

DATE: September 28, 1926

PEDIGREE NUMBER: 4NAME OF FAMILY: PhillipsPRINCIPAL LOCALITIES: Vermont, (also New York State, Me., N.H., etc.)
(central in So. Burlington and Peacham, Vt.)NO. OF GENERATIONS: 6NO. OF INDIVIDUALS: 471NO. LIVING IN 1926:MAIN DEFECTS: Feeble-mindednessOTHER IMPORTANT DEFECTS: Nomadic habits, dependency, criminalityNO. IN V. I. S. 14NO. IN V. S. S. 1NO. IN F. M. SCHOOLS IN OTHER STATE:NO. IN V. S. H. 4NO. IN INSANE HOSP. IN OTHER STATE: 3NO. AT B. B. R.NO. IN V. S. P. 19 (7)NO. IN S. P. IN OTHER STATE: 3NO. WITH S. D. P. W. 8 (2)NO. OF STATE PAUPERS: 37 NO. OF PAUPERS IN OTHER STATE: 10 (1)NO. OF TOWN PAUPERS: 45 (19)NO. INSANE (NOT AT V. S. H. OR B. B. R.) 1NO. FREEBLEMINDED (NOT AT V. S. S. OR V. S. H.) 17NO. WITH COURT RECORDS (NOT AT S. P.) IN ANOTHER STATE: 4NO. WITH COURT RECORDS (NOT AT V. I. S. OR V. S. P.) 4NO. DIED WITH TUBERCULOSIS: 8NO. LIVING WITH TUBERCULOSIS: 1NO. OF COUSIN MARRIAGES: 4EPILEPTIC:BLIND: 1CRIPPLES: 2SEX OFFENDERS: 42ALCOHOLIC: 22VENEREAL DISEASE: 7NO. ILLEGITIMATE
CHILDREN: 17SUICIDE: 1OTHER FAMILIES OF RECORD CONNECTED:

SUMMARY--PHILLIPS PEDIGREE

BEGINNINGS IN CANADA

The ancestors of the Phillipsees probably came from Canada four or five generations ago. As the members of all except the last generation were illiterate and as their oral conditions are extremely inaccurate, it has been practically impossible to learn anything about their life in Canada.

Many members of the family today have no idea as to their own ages, much less as to the dates and places of their own births.

There seems to be an indication that some of the Phillipsees came from the Indian reservation of Caughnewaga near Montreal, Canada, and not far from Malone, N. Y.

Probably their first stopping place in Vermont was Highgate, in the latter part of the eighteenth and the first part of the nineteenth centuries. Highgate, however, has no records of these people, and it is only from the statements of younger members of the family, and from the vital statistics of the younger members of the family in other towns, that we learn that the older Phillipsees passed through Highgate.

The Phillipsees were locally known as "gypsies," because large numbers of them used to travel from place to place in wagons, camping down wherever they happened to be at nightfall.

GENERATION I

We have traced the family back to a certain Antoine Phillipse (A, I, #2) who for convenience we will call "Old Antoine" to distinguish him from younger Antoinnes. "Old Antoine" was born in Canada about 1787. Various fantastic stories are told as to why

he left Canada. Antoine had French and Indian blood. It is not known whether "Old Antoine" had negro blood or not, but there is no question that most, if not all of his children had negro blood. It is of course possible that it was his wife who brought the negro blood into the family.

"Old Antoine" married Catherine Cadave (A, I, #1). We know practically nothing about Catherine.

It is apparent that this couple entered Vermont in the vicinity of Highgate, as all the traditions, and some of the later vital statistics indicate that at least one child was born to them in Highgate, presumably somewhere about 1846.

"Old Antoine" and his wife Catherine had at least eight children and their names are as follows:

Peter Phillips, A, II, #²~~1~~

Michael Phillips, B, II, #1

Philemon Phillips, B, II, #⁴~~3~~

Mary Phillips, B, II, #⁵~~4~~

Vico Phillips, B, II, #⁸~~7~~

Jane Phillips, B, II, #⁷~~6~~

Antoine Phillips Jr., B, II, #⁴~~3~~

Julia Phillips, B, II, #¹⁴~~13~~

Probably most, if not all of these children were born in Canada near the beginning of the 19th century, but as stated above, it is probable that one or more of the younger ones was born in Highgate, Vermont.

"Old Antoine" died in South Burlington, September 1, 1885, supposedly at about the age of ninety-eight years.

GENERATION II--SUMMARY

Of the children of Antoine Phillips and Catherine Codaive we know very little about Philemon, except that we find a record of her marriage in St. Albans, and her marriage certificate states that Philemon was a resident of Highgate, Vt. We do not know how many children Philemon had. We have the record of only one son, Oliver (B, III, #A)²⁴ who was born in Berlin, Vermont and who died in South Burlington in 1878, at the age of six years. We know practically nothing of Mary Phillips. There is a tradition that she married, and later died in the vicinity of Boston leaving some property. We know practically nothing about Vivie Phillips.

Peter Phillips, Michael Phillips, Julia Phillips were the progenitors of very large families of degenerates.

The children of Jane Phillips have done better, but they seem to be dying out from tuberculosis.

DESCENDANTS OF ANTOINE PHILLIPS JR., (B, II, #K)

Antoine Phillips Jr. was born in Canada somewhere about 1828. He married and we know him to have been the father of at least three children. One of these children was born in St. Albans, one in Milton, Vt., and one in Georgia, Vt. In the latter years of his life, Antoine lived in Essex, from which place he was sent to the Union Poor Farm in Williston, as a charge on the town of Essex. He was commonly known as "Black Phillips." While at the Poor Farm he became insane. He was probably at the Poor Farm off and on for many years. But we know that he was there most of the time between 1915 and 1918. He died at the Union Poor Farm, March 11, 1918. At that time he was 90 years old. The cause of his death was given as arterio sclerosis, con-

tributing cause, senile dementia. Antoine Phillips and his wife had the following children:

Aurelia (Amelia) Phillips (B, III, #³²13) born in St. Albans in 1861. We know nothing about this individual.

