

First Generation

1. James Barber FRETWELL.¹ Born in Virginia on 29 Aug 1831.¹ James Barber died in Ventura Co., California, on 21 May 1909.¹ Buried in City Cemetery, Ventura, CA. Occupation: Farmer (FC).

In the 1880 FC, James says his parents were born in Virginia. His son is the informant on his death certificate, where he gives the names of James Barber Fretwell and Maria Jane Cockrell as the parents of his father.

His birthplace is given as MO in 1850 and 1860, VA in 1870, 1880 and 1900 federal census records.

1850 FC: Eldorado Co., CA, a miner @ age 19

1860 FC: Sonoma Co., CA, a farmer @ age 27

1870 FC: Sonoma Co., CA w/wife @ age 31

1880 FC: Tulare Co., CA w/wife @ age 49

1900 FC: Ventura Co., CA w/wife @ age 69

Headline: Eviction in California (*Nevada State Journal Weekly*, Reno, NV. Sat., Nov. 18, 1882).

A dispatch from Hanford, Cal., of the 14th says the railroad company has again commenced the work of evicting settlers. Marshal Drew, by the aid of C. Phillips, an old resident in Tulare county, and his team, accomplished the ejection of James B. Fretwell and his family, consisting of his wife and seven children. No resistance was offered. All the household goods, poultry, hogs and hay were removed to a county road near H. C. Fallin's about one mile east of Fretwell's house. Fretwell has occupied his quarter-section as an actual settler for nine years. Phillips claims to have bought the railroad title to the land, and has lately made a preemptory demand of the railroad company to place him in possession, hence the eviction. Phillips had Fretwell's house torn down by some Portuguese who aided him with the wagons, and in this way removed the improvements, so far as the houses are concerned.

He first married Jennie ENGLISH², on 25 Jul 1864 in Sonoma County, California. Marriage License [for] James B. Fretwell and Jennie English. Married by a Justice of the Peace and Filed for Record on July 25, 1864... Sonoma Co., California.

He second married Maria COCKRELL², on 19 Sep 1868 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., CA. Born in Indiana in Aug 1851. Maria died in Ventura Co., California, on 1 Apr 1925. Buried in City Cemetery, Ventura, CA. Religion: Funeral @ Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Ventura, CA.

1910 FC: Ventura Co., CA widow w/son @ age 58

They had the following children:

- i. John Charles³. Born in Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., CA, on 22 Jul 1869. John Charles died in Glenn Co., California, on 10 Aug 1953. Occupation: Farm Laborer (1900 FC).
1870 FC: Sonoma Co., CA w/parents @ age 10/12
1880 FC: Tulare Co., CA w/parents @ age 10
1900 FC: Glenn Co., CA divorced @ age 31
1910
1920 FC: Glenn Co., CA divorced @ age 50

California Voter Registration: Jacinto, CA. Democrat. Male. Laborer. 1900-1924 List.
Westside Precinct. Republican. Laborer. 1926-1944 List.

- ii. Hattie Alice. Born in CA ca 1871.
1880 FC: Tulare Co., CA w/parents @ age 9

Lived @ Oxnard, CA (1925) and Moore Park, CA.

She married Thomas H. DICKERSON³, on 5 Sep 1888 in Ventura Co., California.
- iii. Edwin Eugene³. Born in Hanford, Kings Co., CA, ca 1873. Edwin Eugene died in Ventura Co., California, in Mar 1890. Buried in City Cemetery, Ventura, CA. Occupation: Employed By Jas. Taylor In Ventura, CA As A Truckman. Religion: Buried In The Protestant Section Of City Cemetery.
1880 FC: Tulare Co., CA w/parents @ age 7

Item (*Ventura Vidette*. March 13, 1890, p. 1). Ed Fretwell died of lockjaw at 5:30 o'clock this morning at his father's residence on west Main street. He had been for some time in the employ of Jas. Taylor as truckman. About ten days ago he had the misfortune to crush his thumb and day before yesterday he was taken with lockjaw, which terminated in his death.

