

Treasure Chest Thursday: The Charlotte Peters-Alonzo W. Baker Family



Charlotte Peters Baker, courtesy Marion County [Ohio] Historical Society. (Click to enlarge.)

[Beerbower Family](#) *(Click for Family Tree)*

Charlotte A. Peters was born 10 Jan 1830 in Ohio, likely Marion, Marion County, to Nathan Peters and Alice Wilson Peters. She was their third child.

Charlotte's mother died in childbirth when Charlotte was just 8 years old, in 1838. In Jan of 1842, her father married Mary Cady Russell (1820-1850) who added three more daughters to the family. Her stepmother died in 1850, the same year that

Charlotte married Alonzo Baker on 12 Mar 1850. She was living in Marion, Ohio then, but Charlotte and Alonzo moved to Van Wert, Ohio by the 1860 US Federal Census.



Alonzo Walter Baker, courtesy Marion County [Ohio] Historical Society. (Click to enlarge.)

Alonzo was a Major of the 136th Ohio National Guard during the Civil War for four months. He became the Collector of Internal Revenue (the Civil War generated the first income tax) until Congress abolished the position, and was the owner of a foundry in 1870, when they owned \$10,000 in real estate, and had \$5,000 in personal estate. The 1870 census also lists their five children:

Florence Winona Baker, 1857-1875, died at age 18. She married Dr. George W. McGavren on 16 June 1875. Tragically, Florence died just 6 weeks later, on 30 July 1875, in Van Wert.

Myrtle Jennie Baker (or Jennie Myrtle Baker), 1859-1918;
married Fletcher L. Webster.



Florence Winona Baker, b. 1857, and her sister Myrtle Jennie Baker, b. 1859, courtesy Marion County [Ohio] Historical Society. (Click to enlarge.)

The four children of Myrtle and Fletcher were Walter Barton Webster b. 1892, Lucia Webster b. 1893, Marshall Webster b. 1895, and Margaret Webster b. 1898. They lived in Van Wert, Ohio where he was in the dry goods business.

Jessie Amanda Baker, 1862-1925:



Jessie Amanda Baker, b. 1862, courtesy Marion County [Ohio] Historical Society. (Click to enlarge.)

Jessie married Charles William Clark in their hometown of Van Wert, Ohio, in 1888. They had five children: Helen Clark (1889-1889); Charles Russell Clark (1891-1891); Ronald Baker Clark (1892-), who taught singing in Paris, France; Virginia Clark (1895-1961) who married __Lawrence; and Louise (1902-1964) who married __ Gardenier and was believed to be in Brazil in 1925.



Charles W. Clark in 1900, via Wikipedia, public domain.

Charles was an internationally known baritone concert singer, the first American to be famous in Europe; he is considered to be one of the greatest baritones ever. He and his wife were in a Chicago theater on the night of 3 Aug 1925 when he died of heart disease. They carried his body out, and Jessie remained very composed. They proceeded to the family's apartment in Chicago. The neighbors heard a cry, entered, and found that Jessie had suffered a stroke "of paralysis." His obituary in the 04 Aug 1925 New York Times read, "She had been the companion of his successful career and when it closed tonight she collapsed." She never regained consciousness.

Tacey Viella Baker, 1864- :



Ella Baker, most likely Tacey Viella Baker, b. 1864. Courtesy Marion County [Ohio] Historical Society. (Click to enlarge.)

Tacey Viella married John O. Clark on 22 Apr 1885 and they lived in Van Wert with their four children: Ethel Clark b. 1886, Marcia Clark b. 1891, Laurence Baker Clark b. 1895, and Robert Sydney Clark b. 1900.

Miriam Mendenhall Baker, 1867-., was the last child of Charlotte Peters and Alonzo W. Baker. Miriam married Willard E. Gleason, a West Point graduate who served in the Battle of San Juan Hill in the Spanish-American War. He also served his country in the 'Philippine Insurrection' from 1899-1902. Their only child was Charlotte Gleason, b. 1895.

Two children died young, early in the marriage of Charlotte and Alonzo: **Mary Alice Baker** (1851-1852) and their only son,

Charles Herbert Baker (1853-1855).

Alonzo passed away at age 49, on 9 Sep 1878 in Van Wert. Charlotte survived him by 17 years, with her death on 12 April 1895, also in Van Wert, where they both are buried.