Josephine Phillips (B, III, #³⁴14) born in Georgia about 1866. When Josephine was sixteen years old she married Silas Gabree, (B, III, #²³14) twenty-nine years old, who had been married before. By him she had three children:

Nellie Gabree, B, IV, #52

Silas Gabree Jr., B, IV, #²³5

Nathan B. Gabree, B, IV, #²⁶6

It is said that Josephine was living in Waterbury, Vt., in 1926. It is known that her daughter Nellie and son Silas are married, and at least accounts they were both living in Waterbury, Vermont. The Gabree family has not been studied intensively by this Survey, though it is probable that this could easily be done. Up to date we have had no evidence that members of this branch of the family was antisocial, although Silas Gabree Jr. at one time received a very little help from the town.

DESCENDANTS OF JANE PHILLIPS (B, II, #²1)

We will next follow the descendants of Jane (also known as Virginia) Phillips. Jane is supposed to have been born in Canada about 1841. She married George Peters (B, II, #²1) of Hinesburg, Vermont. The Peters family were half French and half Indian. They had also married into a mulatto family by the name of Prince. In Hinesburg the Peters family were looked upon as colored people, although they were very light in color. The Hinesburg towns people considered the Peterses to have been

good citizens. They say that they were thrifty, owned property, and were highly respectable. George Peters was a hard working, law abiding citizen, and in marrying him it is apparent that Virginia (Jane) did very much better than had any of her siblings. Jane and George had the following children:

Martha Jane Peters, B. III, #31

Louise Peters, B. III, #22

Flora Peters, B. III, #24

Lyman Peters, B. III, #35

Frank G. Peters, B. III, #37

Clarence Peters, B. III, #38

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We know little about Martha Jane Peters, except that she died in Minesburg of consumption at the age of about twenty-five years. We know practically nothing about Louise Peters. Flora Peters died at the age of twenty-six years of consumption. Lyman Peters married a white woman. Like his brothers, sisters, parents, and grandparents, and uncles on the paternal side, he is thrifty, hard working, and respectable. He is still living on the Peters' homestead of fifty acres where his three paternal uncles lived and died. However, Lyman did at one time receive a little help from the town of Minesburg. All that we know of Frank G. Peters is that he married and died of bronchial pneumonia and organic heart disease at the age of fifty-two years. Clarence Peters married a woman who died when her

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Martha Jane Peters, B, III, #21

Louise Peters, B, III, #22

Flora Peters, B, III, #24

Lyman Peters, B, III, #25

Frank G. Peters, B, III, #27

Clarence Peters, B, III, #27

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eldest child, a boy, George Peters (B, IV, ⁴⁸~~47~~) was six years old, and her little girl, Ruth Peters (B, IV, ⁴⁹~~48~~) was only about eighteen months old. We know little about George Peters, except that he was born in 1901 and in 1920 was said to be working for his uncle Frank Peters. Ruth Peters was born in 1906. Her mother died when she was eighteen months old, and she went to live with her uncle Frank Peters. Later she went to live with her grandmother, Jane Phillips Peters, where she stayed until the grandmother died, when Ruth was five years old. After that Ruth lived with her uncle again and later with a certain Mrs. Burley with whom her father Clarence Peters lived at different times. When Ruth was fifteen years old, complaint was made that Ruth continually wandered about the streets at night. She was committed to the V. I. S. as incorrigible and delinquent. At the time of her admission her physical condition was poor and her mental age was given as eleven plus, and she was in the fifth grade. Two years after her admission she was discharged and about one year later, when she was seventeen years of age, she was married. In the V. I. S. record of Ruth it is recorded that Ruth's father is "colored." So far as is known Ruth is the only one of the descendants of Jane Phillips who showed any antisocial tendencies, and this might well be accounted for by her mother's death when she was an infant and the fact that from that time on she had no permanent home.

DESCENDANTS OF PETER PHILLIPS (A, II, #2)

We will next take the descendants of Peter Phillips, the first. Up to date we have some information about descendants of Peter the first. We will call the pedigree of his descendants

Chart A. Peter was probably born in Canada, possibly somewhere about 1809. We have found no record of his birth and no record of any marriages. It is probable that he lived with more than two wives; whether they were merely common law wives or whether there was a distinct marriage ceremony, we do not know. Peter the first was part Indian, part French, part Negro. On his death certificate he is recorded as "colored." He was very distinctly negroid in appearance. The Chief Of Police of Burlington remembers Old Pete. He said he looked like an Indian, and was very fleshy "like most of the Phillipases." One of Pete's wives was Delia Bone (A, II, #1). It is undoubtedly true that Peter Phillips and Delia Bone had sixteen children. We have, however, identified only thirteen of these. Delia Bone goes by a variety of names, which ^{has} made it very difficult to identify her children, and which illustrates well the progressive corruption of French names. Delia Bone was part Indian and part French. She came from an Indian reservation near Montreal. It is probable that the early married life of Peter Phillips and Delia Bone must have been in Canada. At least one of their children was born in Canada. In about 1847 they were living in Highgate. Here at least one other child was born. In 1865 they must have been living temporarily in Rutland, as a son was born there. The birth of this son is recorded in the Roman Catholic Church in Rutland. The births of only three of Pete's sixteen children were recorded, and one of these (in 1859), ^{not} would probably have been recorded if the infant had not died. Somewhere between 1878 and 1885 they were living in Quechee, Vermont, as children were born there. Peter Phillips was known to

the authorities of Vermont as "Old Pete, King of the Gypsies." He and all his tribe were constantly traveling. They traveled all over northern and eastern Vermont, the Vermont border of New York State, the Vermont border of New Hampshire, and even went as far as the coast of Maine. "His tribe" consisted of his various descendants, his brother Mike and his descendants, and sometimes another ne'er-do-well would join forces with the Phillipases and travel with them. For a great many years and probably until the first wife died, the headquarters of the tribe was South Burlington, Vt., a mile and a half from Burlington. Peter's children called that part of the country the "Plains." Here the tribe spent the winters living in shacks, making baskets and collecting horses. As soon as spring opened up, they set out on their travels. At first they sold the baskets and when the baskets were gone they traded horses. Very often they made such sharp trades that it was necessary for the tribe to suddenly vanish.

