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Genealogical Research Report

DATE: 10 August 2020

REPORT TO: Diane Price Nagy [Address Private]

REPORT NO.: 1278

SUBJECT: Parents of Clara Cowles of Suffield, Connecticut, who married Richard Whitney Loomis and died in the 1960s.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY: The Client stated that her great-grandmother was Clara Cowles who married Richard Whitney Loomis and lived in Suffield, Connecticut until she died in the 1960s.¹ The family does not have any further information about Clara's origins but believes she was likely from Suffield or a surrounding town. Client's family seeks to learn the identity of Clara's parents with the goal of developing their family story for this branch of their tree.

OBJECTIVE: Identify the parents of Clara Cowles who died in the 1960s and was the wife of Richard Whitney Loomis, of Suffield, Connecticut.

RESTRICTIONS: 20 hours *pro bono* for research and reporting. DNA is not available. Repository closures due to COVID-19 and building renovations may limit availability of certain records. Expenses for this project will not be billed to the Client.

REPOSITORIES CONSULTED:

Ancestry.com Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut FamilySearch Find A Grave Google Books Kent Memorial Library, Suffield, Connecticut Springfield City Library, Springfield, Massachusetts Suffield, Connecticut, Town Clerk's Office Tobacco Valley Probate District, Windsor Locks, Connecticut

¹ Interview of Diane Price MacIntyre by researcher Jennifer Zinck, 01 February 2020. Discussion of family lore passed on by her great-grandmother Clara Austin Cowles about her mother, Clara.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The research objective for this session has been successfully met. The parents of Clara Cowles, wife of Richard Whitney Loomis, who lived in Suffield and died in the 1960s, were Henry Stephen Cowles and Clara Rising Austin, both of Suffield, Connecticut.

The following evidence support Henry S. Cowles and Clara R. Austin as the parents of Clara Cowles:

- The birth record of Clara Eloise Cowles born 16 March 1883 names her parents as Henry S. Cowles and Clara R. Austin.²
- In 1900, Clara was enumerated as an 18-year-old daughter in the enumeration of the household of Henry S. and Clarissa R. Cowles.³
- The marriage record of Clara Louise Cowles to Richard Whitney Loomis names her as the daughter of Henry S. Cowles and Clara R. Austin.⁴
- The obituary of Henry S. Cowles in the trade magazine *The Packages* names his daughter Clara Cowles.⁵
- The obituary of Henry S. Cowles in the Springfield Republican names his daughter Clara Louisa.⁶
- In 1910, Clara L. Cowles was living in the household headed by her brother Frank. Also in the household were his brother Albert B. and mother, Clara Cowles.⁷
- Mrs. Richard Loomis (daughter) is named as the informant on the death certificate of Clara (Austin) Cowles in May 1945.⁸
- The obituary of Clara A. Cowles lists her daughter Mrs. Richard W. Loomis.⁹
- A newspaper article about the 50th wedding anniversary of Richard W. Loomis and Clara Cowles states that they were married at the home of her mother, Mrs. Henry Cowles. ¹⁰

⁴ Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths," 5:7, Richard Whitney Loomis-Clara Cowles, entry of marriage, 26 April 1911; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

² Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1873-1904" 3:50, Clara Eloise Cowles, entry of birth, 16 March 1883; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

³ 1900 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Town of Suffield, enumeration district (ED) 222, dwelling 406, family 446, Henry S. Cowles household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 139.

⁵ "Cigar Box Man Dies," *The Packages* (February 1910); 13:61; digital images, *Google Books* (http://books.Google.com : accessed 10 August 2020).

⁶ "Death of Henry S. Cowles. Well-Known Cigar-Box Manufacturer—Had Had Town Offices," *Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican*, 24 January 1910, p. 12, col. 5.

⁷ 1910 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Town of Suffield, p. 33 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 241, sheet 21-A, dwelling 415, family 521, Frank Cowles household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 132.

⁸ Suffield, "Connecticut, Deaths, 1943-1948," p. 134, Clara (Austin) Cowles, death certificate, 27 May 1945; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

⁹ "Mrs Clara A. Cowles Dies at Age of 98," *Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican*, 29 May 1945, p. 4, col. 4.

¹⁰ "Mr., Mrs. R. W. Loomis Observe 50th Year," *Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican*, 18 April 1961, p. 37, col. 3.

- The death certificate of Clara Cowles Loomis, dated 22 June 1966, names her parents as Henry Cowles and Clara Austin, both of Suffield, and provides a birthdate of 16 March 1883.¹¹
- The obituary of Mrs. Richard Loomis names her as the daughter of Henry S. and Clara (Austin) Loomis. ¹²
- The published family history *Genealogy of the Cowles Families in America* names Henry Stephen Cowles and Clara Rising Austin as the parents of Clara Louisa, born 16 March 1883.¹³
- The published family history *The King Family of Suffield, Connecticut, its English Ancestry A.D. 1389-1662 and American Descendants A.D. 1662-1908* names Henry S. Cowles and Clarissa K. Austin as the parents of Clara Louisa, born 16 March 1883.¹⁴

Clara's father Henry S. Cowles can be uniquely identified as Henry Stephen Cowles, born 02 March 1837 or 1838, son of Stephen Cowles and Thankful Hatheway.

- The family entry of vital information in Suffield town records for Henry S. Cowles names his parents as Stephen Cowles and Thankful Hatheway and provides a birthdate of 02 March 1838.¹⁵
- Henry Cowles' death certificate provides a birthdate of 02 March 1837 and names his parents as Stephen Cowles and Thankful Hatheway.¹⁶
- Henry S. Cowles was 13 years old when he was enumerated in the household of Stephen and Thankful Cowles in 1850.¹⁷
- In 1860, Henry S. Cowles was a 22-year-old trader living in the household of Steven and Thankful Cowles.¹⁸
- In 1870, Henry S. Cowles, age 32, and Clara Cowles, age 23, were enumerated in the household of Stephen and Thankful Cowles in Suffield.¹⁹

¹¹ Suffield, Connecticut, "Vital Statistics, Deaths, 1966-1970," p. 41, Clara Cowles Loomis, death certificate, 22 June 1966; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

¹² "Mrs. Richard W. Loomis Succumbs at 83," *Springfield (Massachusetts) Union*, 24 June 1966, p. 56, col. 6.

¹³ Calvin Duval Cowles, *Genealogy of the Cowles Families in America*, 2 vols. (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse, and Taylor, 1929), 2:822.

¹⁴ Cameron Haight King, *The King Family of Suffield, Connecticut, its English Ancestry A.D. 1389-1662 and American Descendants A.D. 1662-1908* (San Francisco: Walter N. Brunt Co., 1908), 203.

¹⁵ William L. Loomis, "Suffield, Conn. Vital Records, Compiled from Town Reds, Cemetery Inscriptions, Family Bibles and Letters, and Other Manuscripts," p. 46, entry for Henry S. Cowles in the family group of Stephen Cowles; photostat copy by Connecticut State Library, 1928, in the Local History Room of Kent Memorial Library, Suffield, Connecticut.¹⁵

¹⁶ Suffield, Connecticut, "Deaths in the Town of Suffield, 1910," p. 4, death certificate, Henry Stephen Cowles; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

¹⁷ 1850 U.S. Census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Suffield, p. 109 (stamped), dwelling 362, family 392, Stephen Cowles; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 39.

