

ALEXANDER LOW

And His Descendants In America

Includes Genealogical Data on the Barkalow, Borden,
McClees and Moreau Lines

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Alexander Low was born near Glasgow, Scotland, February 22, 1741. Landed at New York, U.S.A., December 15, 1774, aged 33, in company with Andrew Wright, his double cousin. Alexander Low settled on West Main Street, Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Former Governor Joel Parker's house stands on the site of the old Low Homestead. Alexander Low died January 6, 1836, aged 94 years, 10 months, and 15 days.

Anne Davis, daughter of Aaron Davis and Janet Rhea, was born February 15, 1758 and died March 20, 1834, age 75 years, 1 month, and 5 days.

Alexander Low and Anne Davis were married December 9, 1788. They had three children:

Margaret Low, born September 26, 1789.

William Low, born January 9, 1791.

Janet Low, born October 26, 1795.

Dates were copied from the Bibles of Margaret Low and Janet Low, daughters of Alexander Low; and from the Bible of Margaret McClees, wife of Peter James Moreau and daughter of Aaron McClees and Janet Low.

Alexander Low was a cabinet maker, also an undertaker and a surveyor.

Richard Barkalow was a miller and a farmer.

Aaron McClees was a cabinet maker.

Alexander and William Barkalow were farmers.

John McClees was a grate and fender maker, blacksmith and farmer.

Peter J. Moreau was a florist.

William Marshall Moreau was a farmer.

Joseph Moreau was a florist and farmer.

James McDonald Moreau was a farmer.

Alexander Low Moreau was a printer, editor and publisher. With his brother, John B. Moreau, he founded Freehold Transcript in 1888.

John Bostwick Moreau was a printer and publisher.

Alexander Low McClees was a harness maker. James W. McClees was a Pullman conductor; Anne and Margaret McClees were type compositors, Anne being employed in a clerical and editorial capacity many years at the Freehold Transcript office.

LOW—Margaret, Daughter of Alexander Low

Margaret Low. Born September 26, 1789. Died September 15, 1868, age 78 years, 11 months, and 20 days.

The Barkalow Line

Richard Barkalow. Born April 16, 1780. Died May 11, 1828, age 48 years, 26 days.

Richard Barkalow and Margaret Low were married February 14, 1807. They had four children.

1. Mary Ann Barkalow. Born January 16, 1808. Died October 16, 1884, age 76 years

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and 9 months.

2. Cornelia Barkalow. Born August 19, 1811. Died January 9, 1888, age 76 years, 4 months, and 20 days.
3. Alexander Low Barkalow. Born May 11, 1815. Died September 24, 1890, age 75 years, 4 months, and 13 days.
Rebecca Ann Ely. Born September 16, 1835; died May 6, 1914, age 78 years, 7 months, and 21 days.
Alexander Low Barkalow and Rebecca Ann Ely Emmons, (widow) were married May 10, 1866.
 - A. William Finley Barkalow. Born May 20, 1868.
Euretta Irwin. Born April 30, 1870. William Finley Barkalow and Euretta Irwin were married May 22, 1889.
 - I. Helen Ely Barkalow. Born September 13, 1890. Married April 9, 1912, Charles Bertrand Worthen, born July 7, 1889.
 - a. Henry Bertrand Worthen, born February 21, 1917 in East Orange.
Helen Ely Barkalow Worthen was divorced and married again to Edward Taylor Osborn, May 19, 1927.
 - II. Alexander Low Barkalow. Born November 21, 1891. Married Saturday, April 28, 1917, Marion Cleveland Field, daughter of James H. Field of Hightstown, N. J.
 - a. James Field Barkalow. Born September 9, 1920.
 - b. Alexander Low Barkalow. Born Wednesday, October 3, 1923 at Trenton Hospital, Trenton, N. J.
4. William Davis Barkalow. Born May 12, 1818. Died August 6, 1877, age 59 years, 2 months, and 24 days.

LOW—William, Son of Alexander Low

William Low, second child of Alexander Low and his wife, Ann Davis Low, was born January 9, 1791. Died September 19, 1898, age 7 years, 8 months, and 10 days.