All the Phillipases were very alcoholic. "Old Pete" Phillips and a number of his sons were in V. S. P. The State Prison record however, in this family is not as great as one might expect, because their original offenses were mostly petty crimes associated with drinking, breach of peace, petty larceny etc. The Phillipases were inmates of jails oftener than they were of the penitentiary.

The Phillipases are probably for the most part feeble-minded. They were not tremendously aggressive. They had a great fear of the law and even the small children, it is said, knew that "if they stole they would go to jail." It was their alcoholism, their innate habit of trading and the primitive habit of getting some-

thing for nothing (which induced them to pick up "junk" and various things that they found lying around) and also their lack of a sense of sex morality, that was responsible for most of their criminality.

It is believed that there was a rather promiscuous relationship between the men and women who composed Pete's tribe. This was held in check only by the jealousy of the chief men of the tribe. There is a story which seems to have some foundation to the ~~fact~~^{effect} that when Pete was in prison his brother Mike took Pete's wife, and that the child who was later born was not really Pete's, but Mike's.

All authorities speak of Pete as being very cruel to his wives and children. We know that his youngest children were terribly afraid of him. Della Bond's half sister states that although Della died in childbirth, the real cause of her death was that Peter had beaten her up. Della died and was buried in Burlington, Vermont.

Shortly after Della's death, one of the gypsy trips took the tribe to northeastern Vermont, where in Pencham Pete found a congenial bunch in the family of "Devil Jake" Way whose home was locally known as "Paradise Alley." Both "Devil Jake" and his wife were parts of two branches of good families. "Devil Jake's" home was a center of immorality. He had a good many daughters. Peter married one of these daughters, Eliza Way (A, II, #5). Peter and Eliza Way had 10 children. We have identified 9 of these. The very few birth records that we find of their children show that Peter Phillips and Eliza Way must have been living in South Burlington in 1887, and St. Albans in 1889, and in Danville, Vt. in 1901. The Phillips tribe continued to travel but made their win-

ter stopping place "Paradise Alley" instead of the "Flains" of South Burlington. Eliza Way Phillips was illiterate as were practically all of her siblings. Her father, "Devil Jake" drank, was shiftless, and dishonest, always getting into trouble. Practically all of Eliza's siblings were sex offenders. At one time, when Eliza and her siblings were small, the whole of "Devil Jake's" family lived at the Poor Farm where some Frenchman taught them to make baskets. After the Phillipsees stayed in "Paradise Alley" with the Ways, the two families traveled together as gypsies, making baskets and selling them.

As far as is known the last child that Eliza bore to Pete was born in 1903. This was Agnes Phillips (A, III, #38). When Agnes was a baby Eliza ran off to Canada with a man called "Jocky Jim." Some years after Eliza went away, her brother received word that she had died in Canada. "Old Pete" finally died in Peacham in 1906 at the age of 97 years. The cause of his death is exposure to the cold, and insufficient clothing. The relatives say that he was intoxicated and lay around out doors until he was nearly frozen to death. He was buried in the town of Peacham. If one visits the cemetery in Peacham, one will find "Old Pete's" name on a tall monument. But this monument was not erected by the Phillips family, but by the town of Peacham, and on it are inscribed the names of paupers. This unusual occurrence is said to be due to the fact that at the time that "Old Pete" died there was a state law which made it necessary for the towns to erect markers for the graves of paupers. Peacham decided that the erection of a common monument was the cheapest way out.

As was said, it is recorded on the monument that "Old Pete" was 97 years old when he died. Pete's real age can not be proved as the Phillips family have the habit of primitive people in the nomad stage before the invention of writing, of being very indefinite as to ages. For example, they tell of some member of their tribe living to be 111 years old etc, when there is no good evidence that the age was as far advanced as that. That "Old Pete" lived to a good old age, however, is made very apparent by the fact that his oldest children are now over 70 years of age, while his youngest child is only a little over 20.

Peter Phillips and his first wife, Della Doss, had the following children:

Della Phillips, A, III, #1
Jerry Phillips, A, III, #2
Joseph Phillips, A, III, #4
Peter Phillips, A, III, #9
Antoine Phillips, A, III, #9
Belina Phillips, A, III, #11
Napoleon Phillips, A, III, #13
Josephine Phillips, A, III, #16
Louisa Phillips, A, III, #18
Melinda Phillips, A, III, #20
Della Phillips, A, III, #22
Elixa Phillips, A, III, #24
Louisa Phillips, A, III, #25

By Eliza Way, Peter Phillips had the following children:

Willie Phillips, A, III, #26
Mabel Phillips, A, III, #28

---- Phillips (female), A, III, #29

Freddie Phillips, A, III, #30

---- Phillips (female), A, III, #32

Jacob Phillips, A, III, #33

Hollie Phillips, A, III, #35

Isaac Phillips, A, III, #37

Agnes Phillips, A, III, #38

For the most part these people did not live in respectable habitations. It was their habit to "pitch their tent" in abandoned farm houses, shacks etc. One old resident describes "Old Pete's" children as being all the colors of the rainbow: some black, some yellow, some brown, some copper colored etc.

