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This is a compilation of many of the USCensus abstracts relevant to:

John McKee Gay (JMG), born 25Jun1797 in RockbridgeCoVA, died 27Feb1877 in Prairie du Chien WI;
his father—John Gay³⁻²⁻¹, Esq. (JGe) of the Little Calfpasture River Valley in Augusta/RockbridgeCoVA;
his siblings—Jane, who married the Rev. Andrew W. POAGE,
 Melinda, who married Daniel LAUMAN (but see my headnote to the 1820 USC abstracts),
 Elizabeth C., who married William M. DOUGHTY,
 Esther, who married 1st Samuel P. BOOKER; 2nd James Brown RAY (Governor of IN),
 Agnes (Nancy), who married James BLAIR,
& James Dunlap, who never married;
his wife Sarah d/o Rev. John THOMAS, and THOMAS in-laws;
& his children—Agnes (Nancy) Jane, who married Jedidiah BARKER,
 Mary Cordelia, who married Richard ONLY,
 James Blair, who died in infancy,
 Thomas William, who married Priscilla Jane ROBB, d/o Joel & Jane (PATTON),
 John Francis, who died in infancy
 Sarah Elizabeth, who married Levi ANGIER,
 Frances Eliza, who married James Alexander ROBB, s/o Joel & Jane (PATTON),
 Harriet Anna who married John George ROBB. s/o Joel & Jane (PATTON),
 George Frederick, who married Minnie WOODHOUSE (no children),
& Ella Viola, who married Albert SHERWOOD.

I've pursued JMG's descendant lines only selectively, with a particular focus on possible patrilineal descendants who are themselves surnamed GAY and who might therefore be fruitfully tested for genealogical purposes on their Y-Chromosome DNA.

As usual, my conventions for abstracting the USCensus are defined [here](#).

Abbreviations:

d/o = daughter of; s/o = son of

EGChapman = the several reports of Edward Garner Chapman, a Gay-Robb in-law,
—who managed an extensive ancestral research project from about 1910-1933

[GLC](#) = *The Gays of the Little Calfpasture in the Valley of Virginia*

—a scholarly report in expanded Register format by John Barrett Robb
that adduces, with citations, most of the known evidence pertaining to the six adult children
of putative immigrant parents John & Agnes GAY who first settled near the confluence of the
Big and Little Calfpasture Rivers in Augusta (later Rockbridge) County, Virginia
—certain of their descendant lines are followed further

HH = household

JGE = John Gay, Esq of the Little Calfpasture, JMG's father

JMG = John McKee⁴ (John, Esq³, John², John¹) GAY

[JMGbible](#) = the JMG family bible records

MAF = *McDonnell and Allied Families*, by Lina Vandegrift Denison Cherry (1959)

—the key secondary source for the ROBB, GAY, and THOMAS families covered here
—see my lengthy headnote for the 1830 USCensus for more on what this source claims

[NGBarker](#) = the Nancy Gay Barker memoir

—she, the oldest daughter of JMG; transcribed and supplemented by dau Estella Ordway

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* 1810 USCensus *

	Free Whites					F	A	C	M	Oth	S1
M:	0	10	16	26	45	-	o	-	g	o	a
F:	9	-15	-25	44	+	r	r	m	n		
Jno[John] Gay, Esq	1	1	0	0	*	-	0	-	0	0	0 - 0 11
32 RckbVA-----: 296-14	4	1	0	1	1 2						

This is John McKee Gay's father, John3 (John2, John1) of the Little Calfpasture. Close neighbors in this census include nearby Calfpasturites Rob[er]t Jamison, Rob[er]t McCutcheon, James Dunlap, and W[ilia]m Elliott.

His Females 45+ column looks like "2" overwritten to "1"; males 45+ is anybody's guess - could even be "0". John's wife Agnes could be either female, but more likely the one 26-44, in which case the other female might be her mother, Esther (Houston) McKee.

From this record, it appears that youngest child, James Dunlap Gay, was already born (though he's said to be 38 in 1850), and otherwise the # of children by sex and age categories matches all the other evidence.

Peter Lawman	5	0	0	1	0	-	0	-	0	0	0 - 0 0
33 RckbVA-----: 297-15	1	0	0	1	0						
Jno Lowman	0	1	0	1	0	-	0	-	0	0	0 - 0 0
34 RckbVA-----: 298-26	2	0	1	1	0						

JMG sister Melinda married one Daniel Lauman in WayneCoIN on 8Jan1818.

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 * 1820 USCensus *

Andrew W. Pogue, minister and son-in-law of John Gay, Esq, of WayneCoIN heads a HH in GreeneCoOH in this census, but I haven't been able to find households of either of his other two sons-in-law, Daniel Lauman and William M. doughty, even though both married in WayneCo just a year or two before.

The only HH headed by a John THOMAS aged 45+ is one in StClairCo but it includes 4 males under aged 10, not just 2. However, 3 of the 27 John THOMASs HH in OH fit these parameters, and as one of them is in Urbana, ChampaignCoOH, roughly consistent with the account in MAF, I've abstracted just that one, while noting that there were 10 other THOMAS HHs in the county, one headed by Wilson Thomas of Urbana.

In my search for the HH of the Daniel Lauman who married Melinda, d/o JGE, in WayneCoIN on 8Jan1818, I've come up completely empty. There are precious few "Lau*" [man], "Low*" [man], or "Lo*" [man] HHs in either the 1820 or the 1830 USCensuses (or for that matter in the 1930 census, where LOWMAN is the prevalent name at only 66 persons), and no "Dan*"s of these surnames outside of New England or the mid-Atlantic states.

However, in searching the WayneCoIN records for people of this surname I did find a George C. Lauman who was administrator on the estate of John Lauman of WayneCo in 1829. And in the 1820 census there are two nearby George LOWMAN HHs: one George Lauman in PerryCoIN, adjacent to HHs headed by John and James of that surname; and the other a George Lowman of ClarkCoOH (Bethel Twp), adjacent to a HH headed by David Lowman, which (unlike all the other LOWMAN HHs) has the right structure to be that of a young widower. The reading "David" is unequivocal for this 1820 census record, and the marriage record is unequivocally "Daniel", but both of these records were copied from original manuscript notes, and misreadings of either are possible. Because David Lowman continues in Bethel, ClarkCoOH (which isn't too far from WayneCoIN), when he learn that he was born about 1798 in Pennsylvania, and thus about the right age to have married Melinda Gay in 1818 I think there's a fair chance that the WayneCo marriage record for Melinda and Daniel Lauman was mistranscribed. However, against this theory is the fact that the presumably widowed David Lowman's 1820 HH includes a female under 10, and his 1830 HH includes a female aged 10-15, yet Melinda's father's 20Dec1822 WayneCoIN will fails to mention either Melinda or a child and heir she might have left behind when she seems to have died shortly after her marriage (her niece Nancy (Gay) Barker, the oldest child of her oldest brother, John McKee Gay, says only that Melinda "died early", quite likely in childbirth.

