

The Baumgartners



The ancestors of
Emily Baumgartner Fenwick

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This book describes the ancesestors of Amelia (Emily) Baumgartner, wife of Frances Earl Fenwick. It is intended primarily for the use of family members. It supplements the book **The Fenwicks of Lenox and Pittsfield**.

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Introduction

This book supplements the information about the Fenwicks that I created for the family. It has information about the ancestors of Emily (Amelia) Baumgartner. If you have any corrections or questions, please contact me: Kate Stout, 151 Buckingham Drive Unit 297, Santa Clara CA 95051. Phone is 650-646-3828, and email is kate@katestout.com.

The Baumgarteners

Amelia Baumgartner, usually known as Emily, married Francis Earle Fenwick, usually called Earle, in the 1920s. Her father was Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner, who had emigrated to the United States as a boy with his parents and brother Armand, between 1886-1888. (The records vary.) The family settled in Lenox. Eugene was a barber, who over the years lived in Lenox, but worked as a barber in both on Main St in Lee and on North St in Pittsfield, MA. He married Josephine Bontell, whose family was also from France. She was born in Lee MA, and her parents, Amos and Louise Bontell were born in France.

Eugene, Josephine, and one of their children, also named Josephine, are buried in St Ann's Cemetery in Lenox MA, where many Fenwicks and Kirbys are ured.

Eugene's parents were John Baumgartner and Mary Pigrey. Though many official documents, such as the census, use the name "John", in directory listings for the family in Lenox, he is listed as Jacques Baumgartner. Jacques was probably his original name in France, and he used John to try to sound more American. He immigrated to the United States with his wife and two sons about 1886. In 1896, he became a naturalized citizen.

B 526	
Family name	Given name or names
BAUMGARTEN	JACQUES
Address	
Lenox	
Certificate no. (or vol. and page)	Title and location of court
535 Vol 6 1895-1897	PITTSFIELD MASS
Country of birth or allegiance	When born (or age)
FRANCE	June 25 1852
Date and port of arrival in U. S.	Date of naturalization
	Oct 3 1896

Naturalization record of Jacque Baumgarten (John Bumgartner)

I realize the last name is wrong, but this is the only family with the name Baumgarten or Baumgarnter living in Pittsfield or Lenox during this time period. Errors like this are common.

The family name "Baumgartner" is probably a slight change from the German phrase "baum

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gardener", or tree farmer. Amelia's family was from France, which is slightly confusing, given that the family name sounds German. However, there are several parts of France near the German and Swiss borders that have sometimes belonged to France, and sometimes belonged to Germany, called Alsace and Lorraine. After the Franco Prussian war of 1870, France had to give Alsace and Lorraine to Prussia (a part of Germany)

In doing some research to try to find the origins of the family, I found this fascinating record. I **cannot prove** it is the same Jacques Baumgartner, but this person lives in Alsace. The record was created to provide proof of French citizenship, during 1872, when the Alsace territory was handed over to Germany.

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Nom	Baumgartner
Prénoms	Jacques
Naissance (Date de)	2 juillet 1852
Lieu de	Steu-Ferrette
Domicile	Sauthiermont H ^t Rhin
Déclar ^{on}	3 mai 1872
Assisté de	tuteur
Observ ^{ons}	
Bulletin des Lois N ^o	468
	Options A. L.