¹⁸ 1860 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Suffield, p. 653 (stamped), dwelling 117 family 562, Steven Cowles; digital image, *Ancestry.com*

(http://www.ancestry.com : 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 79. ¹⁹ 1870 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Suffield, p. 334

(stamped), dwelling 142, family 144, Stephen Cowles; digital image, *Ancestry.com*

- The obituary for Henry S. Cowles in *The Packages* provides a date of birth of 02 March 1837 but does not name his parents.²⁰
- The obituary for Henry S. Cowles in the *Springfield Republican* provides a birthdate of 02 March 1837 and names his parents as Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cowles.
- The published family history Genealogy of the Cowles Families in America names Henry Stephen Cowles as the son of Stephen, born 02 March 1838, probably in Suffield.²¹

Clara's mother Clara Austin can be uniquely identified as Clara Rising Austin, also called Clarissa K. Austin, born 25 April 1847, daughter of Thomas C. Austin and Harriet Hatheway.

- The family entry of vital information in Suffield town records for Clarissa K. Austin names her parents, Thomas Cornelius Austin and Harriet Hatheway, and provides a birthdate of 25 April 1847.²²
- In 1850, 2-year-old Clarissa was enumerated in the household of Thomas C. and Harriet Austin.²³
- Clarissa R. Austin, age 13, was enumerated in the household of Thomas C. and Harriet Austin in 1860.²⁴
- Clara (Austin) Cowles' death certificate provides a birthdate of 25 April 1847 and names her parents, Thomas C. Austin and Harriet Hatheway.²⁵
- The obituary for Clara L. Cowles in the Springfield Republican provides a birthdate of 25 April 1847 and names her parents as Thomas C. and Harriet (Hatheway) Austin.²⁶

⁽http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 104.

²⁰ "Cigar Box Man Dies," *The Packages* (February 1910); 13:61; digital images, *Google Books* (http://books.Google.com : accessed 10 August 2020).

²¹ Calvin Duval Cowles, *Genealogy of the Cowles Families in America*, 2 vols. (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse, and Taylor, 1929), 2:822.

²² Suffield Town Records, Early Recap XXX, Birth Marriages Deaths, p. 13, entry for Clarissa K. Loomis in the family group of Thomas Cornelius Austin; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

²³ 1850 U.S. Census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Suffield, p. 116 (stamped), dwelling 446, family 484, Thos. C Austin; digital image, *Ancestry.com*

⁽http://www.ancestry.com : 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 39.

²⁴ 1860 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Suffield, p. 653 (stamped), dwelling 117 family 562, Steven Cowles; digital image, *Ancestry.com*

⁽http://www.ancestry.com : 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 79. ²⁵ Suffield, "Connecticut, Deaths, 1943-1948," p. 134, Clara (Austin) Cowles, death

certificate, 27 May 1945; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

²⁶ "Mrs Clara A. Cowles Dies at Age of 98," *Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican*, 29 May 1945, p. 4, col. 4.

RESEARCH NOTES

Vital Records

Records from volumes in the vault of: Town Clerk of Suffield, Connecticut²⁷ 83 Mountain Road Suffield, Connecticut 06078

Notes for this report were taken under Connecticut Statute 7-51a.²⁸

Clara Louise Cowles

Death certificate of Clara Cowles Loomis

Suffield, Connecticut, "Vital Statistics, Deaths, 1966-1970," p. 41, Clara Cowles Loomis, death certificate, 22 June 1966; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

[In this transcription of a pre-printed form, answers are noted in boldface type.] Certificate of Death Place of death State **Connecticut** County Hartford Town West Suffield Name of hospital or institution Ring's Restland Usual Residence of deceased State Connecticut County Hartford Town Suffield Street 37 High Street Is residence Inside a City or Borough Limits No Name of Deceased Clara Cowles Loomis Social Security Number None Personal and Statistical Particulars Sex Female Race White Single, married, or widowed Widowed Name of Husband Richard Whitney Loomis Date of Death June 22, 1966 Date of Birth March 16, 1883

²⁷ Due to renovations of Suffield Town Hall that are expected to be complete 25 December 2020, the Suffield Town Clerk is currently operating from a temporary location at 61 Ffyler Place, Suffield, Connecticut 06078. For more details on the renovation project, see "First Selectman's Update," *The Suffield (Connecticut) Observer*, 01 July 2020, online edition (http://thesuffieldobserver.com : accessed 10 August 2020).

²⁸ Connecticut General Assembly, *General Statutes of Connecticut*, Chap. 93, Sec. 7-51a, "Copies of vital records. Access to vital records by members of genealogical societies. Marriage and civil union licenses. Death certificates. Issuance of certified copies of electronically filed certificates."; typescript online, Connecticut General Assembly (http://cga.ct.gov : accessed 10 August 2020).

Birthplace Suffield, Connecticut Usual Occupation Housewife Industry or Business **own home** Was deceased a Veteran No Father Name Henry Cowles Birthplace Suffield, Conn. Mother Maiden Name Clara Austin Birthplace Suffield, Conn. Informant's Name Roger Loomis Burial June 25, 1966 Cemetery West Suffield Place Suffield, Conn. Name of Embalmer John G. Samsel, Jr. License Number 1777 Signature of Licensed Embalmer Nicholson Fun. Ho. - by S.W. Nicholson Address 443 East Street, Suffield, Conn. Medical Certification Death was caused by Immediate cause cerebral ischemia Interval between onset and death 2 days Due to Arterioscleratic cerebro-vascular disease Interval between onset and death 4 years Was autopsy performed No "I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from June 1964 to June 21 1966 that I last saw the deceased alive on June 21 1966 and that death is said to have occurred on June 22 1966 at 6:58 P.M." Signature of Physician Donald G. Bard, Jr MD Address Suffield, Conn. Date June 23, 1966 This certificate received for record on June 24, 1966 By Ruth C. Stebbins, Asst. Registrar

ANALYSIS: The death certificate of Clara Cowles Loomis, wife of Richard Whitney Loomis, indicates that she died in West Suffield, Connecticut, on 22 June 1966. Both the name of her husband and the decade of her death align with the information identified in the Background Summary of this report.

Clara's death certificate names her parents as Henry Cowles and Clara Austin. The Clara named in this certificate was said to have been born on 16 March 1883 in Suffield, Connecticut.

A copy of the death certificate of Clara Cowles Loomis transcribed here may be purchased from the Suffield Town Clerk's Office or the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for a fee of \$20.00.

Marriage record of Richard Whitney Loomis and Clara Louise Cowles

Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths," 5:7, Richard Whitney Loomis-Clara Cowles, entry of marriage, 26 April 1911; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

[In this transcription of a pre-printed form, answers are noted in boldface type.] Date **April 26 1911** Groom **Loomis Richard Whitney**

Birthplace Suffield Conn Age **26** Occupation **Farmer** Residence **Suffield**, **Conn** Race white Number of marriage 1st Father John B. Loomis Mother Ella Mather Bride Cowles Clara Louise Birthplace Suffield Conn. Age **27** Occupation **at home** Residence Suffield Conn Race white Number of marriage 1st Father Henry S. Cowles Mother Clara R. Austin Joined in marriage by **Wm. Abbot Smith**, Clergyman

ANALYSIS: The marriage record of Richard Whitney Loomis and Clara Louise Cowles, dated 26 April 1911, identifies Clara's parents as Henry S. Cowles and Clara R. Austin. The Clara identified in this record is tied in as the correct subject of the research because the record shows her marrying the same man known to the Client's family and who appears on her death record.²⁹ Clara was 27 at the time of her marriage in 1911, which correlates to a birth date in 1883 or 1884.

A copy of the marriage certificate of Richard Whitney Loomis and Clara Louise Cowles transcribed here may be purchased from the Suffield Town Clerk's Office or the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for a fee of \$20.00.