LOW—Janet, Daughter of Alexander Low

Janet Low. Born October 26, 1795. Died, March 17, 1877, age 81 years, 4 months, and 21 days.

Aaron McClees. Born January 31, 1790. Died March 10, 1819, age 29 years and 10 days.

Aaron McClees and Janet Low were married October 5, 1815. They had four children. All are buried at Tennent.

1. Alexander Low McClees. Born September 1, 1816. Died September 14, 1817, age 1 year, 14 days. Twin of Anne Davis McClees.

The Borden Line

2. Anne Davis McClees. Born September 1, 1816, in Freehold, N. J. Twin of Alexander Low McClees. Died in Freehold, May 4, 1894, age 77 years, 8 months, and 3 days. She and her family are all buried near Red Bank, N. J.

Edmund Allen Borden. Born July 29, 1814. Died in Red Bank, N. J. February 27, 1875, age 60 years, 6 months, and 28 days. Edmund Allen Borden and Anne Davis McClees were married in New York October 22, 1835. They had two children.

A. Margaret Augusta Borden. Born in New York February 17, 1837. She was a school teacher and died in Brooklyn June 1, 1871, age 34 years, 3 months, and 17 days.

B. Charles Allen Borden. Born in Freehold, N. J., October 17, 1842. Died in

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Freehold, January 27, 1879, age 36 years, 3 months and 10 days.

Sarah Louise Beach, daughter of Robert and Almira Beach, was born March 6, 1837. Charles Allen Borden and Sarah Louise Beach were married March 7, 1871. Sarah Louise Beach Borden died in Haddonfield, N. J. July 17, 1934, age 97 years, 4 months. To this union twins were born.

I. Franklin Beach Borden. Born January 22, 1872. Died in New York May 27, 1873, age 1 year, 3 months, and 25 days. Buried in New York.) Twins

II. Florence Louise Borden. Born January 22, 1872. Died at her home in Haddonfield, N. J., Thursday, September 19, 1935, age 63 years, 7 months, and 28 days.)

William Charles Richardson. Born December 2, 1874, in Freehold.

William Charles Richardson and Florence Louise Borden were married November 14, 1900. They had three children.

a. Edna Rhea Richardson. Born at Beverly, October 10, 1905. Americus Roberts Underdown III, born at Haddonfield, June 28, 1904. Americus R. Underdown, III, and Edna Rhea Richardson were married in the Presbyterian Church at Haddonfield, New Jersey, April 5, 1926.

(1) Janet Rhea Underdown. Born November 15, 1927.

(2) Mary Louise Underdown. Born September 22, 1929.

b. Alden Russell Richardson. Born at Haddonfield, N. J., July 24, 1907. Married on June 7, 1934, Maude Beatrice Bate. They were married at Merchantville by the Rev. William McClelland. Son, Alden Russell Richardson, Jr., born December 14, 1936.

c. Charles Allen Richardson. Born at Haddonfield, N. J., September 10, 1909. Charles Allen Richardson and Marjorie McClain, of West Philadelphia, Pa., were married at The Dalles, Oregon, on August 2, 1935.

The McClees Line

3. John Marshall McClees. Born in Low house, West Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey, November 26, 1817. Died on a farm near Freehold, N. J., September 6, 1879, age 61 years, 10 months, and 10 days.

Mary Ann Conover. Born on a farm near Freehold, N. J. November 12, 1824.

John Marshall McClees and Mary Ann Conover were married November 11, 1847 by Rev. D. V. McLean. They had seven children. Mary Ann Conover McClees died in Freehold January 19, 1910, age 85 years, 2 months, and 7 days.

A. William Moreau McClees. Born December 12, 1848. Died May 5, 1850, age 1 year, 4 months, and 23 days.

B. Mary Schanck McClees. Born March 12, 1852. Died on farm April 28, 1880, age 28 years, 1 month, and 16 days.

C. Anne Augusta McClees. Born October 10, 1854. Compiled this record 1939. Died

D. Wicoff Conover McClees. Born January 10, 1857. He was drowned in Ocean at Lake Como, N. J. August 17, 1883, age 26 years, 7 months, and 7 days.

