

Notable *Mayflower* Descendants: Senator Tammy Duckworth

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In late October 2016, Illinois Rep. Tammy Duckworth was seated on the televised debate stage next to her opponent, incumbent Senator from Illinois Mark Kirk. The election was for the Senate seat once held by President Barack Obama. During a moment in the debate when Rep. Duckworth was commenting about the human costs of war, she stated, “My family has served this nation in uniform, going back to the Revolution.” Senator Kirk responded, “I had forgotten that your parents came all the way from Thailand to serve George Washington.”¹

Apparently unknown to her opponent was that Rep. Tammy Duckworth had been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) since 2008 through the ancestry of her father, a veteran of three conflicts: World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded at Okinawa in 1945. Rep. Duckworth was awarded the Purple Heart after losing both legs when her Black Hawk helicopter was shot down by a rocket-propelled grenade in Iraq in 2004.² One can only speculate how much that sarcastic gaffe during the debate cost her opponent in the election, but Rep. Duckworth won and became Senator Duckworth.

Senator Tammy Duckworth has pioneered several historic achievements. She was one of the first female Black Hawk pilots to fly in combat, the first person born in Thailand and the first Thai-American woman elected to Congress, the first female double amputee in the U.S. Senate, and the first Senator to give birth while in office.³

To date I have discovered at least eight ancestors for Senator Duckworth who served in the American Revolution or the War of 1812. Most of that ancestry is through southern or mid-Atlantic forebears; however, one great-grandfather, Gurdon Robbins Smith,

¹ Christine Hauser, “Kirk’s Retort About Duckworth’s Race at Senate Debate Draws Criticism,” *The New York Times*, 28 Oct. 2016.

² Phillip O’Connor, “One daughter’s fight (3 parts),” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* [St. Louis, Missouri], June 2005, 19–21.

³ “Tammy Duckworth: The mother making history in the US Senate,” *BBC News*, BBC.com/news/world-us-canada-42803733; Terry Frederickson, “Bangkok-born Tammy Duckworth becomes a US senator,” *Bangkok Post*, BangkokPost.com/learning/advanced/1131664/; Shibani Mahtani, “Thai-American Female Veteran Wins U.S. Seat,” *The Wall Street Journal*, 7 Nov. 2012.

was born in Connecticut. Through this last ancestor, I discovered two lines of descent for Senator Duckworth from *Mayflower* passengers John Tilley, Joan (Hurst) (Rogers) Tilley, Elizabeth Tilley, and John Howland. These descents are presented below.

1. **JOHN TILLEY**, married **JOAN HURST**.⁴
2. **ELIZABETH TILLEY**, married **JOHN HOWLAND**.⁵
3. **DESIRE HOWLAND**, married **JOHN GORHAM**.⁶
4. **TEMPERANCE GORHAM**, married **EDWARD STURGIS**.⁷
5. **FEAR STURGIS**, married **JOSHUA HOLMES**.⁸
6. **MARVIN/MARVEL HOLMES**, married **ASA SWAN**.⁹
7. **JABEZ SWAN**, married **MEHITABLE WHEELER**. (*see below for dates and references*)
4. **MERCY GORHAM** (sister of Temperance), married **GEORGE DENISON**.¹⁰
5. **DESIRE DENISON**, married **JOHN WILLIAMS**.¹¹
6. **MERCY/MARY WILLIAMS**, married **THOMAS WHEELER**.¹²
7. **MEHITABLE WHEELER**, born at Stonington, Connecticut, 10 May 1754.¹³ She died at East Haddam, Connecticut, 17 December 1797,¹⁴ and was buried there at Millington Cemetery.¹⁵ Mehitable married at North Stonington, Connecticut, 11 June 1772, **JABEZ SWAN**.¹⁶ He was born at Stonington 21 March 1751 and baptized at North Stonington 12 May 1751, son of Asa and Marvin/Marvel (Holmes) Swan¹⁷ (*see above*). Jabez died at East Haddam 9 April

⁴ MF5G, 1, Howland (1990), 3.

⁵ MF5G, 1, Howland (1990), 1–7.

⁶ MF5G, 1, Howland (1990), 6, 9–12.

⁷ MF5G, 1, Howland (1990), 11, 14–17.

⁸ MF5G, 1, Howland (1990), 16, 59–60.

⁹ MF5G, 1, Howland (1990), 60, 255–256.

¹⁰ MF5G, 1, Howland (1990), 11, 26–27.

¹¹ MF5G, 1, Howland (1990), 27, 119–121.