1820 USCensus	Free Whites						F	A	C	M	Sla	Fre	Oth
	M:	0	10	16	16	26	45	-	o	-	g	o	a
	F:	9	-15	-18	-25	44	+	r	r	m	n	ves	Col
												Not	Txd
INDIANA, PERRY County (list dated 29Jan1821)													
James Lauman		0	0	0	1	0	1	x	1	0	0	0	0
2 PerrIN-----: 146-28		1	0	x	1	0	1						
John Lauman		3	1	0	0	1	0	x	1	0	0	0	0
2 PerrIN-----: 146-29		1	1	x	1	1	0						
George Lauman		1	0	0	1	1	0	x	1	0	0	0	0
2 PerrIN-----: 146-30		1	0	x	0	1	0						
INDIANA, WAYNE County													
John Gay		0	1	0	0	0	1	x	2	0	0	2	0
7 WaynIN-----:168+-09		0	2	x	0	0	0						

This can only be John Gay, Esq.(JGE), but where is his son, John McKee Gay (JMG)? Because JGE married in LincolnCo KY in 1797, and the EGChapman reports erroneously thought that JGE emigrated first to KY from RockbridgeCoVA in the 1790s, I've abstracted certain of the GAY Hhs of KY next.

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1820 USCensus	Free Whites							F	A	C	M	Sla	Fre	Oth		
	M:	0	10	16	16	26	45	-	o	-	g	o	a	ves	Col	Not
	F:	9	-15	-18	-25	44	+	r	r	m	n					Txd

KENTUCKY, LINCOLN County, Crab Orchard

Alexa[nde]r	1	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	0	0	15	0	0
12 LincKY-CrOr:	25-22	1	0	x	0	1	0						

Alexander's is the only GAY HH in LincolnCoKY this year.

KENTUCKY, ROCKCASTLE County

John M Guy	1	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	0	0	0	0	0
4 RockKY-----:	79-30	0	0	x	0	0	0						

The age here isn't quite right for John McKee Gay, who would have been about 23.

KENTUCKY, WASHINGTON County

Tho[ma]s Gay	0	2	2	2	1	0	x	0	0	0	10	0	0
8 WashKY-----:	26-18	4	1	x	0	0	1						

OHIO, CHAMPAIGN County, Urbana

Sam[ue]l Clifton	1	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	0	0	0	0	0
6 ChamOH-Urba:434+-13	2	0	-	1	0	0							

According to MAF, 84, Mildred Thomas (b.23Jun1792), John Thomas's second child and oldest daughter, married Samuel Clifton. If her birth date is correct (and the birth dates of John's children describe a typical birth sequence) her age category here is wrong.

John Thomas	2	0	1	2	1	1	x	4	0	0	0	0	0
6 ChamOH-Urba:434+-14	0	1	-	1	0	1							

Given the structure of this John Thomas HH, this is by far the closest fit of the 3 John THOMAS HHs in OH to the set of John Thomas's children listed in MAF, 84-85.

OHIO, CLARK County, BETHEL

George Lowman	3	2	0	1	0	1	x	1	0	0	0	0	0
2 ClarOH-Beth:-----28	1	0	-	2	0	2							
David Lowman	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	1	0	0	0	0	0
2 ClarOH-Beth:-----29	1	0	-	0	0	0							

This apparently recently widowed David Lowman is just possibly the "Daniel Lauman" who married Melinda Gay in WayneCoIN (about 100 miles to the west) on 8Jan1818.

OHIO, GREENE County

Andrew W Pogue	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 GreeOH-----:150T-25	0	1	-	0	1	0							

This is the HH of newly married Jane Gay, oldest d/o JGE.

VIRGINIA, AUGUSTA County, Staunton

David Lowman	2	0	0	0	1	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 AuguVA-Stau:	39-17	1	0	x	0	1	0						

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 * 1830 USCensus *

According to McDonnell & Allied Families (MAF,84-85) by Lina Vandegrift Denison Cherry (which is by far the best and most complete secondary source on the ROBB and GAY families that came together in CrawfordCoWI), John McKee Gay's wife was Sarah THOMAS, daughter of the John & Sarah (OWEN) THOMAS, both born in Wales, and married in 1789 in HarrisonCoVA where they had the first half of their family; they then removed to ChampaignCoIL where John Thomas organized a Baptist church in 1805; and finally, about 1819 to Galena, which is in JoDaviessCoIL; that is they supposedly removed to Galena about 1819 (MAF,84) or in 1827 (MAF,85). Sarah (b.19Apr1807) had siblings: Enos (b.5Sep1790), Mildred (23Jun1792), Rebecca (22May1794), Elizabeth (20Jun1796), Francis (8Apr1797), Mary (8Mar1800, m.cousin Henry THOMAS), Ezekiel (6Dec1802), Esther (24Jan1805), and Noah & Enoch (twins b.2Jul1812).

MAF, 85, states that the informant for all or most of the Thomas data was "Mrs. S.C. Varnes of Independence, Kansas", suspect. "Varnes" is almost certainly a misprint for "Varner" as "Varnes" is an exceedingly rare surname, and there are no male Varnes's in 1940 USCensus for KS whose given names begin with either "S" or "C". I do, however, find a couple, Sam & Ada Varner in Independence KS in that year, and Ada is aged 64 and has only a second grade education. I suspect that in claiming that John Thomas and his wife Sarah were both born in Wales and that she was born on the ship over, Ada was merely passing on a colorful family legend. The grain of truth therein is probably only that the ancestors (probably the parents) of both John and his wife were Welsh, though with a surname like Thomas that would be hardly surprising.

According to the John McKee Gay Family Bible, John & Sarah married 27Mar1828 in PeoriaCoIL. A final portion of the Nancy Jane Gay / Estella Ordway memoir, says that the marriage took place in ChampaignCoIL and gives an incorrect date, and MAF,41 implies that Sarah's parents at the time of her marriage in 1828 were "of Urbana" (contradicting both MAF84 and MAF85, which contradict each other), but ChampaignCo wasn't even created (from part of VermillionCo, the rest unorganized territory) until 1833, and my guess is that this final portion of the memoir was authored by Nancy's daughter Estella and like the account of Ada Varner is of only moderate credibility.

MAF, 84, says that John Thomas removed to Galena, IL, about 1819, but my census abstract for 1820 below shows that he and his family were still in Urbana, ChampaignCoIL for that year.

JoDaviessCo, created in 1827 comprised most of the NW section of IL, with the territory surrounding it still unorganized. PeoriaCo was extant then, having been created in 1825, and in 1830 the territory to the north of PeoriaCo was organized as PutnamCo. BureauCo, where John & Sarah are found in 1840, was created from the northern half of PutnamCo in 1837. A couple of counties adjacent to the east of PeoriaCo were also created during this period: Knox in 1830, and Henry in 1837. HenryCo bordered BureauCo on the east.

