

Knowles Family Census Records

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Introduction

This document contains historic census information for our Black, Knowles and Wallace ancestors and is available on [Our Knowles Family Web Pages](#) as part of our Knowles family history.

For ease of use, the above [Table of Contents](#) includes active links to assist in selecting items of interest. Merely touch the line or page number to move to a section of interest.

Following are *Knowles Family Census Records* for three family surnames that led to our current Jordans all of whom are part of *The Knowles Story*. The *Census Records* begins with the Thomas and Margaret Black Family of Montreal and includes their offspring; one of which led to the Knowles of Montreal and later the Jordans of Chicago.

The key families are:

1. [The Black Family](#)
2. [The Knowles Family](#)
3. [The Wallace Family](#)

Census Records were obtained from a number of sources and these are generally indicated in the notes section following each transcribed census record.

The census and thus census records are organized around households and thus the various census records that are indexed in the above *Table of Contents* are titled by the Head of Household and their spouse. Census records for an individual when younger are generally with their parent's.

Spellings of names and places vary for different records and sometimes individuals changed some part of their names or used nicknames or abbreviations. In the transcriptions that follows, the names are transcribed as they were recorded in the original record source.

In order to help preserve our Knowles family history and to make that history more widely available, [Our Knowles Family Web Pages](#) was created in the early years of the 21st century.

While quite successful in its goals, it became clear with the passage of time, that a web site with many hundreds of pages was not easy to print or to electronically download. Thus in the later part of the first decade of the 21st century, I began to compile various categories of information such as Knowles Family Address Lists, Knowles Family Census Records, Knowles Genealogy Source Records, Recollections of Knowles and the Knowles Stories into pdf documents.

Such pdf files will make it easier to download files for preservation on our many computers and they will also allow much easier printing of pages and for studied analysis as desired. As part of this effort, a [Knowles PDF Downloads](#) web page was created. From this page, all currently available pdf's from [Our Knowles Family Web Pages](#) can be accessed.

You are encouraged to download the various Knowles pdf files, not only for your own study but to also help preserve for future generations hard to obtain data and information about our common Jordan and Knowles origins and history. Files are updated every once in a while, and checking about once a year is a reasonable frequency. Version dates are shown at the beginning of the [Table of Contents](#).

File Information

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If you wish to comment, add information or just say hello, please contact [Dave Jordan](mailto:djgenealogy@me.com) at djgenealogy@me.com.

What's New

Going forward it is intended to briefly describe what major items were added since the last version of this document.

1. 10/11/2017: Miscellaneous format updates.
2. 11/4/2014: Updated the Black Family Genealogy with added information for Mary Black. Updated the Knowles Family Genealogy with added information for the Robert and Jessie Knowles Family and added information for the Wilfred W. and Margaret Knowles Family, Wilfred W. and Mabel Knowles Family, Wilfred and Gertrude W. Knowles Family
3. 11/4/2014: Added the 1910, 1920 and 1940 Census Records for Wilfred Knowles.
4. 10/10/2014: Added the 1851 Census Record for the Thomas and Margaret Black Family in Chicoutimi, Quebec and the 1861 Census Record for the Thomas and Margaret Black Family in St. Jean (John), St. Jean County, Quebec. Also added the 1881 Census Record for the Robert and Jessie Knowles Family in Liverpool and also the 1900 Census Record for Jessie Knowles and Muriel and Wilfred Knowles in Chicago.
5. 11/14/2012: *Knowles Family Census Records* creation date

File Connections

As follows are other files that connect with *Historical Knowles Family Addresses*. All are available at [Knowles PDF Downloads](#) as individual pdf documents with titles and file names as listed below.

1. The Knowles Story
File: Stories_Knowles.pdf
Summary: The Knowles Story provides a written history of the origins of our Knowles family. As part of this story there are many appendices and sections.

2. *Historical Knowles Family Addresses*
File: Addresses_Knowles_Historical.pdf
Summary: Contains chronological address listings for various families in the Knowles/Black/Wallace line.
Linkage: James Oscar Jordan married Margaret Jane Knowles
3. *Knowles Family Census Records*
File: Census_Knowles_Historical.pdf
Summary: Contains census transcriptions for various families in the Knowles/Black/Wallace line.
Linkage: James Oscar Jordan married Margaret Jane Knowles
4. *The Jordan Story*
File: Stories_Jordan.pdf
Summary: *The Jordan Story* provides a written history of the origins of our Jordan family. As part of this story there are many appendices and sections.

Black Family Introduction

As follows are a number of our *Black Family Census Records*. After the *Black Family Census Records* are our *Knowles Family Census Records collections*.

Our *Black Family Genealogy* follows to provide an index to our various *Black* families.

Census Records are included in this document for those families with **red** checks.

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Black Family Genealogy

A. **Unknown Black** born about 1800 in Scotland or Ireland

Unknown Wife born about 1800 in Scotland or Ireland

1. **Thomas Black** born 1823 in Quebec; married Margaret Leddy 16 July 1851 at St. Francois Xavier, Chicoutimi, Quebec; Re-marriage on 26 October 1851 in an Anglican or Presbyterian Church on Grosse Ile, Quebec; died 30 June 1878 in Montreal ✓
Margaret Leddy born 1832 in Limerick, Ireland; married Thomas Black 16 July 1851 at St. Francois Xavier, Chicoutimi, Quebec; Re-marriage on 26 October 1851 in an Anglican or Presbyterian Church on Grosse Ile, Quebec; died 28 March 1899 in Montreal ✓

i) **Thomas Black** born 1851 in Chicoutimi, Quebec; died before 1857

ii) **Isabella Catherine Black** born 30 November 1853 probably Chicoutimi, Quebec, Canada; married William Knowles on 25 January 1877 at St. John Evangelist, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; to Chicago in late 1887 or 1888; died 1 September 1892 in Chicago ✓

William Wallace Knowles born 27 December 1848 at Kildrumferton, Cavan County, Ireland; from Cavan County to Montreal about 1872; to Canadian West with NorthWest Mounted Police 1873-1876, returning to Montreal in 1876; married Isabella Black on 25 January 1877 at St. John Evangelist, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; to Chicago in late 1888 or 1889; married Sara White about 1895 after Isabella died; died 24 March 1897 in Chicago ✓

1. Descendants are listed in Knowles Family Introduction/
Knowles Family Genealogy.

iii) **Margaret Ellen Black** born 12 January 1856 in Lévis, Quebec, Canada; died 23 March 1872 in Montreal

iv) **Thomas Henry Black** born 15 November 1857 in Lévis, Quebec, Canada

- v) Unknown Male Child born 1860 in St. Jean (John), Quebec; died after 6 days
- vi) George Robert Black about 1861 in the Province of Quebec, Canada
- vii) Mary Black born 12 May 1863 in Saint Lamberts, Quebec, Canada; married John Cameron in Montreal
- viii) Elizabeth Black born about 1864 in Montreal; married Richard Shannon on May 27, 1891 in Chicago
- ix) John James Black born 9 May 1867 in Pointe-Saint Charles, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- x) Arthur William Black born 26 May 1869 in Montreal; died 29 May 1869 in Montreal

Notes

1. Last Update to our *Black Family Genealogy*: - 11/4/2014
2. Previous Updates to our *Black Family Genealogy*: - 7/23/2012, 10/10/2014

Thomas and Margaret Black's Census Records

To date, the earliest known Blacks ascending from our Knowles lines are Thomas and Margaret Black. Thomas Black and Margaret Leddy were married in 1851 in Chicoutimi, Saguenay, Quebec. Through the years they gradually moved up river and eventually settled in Montreal.