¹² MF5G, 1, Howland (1990), 121, 485–486.

¹³ MF5G, 1, Howland (1990), 486; Stonington Vital Records (Barbour) 3:90.

¹⁴ Register 143 (1989): 363; Charles R. Collection, Connecticut Newspaper Notices, 66: 142, citing *Springer's Weekly Oracle*, 30 December 1797.

¹⁵ Register 81 (1927): 266; Register 143 (1989): 363, which incorrectly gives the cemetery name as Willington; Gravestone at Millington Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Irma” (memorial #43604970), shows part of the front of Mehitable’s tombstone has become detached and most of the inscription is now illegible.

¹⁶ Frederic W. Bailey, *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800* (New Haven: Bureau of American Ancestry for Family Researchers, 1896), 61; *Connecticut Church Record Abstracts, 1630–1920*, North Stonington Congregational Church, 83:67 (referencing original church records 1:71); Register 142 (1988): 176.

¹⁷ Stonington Vital Records (Barbour) 3:86; MF5G, 1, Howland (1990), 255, incorrectly gives Jabez’s birth month as May, as does Elizabeth Pearson White, Marilyn Randall

1824,¹⁸ and was buried there at Millington Cemetery.¹⁹ Jabez Swan married, second, his first wife's cousin, **LUCY WHEELER**, in 1799 or later. Lucy was born at Stonington 27 September 1757, daughter of Paul and Lucy (Swan) Wheeler, and widow of Alden descendant Shepard Wheeler Jr., a cousin of both Mehitable and Lucy, the latter of whom died 11 December 1805 and was buried at Millington Cemetery.²⁰

8. **ASA SWAN**, born about 1791.²¹ He died at East Haddam, Connecticut, 2 September 1839 and was buried there at Millington Cemetery.²² Asa married at East Haddam shortly before 2 December 1812, **SOPHIA ELY**.²³ She was born in Connecticut about 1793, daughter of James and Rizpah (Beebe) Ely. Sophia died at Millington in East Haddam [around] 1 June 1875 and was buried there at Millington Cemetery.²⁴ Sophia Ely married, second, about 1852, Stephen Hopkins descendant, **SELDEN COOK**, baptized at the Congregational Church, East Hampton, Connecticut, 25 June 1786, son of Moses and Elizabeth (Cone) Cook.²⁵ Selden died 7

Landry and Kendall P. Hayward, "Joshua Holmes of Stonington, Connecticut (1678–1729)," *Register* 142 (1988): 176. "Additions and Corrections," (to this last article), *Register* 143 (1989): 363, corrects this error.

¹⁸ *Register* 143 (1989): 363; Charles R. Collection, Connecticut Newspaper Notices, 53:310, citing *New London Gazette*, 14 April 1824.

¹⁹ "Inscriptions from Gravestones at East Haddam, Conn." As with Mehitable, the gravestone at Millington Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "John Beckstein" (memorial #43604198), shows the front of the tombstone has become detached and the inscription is now illegible.

²⁰ Stonington Vital Records (Barbour) 3:171; *Register* 143 (1989): 363; *MF5G*, 16, Alden, part 6 (2020), 104–105; *Register* 81 (1927): 266; gravestone at Millington Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "John Beckstein" (memorial #43604416), with husband's name as Jabeth.

²¹ Asa Swan's birth year is estimated based on his age at death; Moses S. Beach, et. al., *The Ely Ancestry: Lineage of Richard Ely of Plymouth, England, who came to Boston, Mass., about 1655, & settled at Lyme, Conn, in 1660* (New York: The Calumet Press, 1902), 392; Conn. Probate Record, Colchester District, Jabez Swan of East Haddam, no. 2939, the account papers for whose estate identifies Asa Swan as Jabez's "fourth son."

²² *Register* 81 (1927): 266, incorrectly gives Asa's death year as 1836; *Connecticut Observer and New York Congregationalist*, 14 Sept. 1839, p. 147, GenealogyBank.com, death notice stating, "At East Haddam, Millington Society, on the 2d inst., Capt. Asa Swan, aged 48."

²³ "Married . . . At East-Haddam, Mr. Asa Swan to Miss Sophia Ely," *New London [Conn.] Gazette*, 2 Dec. 1812, p. 3; Beach, *The Ely Ancestry*, 267, 392, which estimates Sophia's birth year based on her age at death.