All that is known of Celia Phillips (A, III, #1) is that we find that her birth and death record in Williston in 1859. She was born in January and died in April of canker rash. It was recorded that her color was black and that her father's name was Peter Phillips and her mother was Margaret. It was reported that Margaret was born in Highgate. We are making an assumption when we record this child as one of the children of Delia Bone's.

All that is known of Larry Phillips (A, III, #2) is that he is recorded as dying in Williston of canker rash in 1859. His age is recorded as five years. His father's name is known as Peter Phillips, his mother's name is not given. We are making the same assumption as in the case of Celia, when we record this child as one of the children of Delia Bone.

There was an epidemic in Williston of canker rash in 1859, and at least eight people died of it. We feel that Celia's birth probably would not have been recorded if it had not been

that her death had to be recorded.

The birth of Joseph Phillip (A, III, #4) is found recorded in the St. Peter's Catholic Church, Rutland, as occurring April 29, 1865. In 1885 Joseph married Loretta Weatherwax (A, III, #3) in Essex, Vt. Nettie died less than two years after the marriage of tuberculosis. Relatives say that Joseph and Nettie had twin children who died, but no record has been found of these.

Joseph Phillip married for his second wife, Ivy Way (A, III, #5) of Peacham, Vt. Ivy was the daughter of "Devil Jake," Way and a sister of Eliza Way who married Joseph's father, "Old Pete" Phillippe. As has been stated the Phillippes were great traders and it has been reported that they often swapped wives as well as horses. "Devil Jake" is said to have swapped his daughter Ivy with Joseph Phillippe for a horse. Joseph and Ivy traveled with the other gypsy Phillippes through New York State, northern and western Vermont, Maine etc. People in Peacham say that Joseph was arrested for assaulting a man when drunk in Danville, and sent to V. S. P., but no record has been found of this. Joe worked for Dr. Warren of Cabot for a good many years, taking care of horses. Dr. Warren said he was a good worker but considered the whole bunch below par. Joe and his wife Ivy lived in more places than could be ^{there} enumerated. Some of the places/they have lived in we have traced through vital statistics. They are as follows: Wolcott in 1889, Stowe in 1893, Danville in 1896, New Hampshire in 1903, Lunenburg in 1904, East Concord, Bradford etc. Joseph died in Ferrisstown, Vt., September 11, 1909. All relatives and others interviewed state that he died of tuberculosis, but on his death record the cause of death is given as pernicious anaemia.

His daughter Christie Phillips (A, IV, #6) told Dr. Warren that Joe died of "horse disease" meaning tuberculosis. Up to date we have not been able to find the dependency record of this family previous to Joseph's death. He was a dependent when he died and had to be buried by the town. The first record of dependency of his children was in 1811. People in Peacham think that the children were dependent at the time when Joseph was in prison, but the town records in Peacham are very incomplete and so it has not been possible to verify this. Joseph and Ivy had the following children:

John (Jack) Phillips, A, IV, #3

Grace Phillips, A, IV, #4

Christie Phillips, A, IV, #6

Nancy Phillips, A, IV, #9

James Andrew Phillips, A, IV, #11

Newton Isaac Phillips, A, IV, #12

Adolphus Phillips, A, IV, #14

Ivy Way is a member of a degenerate branch of quite a good family. The degeneracy seems to have begun with Ivy's grandfather Nathan Way. Nathan was of a good family of Barnet and Peacham. His wife, Diantha Smith was of a good family in Hardwick. Nathan and Diantha had a large family of children. Nathan got into a good many scrapes, but his brothers managed to get him out of them. "Devil Jake", however, is the first one of the Way line, apparently, to become really notorious. He was shiftless, alcoholic and immoral. He was illiterate. He was considered to be an absolute liar. Many people, however, insist that he was "smart," because he was so clever in his ill-doing. "Devil Jake" and his
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family were all the poor farm when the children were small. There

a Frenchman taught them to make baskets. "Devil Jake" had a large family of children, among them a good many daughters. He kept a very bad house locally known as "Paradise Alley" in Peacham near West Danville.

Ivy Way had two illegitimate children before her marriage to Joseph. The first child was brought up by Ivy's parents and has grown up under the name of Harvey Way (IV, A, #30). The second child Jack Phillips (A, IV, #3) was born about three weeks before Ivy's marriage to Joseph. It is not known who his father was. He was commonly accepted as Joseph's son but many people say that Joe could not have been his father as Jack was a very fine boy and entirely different from the Phillipses. Someone who knew Jack said that he used to be very much ashamed of his mother's ill conduct. Jack died at the age of fifteen of tuberculosis, probably somewhere in New Hampshire. Harvey Way comes into this pedigree merely because he later married Rose Phillip (A, IV, #31) daughter of Joe's brother Antoine Phillip (A, III, #9). Rose is not related to Harvey but she is the first cousin of Harvey's half brothers. Harvey is said to be living in Belfast Maine and to have four or five children.

A few months after the death of Joseph, Ivy married Henry Joseph Bell, a widower, and since that time has been living most of the time in New Hampshire. In 1927 she had blotches on her skin which were thought to be of syphilitic origin. At that time she was illiterate and her memory was much affected.