There were 37 John Gay HHs in the 1830 USCensus, but none in IL. However, there is a "John M Say" in JoDaviessCo in close proximity to JMG's wife Sarah THOMAS's brother Ezekiel, and to her brother-in-law and cousin Henry Thomas who married her sister Mary. Ezekiel was enumerated twice, first in "Peoria and Putnam" and then in JoDaviess with an extra female (presumably a daughter) under 5. Though PutnamCo was carved out of the southern part of JoDaviessCo some time in 1830, since Ezekiel is listed adjacent to putative brother Francis in "Peoria and Putnam", but Francis doesn't show up on the JoDaviess list, Ezekiel probably did relocate about this time. Ezekiel and JMG were again close neighbors in the 1840 USCensus for BureauCo, which was created from the northern half of PutnamCo, and probably lived in the exact same place for the decade of the 1830s.

As for John Gay's much younger brother James Dunlap Gay, there are 2 James GAYs in KY, neither probably James Dunlap Gay.

There are 7 John THOMAS HHs in Illinois in 1830, 3 in AdamsCo, and the rest downstate in StClair and Gallatin counties. There are none in VermilionCo where, according to MAF,41 John and Sarah Owen Thomas resided in 1828 when JMG married their daughter (I've already argued above that this is a mistake). There is, however, a Mary Thomas in "Peoria and Putnam" counties who is a not too distant neighbor of Francis and Ezekiel, and she is age 50-59, so a possible mother of a first child Enos, born in 1790 when she could have been as old as 19. This cast suspicion on the identification of the John Thomas of HarrisonCoVA with the Rev. John Thomas of UrbanaIL, even if there may also have been an Ezekiel Thomas resident in HarrisonCo.

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1830 USCensus	Free Whites													Sla Fre			
	M:	0	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	ves	Col	TOT
	F:	4	-9	-14	-19	-29	-39	-49	-59	-69	-79	-89	-99	+			

ILLINOIS, JO DAVIESS County

Henry Thomas	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
15+JoDaIL-----:f314-01	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				

This Henry Thomas is presumably the cousin who married Mary, the sister of Ezekiel Thomas and of John M. Gay's wife Sarah Thomas.

John M Say	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15+JoDAIL-----:f314-03	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Even the surname here is clearly written "Say", given the proximity of several of the THOMAS in-laws of JMG the head of this HH can only be John M Gay—even though the male <5 and the female 10-15 don't fit into the conjugal family defined by the JMG bible record. JMG and Ezekiel ThomAS were still close neighbors in 1840, though the area they lived in had been redefined as BureauCo.

Ezekiel Thomas	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
15+JoDaIL-----:f314-04	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

This Ezekiel is almost certainly the same one who heads a HH adjacent to brother Francis in Peoria & PutnamCo below. Since here he has one more female under 5, he probably relocated to JoDavieSSCo during the enumeration.

John Thomas	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
19+JoDaIL-----:f316-15	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

ILLINOIS, PEORIA and PUTNAM Counties

Mary Thomas	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
1+P&P IL-----:f299-42	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Francis Thomas	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
3+P&P IL-----:f300-31	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Ezekiel Thomas	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
3+P&P IL-----:f300-32	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Francis and Ezekiel Thomas, listed adjacent, are both of the right age to be the brothers of Sarah who married JMG, and Mary is a reasonable age to be their mother. According to MAF, though, which got its THOMAS evidence all from family records of a presumable descendant (look her up in the USCensus) the father of this Thomas children was John who married one Sarah Owen in HarrisonCoVA. If there is such a marriage record the presence of the above 1840 Mary (aged 50-59) in PeoriaCoIL, who looks like a possible widow of John, calls into serious question the identification of these THOMASes with the HarrisonCoVA THOMASes. OTOH there's a Mary Thomas (aged 77,b.MD) in the 1850 USCensus for PeoriaCo living in the HH of John & Marjory Burket. There's also an old lady aged 70-79 in the HH of Henry Thomas, but even at 70 she would be too old to have borne twins in 1812.

1830 USCensus	Free Whites													Sla Fre			
	M:	0	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	ves	Col	TOT
	F:	4	-9	-14	-19	-29	-39	-49	-59	-69	-79	-89	-99	+			

INDIANA, MARION County, CENTER

James B. Ray	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
1+MariIN-Cent:f173-01	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

This is James Brown Ray and 2nd wife Esther (Gay) (Booker) Ray, dau of John Gay, Esq.

1+PerrIN-Oil :f306-13	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
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OHIO, GREENE County, MIAMI

Andrew W Poage	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3+GreeOH-Miam:f372-01	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

This is presumably Jane (Gay), oldest dau of JGE (born 13Jan1799), her husband, and their children, Both parents were buried in Miami, GreeneCoOH. Andrew died Apr1840 before the 1840 USCensus was taken. Interestingly, presumably youngest (and third) son Andrew (living with his widowed mother in 1850 and 1860, and aged 22 and 32, respectively in those years was named for his father, consistent with the Scottish Onomastic Pattern.

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 * 1840 USCensus *

There are 28 James Gays, but none in WisconsinTerr; the ones in IN and IL each seem to be married with one kid, and therefore don't look like JMG's much younger brother James Dunlap Gay, who never married.

There are a number of James RAY HHs in Indiana, but none that can be unequivocally identified as that of John B & Esther (Gay) (Booker) Ray.

1840 USCensus	Free Whites													Fre	Sls	O	Mg	Ca	Nv	P	e	D	R
	M:	0	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	Col	ves	T	iron	vir	v	i	W	
	F:	4	-9	-14	-19	-29	-39	-49	-59	-69	-79	-89	-99	+				n	m	o	f	* s	

ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN County

John B Thomas	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	3	0	0	0
7+ChamIL-----:f043-07	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ILLINOIS, BUREAU County

Ezekiel Thomas	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	0
7+BureIL-----:f185-03	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John M Gay	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0
7+BureIL-----:f185-12	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MISSOURI, StLOUIS, StLOUIS (city)

James Blair	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
149+StLoMO-StLo:f181-16	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

This James Blair is undoubtedly the husband of Agnes (Nancy) Gay, daughter of John Gay, Esq. According to her niece and namesake, Agnes (Nancy) (Gay) Barker, she died about 1840 in StCharles of cholera. StCharles is a NW suburb of StLouisMO, across the Missouri River from the central city. We are also told that this couple were childless for many years, adopted a daughter Lucretia, then finally had a daughter of their own, named Rebecca, who went back east and married Frederick Ames of Boston who was superintendent of the Union Pacific railroad and died, highly honored, in Omaha. I don't know about any of that but the above HH meets these specifications in every respect except for the additional female aged 15-19 - unless she is Lucretia, and there was a third daughter besides Rebecca either adopted or born to them. In any case it appears that Agnes (Nancy) was still alive when this census was taken, probably some time in the latter part of 1840.

OHIO, GREENE County, SugarCreek

R. Poage	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9+GreeOH-SgCr:f206-28	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

This HH is clearly headed by a female aged 40-49, and she is probably Jane (Gay), dau of JGE, born 13Jan1799. Jane and her husband, Andrew W Poage resided in GreeneCo in 1830 and both are buried there, and her husband died 29Apr1840, just before this census was taken. Considering their 1830 HH, and Jane's HHs in 1850 and 1860, the older of the two males here is probably their son Andrew, born about 1828. Whence cometh the initial "R"?