Census Records

1. [Thomas and Margaret Black's 1851 Census for Chicoutimi, Quebec](#)
2. [Thomas and Margaret Black's 1861 Census for St. Jean \(John\), St. Jean County, Quebec](#)
3. [Thomas and Margaret Black's 1871 Census Record for Montreal, Canada](#)
4. [Margaret Black's 1881 Census Record for Montreal, Canada](#)

Thomas Black died 30 June 1878. Therefore for the 1881 Census Record, Margaret Black is the head of the family.

Margaret Black has not yet been found in the 1891 Montreal Census. However, it is possible that she is living with one of her daughters whose surname was changed by marriage. Margaret Black died 28 March 1899 in Montreal.

Thomas and Margaret Black's 1851 Census Record

Chicoutimi, Saguenay, Quebec

District	Township	County	Province	Enumeration Date
62	Chicoutimi	Saguenay	Quebec	January 12, 1852

Name		Occupation	Place of Birth	Religion	Residence if out of Limits	Age Next Birthday	Male	Female
Surname	Given Name							
Black	Thomas	Forgeron	Quebec	Protestant		29	√	
Lady	Margaret		Limerick, Ireland	Catholic		20		√
Black	Thomas		Chicoutimi	Catholic		1	√	
Wallace	Thomas	Macers (sp)	Yorkshire, England	Protestant		40	√	

Name		Married	Color	Indian	Residents			Deaf and Dumb	Blind	Lunatic
Surname	Given Name				Member	Not Members	Members Absent			
Black	Thomas	Married			√					
Lady	Margaret	Married			√					
Black	Thomas	Single			√					
Wallace	Thomas	Single				√				

Name		Attending School	Births during 1851	Deaths During 1851	Houses				
Surname	Given Name				Material	No. of Stories	No. of Families	Vacant	Construction
Black	Thomas				Madrier	1	2		
Lady	Margaret								
Black	Thomas								
Wallace	Thomas								

1851 Census Notes

An attempt has been made to reproduce all data exactly as it is on the original census record; some column heading wording changes have been made for brevity.

1. If you wish to explore any of this data further, please contact Dave directly.
2. The above census data was found in a June 2014 search by Dave Jordan.
3. Although it was the 1851 Census, there were many delays and it was not conducted until early 1852. It is presumed that the residents answered the questions as of 1852 and not 1851 if there were any changes.
4. Since this is the earliest information for Thomas Black and Margaret Leddy, it is presumed it is the most accurate. Note Margaret's maiden name was Leddy, not Lady as shown.
5. Given that the census was taken on January 12, 1852 and their birthdays had not passed, then their ages were at their next birthday which would have been in 1852. Thomas's birth year would then be 1823, Margaret's 1832. Young Thomas was probably born in late 1851 or early 1852. Note, there was no indicator for a birth in 1851 column, suggesting he might have been born in early 1852 before the census was taken.
6. The occupation for Thomas Black "Forgeron" translated to Blacksmith.
7. This census record provides a place of birth for Margaret Leddy in Ireland, that is Limerick. Thomas's birth is shown in Quebec but later records indicate Ireland.
8. A Thomas Wallace lived in the Black household. It is not known if he was connected to the Black family or just a boarder. However, in 1877 Thomas and Margaret Black's daughter Isabella Catherine Black married William Wallace Knowles. It is not known if the husband had a connection to the boarder, Thomas Wallace. The occupation for Thomas Wallace was in French and difficult to read. I probably have not spelled it correctly.
9. The construction material for the Black home in French appears to be "Madrier" which translates to "Timber."
10. Author/Last Update: Dave Jordan/October 10, 2014

Thomas and Margaret Black's 1861 Census Record
St. Jean (John), St. Jean County, Quebec

District	Township	County	Province	Enumeration Date
2	St. Jean (Johns)	St. Jeans (Johns)	Quebec	January 14, 1861

Name		Occupation	Place of Birth	Religion	Residence if out of Limits	Age Next Birthday	Male	Female
Surname	Given Name							
Black	Thomas	Blacksmith	Ireland	E.P.		32	√	
Lidey	Marguerite		Ireland	E.P.		26		√
Black	Isabella		Lower Canada	E.P.		7		√
Black	Marguerite A.		Lower Canada	E.P.		5		√
Black	Thomas H.		Lower Canada	E.P.		4	√	

Name		Married	Wid	Color/Indian	Residents			Deaf and Dumb	Blind	Lunatic
Surname	Given Name				Member	Not Members	Members Absent			
Black	Thomas	M			√					
Lidey	Marguerite	M			√					
Black	Isabella				√					
Black	Marguerite A.				√					
Black	Thomas H.				√					

Name		Attending School	Births in 1860	Deaths in 1860	Houses				
Surname	Given Name				Material	No. of Stories	No. of Families	Vacant	Construction
Black	Thomas				Brick	1	2		
Lidey	Marguerite		1 Male	6 days					
Black	Isabella	Y							
Black	Marguerite	Y							
Black	Thomas H.								

Thomas and Margaret Black's 1861 Census Record

16	Thomas Black	Blacksmith	Ireland	✓	E. P	✓	32
17	Marguerite Lido		Ireland	✓	E. P	✓	26
18	Isabella Black		L. C	✓	E. P	✓	7
19	Marguerite A. Black		L. C	✓	E. P	✓	5
20	Thomas H. Black		L. C	✓	E. P	✓	4

1861 Census Notes

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1. If you wish to explore any of this data further, please contact Dave directly.
2. The above census data was found in a June 2014 search by Dave Jordan.
3. In a switch from the 1851 Census, Thomas Black's place of birth is shown as Ireland and not Quebec.
4. Both Thomas's and Margaret's ages are way off compared to other data. Isabella's and Margaret's ages are correct if they are ages at the day of the Census and not age at next birthday. The child Thomas's age is correct if it is age at next birthday.
5. The religion for the entire family is shown as E.P which I believe is Episcopalian Protestant. By this time it appears that Margaret has switched from Catholic.
6. Daughter Marguerite is shown with middle initial A. However, she was baptized as Margaret Ellen Black. The initial A. shows up elsewhere and thus they may have changed her middle name.
7. One male child was born and then died in 6 days in 1860.
8. The Montreal City Directory for 1859 lists a Robert Black, storeman, at 394 Lagauchetiere and for 1861 a Robert Black, storeman and grocery, at 3 Rousseau. Probably these are the same person. Of interest is that our Thomas Black, who is usually shown as a blacksmith, was listed as a grocer in the 1875 and 1876 Montreal Directories.
9. Author/Last Update: [Dave Jordan](#)/October 10, 2014

Thomas and Margaret Black's 1871 Census Record

Montreal Canada

City	Sub-District	District	Province	Enumeration Date	Microfilm Reel	Microfilm Section
Montreal				April 2, 1871	Ste. Anne	C-663, C-664

