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LONG-TERM RESEARCH QUESTION: Was Lila Bird Buzzo, who died on 23 September 1946 in Long Beach, Los Angeles, California and whose death certificate lists her birth place as Augusta County, VA, the same individual as Lilla B. Tyree, the 8-year-old child of Henry & Eliza Tyree as listed in the 1880 census in enumeration district #2, Rivanna, Albermarle County, Virginia, dwelling 478, family 490?

BACKGROUND: This is the fifth round of research with Tracy on this research question. This phase of research was divided into three parts: (1) Locating obituaries of siblings to see if Lilla is mentioned, (2) DNA research of matches with known Tyree or Brown ancestry related to Henry Tyree or his wife, Eliza Brown and (3) a summary spreadsheet of findings to date along with expanded research of Eliza(beth) (Tyree) Sammons (1874-after 1950). This report provides the summary spreadsheet and new discoveries of Eliza(beth) (Tyree) Sammons:

DUE-OUTS: The three hours for this phase have been expended, but I recommend that we seek the death record and obituary for Elizabeth Sammons as part of continued research. I also recommend that we continue to look for proof of her continued residence in Pittsburgh, PA or elsewhere, in her husband's absence for work (see research notes).

KEY FINDINGS: No new obituary evidence supports the existing assertion that it is likely[1] that Lilla B. Tyree and Lillian (Tyree, Terry, Terrell) Rogers Buzzo are the same person. However, significant discoveries were made:

- Eliza(beth) Tyree married William B. Sammons (aka William A. Sammons[2] and William Logan Sammons[3]) on 27 September 1893 in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey.[4] William was the son of Rolland (aka Rollins and Ralls) Sammons and Sarah B. Scott.[5] In the 1870 census, he was one year

[1]Elizabeth Shown Mills, "Fundamentals of Evidence Analysis," *Evidence Explained*, third edition., (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2015), p. 19-20, 1.6: Levels of Confidence.

[2]1910 United States Federal Census, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 340, p. 4A, 24 Junilla Street, dwelling 50, family 56, household of Wm A & Elizabeth Sammons, database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 26 September 2017); citing National Archives microfilm publication T624, roll 1300, Family History Library microfilm 1375313.

[3]New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), manifest sheet no. 8 for the S. S. Olympic, arrived 12 May 1922, entry for William Logan Sammons; citing National Archives microfilm publication T715, roll 3103; also manifest sheet no. 7 for the S. S. Majestic, arrived 14 November 1922, entry for William Logan Sammons; citing National Archives microfilm publication T715, roll 3217; also manifest sheet no. 1 for the S. S. Aquitania, arrived 17 March 1923, entry for William Logan Sammons; citing National Archives microfilm publication T715, roll 3268.

[4] "New Jersey, Marriages, 1670-1980," database with images, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FZLH-H2Z : 26 September 2017), Wm. B. Simmons and Eliza E. Tyree, 27 Sep 1893; citing Jersey City, Hudson, New Jersey, United States, Division of Archives and Record Management, New Jersey Department of State, Trenton; FHL microfilm 495,716.

[5] Social Security Administration, "U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," database, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : viewed 16 October 2017), entry for William L. Sammons, SSN not listed. Father: Rollins Sammons; mother: Sarah B. Scott.

old;[6] however, he claimed an official birthdate of 28 July 1870 and a birthplace of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia. In the 1910-1920 census listings, the couple was recorded in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.[7,8] In 1910, Elizabeth reported having given birth to five children and only one, Louise, was still living and in their household.[9]

- William Logan Sammons was a personal valet or porter[10] and travelled extensively overseas. Between his passport applications and his arrival/departure records, the countries he visited included Portugal, British Isles, France, Monaco, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Spain, Algeria, Gibraltar, Palestine, Syria, Constantinople and Cuba.[11,12]

- Eliza(beth), William, Louise (their only surviving child) and Douglas Trower (their son-in-law) are buried in a family plot with a quadruple stone in Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster, Lancaster County, PA.[13] According to the headstone, Elizabeth died in 1957 and William died in 1944.[14] Death records have not yet been located.