Birth record of Clara Eloise Cowles

Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1873-1904" 3:50, Clara Eloise Cowles, entry of birth, 16 March 1883; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield. (Attachment A)

1883 March 16 Clara Eloise [This name, along with some others on the page, appears to be written in with a different pen and a shakier hand] Sex F Name and Birthplace of Father Henry S. Cowles Conn Name and Birthplace of Mother Clara R. Austin Conn. Age of Father 45 Age of Mother 34

ANALYSIS: The birth record for Clara Eloise Cowles in the town of Suffield identifies her parents as Henry S. Cowles and Clara R. Austin, both born in Connecticut. The names of Clara's parents

²⁹ Suffield, Connecticut, "Vital Statistics, Deaths, 1966-1970," p. 41, Clara Cowles Loomis, death certificate, 22 June 1966; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

correlate with the names provided on her marriage entry in the Suffield town records.³⁰ At the time of Clara's birth on 16 March 1883, Clara was age 34 and Henry was age 45. The birth date and place of birth correlate with the information provided in Clara's marriage record in 1911 and her death certificate in 1966.³¹ Her parents' names also match the names provided on her death certificate.³²

Henry S. Cowles & Clara R. Austin

Death certificate of Clara (Austin) Cowles

Suffield, "Connecticut, Deaths, 1943-1948," p. 134, Clara (Austin) Cowles, death certificate, 27 May 1945; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

[In this transcription of a pre-printed form, answers are noted in boldface type.] Certificate of Death Medical Certificate of Death State **Connecticut** Place of Death County **Tolland** City or town **Somers** Name of Hospital or Institution Engelman Convalescent Home Name of deceased Clara (Austin) Cowles Usual residence of deceased State Conn. City or town Suffield Street Depot Personal and Statistical Particulars Sex Female Race White Single, married, or widowed Widowed Spouse Henry S. Cowles Date of death May 27 1945 Date of birth of deceased April 25 1847 Age 98 years 1 months 2 days Birthplace Suffield Conn. Usual occupation Housewife Industry or business Home Father Thomas C. Austin Birthplace Suffield, Conn. Mother Maiden name Harriet Hatheway Birthplace **Suffield**, Conn. Informant Mrs. Richard Loomis (Daughter) Address Suffield, Conn. Burial Date May 31, 1945

³⁰ Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths," 5:7, Richard Whitney Loomis-Clara Cowles, entry of marriage, 26 April 1911; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

³¹ Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths," 5:7, Richard Whitney Loomis-Clara Cowles, entry of marriage, 26 April 1911; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield. Also, Suffield, Connecticut, "Vital Statistics, Deaths, 1966-1970," p. 41, Clara Cowles Loomis, death certificate, 22 June 1966; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

³² Suffield, Connecticut, "Vital Statistics, Deaths, 1966-1970," p. 41, Clara Cowles Loomis, death certificate, 22 June 1966; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

Cemetery Woodlawn Place Suffield, Conn. Medical Certification "I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Sept. 28 1943 to May 27, 1945. I last saw her alive on May 25 1945; death is said to have occurred on May 27, 1945 at 5:15 PM" Immediate cause of death Arteriosclerosis **Duration Several Years** Other morbid conditions Senility several years Fractured femur Aug. 16, 1944 Signature of physician **R.B. Thayer, M.D.** Address Somers, Conn. Was deceased a Veteran? No Was body Embalmed? Yes Name of Embalmer Sherwin W. Nicholson Signature of Licensed Embalmer S.W. Nicholson for Wm. M. Cooper Address Suffield, Conn. [Reverse] This Certificate received for record on the **28th** day of **May 1945**. Elsie L. Burdon, Registrar This copy of Certificate received for record at Suffield this **13** day of **June 1945**. Harold N. Remington, Registrar

ANALYSIS: The death record of Clara Austin Cowles identifies her as the widower of Henry S. Cowles.³³ This document identifies Clara's date of birth as 25 April 1847, which correlates reasonably well but not perfectly with her listed age of 34 on 16 March 1883, her daughter's date of birth.³⁴ The informant on this certificate is Mrs. Richard Loomis and she is identified as the daughter of the deceased, providing further evidence that the record is for the correct individual. Of note, Clara lived to be 98 years old.

A copy of the death certificate of Clara Austin Cowles transcribed here may be purchased from the Suffield Town Clerk's Office or the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for a fee of \$20.00.

Death certificate of Henry Stephen Cowles

Suffield, Connecticut, "Deaths in the Town of Suffield, 1910," p. 4, Henry Stephen Cowles, death certificate, 10 January 1910; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

In this transcription of a pre-printed form, all entries are noted in boldface type. Births, Marriages, Deaths, vol. 5, Suffield Name in Full: **Cowles, Henry Stephen** Single, married, or divorced: **Married** Place of death: **Suffield, Boston neck** No. families in house: **one** Occupation: **Cigar Box Manufacture** Residence at the Time of death: **Suffield**

³³ Suffield, "Connecticut, Deaths, 1943-1948," p. 134, Clara (Austin) Cowles, death certificate, 27 May 1945; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

³⁴ Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths," 3:50, Clara Eloise Cowles, entry of birth, 16 March 1883; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

Date of death: **1910 Jan 23** Date of birth: 1837 Mar 2 Age: 72 years, 10 months, 21 days Sex: Male Color: White Place of birth: Suffield Conn Father's name: Stephen Cowles Mother's maiden name: Thankful Hatheway Place of birth of father: [blank] Place of birth of mother: Suffield Conn Chief cause of death: Chronic Valvular disease of Heart **Duration: Years** Contributory cause of death: Mitral [?Calanhal] Cystitis Duration: Years Physician's name: A Proctor Sherwin Place of burial: Woodlawn Suffield Undertaker: Wm. M Cooper 491

ANALYSIS: This death certificate of Henry Stephen Cowles lists his birth date as 02 March 1837. This correlates to within one year of the age listed for Henry S. Cowles, father of Clara Eloise born in 1883, on her birth record.

A copy of the death certificate of Henry Stephen Cowles transcribed here may be purchased from the Suffield Town Clerk's Office or the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for a fee of \$20.00.

Marriage entry for Henry S. Cowles and Clara R. Austin

Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Burials, "2:135, Henry S. Cowles-Clara R. Austin, entry of marriage, 15 December 1869; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield. (Attachment B)

Marriages in Suffield in 1869 W^m L Loomis Registrar. Date of Marriage: 1869 Dec 15 Name of Parties: Henry S. Cowles Clara R Austin Age: 32 22 Place of Birth: Suffield

Residence: Suffield

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Officiating Clergyman: Rev^d W Barton

ANALYSIS: The marriage entry for Henry S. Cowles and Clara R Austin provides their ages as 32 and 22, respectively. This correlates with Henry's birth year of 1837 from his death record and Clara's birth year of 1847 from her death record.³⁵

³⁵ For Henry's death certificate, see Suffield, Connecticut, "Deaths in the Town of Suffield, 1910," p. 4, death certificate, Henry Stephen Cowles; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield. For Clara's death

Birth entry for Clarissa K. Austin

Suffield Town Records, Early Recap XXX, Birth Marriages Deaths, p. 13, entry for Clarissa K. Loomis in the family group of Thomas Cornelius Austin; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

Austin Thomas Cornelius married Harriet Hatheway May 5, 1846

Clarissa K.	Born April 25, 1847	
Isabella H.	" Jan 13 1850 Died Fe	b. 2 1856
Charles C.	" July 10 1852	
Edgar	" Sept 14 1854	
Arthur H	" June 17, 1858	
Thomas C.	" Aug 17 1859	
Cora Bell	" Nov 2 1861	
William	" Sept 18 1845	
Burton	" April 30, 1869	
Charles C. Edgar Arthur H Thomas C. Cora Bell William	 July 10 1852 Sept 14 1854 June 17, 1858 Aug 17 1859 Nov 2 1861 Sept 18 1845 	0.21000

ANALYSIS: Clarissa K. Austin is listed as the first child of Thomas Cornelius Austin and Harriet Hatheway, born 25 April 1847. Although this is an official record of the Town of Suffield, it was not created at the time of the event. The children in the family were born across a twenty-two year span and all of the entries appear to have been created at the same time. While it's possible that Thomas or Harriet reported the births of their children, the informant is indeterminable.

