



# The Ferguson Family

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## Explanation of Format

### Pedigree charts

The pedigree charts use the Ahnentafel numbering system, a method used to organize and display a person's ancestors in a clear and systematic way that makes it easy to calculate relationships. Here are the basic principles:

- **Root Person:** The individual whose ancestry is being traced is assigned the number 1. In this case, the root person is Clarence Leigh Ferguson.
- **Father and Mother:** The father of the root person is assigned the number 2, and the mother is assigned the number 3.
- **Grandparents:** The paternal grandparents are numbered 4 and 5, with 4 being the father's father and 5 being the father's mother. The maternal grandparents are numbered 6 and 7, with 6 being the mother's father and 7 being the mother's mother.

To learn more, visit [Wikipedia](#).

### Drop charts

A variation of the descendant chart, the drop chart displays the descendants of a particular individual or couple. It shows the lineage branching out from the ancestor down through multiple generations. The purpose of a descendant chart is to illustrate the family tree from the perspective of a specific ancestor, making it easier to visualize the family structure and relationships over time.

### Reports

The family reports typically begin with the first ancestor for which all basic vital information is well established. This is often the immigrant to the United States.

The reports are written in NGSQ style, which gets its name from the National Genealogical Society Quarterly and is one of the most common systems used in genealogy. Features of this style include:

- Each person is assigned a number, beginning with #1 for the earliest ancestor.
- Generation numbers begin at #1 for the first immigrant to the United States. Non-immigrant generations begin with A and work backward. These appear both as headings and as small, italicized superscripts after a given name.
- If a child's number has a + before it, this indicates they are a direct ancestor and have a more extensive entry further down.
- Use of generation numbers helps keep lineage clear, especially in a long report. An individual's generation number is shown in italics after their name, and their ancestors are listed in parentheses, each with their generation number.

To learn more, visit [Genealogical numbering systems - Wikipedia](#).

# Pedigree Chart

## Paternal ancestors of Clarence Leigh Ferguson

3x Great-Grandparents	2x Great-Grandparents	1x Great-Grandparents	Grandparents	Father
<b>Thomas Ferguson</b> <sup>[32]</sup> b. 1729 Ireland d. 1795 N. Carolina	<b>William Ferguson</b> <sup>[16]</sup> b. 1754 Ireland d. 1817 N. Carolina	<b>William Ferguson</b> <sup>[8]</sup> b. 1807 N. Carolina d. 1887 Ohio	<b>William Ferguson</b> <sup>[4]</sup> b. 1855 Ohio d. 1926 Ohio	<b>Ralph Ferguson</b> <sup>[2]</sup> b. 1881 Ohio d. 1948 Ohio
<b>Alexander Moore</b> <sup>[34]</sup> b. 1753 Ireland d. 1797 N. Carolina				
<b>Sarah</b> <sup>[35]</sup> b. 1754 d. 1822 N. Carolina	<b>Sarah Moore</b> <sup>[17]</sup> b. 1781 Ireland d. 1835 Ohio	<b>Nancy Lackey</b> <sup>[9]</sup> b. 1816 Virginia d. 1890 Ohio	<b>William Ferguson</b> <sup>[4]</sup> b. 1855 Ohio d. 1926 Ohio	
<b>Thomas Lackey II</b> <sup>[36]</sup> b. 1754 Ireland d. 1826 Virginia				
<b>Martha Anderson</b> <sup>[37]</sup> b. 1756 d. 1796 Virginia	<b>Isaac Lackey</b> <sup>[18]</sup> b. 1788 Virginia d. 1850 Ohio	<b>Nancy Lackey</b> <sup>[9]</sup> b. 1816 Virginia d. 1890 Ohio	<b>William Ferguson</b> <sup>[4]</sup> b. 1855 Ohio d. 1926 Ohio	
<b>James Cunningham</b> <sup>[38]</sup> b. 1750 Virginia d. 1857 Tennessee				
<b>Agnes Moore</b> <sup>[39]</sup> b. 1747 Virginia d. 1809 Virginia	<b>Isabella Cunningham</b> <sup>[19]</sup> b. 1787 Virginia d. 1872 Ohio	<b>Washington Galloway</b> <sup>[10]</sup> b. 1821 Ohio d. 1887 Ohio	<b>Elta Galloway</b> <sup>[5]</sup> b. 1858 Ohio d. 1936 Ohio	
<b>James Galloway</b> <sup>[40]</sup> b. 1750 Pennsylvania d. 1838 Ohio				
<b>Rebekah Junkin</b> <sup>[41]</sup> b. 1759 Pennsylvania d. 1812 Ohio	<b>Andrew Galloway</b> <sup>[20]</sup> b. 1796 Kentucky d. 1864 Ohio	<b>Washington Galloway</b> <sup>[10]</sup> b. 1821 Ohio d. 1887 Ohio	<b>Elta Galloway</b> <sup>[5]</sup> b. 1858 Ohio d. 1936 Ohio	
<b>William Collins</b> <sup>[42]</sup> b. 1762 Pennsylvania d. 1822 Ohio				
<b>Lydia Manifold</b> <sup>[43]</sup> b. 1771 Pennsylvania d. 1855 Ohio	<b>Mary Collins</b> <sup>[21]</sup> b. 1798 Pennsylvania d. 1872 Ohio	<b>Washington Galloway</b> <sup>[10]</sup> b. 1821 Ohio d. 1887 Ohio	<b>Elta Galloway</b> <sup>[5]</sup> b. 1858 Ohio d. 1936 Ohio	
<b>William Anderson</b> <sup>[44]</sup>				
<b>Marion Broadwood</b> <sup>[45]</sup>	<b>Matthew Anderson</b> <sup>[22]</sup> b. 1798 Scotland d. 1894 Ohio	<b>Mary Anderson</b> <sup>[11]</sup> b. 1832 Pennsylvania d. 1911 Ohio	<b>Elta Galloway</b> <sup>[5]</sup> b. 1858 Ohio d. 1936 Ohio	
	<b>Jane Brown</b> <sup>[23]</sup> b. 1799 d. 1875 Ohio			

