

The Converse Family.

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The origin of this family was in the Province of Navarre, France under the name of DeCoignieres. During the later part of the reign of William the Conqueror, Roger and Robert DeCoignieres emigrated to England and settled in Durham. Upon the rise of the Reformation in France, the De Coignieres became Huguenots and by a Allegence and religion adherents of Henry the 4th., of the massacre of St Bartholomew, Pierre De Coignieres with his wife and two children escaped and settled in Essex England. The English pronounciation became Conyers. Then when the Conyers came to America they changed the name to read Converse in the year 1735-37.

Notice.

Those who wish to have a more complete record of the Converse Family which was compiled by Charles Allen Converse in two large volumes See Book #E 7-C7675 in the Newberry Library in Chicago Ill.

NOTE

The red number inside a circle behind a name is the generation

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1..Deacon Edward Conyers(Converse) ①

Lived in Wakerly England. He and his wife Sarah(Smith)Conyers and his sons James and Josiah and his daughter Mary boarded the Ship Arbella, which was one of the fleet under the command of Governor Winthrop, and this ship came ahead of the rest of the fleet and landed in Salem Mass., 6/12/1630. Settled first in Charleston Mass, where he owned and operated a ferry between Charleston and Boston Mass. They lived in Woburn Mass., in 1658 and Edward Converse died there 8/10/1663.

Children were ②

#2..Captain James Converse

#3..Josiah Converse, born in England, lived in Woburn Mass. Married Esther Champney 11/17/1690-he died 9/7/1712

#4..Mary Converse. of Woburn Mass. was born in England. she first married Mr Simon Thompson. Second marriage to John Sheldon #4 on 2/1/1658/59 (See H.O. Sheldon Magazine) John Sheldon signed the Parker & Whitney agreements in 1658 in Woburn Mass.

#5..Samuel Converse.

#6..Allen Conyers(Converse) ①

was a brother to Deacon Edward Converse #1 above.
Lived in Woburn Mass. "as a Freeman in 1644. He had a grant of land in Salem 1639. He died 4/19/1679 and his wife died three days later, probably of small pox.

Children were ②

#7..Zechary Converse B-11/11/1642

#8..Elizabeth Converse..B-3/7/1645 Died young

#9..Sarah Converse..B-7/11/1647

#10..Joseph Converse..B-5/31/1649

#11 Mary Converse..B-9/26/1651 Died soon

#12 Theophilus Converse..B-9/21/1652 Died soon

#13 Samuel Converse..B-9/20/1653

#14 Mary Converse..B-11/26/1655

#15 Hanna Converse B-3/13/1660

#2 Captain James Converse (2)

Born in England in 1620, came to America with his father's family and was in Woburn Mass. in 9/16/1659-in Billerica in 1683
Married first to Ann Long of Charleston Mass on 10/24/1643
she died 8/10/1691 He married the secon time. Captain James Converse commanded the fort at Wells ~~Vt.~~ against the Indians & French. He ~~xxxx~~ was given a grant in 1700 of 3 pounds for the service in the army and the use of his home.

Children of 1st marriage: (3)

- #16 Ann Converse...B-7/15/1644
- #17 James Converse..B-11/16/1645 M-1/1/1669 Hanna Carter
- #18 Debcorah Converse..B-7/2/1647
- #19 Sarah Converse.. B-4/21/1649
- #20 Rebeeca Converse B-5/15/1651
- #21 Lydia Converse B-3/8/1653
- #22 Edward Converse B-2/27/1655
- #23 Mary Converse B-12/29/1656 Died 4/18/1686 M-Jacob French
6/30/1685 of Chemsford Mass.
- #24 Abigail Converse B-10/13/1658
- ~~#24 Ruth Converse~~
- #25 Ruth Converse B-2/12/1661

Children from second marriage of Captian James Converse.

- #26 Edward Converse-was a freeman in 1685-D-7/26/1692 age 37
Married 11/5/1684 to Sarah Stone

#17 Major James Converse (3)

Born 11/16/1645 in Woburn Mass.Married 1/1/1669 to Hanna Carter
died 5/10/1715 in Woburn Mass.

Children were (2)

- #27..Captain Josiah Converse-B-9/12/1684 Woburn Mass.Died in Brookfield Mass.