Location	Name		Sex	Age Related		Place of Birth	Religion	Origin
Address	Surname	Given Name		Age	Born last 12 months	County or Province of Birth		
365 Wellington	Black	Thomas	M	48		Ireland	C. Pres	Irish
	Black	Margaret	F	35		Quebec	C. Pres	Irish
	Black	Izabella. C.	F	17		Quebec	C. Pres	Irish
	Black	Margaret E.	F	16		Quebec	C. Pres	Irish
	Black	Thomas Esq.	M	14		Quebec	C. Pres	Irish
	Black	George Robert	M	10		Quebec	C. Pres	Irish
	Black	Mary	F	8		Quebec	C. Pres	Irish
	Black	Elizabeth	F	6		Quebec	C. Pres	Irish
	Black	John James	M	4		Quebec	C. Pres	Irish

Name		Occupation	Marriage		Education		
Surname	Given Name	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Married or Widowed	Married within Last 12 Months	Going to School	Can Read	Can Write
Black	Thomas	Blacksmith				Y	Y
Black	Margaret					Y	Y
Black	Izabella. C.	Dressmaker					
Black	Margaret E.	Dressmaker					
Black	Thomas Esq.				Y		
Black	George Robert				Y		
Black	Mary				Y		
Black	Elizabeth				Y		
Black	John James						

Thomas and Margaret Black's 1871 Census Record

Black Thomas	16	48	-	Island	C. Presb.	Swit	Blacksmith
" Margaret	4	35	-	Quebec	"	"	-
" Isabella C.	"	17	-	"	"	"	blacksmith
" Margaret E.	"	16	-	"	"	"	"
" Thomas H.	16	14	-	"	"	"	-
" Jas. Robt.	"	10	-	"	"	"	-
" Mary	4	8	-	"	"	"	-
" Elizabeth	"	6	-	"	"	"	-
" John James	16	4	-	"	"	"	-

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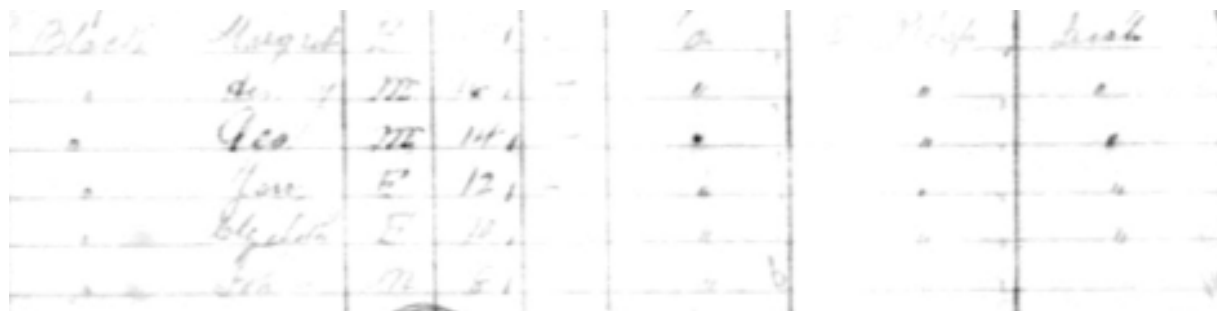
1. If you wish to explore any of this data further, please contact Dave directly.
2. The Montreal City Directory for 1871 lists a Thomas Black, blacksmith, at 365 Wellington as does this 1871 Montreal Census Record.
3. This record was found in an August 28, 1978 microfilm search by Dave Jordan through a house-by-house search of the Ste. Anne Ward which includes Wellington, Magdalen and Forfar Streets. The microfilm reels searched were obtained via interlibrary loan from the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Canada and are numbered: C-663, C-664 and C-665.
4. This record indicates that Margaret, nee Leddy, was born in Quebec and all the children were born there also. However, searches for their marriage in Quebec and Isabella's birth record have not been found.
5. "C. Pres" is probably "Christian Presbyterian".
6. Author/Last Update: [Dave Jordan](#)/November 14, 2012

Margaret Black's 1881 Census Record Montreal Canada

City	Sub-District	District	Province	Enumeration Date	Microfilm Reel	Microfilm Section
Montreal				April 4, 1881		

Location	Name		Sex	Age Related		Place of Birth	Religion	Origin
Address	Surname	Given Name		Age	Born last 12 months	County or Province of Birth		
	Black	Margret	F	45		Quebec	Presbyterian	Irish
	Black	Henry	M	16		Quebec	Presbyterian	Irish
	Black	Geo	M	14		Quebec	Presbyterian	Irish
	Black	Mary	F	12		Quebec	Presbyterian	Irish
	Black	Elizabeth	F	10		Quebec	Presbyterian	Irish
	Black	John	M	6		Quebec	Presbyterian	Irish

Name		Occupation	Marriage		Education		
Surname	Given Name	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Married or Widowed	Married within Last 12 Months	Going to School	Can Read	Can Write
Black	Margret		W				
Black	Henry	Labourer					
Black	Geo						
Black	Mary						
Black	Elizabeth						
Black	John						



1881 Census Notes

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1. If you wish to explore any of this data further, please contact Dave directly.
2. In the late 1980s, the microfilm reels for Montreal for the 1881 census were obtained via interlibrary loan from the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Canada. They were numbered: C-13217, C-13219, C-13220. Because that census showed no addresses, a ward-by-ward search was conducted of much of Montreal. The surnames Knowles, Black, Leddy, and Wallace were searched in all of St. Anne's Ward, all of West Ward, all of Center Ward, all of East Ward, and all of St. Antoine's Ward. In that search the only match to our line found at that time was the entry for the William Knowles family.
3. By 2003, the Family Search had put the entire 1881 Canadian Census on-line. The above entry for Margaret Black was then found in an April 2003 search by Dave Jordan.
4. Thomas Black died in June 1878. And thus in 1881 the household was headed by his widow Margaret Black. Isabella is not listed as she was already married to William Knowles and is in a separate census listing.
5. Margaret Black lived until March 1899. It might be useful to search the 1891 census someday since it may reveal additional information about Margaret's origins.
6. The age of Margaret is exactly 10 years older than for the 1871 census. Margaret does not have a job and at least four of the children are hers. It is unclear how she was supported.
7. The ages of George, Mary, Elizabeth, and John are all only four years older than the 1871 census. It is as if she wanted them to be stated younger and she subtracted 6 years from each of their ages. Perhaps she was on welfare and there was more money if the children were younger.
8. This family also includes a Henry Black who was not listed in the 1871 census. It is not known who he is. Perhaps he is a nephew.
9. Author/Last Update: Dave Jordan/November 14, 2012

Robert and Ellen Black's Census Records

In searching the Montreal Census Records the following Black family was found. It is unknown if Robert Black is a brother or cousin to Thomas Black or if there is no relation at all.

1. **Robert Black** born 1810 in Ireland
Ellen (Unknown Maiden Name) born 1830 in Portugal

Census Records

One Census Record has been found.