Records approximately sixty years and older are currently in storage while the Town Hall undergoes renovations, with estimated availability Winter 2020-2021.³⁶

Record from manuscript collection of: Kent Memorial Library 50 North Main Street Suffield, CT 06078

Birth entry for Henry S. Cowles

William L. Loomis, "Suffield, Conn. Vital Records, Compiled from Town Records, Cemetery Inscriptions, Family Bibles and Letters, and Other Manuscripts," p. 46, entry for Henry S. Cowles in the family group of Stephen Cowles; photostat copy by Connecticut State Library, 1928, in the Local History Room of Kent Memorial Library, Suffield, Connecticut.³⁷

Cowles Stephen	married Thankful Hatheway Oct. 1, 1820
Jane C. Cowles	Born Feby 12, 1822 Died May 6, 1840
Adalade	" Oct 15, 1824
Katharine	" Aug 29, 1826
George	" Aug 12, 1828
Elijah N. [This	entry appears to be written in between George and Elizabeth.]
Elizabeth Hatheway	" June 9, 1831 Died May 16, 1878

certificate, see Suffield, "Connecticut, Deaths, 1943-1948," p. 134, Clara (Austin) Cowles, death certificate, 27 May 1945; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

³⁶ Telephone conversation, Jennifer Zinck and Kathleen Dunai, Town Clerk of Suffield, Connecticut, 07 August 2020.

³⁷ Note that the original records of the Suffield Town Clerk are in storage while the Town Hall undergoes renovations and availability is not expected before the end of the year 2020. Elizabeth B. "June 27, 1833 m^d Byron Loomis – P. 164 Died Nov 27 1905 Frank "April 27, 1835 Henry S. "March 2, 1838 m^d Clarissa K. Austin – P. 44 Born Nov 27 1796 Stephen Cowles Died Aug 26 1878 "Dec [16?] 1799 Thankful Cowles Died May 1 1874

ANALYSIS: Henry S. Cowles is listed as the youngest child of Stephen Cowles and Thankful Hatheway, born 02 March 1838. This document is a derivative source, meaning that it is a compilation of information taken from multiple sources by Judge William L. Loomis. The original source of information and its accuracy is indeterminable.

Census Records

[The following census tables consist of abstracts from the census data. Only key information is included. Consult attachments for full page images.]

1930 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Clara A Cowles in the household of Albert B. Cowles

1930 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Town of Suffield, p. 22 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 2-219, sheet 9-B, dwelling 172, family 226, Albert B. Cowles; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T626, roll 268. (Attachment C)

Mapleton Ave. Rented, \$35

Name	Relation	Age	Marital	Place of birth	Father place of birth	Mother place of birth	Occupation
Cowles, Albert B.	Head	55	S	Connecticut	Connecticut		Labourer, odd jobs
, Clara A	Mother	82	Wd	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	None

ANALYSIS: In 1930, widow Clara was living in the home of her son Albert. The age, location, and widow status of Clara align with information from her death certificate. Clara would have been 82 because the census enumeration date was 1 April 1930, twenty-four days before her 83rd birthday.³⁸ Her middle initial may point to her maiden name, Austin.

1920 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Clara R Cowles in the household of Albert B. Cowles

1920 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Town of Suffield, p. 284 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 194, sheet 21-B, dwelling 436, family 469, Albert B. Cowles

³⁸ United States Census Bureau, "What Day was the Census Taken Each Decade?" (<u>https://www.census.gov/history/www/faqs/demographic_faqs/what_day_was_the_census_taken_each_decade.html</u> : accessed 10 August 2020). Also, Suffield, "Connecticut, Deaths, 1943-1948," p. 134, Clara (Austin) Cowles, death certificate, 27 May 1945; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield; birthday given as 25 April.

household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 184. (Attachment D)

Name	Relation	Age	Marital Status	Can Read/ Can Write	Birthplace	Occupation	Industry
Cowles, Albert B	Head	45	S	Yes/Yes	Connecticut	Farmer	Tobacco farm
, Frank	Brother	43	М	Yes/Yes	Connecticut	Laborer	Tobacco farm
, Elizabeth	Sister in head	24	М	Yes/Yes	Connecticut		
, Kenneth	Nephew	3-3/12	S		Connecticut		
, Barbara	Neice [sic]	2-2/12	S		Connecticut		
, William	Nephew	1-1/12	S		Connecticut		
, Clara R	Mother	72	Wd		Connecticut		

ANALYSIS: In 1920, the census enumeration date was 1 January so Clara R Cowles had not had her birthday yet that year and was still 72 years old.³⁹ She was living in a household with her sons Albert and Frank, as well as a potential daughter-in-law Elizabeth, and potential grandchildren Kenneth, Barbara, and William.

1910 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Clara Cowles and Clara L. Cowles in the household of Frank Cowles

1910 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Town of Suffield, p. 33 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 241, sheet 21-A, dwelling 415, family 521, Frank Cowles household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 132. (Attachment E)

Name	Relation	Age	Marital status	Birthplace	Father's birthplace	Mother's birthplace	Occupation
Cowles, Frank	head	33	S	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Manufacturer, cigar
Albert B.	brother	35	S	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Manufacturer, cigar
Clara	mother	63	Wd	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	
Clara L.	sister	25	S	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	
Wells, Bert	hired man	29	m ¹	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Labourer, farm
Agnes	servant	27	m ¹	Georgia	Georgia	Canada	Servant, private house

³⁹ United States Census Bureau, *Census.gov* (https://census.gov : accessed 10 August 2020), "What Day Was the Census Taken Each Decade?"

ANALYSIS: In 1910, the census was enumerated on 15 April. ⁴⁰ Clara was enumerated as a widow because her husband had died nearly three months earlier.⁴¹ Her son Frank was the head of household and Albert and Clara also resided in the home. Clara was still single, as she didn't marry Richard Whitney Loomis until the following year.⁴² Frank and Albert were cigar manufacturers. A hired man named Bert Wells and a servant named Agnes Wells made up part of the household.

1900 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Clara A Cowles in the household of Albert B. Cowles

1900 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Town of Suffield, enumeration district (ED) 222, dwelling 406, family 446, Henry S. Cowles household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 139.

(Attachment F)

Name	Relation	Color	Sex	Birth	Birth	Age	Marital	Occupation
		or race		Month	Year		Status	
Cowles, Henry S.	Head	W	М	Mch	1838	62	М	Cigar Box Mfr.
, Clara R.	wife	W	F	Apr	1848	52	М	
, Albert B.	son	W	М	Oct	1873	26	S	sawing cigar
								boxes
, Frank	son	W	М	Sept	1875	24	S	cigar box
								nailer
, Clara	daughter	W	F	Mch	1882	18	S	at school
Wilson, Isabelle	Servant	В	F	May	1880	20	S	house servant

ANALYSIS: The 1900 census provides a unique opportunity to compare birth months in addition to birth years. Henry S. Cowles was born March 1838 and Clara R. Cowles, his wife, was born April 1848. The birth months align with the information provided in each of their death certificates, but the year for Clara is provided as one year later.⁴³ Henry's death certificate indicates 2 March 1837 and Clara's indicates 25 April 1847.⁴⁴ Henry was a cigar box manufacturer.

⁴⁰ United States Census Bureau, *Census.gov* (https://census.gov : accessed 10 August 2020), "What Day Was the Census Taken Each Decade?"