#26 Edward Converse (2)

was a freeman in 1685-D-7/26/1692 age 37 M-11/5/1684 to Sarah Stone

Children were (3)

- #28 Samuel Converse-B-10/9/1685
- #29 Ann Convesse-B-10/3/1687
- #30 Sarah Converse B-9, 14/1689
- #31 Edward Converse B-10/26/1691 Dide in two days

#27 Captain Josiah Converse (4)
Born 9/12/1684 in Woburn Mass. Died in Brookfield Mass.

Children were (3)

#32 Lieut. Josiah Converse-b-3/2/1710 in Woburn Mass. Died 9/11/1775
in Stafford Conn.

#32 Lieut. Josiah Converse (3)

Children were (6)

#33 Isreal Converse-B-in Stafford Conn on 8/7/1743

#34 Nathaniel Converse-B-5/5/1748 in Stafford Conn. Died 10/18/1810
in Troy N.Y.

#33 Captain Isreal Converse (6)

Was a Captain in the Revolutionary War with the Connecticut troops.
In 1787 moved to Randolph Vt. He was in Montreal Canada, -In Utica N.Y.
In Chardon, Geauga Co. Ohio-In 1816 he married Miss Betsey Collins of
Whitestown N.Y.-She was the daughter of Genezal Oliver Collins. She died
leaving on son(John). In 1824 he enlisted to carry mail on horse back.
In 1833 the first mail was carried by him on horseback across the
State of Michigan to Chicago which was then a trading post. He was a
representative in the State Legislature in 1842 in Ohio. Associate
Judge of Geauga Co. Ohio., in 1846- In 1862 Mr Converse married Mrs
Rebecca Holmes of Cleveland. She died in Sept. 1877

Children of 1st marriage (7)

#35 John Phelps Converse--B-in Randolph Vt. Married Miss H.P.
Parkman in Parkman T.S., Geauga Co. Ohio.

Children of second marriage (7)

#36 Oliver Collins Converse

37 Mrs B.C. Lyman

38 Miss Amelia Converse

39 Mrs Harriet C Golden of Chicago Ill.

#34 Nathaniel Converse (6)
Born 5/5/1748 in Stafford Conn. Died 10/18/1810 in Troy N.Y.

Children were (7)

40 James A Converse-Born in Mass. Settled in Brookfield Vermont.
in Orange Co. died about 1832 in Brookfield Vt.

Married Lucinda Smith-Born in Connecticut about 1772
she was of Scottish descent.

He was a man of the strictest integrity and honor and his
word was readily received as his bond. At the age of 19
he left his home in the Bay State and made his way on
foot to Vermont with an ax across his shoulder. This
without capital he began his life anew. He often told his
boys that the greatest loss he ever experienced, was when
one of his oxen was killed by the falling of a tree
which had just cut down.

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#40 James A Converse(Continued) ⑦

In those pioneer days when times were hard and money scarce, such a loss fell more heavily on the early settlers than many times its amount would to day. He spent the remainder of his life upon the homestead which he made for himself in Brookfield, Orange Co. Vt. He cast his first vote for President Washington. In social relations he was a Mason and became quite prominent in the circle of that fraternity. From this union there were six boys and six girls, of whom 9 grew to matured years.

Children were: ⑧

41 Emeline Converse--lived to be 81 years old. Married Mr Cozzins who own and built the first hotel in Cleveland. Lived in Chicago Ill. also.

42 Catherine Converse--Married Solomon Marble.

43 Mary Converse--married Abram Stanley of White River Vt.

44 George Converse.

45 Frederick Converse

46 Jason Converse--B-1821-Died 1901 buried in Fort Hill Cemetery Lake County Ill. Lived at Fort Hill, Lake County Ill. Married a Miss Jane--- she was born in 1830 died 1918 buried in Fort Hill Cemetery also.

