

# The Descendants of Matthew Waite<sup>1</sup> & Mercy Clark

## First Generation

1. **Matthew Waite** was born<sup>1</sup> on 15 Aug 1781 in South Kingston, RI. Matthew was Clerk of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island. (EWT) Matthew married **Mercy Clark** daughter of William Case Clark and Sarah Cross.

They had the following children:

- 2 F     i. **Dorcas Waite** was born<sup>2</sup> on 25 Sep 1816 in South Kingston, RI.
- +     3 M     ii. **Benjamin Case Waite**<sup>2</sup>.
- 4 M     iii. **John Waite** was born<sup>3</sup> on 10 Apr 1821 in South Kingston, RI.
- 5 M     iv. **Samuel Waite** was born<sup>4</sup> on 16 Jun 1823 in South Kingston, RI.
- 6 M     v. **William Waite** was born<sup>5</sup> on 12 Sep 1826 in South Kingston, RI.

## Endnotes

1. Edythe Wilson Thoesen, *EWT - Thomas Wait and Descendants of Portsmouth, Rhode Island*.
2. RIVR2:181.
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## Second Generation

3. **Benjamin Case Waite** (Matthew) was born<sup>1</sup> on 10 Apr 1819 in South Kingston, RI. He died<sup>2</sup> on 6 Oct 1902 in Nevada City, Nevada, CA. He corresponded with Catherine Friend Clarke for several years and returned to Rhode Island to marry her. They then came back to CA and homesteaded in Nevada City. Benjamin married **Catherine Friend Clark** "Kate" daughter of Christopher Clark and

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew Waite is a descendant of Thomas Waite of Portsmouth, RI viz: Capt. Jonathan, Benjamin, Samuel J., Samuel, Thomas of Portsmouth, RI.

<sup>2</sup> Benjamin C. Waite and Edwin G. Waite were fifth cousins.

Phoebe Anne Peabody on 16 Sep 1855 in Kingston, RI. Catherine was born<sup>3</sup> on 9 Feb 1835 in Kingston, RI. She died<sup>4</sup> on 27 Jul 1916 in Nevada City, Nevada, CA. When Catherine Friend Waite died here on July 27, 1916, her obit indicated she was the widow of Benjamin Clark Waite, that she had been born in Rhode Island on 2/9/1839, came to California via the Isthmus and settled in Nevada City in 1855, then married B.C. Waite and moved to the Waite family home on Deer Creek, near this place. (SCOT)

Benjamin and Catherine had the following children:

- 7 M i. **William Waite** was born<sup>5</sup> on 16 Nov 1856. He died<sup>6</sup> on 16 Jun 1858.
- 8 M ii. **Matthew Waite** was born<sup>7</sup> on 28 Oct 1858. Matthew married<sup>8</sup> **Mary Stronse** on 13 Apr 1891 in Marysville, Yuba, CA. Mary was of Forbesville, CA. (EWT)
- 9 F iii. **Annie Waite** was born<sup>9</sup> on 14 Jan 1861. Annie resided at Tucson AZ. (EWT) Annie married<sup>10</sup> **Harry I.E. Cooke** on 6 Feb 1884. Harry was "of Denmark". (EWT) Name also given as Harry G.E. Cook.
- 10 F iv. **Jessie Benton Waite** was born<sup>11</sup> on 20 Feb 1863. She died on 2 Nov 1930. Jessie married<sup>12</sup> **George C. Shaw** on 1 Feb 1882 in Nevada City, Nevada, CA. George was of Arkansas. (EWT)
- 11 F v. **Theodosia Waite** was born<sup>13</sup> on 13 Mar 1867. She died<sup>14</sup> on 30 Nov 1868.
- 12 M vi. **Benjamin Waite** was born<sup>15,16</sup> on 9 Oct 1869 in Deer Creek, CA. He died<sup>17</sup> on 10 Oct 1953 in Nevada City, Nevada, CA. B.F. Waite never married, and by 1953 had only one surviving sister -- Mrs. Bertha Alexander. He was buried at the Waite farm, as had (apparently) several other Nevada City Waites. (SCOT)
- 13 F vii. **Bertha C. Waite** was born<sup>18,19</sup> on 17 Jan 1873 in Nevada City, Nevada, CA. Bertha married<sup>20</sup> **George Henry Alexander** on 22 Apr 1905 in Nevada City, Nevada, CA.
- 14 F viii. **Effie Waite** was born<sup>21</sup> on 11 May 1875. Effie married<sup>22</sup> **Eddy John Morgan** on 15 Nov 1896 in Nevada City, Nevada, CA.
- 15 M ix. **David Clark Waite** was born<sup>23</sup> on 14 Jan 1879. He died<sup>24</sup> on 22 Aug 1939 in Nevada City, Nevada, CA. David married<sup>25,26</sup> **Lynette Hughes** on 13 May 1904 in Nevada City, Nevada, CA.

#### Sources

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