- In the course of reviewing our sources to date with a broader perspective than original scope, summarizing our findings to date and transcribing all of the Shackleford ledger pages of Henry & Eliza Tyree and their known children, additional possible children of Henry & Eliza were identified:

    - Frances Tyree was the informant on the birth register entry for Eliza(beth) Tyree in 1874. She was listed as the sister to the newly born infant.[15]

    - Sallie Tyree, Harriet Tyree and Cornelia Tyree were listed often in the ledger account pages of Henry Tyree.[16] He paid for care of each of these children and/or ladies in his accounts. There is no further evidence of their relationship, but his continued care of these children and Eliza's claim in the 1910 census that she had given birth to 11 children and only 8 were still living supports that there were additional children.

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[6]1870 United States Federal Census, Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle County, Virginia, population schedule, p. 194, dwelling 1294, family 1314, household of R. W. & Sarah B Sammons, database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 26 September 2017); citing National Archives microfilm publication M593, roll 1631, Family History Library microfilm 553130.

[7]1910 United States Federal Census, household of Wm A & Elizabeth Sammons.

[8]1920 United States Federal Census, Sewickley, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 790, p. 17B, , dwelling 350, family 424, household of William L. Sammons, database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 26 September 2017); citing National Archives microfilm publication T625, roll 1528.

[9]1910 U.S. Census, Elizabeth reported having given birth to five children and one was still living.

[10] Ibid., occupation of Wm A Sammons: valet for private family.

[11]"U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), passport application of William L. Sammons, submitted 20 February 1919 from Washington, DC, approved 21 February 1919, passport application no. 65353, citing National Archives microfilm publication M1490, roll 708.

[12]"U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), passport application of William L. Sammons, submitted 19 December 1921 from Allegheny County, PA, approved 22 December 1921, passport application no. 106347, citing National Archives microfilm publication M1490, roll 1799.

[13]*Find A Grave,* database and images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 16 September 2017), memorial page for Elizabeth T. Sammons (1876–1957), Find A Grave Memorial no. 88,120,814, citing Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; the accompanying photographs by Carol & Pete [--?--] are materially informative; also, memorials 88,120,884; 88,120,789; 88,120,859.

[14]Ibid., memorials 88,120,814 & 88,120,884.

[15]Albemarle County, Virginia, Births, 1872-1896, p. 297, line 165, Eliza Tyree, 22 Jan 1874, FHL microfilm #2046909. Frances Tyree was the informant and relationship to the child born was "sister."

[16]William C. Shackleford Ledger, 1867-1900, microfilm edition, two rolls (Library of Virginia, Richmond), reel 2690-2691, multiple items and pages-see research notes for details, series: business records collection, Accession Number 39027, system number 00503170.

RESEARCH NOTES

Summary Table of Sources, Possible additional children of Henry & Eliza Tyree:

Sallie: Several entries in the Shackleford ledger under Henry Tyree Sr mention care for a child Sallie:

- Sunday, 12 Jan 1868: $2 charge for visit & medicine to child Sallie[17]
- Friday, 17 Jan 1868: $1.25 charge for visit & medicine to Sallie[18]
- Wednesday, 22 Jan 1868: $1.50 charge for call visit & medicine for Sallie[19]
- Wednesday, 29 Jan 1868: No charge for call visit to Sallie[20]
- Wednesday, 5 Feb 1868: 50 cent charge for call visit to Sallie (half-price)[21]
- Saturday, 8 Feb 1868: $1.25 charge for visit & medicine to Sallie[22]

Cornelia/Nellie: Several entries in Henry Tyree Sr's ledger pages mention care for Cornelia/Nellie or Nellie's child:

- Sunday, 21 April 1872: 75 cents charge for prescription medicine for Cornelia[23]
- Sunday, 30 Jan 1881: $2 charge for visit to Nelia's child[24]
- Tuesday, 8 Feb 1881: $2 credit - visit to Nelia's child, not required[25]
- Monday, 12 November 1883: Paid Dr. Shackleford to attend Cornelia in labor[26]
- Friday, 2 Feb 1883: $2 for v. to Nelie's child[27]
- Friday, 15 Feb 1884: A correction in the ledger for charges for [visit to] Cornelia no longer required[28]
- Saturday, 16 Feb 1884: Paid 25 cents for horse to carry Nelie (sic) to Depot[29]