Notes, Sources, and References:

1) There are 3 parts to the [Samuel T. Beerbower Family Bible](http://heritageramblings.net/2015/03/21/the-family-bible-of-samuel-t-beerbower-and-irene-l-peters-beerbower-births/) posts, beginning here: <http://heritageramblings.net/2015/03/21/the-family-bible-of-samuel-t-beerbower-and-irene-l-peters-beerbower-births/>

2) See also:

<http://heritageramblings.net/2015/03/11/wedding-wednesday-samuel-taylor-beerbower-and-irene-l-peters/>

<http://heritageramblings.net/2015/03/27/fridays-faces-from-the-past-unknown-beerbower-or-peters-family/>

<http://heritageramblings.net/2015/03/10/tuesdays-tip-local-historical-societies-and-the-beerbower-family/>

3) Use the search box on the right side of the page to find specific persons, or click on "[Family Trees](#)" and then "[The Helbling-Beerbower-Springsteen Family](#)." This will take you to pedigree charts (sorry, don't have a Peters family tree yet-still working on that) and then all the associated posts for the family.

4) *A Genealogy of Eber and Lydia Smith Baker of Marion Ohio and Their Descendants*. 1909, self-published, arranged by Elwood T. Baker.

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogyofeberl00bake#page/n53/mode/2up/search/alonzo>

Charles W. Clark was an only child per this book, so the two sisters, Jessie Amanda and Tacey Viella both had 'Clark' as their last names but had not married brothers.

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**Edward B. Payne- Anniversary
of his Birth**



Edward B. Payne, circa 1874. Image courtesy of Second Congregational Church, Wakeman, Ohio. (Click to enlarge.)

[McMurray and Payne Families](#) *(Click for Family Tree)*

Today, 25 July, is the 168th anniversary of the birth of Edward Biron Payne. Born in 1847 (although some sources state 1845, it was most likely 1847), we have been unable as yet to verify the year with any official town record. His death certificate states he was born in Middletown, Vermont, but other sources list Rutland, Vermont. A search through town records for these areas of Vermont for the years 1845-1847 has failed to turn up any record.

Rev. Edward B. Payne was the father of Lynette Payne McMurray.

This image may be the earliest of the few available for Edward. It was found in the Second Congregational Church via emails to that pastor. He was kind enough to take a photograph

of it on the wall, hence the reflections in the image. This image includes EBP's service dates as 1874-1875, but a section in *History of the Fire lands, comprising Huron and Erie Counties, Ohio, with illustrations and biographical sketches of some of the prominent men and pioneers* by W. W. Williams, states he served the congregation as pastor for 2-3 years.

Notes, Sources, and References:

1) *History of the Fire lands, comprising Huron and Erie Counties, Ohio, with illustrations and biographical sketches of some of the prominent men and pioneers* by Williams, W. W. (William W.). Published 1879, pages 191-2. <https://archive.org/details/historyoffirelan00will>

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Family History Quotation of the Day: Robert Louis Stevenson



Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894), via Wikipedia.com. (Click to enlarge.)

We are all nobly born;

**fortunate those who know it;
blessed those who remember.**

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson is now best known for four of his novels: *Treasure Island* (1883), *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* (1885), *Kidnapped* (1886), and *The Black Arrow* (1888). He also was an essayist, travel writer, musician and composer.

Stevenson was also a poet. His poem 'Requiem' is inscribed, as he wished, on his tomb in Samoa, where he spent the latter part of his life and died. He now rests on Mount Vaea, a spot overlooking the ocean, and this epigraph has become a song of grief in Samoan:

*Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie.
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.
This be the verse you grave for me:
Here he lies where he longed to be;
Home is the sailor, home from sea,
And the hunter home from the hill.*

Notes, Sources, and References:

1) Robert Louis Stevenson, on
Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Louis_Stevenson