The Ahnentafel number is in brackets [ ] after the individuals name.

## Drop Chart: Ferguson

**Thomas Ferguson**

b. 1729 in Northern Ireland

d. 1795 in Mecklenburg, North Carolina

**William Ferguson**

b. 1754 in Northern Ireland

d. 1817 in Mecklenburg, North Carolina

**William Ferguson**

b. 1807 in North Carolina

d. 1887 in Greene, Ohio

**William Henry Ferguson**

b. 1855 in Greene, Ohio

d. 1926 in Greene, Ohio

**Ralph Bruce Ferguson**

b. 1881 in Greene, Ohio

d. 1948 in Greene, Ohio

**Sarah Moore**

b. 1781

d. 1835 in Greene, Ohio

**Nancy Lackey**

b. 1816 in Rockbridge, Virginia

d. 1890 in Greene, Ohio

**Ella Belle Galloway**

b. 1853 in Greene, Ohio

d. 1936 in Greene, Ohio

**Ella Belle McClelland**

b. 1883 in Greene, Ohio

d. 1978 in Greene, Ohio



## Generation 1: Thomas Ferguson

1. **Thomas<sup>1</sup> Ferguson** was born in 1729 in Ireland. He died on 20 Jan 1795 in Mecklenburg, North Carolina.

The name and details of his (1) wife is unknown.

Much later in life, he married (2) Eleanor Wilson, a widow, date unknown.

### Children of Thomas Ferguson

	Name	Birth	Death	Spouse
+ 2.	William Ferguson	09 Feb 1754 Ireland	21 Mar 1817 Mecklenburg, North Carolina	1: Mary Bigham 2: Sarah Moore

### Story

Thomas Ferguson was born in 1729 in Ireland, likely in the Province of Ulster, County Antrim. The name and details of his first wife is unknown. His only child, William, was born on 09 Feb 1754, in Ireland.

Thomas emigrated to America in the mid-18th century. Like many Ulster-Scots at that time, it's possible Thomas initially settled and farmed in Pennsylvania before seeking new opportunities further south. A deed of sale dated 23 Feb 1775, shows Thomas acquired 400-acres of land on the waters of Steele Creek in Mecklenburg, North Carolina.