Citizenship record of Jaques Baumgartner

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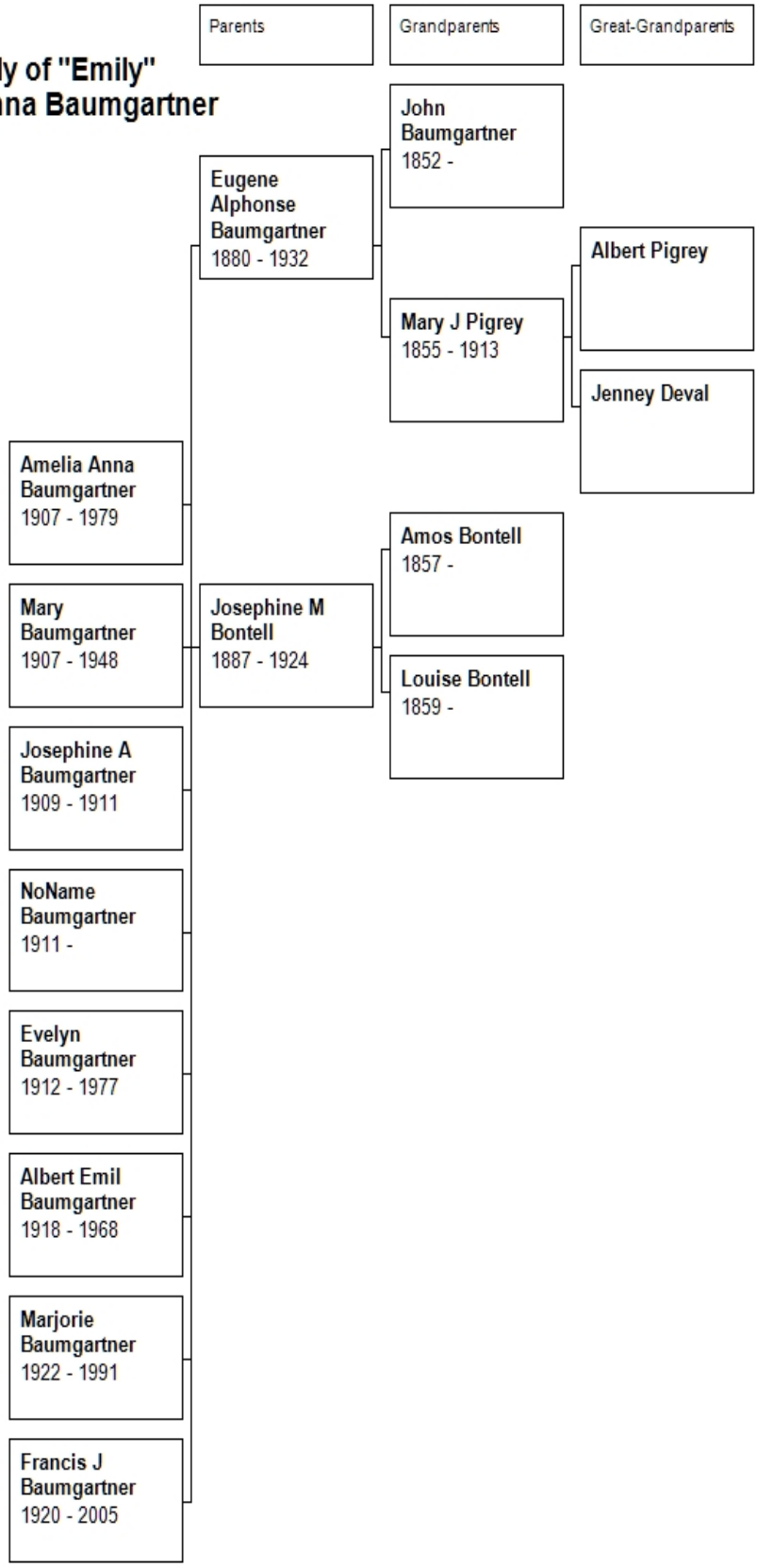
This is in French – and says that Jacques Baumgartner was born in July of 1852 in Vieux Ferrette, and on May 3 of 1872, he lived in Vauthiermont, a part of H& Rhin (Haut –Rhine, a part of Alsace). These two towns are about 23 miles from one another. They are near the German and Swiss borders.

Regardless if this record refers to the same person, the fact that the region of Alsace was under German control may have been part of the reasons why the Baumgartners emigrated to the US.

Geneology

The rest of this document shows the details of ancestors of Emily Baumgartner. If you would like to see more information about her decendents, please take a look at the book **The Fenwicks of Pittsfield and Lenox.**

**Family of "Emily"
Amelia Anna Baumgartner**



Ancestors of Amelia Anna Baumgartner

Generation 1

1. **Amelia Anna Baumgartner** (daughter of Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner and Josephine M Bontell) was born on Nov 08, 1907 in Massachusetts. She died on Mar 27, 1979 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. She married **Francis Earle Fenwick**. He was born on Jul 24, 1899 in Lenox MA. He died in May 1972 in Pittsfield MA (buried St. Anne's Cemetery, Lenox, MA).

Amelia Anna Baumgartner was buried in 1979 in St. Ann's Cemetery, Lenox, MA. She was also known as Emily.

Notes for Amelia Anna Baumgartner:

Birth and death dates from gravestone.