It's my theory, just on onomastic grounds, that Jane, JGE's oldest daughter, was named for her father's mother, just as his oldest son, John McKee Gay, was named for his mother's father, and in my report on the Gays of the Little Calpasture I've made the not wholly convincing case that JGE's mother Jean was a RAMSEY. Thus, it's at least suggestive, though probably just a mistake, that this female's given name initial is rendered "R" (one would suppose it to be "J" for Jane). I note that the name of the immediately preceding household head is "R. Rogers", and this is probably a transcribing error - an easy enough error to committ when a lazy enumerator reduces full names to easily misread initials.

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CALIFORNIA, EL DORADO County (1850) _____
 John V Morrison household, 5Dec1850 USCensus, ElDoradoCoCA, Dry Creek,
 page 427B(42)-428A(01-03), Ancestry.com images 3-4.

	Aged	Occupation	Prop Real	Born	Misc
Morrison, John V	21	[miner]		OH	AS
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Barker, Jedediah	31	miner		OH	
" , Charles	35	[miner]		[OH]	
Morrison, Charles P	20	[miner]		[OH]	

Although his birth place is wrong, this Jed (b.NH), who was evidently a 49'er, married JMG's oldest daughter Nancy Jane on 10Dec1847, leaving her behind with her father. One would suppose that Charles Barker here is Jed's brother. Jed is back home in Iowa by 1860.

INDIANA, HENRY County (1850) _____
 William Douty household, 25Jun1850 USCensus, HenryCoIN, Spiceland
 page 253A(24-27), Ancestry.com image 5.

	Aged	Occupation	Prop Real	Born	Misc
Douty, William	58	inn keeper	1000	VA	
" , Elizabeth	48			[VA]	
" , Pliney	10			OH	AS
" , Eliza	11			IN	AS

This Elizabeth is presumably one of the married daughters of John Gay, Esq.

INDIANA, MARION County (1850) _____
 Hester Ray household, 26Jul1850 USCensus, MarionCoIN, Centre, Indianapolis
 page 232B(25-30), Ancestry.com image 69.

	Aged	Occupation	Prop Real	Born	Misc
Ray, Hester	45		2000	VA	
" , James C	23	student	2000	IN	
" , Elizey Jane	18		1500	IN	AS
" , Virginia C	14		2000	IN	AS
" , Sarah N	10		2000	IN	AS
" , John H Mclean	14		2000	IN	AS

"Hester" is John Gay, Esq.'s daughter Esther (Gay) (Booker) Ray, the widow of James Brown Ray, Governor of IN from 1825-1831.

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IOWA, CLAYTON County (1850)

John M Gay household, 7Aug1850 USCensus, ClaytonCoIA, Garnavillo, page 165B(01-10), Ancestry.com image 3.

	Aged	Occupation	Prop Real	Born	Misc
Gay, John M	52	sawyer	500	VA	
" , Sarah	42			OH	
" , Thomas W	15	laborer		IL	AS
" , Sarah E	9			WI	AS
" , Francis E	7F			IA	AS
" , Harriet A	5			IA	
" , George F	1			IA	
Barker, Nancy	21			IL	
" , Charles	8			IL	AS
Littlefield, Osias	40	clergyman		NY	

Richard Onley household, 10Aug1850 USCensus, ClaytonCoIA, Garnavillo, page 168B(21-25), Ancestry.com image 9.

	Aged	Occupation	Prop Real	Born	Misc
Onley, Richard	23	farmer	2500	VA	
" , Mary	19			IL	
" , Mary	1			IA	
" , Mary	62			VA	
Pain, Oliver	20	farmer		ND	

OHIO, GREENE County (1850)

Jane Poage household, 19Aug1850 USCensus, GreeneCoOH, Miami page 359A(14-16), Ancestry.com image 9.

	Aged	Occupation	Prop Real	Born	Misc
Poage, Jane	51		1400	VA	
" , Nancy	30			OH	
" , Andrew	22	school teaching		OH	

This is presumably Jane (Gay) Poage, oldest d/o John Gay³ (John Gay, Esq.) and widow of the Rev. William Poage, who "preached in Marietta, Ohio (in WashingtonCo on the eastern side of the state), and lived there until he died", according to Jane's niece, Nancy Jane Barker, oldest d/o John McKee⁴ (John³) Gay. Mrs. Ordway also says that her Aunt Jane and daughter Nancy removed to BowlingGreenKY where he aunt died. I do find Jane in BowlingGreen in the 1860 USCensus.

WISCONSIN, CRAWFORD County (1850)

James D Gay household, 15Aug1850 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Prairie du Chien, page 248A(05-07), Ancestry.com image 25.

	Aged	Occupation	Prop Real	Born	Misc
Gay, James D	38	lumberman	3000	VA	
James, John	40	[lumberman]		[VA]	
McBee, John	30	[lumberman]		IL	

This is the only appearance in the USCensus that I've been able to find for James Dunlap Gay, John McKee Gay's only, and much younger, brother. Given that brother John M. Gay's occupation in this census is "sawyer", it's likely that the brothers were in partnership by now, with John presumably handling the administrative and marketing ends in the nearest substantial town.

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INDIANA, HENRY County (1860)

W[illia]m M Doughty household, 25Jul1860 USCensus, HenryCoIN, Wayne, PO Knightstown (p56), page 508(18-20), Ancestry.com image 56.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Doughty, William M	68	hotel keeper	5500/1400	VA	
" , Elizabeth C	58			VA	
Hatch, Mary C	12			IN	

Elizabeth C is one of the daughters of JGE, and sisters of JMG.

IOWA, CLAYTON County (1860)

J Barker household, 2Jul1860 USCensus, ClaytonCoIA, Giard, (p155), page 886(01-07), Ancestry.com image 4.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Miscellaneous
Barker, J	42	farmer	1000/ 800	NH	
" , N J	30			[NH]	
" , Lilius	7			IA	
" , Forest	5			[IA]	
" , Mary	2			[IA]	
" , Stella	1			[IA]	
Stickner, Gilbert	25	farm laborer		NY	

"N J" is Nancy Jane, oldest daughter of John McKee Gay, though she has erroneously been dittoed as having been born in NH.

KENTUCKY, WARREN County (1860)

Andrew Poage household, 6Jun1860 USCensus, WarrenCoKY, PO Bowling Green (p16), page 585(10-12), Ancestry.com image 16.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Poage, Andrew	32	nurseryman	350	OH	
" , Jane	60		1150	VA	
Kelly, Bridget	13			Ire	

Jane is the oldest d/o John Gay, Esq., and widow of Rev. William Poage. I pick her up first in the 1850 USCensus for GreeneCoOH. Son Andrew apparently married, became a lawyer, and moved back to GreeneCoOH, where his HH includes a daughter Lizzie (3,b.KY), and a one month old dau "Virginia R" who was born in OH. I suspect that this second daughter was named Virginia Ramsey in honor of her maternal grandmother, Jane [Ramsey?] (Gay) Poage.

WISCONSIN, CRAWFORD County (1860)

John M Gay household, 26Jul1860 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Utica, PO Rising Sun, (p124), page 796(12-24), Ancestry.com image 1.

