

Corrected to January 27, 1928

DATE: September 23, 1928

PEDIGREE NUMBER: n 3

NAME OF FAMILY: Jerome

PRINCIPAL LOCALITIES: Ferrisburg, Burlington, Sudbury, Shelburne,
Vergennes, Panton, Minesville, N.Y., Keyesville, N.Y.
NO. OF GENERATIONS: 5 Willsboro, N.Y. (central in Ferrisburg and
Willsboro, N.Y.)

NO. OF INDIVIDUALS: 104

NO. LIVING IN 1926:

MAIN DEFECTS: Feeble-mindedness and thievery

OTHER IMPORTANT DEFECTS:

NO. IN V. I. S. 5

NO. IN V. S. S. 3(1)

NO. IN F. M. SCHOOLS IN OTHER STATE: 2

NO. IN V. S. H. 1

NO. IN INSANE HOSP. IN OTHER STATE:

NO. AT B. B. R. 1

NO. IN V. S. P. 8(4)

NO. IN S. P. IN OTHER STATE: 2 (1)

NO. WITH S. D. P. W. 3

NO. OF STATE PAUPERS: 16 NO. OF PAUPERS IN OTHER STATE: 6

NO. OF TOWN PAUPERS: 13 (7)

NO. INSANE (NOT AT V. S. H. OR B. B. R.)

NO. FEEBLEMINDED (NOT AT V. S. S. OR V. S. H.) 2

NO. WITH COURT RECORDS (NOT AT S. P.) IN ANOTHER STATE: 1

NO. WITH COURT RECORDS (NOT AT V. I. S. OR V. S. P.) 1

NO. DIED WITH TUBERCULOSIS:

NO. LIVING WITH TUBERCULOSIS:

NO. OF COUSIN MARRIAGES:

EPILEPTIC: 1

BLIND:

CRIPPLES:

SEX OFFENDERS: 9

ALCOHOLIC: 2

VENEREAL DISEASE: 1

NO. ILLEGITIMATE

CHILDREN : 4

OTHER FAMILIES OF RECORD CONNECTED: Lessor, Shonio - Arrington, Phillips

A PIRATE FAMILY.

NOTE: This family lived on both the Vermont and New York shores of Lake Champlain. They often lived in house-boats on the Lake. For the most part they had no sense of morality. Rural people often thought them bright because they were very clever in evading the law. Their most characteristic habit was to hunt and fish out of season and to cleverly vanish when they were in danger of being apprehended---turning up later in the neighboring state. An old resident tells the following story which is very characteristic of this family:

One of the sons of Anson Bone had shortly before returned ^{home} from V. I. S. He was driving a team and delivering goods. The old resident, then a boy in his teens, and another boy planned the following: They agreed to stick a jack-knife in a fence post, which they did. They ^{claw} went out into the back yard. When they came back, the jack-knife was gone and the team was quite a way down the road. The two boys ran after the team, and, as they expected, found the jack-knife in the pocket of the driver.

GENERATION 3.CHILDREN OF ANSON BONE AND HIS WIFE EMMA CONTINUED. (IND. JAV.)

Two sons were committed to the S. S. P. W. His wife, Mary, wandered around for a while, became dependent on the town and was sent to S. S. P. where she remained for three years. Immediately on being released from S. S. P. she married Mr. Arcour, Generation 4, #18 of the Arcour Pedigree. This was Arcour's third marriage. He is no account, shiftless, and lazy. He has had help from two different towns at different times. He comes of a very degenerate family. Mary has told people that the authorities at V. S. P. wrote her that Jack died at V. S. P.

This has been proven not to be so, as Jack was regularly discharged from V. S. P. It would appear then that Jack

is at present some of his wandering towns *and that Mary is a bigamist*

It is stated that Jack Bone married Ellen Stone early in life. As far as is known, Ellen and Jack did not live together and three years after her marriage to Jack, Ellen married another man by whom she had a large family. Most people do not know of this marriage. It is not clear why Jack and Ellen did not live together.