²⁴ East Haddam Vital Records, 3:332, FHL 7730797, image 426 (with Sophia's death date given as 2 June 1875); Charles R. Hale Collection, Cemetery Inscriptions, 705–16, Millington Cemetery, 136, with Sophia's death date given as 1 June 1875; gravestone at Millington Cemetery, East Haddam, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "John Beckstein" memorial #44320578), shows the tombstone lying on the ground with its inscription partially obscured, but Sophia's death day and month clearly June 1; Beach, *The Ely Ancestry*, 267, 392; *The Daily Constitution*, 7 June 1875, p. 2, and *The Constitution*, 9 June 1875, p. 2, at GenealogyBank.com, both death notices give 31 May as the death date, and both newspapers were published in Middletown, Conn.

²⁵ 1860 U.S. Federal Census, East Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., Selden Cook household; *Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630–1920*, First Congregational Church, East

May 1867 and was buried at Moodus Cemetery, Moodus [village in East Haddam].²⁶

9. **ELECTA ARNOLD SWAN**, born at East Haddam, Connecticut, about 1827, apparently named after her mother's sister, Electa (Ely) Arnold, wife of Samuel Arnold.²⁷ This younger Electa died at East Haddam 16 March 1854 and was buried at Moodus Cemetery.²⁸ Electa married at East Haddam 12 April 1848, **AUGUSTUS STANLEY SMITH**.²⁹ He was born at East Hartford, Connecticut, 6 April 1825 and baptized there 23 September 1828, son of Elihu and Sophronia (House) Smith.³⁰ Augustus died at East Hartford 3 March 1910 and was buried at Union Cemetery, Waterford, Connecticut.³¹ Augustus Stanley Smith married, second, at East Haddam 9 October 1855, **FRANCES AUGUSTA RICHMOND**.³² She was born at Marlborough, Connecticut, 1 May 1828, daughter of William Wadsworth and

Hampton, 26:199 (referencing original church record 1:11); *MF5G*, 6, Hopkins (2001), 422–23; Beach, *The Ely Ancestry*, 267, 392. An entry for Selden Cook's step-grandson Theron Church on p. 488 indicates he provided information about his grandmother Sophia's second husband.

²⁶ East Haddam Vital Records, 3:320, FHL 7730797, image 414 (1867, no date given); Charles R. Hale Collection, Cemetery Inscriptions, 705–3, Moodus Cemetery, 50; online image of gravestone at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Irma” (memorial # 22826997); Beach, *The Ely Ancestry*, 392.

²⁷ Electa Swan's birth year is estimated from her age recorded in her marriage record; *Daughters of the American Revolution*, app. nos. 590753 and 871950; Beach, *The Ely Ancestry*, 392–393, 487–489, with the entry for her sister Sophia Swan (p. 487) indicating Sophia as the source of information for the family; 1900 U.S. Federal Census, East Hartford, Hartford Co., Conn., Charles Smith household. Electa's sister Rispah is living in the household of Electa's son Charles Smith where “Rizpah” is called his aunt; East Hartford Vital Records, C:462–63, FHL 4254878, image 46, where the death record for Electa's sister Rispah E. Day identifies Rispah's parents as _____ Ely and _____ Swan.

²⁸ *Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630–1920*, First Congregational Church, East Haddam, 25:258 (referencing original church records in 1:55); gravestone at Moodus Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Kris D” (memorial # 22825132); *Commemorative Biographical Record of Hartford County, Connecticut* (Chicago: J. H. Beers & Co., 1901), 951.

²⁹ East Haddam Vital Records (Barbour) 3:212. The marriage was also recorded at East Hartford. Both records state Rev. Nathaniel Miner presided, indicating the place of marriage was almost certainly East Haddam.

³⁰ Beach, *The Ely Ancestry*, 392, 489; *Daughters of the American Revolution*, app. nos. 590753 and 871950; *Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630–1920*, First Congregational Church, East Haddam, 25:782 (referencing original church records in 1:135), baptismal record for Augustus Stanley Smith which names his father; *Commemorative Biographical Record of Hartford County, 951*; Conn. Probate Record, Hartford District, will of Elihu Smith of East Hartford, no. 1879, dated 13 December 1878, which names grandson Charles M. Smith of East Hartford as executor.

³¹ “A. Stanley Smith,” *Hartford Courant*, 4 March 1910, p. 2; Gravestone at Union Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “maria” (memorial #190285610).

³² East Haddam Vital Records (Barbour) 4:63; *Commemorative Biographical Record of Hartford County, 951*; Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden, Alfred Hand and John W. Jordan, *Genealogical and Family History of the Wyoming and Lackawanna Valley, Pennsylvania, Volume II* (New York and Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1906), 69.