Gay, John M	63	lumberman		VA	
" , Sarah	53			OH	
" , Thomas W	23	sawyer		IL	
" , Francis E	7F			WI	AS
" , Harriet	14			IA	AS
" , George F	11			[IA]	AS
" , Ella V	6			[IA]	AS
Johnson, Mary	17	domestic		NOR	
Willard, John	28	sawyer		[IN?]	
Dusenbury, Isaac	26	[sawyer]		[IN?]	
Davenport, George	24	farm hand		NY	
Gar[d?]en, John	25	sawyer		ME	

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IOWA, CLAYTON County (1860)

Levi Anger household, 1Jun1860 USCensus, ClaytoncoIa, Garnavillo, (p3), page 733(34-37), Ancestry.com image 3.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Anger, Levi	45	merchant	2000/1000	NY	
" , Sarah	20			IL	
" , Mary	9m*			IA	
Hu[lk?]on, John W	20	laborer		PA	

* the child's age is given as "3/4"

Richard Only household, 21Jun1860 USCensus, ClaytoncoIa, Clayton, (p115), page 835(25-30), Ancestry.com image 3.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Only, Richard	43	farmer	7000/ 500	VA	
" , Mary	27			IL	
" , Mary	11			IA	
" , Ray	4			IA	
Green W^m	18	laborer		ENG	
Otting, Eliza	16	domestic		Bohemia	

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INDIANA, MARION County (1870)

John J Doughty household, 9Feb1870 USCensus, MarionCoIN, Indianapolis, Ward 3 (p28), page 210B(29-38), Ancestry.com image 134.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Doughty, John J	44	printer	15000/10000	IN	
" , Frances	39	<KH>		IN	
" , Athon [m]	19	printer		IN	
" , Gay	16			IN	AS
" , William J	14			IN	AS
" , William M	78			VA	
" , Elizabeth	69			VA	
Hatch, Mary	23			IN	
King, James H	24	shoe maker		IN	
" , Margaret	20			IN	

This enumeration, taken months before the official Census day of 1Jun finds William M & Elizabeth (Gay) Doughty visiting their prosperous son, John J, but they're also recorded in their own Indianapolis household some months later.

William Doughty household, 5Jul1870 USCensus, MarionCoIN, Indianapolis, Ward 3 (p117), page 166A(09-11), Ancestry.com image 117.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Doughty, William	78	retail merchant		VA	
" , Elizabeth	68			VA	
Hatch, Mary	22			IN	

IOWA, CLAYTON County (1870)

Jedediah Barker household, 6Aug1870 USCensus, ClaytonCoIA, Monona, Strawberry Pt, (p29), page 438A(02-09), Ancestry.com image 29.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Barker, Jedediah	42	retired farmer	12000/1500	NH	
" , Nancy	41	<KH>		IL	
" , Lilly M	17	at home		IA	AS
" , Forrest	13	[at home]		[IA]	AS
" , Adda	11	[at home]		[IA]	AS
" , Estella	10	[at home]		[IA]	AS
" , Nellie	7	[at home]		[IA]	AS
" , Frank	5	[at home]		[IA]	

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WISCONSIN, CRAWFORD County (1870)

Ralph Barker household, 12Aug1870 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Clayton, (p34), page 415B(01-05), Ancestry.com image 33.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Barker, Ralph	54	farmer	2000/ 915	OH	xRxW
" , Maria	40	<KH>		NY	xRxW
" , Charles R	18	farmwork		IL	AS
" , Ella	13	attending school		WI	AS
" , Vincent G	31	cabinet workman		OH	xRxW

James Robb household, 15Jul1870 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Utica, PO Mt Sterling, (pp35-36) pages 543B(36-40)-544A(01), Ancestry.com images 4-5.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Robb, James	34	miller	10000/ 800	OH	
" , Frances	26	<KH>		WI	
" , John	7	at school		[WI]	AS
" , Sarah	5	[at school]		[WI]	AS
" , Carrie	2			[WI]	

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Robb, Joel	66	farming	1500/ 800	PA	mCit21
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L. Angier household, 15Jul1870 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Utica, PO Mt Sterling, (p36), page 544A(14-17), Ancestry.com image 5.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Angier, L	55	lawyer	400	NY	mCit21
" , Sarah	30	<KH>		WI	
" , Mary	10	at school		IA	
" , Arabella	16	house servant		[IA]	

Thomas Gay household, 15Jul1870 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Utica, PO Mt Sterling, (p35, page 544A(36-40), Ancestry.com image 5.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Gay, Thomas	34	lumberman	1300/ 450	IL	
" , Priscilla	29	<HK>		OH	
" , Fannie [O?]	7	at school		WI	
" , Cora	4			[WI]	
" , Joel	2			[WI]	

Samuel Robb household, 14Jul1870 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Seneca, PO Seneca (p27), page 534A(20-24), Ancestry.com image 27.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Robb, Samuel	36	farmer	2500/ 500	OH	
" , Mary	34	<KH>		Eng	ParFor
" , Maysie	7			WI	AS
" , Jeannie	5			[WI]	AS
" , Mary	1			[WI]	

John M Gay household, 21Jul1870 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Utica, PO Mt Sterling, (p32, page 557B(01-04), Ancestry.com image 32.

	Aged	Occupation	Property Real/Pers	Born	Misc
Gay, John M	73	farming	3600/6300	VA	
" , Sarah	63	<KH>		OH	
" , George	21	lumberman		IA	
" , Ella	16	at school		[IA]	

Also...

WI-Winnebago-Utica PICKETT, James G 40 farmer NY... GAY, Fanny 18 domestic OH

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ILLINOIS, LaSALLE County (1880)
 Enoch Thomas household, 11Jun1880 USCensus, LaSalleCoIL, Groveland (Rutland Village)
 (SD4,ED66,p8), page 237D(39-42), Ancestry.com image 6.

	Aged	Rel2	Marr	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			
							Self	Fath	Moth	Misc
Thomas, Enoch	67				marr	laborer	OH	VA	VA	
" , Nancy J	49	wife			marr	<KH>	OH	VA	VA	
" , Nathan H	25	son			sing	laborer	IL	OH	OH	
" , Frank F	16	son			sing	laborer	IL	OH	OH	

This couple (present in IL also in 1850) is the only possible match to the putative youngest (twin) sons of John & Sarah Thomas, Enoch and Noah b.1812. His and his parents' birth places contradict what MAF, 84-85 says about them, and though it's suspicious that both husband and wife here have the same data (was the wife the informant who was just guessing that her husband had the same background she did; or may the enumerator only noted the wife's data and just copied it into the husband's column so he didn't have to go back and repeat the interview), the one other surviving child of the Rev. John Thomas was Sarah Gay (born 1807), who said exactly the same thing about her and her parents' birth places: OH, VA, VA..

INDIANA, SHELBY County (1880)
 L B Wallar household, 2Jun1880 USCensus, ShelbyCoIN, Shelbyville,
 (SD3,ED209,p7), page 280C(26-30), Ancestry.com image 7.