Harriet: Several entries in Henry Tyree Sr's ledger pages mention care or purchases for Harriet:

- Tuesday, 11 February 1868: $2 charge for pair of shoes got of Beck for Harriet[30]
- Saturday, 29 March 1873: 75 cent charge for present for Harriet[31]
- Wednesday, 30 December 1874 *(listed in line dated 8 Dec 1874)*: $1 charge to ex [extract] tooth [for] Harriet[32]
- Tuesday, 18 May 1875: $1 charge for lancing felon for Harriet.[33] (Merriam Webster dictionary: Felon—a painful abscess of the deep tissues of the palmar surface of the fingertip that is typically caused by bacterial infection (as with a staphylococcus) and is marked by swelling and pain)
- Sunday, 8 Oct 1876 *(listed in line dated 16 Jun 1877)*: $1 charge for extracting tooth for Harriet[34]

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[17] William C. Shackleford Ledger, 1867-1900, microfilm edition, two rolls (Library of Virginia, Richmond), reel 2690, Item 1 on film, p. 53, series: business records collection, Accession Number 39027, system number 00503170.
[18] Ibid.
[19] Ibid., p. 161.
[20] Ibid.
[21] Ibid.
[22] Ibid.
[23] Ibid., Item 2 on film, p. 29.
[24] Ibid., p. 333
[25] Ibid.
[26] William C. Shackleford Ledger, 1867-1900, microfilm edition, two rolls (Library of Virginia, Richmond), reel 2691, accession 39027 (business records collection, system number 00503170, p. 39.
[27] Ibid.
[28] Ibid.
[29] Ibid.
[30] Ibid., reel 2690, item 1, p. 161
[31] Ibid., item 2, p. 59.
[32] Ibid.
[33] Ibid.
[34] Ibid., p. 333

Additional entry for Harriet under Eliza Tyree's ledger pages (Henry Sr's wife):

- Saturday, 8 November 1879: 50 cent charge for hire of horse for Harriet to ride to Charlottesville[35]

Frances Tyree: In the birth register entry for Eliza Tyree, the informant was Frances Tyree. The relationship of Frances to the child born was "sister."[36]

Additional research on Eliza(beth) (Tyree) Sammons (22 Feb 1874-1957).

As a reminder, Eliza Tyree was listed in the birth register of Albemarle County, Virginia with a birthdate of 22 February 1874. Her parents were Henry Tyree & Eliza. The informant for the birth register entry was Frances Tyree. Frances' relationship to the baby born was "sister."[37]

The following additional events were discovered for Eliza in the Shackleford ledger under Henry Tyree Sr's pages:

- Thursday, 16 July 1891: $2.50 charge for v & p [visit & prognosis?] to daughter Eliza[38]
- Wednesday, 22 July 1891: $2.50 charge for n v & p [night visit & prognosis?] to daughter Eliza[39]
- Wednesday, 26 Aug 1891: $10 charge for attending daughter Eliza in childbirth[40]
- Saturday, 5 Sep 1891: $2.50 charge by Dr. Shackleford for v&p [visit & prognosis?] of grandchild, Belle[41]
- Saturday, 11 Aug 1900: $2.50 charge by Dr. Shackleford for visiting granddaughter, Belle [Eliza's child].[42]

The following ledger entries were listed under Wm Sammons on the same page as Henry Tyree Sr.

- Thursday, 10 Aug 1893: $10 paid for attending wife at childbirth[43]
- Friday, 25 Aug 1893: Eliza Tyree sent $10 cash to Dr. Shackleford for payment in full (listed under Wm. Sammons' account pages in the Shackleford ledger)[44]
- Tuesday, 27 Feb 1894: $1 credited to Wm Sammons' account by Henry Tyree for Eliza's daughter Belle[45]
- Sunday, 4 Mar 1900: $2.50 charge for v&p [visit & prognosis?] of wife by Dr. Shackleford[46]
- Monday, 5 Mar 1900: $2.50 charge for v&p [visit & prognosis?] of wife by Dr. Shackleford[47]
- Tuesday, 6 Mar 1900: $2.50 for v&p [visit & prognosis?] of wife by Dr. Shackleford[48]
- Wednesday, 7 Mar 1900: $2.50 for v&p [visit & prognosis?] of wife by Dr. Shackleford[49]

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[35] Ibid., p. 369
[36] Albemarle County, Virginia, Births, p. 297, line 165.
[37] Ibid.
[38] Shackleford Ledger, roll 2691, p. 268.
[39] Ibid.
[40] Ibid.
[41] Ibid.
[42] Ibid., p. 536
[43] Ibid., p. 268
[44] Ibid.
[45] Ibid.
[46] Ibid.
[47] Ibid.
[48] Ibid.
[49] Ibid.

