

# Descendants of John J. Benjamin - 2 Generations

## First Generation

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**1. John J. Benjamin**<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11</sup>, Source. Born on 8 Oct 1839 in North Brookfield, Madison Co., New York.<sup>9,12</sup> John J. died in Madison Co., NY, on 21 Apr 1920; he was 80.<sup>11,13</sup> Buried in Apr 1920 in Eaton Village Cemetery.<sup>13</sup> Occupation: 1855 - Farmer.<sup>4</sup> Occupation: 1860 - Painter.<sup>5</sup> Occupation: 1865 - Painter.<sup>6</sup> Occupation: 1870 - House Painter.<sup>7</sup> Occupation: 1875 - Painter.<sup>8</sup> Occupation: 1880 - House Painter.<sup>14</sup> Occupation: 1890 - Painter & Decorator.<sup>12</sup> Occupation: 1900 - Painter & Paper Hanger.<sup>9</sup> Occupation: 1910 - Painter & Paper Hanger.<sup>15</sup>

John J. Benjamin was 5 feet 11 inches tall (or 6 feet) with light complexions light blue eyes and brown hair.<sup>12</sup>

1860 - Appears twice in the 1860 Census. On 12 June, appears with his parents. On 25 July, appears with Charles Ball (age 24), a painter and Charles Ball's wife Julia.<sup>5</sup>

1886 Aug. "John J. Benjamin has recently painted his house in two shades of olive green, greatly improving its appearance."<sup>16</sup>

1890 August 27 - John J. Benjamin applies for an Invalid Pension - "Suffered sunstroke, had just left winter quarters and in marching for Aquia Creek to Fredericksburg with heavy knapsack was struck down. Claimant was further disabled on or about the Month of July 1852 at camp near the Rapidan River in Virginia was attacked with Malarial Poisoning with brought on chills and fever, liver complaint and trouble o the spleen. Neuralgia pains in the body and limbs or Rheumatism. Al the results of said malarial complaints. This claim is made for the disabilities and the results thereof. In Regimental hospital only. He is now totally disabled."<sup>12</sup>

1902 Sept - John J. Benjamin was the First Vice President of the Reunion of 26th Regiment. <sup>17</sup>

1903 Oct - John J. Benjamin of Eaton was President of the Reunion of the 26th Regiment. <sup>18</sup>

1920 April - Death Notice: North Brookfield "Word was received here Friday of the death of John Benjamin at his home at Eaton. His brother, Elbert Benjamin, the only near relative here, is at one of the hospitals in Utica with a broken leg. The deceased was a resident here for many years, but for the past twenty years or more has resided at Eaton. Since the death of his wife a few years since, he has often visit his sons, one of whom lives in Columbus, Ohio and one in New York, and often made short visits to his old home town and received a cordial welcome. He always enjoyed good health, and the past winter had visited his two sons. One his return late in the winter he was taken with a severe cold which late developed complications which caused his death Thursday morning, April 22. He was the son of David and Sarah Benjamin and was 81 years of age. He was a soldier of the civil war, with an honorable discharge. On his return he took up his trade of painting and decorating, which he followed for a good many years. He was twice married, his first wife living but a short time. His last wife was a music teacher living at Eaton, from which union there were two sons. His wife died a few years since. The funeral was held in the Baptist church in Eaton Sunday afternoon at two o'clock burial in the cemetery at Eaton."<sup>19</sup>

1920 July 4 - John J. Benjamin was dropped from the Pension Rolls, he was receiving \$40 and his last payment, recorded on 27 July 1920.<sup>12</sup>

Military: 1861 May 13 - Enlisted in the army as a Private at Utica, NY, age 21 yrs<sup>20,12</sup>

1861 May 21 - Moved into Company I, 26th Infantry Regiment, New York (2nd Oneida Regiment)<sup>21</sup>

1862 April - John J. Benjamin was disabled by sunstroke. Also on or about July 1862 near the Rapidan he

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contracted malarial poisoning. He was treated in the Regimental Hospital. <sup>12</sup>

1862 May - 26th NY constructed Fort Lyon (south of Alexandria, VA)<sup>22</sup>

1862 May - June - 26th on duty near Fredericksburg, Manassas, Warrenton, and Culpeper until August.<sup>22</sup>

1862 May 25 - Arrived at Manassas by train from Alexandria.<sup>2</sup>

1862 May 28 - Left Manassas for Front Royal, and Strasburg.<sup>2</sup>

1862 July 4 - 26th NY camped at Manassas, and Gainesville<sup>2</sup>

1862 Jul 7 - Article appearing in the Utica Morning Herald & Daily Gazette: 'Manassas may now be regarded as a place well suited for being held for a great while by an army on either side', observed one of the Regimental officers". Also from the article: 'For when a general gets once comfortably fixed in the big brick house, he is not much disposed to leave'.<sup>2</sup>