Mary Bone was married and had quite a large family. She later died. Nothing more is known about her up to date.

Ann Bone married and has three or four children. She is quite abnormal. She can read and write a little, but can not give any accurate information about her relatives.

Jonathan Bone is the outstanding member of the family. He is abnormal mentally; he has been in and out of prison in Vermont and New York State. He is a very serious sex-offender. He has quite a striking personality and

GENERATION 1.CHILDREN OF JOHN BONE.

John Bone, Sgt. was sent to V. I. S. but was transferred to V. S. P. His first marriage was unfortunate and he has married a second time.

Francis Bone. Little is known about him. He is married.

Fred. Bone. Has been at V. S. P.

David Bone. Has been at V. I. S. and V.S. P. He is married.

Frederick Bone has been at V. I. S. but was transferred to V. S. S. He is feeble-minded. His I. C. is .33.

There are six other children:

Leo Bone.

Nathan Bone, killed accidentally, at the age of 11.

Carrie Bone.

Hollis Bone.

Linton Bone.

Winton Bone.

CHILDREN OF MARY SMITH BEFORE HER MARRIAGE TO JACK BONE.

Martin Smith was placed out as a dependent child in New York State.

Ella Smith had an illegitimate child by her stepfather, Jack Bone.

She is at V. S. S. Her I. C. is .40.

CHILDREN OF JACK BONE BY MARY SMITH.

Sarah Bone is the oldest daughter of Jack Bone. She is feeble-minded. Is at V. S. S. Her I. C. is .50.

James Bone died in infancy.

-----Bone. (Male) died in infancy.

Richard Bone, twin to Henry Bone is a ward of the S.B.P.F.
He is abnormal.

Henry Bone, twin to Richard is a ward of the S.B.P.F.

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GENERATION 4.

CHILDREN OF EDWARD BONE AND EMMA BARTON.

Jackson Bone is feeble-minded.

Elizabeth Bone.

Arlene Bone.

Donald Bone.

(These children are quite young and are still with their parents.)

CHILDREN OF JANE ELMORE BEFORE HER MARRIAGE TO THOMAS BONE.

Bess Bone is now about 18 years old. She already has a criminal record and has been in jail in New York State for thievery.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS BONE AND JANE ELMORE:

Clara Bone is only ten years old. She has very bad sex habits which she teaches to other children. The relations between her and her father are said to be abnormal, and she is being watched by the Children's Society in another State.

Ellen Bone is feeble-minded. She early became dependent in New York State; was placed in a Catholic Institution for Dependents. Later she was transferred from that institution to another Catholic Institution which takes care of feeble-minded children.

JEROME--DEFECTS, INSTITUTIONS, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR, ETC.

Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Ambrose Jerome	II #6	Illiterate Court record	Arterio Sclerosis & Hypertrophy of prostate gland	
Rose Jerome	#7	Had illegitimate child (?)		
Videl Lesser	III #1	Grand Larceny Feebleminded Illiterate Alcoholic Insane		V. S. P. V. S. H.
William Jerome	#6	Thief		V. S. P. (?) Jail
Minnie Larose	#8	Untruthful Sex offender Degenerate Town Pauper Psychopathic Had illegitimate child		Four Farm B. B. R.
Peter George Jerome	#9	Larceny Dishonest Sex offender Degenerate Fornication		V. I. S. V. S. P.
Celina Lesser	#10	Degenerate	Heart trouble	
Anna Jerome	#15	Subnormal		
Mabel Thorpe	#17	Sex offender "Queer" Had illegitimate child		
Walter Jerome	#18	Sex offender Rape Illiterate Adultery		V. S. P. Comstock Prison Clinton Prison, Dan- nemora
Dora Larose	#19	Town Pauper	Childbirth	