1. [Robert and Ellen Black's 1861 Census Record for Montreal, Canada](#)

Robert and Ellen Black's 1861 Census Record

Montreal Canada

City	Sub-District	District	Province	Enumeration Date
Montreal	St. Laurence		Quebec	January 14, 1861

Name		Occupation	Place of Birth	Religion	Residence if out of Limits	Age Next Birthday	Male	Female
Surname	Given Name							
Black	Robert	Grocer	Ireland	Church of England		51	√	
Black	Ellen		Portugal	C.E.		31		√
Black	Sarah		Canada	C.E.		17		√
Black	George		Canada	C.E.		14	√	
Black	Jane		Canada	C.E.		11		√
Black	Thomas		Canada	C.E.		8	√	
Black	Dorathea		Canada	C.E.		6		√
Black	Charlotte		Canada	C.E.		3		√
Black	Eureka E.		Canada	C.E.		1		√

Name		Married	Wid	Color/ Indian	Residents			Deaf and Dumb	Blind	Lunatic
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Black	Robert	M			√					
Black	Ellen	M			√					
Black	Sarah				√					
Black	George				√					
Black	Jane				√					
Black	Thomas				√					
Black	Dorathea				√					
Black	Charlotte				√					
Black	Eureka E.				√					

Robert and Ellen Black's 1861 Census Record (continued)

Name		Attending School	Births in 1860	Deaths in 1860	Houses				
Surname	Given Name				Material	No. of Stories	No. of Families	Vacant	Construction
Black	Robert				Brick	1	2		
Black	Ellen		1 Male	6 days					
Black	Sarah								
Black	George	Y							
Black	Jane	Y							
Black	Thomas	Y							
Black	Doratheia								
Black	Charlotte								
Black	Eureka E.		1 Female		Brick	2	1		

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3. This record was found in an August 1978 microfilm search by Dave Jordan through a house-by-house search of the St. Laurence Ward. The microfilm reels searched were obtained via interlibrary loan from the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Canada and are numbered: C-1241 to C-1244. The above record appears to be from reel C-1241.
4. The above record was found while trying to locate Thomas Black at 22 Bleury Street. Thomas was not found, but it was thought that it is possible that Robert Black could have been a brother or other relation.
5. The Montreal Census does not list streets addresses for families. However, it was thought useful to show a street address and thus an entry was made in the record above for the street address that they were presumed living. The street addresses shown were extracted from the Montreal City Directory. See next note.
6. The Montreal City Directory for 1859 lists a Robert Black, store-man, at 394 Lagauchetiere and for 1861 a Robert Black, store-man and grocery, at 3 Rousseau. Probably these are the same person. Of interest is that our Thomas Black, who is usually shown as a blacksmith, was listed as a grocer in the 1875 and 1876 Montreal Directories.
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- A. William Knowles born 1798 probably in Scotland; married Jane; death date unknown; 10 September 1879 in Killyfassy, Cavan County, Ireland
Jane (unknown surname) - no other genealogy information known except died after 1879 ✓
- I. **William Knowles** born about 1820 in Scotland or Ireland; married Jane Wallace on 15 November 1847 at St. Patrick's, Kildrumferton, Cavan County, Ireland; death date unknown ✓
Jane Wallace born 23 May 1819 Duffcastle, Cavan County, Ireland; married William Knowles on 15 November 1847 at St. Patrick's, Kildrumferton, Cavan County, Ireland; death date unknown ✓
 - i) **William Wallace Knowles** born 27 December 1848 at Kildrumferton, Cavan County, Ireland; from Cavan County to Montreal about 1872; to Canadian West with North West Mounted Police 1873-1876, returning to Montreal in 1876; married Isabella Black on 25 January 1877 at St. John Evangelist, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; to Chicago in mid-1880s; after Isabella Black Knowles died, he married Sara White (see below) ✓
Isabella Catherine Black born 30 November 1853 probably Chicoutimi, Quebec, Canada; married William Knowles on 25 January 1877 at St. John Evangelist, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; to Chicago in late 1887 or 1888; died 1 September 1892 in Chicago ✓
 - 1. **Margaret Jane Knowles** born 18 April 1878 in Montreal; married James Oscar Jordan on 30 December 1896 in Chicago; separated about November 1911; divorced 19 June 1919 in Chicago
Joseph Canute Oscar Scholdberg (alias James Oscar Jordan) born 18 February 1868 Poplar, England; immigrated to Chicago in 1882 or 1886; changed name to James Oscar Jordan; married Margaret Jane Knowles on 30 December 1896 in Chicago; temporarily to Madison around 1907-1908, then returned to Chicago, may not have taken his family; separated about November 1911; divorced 19 June 1919; died 23 March

1947 in Chicago; used James Oscar Jordan in America including marriage to Margaret Jane Knowles.

1. Descendants are listed in the in the *Scholdberg and Jordan Family Introduction/Scholdberg Family Genealogy* section of the Addresses_Jordan_Historical document.
2. *Margaret's 2nd Marriage*
Robert Aaron Graham born about 1874 in Ireland; married Margaret Jordan on 28 June 1920 in Chicago; moved to California by 1930; died in California in 1953
Margaret Jane Jordan married Robert Graham on 28 June 1920 in Chicago after the James Oscar Jordan divorce (see above); moved to California by 1930; died 20 August 1959 in Glendale, California
 - a. no children
3. Isabella Maud Knowles born 25 August 1879 in Montreal; died 28 August 1879 in Montreal at age 3 days
4. William Thomas Knowles born 5 December 1880 in Montreal; died 27 December 1880 in Montreal at age 22 days
5. William Ralph Knowles born 22 September 1883 in Montreal; died 24 March 1885 in Montreal at age 1.5 years
6. **Muriel Eulalie Knowles** born 20 March 1886 in Montreal; moved to Chicago in 1888 or 1889; married Robert Benjamin Woodbury on 19 September 1905 in Chicago; divorced 1911-1914 in Chicago; after the Robert Benjamin Woodbury divorce, she married William Leonhardt (see below)
Robert Benjamin Woodbury unknown date of birth; married Muriel Knowles on 19 September 1905 in Chicago
 1. Dolores Woodbury born 18 October 1910 in Chicago; did not marry; died 20 September 1981, probably in or around Chicago
7. *Muriel's 2nd Marriage*
William Leonhardt unknown date of birth; married Muriel Woodbury about 1915 in Chicago
Muriel Eulalie Knowles married William Leonhardt about 1915 in Chicago after the Robert Benjamin Woodbury divorce (see above); died 14 July 1975 Harvey, Illinois
 1. Granville Harold Leonhardt born 14 July 1916 in Chicago; married Charlotte Lindh on 8 September 1942 in Hannibal, Missouri; 3 children; died 28 May 1994 in Tucson, Arizona

2. Richard William Leonhardt about 3 October 1919 in Chicago
8. *Wilfred Washington Knowles's 1st marriage*
Wilfred Washington Knowles born 14 March 1888 in Chicago; married Margaret Elizabeth Rardin on 11 June 1908 in Chicago ✓
Margaret Elizabeth Rardin born 1891 in Kentland, Indiana; married Wilfred Washington Knowles on 11 June 1908 in Chicago ✓
 1. Harold Knowles born about January 1907 in Chicago; died in infancy on July 6, 1908 in Chicago
 2. Robert Benson Knowles born 4 February 1909 in Chicago; died in infancy on 24 April 1909 in Golden, Michigan
 3. Possibly an Eva C. Knowles born about April 1910 in Hudson, Colorado
 9. *Wilfred Washington Knowles's 2nd marriage*
Wilfred Washington Knowles married Mabel Bender on 5 May 1919 in Chicago ✓
Mabel Bender born 1894 in Chicago; married Joseph Darlinger on 1 November 1915 in Chicago; married Wilfred Washington Knowles on 5 May 1919 in Chicago ✓
 1. Mabel had been previously married to Joseph Darlinger and she brought her son Edward Joseph Darlinger into the marriage. At times, Edward may have been called Edward Knowles.
 2. There are no known children from the Wilfred and Mabel Knowles marriage.
 10. *Wilfred Washington Knowles's 3rd marriage*
 Wilfred Washington Knowles married Gertrude Wolfenden before 1935, possibly on 5 November in Rock Island; died May 1965 in Bradenton, Florida ✓
 Gertrude Wolfenden born 10 December 1905 in Wisconsin; married Wilfred Washington Knowles before 1935, possibly on 5 November in Rock Island ✓
 1. Robert W. Knowles born 1941 in Rock Island (adopted)
- ii) *William Knowles's 2nd Marriage*
William Wallace Knowles married Sara White about 1895 after Isabella Black Knowles died (see above); died 24 March 1897 in Chicago
Sara White married William Wallace Knowles about 1895
 1. no children