E. Margaret Ely McClees. Born May 15, 1859. Died in Freehold, N. J. Saturday, July 28, 1923, age 64 years, 2 months, and 13 days.

F. Alexander Low McClees. Born June 6, 1862. He was a harness maker.

Catherine Elizabeth Hall. Born December 26, 1861. Died February 16, 1925, age 63 years, 2 months and 21 days. Alexander Low McClees and Catherine Elizabeth Hall were married February 18, 1886. They had three children.

Alexander Low McClees died at his home, Holmdel, N. J., April 6, 1940. Buried in Old Tennent Cemetery.

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- I. Edgar Newell McClees. Born at Holmdel, N. J. January 17, 1887.
Marion Doughty, daughter of William and Anna Doughty was born November 10, 1898.
Edgar Newell McClees and Marion Doughty were married at Fair Haven, N. J., Saturday, October 16, 1920 by Rev. H. L. Belting of the Methodist Church. They had two children.
 - a. Alexander Newell McClees. Born October 10, 1921, at Ann May Hospital, Spring Lake, N. J.
 - b. Barbara Elizabeth McClees. Born at Red Bank, N. J. November 14, 1923.
- II. Mary Anna McClees. Born at Holmdel, N. J., February 25, 1890.
Robert William Betts. Born at East Orange, N. J. July 29, 1889.
Robert William Betts and Mary Anna McClees were married at Holmdel, N. J., November 14, 1914 by Rev. Garret Wycoff of the Reformed Church.
 - a. Ruth Olive Betts. Born at St. Barnabas Hospital, Newark, N. J. August 28, 1918.
- III. Elizabeth Hall McClees. Born at Holmdel, N. J. February 2, 1906.
Benjamin Franklin Allen, Jr. Born in Holmdel, N. J. May 25, 1897.
Benjamin Franklin Allen, Jr., and Elizabeth Hall McClees were married at the Reformed Church Parsonage at Colt's Neck, N. J., by Rev. John Thomson, Saturday, September 1, 1928.
Alexander Low McClees and Eleanor K. Stillwell (widow) were married at Tennent, N. J., June 22, 1938. Eleanor K. Stillwell McClees died February 15, 1940, at Red Bank and was buried at Adelphia, N. J.
- G. James Wright McClees. Born March 22, 1868, on a farm near Freehold, N. J. He was a printer and a Pullman conductor. In 1939 he retired, after serving more than 45 years with the Pullman Company. Residence: Los Angeles, Cal.
Lillian James (Heywood) was born January 25, at Roxborough, Pa.
James Wright McClees and Lillian James (Heywood, a widow)* were married at Conshohocken, Pa., October 14, 1902. They had two children.
 - I. Margaret Conover McClees. Born August 31, 1903, at 143 South 60th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas Otto McShane. Born in Los Angeles, Cal., October 5, 1898.
Thomas Otto McShane and Margaret Conover McClees were married at 1632 West 46th Street, Los Angeles, Cal., Wednesday, July 28, 1926, by Dr. Brown of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had two children.
 - a. Thomas Edward McShane. Born at Cedar of Lebanon Hospital, Los Angeles, Cal., June 1, 1929.
 - b. James Garret McShane. Born at Cedar of Lebanon Hospital, Los Angeles, Cal., Sunday, October 4, 1931.
 - II. James Wycoff McClees. Born May 14, 1907, in Philadelphia, Pa.
Genevieve Marie Matthews, daughter of Roscoe W. Matthews of Denver, Colorado and Augusta Price Matthews of St. Louis, Mo. was born in Los Angeles, Cal., January 29, 1909.
James Wyckoff McClees and Genevieve Marie Matthews were married in Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Cal., by Dr. Madox on February 14, 1928.
 - a. Patricia Jean McClees. Born December 13, 1928, in Methodist Hospital, Los Angeles, Cal.

