

THE ANCESTRY OF ARTHUR EDWARD WAITE, MYSTIC

Based on original research into the life of A.E. Waite, it appears that he was the son of Capt. Charles F. Waite. More research needs to be completed to prove this theory.

First Generation

1. **Charles Williams Waite** was born on 18 Apr 1789 in Lyme, New London, CT, the son of Remick & Susanna (Matson) Waite. He died in 1876. Charles married **Mary Smith** daughter of Charles Smith and Lois Parsons. Mary was born on 25 Dec 1801 in Lyme, New London, CT.

They had the following children:

2 M i. **Theodore Waite** was born on 3 Oct 1821 in Lyme, New London, CT. He died on 22 Mar 1870 in Toledo, OH. Theodore married **Sarah Wandall** in 1852.

3 M ii. **Capt. Charles F. Waite** was born on 8 Mar 1824. He died on 29 Sep 1858.

4 M iii. **Gilbert S. Waite** was born on 29 Jan 1826 in Lyme, New London, CT.

5 M iv. **Albert S. Waite** was born on 15 May 1828. He died on 9 Oct 1864.

6 F v. **Mary L. Waite** was born on 23 Oct 1830 in Lyme, New London, CT. She died on 17 Oct 1852 in Lyme, New London, CT.

7 M vi. **Oliver C. Waite** was born on 29 May 1833 in Lyme, New London, CT. He died in May 1874 in Genesco, IL married **Caroline Miles**.

8 M vii. **Norman Waite** was born on 11 Apr 1835 in Lyme, New London, CT.

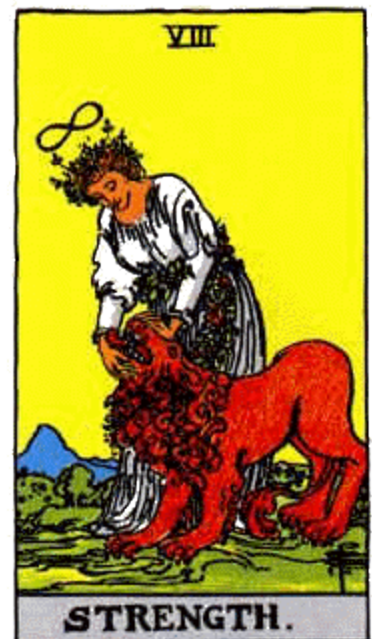
Second Generation

3. **Capt. Charles F. Waite** (Charles Williams) was born on 8 Mar 1824 in Lyme, New London, CT. He died^{1,2,3} on 29 Sep 1858 in at sea on passage to London from Connecticut. Capt. in American Merchant Marine. (OCC) Charles married **Emma Lovell** in 1850. Emma was born⁴ in England.

They had the following children:

9 M i. **Arthur Edward Waite** was born on 2 Oct 1857. He died on 19 May 1942.

10 F ii. **Frederika Waite** was born⁵ in 1858/1859. She died^{6,7} in 1874.



5. **Albert S. Waite** (Charles Williams) was born on 15 May 1828 in Lyme, New London, CT. He died on 9 Oct 1864 in New York. Albert married **Mary Hunt** in 1855.

Albert and Mary had the following children:

11 M i. **Waite.**

Third Generation

9. **Arthur Edward Waite** (Charles F., Charles Williams) was born^{8,9} on 2 Oct 1857 in Brooklyn, NY. He died^{10,11} on 19 May 1942. "...Waite was educated first at small private schools in North London and then, from the age of thirteen, at St. Charles's College. When he left school to become a clerk he wrote verse in his spare time; the death of his sister soon afterwards attracted him into psychical research. At twenty-one he began to read regularly in the Library of the British Museum, studying many branches of esotericism....He spent all his life in or near London, being connected with various publishing houses. He edited a small magazine, *The Unknown World*, but became more and more engrossed in his particular kind of authorship and the research it entailed. (KHEP - From Ithel Colquhoun, *The Sword of Wisdom MacGregor Mathers & the Golden Dawn* G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1975)

Arthur Edward Waite, born in 1857, was an English occultist and member of the famous magical order, the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, and published a number of important books on esoteric matters. His most enduring legacy is the Tarot deck he created, which was probably the most popular deck of the twentieth century. In 1891, Waite joined the Golden Dawn, and he remained a member through its upheavals at the turn of the century, actually becoming leader of the London temple in 1903 and changing the Order's name to the Holy Order of the Golden Dawn. Waite's emphasis on mysticism rather than magic was not too appealing to the majority of Golden Dawn members, who subsequently left with William Butler Yeats to found a rival order, the *Stella Matutina* ('Morning Star').

Waite's Tarot deck is known as the Rider-Waite, Rider or Waite-Smith deck (Rider was Waite's publisher). Waite directed fellow Golden Dawn member Pamela Colman Smith in the design of this beautiful set of cards, whose main innovation was the illustration of all the Minor cards in ways redolent of their divinatory meanings. (Previously, most decks had taken a rather literal view of illustration, with the Four of Swords being depicted as four swords, for example.) He also transposed the traditional positions of the Trump cards Justice and Strength. The deck was used to illustrate his book "The Key to the Tarot", published in 1910. Waite produced translations of Eliphas Levi and Papus, as well as reissues of mystical and alchemical works, such as those of Thomas Vaughan. The Holy Order of the Golden Dawn declined after Waite's departure in 1915, and Waite died in 1942." (BYZANT)

"He lost his Roman Catholic faith, following the death of his sister, and began to explore the paths of occultism." (MYTHO) Arthur married¹² (1) **Ada Lakeman** "Lucasta" in 1883/1884. Ada died¹³ in 1924.

They had the following children:

12 F i. **Sybil Waite.**

Arthur married (2) **Mary Broadbent Schofield.**

Appendix A - Sources

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