Emily's son, John Fenwick, and niece, Anne Shields Stout, report that when she was pregnant with her son John Fenwick, the rest of the family was unaware of that she was pregnant. Emily was a heavy set person.

Francis Earle Fenwick was buried in St. Ann's Cemetery, Lenox, MA. He was also known as Earle "Cap".

Notes for Francis Earle Fenwick:

Francis Earle was usually known as Earl, or Cap. He worked at the Pittsfield GE plant for many years, and was captain of the GE fire department. His nick name was "Cap". After retirement from GE, he had a fire extinguisher company.

According to Anne Shields Stout, Earl finished 5th grade, and at a young age, left home to work. Some of his early jobs included working in the Merchant Marine, working in the Kit Carson Wild West Show, and fishing for shad in Sharp's Town, VA. I (KS) don't know in what order these occurred.

In the Merchant Marine, he served mostly in a coal powered wooden ship that moved goods up and down the Hudson River in NY State. He started by working in the coal room, and worked his way up to Warrant Officer.

The Kit Carson Wild West Show operated from 1911-1914, when Earl was about 12 to 15. See Wikipedia for a full description of the show.

Sharp's Town is on the Rhappahannock River in Virginia. It has now been merged with several other nearby towns and is called "Sharps".

Locations of residence from Pittsfield Directory

1922-23 121 Dalton Ave job Conductor Berkshire St Railyard

1925 27 Elmer Ave (boarding with his parents) policeman, GE

1946, 1951, 1953 26 Edwin St. Captain Fire Department, GE

1961 26 Edwin St. Inspector, Fire Department.

He and his wife Emily built a vacation cabin at Lake St. Catherine in VT sometime in the 60s. I (Kate Stout) would drive with them, and my grandmother Mary Shields (his sister) up Route 7 to the cabin during the summers.

I remember him having a trick where by placing a coin on the inside of his wrist, he could move his wrist to make the coin flip over. He seemed to enjoy amusing children.

I (KS) also remember that he and his wife would wash and iron dollar bills. I don't remember whose idea this was.

Aug. 8, 1963, sold the Fire Extinguisher Company to his son John (Johnny). Per Berkshire Eagle.

Generation 2

2. **Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner** (son of John Baumgartner and Mary J Pigrey) was born in Dec 1880 in France. He died in 1932 (buried St. Anne's Cemetery, Lenox, MA). He married **Josephine M Bontell**.
3. **Josephine M Bontell** (daughter of Amos Bontell and Louise Bontell) was born in 1887 in Lee, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA. She died in 1924.

Notes for Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner:

birth and death dates from gravestone

In his Draft registration in his occupation is listed at a barber, and his place of work as Main St, Lee Ma. His nearest relative is Josephine Baumgartner (his wife), who is listed as living on Housatonic St, Lenox MA.

1911 Lenox Directory, listed as barber, employed in Pittsfield, living Housatonic St. Lenox
1919, Lenox Directory, listed as barber, employed Lee, living Housatonic St by Willow Lane, Lenox
1921 Pittsfield Directory, listed as barber working at 226 North St, but living in Lenox
In 1926, Pittsfield Directory indicates that he moved to Chatham NY.

Indication that he lived in North Adams is untrue - he registered for WWI draft there

Josephine M Bontell was buried in Lenox, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, USA.

Notes for Josephine M Bontell:

Name Notes:

Name based on daughter Amelia's birth record

Birth Notes:

Birthplace based on her daughter Amelia's birth record. Massachusetts Birth Records, Lenox MA

Josephine M Bontell and Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner had the following children:

- i. **Mary Baumgartner** (daughter of Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner and Josephine M Bontell) was born in 1907 in Massachusetts. She died on Jan 07, 1948 in Chatham, Columbia, New York, USA. She married James Frances McKay about 1925. He was born on Jul 20, 1905 in Nova Scotia, Canada. He died in Dec 1967 in Chatham, Columbia, New York, USA.

Notes for Mary Baumgartner:

Death date based on Berkshire Eagle announcement

1.
 - ii. Amelia Anna Baumgartner (daughter of Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner and Josephine M Bontell) was born on Nov 08, 1907 in Massachusetts. She died on Mar 27, 1979 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. She married Francis Earle Fenwick. He was born on Jul 24, 1899 in Lenox MA. He died in May 1972 in Pittsfield MA (buried St. Anne's Cemetery, Lenox, MA).
 - iii. Josephine A Baumgartner (daughter of Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner and Josephine M Bontell) was born on Jul 20, 1909 in Lenox MA. She died on Aug 17, 1911 (buried St. Anne's Cemetery, Lenox, MA).