Upon his arrival in North Carolina, Thomas was accompanied by his son and a woman named Martha Ferguson. The precise relationship between Thomas and Martha remains unclear, though the age difference suggests she may have been a sister or close relative.<sup>1</sup>

Payment vouchers issued in 1783 and 1784 show Thomas Ferguson served in the American Revolution, listed as militia service in the Salisbury District (part of Mecklenburg County).

Later in life, Thomas married Eleanor Wilson, a widow with a son named Joseph Wilson. The marriage appears to have failed based on the grievances expressed in Thomas' will, stating that Eleanor had taken a valuable horse without return and that her actions had forced him to publicly address the situation. Despite numerous solicitations and entreaties over two and a half years, Eleanor did not return.

Thomas Ferguson died on 20 Jan 1795, reaching the age of 66. His final resting place is at the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church cemetery in Mecklenburg, North Carolina.

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<sup>1</sup> Martha Ferguson was born in 1720, making her nine years older than Thomas Ferguson.

## Generation 2: William Ferguson

2. **William<sup>2</sup> Ferguson** (Thomas<sup>1</sup>) was born on 09 Feb 1754 in Ireland. He died on 21 Mar 1817 in Mecklenburg, North Carolina.

He married (1) Mary Bigham, date unknown. She was born in 1754. She died on 06 Feb 1795 in Mecklenburg, North Carolina. They had no children.

He married (2) **Sarah Moore** in 1805. She was born in 1781. She died on 15 Feb 1835 in Greene, Ohio.

### Children of William Ferguson and Sarah Moore

	Name	Birth	Date of death	Spouse
3.	Thomas <sup>3</sup> Ferguson	30 Dec 1805 Mecklenburg, North Carolina	21 Feb 1876 Greene, Ohio	Never married
+ 4.	William Ferguson	14 Apr 1807 Mecklenburg, North Carolina	01 Aug 1887 Greene, Ohio	Nancy Lackey
5.	Alexander Ferguson	03 Mar 1809 Mecklenburg, North Carolina	20 Jun 1880 Shelby, Tennessee	Never married
6.	John Ferguson	28 Nov 1810 Mecklenburg, North Carolina	1881 Greene, Ohio	Anna Wilson
7.	Martha Ferguson	10 Sep 1812 Mecklenburg, North Carolina	1877 Greene, Ohio	Joseph Humphreys
8.	Sarah Ferguson	20 Aug 1814 Mecklenburg, North Carolina	Jan 1818 Mecklenburg, North Carolina	Died as a child
9.	Jane Eliza Ferguson	19 Jan 1817 Mecklenburg, North Carolina	11 Apr 1859 Greene, Ohio	Never married

### Early Life

William Ferguson was born on 09 Feb 1754, in Ireland, likely in the Province of Ulster, County Antrim. The identity of his mother remains unknown, and it is suggested that she may have passed away when William was young and before their emigration to America.

In 1775, at the age of 21, William, alongside his father Thomas Ferguson, established their roots on the waters of Steele Creek in Mecklenburg, North Carolina.

In 1783, William served in the American Revolution as a Corporal in Captain Adam Alexander's militia company, contributing to the fight for America's independence. Post-war, between 1784 and 1789, William expanded his family's holdings by acquiring an additional 400 acres adjoining his father's property.

A man of faith, William became one of the founding elders of the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, a testament to his commitment to community and spiritual values. In 1803, there were strongly opposed views on the introduction of psalmody and the congregation became divided. William and his close friend Jimmy Grier decided to break away and establish the Little Steele Creek Associate Presbyterian Church.



## **Marriage**

William's first wife, Mary Bigham, passed away at the age of 41 on 06 Feb 1795, leaving behind no children.

Events in 1797 led him to meeting his second wife, Sarah Moore. William was appointed as a trustee to purchase a plantation for the widow and children of Rev. Alexander Moore, who was also Sarah's father. William married Sarah Moore in 1805 and they embarked on a new chapter of their lives, promptly starting a family that would grow to eight children.

Two months after their last child was born, William died at the age of 63 on 21 Mar 1817, in Mecklenburg, North Carolina. His will, dictated just six days before his death, appointed his brother-in-law Thomas Moore and nephew Alexander Grier as executors and guardians of his young children.