iii) **Robert Knowles** born about 1851-1856 in Duffcastle, Cavan County, Ireland; married Jessie Grayston on 27 June 1879 at St. Nicolas Church, Liverpool, from Liverpool to Chicago about 1884 possibly via Montreal; died 26 July 1898 in Chicago ✓

Jessie Grayston born about September 1860 in Liverpool; married Jessie Grayston on 27 June 1879 at St. Nicolas Church, Liverpool, from Liverpool to Chicago about 1884 possibly via Montreal ✓

Notes

1. Last Update to our *Knowles Family Genealogy*: - 11/4/2014
2. Previous Updates to our *Knowles Family Genealogy*: - 7/23/2012, 10/10/2014

William and Isabella Knowles's Census Records

William and Isabella Knowles were married on 25 January 1877 at St. John Evangelist, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Williams Knowles appears to have been in Chicago by 1884 to establish his tailoring business.

William's brother Robert married Jessie Grayston on 18 June 1879 in Liverpool. Robert also appears in Illinois and Chicago about the same time as William. It is not known if he came there directly from Ireland or through Montreal. There is some evidence that Jessie may have lived in Montreal with with Isabella for a time.

William Knowles appears to have traveled back and forth to Montreal for a number of years. However, their last child, Wilfred W. Knowles was born in Chicago on March 14, 1888 and thus it is presumed his entire family moved to Chicago by then and would have been in the 1890 Census for Chicago. However, that Census has been lost in a fire. Isabella died 1 September 1892 in Chicago and William died 24 March 1897 also in Chicago and thus there is no 1900 Chicago Census Record for them.

After William Knowles's death his youngest children by Isabella, Muriel and Wilford/Wilfred were taken in by the William's brother Robert and his wife Jessie. On July 26, 1898, Robert died and the children were raised by his wife Jessie. The 1900 Census Record for Jessie Knowles and William and Isabella's children was found. It has been placed with the Robert and Jessie Knowles's Census Records. See direct link below.

Census Records

1. [William and Isabella Knowles's 1881 Census Record for Montreal, Canada](#)
2. [Jessie Knowles's 1900 Census Record for Chicago](#)

William and Isabella Knowles's 1881 Census Record

Montreal, Canada

City	Sub-District	District	Province	Enumeration Date	Microfilm Reel	Microfilm Section
Montreal	Ste. Anne			April 4, 1881	13217	A(3)-Page 58

Location	Name		Sex	Age Related		Place of Birth	Religion	Origin
Address	Surname	Given Name		Age	Born last 12 months	County or Province of Birth		
365 Wellington	Knowles	Wm	M	32		CEOs (Scotland)	Presby. Protest.	Ecossais (Scotch)
	Knowles	Isabelle	F	26		Q (Quebec)	"	"
	Knowles	Margeurite	F	3		"	"	"

Name		Occupation	Marriage		Education		
Surname	Given Name	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Married or Widowed	Married within Last 12 Months	Going to School	Can Read	Can Write
Knowles	Wm	Tailor (Tailor)	M				
Knowles	Isabelle		"				
Knowles	Margeurite						

A snippet of a handwritten census record. The entries are:

Knowles Wm 32 - Ecossais (Scotch)

" Isabelle 26 - "

" Margeurite 3 - "

1881 Census Notes

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1. If you wish to explore any of this data further, please contact Dave directly.
2. The Montreal City Directory for 1881 lists a William Knowles, police sergeant, at 365 Wellington.
3. This above record was found June 5, 1989 by Dave Jordan through a house-by-house search of Ste. Anne's Ward which included William Knowles' 365 Wellington Street address.
4. For the 1881 Census, the microfilm reels searched were obtained via interlibrary loan from the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Canada and are numbered: C-13217, C-13219, C-13220. Because of the lack of addresses, a ward-by-ward search was conducted of much of Montreal. Wards searched for Knowles, Black, Leddy, and Wallace include: all of St. Anne's Ward, all of West Ward, all of Center Ward, all of East Ward, and all of St. Antoine's Ward. The only match to our line was the William Knowles listed above.
5. The Montreal Census does not list streets addresses for families. However, it was thought useful to show a street address and thus an entry was made in the record above for the street address that they were presumed living. The street address shown was extracted from the Montreal City Directory.
6. The above census provided the data in French. The English translations are shown in parenthesis.
7. The "Q" is presumed to be Quebec.
8. It is interesting to note the their origins are listed as Scotch even though William was born in Ireland as was Isabella's father. It is likely then that there was a previous migration of both the Black and Knowles families from Scotland to Ireland to Montreal.
9. By 1891 William and Isabella had left Montreal for Chicago.
10. Author/Last Update: Dave Jordan/November 14, 2012

Robert and Jessie Knowles's Census Records

William Knowles's brother Robert married Jessie Grayston on 18 June 1879 in Liverpool. Robert also appears in Illinois and Chicago about the same time as William Knowles. It is not known if he came there directly from Ireland or through Montreal. There is some evidence that Jessie may have lived in Montreal with with Isabella Knowles, wife of William for a time.

After William Knowles's death in 1897, his youngest children by Isabella, Muriel and Wilford/Wilfred were taken in by his brother Robert and his wife Jessie. On July 26, 1898, Robert died and the children were raised by his wife Jessie. The 1900 Census Record for Jessie Knowles and William and Isabella's children was found. See below.

Census Records

1. [Robert and Jessie Knowles's 1881 Census Record for Liverpool](#)
2. [Jessie Knowles's 1900 Census Record for Chicago](#)
3. [Edward and Jessie Dearmond and Wilfred Knowles's 1910 Census Record for Golden, Michigan](#)

Robert and Jessie Knowles's 1881 Census Record

Liverpool, England

County	Record Group	Folio	Page	Enumeration District	Enumeration Date
Lancashire	RG11/3608		29		April 3, 1881

Civil Parish (or Township)	City or Municipal Borough	Municipal Ward	Parliamentary Borough	Town, Village or Hamlet	Urban Sanitary District	Rural Sanitary District	Ecclesiastical Parish or District
Liverpool	Liverpool	Exchange	Liverpool	Liverpool			St. Stephen's

No. of Schedule	Road, Street, and No. or Name of House	Houses	
		Inhabited	Uninhabited (U) or Building (B)
	Address		
124	44&46 Standish St.		