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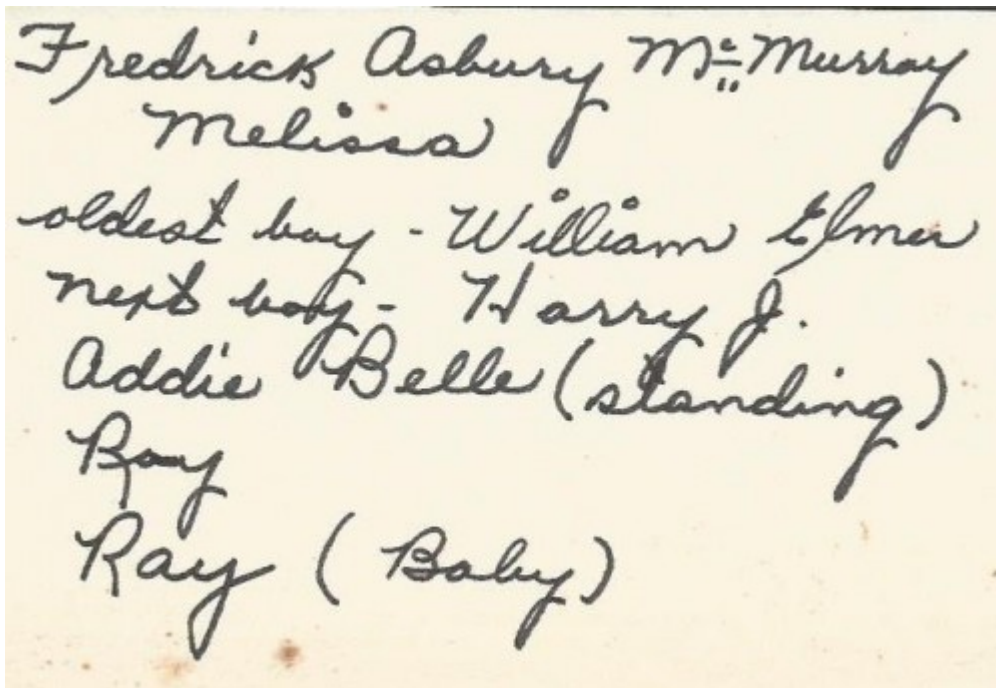
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Friday's Faces from the Past: The McMurray-Benjamin Family



McMurray-Benjamin Family circa 1886: Frederick Asbury McMurray, Hannah "Melissa" Benjamin McMurray, William Elmer McMurray, Harry J. McMurray, Addie Belle McMurray, Roy McMurray, and Ray McMurray (baby)

[McMurray Family, Benjamin Family](#) *(Click for Family Tree)*



Fredrick Asbury M^r Murray
Melissa
oldest boy - William Elmer
next boy - Harry J.
Addie Belle (standing)
Boy
Ray (Baby)

Reverse of circa 1886 McMurray-Benjamin Family

Notes, Sources, and References:

1) Family treasure chest of photos- thanks, Cousin Cindi and Cousin Julie!

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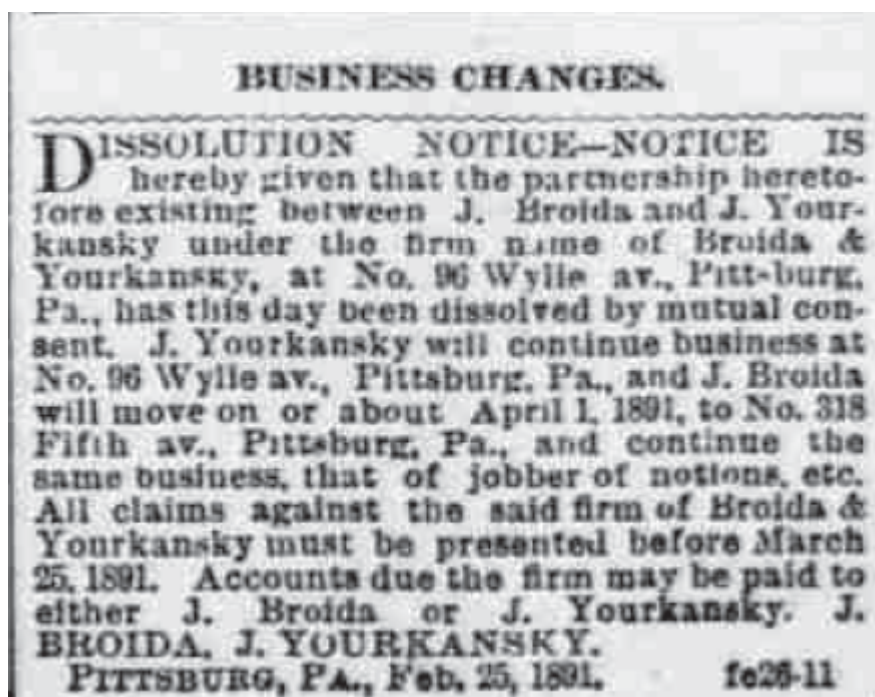
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Workday Wednesday: Broida & Yourkansky Dissolution



Notice of dissolution of the firm of Broida & Yourkansky, Pittsburgh, PA. *Pittsburgh Dispatch*, 26-28 Feb 1891, via Chronicling America. (Click to enlarge.)