*NOTE:

Jesse Lawson Heywood, son of Jesse and Lillian James Heywood (step son of James Wright McClees) was born November 18, 1897.

Margaret Ellen Pearce, daughter of William J. and Alice Thompson Pearce, was born at Pasadena, California.

Jesse L. Heywood and Margaret Ellen Pearce were married in St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles, California, April 22, 1925. They have one child.

Helaine Frances Heywood, born August 29, 1928.

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The Moreau Line

JOSEPH MOREAU, 1779-1845

The first of the Moreau family in America was Joseph, who was born in Tours, France, April 10, 1779 and died in New York City, February 3, 1845.

Joseph Moreau early became an orphan and was raised by an aunt in the city of Tours. She was a very poor woman and the times were extremely hard. She did laundry work and one day young Joseph became so engrossed in fishing that he neglected a basket of clothes he was delivering. They were stolen and when he reported the fact to his aunt she beat him mercilessly, tradition says, with a fire poker. Joseph fled and enlisted in the French navy as a powder monkey, being yet in his early teens.

England, disturbed by the turn of events in Republican France, was engaged in war with that country and the naval vessel on which Joseph Moreau was serving was captured. The crew was imprisoned.

After several months of imprisonment Joseph and a companion, a big French African, watched their chance and fled when a load of straw was brought into the prison enclosure. The straw was to have been used for bedding for the French prisoners.

The prison was separated from the mainland by a wide expanse of water. Weakened by long imprisonment Joseph faltered in mid-stream but was helped to land by his Negro companion. They dried their scanty garments and under cover of darkness made their way to the wharves, intent on seeking passage on a foreign merchantman. Fortune played into their hands when they met John Bostwick, master of an American sailing vessel, who immediately signed the pair on, first advising young Joseph that thereafter his name would be "Joseph Brown".

Joseph Moreau took to seamanship readily and for five years sailed with Captain Bostwick, who was to remain a life-long friend. When he retired he was first mate of the ship, tho he was hardly grown to full stature.

Joseph entered mercantile life in New York City and eventually became a merchant, dealing in imported wines, liquors and table delicacies. His place of business was at the Bowery and Bayard Street; his home was on the Bowery and he and his wife, Ann McClees, (born Dec. 17 1790; died Dec. 2, 1826) were communicants at St. Mark's in the Bouwerie. Peter James Moreau (Born Aug. 4, 1821; died Dec. 3, 1880) was their third son.

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In order to preserve the record of the first members of the Moreau Family, the following data are herewith inserted. They were prepared by Alex. L. Moreau in May,, 1925. Adrian E. Moreau has to this record added some dates found in the original Joseph Moreau Family Bible, which is in his possession:

- I. Joseph Moreau was born in Tours, France, April 10, 1779. Died in New York City February 3, 1845.
Ann McClees, born December 17, 1790, died December 26, 1826.
Joseph Moreau and Ann McClees were married January 11, 1812. They had the following children:
 1. John Bostwick Moreau, born October 28, 1812; died March 10, 1886.
Anne E. Ferris, died February 4, 1859.
John Bostwick Moreau and Anne E. Ferris were married December 24, 1845, and had one daughter:
 - a. Annie Moreau, born September 26, 1846, died _____, married Howard Carpenter. They had two sons:
 - (1) John B. Moreau Carpenter and Percy Bruce Carpenter.
 2. Joseph Moreau, born June 29, 1818, died February 25, 1862. Married _____, had two daughters:
 - a. Fannie Moreau, born _____; died _____; married John Kent. They had one son:

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- (1) Edward Moreau Kent, living in N. Y. in 1925.
- b. Letitia _____.
- 3. Peter James Moreau. (For details see 4. Margaret McClees, daughter of Janet Low and Aaron McClees, above).
- II. Clothilde Lecour, born September 29, 1803; died April 9, 1879.
Joseph Moreau took for his second wife, a French woman, Clothilde Lecour on December 20, 1827. They had one son:
 - 1. Charles C. Moreau, born February 4, 1830; died October 4, 1908.
Caroline Frise, born _____.
Charles C. Moreau and Caroline Frise were married _____ and had one son:
 - a. Charles L. Moreau, born _____; died April 26, 1925. Married Frances L. Rafferty and died without issue.
- 4. Margaret McClees. Born July 10, 1819. Died March 19, 1903, age 83 years, 3 months, and 9 days.
Peter James Moreau. Born August 4, 1821. Died December 3, 1880, age 59 years, 3 months, and 29 days.
Peter James Moreau and Margaret McClees were married March 23, 1848. They had seven children.
 - A. Clotilde Moreau. Born January 6, 1849. Died June 27, 1898, age 49 years, 5 months, and 21 days.
 - B. Joseph Allen Moreau. Born December 8, 1850. Died March 18, 1881, age 30 years, 1 month, and 10 days.
 - C. William Marshall Moreau. Born October 8, 1852. Died October 13, 1921, age 69 years, and 5 days.
Lizzie Gaunt Jones. Born May 9, 1862. Died Friday, June 5, 1925, age 63 years.
William Marshall Moreau and Lizzie Gaunt Jones were married March 17, 1886. They had five children.
 - I. Joseph Llewellyn Moreau. Born April 8, 1888.
Grace Ketcham, daughter of James and Elizabeth Ketcham of Farmingdale, N. J., was born January 26, 1889.
Joseph Llewellyn Moreau and Grace Ketcham were married Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, 1915. They had 7 children.
 - a. William Marshall Moreau. Born December 28, 1916, at McKinley Hospital, Trenton, N. J.
 - b. James Ketcham Moreau. Born May 4, 1918, near Imlaystown, N. J.
 - c. Joseph L. Moreau. Born July 16, 1920.
 - d. Elizabeth Gilbert Moreau. Born near Hightstown, N. J., Saturday, September 25, 1926. Died September 8, 1929, age 2) years, 11 months, and 18 days.) Twins
 - e. Peter Jones Moreau. Born Saturday, September 25, 1926, near) Hightstown, N. J.)
 - f. Richard Gilbert Moreau. Born at Riverview Hospital, Red Bank, N. J., Thursday, February 13, 1930.
 - g. Nancy Sue Moreau. Born at Riverview Hospital, Red Bank, N. J., Thursday, May 19, 1932.
- II. William Rhea Moreau. Born March 17, 1891.
Maude Applegate Smith was born June 22, 1890, only daughter of Daniel P. and Mary Applegate Smith.
William Rhea Moreau and Maude Applegate Smith were married January 18, 1919 by Rev. E. G. Conover.
- III. Frank Jones Moreau. Born June 5, 1893.