Name and Surname of each Person		Relation to head of Family	Condition of marriage	Age last birthday of		Occupation Ranks, Profession or Occupation	Where Born	Whether
Given Name	Surname			Males	Females			
Robert	Knowles	Head	Married	29		Licensed Victualler	Ireland	
Jessie	Knowles	Wife	Married		20		Lancashire, Liverpool	
Gertrude	Williams	Niece		7			Vienna, Austria	

1881 Census Notes

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1. The above census data was found in a May 2014 search by Dave Jordan.
2. Robert Knowles was the brother of William Wallace Knowles. It is presumed he was born and baptized in Duff Castle, Kildrumferton, Cavan County, Ireland but his records were never found. The age of 29 suggests he was born 1851-1852.
3. Gertrude Williams, niece of Jessie Grayston Knowles appears to be the daughter of a sister of Jessie. Gertrude was still with Jessie Knowles during the 1900 Census.
4. Author/Last Update: [Dave Jordan](#)/ October 10, 2014

Jessie Knowles's 1900 Census Record

Chicago, Illinois

City	County	State	Enumeration Date	Township	Ward No.	Roll No.	Vol. No.	E.D.	Sheet	Line
Chicago	Cook	Illinois	June 4, 1900	Hyde Park	34			1107	6A	20

Location			
Street	Home No.	Dwelling No.	Family No.
Chauncey Ave.	7906	74	98

Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900 was in this family	Relation Relation to Head	Personal Description							Mother of No. Children	Children Living
		Color or Race	Sex	Birth Month	Birth Year	Age	Marital Status	Years Married		
Knowles, Jessi	Head	W	F	Sept	1864	35	Wd			
Williams, Gertrude	Niece	W	F	Dec	1877	22	S			
Knowles, Muriel	Niece	W	F	March	1886	14	S			
Knowles, Wilford	Nephew	W	F	March	1888	12	S			

Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900 was in this family	Nativity			Citizenship		
	Birthplace of Person	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Year of Immigra- tion	No. of Years in U.S.	Natural- ization
Knowles, Jessi	England	England	England	1888	12	Na
Williams, Gertrude	England	England	England	1888	12	
Knowles, Muriel	Canada	Ireland	Canada	1888	12	
Knowles, Wilford	Illinois	Ireland	Canada			

Jessie Knowles's 1900 Census Record (continued)

Name	Occupation, Trade , or Profession	
of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900 was in this family	Occupation	Months not Employed
Knowles, Jessi		
Williams, Gertrude		
Knowles, Muriel	at school	
Knowles, Wilford	at school	

Name	Education				Ownership of Home			
of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900 was in this family	Attended School (in months)	Can Read	Can Write	Can speak English	Owner or Rented	Owned Free or Mortgaged	Farm or House	No. of Farm Schedule
Knowles, Jessi		Y	Y	Y	R		H	
Williams, Gertrude		Y	Y	Y				
Knowles, Muriel	10	Y	Y	Y				
Knowles, Wilford	10	Y	Y	Y				

1916 74 07	Knowles Jessi	Abode	W. H. Sept. 1864 36 9/8		England	England	England	1888 12	10	ng	0-0-3	10	10	10	10	R	7
75	Williams Gertrude	Wife	W. H. Dec. 1877 22 8		England	England	England	1888 12									
	Knowles Muriel	Wife	W. H. Mar. 1896 14 3		Canada Eng	Ireland	Canada Eng	1888 12		at school			10	10	10		
75 99	Wilford	Nephew	W. M. Mar. 1888 12 8		Illinois	Ireland	Canada Eng			at school			10	10	10		

1900 Census Notes

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1. Both Dwelling Number and Family Number are artificial numbers used by the census enumerator.
2. The above census data was found in a June 2014 search by Dave Jordan.
3. It was difficult to read the street name for the 1900 Census but I believe it was Chauncey which as of 2014 had been renamed Avalon. Avalon is east of Cottage Grove and is 1200 East. The vicinity is in some proximity to where the Knowles lived.
4. After William Knowles's death his youngest children by Isabella, Muriel and Wilfred were taken in by the William's brother Robert and his wife Jessie. On July 26, 1898, Robert died and the children were raised by his wife Jessie.
5. Gertrude Williams, niece of Jessie Grayston Knowles appears to be the daughter of a sister of Jessie and has been with Jessie since at least 1881. See Robert and Jessie Knowles 1881 Census Record for Liverpool.
6. The ages of Muriel and Wilford/Wilfred are correct based on known dates of birth. But Gertrude's doesn't match her 1881 Census entry which indicates she should be 3 years older. On the 1900 Census, Jessie's birth in September 1864 indicates she might have been much younger than her claimed 19 years when married 18 June 1879. In fact, if she was actually born September 1864 she would only have been 14 at the time of her marriage.
7. On the 1881 Census for Liverpool, Gertrude indicates she was born in Vienna, Austria while the 1900 Census indicates she was born in England.
8. Of significant interest is that Jessie and Muriel Knowles and Gertrude Williams arrived immigrated to the USA in 1888. This is the same as the birth year for Wilfred Knowles suggesting that 1888 was the year both Knowles families finally settled in Chicago. It appears that William and brother Robert arrived around 1884 to get started. And at least in William's case he went back and forth to Montreal over the years until established his working business in Chicago.
9. Author/Last Update: [Dave Jordan](#)/October 10, 2014

Wilfred Knowles's Census Records

Wilfred Washington Knowles was born 14 March 1888 in Chicago. He was the last of six children of William and Isabella Knowles and is the only male child that survived. He had two older surviving sisters, Margaret Jane and Muriel Eulalie Knowles. While the other children were born in Montreal, Wilfred was born just after the Knowles had finalized their move to Chicago where his father had established his new tailoring business.

Wilfred's mother, Isabella died when he was four in 1892 and his father William died in 1897 when he was nine. He was then raised by his Uncle Robert Knowles and Aunt Jessie. But then Uncle Robert died in 1898 when he was ten. Aunt Jessie then raised him until he set out on his own.

For the 1910 Census, Wilfred is with whom it is believed to be his Aunt Jessie Grayston Knowles after she married Edward Dearmond. For the 1920 Census Wilfred is with Mabel Bender whom he married in 1919. And for the 1940 Census, Wilfred is with Gertrude Wolfenden whom he married in the 1930s.

Census Records

1. [Edward and Jessie Dearmond and Wilfred Knowles's 1910 Census Record for Golden, Michigan](#)
2. [Wilfred and Mabel Knowles's 1920 Census Record for Chicago](#)
3. Wilfred Knowles's 1930 Census Record (Not Found)
4. [Wilfred and Gertrude Knowles's 1940 Census Record for Rock Island, Illinois](#)

Edward and Jessie Dearmond and Wilfred Knowles's 1910 Census Record Golden, Michigan

City	County	State	Enumeration Date	Township	Ward No.	Roll No.	Vol. No.	E.D.	Sheet	Line
Golden	Oceana	Michigan	May 3/4, 1910	Golden				125	11A	12

Location			
Street	Home No.	Dwelling No.	Family No.
		225	219

Name of each person whose place of abode on April 15, 1910 was in this family	Relation to Head	Personal Description						
		Sex	Color or Race	Age	Marital Status	Years Married	Mother. of No. Children	Children Living
Dearmond, Edward A.	Head	M	W	40	M	8		
Dearmond, Jessie A.	Wife	F	W	39	M	8		
Knowles, Wilfred	Nephew	M	W	22	S			