Clarissa (Bailey) Richmond.³³ Frances died 4 July 1857 and was buried at Moodus Cemetery, Moodus, Connecticut.³⁴ Augustus Stanley Smith married, third, at New London, Connecticut, 8 July 1861, John Howland descendant, **SARAH CHIPMAN**.³⁵ She was born at New London 12 November 1829, daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Tift) Chipman, and divorced wife of John Mortimer Skinner. Sarah died at New London 18 December 1906 and was buried at Union Cemetery.³⁶

10. **CHARLES MARION SMITH**, born at East Haddam or East Hartford, Connecticut, 25 November 1851.³⁷ He died at East Hartford 3 March 1917 and was buried there at Hockanum Cemetery.³⁸ Charles married, first, at Hartford, Connecticut, 12 December 1876, **EMMA DEAN SMITH**.³⁹ She was born at New Hartford, Connecticut, 20 December 1856, daughter of Edmund and Maria

³³ Marlborough Vital Records (Barbour) 44; Hayden et. al, *Genealogical and Family History of the Wyoming and Lackawanna Valley, Volume 2*, 69; Joshua Bailey Richmond, *The Richmond Family 1594–1896* (Boston: the author, 1897), 314, 463. William Wadsworth Richmond was a descendant of *Mayflower* passengers Thomas Rogers, Henry Samson, and Francis Cooke. Clarissa Bailey was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger William Brewster.

³⁴ Gravestone at Moodus Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Kris D” (memorial #22825132). This memorial is for Electa A. Smith, first wife of Augustus Stanley Smith, but includes a photograph that shows the gravestone of his second wife, Frances A. Smith, buried next to Electa. The inscription on Frances’s gravestone is “wife of Augustus S. Smith died July 4, 1857, aged 28 years.”

³⁵ 1870 U.S. Federal Census, New London, New London Co., Conn., Stanley A. Smith household; *Commemorative Biographical Record of Hartford County*, 951; New London Vital Records 4A:53, FHL 7730351, image 468 (marriage of Augustus S. Smith and Sarah Chipman, see next note).

³⁶ New London Vital Records, 4:136 (Sarah’s first marriage), 7B:61, FHL 7939013, image 498 (Sarah’s death); “Died – On the 14th inst., John Mortimer, Jr. son of John M. and Sarah Skinner, aged 2 years,” *New London Daily Chronicle*, 15 Aug. 1850, p. 2; Grace Louise Knox and Barbara B. Ferris, *Connecticut Divorces Superior Court Records for the Counties of New London, Tolland, & Windham 1719–1910* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1987), 128 (Sarah “asks for name change to Chipman – appl. New London 23 July 1855 – granted.”); John Hale Chipman, *A Chipman Genealogy* (Norwell, Mass.: Chipman historics, 1970), 194; gravestone at Union Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “maria” (memorial #190285764).

³⁷ *Commemorative Biographical Record of Hartford County*, 951, gives Charles M. Smith’s birthplace as East Haddam and states that he was brought by his father during the summer of 1854 to the home of his grandparents in East Hartford; “Charles M. Smith,” *Hartford Courant*, 4 March 1917, p. 10, gives his birthplace as East Hartford and age as 62 [sic]; *Daughters of the American Revolution*, app. nos. 590753 and 871950, gives birthplace as East Haddam; East Hartford Vital Records, 1852–1907, FHL 7616209, image 578, marriage of Charles M. Smith and Ida L. Ensign, gives his birthplace as East Haddam; East Hartford Birth returns and certificates, 1882–1894, FHL 7616212, image 76, birth certificate for son Gordon [sic] R. Smith, gives Charles’s birthplace as East Hartford.

³⁸ “Charles M. Smith,” *Hartford Courant*, 4 March 1917, p. 10; gravestone at Hockanum Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Sue” (memorial #146438022).

³⁹ Hartford Records of Marriages, Jan. 1871 to Jan. 1890, 212–13, FHL 7730371, image 543; “Marriages. Smith-Smith,” *Hartford Courant*, 16 Dec. 1876, p. 2; “Marriages. Smith-Smith,” *Connecticut Courant* (Hartford), 21 Dec. 1876, p. 3. Both marriage notices listed the groom as Charles W. [sic] Smith.

