

JAMES STONE

James Stone apparently got together with Nancy Helen Dodge sometime during 1870 or late 1869, although the 1870 Census places him in Fox, Kendall, Illinois, and places Nancy Dodge in Greenfield, Erie, Pennsylvania in the household of Manader Farnsworth. The census was enumerated in Greenfield on 27 July 1870. Nancy gave birth to her first son Guy Mannering Stone less than a month later on 20 August 1870 in Findley Lake, Chautauqua, New York. James and Nancy then show up as husband and wife in the 1880 Census in Bloomer, Montcalm, Michigan with two sons and a daughter: Guy (age 10), Leroy (age 4) and the new born Emma Jane "Jennie" (born 2 May 1880). No further record of them as a family unit has been discovered.

Nancy (with or without James) returned to the area of North East, Erie, Pennsylvania to raise her family (North East is on the border of western New York next to Chautauqua County New York). The obituary of her son Guy states that he came to North East to live in 1888, but this does not rule out having lived in the surrounding areas previously.

Guy became a tailor and went into the clothing business, first in North East, then after 1899 in Chicago. He married Mary E. Ross of North East and they had two sons, Wilbur and Adrien. Guy and his family returned to North East in 1911. He died of a heart attack in 1915.

No record exists for Leroy, and he supposed to have died in his youth.

Emma Jane, who went by Jennie and appears in the photo to the right, married Edward Kenneth Reid in North East in 1900. They raised a family of seven boys and one girl. Emma Jane died on her birthday (2 May) in 1956. Emma Jane's daughter Helen Eileen Reid was my grandmother, who passed away in 1995 at the age of 90.

Nancy Stone never remarried. In the 1920 Census, she is living with her daughter Emma in North East. She still goes by the surname Stone and is identified as a widow. So it is unlikely that she and James ever formally divorced. Nancy died in North East on 10 May 1922.



Courtesy of Ken Burhanna