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Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Frank Jerome	III #21	Illiterate Court record Burglary Town Pauper		V. I. S. V. S. P.
Lottie Bailey	#22	Town Pauper Feebleminded		
Elzina Jerome	#23		Lockjaw	
Mary Agnes Phillips	#31	Immoral Dishonest Had illegitimate child		House of Good Shepherd
Benjamin H. Jerome	#32	Immoral Dishonest Rape Intemperate Alcoholic Town Pauper		Clinton Prison, Dannemora Elizabeth Town Jail, Essex Co., N. Y. V. I. S. (7)
Alice Taylor	#33	Town Pauper	Post portal hemorrhage, septicemia	
William Jerome	IV #2	Criminal		V. S. P.
Rose Champagne	#4	Sex offender Syphilis		V. S. P.
John Jerome	#6	Court record		V. S. P.
Raymond Arthur Jerome	#8	Petty Larceny Delinquency		V. I. S. V. S. P.
Wilfred Jerome	#9	Delinquency Feebleminded Speech defect Town Pauper		V. I. S. V. S. S.
Stanley Jerome	#11		Operation--arm and leg ampu- tated	

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Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Hazel Edison	IV #16	Illegitimate Imbecile Illiterate Sex offender Had illegitimate child		V. S. S.
Bessie Elzina Jerome	#17	Imbecile Town Pauper		V. S. S.
Charles Jerome	#20	Twin Town Pauper		S. D. P. W.
Sheridan Jerome	#21	Twin Town Pauper		S. D. P. W.
Margaret E. Jerome	#25	Town Pauper		Poor Farm Home for Friendless Women
Walter Burlingame	#25c		Killed in an automobile accident	
Effa May Jerome	#26	Epileptic Imbecile	Inanition or idiotcy	Craig Colony, Soyes, N.Y.
Rose Jerome	#27		Convulsions or cerebral congestion	
Stephen Jerome (?)	#28	Illegitimate		V. C. A. S.
Violet Louise Jerome (alias Bailey)	#29	Dependent Delinquent Untruthful Dishonest Illegitimate Town Pauper Sex offender		N. E. L. W. V. I. S.
--- Jerome(?), (female)	#30	Town Pauper		
Kenneth Jerome	#32		Bronchial Pneumonia	
Lila Jerome	#34	"Fits"		

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Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Beatrice Gladys Jerome	IV #40	Dependent		St. Joseph's Infant Home, Troy, N. Y.
Rose Jerome	#44	County Pauper Feeble-minded		St. Vincent's Female Orphan Asylum
Benjamin H. Jerome	#45	Stillborn		St. Anne's School of Industry
Benjamin H. Jerome	#45	Stillborn		
Mamie Decker	#51	Subnormal		
Gladys Edison	V #1	Illegitimate		S. D. P. W.

Water Queen
28 Dec. 1935

'Capt. Ellen' Has Lived On Water 45 Years, And Has Given Birth to 9 Children On Boats

At 14, Mrs. Ploof Married a Sailor, and Has Lived On Craft
of One Kind Or Another Ever Since—She's Now
'First Mate' For Captain Storey Here

"Captain Ellen" they call her down on the water front. That's because for two years she was master of a towboat with a captain's rating and pay because for 45 years she hasn't spent ashore more than two or three nights, because all her nine children were born aboard a boat, and because she can "handle anything that floats on water" like a born mariner.

The "she" is Mrs. Ellen Ploof, 58-year-old inhabitant of a houseboat in a slip at the foot of College street. Married when she was 14 to Sylvester Ploof—a man of the water—she called him—she has lived on boats of one kind or another ever since.

Sylvester had a sailboat, and for years he sailed up and down Lake Champlain transporting sand, gravel, lumber—anything at all—from one port to another. And wherever he went his wedded "mate" went with him.

Nine Children Born On Water

For 16 years they sailed the waters of the lake. Then Holler and LaDue, New York State contractors, hired them for work on the Mohawk river when the canal locks were being repaired. Sylvester was "captain" of a towboat,

and she was "captain" of a towboat and for two years they traversed the river from Schenectady to Lock 12. Nine children she had and each was born on the water, without benefit of doctor or mid-wife. One of them died when he was two years old, but there are five girls and three boys living now, and all of them "swim like fishes."