The division of the 800-acre farm is detailed in a court document dated 14 Jan 1829. The land was divided "into four parts or lots, numbered each of the lots...and the names of the four legatees, having been put into a box and hat, separate from the numbers, and the numbers and names drawn alternately until all were drawn."

## **Journey to Ohio**

The journey continued in 1833 when the Fergusons, now led by Sarah, embarked on a 500-mile trek to Greene, Ohio. There was a growing sentiment against slavery within their denomination at the time, and this could have influenced the family's decision to leave North Carolina.

Their path to Ohio was not without challenges. Sarah fell ill, leading to an extended stay in Knox, Tennessee. Finally, in the fall of 1834, the family settled near Xenia, Ohio, and joined the Massie Creek Associated Presbyterian Church in November. Sarah, likely still in frail health, died on 15 Feb 1835, just months after their arrival.

## **Roots are planted**

The brothers, having granted Alexander power of attorney, took steps to settle the North Carolina farm, with William's portion eventually sold in 1837. The remaining land was gradually sold in subsequent years, closing the chapter on the Ferguson family's connection to Steele Creek.

After this sale of their North Carolina property, William, Thomas, and John purchased land of their own and built two houses of brick, hand-made from clay, dug on their farms. These houses stand today, belonging to descendants of the Ferguson family. Alexander did not return to Ohio, eventually settling in Tennessee.

### Generation 3: William Ferguson

4. **William Ferguson** (William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) was born on 14 Apr 1807 in Mecklenburg, North Carolina. He died on 01 Aug 1887 in Greene, Ohio.

He married **Nancy Lackey**, daughter of Isaac Lackey and Isabella Cunningham, on 29 Oct 1839 in Greene, Ohio. She was born on 27 Jul 1816 in Rockbridge, Virginia. She died on 22 Jan 1890 in Greene, Ohio.

#### Children of William Ferguson and Nancy Lackey

	Name	Birth	Death	Spouse
10.	Isaac Alexander <sup>d</sup> Ferguson	04 Jun 1841 Greene, Ohio	29 Aug 1911 Greene, Ohio	Lydia Kyle
11.	Lydia Jane Ferguson	1844 Greene, Ohio	1847 Greene, Ohio	<i>Died as a child</i>
12.	John Harvey Ferguson	1847 Greene, Ohio	26 Sep 1852 Greene, Ohio	<i>Died as a child</i>
13.	Eliza Ferguson	1854 Greene, Ohio	10 Jan 1931 Greene, Ohio	<i>Never married</i>
+ 14.	William Henry Ferguson	22 Apr 1855 Greene, Ohio	08 Aug 1926 Greene, Ohio	Ella Belle Galloway
15.	Mary Isabella Ferguson	1858 Greene, Ohio	1858 Greene, Ohio	<i>Died as a child</i>
16.	Albert Lee Ferguson	1861 Greene, Ohio	1927 Greene, Ohio	Etta Barnett

#### Story

William Ferguson was born on 14 Apr 1807, in Mecklenburg, North Carolina. William's father died when he was only 10 years old. At the direction of his father's will, the 800-acre farm owned by his father was divided into four equal parcels amongst William and his three brothers on 14 Jan 1829.

In 1833, at the age of 26, William made the journey from North Carolina to Greene, Ohio with his mother and siblings. Around 1837, after the North Carolina property was sold, William and his two brothers purchased land in Greene, Ohio.

William married Nancy Lackey on 29 Oct 1839. That same year they built their house located at 1180 Clifton Road and used clay on the land to make the bricks. William and Nancy had seven children, although three died young of unknown causes. Lydia Jane died in 1847 at the age of 3, John Harvey died in 1852 at the age of 5, and Mary Isabella died in 1858 the same year, possibly at childbirth.

In their early years, William and Nancy were members of Massie Creek Associated Presbyterian Church where William was a ruling elder. Later, they became members of the United Presbyterian church, in Clifton, Ohio.

William died at 80 years old on 01 Aug 1887. About three years later, Nancy died at 73 years old on 22 Jan 1890. They are both buried at the Woodland Cemetery in Greene, Ohio.

## Generation 4: William Henry Ferguson

14. **William Henry<sup>4</sup> Ferguson** (William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) was born on 22 Apr 1855 in Greene, Ohio. He died on 09 Aug 1926 in his hometown.