- 2 iv. Etta Belle (ca1875-)
- v. Florence Judith³. Born in Hanford, Kings Co., CA, ca 1876.
1880 FC: Tulare Co., CA w/parents @ age 4

Lived @ Hollywood, CA (1925).

She married A. B. DONALDSON³, on 22 Dec 1897 in Ventura Co., California.

- 3 vi. Lawrence Newton (1878-1963)
- 4 vii. Lydia Jane (1881-1960)
- viii. Mattie Elizabeth³. Born in Ventura Co., California, in Jun 1883.
1900 FC: Ventura Co., CA w/parents @ age 16
1902 City Directory: Boarding @ 1310 E. 27th, Los Angeles, CA.
1925: married & lived in Los Angeles, CA.
She married Frank E. SALYER³. Sp. SALIER.
- ix. Jessie Elijah³. Born in Ventura Co., California, on 30 Jul 1889. Jessie Elijah died in Ventura Co., California, on 27 Sep 1953. Occupation: Butcher (1910 FC). Ventura Market (1926).
1900 FC: Ventura Co., CA w/parents @ age 11
1910 FC: Ventura Co., Ca w/mother @ age 21

1926 City Directory: 311 Ash, Ventura, California.

He first married Carmelita J. SALCIDO³, daughter of J. J. SALCIDO, on 9 Sep 1911 in Ventura Co., California. Born in Ventura Co., CA, ca 1891. Carmelita J. died in Ventura Co., CA, on 18 Oct 1914.

Obituary. *Ventura Free Press Weekly*, Ventura, CA. Oct. 23, 1914, p. 5.
Mrs. Carmelita Fretwell, wife of Jesse Fretwell, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Salcido on Sunday after an illness of many months duration during which she has had the constant care and attention of her young husband and her parents.
Deceased was a native of this county. She had been married but a brief time when she was stricken with illness.
Funeral services largely attended by friends of the family were held Monday afternoon.
The parents and the husband have the sympathy of the community.

He second married Julia -----. Julia ? FORBES ? needs verification.
- 5 x. Bessie Alfrieda (1892-<1912)

Second Generation

----- Family of James Barber FRETWELL (1) & Maria COCKRELL

2. Etta Belle FRETWELL (James Barber¹).³ Born in Hanford, Kings Co., CA, ca 1875. 1880 FC: Tulare Co., CA w/parents @ age 5 Lived @ Prescott, Arizona (1925).

She first married Joe TAYLOR, on 11 Jun 1890 in Ventura Co., California.

They had one child:

- i. Edith³.
Need verification of father.

She married George AINSWORTH³.

She second married Andrew J. DICKERSON³, ca 1925.

3. Lawrence Newton FRETWELL (James Barber¹).³ Born in Hanford, Kings Co., CA, on 30 Oct 1878. Lawrence Newton died in Santa Cruz Co., CA, on 10 Feb 1963. Buried in IOOF Crematory. Occupation: Painter (1908 Voter Registration). Painter (1918 Draft Registration). Religion: Methodist.

1880 FC: Tulare Co., CA w/parents @ age 1
1900 FC: Ventura Co., CA w/parents @ age 21
1910 FC: Ventura Co., CA w/wife @ age 31
1920 FC: Ventura Co., CA w/wife @ age 41
1930 FC: Ventura Co., CA w/wife @ age 51

He married Maude Pearl PHILBRICK³, on 4 Jul 1909 in Ventura Co., CA. Born in Kansas on 7 Apr 1882. Maude Pearl died in Ventura Co., California, on 3 Sep 1973.