H. (Fox) Smith.⁴⁰ Emma died at East Hartford 28 June 1885 and was buried at Hockanum Cemetery.⁴¹ Charles married, second, at East Hartford 3 December 1890, **IDA LEE ENSIGN**, born at East Hartford 31 May 1862, daughter of Owen Lee and Anna Eliza (Ensign) Ensign. Ida died at West Hartford, Connecticut, 19 January 1948 and was buried at Hockanum Cemetery.⁴²

11. **GURDON ROBBINS SMITH**, born at East Hartford, Connecticut, 27 March 1883.⁴³ He died at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 20 February 1932 and was buried at Arlington Cemetery, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, 25 February 1932.⁴⁴ Gurdon had a daughter, Winnie, with **DAISY DEANE AMICK**, but the couple does not appear to have married. Daisy was born at Gore, Frederick County, Virginia, 13 June 1876, an illegitimate daughter of Alma Amick, and a granddaughter of John Henry and Martha J. (Scrivener) Amick.⁴⁵ Daisy died at Western State Hospital, Staunton, Virginia, 12 February 1953. She suffered from senile psychosis and had been at the hospital for over two years when she fell to the floor, breaking her leg. She died less than four months later. Daisy's body was donated for scientific study to the State Anatomical Board at Richmond, Virginia.⁴⁶ Gurdon Robbins Smith married, first, at Springfield, Massachusetts, 16 July 1901, **LOTTIE GRACE BROWN**, born at Hartford, Connecticut, 31

⁴⁰ New Hartford Vital Records, 1852–1874, 12, FHL 7730489, image 371, birth of an unnamed daughter of Edmund and Maria Smith (Edmund and Maria did not have a child in 1857, the birth year on Emma's gravestone, calculated from her death certificate, which says Emma was born at New Hartford, see next note); *Daughters of the American Revolution*, app. nos. 590753 and 871950; *Commemorative Biographical Record of Hartford County*, 951, which identifies her birth place.

⁴¹ Conn. Death Certificate of Emma D. Smith, FHL 7939017, image 255, 28 June 1885, aged 27 years, 6 months (i.e. Dec. 1857); East Hartford, FHL 7616209; gravestone at Hockanum Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "sue" (memorial #146438059), lifespan 1857–1885; (see previous note).

⁴² *Commemorative Biographical Record of Hartford County*, 951; East Hartford Vital Records, 1852–1907, FHL 7616209, image 578 (Smith Ensign marriage), image 226 (Ida's birth), image 260 (marriage of Ida's parents); gravestone at Hockanum Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "sue" (memorial no. 146437980); "Mrs. Ida Smith," *Hartford Courant*, 20 Jan. 1948, p. 5.

⁴³ East Hartford Birth returns and certificates, 1882–1894, FHL 7616212, image 76, birth certificate for Gordon [sic] R. Smith; 1918 World War I Draft Registration Card for Gurdon Robbins Smith includes his birth date and full-name signature.

⁴⁴ 1932 Pennsylvania Death Certificate for Gurdon Robine [sic] Smith, no. 11842, which identifies spouse and parents; gravestone at Arlington Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "Penny" (memorial #94602180).

⁴⁵ Virginia Birth Records, Frederick County, 1853–1883, 115, FHL 4254272, image 555, with mother incorrectly indexed as Alice Amick; 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Virginia, Frederick Co., Back Creek, John H. Amick household, with Daisy listed as a granddaughter; *Daughters of the American Revolution*, app. no. 857528, with Daisy's birth place given as Gore, Virginia, based on daughter Winnie's "partial, barely legible" birth certificate.

⁴⁶ Virginia Death Certificate of Daisy Deane Grant, 1953, no. 4063. Her grandparents Henry and Martha (Scrivener) Amick are incorrectly listed as her parents, and her birth date is incorrectly given as 15 June 1878.

July 1883, daughter of Abial and Sarah J. (Wheaton) Brown.⁴⁷ After a divorce, Lottie married, second, at North Smithfield, Rhode Island, 15 October 1913, as his second wife, **GEORGE HENRY CHASE**.⁴⁸ She died at Rochester, New York, 30 December 1950,⁴⁹ and was buried at Riverside Cemetery, Hartford.⁵⁰ Gurdon Robbins Smith married, second, probably soon after a divorce, at Philadelphia 25 December 1912, **ADA JEFFERIS (WATTERSON) MCVEY**.⁵¹ She was born 6 April 1884 and baptized the same day at Fagg's Manor Presbyterian Church, Cochranville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Oliver P. and Eldora (Jefferis) Watterson, and divorced wife of **HARRY M. MCVEY** (whom she married at Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 6 January 1904).⁵² She married, third, **ALFRED P. GATTER**, and fourth, **WILLIAM J. DIETERICH**. Ada died at Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, 24 March 1968 and was buried at Arlington Cemetery.⁵³ Daisy Deane Amick married before 12 September 1918 (date of WWI draft registration), **GEORGE ULYSSES GRANT**, born at Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania, 20 September 1878, son of Jacob and Sarah (Shaunessy) Grant. George died at Winchester, Virginia, 9 December 1944 and was buried there at Mount Hebron Cemetery.⁵⁴

Gurdon Robbins Smith left his father's farm about 1901 and became a photo engraver. His career spanned three decades working

⁴⁷ Massachusetts Vital Records, 1901, Marriages, 513:162; Hartford Record of Births, 1875–1886, FHL 7616355, image 191.