[Broida Family](#) (Click for Family Tree)

John Jacob "Zelig" Broida was in partnership with J. Yourkansky for quite a few years. The 1886 Pittsburgh City Directory lists Broida & Yourkansky at 71 Wylie in 1886 and 1887. By 1888 they had moved down the street to 96 Wylie, and were listed there in 1889, and 1890.

In February, 1891, the partners paid for a notice to be inserted in the Pittsburgh Dispatch from the 26th-28th of February, advising vendors and customers of the dissolution of the partnership. Any claims for payment needed to be submitted before 25 March, 1891, and any accounts that were due to the firm were to be paid to either of the partners.

On 01 April 1891, John Broida's single proprietorship as a notions jobber was listed in the city directories located at 318 Fifth Ave., and continued there until 1895.

In the 1896-1899 city directories, "John Broida" was listed at 1102 5th Ave and "Dry Goods" as his wares.

Then in 1900-1906, "Jacob Broida" was listed at the same address, same goods. We know that John's middle name was Jacob and he sometimes used that name. But we also know he was in Denver, Colorado, in the 1900 US Federal Census with his ill wife and two of his sons. Were others keeping the business going for him? Or had he sold the business?

In 1901, John Broida was listed in the Denver City Directory at 1628 Larimer, Denver, Colorado, selling mens furnishing goods. He resided at 1655 Eliot in Denver. His wife, Sarah Gitel Frank Broida passed away that year.

To add to the Broida entanglement, in 1902, in addition to the above Jacob Broida at 1102 5th Av., a "John Broida" was *also* listed in the Pittsburgh directory, at 911 5th Ave, working for Broida & Seder, a hosiery store. We know that John Broida moved back to Pittsburgh after his wife's death, but apparently he did not go back to the dry goods business at 1102 5th Ave.

In 1903, John Broida was again listed as in the hosiery business and living at 45 Miltenberger. The year 1904 shows him still in the hosiery business, then at 915 5th Ave., and living at 1813 Forbes.

1905 still shows Jacob Broida at the store at 1102 5th, with John Broida continuing at the 915 5th Ave. work address, but living at 904 Locust.

In 1906, in addition to the Jacob Broida noted above, there was a "John Broida" listed at 1034 5th Ave, in the hosiery business, and he changed his residence to 1614 Center.

Directories for 1907 and 1908 are not available.

The years 1909-1910 are even more puzzling- Jacob Broida was still selling dry goods at 1102 5th Ave., and Joseph J Broida, L Broida (likely Louis), and Phil Broida, all John's sons, were living at 2106 Center Ave. per the directories. There was no John Broida listed. Joseph J was working at 1038 5th Ave. in both years, but the others do not have work addresses listed. L. Broida was absent from the 2106 Center Ave. home in 1910.

Now to REALLY make it puzzling, the 1910 PA Miracode lists Louis as being in the household of his brother. The 1910 US Federal census, however, lists Jacob Broida and Fannie (John's/Jacob's second wife), sons Joseph, Louis, Max, Philip, and Theodore as living at 206 Hull Alley, with John/Jacob being the proprietor of a clothing store, Joseph as a merchant, Louis as a clerk in a clothing store, and Max, Philip, and Theodore working as a laborer in a shop.

No city directory is available for 1911, and Jacob Broida was selling his dry goods from 1100 5th Ave. in 1912. John and Joseph J were not listed. (There is another Jos J Broida who is listed as a clerk or agent through the years included in this directory as well.)

In 1913, two Jacob Broidas are listed in the Pittsburgh City Directory, with only "1100 5th av" listed after the first, and "dry goods 1100 5th av" listed after the second Jacob. (The Jacob Broida who is a clerk is also listed.)

John Jacob "Zelig" Broida had a brother named Jacob who also lived in Pittsburgh- might he have sold his business to his brother Jacob?

More research is apparently needed.

Searching for more information about Zelig's brother Jacob Broida, who likely was born about 1852, probably in Russia/Lithuania, and his wife Chanah "Jennie" Broida (1822-1904), might be a start. We know that he had emigrated to Palestine by 1935 per his brother Pincus Broida's obituary, and was still there on 01 Dec 1939 when he was listed in his brother Abraham's obituary. We believe he died in Palestine.

Notes, Sources, and References:

1) Notice above published 26-28 February 1891 in the *Pittsburgh Dispatch*, n.v. ("46th year"), n.n., page 3, column 7.

2) We have been unable to find any other information on John's partner, J. Yourkansky.

3) Special thanks to Mitch Gooze for his excellent research in the city directories. His spreadsheet made finding the specific location information easy!

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