Name Every person living on April 15, 1910	Nativity			Citizenship		English
	Birthplace of Person	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Year of Immi- gration	Natural- ized or Alien	Speaks English
Dearmond, Edward A.	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	1881		English
Dearmond, Jessie A.	England (English)	England (English)	England (English)			English
Knowles, Wilfred	Illinois	Ire. (Irish)	Canada (Irish)			English

Edward and Jessie Dearmond and Wilfred Knowles's 1910 Census Record (continued)

Name	Occupation				
	Every person living on April 15, 1910	Trade or Kind of Work	Nature of Industry	Employer, Employee, or Working Own Account	Out of work on April 15, 1910 if employee
Dearmond, Edward A.	Farm Laborer	General Farm	W	No	9
Dearmond, Jessie A.	None	None			
Knowles, Wilfred	Farm Laborer	General Farm	W	No	16

Name	Education			Ownership of Home				Other		
	Every person living on April 15, 1910	Can Read	Can Write	Attended School since Sept. 1, 1909	Owner or Rented	Owned Free or Mortgaged	Farm or Home	Farm Sched No.	Survivor Civil War	Whether Blind (both eyes)
Dearmond, Edward A.	No	No			R		H			
Dearmond, Jessie A.	Yes	Yes								
Knowles, Wilfred	Yes	Yes								

1910 Census Notes

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1. Both Dwelling Number and Family Number are artificial numbers used by the census enumerator.
2. The above census data was found in an October 2014 search by Dave Jordan.
3. It is believed the Jessie is Wilfred's Aunt Jessie Grayston Knowles who was married to his Uncle Robert. After Robert died in 1898, Jessie raised Wilfred and his sister Muriel. Note the relation of Wilfred to the Head of Family is Nephew which is so for Jessie and her new husband.
4. There is a discrepancy on Jesse's date of birth. She is shown as age 39, but it is probably closer to age 49 based on other records. She was married to Robert Knowles in 1879 and thus an age of 39 (suggesting a birth year of 1871) is incorrect. However, so many other parameters fit that it is felt that this is Aunt Jessie.
5. It is believed the spelling of Jessie's husband surname is Dearmond, but the script is difficult to read. The Census indicates they were married for 8 years. However, a Chicago marriage record could not be found as of October 2014.
6. Wilfred Knowles's age is shown as 22 is correct. His father's birthplace is shown as Ireland and his mother's as Canada both of which are correct for our Wilfred Knowles.
7. It is unclear why the Dearmonds and Wilfred are in Golden, Michigan instead of Chicago except that they needed work.
8. Of interest is that Wilfred's son Robert Benson Knowles, age only a couple of months died in Golden on April 24, 1909. Wilfred's wife, Margaret disposition at this time is unknown as to whether deceased, divorced or possibly in Hudson, Colorado with another child, Eva C. Knowles.
9. The immigration year for Jessie appears to be 1881. It is not known whether this was stated for Canada or the USA. For the 1900 Census she chose 1888, but that appears to be from Canada to Chicago. It is possible 1881 or thereabouts is when she arrived in Canada or in the USA. Her husband appears to have arrived in Illinois about 1884. But it also seems that William and Isabella Knowles were traveling back and forth to Montreal between 1884 and 1888 and perhaps Jessie did also.
10. Author/Last Update: [Dave Jordan](#)/November 4, 2014

Wilfred and Mabel Knowles's 1920 Census Record
Chicago, Illinois

City	County	State	Enumeration Date	Township	Ward No.	Roll No.	Vol. No.	E.D.	Sheet	Line
Chicago	Cook	Illinois	January 8, 1920					575	4A	44

Location				Name	Relation	Tenure	
Street	Home No.	Dwelling No.	Family No.	of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920 was in this family	Relation to Head	Home Owned or Rented	Free or mortgaged
Edbrook Ave	10922	88	88	Knowles, William	Head	R	
				Knowles, Mabel	Wife		
				Knowles, Edward	Son		
Edbrook Ave	10924	89	90	Bender, Edward	Boarder		

Name	Personal Description				Naturalization			Education		
of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920 was in this family	Sex	Color or Race	Age	Marital Status	Year of Immigration	Naturalized or Alien (Na., Al. or Pa. for First Papers)	Year of Naturalization	Attend ed school since Sept. 1, 1919	Can Read	Can Write
Knowles, William	M	W	33	M					Yes	Yes
Knowles, Mabel	F	W	25	M					Yes	Yes
Knowles, Edward	M	W	4	S					No	
Bender, Edward	M	W	63	Wd					Yes	Yes

Wilfred and Mabel Knowles's 1920 Census Record (continued)

Name of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920 was in this family	Person		Father		Mother	
	Place of Birth	Mother Tongue	Place of Birth	Mother Tongue	Place of Birth	Mother Tongue
Knowles, William	England		England	English	England	English
Knowles, Mabel	Illinois		Indiana		Illinois	
Knowles, Edward	Illinois		Illinois		Illinois	
Bender, Edward	Indiana		Indiana		Illinois	

Name of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920 was in this family	Able to speak English	Occupation			
		Trade, Profession or Kind of Work	Industry, business or establishment of work done	Employer, salary or wage worker, or working on own account	No. of Farm Schedule
Knowles, William	Y	Laborer	Shop	W	
Knowles, Mabel	Y	None			
Knowles, Edward	Y	None			
Bender, Edward	Y	None			

1920 Census Notes

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1. Both Dwelling Number and Family Number are artificial numbers used by the census enumerator.
2. The above census data was found in an May 2014 search by Dave Jordan.
3. It is believed our Wilfred Knowles is shown as William Knowles age 33 in this record. The age should have been 2 years younger. His place of birth and that of his father and mother are shown as England which is incorrect. Even with these discrepancies, it is believed this is our Wilfred Knowles. Sometimes the errors occur when the spouse provides the answers. However, see the notes that follow for why it is believed this is Wilfred Knowles's 1920 Census Record.
4. Mabel Bender Knowles is shown as age 25 and thus born about 1894 in Illinois. She was born in Chicago about 1895. Joseph Darlinger and Mabel Bender married on November 1, 1915 in Chicago and had a child Edward Joseph Darlinger born December 15, 1915 in Chicago. They were divorced shortly afterward. Then, Wilfred Knowles and Mabel Bender married May 5, 1919 in Chicago.
5. While it is possible this is not our Wilfred and Mabel Knowles, a fortunate result is that next door to William and Mabel Knowles at 10922 Edbrook resided Edward Bender, a widow, age 63. Presumably Edward Bender is Mabel's father.
6. But also fortunate for identification as our Wilfred and Mabel Knowles is that in their household is a son, Edward Knowles, age 4, and thus born in 1915. The name of Edward and his age match with Edward Joseph Darlinger born December 15, 1915 in Chicago. And it also appears he is named after his grandfather (Edward Rardin) and his father (Joseph). It is possible for purposes of the census that the son was listed as a Knowles or perhaps being so young, Mabel just switched his surname. Thus it appears the William and Mabel Knowles at 10914 Edbrook Ave in Chicago are our Wilfred and Mabel Knowles and that Mabel had separated and divorce Joseph Darlinger shortly after her marriage to him in 1915.
7. Author/Last Update: [Dave Jordan](#)/November 4, 2014