	Aged	Rel2	Marr	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			
							Self	Fath	Moth	Misc
Wallar, L B	53				marr	furniture d---	OH	PA	OH	
" , Mary K	39	wife			marr	<KH>	IN	VT	IN	
" , Ollie	18F	dau			sing	at home	IN	OH	IN	
" , Bertie	12M	son			sing	at school	IN	OH	IN	
Doughty, E G	77	moth			wid		VA	VA	VA	

Elizabeth (Gay) Doughty is living with her granddaughter Mary Gay (Doughty) (Hatch) Wallar, and there's a GS for her in the KnightstownIN cemetery where her husband is buried that says she died in Shelbyville 20Oct1885.

IOWA, GRUNDY County (1880)
 J Barker household, 1Jun1880 USCensus, GrundycoIA, Felix,
 (SD2,ED230,p1), page 412A(46-50), Ancestry.com image 1.

	Aged	Rel2	Marr	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			
							Self	Fath	Moth	Misc
Barker, J	63				marr	works on RR	NH	MA	CT	
" , Nancy	51	wife			marr	keeps boarders	IL	VA	OH	

There are also 3 "boarders" - none of them children of this couple.

MASSACHUSETTS, BRISTOL County (1880)
 Fred[eric]k L Ames household, 19Jun1880 USCensus, BristolCoMA, Easton
 (SD60,ED81,p41), page 443A(25-38), Ancestry.com image 41.

	Aged	Rel2	Marr	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			
							Self	Fath	Moth	Misc
Ames, Fred[eric]k L	44				marr	manufacturer of shovels	MA	MA	MA	
" , Rebecca C	40	wife			marr	<KH>	MO	VA	VA	
" , Helen A	17	dau			sing		MA	MA	MO	AS
" , Oliver	15	son			sing		MA	MA	MO	AS
" , Lothrop	3	son			sing		MA	MA	MO	AS
" , John S	2	dau			sing		MA	MA	MO	

---plus 7 servants---

Enough about this Rebecca was said in NGB to positively identify this Rebecca as the daughter of James Blair and Agnes (Nancy) Gay of St.Louis, although most of the details in NGB are off base. See also my abstract and note for her in the 1900 USCensus.

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WISCONSIN, CRAWFORD County (1880)

Charles R Barker household, 28Jun1880 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Clayton, (SD2,ED42,p38B), page 25B(01-03), Ancestry.com image 33.

	Aged	Rel2	Marr	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
							Self	Fath	Moth	
Barker, Charles R	28		marr			farmer	IL	OH	NY	
" , Lucy	24	wife	marr				NY	NY	NY	
" , Eva	2	dau	sing				WI	IL	NY	

Relf Barker household, 28Jun1880 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Clayton, (SD2,ED42,p38B), page 25B(04-06), Ancestry.com image --.

	Aged	Rel2	Marr	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
							Self	Fath	Moth	
Barker, Relf	64		marr			farmer	OH	CT	MA	
" , Maria	49	wife	marr			<KH>	NY	NY	NY	
" , Ela	23	adp-dau	sing				WI	IN	IN	

John G Robb household, 3Jun1880 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Prairie du Chien, Ward 2 (SD2,ED49,p7), page 98C(33-45), Ancestry.com image 7.

	Aged	Rel2	Marr	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
							Self	Fath	Moth	
Robb, John G	35		marr			merchant	OH	Ire	Ire	
" , Harriet A	31	wife	marr			<KH>	IA	VA	OH	
" , Emma C	10	dau	sing				WI	OH	IA	AS
" , Lottie E	8	dau	sing				WI	OH	IA	AS
" , Edward G	6	son	sing				WI	OH	IA	AS
" , Raye	3	son	sing				WI	OH	IA	
" , May	7mon	dau	sing				WI	OH	IA	

Harriet A is née Harriet Anna Gay d/o JMG. John's father and grandfather were born in Pennsylvania, and his great-grandfather, Joseph Robb, was probably both in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Daughter May was born in October.

Is[rael?] Sherwood household, 28Jun1880 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Utica, Mt Sterling (SD2,ED54,p27), page 160C(09-14), Ancestry.com image 2.

	Aged	Rel2	Marr	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
							Self	Fath	Moth	
Sherwood, Is[rael?]	71		marr			keeping hotel	NY	MA	NY	
" , Levina	67	wife	marr			<KH>	VT	VT	VT	
Sherwood, Albert	40		marr			farmer	NY	NY	VT	
" , Ella V	26	wife	----			<KH>	IA	VA	OH	
" , Mary A	1	dau					WI	NY	IA	
Smethurst, Mary	20	serv	sing				WI	Eng	Eng	

The first digit of Levina's age is largely missing, but the inferior loop which remains can only belong to a "6". There's also a William A Sherwood (aged 36, "keeping restaurant", born WI,NY,VT) in the 2nd household preceding.

Samuel H Robb household, 29Jun1880 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Utica, (SD2,ED54,p29), page 161A(05-08), Ancestry.com image 25.

	Aged	Rel2	Marr	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
							Self	Fath	Moth	
Robb, Samuel H	46	[head]	wid				OH	PA	Ire	
" , Mary A	11	dau	---				WI	OH	Eng	AS
" , Jane P	15	dau	---				WI	OH	Eng	AS
" , Maggie H	17	dau	sing			<KH>	WI	OH	Eng	AS

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James A Robb household, 29Jun1880 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Utica, (SD2,ED54,p29), page 161A(09-16), Ancestry.com image 25.

	Aged	Rel2	Marr	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
							Self	Fath	Moth	
Robb, James A	46	[head]	marr			miller	OH	PA	Ire	
" , Fanny G	37	wife	marr				WI	VA	OH	
" , John G	17	son				works on farm	WI	OH	WI	AS
" , Sadie J	15	dau					WI	OH	WI	AS
" , Carrie L	12	dau					WI	OH	WI	AS
" , Lora P	1	dau					WI	OH	WI	
Robb, Joel	76	fath	wid				PA	PA	PA	
Gay, Sarah	73	moth-il	wid				OH	VA	VA	

Sarah Gay was born 19Apr1807, supposedly to John & Sarah (Owen) Thomas who were, according to MAF, direct immigrants from Wales. There's even a family tradition that she was born on the ship coming over (a fairly common fable). However, in this census both Sarah and her surviving younger brother Enoch Thomas say that both their parents were born in VA, and that's enough corroboration to cast doubt on the MAF version of their ancestry.

Thomas Gay household, 29Jun1880 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Utica, (SD2,ED54,p29), page 161A(17-23), Ancestry.com image 25.

	Aged	Rel2	Marr	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
							Self	Fath	Moth	
Gay, Thomas	44	[head]	marr			miller	IL	VA	OH	
" , Persilla	39	wife	marr			<KH>	OH	PA	Ire	
" , Fannie O	17	dau	sing				WI	IL	OH	AS
" , Cora *	14	dau					WI	IL	OH	AS
" , Joel R	11	son					WI	IL	OH	AS
Fox, Martha A	18	---	sing			schoolteacher	WI	OH	Nor	
Rubery, Andrew	26	---	sing			laborer	Nor	Nor	Nor	

 * 1890 USC Surrogates *

In 1890 & 1891, Joel R Robb, clerk for E W Peet & Co, is a boarder at 220 Nelson Ave, St Paul MN according to the *St. Paul City Directory, 1889-1890* (StPaulMN: R L Polk & Co., 1890) and the *St. Paul City Directory, 1890-1891* (StPaulMN: R L Polk & Co., 1891).