- Thursday, 8 Mar 1900; $2.50 for v&p [visit & prognosis?] of wife by Dr. Shackleford[50]

RECOMMENDATION: Re-order the Shackleford ledgers and look for entries for William Sammons to identify additional entries for William and Eliza.

Timeline for Eliza(beth) (Tyree) Sammons and/or William Logan Sammons:

Note: All blue text represents hyperlinks to the records online.

27 September 1893. Wm B. Sammons married Eliza E. Tyree on 27 September 1893 in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey.[51]

1900 US Census. In a search on *Ancestry* for William Sammons or Wm Sammons with a wife by the name of Eliza or Elizabeth in Albemarle County, VA or surrounding counties, there were no results for 1900. There are multiple ledger entries for William Sammons with his wife in the Shackleford ledgers in March and August 1900 concerning care for William's wife and child by Dr. Shackleford. This would indicate that they lived nearby or had close ties to the area. In broadening the search statewide for William Sammons or Simmons born between 1870 and 1874 in Virginia with a wife by the name of Eliza or Elizabeth, there were none with a wife in the household by the name of Eliza or Elizabeth.

The same search was performed for Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA and surrounding counties with no success.

The same search was performed for the District of Columbia. There were several results for William Sammons & Simmons, but none included a wife in the household by the name of Elizabeth using the parameters aforementioned.

1909 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania City Directory: William L Sammons, occupation: porter, resided at 24 Junilla Street, Pitsburgh, Pennsylvania.[52] Spouses were not listed.

1910 US Census. In 1910, Wm A & Elizabeth Sammons resided at **24 Junilla, Ward 5, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.[53]** The census reported they had been married 18 years or since 1892. It was the first marriage for both of them. The race of both was reported as mulatto and they were born in Virginia. Elizabeth had given birth to five children and only one was still living: Louise, age 3, was born in the District of Columbia. Wm was a valet for a private family. Both he and Elizabeth could read and write. They owned their own home. There were two other families residing at the same address: the family of Edgar E. Bartholomew, 30; his mother, Mary E. Bartholomew, 61, a widow; his widowed sister Anna Vactor and her daughter, Mary E. Vactor, age 9; and Oscar C. Bartholomew, 27, widowed.[54] Additionally, the family of G.W. and Rhona M. Truman, age 34 and 28 respectively, who were married and hosted a lodger by the name of Thomas Jones, age 30, single.[55] All residents at the multifamily dwelling were black or mulatto with birth locations in Virginia, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Ohio.

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[50] Ibid.

[51] "New Jersey, Marriages, 1670-1980," database with images, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FZLH-H2Z : 26 September 2017), Wm. B. Simmons and Eliza E. Tyree, 27 Sep 1893; citing Jersey City, Hudson, New Jersey, United States, Division of Archives and Record Management, New Jersey Department of State, Trenton; FHL microfilm 495,716.

[52] R. L. Polk, compiler, *Pittsburgh Directory* (Pittsburgh: R.L. Polk & Co & R. L. Dudley, 1909), 54; accessed via "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995,"*Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : 26 September 2017) .

[53] 1910 United States Federal Census, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 340, p. 4A, 24 Junilla Street, dwelling 50, family 56, household of Wm A & Elizabeth Sammons, database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 26 September 2017); citing National Archives microfilm publication T624, roll 1300, Family History Library microfilm 1375313.

[54] Ibid., family 57, household of Edgar E. Bartholomew.

[55] Ibid., family 58, household of G. W. Truman.

1910 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania City Directory: **William L Sammons, occupation: porter, resided at 24 Junilla Street, Pitsburgh, Pennsylvania**.[56] Spouses were not listed.