Wilfred and Gertrude Knowles's 1940 Census Record Rock Island, Illinois

City	County	State	Enumeration Date	Township	Ward No.	Roll No.	Vol. No.	E.D.	Sheet	Line
Rock Island	Rock Island	Illinois	April 12, 1940					81-71	11B	69

Location		Household Data			
Street	Home No.	Household in order of visit.	Owned or Rented	Value of home if owned, or monthly rental if rented	Household on a farm
8th Street	2506	246	Own	7000	No

Name	Relation	Personal Description				Education	
of each person whose usual place of residence on April 1, 1940 was in this household	Relation to Head	Sex	Color or Race	Age at Last Birthday	Marital Status	Attended school or college since March. 1, 1940	Highest Grade of School Completed
Knowles, W.W.	Head	M	W	52	M	No	6
Knowles, Gertrude	Wife	F	W	32	M	No	8

Name	Place of Birth	Citizenship	Residence, April 1, 1935			
of each person whose usual place of residence on April 1, 1940 was in this household	Person	Citizenship of Foreign Born	City, Town or Village	County	State	On a Farm (Yes or No)
Knowles, W.W.	Illinois		Same Place			
Knowles, Gertrude	Wisconsin		Same Place			

Wilfred and Gertrude Knowles's 1940 Census Record (continued)

Name	Employment Status				
of each person whose usual place of residence on April 1, 1940 was in this household	at Work during week of March 24	if not, assigned to public emergency work during week of March 24	If not, Seeking Work	if not Seeking Work, did he have a business	If not, then Housework (H) School (S) Unable to Work (U) Other (O)
Knowles, W.W.	Yes				O
Knowles, Gertrude	No	No	No	No	H

Name	Employment Status			
of each person whose usual place of residence on April 1, 1940 was in this household	No. of hours during week of March 24	Duration of unemployment to March 30 in weeks	Occupation	Industry
Knowles, W.W.	40		Trucker	Control Trucking Biz
Knowles, Gertrude				

Name	Employment Status		
of each person whose usual place of residence on April 1, 1940 was in this household	Weeks worked in 1939	Wages in 1939	Receive \$50 or more from other sources
Knowles, W.W.	52	0	Yes
Knowles, Gertrude	0	0	No

1940 Census Notes

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1. Both Dwelling Number and Family Number are artificial numbers used by the census enumerator.
2. The above census data was found in an April 2012 search by Dave Jordan.
3. Author/Last Update: [Dave Jordan](#)/November 4, 2014

Wallace Family Introduction

Our *Wallace Family Genealogy* follows to provide an index to our various *Wallace* families.

Census Records are included in this document for those families with **red** checks.

At this time there are no *Census* listings specific to the *Wallace* family in this document and the *Wallace* genealogy is provided to show the linkage to the *Knowles* family.

The mother of William Knowles was Jane Wallace who was born 23 May 1819 Duffcastle, Cavan County, Ireland

Two Wallace families with a child named Jane were found in the 1821 Ireland Census for Duffcastle. It is not clear whether either are the Jane Wallace who was born 23 May 1819 in Duffcastle.

Wallace Family Genealogy

A. **John Wallace** about 1795, probably Ireland or Scotland; married Mary; about 1818-1821

Mary (unknown surname) born about 1795, probably Ireland; married John Wallace; death date unknown

I. **Jane Wallace** born 23 May 1819 Duffcastle, Cavan County, Ireland; married William Knowles on 15 November 1847 at St. Patrick's, Kildrumferton, Cavan County, Ireland; death date unknown

William Knowles born about 1820 in Scotland or Ireland; married Jane Wallace on 15 November 1847 at St. Patrick's, Kildrumferton, Cavan County, Ireland; death date unknown ✓

i) Descendants are listed in [Knowles Family Introduction/ Knowles Family Genealogy](#)..

Notes

1. Last Update to our *Wallace Family Genealogy*: - 7/23/2012.

Census Records

1. [Wallace Families 1821 Census Records for Duffcastle, Ireland](#)

Wallace Families 1821 Census Records
Cavan County, Ireland

Townland	Parish	County	Enumeration Date	Microfilm Reel	Microfilm Section
Duffcastle	Crosserlough	Cavan	May 28, 1821		

Name		Relationship	Age	Occupation	No. of House	No. of Stories	No. of Acres	Townland
Surname	Given Name							
1st Wallace Family								
Wallace	Ann	Widow	28	Flax Spinner	15	1		Duffcastle
Wallace	Jane	Daughter	2					
2nd Wallace Family								
Wallace	Mary		42	Flax Spinner	20	1		Duffcastle
Wallace	William	Son	10					
Wallace	John	Son	6					
Wallace	Mary	Daughter	17	Flax Spinner				
Wallace	Jane	Daughter	19	Flax Spinner				
Wallace	Martha	Daughter	12	Flax Spinner				

1821 Census Notes

An attempt has been made to reproduce all data exactly as it is on the original census record; some column heading wording changes have been made for brevity.

1. If you wish to explore any of this data further, please contact Dave directly.
2. Street names are not listed in the 1821 Ireland Census.
3. The above census data were provided by the Cavan County Library in their November 1989 and July 1992 letters to Dave Jordan.
4. It is known that the Jane Wallace that married William Knowles and who is the mother of our William Wallace Knowles was from Duff castle.
5. Most of the Irish records were lost in a fire in 1921; however, information is available from the 1821 Census.
6. Two Wallace families were found in Duffcastle for the 1821 Census and they both had a child named Jane Wallace. The data from both are shown above. These two Wallace families only lived 5 house numbers apart and were likely related to each other.
7. One Jane Wallace is the daughter of Mary and was born in 1801/1802. Given that our Jane Wallace married in November 1847 and then had her first child in November 1848 and another about 1855, it appears unlikely that this Jane Wallace is our Jane Wallace.
8. The other Jane Wallace is the daughter of Ann and was born in 1818/1819. While this data appears more correct, there are two issues. A baptismal record for Jane Wallace for 23 May 1819 for St. Patrick's Church, Kildrumferon (Crosserlough), which is a parish in Duffcastle, shows that her parents were John and Mary Wallace and not Ann Wallace. In addition, our Jane noted that her father was named John, but that he was a pensioner. So the woman, Ann (widow) listed above does not appear to be the mother of our Jane Wallace.
9. Thus it is possible that neither of these listings are our Jane Wallace, unless there was an error in the first 1st Wallace family shown and the mother's name shown as Ann is in error and also that her father died within a few years of her birth. It is also possible that our Jane Wallace and her parents were not residing in Duffcastle a few years after her birth.
10. From Jane's 23 May 1819 Baptismal Record, it was found that one of the sponsors was Jane Wallace. This Jane was possibly an aunt. and perhaps the 19 year old Jane listed as the daughter of Mary above is this person.
11. Given that Duffcastle was a very small place, it is likely that these Wallace families are connected to ours and may even be in our line so these records will be retained for future reference.
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Census Search History

This section contains information about census searches that were made for the Black and Knowles family lines for Montreal and Chicago.

Unsuccessful Searches

Successful census searches for the various Black and Knowles families are listed above. However, there were a number of unsuccessful searches that might be found someday. These are:

1. Sarah White Knowles for the 1900 Chicago Census
2. Wilfred Washington Knowles for the 1900 Chicago Census
3. Muriel Knowles for the 1900 Chicago Census for the 1900 Chicago Census.