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CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ County (1900)

Edward B Ordway household, 21Jun1900 USCensus, SantaCruzCoCA, Branciforte, (SD2,ED82,10B), page 30B(75-80), Ancestry.com image 20.

	Aged	Born	Rel2 Marr Chldrn			Occupation	---Birthplace---		
			Head	Stat	Tot/Lv		Self	Fath	Moth
Ordway, Edward B	56	Jan1844	head	m17y			NH	NH	NH
" , Estella B	40	Mar1860	wife	m17y	1/ 1		IA	NH	WI
" , Edward N	14	Aug1885	son	sing		at school	IA	NH	WI

Estella is a d/o Jedidiah & Nancy Jane (Gay) Barker, and a granddaughter of JMG.

IOWA, MONTGOMERY County (1900)

Jedidiah H Barker household, 21Jun1900 USCensus, MontgomeryCoIA, Red Oak, (SD9,ED111,10B), page 89B(71-72), Ancestry.com image 20.

	Aged	Born	Rel2 Marr Chldrn			Occupation	---Birthplace---		
			Head	Stat	Tot/Lv		Self	Fath	Moth
Barker, Jedidiah	83	Mar1817	head	m51y		retired	NH	MA	NH
" , Nancie J	71	Feb1829	wife	m51y	4/ 3		IL	VA	OH

Jedidiah and wife Nancie J (née Nancy Jane Gay d/o JMG) own their farm, but with a mortgage.

MASSACHUSETTS, BRISTOL County (1900)

Rebecca Ames household, 18Jun1900 USCensus, BristolCoMA, Easton (SD115,ED101,s23), page 222A(38-50), Ancestry.com image 45.

	Aged	Born	Rel2 Marr Chldrn			Occupation	---Birthplace---		
			Head	Stat	Tot/Lv		Self	Fath	Moth
Ames, Rebecca	61	Jun1838	head	wid	6/ 5		KY	VA	VA
" , Mary A	32	Feb1868	dau	sing			MA	MA	KY
" , Frederick L	23	Jul1876	son	sing		clerk	MA	MA	KY
" , John S	22	Feb1878	son	sing		at college	MA	MA	KY
---plus 11 servants, extending to the next page---							MA	MA	KY

According to EGChapman, Rebecca is Rebecca Caroline Ames, b. 30Dec1838, d/o James and Agnes ("Nancy") (Gay) BLAIR (the youngest d/o JGE). See also my 1880 abstract of this EastonMA family to which Chapman devotes a whole page.

MICHIGAN, KENT Count (1900)

Joel R Gay household, 12Jun1900 USCensus, KentCoMI, Grand Rapids, Ward2, 14 Portsmouth Ln (SD120,ED50,15B), page 250A(86-88), Ancestry.com image 30.

	Aged	Born	Rel2 Marr Chldrn			Occupation	---Birthplace---		
			Head	Stat	Tot/Lv		Self	Fath	Moth
Gay, Joel R	31	Jul1868	head	m9y		insurance	WI	OH	OH
" Minnie	30	Aug1869	wife	m9y	3/ 3		MN	MA	NY
" Donald W	7	Dec1892	son	sing		at school	CA	WI	MN
" Gladys A	5	Oct1894	dau	sing			MN	WI	MN
" Gordon L	4	Feb1896	son	sing			MI	WI	MN
Warner, Grace	25	Sep1874	brdr			stenographer	MN	MA	NY

Joel R., a son of Thomas William Gay, s/o JMG, is an "insurance solicitor".

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MINNESOTA, HENNEPIN County (1900)

John G Robb household, 6Jun1900 USCensus, HennepinCoMN, Minneapolis, Wd5, 1600 Chicago Ave, (SD5,ED62,s8A), page 119A(11-17), Ancestry.com image 15.

	Aged	Born	Rel2	Marr	Chldrn	Occupation	---Birthplace---		
							Self	Fath	Moth
Robb, John G	56	Feb1844	head	m32y		**	OH	PA	Ire
" , Harriet	52	Feb1848	wife	m32y	9/ 8		IA	VA	OH
" , Laura M	20	Nov1879	dau	sing		student	WI	OH	IA
" , James A	17	Aug1882	son	sing		at school	WI	OH	IA
" , Walter C	15	Feb1885	son	sing		at school	WI	OH	IA
" , J Donald	7	Jun1882	son	sing			WI	OH	IA
Tosse, Cornega	20	Feb1880	srvt	sing		servant	MN	Nor	Nor

** John G. Robb's occupation is "partner - Minneapolis Soap Company", which he co-founded.

Harriet is née Harriet Anna Gay d/o JMG.

The birth years of both John & Harriet are one too many (multiple independent sources agree they should be 1843, and 1847, respectively), even though they are consistent with the ages recorded. Also the year of J [ohn] Donald's birth is obviously wrong (from other, and better, sources, it is 12Jun1892, so his age here is correct at least).

WISCONSIN, CRAWFORD County (1900)

Albert Sherwood household, 29Jun1900 USCensus, CrawfordCoWI, Utica (SD2,ED21,s18A), page 174A(23-26), Ancestry.com image 35.

	Aged	Born	Rel2	Marr	Chldrn	Occupation	---Birthplace---		
							Self	Fath	Moth
Sherwood, Albert	60	Jul1839	head	m23y		farmer	NY	NY	VT
" , Ella	45	Jul1854	wife	m23y	2/ 2		IA	VA	OH
" , Mary	21	Dec1878	dau	sing			WI	NY	IA
" , John	19	Dec1880	son	sing		salesman	WI	NY	IA

Albert & Ella (née Ella Viola Gay d/o JMG) own their farm free of mortgage. John is a "salesman, general store".

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I've identified the following relatives of JMG in notes to previous abstracts.

CALIFORNIA, ALAMEDA County (1910)

Mary Delorimer household, 28Apr1910 USCensus, AlamedaCoCA, Oakland (twp), Berkeley (city), 2520 N***** St
(SD3,ED64,s20A), page 141A(48-50), Ancestry.com image 39.

	Aged	Rel2	Head	Stat	Marr	Chldrn	Tot/Lv	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
									Self	Fath	Moth	
Delorimer, Mary	60	head	wid			1/	1	none	IA	VA	IL	
" , Mabel M	38	dau	sing					none	IA	IA	IA	
Only, Frank	48	bro	sing					real estate	IA	VA	IL	

CALIFORNIA, MONTEREY County (1910)

Edward Ordway Sr. household, 4May1910 USCensus, MontereyCoCA, King city Twp, (SD5,ED10,s9B), page 138B(51-53), Ancestry.com image 18.