1913 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania City Directory. **William L. Sammons, resided at 2337 Oliver Bldg H, Sewickley, PA**.[57] No spouses were listed. His occupation was not listed.

6 May 1914 New York, Passenger List, Arrivals, for the ship Olympic. William L. Sammons, born 28 July 1870, in Charlottesville, VA. **His address in the US was Sewickley, PA**. Since his job was a porter, it was likely that he was escorting the man four lines above him: Harry R. Rea, and his family, who also resided at the Oliver Bldg. in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Later passport applications would show his employment with Mr. Rea. The ship was arriving from Cherbourg, France.[58]

21 February 1919 US Passport Issued to William L. Sammons. William L. Sammons, born 28 July 1870 in Charlottesville, VA, **who resided in Pittsburgh, PA** applied for a passport to accompany Henry R. Rea to Cuba as his valet. He intended to sail from Key West on 2 March 1919. William's father was Rolland W. Sammons, who was deceased.[59]

1920 US Census. In 1920, William L. Sammons, 40, and his wife (unnamed), 38, **resided on Duerson? Street, in Sewickley, Allgheny, Pennsylvania with their daughter, Louise, age 13** and a boarder, Lucy Smith, 46, married, who was born in Mississippi. All household members, except Lucy, could read and write. Louise attended school. Birthplaces: William L Sammons and Louise: Pennsylvania; wife: Virginia; Lucy Smith: Mississippi. William was a caterer and Lucy Smith performed laundry work.[60]

22 December 1921 US Passport Issued to William L. Sammons. Father was listed as Rollins W. Sammons. **His residence was Sewickley, Pennsylvania.** His occupation was a valet. Purpose of his passport application was to accompany H. [or E.] O Ray [also listed as Rea written above Ray] to Portugal, British Isles, France, Monaco, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Spain Algieria, Gibraltar, Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Constantinople and any other necessary countries. Intended to sail from the port of New York 7 Jan 1923.[61] This passport application has an image of William. *Note: The image of the family on the right page of the application in the online image of the passport application is not of William. The second page contains William's headshot.*

19 April 1922 New York, Passenger Lists, Arrivals, for the ship Olympic. William Logan Sammons, born 28 July 1870, arrived in New York, New York from Cherbourg, France. His birthplace was Charlottesville, VA.[62]

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[56]R. L. Polk, compiler, *Pittsburgh Directory* (Pittsburgh: R.L. Polk & Co & R. L. Dudley, 1910), 55; accessed via "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995,"*Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : 26 September 2017) .

[57] R. L. Polk, compiler, *Pittsburgh Directory* (Pittsburgh: R.L. Polk & Co & R. L. Dudley, 1909), 58; accessed via "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995,"*Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : 26 September 2017) .

[58]"New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), manifest sheet no. 8 for the S. S. Olympic, arrived 6 May 1914, entry for William L. Sammons; citing National Archives microfilm publication T715, roll 2309.

[59]"U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), passport application of William L. Sammons, submitted 20 February 1919 from Washington, DC, approved 21 February 1919, passport application no. 65353, citing National Archives microfilm publication M1490, roll 708.

[60]1920 United States Federal Census, Sewickley, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 790, p. 17B, , dwelling 350, family 424, household of William L. Sammons, database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 26 September 2017); citing National Archives microfilm publication T625, roll 1528.

[61]"U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), passport application of William L. Sammons, submitted 19 December 1921 from Allegheny County, PA, approved 22 December 1921, passport application no. 106347, citing National Archives microfilm publication M1490, roll 1799.

[62]"New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), manifest sheet no. 8 for the S. S. Olympic, arrived 12 May 1922, entry for William Logan Sammons; citing National Archives microfilm publication T715, roll 3103.