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- Eleanor Baird Probasco. Born October 29, 1893.
Frank Jones Moreau and Eleanor Baird Probasco were married October 31, 1917 by Rev. William M. Kieffer. They had four children.
- a. Frances Eleanor Moreau. Born Friday, December 6, 1918.
 - b. Evelyn Baird Moreau. Born July 12, 1920.
 - c. Florence Probasco Moreau. Born Thursday, December 7, 1922.
 - d. Sarah Hunt Moreau. Born November 12, 1928.
- IV. Theodore Parker Moreau. Born March 9, 1895.
Martha Elise Donehue. Born November 22, 1897.
Theodore Parker Moreau and Martha Elise Donehue were married at Rochester, N. Y., August 27, 1928. They have two children.
- a. John Rhea Moreau. Born in Freehold (N. J.) Hospital July 23, 1929.
 - b. Mary Elise Moreau. Born in Freehold (N. J.) Hospital August 14, 1932.
- V. Daniel Howard Moreau. Born July 1, 1898.
Married Lillis Dale Simmonds in New York City, Saturday, September 25, 1926, by the Rev. William M. Kieffer. They had four children and live in Flemington, N. J.
- a. Elizabeth Dale Moreau. Born July 29, 1927 at St. Francis Hospital, Trenton, N. J.
 - b. Anne Clotilde Moreau. Born May 23, 1930, in Mercer Hospital, Trenton.
 - c. Margaret Moreau. Born December 27, 1933 in Mercer Hospital, Trenton.
 - d. Janet Rhea Moreau. Born March 3, 1937, Mercer Hospital, Trenton, N. J.
- D. Jeannette Moreau. Born June 18, 1855. Died April 21, 1880, age 24 years, 10 months, and 3 days.
William Craig Conover. Born May 21, 1848. Died at Red Bank, N. J., Tuesday, October 9, 1928, age 80 years, 4 months and 19 days.
William Craig Conover and Jeannette Moreau were married June 28, 1876. They had one child.
- I. Margaret Low Conover. Born November 27, 1879.
- E. James McDonald Moreau, Sr. Born June 6, 1857. Died May 8, 1891, age 33 years, 11 months, and 2 days.
Ellen Rue, daughter of John L. and Margaret Rue, was born December 28, 1865.
James McDonald Moreau and Ella Rue were married March 28, 1888. They had two children.
- I. Margaret Rue Moreau. Born May 7, 1889.
 - II. James MacDonald Moreau, Jr. Born December 21, 1890. James MacDonald Moreau, Jr., died February 26, 1930, age 39 years, 1 month, and 5 days.
- F. Alexander Low Moreau. Born May 31, 1859. Died at his home in Freehold, N. J., Friday, June 2, 1933, age 74 years, and 2 days.
Anna Augusta Ellis. Born January 17, 1862. Died October 9, 1934, age 72 years, 8 months, and 23 days.
Alexander Low Moreau and Anna Augusta Ellis were married May 25, 1886. They had three children.
- I. Marion Ellis Moreau. Born May 27, 1888 at Middletown, Delaware.
Charles Thiers Thompson. Born April 23, 1887, near Eatontown, N. J.
Charles Thiers Thompson and Marion Ellis Moreau were married Tuesday, March 31, 1914, by Rev. William M. Kieffer. They have four children.
- a. Charles Moreau Thompson. Born March 22, 1915, at Kansas City, Mo. Married Aileen Elizabeth Haddon at Haddonfield, N. J., June 12, 1940.
 - b. Marion Ruth Thompson. Born May 14, 1917, at Kansas City, Mo. Married to Henry Morrill Fuller of Portsmouth, N. H., April 5, 1939.
 - c. Robert Smock Thompson. Born July 10, 1919, at Kansas City, Mo.
 - d. Anne Ellis Thompson. Born November 27, 1927, at Kansas City, Mo.

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- II. Adrian Emerson Moreau. Born January 21, 1892.
Anderene Natolia Ward. Born May 17, 1897.
Adrian Emerson Moreau and Anderene Natolia Ward were married Friday, December 27, 1918 by Rev. William M. Kieffer. They have two daughters:
 - a. Anderene Natolia Moreau. Born June 5, 1922.
 - b. Leigh Ward Moreau. Born May 14, 1927.
- III. Charles Ellis Moreau. Born March 26, 1899.
Christina Eleanor Kreag, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Adam Kreag. Born Rochester, N. Y., September 22, 1907.
Charles Ellis Moreau and Christina Eleanor Kreag were married in Rochester, N. Y., Saturday, June 27, 1931. They had three children and live at Bloomfield.
 - a. Christina Kreag Moreau. Born May 9, 1932, Polyclinic Hospital, New York City.
 - b. Alexander Low Moreau. Born June 15, 1933. Polyclinic Hospital, New York City.
 - c. John Adam Moreau, born February 27, 1938, Doctor's Hospital, New York City.
- G. John Bostwick Moreau. Born August 7, 1861. Died in Denver, Colorado, April 4, 1899 age 37 years, 7 months, and 27 days.
Elizabeth Farr Rue. Born October 27, 1867.
John Bostwick Moreau and Elizabeth Farr Rue were married June 8, 1892. They had one child.
 - I. Jeannette Rhea Moreau. Born March 17, 1893. Died August 28, 1908, age 15 years, 5 months, and 11 days. Burned to death at home in South Amboy, N. J.

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