⁴⁸ Providence Marriage Records, 22:385, FHL 4250879, image 252.

⁴⁹ NY. Death certificate of Lottie Chase, 1950, no. 73332 (index).

⁵⁰ "Chase – Saturday, December 30, 1950, Mrs. Lottie G. Chase," *Democrat and Chronicle* [Rochester, N.Y.], 31 Dec. 1950, p. 4B.

⁵¹ Philadelphia marriage licenses, 1912, no. 290080, FHL 4285350, images 1275–1277, Gurdon states that his marriage to Ada was his first and does not mention his earlier marriage, Ada's first marriage to Harry McVey ended in divorce (decree dated 19 June 1911); "Marriage Licenses Issued," *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 25 Dec. 1912, p. 11, for Gordon [sic] R. Smith, Detroit, Mich., and Ada J. Watterson, 23 N. Paxson Street.

⁵² U.S., *Presbyterian Church Records, 1701–1970*, Ancestry.com, Fagg's Manor Presbyterian Church, Register of Baptisms, p. 83, which includes both birth and baptism dates; Delaware County marriage license docket, P:9409, FHL 4838876, image 173.

⁵³ 1942 Pennsylvania Death Certificate of Alfred P. Gatter, no. 67997, with his wife identified as Ada W. Gatter; Gravestone at Arlington Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "Penny" (memorial no. 70133491); 1968 Pennsylvania Death Certificate of Ada W. Dieterich, no. 030753-68, with informant husband William J. Dieterich, parents "not ascertainable," birthplace as Philadelphia, age 69, and birth date 6 April 1898 (her age and birth date were understated by 14 years); gravestone at Arlington Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by "Penny" (memorial #69768169), gravestone is shared with second husband Gurdon R. Smith, parents Oliver P. and Edora J. Watterson, and third husband Alfred P. Gatter. The inscriptions only contain names without dates.

⁵⁴ 1918 World War I Draft Registration Card for George Ulysis Grant (spelling matches signature), gives his nearest relative as Daisy D. Grant, Luke, Md; 1920 U.S. Federal Census, Luke, Allegany County, Maryland, U. George Grant household; 1942 World II Draft Registration Card for George Ulysess [sic] Grant, identifies spouse, birth date, and birth place; 1942 Virginia Death Certificate of George Ulysses Grant, no. 26626, identifies spouse and parents, informant is stepdaughter Mrs. Harry Grim.

in places such as Hartford, Providence, Detroit, and Philadelphia—the last with the printing and publishing firm Edward Stern & Co.

When young, Daisy Deane Amick may have believed she was the youngest of six daughters of John H. and Martha J. Amick. In 1926, when the fourth oldest daughter Miss Maggie Amick died, her obituary included Mrs. Daisy Grant as one of her four surviving sisters (Sally, the second oldest, had apparently already died). In 1940, the oldest daughter Miss Alma Amick died and her obituary included Mrs. George Grant among her three surviving sisters, not as her daughter.

When Daisy (Amick) Grant died at Western State Hospital in 1953, her death certificate listed her parents as [John] Henry and Martha (Scrivener) Amick, per hospital records. If research were to end there, one would assume that indeed Daisy was [John] Henry and Martha's daughter. Senator Duckworth's membership application to the D.A.R. assumed as much when it cited Daisy's death certificate as the source for her parentage.⁵⁵

My first doubt about this parentage was raised by consulting the 1880 federal census records for the family of John Henry and Martha Amick. Five of the six alleged daughters, including Daisy, can be found in John Amick's household in the Back Creek Magisterial District in Frederick County.⁵⁶ The oldest daughter, Alma, is found in another household in nearby Winchester, working as a domestic servant.⁵⁷ However, Daisy is not listed in the census as a daughter of John H. and Martha Amick, but as their granddaughter.