⁴¹ Suffield, Connecticut, "Deaths in the Town of Suffield, 1910," p. 4, death certificate, Henry Stephen Cowles; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

⁴² Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths," 5:7, Richard Whitney Loomise-Clara Cowles, entry of marriage, 26 April 1911; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

⁴³ Suffield, "Connecticut, Deaths, 1943-1948," p. 134, Clara (Austin) Cowles, death certificate, 27 May 1945; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield. Also, Suffield, Connecticut, "Deaths in the Town of Suffield, 1910," p. 4, death certificate, Henry Stephen Cowles; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

⁴⁴ Suffield, "Connecticut, Deaths, 1943-1948," p. 134, Clara (Austin) Cowles, death certificate, 27 May 1945; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield. Also, Suffield, Connecticut, "Deaths in the Town of Suffield, 1910," p. 4, death certificate, Henry Stephen Cowles; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

Of note, Clara's birth month and year are listed as March 1882, which is one year earlier than the year provided on her birth record.⁴⁵ The informant for the information provided to the census enumerator is not known and the recording of the birth record took place much closer to the time of birth, so the birth record is more likely to contain the accurate date.

1880 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Household of Henry S. Cowles

1880 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Town of Suffield, enumeration district (ED) 37, p. 244 (stamped), dwelling 143, family 152, Henry S. Cowles; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 99.

(Attachment G)

Name	Rac	Se	Ag	Relationshi	Occupation	Birthplac	Birthplac	Birthplac
	е	Х	e	р	Ĩ	e	e of father	e of mother
Cowles, Henry S.	W	М	43		Box Manufacture r	Conn.	Vermont	Vt
" Clara R.	W	F	33	wife	Keeping House	u	Conn	Conn
" Jennie E.	W	F	9	daughter		u	"	u
" George	W	М	7	son		ш	u	и
" Albert B.	W	М	5	u		u	"	"
" Frank	W	М	3	u		и	u	u
McClella n Helen S.	W	F	27	Boarder	Works in Box Factory	Conn.	Penn.	Mass.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: All members of the household in 1880 were single except for Henry S. and Clara R. Cowles, who were each noted with a tick mark as married.⁴⁶

ANALYSIS: Henry Cowles and Clara Cowles were living with their daughter Jennie E. and their sons, George, Albert B., and Frank, as well as a boarder named Helen S. McClellan. Henry was 43 years old and Clara was 33 years old. Since this census was enumerated on 1 June 1880, Henry and Clara

⁴⁵ For the census entry, see 1900 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Town of Suffield, enumeration district (ED) 222, dwelling 406, family 446, Henry S. Cowles household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 139. For the birth record of Clara, see Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1873-1904" 3:50, Clara Eloise Cowles, entry of birth, 16 March 1883; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

⁴⁶ 1880 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Suffield, enumeration district (ED) 37, p. 244 (stamped), dwelling 143, family 152, Henry S. Cowles; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 99.

would have both had their birthdays for the year.⁴⁷ Henry's occupation was box manufacturer, which may have been cigar boxes, as listed in his 1900 census enumeration.⁴⁸

1870 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Household of Stephen Cowles

1870 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Suffield, p. 334 (stamped), dwelling 142, family 144, Stephen Cowles; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 104. <u>(Attachment H)</u>

Name	Age	Sex	Race	Occupation	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Birthplace
Cowles Stephen	74	М	W	Farmer	5000	1500	Conn
Thankful	70	F	W	Keeping House			Conn
Henry S.	32	М	W	Farmer		2000	Conn
Clara	23	F	W	Keeping House			Conn.
Connor Bridget	30	F	W	Domestic Servant			Ireland

ANALYSIS: When the census was enumerated on 1 June 1870, the newlywed couple Henry S. Cowles and Clara Cowles were living in the home of Stephen and Thankful Cowles.⁴⁹ Henry's age was given as 32 and Clara's as 23. The 1870 census was enumerated on 01 June, so they had each already had their birthdays that year. Based on the information contained in Henry's death certificate, Stephen and Thankful Cowles were his parents.⁵⁰

1870 U.S. Agricultural Census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Stephen Cowles

1870 U.S. Census, Hartford County, Connecticut, agricultural schedule, p. 3, line 39, Stephen Cowles; accessed via "U.S., Selected Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880," images, Ancestry.com (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); Connecticut State Library, Hartford.

(Attachment I)

Name Cowles Stephen Acres Improved 25 Woodland 25 Present cash value of farm 5000 Present cash value of farming implements and machinery 1000

⁴⁷ United States Census Bureau, *Census.gov* (https://census.gov : accessed 10 August 2020), "What Day Was the Census Taken Each Decade?"

⁴⁸ 1900 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Town of Suffield, enumeration district (ED) 222, dwelling 406, family 446, Henry S. Cowles household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 139.

⁴⁹ United States Census Bureau, *Census.gov* (https://census.gov : accessed 10 August 2020), "What Day Was the Census Taken Each Decade?" Also, Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Burials, "2:135, Henry S. Cowles-Clara R. Austin, entry of marriage, 15 December 1869; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

⁵⁰ Suffield, Connecticut, "Deaths in the Town of Suffield, 1910," p. 4, death certificate, Henry Stephen Cowles; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

Total amount of wages paid during the year, including value of board Live Stock, June 1, 1870 Horses 3 Milch Cows 5 Working Oxen 2 Swine 6 Value of ALL live stock. 950 Indian Corn Bush. 80 Tobacco Lbs 1600 Irish potatoes bush. 70 Butter lbs 250 Hay tons 15 Forest Products 300 Value of animals slaughtered or sold for slaughter dolls. 150 Estimated value of all farm production, including betterments and additions to stock. 1350

ANALYSIS: Henry's father, Stephen Cowles, was enumerated in the 1870 Agricultural Census of Suffield. He had fifty acres total. The cash value of his farm was low-average but the value of his implements and machinery was above average compared to others in the vicinity.

1860 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Household of Stephen Cowles 1860 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Suffield, p. 653 (stamped), dwelling 117 family 562, Steven Cowles; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 79. [Attachment]]

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Real	Personal	Birthplace
					Estate	Estate	
Steven Cowles	63	М		Farmer	3500	200	Conn
Thankful "	60	F					u
Henry S. "	22	m		Trader			"
Thankful	81	F					"
Hathway							

ANALYSIS: In 1860, Henry S. Cowles was enumerated as a 22-year-old trader who was living with Steven and Thankful Cowles. The 1860 census enumeration date was 1 June, which calculates to a birth year of 1838.⁵¹

1850 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Household of Stephen Cowles 1850 U.S. Census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Suffield, p. 109 (stamped), dwelling 362, family 392, Stephen Cowles; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 39. <u>(Attachment K)</u>

⁵¹ United States Census Bureau, *Census.gov* (https://census.gov : accessed 10 August 2020), "What Day Was the Census Taken Each Decade?"

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Real Estate	Birthplace	Attended School
Stephen Cowles	53	М	Farmer		Conn.	
Thankful "	50	F			"	
Е.Н. "	19	М	u		"	
Elisabeth B. "	17	F			"	
Frank "	15	М	None		u	
Henry S. "	13	М			u	
Mary Broman	13	F			"	
Thankful Hatheway	72	F		5000	"	

SEARCH NOTE: In 1850, Stephen Cowles is indexed on Ancestry.com under the name Stephen Carles. His wife is indexed as Themkpil Carles. A search for given name "Stephen" in "Suffield, Hartford County, Connecticut," in the 1850 census will return the family of Stephen Cowles.

ANALYSIS: The 1850 census shows Henry S., age 13, in the home of his parents, Stephen and Thankful Cowles.⁵² Other members of the household included E.H. Cowles, Elisabeth B. Cowles, Frank Cowles, Mary Broman, and Thankful Hatheway. Of note, Henry attended school during the year and Mary did not, despite being the same age. Based on that fact and her different surname, it is likely that Mary was either a lodger or domestic help. Because there are no younger children, her placement in the order of enumeration is not particularly helpful.⁵³

1840 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut – Household of Stephen Cowles

1840 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, Suffield, p. 200 (stamped), line 10, Stephen Cowles; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 24.