On Houseboat For Decade

Her husband died at Fort Edward in 1922, and since then she has been acting as housekeeper and "first mate" for "Captain" Frank Storey, master of the "Corsair," an eight-room houseboat he built with his own hands ten years ago. For the past seven years, the boat has been moored in various slips in Burlington harbor.

The houseboat has no electricity, no running water, no telephone, no refrigerator, no air-conditioning, no indirect lighting, and no steam heat, but they "get along." In the winter, they fish, and in the summer they fish and rent boats.

"I've lived so long on the water," she says, "that I feel like a landlubber every time I go ashore. Which just goes to prove," she added, "that a person can get used to anything, if he lives long enough."

Aug 12 1927

MEMORANDUM FOR MARY AGNES PHILLIPS

Mary Agnes Phillips married Harrison Jerome in Pantton, Vt. Feb-
12, 1913. We have verified this marriage.

On the marriage certificate it is stated that her parents were
tin Phillips and Orena Gordon both born in Malone, N. Y.

According to the same marriage record Mary Agnes Phillips was born
in Malone, N. Y. about 1891.

At the time of Mary's marriage she had a little girl known variously
as Elizabeth and Gladys Jerome who was about seven years old.

Harrison Jerome states that Mary Agnes's father was Pete Phillips
of Pantton, Vt., and that her mother's name was Merina Urchabee. (Harrison
did not know how to spell this.)

Harrison stated that Mary Agnes had an aunt living in Brandon, Vt.
by the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher, wife of George Gallagher.

Harrison also stated that Mrs. Pete Phillips, Mary's grandmother,
lived in Brandon.

Minnie Larose Jerome stated that Mary Agnes Phillips's people lived
in Brandon near the railroad station.

Mr. Kent, Town Clerk in Pantton took it for granted that Mary Agnes
Phillips' was the daughter of old Pete Phillips but this is probably not
true.

The Town Clerk in Brandon resents the implication that the Brandon
Phillipses are related to old Peter or had any colored blood. He declares
that these Brandon Phillipses are good French people. The reason for his
interest in them seems to be that he and his wife took into their family
one of these Phillips girls and apparently tried to make something of her
and succeeded in their efforts. He insisted that it was absolutely unneces-
sary to have the Brandon Phillipses records looked up. However at the State
Department of Vital Statistics we find the facts which are shown on the
chart on the other side of this sheet.

FACTS.

1. Any facts that will connect Mary Agnes Phillips with the Brandon
Phillipses.
2. Any facts that will connect the Branton Phillips with our Phil-
lips pedigree.
3. Any facts that will indicate colored or Indian blood in the Bran-
don Phillipses.
4. Where did the Brandon Phillipses come from?
5. What other children are there?

INTELLIGENCE SURVEY OF VERMONT

July 27, 1927

Warden,
Clinton Prison
Danvers, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We are interested in obtaining some statistics of degenerate families in order to show their cost to the State of Vermont and also to the state of New York. 0

Our records show that you have had the following inmates belonging to our families: Walter Jerome who was admitted October 26, 1921; Harrison Jerome who was admitted October 24, 1921; William Bisette who was admitted January 11, 1918 and Stephen Bisette who was admitted January 11, 1918.

We would like very much to have a copy of your face sheet records of these men and also the date of their discharge from your prison. In addition we would like to have the per capita costs for the years these men were incarcerated, so that we may obtain as accurate a record as possible, of their expense to the State of New York.

Very truly yours,

HAS:FCR

FIELD WORKER

*Walter Jerome & family
Harrison Jerome & family
William Bisette & family
Stephen Bisette & family
There is nothing on record
to show what family of the party
the man was in the State of N.Y. and
what the name of the family was.*