Notes for Josephine A Baumgartner:

Death Certificate indicates she died of Broncho-pneumonia and whooping cough.
Death reported by Rose Bonetelle.

- iv. NoName Baumgartner (son of Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner and Josephine M Bontell) was born on Jun 23, 1911 in Lenox MA.

Notes for NoName Baumgartner:

Birth record in Massachusetts registry of births for Lenox. No appearance in 1920 census.

- v. Evelyn Baumgartner (daughter of Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner and Josephine M Bontell) was born about 1912 in Massachusetts. She died on Jul 25, 1977 in Camden (NJ). She married Edward Kushi. He was born about 1904 in Massachusetts.
- vi. Albert Emil Baumgartner (son of Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner and Josephine M Bontell) was born about 1918 in Massachusetts. He died on Apr 06, 1968. He married Rita Natalie Allen. She was born on Jan 30, 1922 in Pittsfield, Berkshire, MA. She died on Jan 02, 2009 in Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts.

Albert Emil Baumgartner served in the military on May 29, 1945 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Notes for Albert Emil Baumgartner:

In 1956 Pittsfield Directory, he is listed as working at GE, and his wife Rita is listed as working at as a clerk at W.T. Grants

In 1965 Pittsfield Directory, he is listed as living at 43 Albro.

Notes for Rita Natalie Allen:

Obit Notice
The Pittsfield Eagle
02 January 2009

Rita Natalie Baumgartner

Rita Natalie Baumgartner 1922 - 2009

PITTSFIELD Rita Natalie Baumgartner, 87, formerly of Columbia Arms, Pittsfield, died Wednesday, April 1, at Berkshire Medical Center. Born in Pittsfield, January 30, 1922, a daughter of Nathan J. and Anna E. Book Allen, she attended Pittsfield schools and was a graduate of Pittsfield High School. Mrs. Baumgartner was employed by General Electric Company as an assembler for 15 years retiring in 1984. Prior to that she had worked as a clerk at the former W.T. Grant store and as a clerk at the former J.J. Newberry. Mrs. Baumgartner was a communicant of St. Joseph Church and also attended St. Mark Church. She enjoyed her grandchildren. In her younger years, she enjoyed bowling. Her husband, Albert E. Baumgartner, died April 6, 1968.

Mrs. Baumgartner leaves a son, Michael A. Ciaburri and his wife, Gloria, of Pittsfield; two grandchildren, Michael J. Ciaburri and his wife, Heidi, and Melissa J. Barnes and her husband, Robert; three great-grandchildren, Zachary Ciaburri, Amber Barnes, and Ashley Barnes. She was pre-deceased by a brother, Floyd Allen, and two sisters, Mary Perry and Jean Russell.

FUNERAL NOTICE: Funeral services will be private with burial to be in St. Joseph's Cemetery. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mrs. Baumgartner may be made to HospiceCare in The Berkshires in care of DERY FUNERAL HOME, 54 Bradford Street, Pittsfield.

On Ancestry.com, someone has done a fuller tree of Rita Allen Baumgartner. The tree name is Bruso~Gauthier. Rita is not directly connected to my family lines, so I'm going to leave it at this level.

- vii. Marjorie Baumgartner (daughter of Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner and Josephine M Bontell) was born on Aug 05, 1922. She died on Apr 24, 1991. She married Nicholas Cencia on Jan 05, 1944 in Pittsfield, Berkshire, MA (St. Joseph's Church). She married Nicholas R Cencia. He was born on Sep 06, 1919 in Massachusetts. He died on Nov 20, 1990 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts (Age: 71).

Marjorie Baumgartner was also known as Margie.

Notes for Marjorie Baumgartner:

Evelyn Baumgartner's death notice in the Berkshire Eagle 7/25/1977, says that she had a sister Mrs Nicloas Cencia, of Pittsfield MA, sister Emily Fenwick, and brother Francis Baumgartner. Anne Stout and John Fenwick recall her as Marjorie.