(Attachment L)

Free White Persons – Males - Under 5	1
Free White Persons – Males – 5 thru 9	2
Free White Persons – Males – 10 thru 14	1
Free White Persons – Males - 40 thru 49	1
Free White Persons – Females – Under 5	1
Free White Persons – Females – 40 thru 49	1

⁵² William L. Loomis, "Suffield, Conn. Vital Records, Compiled from Town Records, Cemetery Inscriptions, Family Bibles and Letters, and Other Manuscripts," p. 46, entry for Henry S. Cowles in the family group of Stephen Cowles; photostat copy by Connecticut State Library, 1928, in the Local History Room of Kent Memorial Library, Suffield, Connecticut.⁵²

⁵³ U.S. Census Bureau, *Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000*, pp. 9-10, "Instructions to Marshals and Assistants," item 3; online pdf (https://census.gov : accessed 10 August 2020). "The names are to be written beginning with the father and mother; or if either, or both, be dead, begin with some other ostensible head of the family; to be followed, as far as practicable, with the name of the oldest child residing at home, then the next oldest, and so on to the youngest, then the other inmates, lodgers and borders, laborers, domestics, and servants." Analysis: The 1840 census does not specifically list individuals in the household, but it does provide an overview of inhabitants categorized by gender and age. It is possible that Henry is represented by the "Free White Persons – Males - Under 5" category in this household.

1860 U.S. Census, Hartford County, Connecticut – Household of Thomas C. Austin 1860 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Suffield, p. 658 (stamped), dwelling 591 family 596, Thomas C. Austin; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com :

dwelling 591 family 596, Thomas C. Austin; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 79. (Attachment M)

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Real	Personal	Birthplace
					Estate	Estate	
Thomas C.	42	М		Nursery Man	10,000	2,000	Conn.
Austin							
Harriet "	36	F					u
Clarissa R. "	13	F					"
Chas C. "	8	М					"
Edgar "	6	М					"
Austin H??? "	2	М					"
Thomas C. "	10/12	М					"
Parmelia "	84	F					"
Parnell Rising	60	F					п

Analysis: In 1860, Clarissa R. Austin, age 13, was enumerated as the oldest of five children living in the household. There were two older females living in the household. Perhaps these were Clarissa's grandmothers. This can be investigated further in a future research session.

1850 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Household of Tho^s C. Austin

1850 U.S. Census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Suffield, p. 116 (stamped), dwelling 446, family 484, Thos. C Austin; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : 10 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 39. (Attachment N)

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Real Estate	Birthplace	Attended School
Tho ^s C	32	М	Nursery	2550	Conn.	
Austin			Man			
Harriet "	24	F			и	
Clarissa	2	F			и	
Isabella	4/12	F			и	
Austin						
Pamelia F.	74	F			u	
Austin						
Parnel	51	F			u	
Rising						
David	20	М	Laborer		Mass.	
Osborn						
Robt Holms	16	М	u		Conn.	

Analysis: In 1850, Clarissa Austin was two years old and living in the household of Tho^s C. Austin and Harriet Austin. While the relationships are not provided, it can be inferred that that Clarissa and Isabella are the children of Thomas and Harriet.

Church Records

Richard Whitney Loomis and Clara Louise Cowles were married in 1911 by Wm. Abbot Smith.⁵⁴ Rev. William Abbot Smith was the pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Suffield.⁵⁵ Records of the Second Baptist Church in Suffield do not appear in the list of Connecticut church records at the Connecticut State Library.⁵⁶ The Kent Memorial Library in Suffied, Connecticut, may be a source of further information about these records. An email inquiry has been sent to Second Baptist Church in Suffield but to date, no response has been received.⁵⁷

Probate Records

Suffield Probate District Card File

Suffield Probate District, card file for 1821-2007, search for cards with the surname Cowles performed by Clerk of the Tobacco Valley Probate Court, 10 August 2020; Tobacco Valley Probate Court, Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

RESULTS: The Suffield Probate District card file, now housed at the Tobacco Valley Probate District in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, contains only one card for the surname Cowles. Per the Clerk of the Court, that card is for the probate of William Cowles in 1945. There are no entries for Henry Cowles, Clara Cowles, or Clarissa Cowles.

Suffield Probate District Book, vol. 16 (1905-1910)

Suffield Probate District, "Suffield Probate District, "Probate Records," vol. 16, manuscript, search of index page including surnames beginning with the letter C; images online, FamilySearch (http://familysearch.org : accessed 10 August 2020), DGS 007628634, frame 65 of 714.

RESULTS: This volume contains no entry for Henry Cowles in the index.

Suffield Probate District Book, vol. 17 (1910-1915)

Suffield Probate District, "Suffield Probate District, "Probate Records," vol. 17, manuscript, search of index page including surnames beginning with the letter C; images online, FamilySearch (http://familysearch.org : accessed 10 August 2020), DGS 007628634, frame 390 of 714.

RESULTS: This volume contains no entry for Henry Cowles in the index.

⁵⁴ Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths," 5:7, Richard Whitney Loomis-Clara Cowles, entry of marriage, 26 April 1911; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

⁵⁵ "Mr., Mrs. R. W. Loomis Observe 50th Year," *Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican*, 18 April 1961, p. 37, col. 3.

⁵⁶ Connecticut State Library, "List of Church Records in the Connecticut State Library," p. 29, Suffield; images online (<u>http://cslib.cdmhost.com</u> : accessed 10 August 2020).

⁵⁷ Jennifer Zinck, North Granby, Connecticut, jenzinck@gmail.com to Second Baptist Church of Suffield, Connecticut, <u>office@secondbaptistsuffield.org</u>, email, 08 August 2020, "Church History Questions," privately held by Jennifer Zinck.

Obituaries

Obituary of Henry S. Cowles

"Cigar Box Man Dies," *The Packages* (February 1910); 13:61; digital images, *Google Books* (http://books.Google.com : accessed 10 August 2020).

CIGAR BOX MAN DIES.

Henry S. Cowles, 72 years old, for over 30 years one of the leading cigar box manufacturers of Massachusetts, died of heart disease recently at his home in Boston Neck, Suffield, Mass. Mr. Cowles was born in March 2, 1837, and during his younger years worked on his father's farm. On Dec. 15, 1859, he married Miss Clara Austin, daughter of the late T. Cornelius Austin, a descendant of one of the oldest settlers of the town. Mr. Cowles served as selectman for a number of years and was also a member of the board of relief. He attended the Second Baptist church. He leaves besides a widow, one brother, Frank Cowles of Hartford, five children, Mrs. A. A. Brown, George Cowles of Sacramento, Cal., Albert, Frank, and Miss Clara Cowles, all of Suffield.

ANALYSIS: The obituary of Henry S. Cowles names his daughter, Miss Clara Cowles. Clara appears under her maiden name, as she did not marry until the following year.⁵⁸

Obituary of Henry S. Cowles

"Death of Henry S. Cowles. Well-Known Cigar-Box Manufacturer—Had Had Town Offices," *Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican*, 24 January 1910, p. 12, col. 5.

[NOTE: The following transcription does not maintain line breaks or spacing.]