Although Daisy's death certificate lists her birth date as 15 June 1878, the 1880 federal census record lists her age as four (so born about 1876). A database search of Frederick County birth record transcriptions uncovered one record showing that Daisy Amick was born illegitimately 13 July 1876, daughter of an unnamed father and Alice Amick, but a look at an image of the actual birth register shows that the indexed name of Alice was a misreading of Alma.⁵⁸ In 1876, based on the ages given in the 1880 federal census, Alma is about 22 years old while her sisters ranged in age from three to eleven. Alma is the only daughter available to be Daisy's mother.

12. **WINNIE SMITH**, born (illegitimately?) at Detroit, Michigan, 8 February 1911.⁵⁹ She died at Winchester, Virginia, 16 March 1952

⁵⁵ *Daughters of the American Revolution*, app. no. 857528.

⁵⁶ 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Virginia, Frederick Co., Back Creek, John H. Amick household.

⁵⁷ 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Virginia, Frederick Co., Winchester, Emily Funsten household.

⁵⁸ Virginia Birth Records, Frederick County, 1853–1883, 115, FHL 4254272, image 555, register page with birth of Daisy Amick. Her mother was incorrectly indexed as Alice Amick.

⁵⁹ *Daughters of the American Revolution*, app. no. 857528, with submitted references including a “partial, barely legible” copy of Winnie Smith's birth certificate, and legible parents' names and birth places, Winnie's birth date is somewhat illegible and could be either 4 or 8 Feb. 1911 (see notes on death certificate). Her birth place appears on her second marriage certificate (see later note).

and was buried there at Mount Hebron Cemetery 18 March 1952.⁶⁰ Winnie married before 9 October 1928 (birth of son Franklin), **JOSEPH FRANK DUCKWORTH**. He was born at Westernport, Maryland, 24 October 1903, son of Phillip Garthright and Eliza (Grove) Duckworth. Joseph died in a motorcycle accident near Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1 August 1929.⁶¹ Winnie married, second, at Winchester 5 September 1936, **HARRY BOYD GRIM**.⁶² He was born at Winchester 4 March 1907, son of Edward H. and Nora E. (Hines) Grim.⁶³ Harry died at Winchester 2 November 1969 and was buried there at Mount Hebron Cemetery.⁶⁴

Although the parentage of Winnie Smith is not in question, whether her parents ever married is uncertain. The D.A.R. membership application of Senator Tammy Duckworth gives the estimated marriage year for Gurdon Smith and Daisy Amick as “ca 1809,” a typo that should read “ca 1909.” The D.A.R. corrected this to “1906,” but no source was given. To date, no Smith-Amick marriage record has been found.

Gurdon Smith and his first wife Lottie lived with their daughter Bernice in Providence in 1905 (Rhode Island state census). Lottie and Bernice lived with Lottie’s mother Sarah J. (Wheaton) Brown at Providence in 1910 (U.S. federal census). Gurdon is not living with them, but Lottie is still listed as married.

Unfortunately, neither Gurdon Smith nor Daisy Amick have been found in the 1910 federal census. Ten months after the census was taken, Winnie Smith was born at Detroit, daughter of Gurdon and Daisy. Gurdon is found in the city directory for Detroit in 1911.⁶⁵ Any marriage between Gurdon and Daisy would have been short, for in December 1912, Gurdon R. Smith (whose residence was still listed as Detroit) and Ada J. Watterson were issued a marriage license in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Gurdon’s first wife Lottie would remarry in Rhode Island in 1913.

⁶⁰ 1952 Virginia Death Certificate for Winnie Duckworth Grim, no. 6246.

⁶¹ 1929 Michigan Death Certificate for Joseph Frank Duckworth, no. 2548, with a birth date of “unknown” crossed out and replaced with “10-24-1903”, and birthplace of Luke, Md., has “Luke” crossed out and replaced with “Westernport,” (his death place is listed as “US #12, ½ Mile East of Kalamazoo”); “The Late J. F. Duckworth,” *Cumberland [Md.] Sunday Times*, 11 Aug. 1929, p. 6, which identifies his birth place by stating, “A son of Phillip Duckworth, formerly of Westernport, he [J.F.] was born in this community but removed with his family from here at an early age.”

⁶² 1936 Virginia Marriage Certificate of Harry Boyd Grim and Winnie Smith Duckworth, no. 18288, which identifies Winnie’s parents as G. Robert [sic] Smith and Daisy Amick.

⁶³ 1907 Virginia Birth Certificate for Harry Boyd Grim, no. 1907004844.