1862 Aug 29 - Prisoner of War, 2nd Bull Run [Battle of Thoroughfare or Battle of Groveton]<sup>23</sup>

1862 Sept - 26th at South Mountain, Antietam, and Falmouth.<sup>22</sup>

1862 Sept 15 - Dysentery, nothing additional found. <sup>12</sup>

1862 October 31 - a Paroled Prisoner of War. Co. was in action at Manassas Va, Aug. 30, 1862<sup>12</sup> Prisoner of War Records show him captured at Manassas Va. August 29, 1862, paroled at Charlestown, VA. Sept 8, 1862, reported at Camp Parole, MD, date not given and was sent to Acquia Creek - other records furnish noting additional bearing on this case.<sup>12</sup>

1863 May 28 - Mustered out of Company I, 26th Infantry Regiment at Utica, NY<sup>20,12</sup>

2009 - Signature of "John Benjamin, 26th NY Inf. Co. I" discovered written on a wall of Liberia House in a former bathroom.

John J. first married **Hattie L. Unknown (1st wife of John J. Benjamin)**<sup>24,25</sup>, Spouse. Born in 1846.<sup>26</sup> Hattie L. died in Madison Co., NY, on 14 Jan 1869; she was 23.<sup>26</sup> Buried in Jan 1869 in Madison Co., NY.<sup>26</sup> North Brookfield Cemetery.

They had one child:

- i. Willie L Benjamin<sup>26</sup>. Born in 1869 in Madison Co., NY.<sup>27,28</sup> Willie L died in Madison Co., NY, on 7 Mar 1874; he was 5.<sup>26</sup> Buried in Mar 1874 in Madison Co., NY.<sup>26</sup> North Brookfield Cemetery, Madison Co., NY.  
1870 Census - Willie age 1 was enumerated with his grandparents David and Sarah Benjamin. <sup>27</sup> This probably indicates that his mother Hattie was dead and his father John was living in Eaton, Madison Co<sup>7</sup>. Since she died in 1869 and Willie was born in 1869 it seems possible that she died in child birth.

On 18 Jan 1872 when John J. was 32, he second married **Ellen (Ella) A. Joslin (Joslyn)**<sup>29,30,7,8,14,9,10</sup>, Spouse, daughter of Lester Joslin (abt 1810-4 Aug 1874) & Mary Colwell Lapham (abt 1811-8 Aug 1890), in Eaton, New York.<sup>9,12</sup> Rev. Judson Davis. Born on 2 May 1842 in Steuben, NY.<sup>14,9,13,4</sup> Ellen (Ella) A. died in Eaton, Madison Co, NY, on 27 Feb 1911; she was 68.<sup>13,31</sup> Buried in Feb 1911 in Eaton Village Cemetery.<sup>13</sup> Occupation: 1875 - Music

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Teacher.<sup>8</sup> Occupation: 1870 - At School (age 29).<sup>7</sup> Occupation: 1900 - Music Teacher.<sup>9</sup>

1900 - Indicates that she has given birth to four children and three are living<sup>9</sup>

1911 Feb 28 - Death Notice: "Mrs. Ella Benjamin, Eaton, Feb. 28 - after an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Ella Benjamin passed away yesterday morning at her home here. Mrs. Benjamin was the daughter of the late mMry and Lester Joslyn and a lifelong resident of the town. She was a faithful member of the Baptist Church where as a member of the choir or as it organist she gave willing service for many years. She is survived by her husband, two sons, David L of New York, Kirk of Montreal and one daughter Emma, who has tenderly cared for her mother. Also one sister, Mrs. R. h. Trystoff of Hamilton. The funeral will be held Thursday." Utica Herald Dispatch<sup>32</sup>

1911 Feb - Death Notice: "Eaton. Mrs. Ella Benjamin passes away - will be deeply mourned. Eaton Feb 17 - Monday morning after an illness of several weeks Mrs. Ella Benjamin passed away at her home here. Mrs. Benjamin was the daughter of the late Mary and Lester Joslyn and a life-long resident of the town. Her cheerful personality and kind heartedness endeared her to a large circle of friends for of her it could be truly said she 'brightened the way with a smile'. She was a faithful member of the Baptist Church where as a member of the choir or as its organist, she gave willing service for many years and the church and society will sadly miss her. A loving wife .... strove for the happiness of all in the home where her presence added cheerfulness and brightness to the circle. She is survived by her husband, two sons David L of New York, Kirk of Montreal and one daughter, Emma who has tenderly cared for her mother Also one sister Mrs. R. H. Tryston of Hamilton. The family have the sincere sympathy of many friends. The funeral will be held Thursday."<sup>33</sup>

They had the following children:

- 2 i. David Lester Benjamin (2 Oct 1877-)
- 3 ii. Emma T. Benjamin (27 Apr 1879-)
- iii. Elbert Benjamin<sup>13</sup>. Born on 27 Apr 1879 in Madison Co., NY.<sup>13,12</sup> Elbert died in Madison Co., NY, on 8 Apr 1880; he was <1.<sup>13,12</sup> Buried in Apr 1880 in Eaton Village Cemetery.<sup>13</sup>
- iv. Kirk Joslin Benjamin<sup>9,34,35,36,37,38,39</sup>. Born on 1 Apr 1882 in New York.<sup>9,40,41,12</sup> Kirk Joslin died in Bronx, Bronx, NY, in May 1967; he was 85.<sup>42</sup> Occupation: 1915 - Salesman.<sup>34</sup> Occupation: 1918 - Division Manager, Field Operations for J. B. Colt Company.<sup>40</sup> Occupation: 1930 - Real Estate Salesman.<sup>37</sup> Occupation: 1940 - Salesman in Department Store.<sup>38</sup> Occupation: 1941 - Works for the F & R Lazarus Company, Columbus, OH.<sup>39</sup> 18 Jan 1917 Inherited \$500 from his uncle Rufus N. Taynor (husband of his mother's sister Emma).<sup>43</sup>

12 Sep 1918 - Registers for the Draft in Indianapolis. Note from card: "Came to Indianapolis from Rochester, NY about 1 Aug 1918 and has been living at Claypool Hotel (18 North Illinois Street) since. Expects to make permanent home in Indianapolis, IN".<sup>40</sup>

1920 - Residing at 2320 Summit Street, Columbus, OH<sup>36</sup>

1941 - Residing at 2320 Indianola Avenue, Columbus, OH<sup>39</sup>

Kirk Joslin married **Helen M. Unknown (Wife of Kirk Benjamin)**<sup>34,40,36,41,38</sup>, Spouse of Son. Born abt 1881 in New York.<sup>36</sup>

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### Second Generation

#### Family of John J. Benjamin (1) & Ellen (Ella) A. Joslin (Joslyn)

**2. David Lester Benjamin**<sup>14,44,40,45,46,47,48</sup>, Son. Born on 2 Oct 1877 in New York.<sup>14,40,41,12</sup> Occupation: 1910 - Salesman for Stone Work.<sup>44</sup> Occupation: 1920 - Salesman at Granite Works.<sup>45</sup> Occupation: 1918 Sep 12 - Salesman for Eddington, Gerald & Hughes Co.<sup>49</sup> Occupation: 1930 - Salesman for Granite Business.<sup>46</sup> Occupation: 1940 - Salesman for Memorials.<sup>48</sup>

1917 Jan 18 - Inherited \$500 from his uncle Rufus N. Taynor (husband of his mother's sister Emma).<sup>43</sup>

1918 Sep 12 - Residing at 683 East 236th Street, Bronx, NY<sup>40</sup>

1930 - Residing at 4189 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY<sup>50</sup>

1941 - Residing at 4189 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY<sup>41</sup> [Note: on this registration card he lists his birth year as 1878]

David Lester married **Matilda Sundermann**<sup>51,40,46,48</sup>, Spouse of Son, daughter of George Sundermann (abt 1853-) & Adeline Unknown (wife of George Sundermann). Born abt 1881 in New York.<sup>44</sup>

They had one child:

- i. Doris M. Benjamin<sup>45,46,48</sup>. Born abt 1913 in New York.<sup>46,45</sup> Occupation: 1940 - Stenographer in a bank.<sup>48</sup>

**3. Emma T. Benjamin**<sup>14,9</sup>, Daughter. Born on 27 Apr 1879 in New York.<sup>14,9,12</sup>

1915 Mar 22 - Pension application of John J. Benjamin lists his daughter as Emma B. Fraser.<sup>12</sup>

Death date for Emma Benjamin White was after her mother died in 1911 and before 1920 when her husband Alfred is listed with a wife named Ethel (age 21) and son Wesley M. White age 2 1/2. Since Wesley appears on the census in 1930 as living with his uncle David Benjamin it is assumed that Emma was his mother. Emma is also not mentioned in her father John's obituary in 1920.

Emma T. first married **Unknown (1st husband of Emma Benjamin) Fraser**<sup>12</sup>, Spouse of Daughter.

Emma T. second married **Alfred White**<sup>52,53,13</sup>, Spouse of Daughter. Born in 1883 in New York.<sup>52,53,13</sup> Alfred died in Chenango Co., NY, in 1955; he was 72.<sup>13</sup> Buried in Chenango Co., NY.<sup>13</sup> Kirk Cemetery. Occupation: 1910 - Laborer.<sup>52</sup> Occupation: 1920 - Paperhanger.<sup>53</sup>

They had one child:

- i. Child

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Elbert	child of 1
Emma T.	3
John J.	1
Kirk Joslin	child of 1
Willie L	child of 1

#### **Fraser**

Unknown (1st husband of Emma Benjamin)	spouse of 3
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#### **Joslin**

Lester	parent of spouse of 1
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#### **Joslin (Joslyn)**

Ellen (Ella) A.	spouse of 1
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#### **Lapham**

Mary Colwell	parent of spouse of 1
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#### **Sundermann**

George	parent of spouse of 2
Matilda	spouse of 2

#### **Unknown (1st wife of John J. Benjamin)**

Hattie L.	spouse of 1
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#### **Unknown (wife of George Sundermann)**

Adeline	parent of spouse of 2
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#### **White**

Alfred	spouse of 3
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