14 November 1922 New York, Passenger Lists, Arrivals, for the ship Majestic. William Logan Sammons, born 28 July 1870, arrived in New York, New York from Southampton [England]. His birthplace was Charlottesville, VA. His residence was the Oliver Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.[63]

6 February 1923 New York, Passenger Lists, Arrivals, for the ship Olympic. William Logan Sammons, born 28 July 1870, *did not arrive* in New York, New York from Cherbourg, France. His name was marked out as not being present on board. His birthplace was Charlottesville, VA. His residence was the Oliver Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.[64]

17 March 1923 New York, Passenger Lists, Arrivals, for the ship Aquitania. William Logan Sammons, born 28 July 1870, arrived in New York, New York from Cherbourg, France. His birthplace was Charlottesville, VA. His residence was listed as the Oliver Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.[65]

16 March 1927 *The New York Amsterdam News (Attachment 1).* "Mrs. Eddie Johnson, 1945 Seventh avenue, was hostess at a bridge party last Thursday. Thirty-six guests were present. For three days she had Mrs. William Sammons of Pittsburgh as her house guest."[66]

19 March 1929 Florida, Passenger Lists, Arrivals, for the ship Iroquois. William Logan Sammons, born 28 July 1870, arrived in Miami, Florida from Havana, Cuba. His birthplace was Charlottesville, VA. His address was listed as 5618 Stanton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA and his marital status was listed as married.[67]

7 February 1930 Florida, Passenger Lists, Arrivals, for the ship Iroquois. William Logan Sammons, born 28 July 1870, arrived in Miami, Florida from Havana, Cuba. His birthplace was Charlottesville, VA. His address was listed as Oliver Building, Pittsburgh, PA and his marital status was listed as married.[68]

29 June 1932 New York, Passenger Lists, Arrivals, for the ship Olympic. William Logan Sammons, born 28 July 1872 [different from previous birth date claims], arrived in New York, New York from Cherbourg, France. His birthplace was Charlottesville, VA. His address was listed as 596 Edgcumbe Avenue, New York, New York and his marital status was listed as married.[69]

9 December 1933 *Afro-American [Baltimore].* "Mrs. Mary Stanton, wife of the late William H. Stanton, left last week for an eastern trip. She plans to spend a few days with the William Sammons and Douglass

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[63] "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), manifest sheet no. 7 for the S. S. Majestic, arrived 14 November 1922, entry for William Logan Sammons; citing National Archives microfilm publication T715, roll 3217.

[64] "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), manifest sheet no. 16 for the S. S. Olympic, arrived 6 February 1923, entry for ~~William Sammons~~; citing National Archives microfilm publication T715, roll 3252.

[65] "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), manifest sheet no. 1 for the S. S. Aquitania, arrived 17 March 1923, entry for William Logan Sammons; citing National Archives microfilm publication T715, roll 3268.

[66]"Side Lights on SOCIETY," *The New York Amsterdam News,* 16 March 1927, p. 9, ProQuest via membership of DC Public Library (http://www.dclibrary.org > Research>Databases> ProQuest Historical Black Newspapers : accessed 16 October 2017).

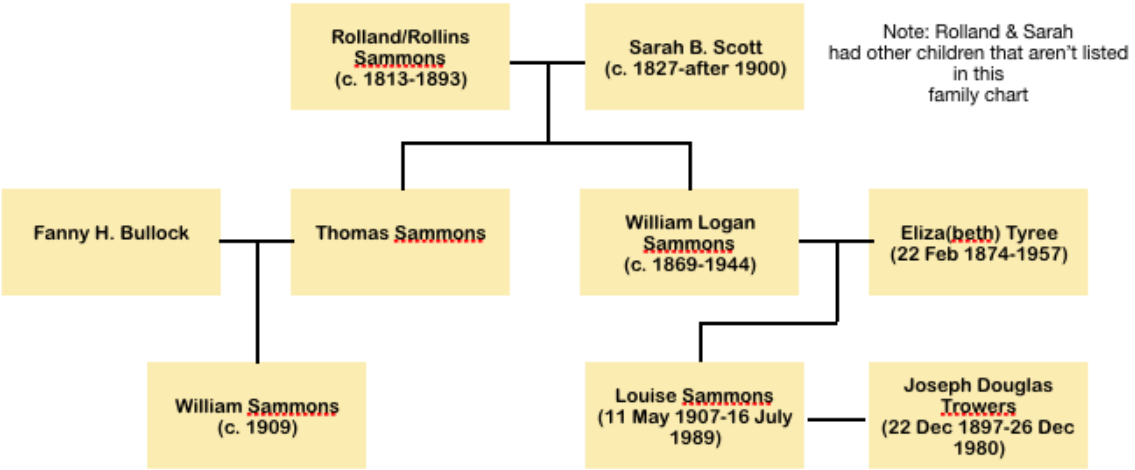
[67]"Florida, Passenger Lists, 1898-1963," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), manifest sheet no. 5 for the S. S. Iroquois, arrived 19 March 1929, entry for Williams (sic) Sammons; citing National Archives Record Group 85, Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1787-2004, A3622, Arriving at Miami, Florida, 1904-1949, roll 9.