47 Abigail Converse--Married Mr Robbins

48 Three other children dead.

49 ^{Washington} ~~Frederick~~ L. Converse--Born 3/24/1824--Married first to Emily Hogan of Munson -Geauga Co. Ohio. lived at Fort Hill Ill. Married second time to Jane Hazen on 5/5/1854 also lived at Fort Hill Ill. He was ~~reared~~ reared in the usual manner of farmer lads. He may be truly called a self made man for his success is due to his own efforts. At the early age of nine years he was left an orphan and from that time has had to make his own way in the world the best he could. Beginning at the bottom round of the ladder he has climbed steadily upward, round by round, until at length he had attained a position of affluence. At the age of ~~fourteen~~ nineteen he left the Green Mountain State determined to try his fortune about the prairie of the far west. He traveled by the way of the Erie Canal and then the Great Lakes to Detroit Mich., and from there on foot to Chicago Ill. There no railroads in those days, and it was no easy task to accomplish so long a journey. With ten dollars in his pocket, he arrived in Chicago, where he spent one season in the employe of Isaac Cook, one of the earliest settlers of that City, he having been sent out by the U.S. Government to oversee the building of the Canal. For two years following Mr Converse was engaged at work for E.B. Ward, one of the prominent men in that early days. At length ~~many~~ like many others he determined to try his fortune in the Gold fields of California and started for the west, traveling by the way of New York City, down the Atlantic, across the Isthmus of Panama and up the Pacific Coast to San Francisco Cal. He at once began his labors in the gold mines of Dragoon Gulf or Poor Mans Creek and within three miles of Sonora Cal.

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#50 Washington L Converse (Continued: 8)

He experience the usual hardships and vicissitudes of the miners and after two years he returned to his old home, having met with excellen success in his undertakings. On his return Mr Converse made his first ~~purc~~ purchase of land which consisted of a tract of 220 acres in the northwest part of Fremont Township. His first home was a log cabin and primitive structure still stands upon his farm, one of the few land marks which yet remains to tell of the progress and advancements made since pioneer days. Industrious and enterprising he has made his land to bloom and blossom as the rose ~~and~~ and the Converse homestead is now considered one of the finest farms in the locality. As his finincial resources were increased he also purchased other lands and has made many excellent improvements. In addition to general farming he has engaged quite extensively and successfully in stock raising. He is now the owner of a fine horse which was sired of St Lawrence breed and although he has never ~~been~~ been trained, has a record of 2:38. He also has a high grade of Holsteins and Jersey cattle and accommodations of his stock are most ~~exce~~ Excellent. after Mr Converse death, his wife married Jehiel Compton.

Children were 9

- 51 John B Converse-B-1856 died 1932 buried in Grant Cemetery-married to Nellie Brown-B-1863 D-1942
- 52 Washington L. Converse-B-1862 died 1942 Ivanhoe Cemetery-married to Etta Manahan-B-1867 died 1952
- 53 Bertie T Converse-B-1874 Died 3/16/1876-18 months-and buried with Jane Hazen and her husband in Ivanhoe Cemetery.
- 54 Fred Converse-B-7/20/1866 died 12/4/1945 Lakeside Cemetery-Libertyvi Married Henrietta Bowman-B-12/22/1868
- 55 Cora A Converse-B-4/30/1857 died 4/28/1944 Married Oliver Hook On 3/28/1876-Born 3/18/1855 died 5/23/1937 both in Ivanhoe Cemetery

#51 John B Converse 9

Born 1856 died 1932 was a cheese maker. P.O. Address Fremont Ill.

Children were 10

- 56 Alta Converse-Born 1887 died 1947-M-John Gaa-she was buried in Grant Cemetery Lake Co. Ill
- 57 Edna May Converse-Born 1883 died 1901 Buried in Grant Cemetery-Single
- 58 Lyle Converse, born 1890 died in Columbus Montana while digging for coal, caused a cave in. Married Hazel Thompson no issue

#55 Cora A Converse 9

B-4/30/1857 died 4/28/1944 Married Oliver Hook

Children were 10

- 59 Mary Edith Hook-B-1/2/1885 First M- to Frank Stanton 9/12/1917 Born 1882-Died 1944 buried in St Bede Cemetery Ingelside Ill. no issue-M-2nd to George W Joedicke of Ingleside Ill. on April 11. 1949 Born 4/10/1889
- 60 John Louis Hook-B-11/25/1881 M-Avi Blodinet Doolittle 11/14/1906 Born 5/3/1886