⁶⁴ 1969 Virginia Death Certificate of Harry Boyd Grim, no. 69-033353, which identifies his wife as Winifred Duckworth. Harry’s birth date on his death certificate is originally in error as 4 Nov. 1907, then corrected to 4 March 1907, then this correction is erased with the error of 4 Nov. 1907 reinstated; gravestone at Mount Hebron Cemetery, online image at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Christy Burke” (memorial #166182423).

⁶⁵ U.S., *City Directories, 1822–1995*, Ancestry.com, 1911, Detroit City Directory, p. 2179, entry for Gurdon R. Smith at 112 Howard.

13. **FRANKLIN GARTHWRIGHT DUCKWORTH**, born at Luke, Maryland, 9 October 1928.⁶⁶ He died in a Maryland hospital 28 January 2005 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, 9 March 2005.⁶⁷ He married, first, about 1952, **BETTY JAYNE (FORREST) CLARK**, daughter of Leon D. and Ellen E. (Coursey) Forrest, and divorced wife of William Smith Clark Jr.⁶⁸ Franklin married, second, at Bangkok, Thailand, 23 November 1966, **LAMAI SOMPORNPAIRIN**, born in Thailand 26 April 1941, daughter of Sae Lim and Sai Cai.⁶⁹
14. **(LADDA) TAMMY DUCKWORTH**, U.S. Congresswoman and Senator from Illinois, born at Bangkok, Thailand, 12 March 1968.⁷⁰ She married at Sycamore, Illinois, 25 January 1993, **BRYAN WOOD BOWLSBEY**, born at Elkton, Maryland, 12 July 1967, son of William Joseph and Martha “Patty” (Wood) Bowsbey.⁷¹

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⁶⁶ U.S., *Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Ancestry.com, SSN 227–22–7469, identifies Franklin’s birth date and place.

⁶⁷ O’Connor, “One daughter’s fight: Part three of three,” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 21 June 2005, pp. A1, A4; gravestone at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, online image at FindAGrave.com, by “A Horan” (memorial #49175716); *Daughters of the American Revolution*, app. no. 857528.

⁶⁸ *Virginia, Divorce Records, 1918–2014*, Ancestry.com, Winchester, decree dated 4 June 1952, between Wm. Smith Clark Jr. and Betty Forrest Clark; *West Virginia Deaths, 1804–1999*, FamilySearch.org, Martinsburg, certificate for son Phillip Dean Duckworth, state file no. 11110, birth date 29 August 1952, death date 30 Aug. 1952; U.S., *Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007*, Ancestry.com, SSN 230–24–1866, identifies Betty’s parents.

⁶⁹ O’Connor, “One daughter’s fight: Part one of three,” *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, 19 June 2005, pp. A1, A10; *Daughters of the American Revolution*, app. no. 857528, gives wife’s name as Lami (Lim) Sompornphairil; “Asa watches as Bangkok-born Tammy Duckworth rises in US politics,” *Nikkei Asia*, 30 July 2020, mentions that Sen. Duckworth’s mother Lami when aged about 20, “went through the process of acquiring a Thai surname for the family, Sompornparin,” and that her parents were Teochew Chinese.

⁷⁰ “Duckworth, Tammy (1968–),” *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*, online at BioGuideRetro.congress.gov/; *Daughters of the American Revolution*, app. no. 857528; Jenny Jarvie, “Uniquely qualified to criticize the president,” *The Los Angeles Times*, 8 Feb. 2018, A2, gives birth place as Bangkok.

⁷¹ *Daughters of the American Revolution*, app. no. 857528, gives husband’s name as Bryan Wood Bowsley [sic]; “Marriage Licenses Issued,” *The Daily Chronicle* (DeKalb, Ill.), 11 Feb. 1993, p. 3, marriage licenses issued in January by the DeKalb County Clerk’s office. O’Connor, “One daughter’s fight: Part one of three,” *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, 19 June 2005, pp. A1, A10, incorrectly gives the marriage date as June 1994; “Martha M. Wood,” *The News Journal* [Wilmington, Del.], 16 Jan. 2007, p. 15; “Edith M. Bowsbey,” *The Morning News* [Wilmington, Del.], 11 Nov. 1988, p. 2; “James C. Bowsbey,” *The Morning News*, 26 Aug. 1964; 1940 U.S. Census, Elkton, Cecil Co., Md., James C. Bowsby household; 1920 U.S. Census, Elkton, Cecil Co., Md., Joseph Bowsby household; “U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth gives birth to second daughter,” *The State Journal-Register* [Springfield, Ill.], 9 April 2018.