

Jerome Family



The Jerome name came to America in 1710 when Timothy Jerome, born in 1688 on the Isle of Wight (off the southern coast of England), and his wife, Abigail, came to Wallingford, Connecticut. The family later moved to Meridian, Connecticut. Their sons

built four large homes on Jerome Avenue in Bristol, Connecticut, which still stand (1993). Timothy was granted salt rights by the King of England. Later he was named a sergeant and then a captain of the "Colonial Militia".

Timothy Jerome (1688-1750) had many illustrious descendants, probably the most famous being Winston Churchill (b.1874), the son of Jennie Jerome Churchill (1854-1921) and her husband, Lord Randolph Churchill. The World Book Encyclopedia describes Jennie as a "famous American beauty whose father was co-editor of the New York Times".

Timothy's son, Samuel (b.1728), moved to Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Samuel's son, Timothy (b.1757), and his wife, Mary nee Isacs, had a son, Horace (1780-1831). Horace and his first wife, Nancy nee Reed (1785-1814), had five sons: Horace R. (politician in Detroit), Edwin M., Orson I., Reed, and James H. (medical doctor). In 1815, Horace married Elizabeth Hart and they had eight more children: Alfred, David (Governor of Michigan), Timothy, George, Nancy (b.1825), Nancy (b.1826), Augustvas I, and Augustvas II.

Dr. James H. Jerome (1812-1883) was born in Cohecton, New York. In 1837 he married Lysetta Atwater (1815-1863) in Perry, New York. The couple's six children included: Mary, George, Horace (1845-1916), Frank, Emma, and Fred Hyde (drowned in the Saginaw River at age 10). In 1865, Dr. Jerome married Calistra Nee Allen (1841-1907) a resident of Saginaw, Michigan. They had two more children: Maud and Fred Hyde, Jr.

During his residency in Saginaw, Dr. Jerome practiced at Saginaw General Hospital. In 1860, Dr. James H. Jerome purchased several parcels of land in Saginaw County. One of these parcels, consisting of 180 acres, was located in Frankenmuth Township at the intersection of Maple and Curtis Roads. This piece of property was purchased for \$43.21, the cost of the delinquent taxes. Dr. Jerome also acquired an additional 359 acres for the delinquent tax amount of \$42.63. He sold 160 acres for \$500 to his son Horace in 1865. Horace (1845-1916), nicknamed "Hoddy", and his wife, Martha nee Benson (1849-1926), had three sons: James H. (1867-1939), John B. (1872-1948), and George (1870-1939). John B. and George married sisters Minnie and Anne Burnison. In 1902, Horace and Martha sold their farm buildings, livestock and equipment, to two of their three sons, George W. and John B., for \$3,000. Horace and Martha then moved to a farm across the street. Horace enjoyed writing for the "Cass Bridge", sometimes called "Cook's Corners".

Dr. Jerome's descendants continue to reside in this area. George W.'s son, Elmer (1906-1992), and his wife, Elsie nee Morrison (1908-1984), had 7 children. Their daughter, Janet, and her husband, Bill Brown (died 2006), lived in Frankenmuth. Janet then moved to Scottsdale, Arizona. Janet and Bill's daughter, Kathryn, a concert pianist, had the distinction of being the 1993 USA Music Ambassador.

Jerry Jerome (b. 1946), the son of Douglas J. (b.1927) and his wife, Theresa nee Willis (b.1927), and the grandson of Clayton (1896-1987), and the great-grandson of John B. (1872-1948), is an electrical contractor in Frankenmuth. He married Betty Muehlfeld (b.1946). They had 2 children, Scott J. (b.1968), and Holli B. (b.1970). Scott resides in Frankenmuth and has 2 sons, Clayton John and Justin Scott. Holli Kostick has one daughter, Kendra Leona, and lives in Freeland.



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