He married **Ella Belle Galloway**, daughter of Washington Galloway and Mary Jane Anderson, on 28 Jan 1880 in Greene, Ohio. She was born on 09 Nov 1853 in Greene, Ohio. She died on 30 Jan 1936 in her hometown.

### Children of William Henry Ferguson and Ella Belle Galloway

	Name	Birth	Death	Spouse
+ 17.	Ralph Bruce <sup>5</sup> Ferguson	18 Sep 1881 Greene, Ohio	30 Nov 1948 Greene, Ohio	Edna Belle McClelland
18.	Mary Eleanor Ferguson	18 Mar 1885 Greene, Ohio	20 Mar 1948 Greene, Ohio	Roy William McClellan
19.	William Harvey Ferguson	01 Jun 1889 Greene, Ohio	05 Dec 1960 Alameda, California	Grace Williamson

### Story

William Henry Ferguson was born on 22 Apr 1855, in Greene, Ohio. He grew up on a farm in the Miami township. William became a farmer after he completed his schooling at Antioch College and at the old college in Xenia.

William married Ella Bella Galloway on 28 Jan 1880. They made their home in Xenia where they later bought a farm. When William retired in 1914, they moved to Yellow Springs, Ohio.

William died at 71 years old on 08 Aug 1926. About ten years later, Ella Belle died at 77 years old in Feb 1936. They are both buried at Woodland Cemetery.

## Generation 5: Ralph Bruce Ferguson

- 17. Ralph Bruce<sup>5</sup> Ferguson** (William Henry<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) was born on 18 Sep 1881 in Greene, Ohio. He died on 30 Nov 1948 in Greene, Ohio.

He married **Edna Belle McClelland**, daughter of Robert Harvey McClelland and Laura Belle McClellan, on 06 Jun 1906 in Greene, Ohio. She was born on 11 Dec 1883 in Greene, Ohio. She died on 19 May 1978 in Greene, Ohio.

### Children of Ralph Bruce Ferguson and Edna Belle McClelland

	Name	Birth	Death	Spouse
20.	Edith Elizabeth Ferguson	06 Oct 1907 Greene, Ohio	04 Nov 1998 Greene, Ohio	Raymond Spracklen
21.	Howard Ferguson	1909 Greene, Ohio	27 Sep 1912 Greene, Ohio	<i>Died as a child</i>
22.	Ruth Eleanor Ferguson	16 Dec 1910 Greene, Ohio	29 Sep 1970 Greene, Ohio	Fred Emerson Ewry
+ 23.	Clarence Leigh Ferguson	28 Mar 1912 Greene, Ohio	07 Apr 2001 Greene, Ohio	Grace Elizabeth Bickett
24.	Carl Bruce Ferguson	10 Nov 1913 Greene, Ohio	15 Feb 2008 Montgomery, Ohio	Grace Marie Boots
25.	James Harvey Ferguson	17 Sep 1915 Greene, Ohio	19 May 1995 Greene, Ohio	Helen Mae High
26.	Ralph Donald Ferguson	29 Apr 1917 Greene, Ohio	8 Nov 1998 Greene, Ohio	Iva Lee Davis
27.	Florence Louise Ferguson	30 Apr 1919 Greene, Ohio	21 Feb 2009 Greene, Ohio	Willard Tobin
28.	John William Ferguson	01 Mar 1922 Greene, Ohio	23 Mar 2005 Greene, Ohio	Frances Little

### Story

Ralph Bruce Ferguson was born on 18 Sep 1881, in Greene, Ohio. He was trained in farming at an early age, and after completing school he continued as a farmer.

Ralph married Edna Belle McClelland on 06 Jun 1906. They first rented instead of remaining on the family farm. Eventually Ralph purchased the house originally built by Thomas and John Ferguson, which was now owned by John's son Elmer. Ralph and Edna had nine children. Their second child, Howard, sadly died at the age of three after being kicked by a horse.

As his father retired, Ralph continued to actively manage the home farm in addition to renting an adjoining farm. Ralph and Edna were members of the Second United Presbyterian Church in Xenia.

Ralph died on 30 Nov 1948, at the age of 67. Edna died at 94 years old on 19 May 1978.