1939, Pittsfield Directory, bds at 32 Westminster. Single

1943 Pittsfield Directory, boards at 163 Dewey Ave. Single

1946, Pittsfield Directory live at 5 Francis Ave, husband employed at GE Married.

1987, Live at 25 Mohegan St, Pittsfield

- viii. Francis J Baumgartner (son of Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner and Josephine M Bontell) was born in 1920 in Massachusetts. He died on Sep 24, 2005 in Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts. He married Dorothy A Legge (daughter of John T Legge and Mary Leahey) on Jun 17, 1950 in Pittsfield MA (St. Joseph's Church). She was born on May 23, 1924 in Massachusetts. She died in Jul 1995 in Pittsfield, Berkshire, Massachusetts, United States of America.

Francis J Baumgartner served in the military on May 26, 1942 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He was buried in MA.

Notes for Francis J Baumgartner:

Evelyn Baumgartner's death notice in the Berkshire Eagle 7/25/1977, says that she had a sister Mrs Nicloas Cencia, of Pittsfield MA, sister Emily Fenwick, and bronther Francis Baumgartner. Maybe the male born in 1911.

Veteran's Grave index indicates he was buried in St. Ann's Cemetery, Lenox.

Looks like Anna Baumgartner raised him and Albert E. They are living with her throughout the 30's. Francis is living with her in 1946, after WWII, in which he served. By 1951 married, based on directory listings.

According to John Fenwick, several of the younger children were raised at Brightside Orphange, located in Holyoke MA. This is confirmed by the 1930 census, which shows Francis and Albert at that orphanage.

Generation 3

4. **John Baumgartner** was born on Jun 25, 1852 in France. He married **Mary J Pigrey**.
5. **Mary J Pigrey** (daughter of Albert Pigrey and Jenney Deval) was born in Feb 1855 in France. She died on Feb 24, 1913 in Lenox MA.

John Baumgartner was also known as Jaques.

Notes for John Baumgartner:

His name is listed as Jaques on his wife's death certificate. He probably "Americanized" his name to John in some records.

He is listed in a number of Lenox city directories as Jacques. He, Eugene and Armand lived at Hynes Ave in Lenox (presumably with his wife Mary), in the early 1900s.

I(KS) attached a record to him from France in 1872. I have no proof that this is the same person, but the dates are a good match. The record was created as part of the transfer of Alsace Lorraine from France to Germany, after the French Prussian war of 1870. The person in this document was born in July 1852 in Vieux Ferrette France, and on May 3 1872, he was living at Vauthierrmont France. I also searched for his wife's maiden name, but found no matches. I am not sure how many people were captured as part of this transfer scheme.

1890 Pittsfield Directory, lives New Lenox Rd near Lenox Line. Works at Humphrey's Quarry.

Notes for Mary J Pigrey:

Her death certificate, which was submitted by her son Eugene, gives her maiden name and parents. She is buried in St. Ann's in Lenox. Her death certificate indicates that she died of exhaustion, after a long illness when a goiter became malignant.

Death certificate is in Massachusetts Death's 1841-1915.

Mary J Pigrey and John Baumgartner had the following children:

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 - i. Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner (son of John Baumgartner and Mary J Pigrey) was born in Dec 1880 in France. He died in 1932 (buried St. Anne's Cemetery, Lenox, MA). He married Josephine M Bontell. She was born in 1887 in Lee, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA. She died in 1924.
 - ii. Armand Baumgartner (son of John Baumgartner) was born in Jun 1884 in France.
 - iii. Bertha Baumgartner (daughter of John Baumgartner and Mary J Pigrey) was born in 1891. She died on Apr 24, 1891 in Lenox MA.

Notes for Bertha Baumgartner:

Death certificate indicates child was "0 years old"

- iv. Albert Baumgartner (son of John Baumgartner) was born on May 13, 1892 in Massachusetts. He died on Sep 26, 1918 in Harvard, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA (Death Age: 25).

Albert Baumgartner was employed as a Plumber and Steam Fitter.

Notes for Albert Baumgartner:

Occupation on draft registration for WWI gives his occupations as Plumber and Steamfitter at GE. Also provides his DOB. He is single.

His Death record indicates that that he died of pneumonia, and that he was a soldier. There are a number of others listed on the same page who also died of pneumonia and were soldiers, so I (KS) am guessing that he died in a military camp. Many of the other people on the page have military ranks near their name, suggesting that he was a new recruit.