Grace Phillip is said to have been born in 1890. She traveled around with her parents and in 1904, when she was thirteen years old, she was committed to V. I. S. for open and gross lewdness and lascivious conduct. She was discharged when she was six-

teen years of age. Grace is supposed to have married Henry Sargent (A, IV, #5) and to have died one year later of tuberculosis. She left one son Barney Sargent (A, V, #1) who was brought up by his grandmother. We find no records of the birth of Barney, the marriage or death of Grace. Barney is supposed to have been born in Canada, and possibly Grace died there. According to our records, Grace must have died when she was not far from eighteen years of age. Barney was committed to the Industrial School at the age of eight as a dependent child, because he didn't mind his grandmother. At V. I. S. he was given a mental test and his I. Q. was 96 (almost normal). At that time he was in second year high school. When he was about sixteen years old he escaped from V. I. S. and has never been located. Barney's father, Henry Sargent, was an outlaw and a fugitive from justice. He committed suicide when Barney was five years old.

Christie Phillips is another daughter of Joe Phillips and Ivy Way. She was probably born a few years before her sister Grace. Christie is absolutely irresponsible as to her sex relations. After the death of her sister Grace, Christie went to live with Grace's husband, Henry Sargent. It is generally considered that Christie's first two children belonged to Henry. Three months after Henry committed suicide, Christie married Henry's brother, Elmer (A, IV, #7). At that time Christie was said to be twenty-four years of age and Elmer twenty-seven. At the time of the marriage Christie had a daughter Grace Sargent (A, V, #3) who was probably about three years old, and a daughter Belle Sargent (A, V, #2) who was an infant. It has never been possible to verify the births of these two girls.

Christie and Elmer lived in Stowe, Vt., for a good many years. At any rate, quite a little of the time between 1915 and 1920. We do not know how many children Christie had or how many of them belonged to Elmer. But in 1922 she had nine children and in 1927 she had three more. It is generally considered that the following children quite possibly belong to Elmer:

Delbert Sargent, A. V. #7

Robert Sargent, A. V. #8

Mary Rosetta Sargent, A. V. #9

Flossie Sargent, A. V. #10

Somewhere about 1920 or a little before that Christie became intimate with a man named David Sweetser (or Switzer) and it is probable that the children born after 1920 belong to David. Christie was brought to the attention of the authorities in 1920 when she deserted her son Delbert Sargent who was then about five years old, and her husband Elmer. In 1920 or thereabouts, there was a court hearing in Stowe, and Christie and Sweetser promised to break up but they merely disappeared and lived together elsewhere. In October 1920 Delbert was committed to S. D. P. W. as a dependent child. Christie took her other children with her. From that time on Christie played hide and seek with the authorities who were seeking to break up her combination with Switzer. We next hear of this couple in White River Junction, where early in April 1921 Richard Charles (A. V. #12) was born. From White River Junction, apparently, Christie and David went to Westmore and West Burke. When the authorities found out what sort of people they were, they drove them out of town. They next appeared in Sutton, where in September 1922 Arnold (A. V. #11) was born. In 1922, or shortly

afterward, Christie and David went to New Hampshire. Between 1925 and 1927 the Eugenics Survey tried in vain to locate them, but finally in February 1927, the N. H. C. A. S. located them in East Stratford, N. H. They were then living with Christie's daughter Belle who had married a man by the name of Frank Stone (A, V, #4). Although Belle was probably only thirteen years of age, her mother had given her age as eighteen in order that she might marry. Living with Christie and Mr. & Mrs. Stone were Christie's children, Robert, Mary, Flossie and Richard who were in school and Wilbur Sweetser (A, V, #13) age four, Henry Sweetser (A, V, #14) between four and one, and Harvey Sweetser (A, V, #15). As far as could be learned Sweetser and Christie had disagreed for a while in 1923 or 1924, at which time Christie went off to live with a man named Frank James whose home was in Groveton. It is said that Christie lived with Frank in Berlin for a while. Later she joined up with Sweetser again. It is probable that she lived with Sweetser in Bethel, Maine where Harvey was born. In April 1926 she moved from Bethel, Maine to Stratford, N. H. It is commonly said that Frank James is the father of the last two children of Christie.

In 1927 the N. H. C. A. S. learned that ^{Sargent} Grace was married to a man named Ola Olason (A, V, #2). At this time, according to the Survey's statistics, Grace was only sixteen or seventeen, but she had been married for some time. Her mother claimed that she was older than she was. Grace Sargent Olason was said to be living in West Newry, Maine. All that we know about the dates of birth of Belle and Grace is obtained from the State Department Education records which have recorded Grace as eleven years old in 1921 and

Belle as eight years old in 1921. Belle's husband, Frank Stone, is a divorced man.

Very little is known of Christie's husband Elmer Sargent, except that he was born and lived in the vicinity of Stowe, Vt. Elmer is said not to have been as bright as his brother Henry. There are reports that he had been arrested and sent to V. S. P., but it has been impossible to verify this. Elmer has been in court for non-support of his children and also for alcoholism. Births of all of Christie's children which we find on record are recorded as belonging to Elmer.

David Henry Sweetser is about twenty years older than Christie. As far as is known, he never was married. The Sweetseres are well known about Stowe and Morrisville. As far as can be learned they are of fair or good intelligence, but they are most of them immoral. They are spoken of as being queer. Although the Sweetseres are not related to the Phillipsees, both Sweetseres and Phillipsees have married into the Way family. In 1926 David's father Henry was living with his second wife in Westmore, Vermont. This second wife was Helen Way who married Henry Sweetser for her fourth husband. Helen was the sister of Christie's mother, Ivy Way. Sarah Way another sister of Ivy's married Samuel Sweetser, brother to Henry. Sarah Way Sweetser was a famous basket maker in Stowe and Morrisville, and was well known among the summer people. She died a few years ago. The summer residents say that although her daughters make baskets they can not begin to keep up with the "old lady."

During the fall of 1927, Dave and Christie were dodging the authorities in Maine and New Hampshire. Papers were made out for

Christie's recommendation to an American vessel, when Thelma was in
Lisbon, Maine, but the family left and went to Upton, Maine in
November of December 1917. In December 1917, Thelma was com-
mitted to the Federal Reformatory for Women, Maine. Thelma deserted
the children in Upton and started to drive toward Upton but was
arrested. Eight years ago held for fear he would escape he was
sent. Thelma returned to Lisbon, Maine.