[68] "Florida, Passenger Lists, 1898-1963," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), manifest sheet no. 8 for the S. S. Iroquois, arrived 7 February 1930, entry for Williams (sic) Sammons; citing National Archives Record Group 85, Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1787-2004, A3622, Arriving at Miami, Florida, 1904-1949, roll 10.

[69]"New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), manifest sheet no. C3 for the S. S. Olympic, arrived 29 June 1932, entry for William Logan Sammons; citing National Archives microfilm publication T715, roll 5179.

Trowers of Germantown, Pa., and also to visit her many friends in New York City."[70] I believe this Mrs. William Sammons was Eliza(beth) (Tyree) Sammons' niece-in-law. See below family chart.

16 December 1933 *Afro-American [Baltimore].* "Mrs. Mary Stanton, of Pittsburgh, and widow of William Stanton, attorney, visited friends in the city and Germantown, last week. **Mrs. William Sammons, of School Lane**, **[Germantown, PA]**, entertained her, during her stay…"[71] I believe this Mrs. William Sammons was Eliza(beth) (Tyree) Sammons' niece-in-law. For clarity:



17 August 1934 New York , Passenger Lists, Arrivals, for the ship Berengaria. William Logan Sammons, born 28 July 1870, arrived in New York, New York from Southampton, England. His birthplace was Charlottesville, VA. His address was listed as Oliver Building, Pittsburgh, PA and his marital status was listed as married. The Henry Rea family, whom he often accompanied, was listed on lines 11-14. Immediately above him was George Hann, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, who was a witness for William's passport application.[72] *Note: The third page of his application contains an affidavit of Albert B. Taylor, who had known William for 25 years. Recommendation: Determine if there is any connection between Elizabeth (Tyree) Taylor, Eliza(beth)'s sibling as listed in the household of their father in the 1920 census in Albemarle County, Virginia, and this Albert B. Taylor.*

1940 US Census. William L. Sammons was recorded as a servant in the household of Edith O. Rea and her son, Henry O. Rea, on South Ocean Boulevard in Palm Beach, Florida. Elizabeth was not listed in the household. William's birthplace was recorded as Virginia; he completed four years of high school. In 1935, his residence was recorded as the same place. His occupation was valet for the private family. In 1939, he worked 52 weeks for an income of $1500. This was the third highest salary of the fourteen

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[70]Beatrix Wood, "Buzzing About the Burgh," *Baltimore Afro-American,* 9 December 1933, p. 4, ProQuest via membership of DC Public Library (http://www.dclibrary.org > Research>Databases> ProQuest Historical Black Newspapers : accessed 16 October 2017).

[71]Roland E. Johnson, "Germantown," *Baltimore Afro-American, 16* December 1933, p. 6, ProQuest via membership of DC Public Library (http://www.dclibrary.org > Research>Databases> ProQuest Historical Black Newspapers : accessed 16 October 2017).

[72] "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 October 2017), manifest sheet no. 15 for the S. S. Berengeria, arrived 17 Aug 1934, entry for William Sammons; citing National Archives microfilm publication T715, roll 5330.

household staff members of the residence; it ranked just below the secretary and butler in terms of salary. Of interest, Henry Rea's occupation was a contractor in the steel works.[73]

1944. According to FindAGrave, William L. Trower died in 1944. There is an image of a quadruple tombstone shared between him, his wife, Elizabeth; his daughter, Louise; and his son-in-law, Douglass Trower. They are buried in Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.[74]

1957. According to FindAGrave, Eliza(beth) (Tyree) Sammons died in 1957. There is an image of a quadruple tombstone shared between her, her husband, William L.; their daughter, Louise; and their son-in-law, Douglass Trower. They are buried in Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.[75]