They had the following children:

- i. Edward Eugene³. Born in Ventura Co., CA, on 29 Mar 1910. Occupation: Farmer.
Personal interview by John Fretwell: "Last week I visited with Edward Eugene Fretwell who is retired but he has an orange orchard in Reddley, California. He lives about thirty miles from Fresno..."
Residence 1983: 22347 Adams Avenue, R. 2, Reedley, CA 93654.
He married Ella "A" ARMIGER³, on 14 Jun 1935.

Lived @ Reedley, CA (1963).
No issue.

- ii. Frances May³. Born in California ca 1915.
Lived @ Bakersfield, CA.
She married ----- GISH.
 - iii. Ruth Edna³. Born in California ca 1917.
Lived @ Corona Del Mar, CA.
She married ----- DE LONG.
- 6 iv. Harry Alfred (ca1918-)

4. Lydia Jane FRETWELL (James Barber¹).³ Born in Hanford, Kings Co., CA, on 2 Mar 1881. Lydia Jane died in San Diego, California, on 1 Dec 1960. Buried in Cypress Lawn Cemetery, San Diego, CA. 1900 FC: Ventura Co., CA w/parents @ age 19 Lived @ San Diego, CA (1925).

She married Imle L. ENO³, son of Harvey ENO & Caroline Nancy KELLOGG, on 8 Jul 1901 in Santa Barbara, CA. Imle L. died in San Diego, California, on 12 Apr 1944. Buried in Cypress Lawn Cemetery, San Diego, CA. Occupation: Merchant.

They had the following children:

- 7
- i. Frances Burtina (ca1902-)
 - ii. Florence Nellie⁴. Born in Pomona, California, ca 1905.
Lived @ San Diego, CA.
Two sons.
She married George H. HOBBS, on 12 Jun 1926 in Fullerton, California.

5. Bessie Alfrida FRETWELL (James Barber¹).³ Born in Ventura Co., California, in Dec 1892. Bessie Alfrida died in CA bef 1912. Education: Attending School (1910 FC).

1900 FC: Ventura Co., CA w/parents @ age 7
1910 FC: Ventura Co., Ca w/mother @ age 17

Child:

- i. Fern. Born in California ca 1911.

Fern was a movie starlet by the stage name of Marion Bardell. *The American Film Institute Catalog of Motion Pictures* lists her work in 1933 in *The Devil's Brother* and *Under the Tonto Rim* and in 1934 in *The Captain Hates the Sea*. BFI lists *The Midnight Patrol* (1933). The Internet Movie Database lists *The Captain Hates the Sea*, *The Devil's Brother*, *Me and My Pal* and *Under the Tonto Rim*. *The Devil's Brother*, *Me and My Pal* and *Midnight Patrol* are all Laurel and Hardy films. See photo of Fern aka Marion Bardell as the bride in *Me and My Pal*.

She married ----- KAISER³.

Third Generation

Family of Lawrence Newton FRETWELL (3) & Maude Pearl PHILBRICK

6. Harry Alfred FRETWELL (Lawrence Newton², James Barber¹).³ Born in California ca 1918.

Lived @ 1108 Kingston Lane, Ventura, CA (1983).

He married Catherine J. WAUGH³, on 29 Aug 1951 in Santa Barbara, CA.

They had one child:

- i. Harry Alfred, Jr.
Assumed parentage.

He married Florence Ann QUIGLEY, on 25 Dec 1947 in Ventura Co., CA.

Family of Lydia Jane FRETWELL (4) & Imle L. ENO

7. Frances Burtina ENO (Lydia Jane FRETWELL², James Barber¹).⁴ Born in Pomona, California, ca 1902. Lived @ 2821 Nye St., San Diego, California.

She first married Arthur J. CASTLEBERRY³, on 14 Jan 1924 in Chula Vista, California. They were divorced in 1928.

They had one child:

- i. Shirley³. Born in San Diego, California, on 9 Apr 1925.

She second married William Armand RUEL³, on 8 Sep 1929 in Alhambra, California.

She third married Frank Levi BARNUM³. Frank Levi died on 21 Jan 1970.

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