SUFFIELD
DEATH OF HENRY S. COWLES
Well-Known Cigar-Box Manufacturer

--Had Held Town Offices

Henry S. Cowles, 73, one of Suffield's most respected citizens, died suddenly yesterday
morning at 8 o'clock of heart trouble, of which he had long been a sufferer. Almost up to the time of his death he was able to be about, though for the past three years had done no active business. He was born in Suffield March 2, 1837, son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Cowles. He

⁵⁸ For the marriage of Clara, see Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths," 5:7, Richard Whitney Loomis-Clara Cowles, entry of marriage, 26 April 1911; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

married December 15, 1869, Clarissa K. Austin, daughter of the late T.C. Austin, and five children were born, all of whom are living: Jennie E., wife of A.A. Brown of Suffield, George Cowles of California and Albert B., Frank and Clara Louisa. He was for many years engaged in the manufacture of fine cut tobacco, and also ran a cigar box factory at the old homestead in Boston Neck. A number of years ago he sold out the tobacco business, and since then until his health failed had attended to the box factory. He was one of the oldest cigar-box makers in the state. In politics he was a democrat, and at different times held many town offices. The funeral will take place Wednesday at 2 o'clock from the house and burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

ANALYSIS: This obituary provides a birth date of 02 March 1837 for Henry and names Clara Louisa as one of his daughters. The date of birth correlates with the date of birth provided in his marriage record as well as his death record.⁵⁹

Obituary of Clara A. Cowles

"Mrs Clara A. Cowles Dies at Age of 98," *Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican*, 29 May 1945, p. 4, col. 4.

[NOTE: The following transcription does not maintain line breaks or spacing.]

SUFFIELD

MRS CLARA A. COWLES DIES AT AGE OF 98

Suffield, Ct., May 28—The funeral of Mrs Clara (Austin) Cowles, 98, widow of Henry Cowles, who died Sunday in Somes, will be held Thursday at 2.30 p.m. at the Cooper funeral chapel. Rev. Richard P. Carter, pastor of the First Congregational church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

Mrs Cowles was born in Suffield April 25, 1847, the daughter of Thomas C. and Harriet (Hatheway) Austin. She had lived here all her life until a few years ago, when she moved to Somers. She attended the Connecticut Literary Institute, now Suffield academy. One of her ancestors, Stephen Austin, left Connecticut to help settle Texas and the town of Austin, Tex., was named for him.

Mrs Cowles leaves a daughter, Mrs Richard W. Loomis of Suffield; two sons, George of Sacramento, Cal., and Frank of Thompsonville; two brothers, Arthur and Cornelius of Suffield; 21 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

ANALYSIS: The obituary of Clara A. Cowles names her as the daughter of Thomas C. and Harriet (Hatheway) Austin and the mother of Mrs. Richard Loomis. This information correlates with the register entry showing Clarissa K. Loomis as the child of Thomas Cornelius Austin and Harriet

⁵⁹ Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Burials, "2:135, Henry S. Cowles-Clara R. Austin, entry of marriage, 15 December 1869; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield. Also, Suffield, Connecticut, "Deaths in the Town of Suffield, 1910," p. 4, death certificate, Henry Stephen Cowles; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

Hatheway.⁶⁰ It also correlates with the marriage record of her daughter, Clara, who became Mrs. Richard Loomis.⁶¹

Obituary of Clara (Cowles) Loomis

"Mrs. Richard W. Loomis Succumbs at 83," *Springfield (Massachusetts) Union*, 24 June 1966, p. 56, col. 6.

[NOTE: The following transcription does not maintain line breaks or spacing.]

Mrs. Richard W. Loomis Succumbs at 83

SUFFIELD – Mrs. Clara (Cowles) Loomis, 83, of 37 High St., widow of Richard W. Loomis, died Wednesday. She was born in this town March 16, 1883, daughter of Henry S. and Clara (Austin) Cowles. A lifelong resident, she was a member of Second Baptist Church, the Ladies Aid Society and Women's Missionary Guild of the church, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a Gold Star mother. Her son, Ralph, was killed in action in World War II. She leaves two sons, Roger C. of Suffield and Richard W., Jr., of West Haven; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Price, here, and Mrs. Betty Flagg of Hazardville; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held Saturday at 3 at Nicholson funeral home. Burial will be in West Suffield Cemetery. Rev. Joseph Sisk of Second Baptist Church will officiate. Calling hours at the funeral home are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. Memorial contributions may be sent to Suffield Conservation Commission for use toward a nondenominational outdoor chapel at the new town park on West Suffield Mountain.

ANALYSIS: Clara's obituary lists her as the widow of Richard W. Loomis and the daughter of Henry S. and Clara (Austin) Cowles. This correlates with the information from her birth and marriage records and provides further information that she was a member of Second Baptist Church, the same place where she had been married.⁶²

Other Newspaper Articles

50th Wedding Anniversary—Richard Loomis and Clara Cowles

"Mr., Mrs. R. W. Loomis Observe 50th Year," *Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican*, 18 April 1961, p. 37, col. 3.

[NOTE: The following transcription does not maintain line breaks or spacing.]

Mr., Mrs. R. W. Loomis Observe 50th Year

⁶⁰ Suffield Town Records, Early Recap XXX, Birth Marriages Deaths, p. 13, entry for Clarissa K. Austin in the family group of Thomas Cornelius Austin; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

⁶¹ Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths," 5:7, Richard Whitney Loomis-Clara Cowles, entry of marriage, 26 April 1911; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

⁶² Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1873-1904" 3:50, Clara Eloise Cowles, entry of birth, 16 March 1883; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield. Also, Suffield, Connecticut, "Births, Marriages, and Deaths," 5:7, Richard Whitney Loomis-Clara Cowles, entry of marriage, 26 April 1911; Town Clerk's Office, Suffield.

SUFFIELD, Conn – Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Loomis of 37 High St., are holding open house on observance of their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday from 4 to 5 in Fellowship Hall of Second Baptist Church.

They were married April 26, 1911, in the home of Mrs. Loomis mother, Mrs. Henry Cowles, in Boston Neck. Rev. William Abbot Smith, then pastor of Second Baptist Church, officiated.

Among those present at the wedding, who are expected on Sunday, were Mrs. Harold Hastings, who played the Wedding March on the piano; and Frank Loomis of Clinton, Conn., and Winfield Loomis of Plainville, Conn., brothers of the groom.

The couple has four children. They are Roger C. Loomis and Mrs. Helen Price of Suffield; Richard W. Loomis Jr., of West Haven, Conn.; and Mrs. Betty Flagg of Louisville, Ken. They also have eight grandchildren and one great grand daughter. Their oldest son, Ralph Loomis, was killed in action in Italy during World War II.

ANALYSIS: This newspaper article about the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Richard Loomis and Clara Cowles names Mrs. Loomis' mother as Mrs. Henry Cowles of Boston Neck. This information does not conflict with any other sources reported.

Published Family Histories

Genealogy of the Cowles families in America⁶³

Vol. II, Family of John Cowles, of Farmington and Hartford, Conn., and Hatfield, Mass., p. 822

3182. HENRY STEPHEN⁸ COWLES, son of Stephen⁷ (1356), b. March 2, 1838 prob. In Suffield, Conn.; m. Dec 15, 1869, Clara Rising Austin, b. April 25, 1847, dau. of Thomas Cornelius and Harriet (Hatheway) Austin of Suffield, Conn. Res. Suffield, Conn.

5334. Jennie Elizabeth, b. Oct. 1, 1870; m. Albert Brown. Children: i. Austin; ii Marshall; iii Howard; iv Dorothy; v. Donald; vi. Lillia.
5335. George, b. July 7, 1872; m. ______ Anna Trubody.
5336. Albert Bradley, b. Oct. 1, 1874
5337. Frank, b. June 16, 1876.

5338. Clara Louise, b. March 16, 1883.

(King Genealogy, 1908; Loomis Gen., 1908.)

