 1934, Ernest Astley Parker.
- iv. Affa A. Gray, born 9 December 1907 in New York City, died 9 April 2001, Murphysboro, Illinois; married 13 September 1930, Edmund Haupt Chapman, born 14 August 1906, West Haven, Connecticut, died 14 October 1975, Chardon, Ohio.
- vi. George Herbert Gray, born 5 April 1874 at Redwood City, California, died Louisville, Kentucky, 19 October 1945; graduated from Johns Hopkins University, A.B. 1895; during coursework he was much interested in natural history, joining the Agassiz Association, Longille Ornithological Society, American Ornithological Society, Baltimore Naturalist Field Club, and the Maryland Academy of Science; his notes made at this time are in part incorporated in Kirkwood’s Birds of Maryland; after working for some time with prominent architects in New York he went to Paris to study at the Ecole des Beaux Arts; after spending some time in New York he established himself in Louisville; married 10 June 1909, in Louisville, to Mary Belknap, daughter of William Richardson Belknap and Alice Turnbull Silliman, born 7 August 1881 in New Haven, Connecticut, died Forest City, Florida, 22 December 1974; two children, one adopted.

Children of George Herbert Gray and Mary Belknap:

- i. Judson Clark Gray, born Louisville, 3 December 1912.
- ii. Barbara Gray, adopted
- ix. Sarah Adeline Gray, born 21 August 1824, 9:00 a.m., at Boston, died 30 May 1840 (date of burial permit, 30 May 1840) at Baltimore,

buried at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore (Lot 86, Area L,
headstone broken, badly eroded).