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

Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Anthony Phillips	I A #2		Old age	
Dalia Bone	II A #1	Town Pauper		
Peter Phillips, 1st	A #2	Wanderer Town Pauper Sex offender Cruel Alcoholic Has been in jail	Exposure to cold	V. S. P.
Eliza Way	A #3	Deserted husband Town Pauper Illiterate Sex offender		Poor Farm
Michael Phillips	B #4	Had only one eye	Cystitis	
Hattie Blake	B #2		Neglect after childbirth	
Jane Phillips	B #29		Carcinoma of liver	
Antoine Phillips	B #41	Insane Town Pauper	Arterio sclerosis (senile dementia)	Poor Farm
Julia Phillips	B #24	Illiterate Poor memory Below par mentally		
Celia Phillips	III A #1		Canker Rash	
Jerry Phillips	A #2		Canker Rash	
Hattie Weatherwax	A #3	Had stillborn twins	Tuberculosis	
Joseph Phillips	A #4	Wanderer Tuberculosis Assaulted man Alcoholic Town Pauper Criminal	Fernicious anaemia (probably tuberculosis)	V. S. P.

Phillips (Continued)

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Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Ivy Way	III A #5	Degenerate Town Pauper ✓ Had two illegitimate children Sex offender Illiterate Feebleminded Ulcers Probably syphilitic		Poor Farm ✓
Albert Burbank	#6	Sex offender ✓		
Peter Phillips, 2nd	A #87	Sex offender Liar Lived with many women Breach of peace Lawless Town Pauper Shiftless County Aid Assaulted wife Wanderer Asthma Cruel Alcoholic Jealous "Perfect devil" In jail manytimes Forced marriage		V. S. P. ✓
Ida Champagny	A #88	Immoral Town Pauper Forced marriage County Aid Sex offender ✓		V. S. P. ✓
Antoine Phillips	A #107	Wanderer Town Pauper ✓	Acute dilation of heart	
Selina Phillips	A #120	Subnormal Illiterate		
Vitelle Lesser	A #122	Illiterate		
Napoleon Phillips	A #143	Wanderer Illiterate Feebleminded ✓ Alcoholic Paralysis of left side Gonorrhoea Insane Court records ✓		✓ Hudson River State Hospital

Phillips (Continued)

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Name	Gen. & No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Cora Stark	III A # ¹⁷ 28	Ran away and married at fourteen Wanderer Fined for operating still		
Louise Phillips	A # ¹⁸ 28	Wanderer		
Thomas Baker	A # ¹⁹ 28	Court records	Abscess of the bowels	
Melinda Phillips	A # ²⁰ 28	Wanderer Town Pauper ✓		
Stephen (Aiken) Myers	A # ²¹ 28	Town Pauper ✓		
Delia Phillips	A # ²² 28	Alcoholic Degenerate ✓	Shock following operation for gangrene	
Joseph Bissette	A # ²³ 28	Alcoholic ✓ Illiterate Non-support Degenerate		V. S. P. ✓
Louis Phillips	A # ²⁴ 28	Married first cousin once removed Illiterate		
Nellie Gray	A # ²⁷ 28	Had twin daughters		
Jacob Phillips	A # ³³ 34	Illiterate Town Pauper ✓ Subnormal		
Hollis Phillips	A # ³⁵ 36	Town Pauper ✓		
Isaac Phillips	A # ³⁷ 36	Town Pauper ✓		
Agnes Phillips	A # ³⁸ 36	Town Pauper ✓ Nervous Obstinate <small>302 10 17 2 4 F. 61</small>		
Theodore Leopard	B # ⁴³ 43	Sex offender ✓		
--- Murray (male)	B # ⁴³ 43	Sex offender ✓ Wanderer		

Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Matilda Phillips	III B #4 ³ ₄	Sex offender ✓ Illiterate Married first cousin		
Edmund Loveland	B #4 ⁴ ₄	Sex offender ✓	Killed himself	
---- Hudson (male)	B #4 ⁵ ₅	Sex offender ✓	Killed	
Joseph Gardner	B #4 ⁶ ₆	Illiterate		
Mary Phillips	B #4 ⁷ ₅	One miscarriage		
Rosa Phillips	B #4 ⁸ ₅	Sex offender ✓	Childbirth	
Oliver Barney	B #4 ⁹ ₅	Sex offender ✓		
George Phillips	B #5 ¹ ₅	Wanderer		
Michael Phillips, 2nd	B #5 ² ₅	Wanderer		
Maud Gero	B #5 ³ ₅	Syphilitic (?)		
Oliver Trueheart	B #5 ⁴ ₆		Diphtheria	
Martha Jane Peters	B #5 ⁵ ₂		Consumption	
Flora Peters	B #5 ⁶ ₆		Tuberculosis	
Frank G. Peters	B #5 ⁷ ₂		Bronchial pneumonia and organic heart disease	
---- Phillips (female)	B #5 ⁸ ₄	Stillborn ✓	Stillborn	
Andrew Bissette	B #7 ¹ ₅	Married first cousin		
Rosanna Bissette	B #7 ² ₈		Lobar pneumonia	
Joseph Bissette	B #7 ³ ₄	Court Records Feeble-minded Speech defect Alcoholic Fratricide Criminal career Phisic Has been in jail		

Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
William Bissette	III B #73	Degenerate Alcoholic Thief Criminal Feebleminded Struck officer Struck mother- In jail often Married first cousin once re- moved	Shot by brother	County Jail, Hudson Falls, N. Y. Bannemora Albany Peni- tentiary Salem Jail
Hallie Rowe	B #74	Feebleminded Married when 14		
Jerry Bissette	B #74	In jail often Alcoholic Thief Illiterate		County Jail, Hudson Falls, N. Y.
Stephen Bissette	B #84	Alcoholic In jail often Illiterate	Buried in mica mine	County Jail, Hudson Falls, N. Y. Bannemora Salem Jail Albany County Penitentiary
Mary Agnes Hammond	B #83	Degenerate Sex offender Alcoholic Immoral Court record Illiterate		V. S. H. V. S. P.
Alexander Bissette	B #84	Alcoholic Larceny Insane Imbecile Town Pauper Droopy (C) Assaulted his father-in-law Drug addict Sex offender		V. S. P. V. S. H. Poor Farm
Ida Mae Spellburg	B #85	Town Pauper		
George Bissette	B #86	Town Pauper Liar		

Phillips (Continued)

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Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Harvey Way	IV A #3 ⁰	Illegitimate Alcoholic		
John (Jack) Phillips	A #3 ¹	Illegitimate	Tuberculosis	
Grace Phillips	A #3 ⁴	Sex offender Feebleminded	Tuberculosis	V. I. S.
Henry Sargent	A #3 ⁵	Sex offender Desperate character Fugitive from justice Illiterate Town Pauper Venereal	Suicide by shooting	
Christie Phillips	A #5 ⁶	Town Pauper Sex offender Feebleminded Deserted husband Insane		State Hospital Maine
Elmer Sargent	A #5 ⁷	Alcoholic Court record Feebleminded Town Pauper		V. S. P. (?)
David Sweetser	A #5 ⁸	"Queer" Sex offender		
Nancy Phillips	A #5 ⁹	Town Pauper		
James Phillips	A #5 ¹¹	Larceny		V. S. P.
Newton Phillips	A #5 ¹²	Town Pauper Feebleminded Larceny Forced marriage		
Hattie Rogers	A #5 ¹³	Forced marriage Had an illegitimate child		V. S. S.
Adolphus Phillips	A #5 ¹⁴	Town Pauper Moron		
William Coleman	A #5 ¹⁷	Drug addict		
Dorothy Phillips	A #5 ¹⁸	Town Pauper		St. Vincent's Female Orphan Asylum. Catholic Charities and Association.

Name	Gen.No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Minnie Phillips	IV A #21	Town Pauper		St. Vincent's Female Orphan Asylum
Rosaline Phillips	A #23	Cripple Tuberculosis of hip Town Pauper		St. V. F. O. A. St. Margaret's Hospital. St. Peter's Hospital. N. Y. State Orthopedic Hospital.
Irene Phillips	A #24	Sex offender Subnormal Speech Defect Town Pauper		St. V. F. O. A. St. Philomena's Training School for Girls.
Peter Phillips	A #25	County Pauper Vagrant Burglary Town Pauper		St. V. M. O. A. V. I. S. Troy Catholic Male Orphan Asylum.
Joseph Lessor	A #26		Lung fever	
Vitel Lessor, Jr.	A #26	Illiterate Alcoholic Grand Larceny Feebleminded Insane		V. S. P. V. S. H.
Alexander Lessor	A #25		Diphtheria	
Louis Lessor	A #24	Alcoholic Quick tempered Town Pauper Shiftless		
Julia Barnes	A #27	Town Pauper Speech defect		
Moses Barnes	A #23	Alcoholic		
Selma Lessor	A #23		Heart trouble	
George Louis Jerome	A #24	Larceny Illiterate Blind on one eye Sex offender Town Pauper		V. I. S. V. S. P.

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Ellen Lessor	IV A # ⁵⁴ 54		Diphtheria	
James Buick	A # ⁵⁵ 55	Alcoholic Town Pauper	Tuberculosis	
Rose Lessor	A # ⁵³ 53	Sex offender Venereal disease Feeble minded Adultery Married first cousin once re- moved Town Pauper Had illegitimate child		V. S. P.
---- Norman (male)	A # ⁵⁷ 57	Sex offender		
Celia Lessor	A # ⁵⁶ 56		Diphtheria	
Emma Lessor	A # ⁵⁷ 57		Diphtheria	
Fred O'Brien	A # ⁵⁸ 58	Deserted wife		
Annie Lessor	A # ⁵⁸ 58	Sex offender Had illegitimate children Married first cousin Bigamist Feeble minded		
Peter Bell	A # ⁵⁸ 58	Sex offender Venereal disease Court records Adulterer Feeble minded(?)		V. I. S. V. S. P.
Rocque Largini	A # ⁵⁶ 56	Sex offender		
Agnes J. Lessor	A # ⁵⁶ 56	Adultery Prostitute Moron		Women's Reforma- tory, Framing- ham, Mass.
Joseph Bergeron	A # ⁵⁷ 57	Sex offender Alcoholic		
Celestia Lessor	A # ⁵⁸ 58	Married first cousin		

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Ray Phillips	IV A # ⁷⁰ 64		Injured by a motorcycle	
Jesse Phillips	A # ⁷⁰ 65	Larceny Court Record		
Thomas Clifton Baker	A # ⁷⁷ 77		Tuberculosis	
Willie Baker	A # ⁷⁸ 78		Cholera Infantum	
Joseph Baker	A # ⁷⁹ 79		Pneumonia	
Thomas Baker	A # ⁸¹ 79		Cholera Infantum	
Joseph Baker	A # ⁸² 79		Cholera Infantum	
Florence Baker	A # ⁸³ 79		Cholera Infantum	
Roxanna Myers	A # ⁸⁵ 81		Croup	
Eliza Myers	A # ⁸⁶ 82		Diphtheria	
Bessie Ann Bailey	A # ⁸⁷ 80	Adultery Alcoholic Has been in jail	Lobar pneumonia	V. S. P.
Joseph Bissette	A # ⁸⁹ 83	In jail often Alcoholic Venereal Disease Sex offender		V. S. H. V. S. P.
Stephen Bissette	A # ¹⁰⁰ 83	Convulsions Married first cousin		
Lottie Flood	A # ¹⁰² 85	Sex offender		
William Bissette	A # ¹⁰³ 86	Sex offender Petty Larceny Illiterate	Dropped dead	V. I. S. V. S. P.
Rose Lafliche	A # ¹⁰⁴ 87		Tuberculosis	
Nelson Bissette	A # ¹⁰⁵ 88			V. I. S.
Ernest Bissette	A # ¹⁰⁸ 88			V. I. S.
Delia Bissette	A # ¹¹³ 88	Cripple		