ANALYSIS: Henry Stephen Cowles and his wife Clara Rising Austin, along with person number 5338, their child Clara Louise, are the research subjects. This unsourced family history contains information that mostly aligns with information found in original sources. Of note, the birth date of Henry Stephen Cowles is provided as 2 March 1838, which correlates with the birthdate in his birth record.⁶⁴

⁶³ Calvin Duval Cowles, *Genealogy of the Cowles Families in America*, 2 vols. (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse, and Taylor, 1929), 2:822.

⁶⁴ William L. Loomis, "Suffield, Conn. Vital Records, Compiled from Town Records, Cemetery Inscriptions, Family Bibles and Letters, and Other Manuscripts," p. 46, entry for Henry S. Cowles in the family group of Stephen Cowles; photostat copy by Connecticut State Library, 1928, in the Local History Room of Kent Memorial Library, Suffield, Connecticut.

*The King Family of Suffield, Connecticut, its English Ancestry A.D. 1389-1662 and American Descendants A.D. 1662-1908*⁶⁵ Sixth generation, p. 203

8 Henry S.⁹ Cowles, b. March 2, 1838; m. Dec. 15, 1869, Clarissa K. Austin Issue:

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- 2 Marshall Brown, b. ____
- 3 Howard Brown, b. ____
- 4 Dorothy Brown, b. ____
- 5 Donald Brown, b. ____
- 6 Lillia Brown, b. ____
- 2 George⁹ Cowles, b. July 7, 1872; m. _____ Anna Trubody.
- 3 Albert B. Cowles, b. Oct. 1, 1874.
- 4 Frank Cowles, b. June 16, 1874.
- 5 Clara Louisa Cowles, b. March 16 1883.

ANALYSIS: Clara Louise Cowles is listed as the child of Henry S. Cowles and Clarissa K. Austin. Like *Genealogy of the Cowles families in America*, this source also provides a date of birth for Henry S. Cowles of 2 March 1838. Of note, the Cowles genealogy lists the King genealogy at the bottom of the entry, so one may have been sourced from the other. These authored works may not be independent sources, meaning that the information possibly came from the same origin.

Another Henry S. Cowles

Records of another Henry S. Cowles, Civil War veteran from Connecticut, are available.⁶⁶ This Henry S. Cowles lived in East Hartford, was born approximately 1835, and likely died in 1903.⁶⁷ In 1860, Henry S. Cowles, age 25, a pattern maker, was enumerated in the household of Ashbel S. Cowles of East Hartford, Connecticut.⁶⁸ In 1902, Henry S. Cowles, patternmaker, resided at 11 Village, M, the Meadows section of East Hartford.⁶⁹ It is fairly straightforward to differentiate this man from Henry

⁶⁸ 1860 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut, population schedule, Suffield, p. 911 (stamped), dwelling 60, family 72, Henry S. Cowles in the household of Asbel P. Cowles; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com : 05 August 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 79.

⁶⁵ Cameron Haight King, *The King Family of Suffield, Connecticut, its English Ancestry A.D. 1389-1662 and American Descendants A.D. 1662-1908* (San Francisco: Walter N. Brunt Co., 1908), 203.

⁶⁶ Connecticut General Assembly, Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the Army and Navy of the United States During the War of the Rebellion (Hartford: Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company, 1889), 122.

⁶⁷ *Find A Grave*, database and images (findagrave.com : accessed 10 August 2020), memorial 53907311, Sgt. Henry S. Cowles, created and maintained by contributor 47067692, "Sue"; citing Center Cemetery, East Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut.

⁶⁹ Elihu Geer Sons, compilers, *Geer's Hartford City Directory; Geer's Classifield Business Directory; July, 1902*; database with images online, "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 07 August 2020), 943. For M to indicate Meadow post office, see Elihu Geer Sons, compilers, *Geer's Hartford City Directory; Geer's Classifield Business Directory; July,*

S. Cowles of Suffield, the subject of this research, as the two men lived in different locations during the same time period and had different occupations.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

- Search land records of Suffield, Connecticut, for transactions naming Henry S. Cowles. These records are available in the Suffield Town Clerk's Office as well as digitally via FamilySearch, with access at a Family History Center or affiliate library.
- Review Tax Assessment Records available on Ancestry.com in the record group "U.S. IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918" for entries for Henry S. Cowles.
- Learn about cigar box manufacturing, especially in the area of the Tobacco Valley of Connecticut, to provide background and context for the occupation of Henry S. Cowles. Resources may include Connecticut Valley Tobacco Museum inside Northwest Park in Windsor, Connecticut, as well as the book *Connecticut Valley Tobacco* by Brianna E. Dunlap, the museum's current President.
- Review the collection in the Suffield Historical Room at the Kent Memorial Library, Suffield, Connecticut. The collection includes but is not limited to published family histories, unpublished manuscripts, genealogical correspondence, more than one hundred account books of local farmers, letters, diaries, and military records.
- Search Springfield Republican newspaper for entries regarding the subject Cowles family. This newspaper is locally accessible at the Springfield City Library, Springfield, Massachusetts.
- After reviewing Suffield, Connecticut, land records, consult maps titled "Suffield" and "Suffield, Suffield West, West Suffield, Windsor Locks" published by Baker & Tilden in 1869 and currently available on Historic Map Works website. Identify locations of parcels owned by Henry S. Cowles. Overlay the map using the Historic Earth tool and determine the present-day location of these parcels of land.
- Review Suffield, Connecticut, *Town Ledger*, 1st School Society, 1871-1977, Office of the Town Clerk, Suffield, for entries concerning the subject family.
- Review "Records of cases of midwifery, 1827-1882," E.G. Ufford, LDS microfilm 185,373. Since this record appears to end in 1882, it will not be likely to locate Clara Louise Cowles, but it may contain records of her parents' births.
- Review the 1860 census for the household of Thomas C. Austin in Suffield, Connecticut. The two older women may be Clara's grandmothers.

¹⁹⁰²; database with images online, "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 07 August 2020), 937.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- A. Birth record of Clara Eloise Cowles
- B. Marriage entry for Henry S. Cowles and Clara R. Austin
- C. 1930 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Clara A Cowles in the household of Albert B. Cowles
- D. 1920 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Clara R Cowles in the household of Albert B. Cowles
- E. 1910 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Clara A Cowles and Clara L. Cowles in the household of Frank Cowles
- F. 1900 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Clara A Cowles in the household of Albert B. Cowles
- G. 1880 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Household of Henry S. Cowles
- H. 1870 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Household of Stephen Cowles
- I. 1870 U.S. Agricultural Census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Stephen Cowles
- J. 1860 U.S. census, Hartford County, Connecticut—Household of Stephen Cowles
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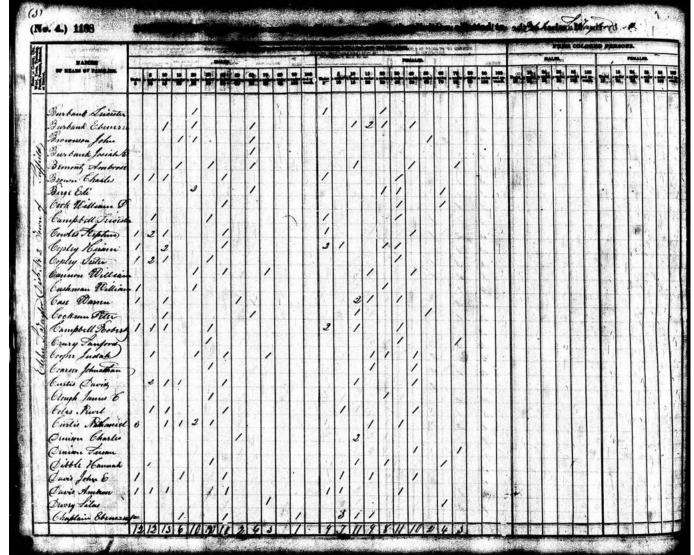
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