Fort Devens is located in Harvard MA, and was established in 1917 as a training facility for soldiers. At the time it was called Camp Devens.

Notes: Here is part of a letter written by a doctor at Fort Devens only three days after Albert's death. There was an influenza outbreak there.

"Camp Devens is near Boston, and has about 50,000 men, or did have before this epidemic broke loose. It also has the base hospital for the Division of the Northeast. This epidemic started about four weeks ago, and has developed so rapidly that the camp is demoralized and all ordinary work is held up till it has passed. All assemblages of soldiers taboo. These men start with what appears to be an attack of la grippe or influenza, and when brought to the hospital they very rapidly develop the most viscous type of pneumonia that has ever been seen. Two hours after admission they have the mahogany spots over the cheek bones, and a few hours later you can begin to see the cyanosis extending from their ears and spreading all over the face, until it is hard to distinguish the coloured men from the white. It is only a matter of a few hours then until death comes, and it is simply a struggle for air until they suffocate. It is horrible. One can stand it to see one, two or twenty men die, but to see these poor devils dropping like flies sort of gets on your nerves. We have been averaging about 100 deaths per day, and still keeping it up. There is no doubt in my mind that there is a new mixed infection here, but what I don't know.

My total time is taken up hunting rales, rales dry or moist, sibilant or crepitant or any other of the hundred things that one may find in the chest, they all mean but one thing here - pneumonia - and that means in about all cases death."

Source:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/primary-resources/influenza-letter/>

- v. Mary Baumgartner (daughter of John Baumgartner and Mary J Pigrey) was born in 1894 in Massachusetts. She died in 1896 in Lenox MA.

Notes for Mary Baumgartner:

Death record indicates she died of Scarlet Fever. In Massachusetts, Deaths 1841-1915.

- vi. Annie R Baumgartner (daughter of John Baumgartner) was born on Oct 13, 1897 in Massachusetts. She died after 1960.

Annie R Baumgartner was also known as Anna.

Notes for Annie R Baumgartner:

In the 1920 census, several of the people she is living with are listed as sisters (as in nuns). She is listed as a nurse in training. Since she was in Pittsfield, she may have been at St. Luke's training to be a nurse.

In 1940 census, she is listed as registered nurse.

There are Pittsfield Directory listings for her up to 1960, living at 98 Conneticut Ave. Still looking for death date.

- 6. **Amos Bontell** was born in Apr 1857 in France. He married **Louise Bontell** in 1878.

- 7. **Louise Bontell** was born in Sep 1859 in France.

Louise Bontell and Amos Bontell had the following children:

- 3.
 - i. Josephine M Bontell (daughter of Amos Bontell and Louise Bontell) was born in 1887 in Lee, Berkshire, Massachusetts, USA. She died in 1924. She married Eugene Alphonse Baumgartner. He was born in Dec 1880 in France. He died in 1932 (buried St. Anne's Cemetery, Lenox, MA).
 - ii. Henry Bontell (son of Amos Bontell and Louise Bontell) was born in Mar 1894 in Massachusetts.
 - iii. Amos Bontell (son of Amos Bontell and Louise Bontell) was born in Dec 1890 in Massachusetts.
 - iv. Rose Bontell (daughter of Amos Bontell and Louise Bontell) was born in Oct 1889 in Massachusetts.
 - v. William Bontell (son of Amos Bontell and Louise Bontell) was born in Aug 1881

in Massachusetts.

- vi. Alfred Bontell (son of Amos Bontell and Louise Bontell) was born in Mar 1898 in Massachusetts.
- vii. Louie Bontell (son of Amos Bontell and Louise Bontell) was born in Mar 1896 in Massachusetts.

Generation 4

- 10. **Albert Pigrey** was born in France. He married **Jenney Deval**.
- 11. **Jenney Deval** was born in France.

Notes for Albert Pigrey:

Name is from daughter Mary's death certificate

Notes for Jenney Deval:

Name is from daughter Mary's death certificate

Jenney Deval and Albert Pigrey had the following child:

- 5. i. Mary J Pigrey (daughter of Albert Pigrey and Jenney Deval) was born in Feb 1855 in France. She died on Feb 24, 1913 in Lenox MA. She married John Baumgartner. He was born on Jun 25, 1852 in France.

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