	Aged	Rel2	Head	Stat	Marr	Chldrn	Tot/Lv	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
									Self	Fath	Moth	
Ordway, Edward Sr.	65	head	m26y					general farmer	NH	NH	NH	OFF
" , Stella	50	wife	m26y			1/	1	none	IA	NH	VA	
" , Edward Jr.	23	son	sing					farm laborer	IA	NH	IA	

Frank Barker household, 19-20Apr1910 USCensus, PawneeCoNE, Pawnee (city)

(SD1,ED152,s2B), page 186B(82-91), Ancestry.com image 4.

	Aged	Rel2	Head	Stat	Marr	Chldrn	Tot/Lv	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
									Self	Fath	Moth	
Barker, Frank	43	head	lml6y					farmer	IA	NH	IL	
" , Rosina C	43	wife	lml6			6/	5		IA	VA	MA	
" , Estila	15	dau	sing						IA	IA	IA	
" , Viola G	11	dau	sing						IA	IA	IA	
" , Ruth E	10	dau	sing						IA	IA	IA	
" , Nelle J	6	dau	sing						IA	IA	IA	
" , Welina M	4	dau	sing						IA	IA	IA	
" , N J	81	moth	wid						IL	VA	OH	
Iroer*, Clarence C	15	neph	sing						NE	IA	IL	
" , Vernon E	10	neph	sing						NE	IA	IL	

The mother here is née Nancy Jane Gay oldest d/o JMG, and the principal author of an important memoir about her father and his natal family that I've referenced as [NGBarker](#) in my report on John McKee Gay and relatives..

WASHINGTON, KING County (1910)

Joel R Gay household, 16Apr1910 USCensus, KingCoWA, Seattle, Ward 7, 53 12th Ave N, (SD1,ED138,s3A), page 248A(28-32), Ancestry.com image 5.

	Aged	Rel2	Head	Stat	Marr	Chldrn	Tot/Lv	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
									Self	Fath	Moth	
Gay, Joel R	41	head	m19y					insurance	WI	OH	OH	
" Minnie W	40	wife	m19y			-/	-		MN	MA	MA	
" Donal W	17	son	sing						CA	WI	MN	
" Gladys A	15	dau	sing						MN	WI	MN	
" Gordon L	14	son	sing						MI	WI	MN	

Joel's occupation is "special agent - fire insurance", and he's renting his home.

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CALIFORNIA, MONTEREY County (1920) _____

Charles G Hall household, 24/29Jan1920, MontereyCoCA, Castroville,
 (SD7,ED7,s10B), page 94B(90...93-94), Ancestry.com image 20.

	Aged	Rel2	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
						Self	Fath	Moth	
Hall, Charles G	48		head	wid	superintendent-sand plant	IA	OH	OH	
...									
Ordway, Edward [B?]	76	*	marr		choreman-sand plant	NH	NH	NH	
" , Estelle B	67	*	marr		housekeeper-sand plant	IA	NH	IL	

Estalla is of interest because she edited and/or co-authored NGBarker, the memoir of her mother Nancy (Gay) Barker, oldest d/o JMG.

* Edward's Relationship field is "hired man", and Estelle's is "housekeeper".

WASHINGTON, SPOKANE County (1920) _____

Joel Robb Gay lodger, 27/28Jan1920, SpokaneCoWA, Spokane, [Ward3], 1002 Wisconsin Ave,
 (SD5,ED207,s10A), page 18A(01), Ancestry.com image 18.

	Aged	Rel2	Head	Stat	Occupation	---Birthplace---			Misc
						Self	Fath	Moth	
Gay, Joel Robb	51		ldgr	marr	<fire insurance sls>	WI	IA	OH	

Joel's occupation is "spl agent sls/adj - fire insurance". This is an "orphan" entry, entered as a single line on a spillover page for the Cora District. I don't find a matching household (or any other entries for Wisconsin Ave on the preceding couple of pages, and there are no other related Gays in Spokane as a whole.

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* 1930 USCensus *

NEW YORK, LIVINGSTON County (1930) _____
Gordon L Gay household, Apr1940 USCensus, RichmondCoNY, Livingston, 100 Delafield Pl,
(SD27,ED43-29,s7B), page 5A(39-41), Ancestry.com image 9.

		Rel2	Marr			---Birthplace---			Misc
	Aged	Head	Stat	Occupation	Self	Fath	Moth		
Gay, Gordon L	34	head	m@27	engineer-Thompson&co	MI	USA	NY		
" Victory M	31	wife	m@22		NY	NY	NY		
" Donald [M?]oe	3	son	sing		NY	NY	NY		

Despite the erroneous birthplaces of Gordon's parents, there can be little doubt that this is the son of Joel & Minnie: his middle initial, age, and birthplace are all correct, and there are only a handful of Gordon Gays in the US. The fact that the only child here is named for Gordon's only brother, together with the fact that no "Don* Gay" of the right age appears in the every-name 1930USC index, suggest that the brother Donald W has died.

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 * 1940 USCensus *

The full "Resd Place" field title is "Residence 1Apr1935", and where a person hasn't moved for the last 5 years it's generally filled out "same place" or "here".

WASHINGTON, PIERCE County (1940) _____
 Gordon L Gay household, Apr1940 USCensus, PierceCoWA, Tacoma, Ward 1, 2715 N Union St (SD6,ED42-4), page 48B(51-53), Ancestry.com image 14.

	Aged	Rel2	Head	Marr	Stat	Educ	Occupation	Birth Place	Resd 1935	Inc\$ 1939
Gay, Gordon L	44	head		marr		C-4	civil engineer - Bonneville	MI	NY	----
" , Victory M	41	wife		marr		C-2		NY	NY	
" , Donald M	13	son		sing				NY	NY	

WASHINGTON, KING County (1940) _____
 Roy Earl McCleary household, 5Apr1940 USCensus, KingCoWA, McKinley, 10249 19th Av S (SD8,ED17-128,4B), page 1173B(51-53), Ancestry.com image 9.

	Aged	Rel2	Head	Marr	Stat	Educ	Occupation	Birth Place	Resd 1935	Inc\$ 1939
McCleary, Roy Earl	49	head		marr		G-7	car/auto salesman	IA	same	480
" , Georgia *	48	wife		marr		H-2		WA	same	
" , Marshall	16	son		sing		H-3		WA	same	
Gay, Richard	9	brdr		sing		G-3		WA		

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	---Born---	---Died---	Last Residence
Gordon M. Gay	30Sep1908	4Nov1987	Grants Pass, Josephine, Oregon
Victory Gay	4Jul1898	Jan1980	Portland, Multnomah, Oregon
Donald M. Gay	4Oct1926	27May2007	Anacortes, Skagit, Washington
	Year	Resided...; Occupation-----	
Donald M Gay	1951	Corvallis, Oregon; Occupation: Announcer	
Donald M Gay	1954	Bend, Oregon Occupation: Director;	
Spouse: Mary J Gay			
Donald M Gay	1957	Everett, Washington; Occupation: Chief Engineer;	
Spouse: Mary J Gay			
Donald M Gay	1958	Everett, Washington; Occupation: Chief Engineer;	
Spouse: Mary J Gay			
Donald M Gay	1988	Anacortes, Washington	
Donald M Gay	1990	Grants Pass, OR	