Name	Gen. & No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Rebecca Phillips	IV A #121 ¹⁻²	Twin		
Ruth Phillips	A #122 ¹⁻²	Twin		
William Leopard	B #136 ³		Lung fever	
Matilda Leopard	B #138 ³	Married first cousin once removed Illegitimate		
Hattie Leopard	B #139 ⁷	Illegitimate		
John Leopard	B #141 ⁹	Illegitimate		
Pearl Kew	B #142 ¹⁰	Sex offender		
Lizzie Hutchins	B #143 ¹¹	Illegitimate		
Andrew Bissette	B #144 ¹⁷	Feeble-minded	Hypostatic pneu- St. Vitus' Dance monia	
Clifford Phillips	B #151 ²¹		Pneumonia	
Antoine Gardner	B #152 ³²	Burglary Illiterate Speech defect Feeble-minded		V. S. P.
Dora May Gardner	B #155 ³⁵	Speech defect Had miscarriage		
Lucy Gardner	B #167 ³⁷	Feeble-minded Delinquent		V. I. S.
Ernest Phillips	B #174 ⁴⁷	Burglary Alcoholic		V. S. P.
Ruth Peters	B #174 ⁴⁷	Delinquent		V. I. S.
Silas Gabree, Jr.	B #178 ⁵³	Town Pauper		
Alfred Cushion	B #190 ⁶⁷	Burglary		V. I. S. Randall's Island
Alexander Bissette	B #200 ⁸³	Feeble-minded Delinquent Town Pauper		H. for D. C. V. C. A. S. N. E. L. W. V. I. S.

Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Barney Sargent	V A #1	Dependent		V. I. S.
Grace Sargent	A # 2 ³	Illegitimate		
Belle Sargent	A # 5 ⁶	Illegitimate		
Delbert Sargent	A # 7 ⁸	Dependent Delinquent Sex offender		S. D. P. W. V. I. S.
Gerald Sargent	A # 11 ¹²	Illegitimate		
Richard Sargent	A # 12 ¹³	Illegitimate		
Wilbur Sargent	A # 13 ¹⁴	Illegitimate		
Henry Sargent	A # 14 ¹⁵	Illegitimate		
Harvey Sargent	A # 15 ¹⁶	Illegitimate		
Louis Lessor	A # 18 ²²	Arson Feebleminded		V. S. P.
Catherine Lessor	A # 24 ²⁷	Subnormal		
Gilbert Lessor	A # 27 ³¹		Pernicious anaemia	
Felix Lessor	A # 29 ³¹	Feebleminded		
Raymond Lessor	A # 31 ³¹		Died flu	
Bessie Barnes	A # 32 ³¹	Sex offender Had illegitimate child		
---- (male)	A # 32 ⁴²	Sex offender		
Neil Dean	A # 35 ⁴⁴		Accidentally electrocuted	
Madeline Barnes	A # 39 ⁴⁹	Incorrigible Sex offender		V. I. S.
Janet Buick	A # 43 ⁴³	Town Pauper	Bronchial pneumonia	St. Joseph's Orphanage
Florence Buick	A # 44 ⁴⁴	Town Pauper		
Lila Buick	A # 46 ⁴⁶	Prostitute Sex offender Town Pauper	Shot	V. S. P.

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Elizabeth Buick	A # 58 ³	Town Pauper		
James Buick	A # 58 ⁶	Incorrigible Town Pauper		V. I. S.
Jessie Buick	A # 51 ⁴	Town Pauper		
Alice Buick	A # 52 ²	Town Pauper Cripple		
Isabelle Buick	A # 52 ³	Town Pauper Feebleminded		S. D. P. W. St. Joseph's Orphanage V. S. S.
Alfred Buick	A # 54 ⁴	Town Pauper Feebleminded (?)		S. D. P. W. St. Joseph's Orphanage
Fred Norman	A # 52 ²	Illegitimate Town Pauper		S. D. P. W. H. for F. Women Kinstead Mary Fletcher Hospital
Francis Peter Bell	A # 52 ²	Feebleminded		
John Largini	A # 54 ⁷	Illegitimate		
Raymond Largini	A # 54 ⁸	Illegitimate		
Agnes Bergeron	A # 66 ²	Town Pauper		S. D. P. W. St. Joseph's Orphanage
Joseph Bergeron	A # 61 ¹	Town Pauper		S. D. P. W. St. J. O.
Alice Bergeron	A # 62 ²	Town Pauper		S. D. P. W. St. J. O. St. Ann's Indus- trial School
Louis (Harry) Bergeron	A # 63 ³	Town Pauper		S. D. P. W. St. J. Orphanage
Grace Bergeron	A # 65 ⁴		Bronchial pneumonia	

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Nelson Earl Myers	V A#68 ²		Diphtheria	
Elizabeth C. Bissette	A#73 ²	Gonorrhoea		
Francis Bissette	A#74 ²	Gonorrhoea Infection of eye		
---- (sex un- known)	VI A#10 ⁴	Illegitimate		