26 Dec 1980. According to FindAGrave, J. Douglass Trower died on 26 Dec 1980. There is an image of a quadruple tombstone shared between him, his wife, Louise S.; and his father-in-law & mother-in-law, Douglass Sammons and Elizabeth T. Sammons. They are buried in Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.[76]

16 July 1989. According to FindAGrave, Louise (Sammons) Trower died on 16 July 1989. There is an image of a quadruple tombstone shared between her, her husband, J. Douglas; and her parents, Douglass Sammons and Elizabeth T. Sammons. They are buried in Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.[77]

Death Records & Obituaries. A search of the *Baltimore Afro-American* and *The New York Amsterdam News* via *ProQuest* through a membership with the DC Public Library, produced negative results for obituaries for William Logan and Elizabeth (Tyree) Sammons. These are both African-American publications that covered their region of their residence and social circles.

A search for Pennsylvania death records and Social Security Death Index listings on *Ancestry* for both William & Eliza(beth) (Tyree) Sammons also produced negative results.

A search of Florida death records on *Ancestry* for William Logan Sammons produced negative results.

Recommendations:

(1) *Submit death certificate requests to the Pennsylvania Department of Health for both William & Elizabeth (Tyree) Sammons. Search for obituaries for Joseph Douglas & Louise (Sammons) Trowers to see if we can uncover their children for additional matches on DNA.*
(2) *Call the Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to obtain burial dates for William L & Elizabeth Sammons. This will also identify whether the stone is in memorium or an actual burial site.*

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[73] 1940 United States Federal Census, Palm Beach, Florida, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 50-37, Sheet 1B, , dwelling 13, household of Edith O. Rea, database with images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 26 September 2017); citing National Archives microfilm publication T627, roll 606.

[74] *Find A Grave,* database and images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 16 September 2017), memorial page for Elizabeth T. Sammons (1876–1957), Find A Grave Memorial no. 88,120,814, citing Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; the accompanying photographs by Carol & Pete [--?--] are materially informative.

[75] *Find A Grave,* database and images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 16 September 2017), memorial page for William L. Sammons (1877–1944), Find A Grave Memorial no. 88,120,789, citing Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; the accompanying photographs by Carol & Pete [--?--] are materially informative.

[76] *Find A Grave,* database and images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 16 September 2017), memorial page for J. Douglas Trower (1897–1980), Find A Grave Memorial no. 88,120,859, citing Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; the accompanying photographs by Carol & Pete [--?--] are materially informative.

[77] *Find A Grave,* database and images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 16 September 2017), memorial page for Louise S. Trower (1907–1989), Find A Grave Memorial no. 88,120,884, citing Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; the accompanying photographs by Carol & Pete [--?--] are materially informative

Attachment 1: *The New York Amsterdam News, 16 March 1927*

Side Lights on SOCIETY

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Mrs. Eddie Johnson, 1945 Seventh avenue, was hostess at a bridge party last Thursday. Thirty-six guests were present.

For three days she had Mrs. William Sammons of Pittsburgh as her house guest.

"Side Lights on SOCIETY," *The New York Amsterdam News,* 16 March 1927, p. 9, ProQuest via membership of DC Public Library (http://www.dclibrary.org > Research>Databases> ProQuest Historical Black Newspapers : accessed 16 October 2017).

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Attachment 2: Baltimore Afro-American, 9 December 1933

Buzzing About the Burgh

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MRS. STANTON VISITS IN EAST

Mrs. Mary Stanton, wife of the late William H. Stanton, left last week for an eastern trip. She plans to spend a few days with the William Sammons and Douglass Trowers, of Germantown, Pa., and also to visit her many friends in New York City.

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Beatrix Wood, "Buzzing About the Burgh," *Baltimore Afro-American,* 9 December 1933, p. 4, ProQuest via membership of DC Public Library (http://www.dclibrary.org > Research>Databases> ProQuest Historical Black Newspapers : accessed 16 October 2017).

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GERMANTOWN

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SOCIAL ITEMS

Mrs. Mary Stanton, of Pittsburgh, and widow of William Stanton, attorney, visited friends in the city and Germantown, last week. Mrs. William Sammons, of School Lane. entertained her, during her stay....

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