#52 Washington L. Converse-B-1862 died 1942 married Miss Etta Monaghan, B-1867 died 1952
Both buried in Ivanhoe Cemetery

Children were (10)

#61 Earl Converse-B-6/13/1891 married Minerva Davis -B-9/19/1896

#62 Edith Converse-B-8/29/1903 married Alvin Case 6/17/1925 of
Wauconda Ill. Born 2/2/1901

~~#63 Fred Converse-B-7/20/1866 died 12/4/1945 married Henrietta
Bowman-Born 12/22/1868 died March 4, 1938 Buried in
Lakeside Cemetery Libertyville Ill.~~

54 Fred Converse-B-7/20.1866 died Dec 4.1945 Married Henrietta Bowman.

Children were (10)

#63 Cora Dell Converse-B-9/10/1896 single-died 7/10/1910

#64 Howard James Converse -B-8/16/1892 married Marion Radcliff-
Born 2/15/1891

59 Mary Edith Hook Born 1/2/1885 first married Frank Stanton

Children No issue (10)

#65 Mitchell Hook Stanton, Born 8/11/1933, They adopted this boy.

60 John Louise Hook-B-11/25/1881 married Avi Blondinette Doolittle on 11/14/1906

Children were (10)

#66 Delbert Louis Hook-B-1/11/1912 married Helen Sloncon
on 10/12/1940 Born August 14.1914

#67 Raymond Dollittle Hook -B-6/10/1918 married Margarette Mary
Michelau on Oct.7.1950-B-3/24/1925

#68 Oliver Cassius Hook-B-and died in two weeks time in 1924
buried in Avon cemetery

#69 George Francis Hook-B-8/8/1926 married Ann Catherine Michelau
on 1/7/1950 Born 2/6/1927

61 Earl Converse-B-6/13/1891 married Minerva Davis.

Children were (11)

#70 Frances Marie Converse, Born 4/12/1916

62 Edith Converse-B-8/29/1903 married Alvin Case.

Children were (11)

#71 Harry Case-B-11/19/1926 married Marion Schmoor

72 Mary Case-B-3/24/1930 married James Feeley

73 Carole Case-B-12/20/1932 married Beverly Dole

74 Lyle Case-B-3/20/1936 unmarried

#64 Howard James Converse-B-8/16/1892 married Marion Radcliff-B-2/15/1891.
They lived on the father's farm, which was deeded Washington L Converse #50 by U.S. Government.

Children were ①

#75 Blanche May Converse-B-5/7/1919 married to Charles Richard Butterfield-Born 12/14/1904

76 Nelson Forrest Converse-Born 5/27/1914 married Juliet Rose Heisler

#66 Delbert Louis Hook-B-1/11/1912 married Helen Sloncon

Children were ①

#77 Aaren Ruth Hook-B-4/4/1942

78 Del Raye Hook-B-8/15/1945

79 Mary Helen Hook-B-3/1/1953

67 Raymond Doolittle Hook-B-6/18/1918 married ~~Margaret~~ Margarette Mary Michelau

Children were ①

#80 Timothy Raymond Hook-B-8/6/1952

69 George Francis Hook-B-8/8/1926 M-Ann Catherine Michelau.

Children were ①

#81 Lawrence Hook-B-8/31/1952

75 Blanche May Converse-B-5/7/1919 married Charles Richard Butterfield.

Children were ②

#82 Charles Richard Butterfield-B-20/1935

83 Marian Ellis Butterfield-B-7/24/1936

84 Elizabeth Ann Butterfield-B-9/4/1937

76 Nelson Forrest Converse-B-5/27/1914 married Juliet Rose Heisler

Children were ②

85 Forest Milton Converse-B-8/4/1938

86 Dale Douglas Converse-B-4/18/1942

87 Cleo May Converse-B-4/18/1942

88 Gaylord Frederick Converse-B-7/13/1946

89 Frank Nelson Converse-B-August 1952

Please Note

This information below is where the Converse family married into the Coolidge family;

Deacon James W Converse of Boston married Emeline Coolidge on 9/5/1833
He was the son of Elisha Converse who descended from Sergeant Samuel Converse, a brother to Captain James Converse #2 as shown on page #2.

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