

CULBERT FAMILY GENEALOGY PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Introduction

After a person takes their last breath, s/he only becomes truly lost when the last survivor who remembers that deceased person also dies. Thus, this One-Name Study is dedicated to the proposition that by preserving those memories we can prolong them, and perhaps prevent that final loss from ever occurring.

In the mid-1990s, I renewed my interest in learning more about my earliest known CULBERT ancestor, Moses (TNG database ID: I00162), who emigrated from Ireland to Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A. in 1828. Since our family had no information about Moses' family left behind in Ireland, and because of the lack of relevant records for that time period still remaining in Ireland, it soon became obvious that the only realistic avenue to find more information would be to collaborate with CULBERT researchers and family members worldwide.

About 2000, I started my first website in order to publicly share the results of my CULBERT research, which was originally hosted by Rootsweb, and is now owned by Ancestry.com. That site is no longer being updated, but is still accessible here: [The Culbert and Related Surnames Website](#)
I have not yet incorporated all of that information on Culbert variants into this newer TNG database that you find here. Thus, a search there may provide results not found here.

In 2004, I learned about the Guild of One-Name Studies, and joined, initiating the CULBERT One-Name Study (ONS). About 2014, the Guild began discussing ways it could host members' websites, and on 25 Jan 2015 a CULBERT genealogical database accessible via this website using TNG software was created. This study is still in the data collection stage, focusing on the survey of birth, baptism, marriage, death, and census records worldwide to establish a basic data foundation for individuals. It is hoped that this foundation will suggest linkages between CULBERT individuals so that families are clarified and family branches can be identified. It is also hoped that other researchers will respond by contributing more detailed research on individuals and families.

This study is considered medium in size compared to other surnames. The study database currently includes about 40,900 individuals in the CULBERT tree (see Statistics under Info on the menu bar). The earliest CULBERT or variant surname record I have found to date is that of **Elisabeth Culbert**, who married Robert Winshipp in 1546 in Hasbrough, Lincolnshire, England (TNG database ID: I35811). [1]

This study is challenging because:

- 1) The history of the CULBERTs includes abundant evidence of migration from the U.K. to other parts of the world;
- 2) The surname is also used as a given or middle name, (e.g. **Culbert L. Olson**, Governor of the State of California from 1939-1943), which somewhat hampers broad searches of this name [2];
- 3) It is not uncommon to find CULBERT records showing varying surnames for the same person, particularly so in Ireland; and
- 4) Although the origins of the CULBERT surname are in likely Anglo-Saxon from Europe with a Caucasian ancestry, there is a growing population of African Americans carrying this surname who

may or may not be related by birth. For this latter challenge I have yet to find any evidence of how these people became CULBERTs. [Note: In this database, only those known to be Negro are indicated with an asterisk following their surname. There are likely many more who still need to be identified as such.]

Trees and Branches

This One-Name Study consists primarily of a CULBERT Tree that includes the parents of the spouse of a CULBERT and the descendants of a CULBERT regardless of surname. There is also a small Tree of variant surnames, now numbering about 925 individuals who might be connected to a CULBERT, most having connections to Ireland or Scotland where many of the early CULBERTs are found. Variant surnames are also included in the CULBERT Tree, in most cases where there is a likelihood of a CULBERT connection. As time goes on these will be moved to the Variants Tree. There are currently 54 Branches identified in the CULBERT Tree. To view them, go to: [Branches](#)

Additional Resources

Accompanying this TNG database are the following additional resources:

1) A Wordpress blog site, also hosted by the Guild of One-Name Studies, where narratives are being added to provide on CULBERT origins, Research Challenges, Variant Surnames, CULBERT Migration and Distribution, Relevant Ireland history, and detailed narrative information on selected individuals. It can be accessed here: <https://culbert.one-name.blog/wp/>

2) A CULBERT DNA project hosted by FamilyTreeDNA, which can be found here: <https://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?code=T21642&Group=Culbert> If interested, you are invited to join this Project and submit your DNA testing results for comparison. (See also: DNA Tests in the left menu bar of the home page.)

3) A Wikipedia page I created that summarizes CULBERT origins, distribution, and places carrying the CULBERT surname. It can be found here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Culbert>

4) Resources available from the shared nature of the Guild's Members' Websites Program TNG websites, which allow data collection across some 300 databasess to display migration data and a collective surname cloud. Both of these resources are linked on my site's home page.

Data Sets Incorporated to Date

The following significant data sets containing Culberts have been incorporated to date. Other data files not yet incorporated are available in the DATA TO ADD folder linked in the left menu column.

Australia - New South Wales Births, Marriages & Deaths (1788-1960).

Canada

Federal Censuses: 1851, 1871, 1881, 1921 (Toronto only).

Military: British Regimental Registers of Service in Canada, 1797-1828; WW I Enlistments.

Ontario Vital Records: Marriages (1801-1928); Deaths (1869-1947).

International Genealogical Index

Ireland

1740 Householders List

1796 Flax List

1823-1837 Tithe Applotment Books

1824-1856 Valuation Books and 1848-1864 Griffith's Primary Valuation

Baptisms in Catholic Parish Registers (bef. 1880)

Civil Registration Indexes: Births (1864-1995); Marriages (1845-1993); and Deaths (1864-2013)

Military: Ireland, Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, Pensioner Discharge Documents, WO 118 Royal Hospital, Kilmainham Pension Admissions

Newspapers: Belfast News-Letter.

New Zealand

Birth, Marriage, and Death Registration Indexes, from 1840.

City and Area Directories (1866-1954).

South Africa - National Archives of South Africa Index.

United Kingdom

late 1500s Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Births.

1837-1983 GRO England & Wales Birth, Marriage, and Death Indexes.

1841 Census.

Military: Courts Martial Registers, 1828-1897 (WO 86 Judge Advocate General's Office District Courts Martial Registers, Home and Abroad); Household Cavalry, 1799-1920, 1st Life Guards, Series 2, 1859-1920; Militia Attestation Papers 1806-1915 (WO 96); Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Admission and Discharge Records (WO 116 Disability and Out-Pensions, Admissions); Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Records (WO 97 Royal Hospital Chelsea Soldiers Service Documents).

United States of America

Federal Censuses: 1790-1900.

City Directories: Boston (1822-1926); New York City (1849-1883); Philadelphia (1830-1930); Pittsburgh (1815-1930).

Death Records: Philadelphia (1803-1915).

Immigrations: Atlantic & Gulf Ports (1820-1874); Boston (1820-1843); Castle Garden (NYC) (1855-1890); New York City (1820-1897); Philadelphia (1800-1945).

Marriage index (extracted from FamilySearch May 2014).

Military: Civil War Pensions Index; Pennsylvania Archives; Soldiers Graves Registration Cards, Ohio; U.S. Army Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914; WW I Draft Registrations; WW II Enlistments.

Newspapers: New York Times; San Francisco Chronicle

Social Security Death Index (to 2011)

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Footnotes

[1] Church of England Parish Records, **Elisabeth Culbart** and Robert Winshipp, Marriage, Habrough, Linclonshire, 1546. England, Select Marriages, 1538–1973 at Ancestry.co.uk [database online] FHL FILM NUMBER: 1541932. REFERENCE ID: 2:3Z85SSP

[2] The earliest use of Culbert as a given name that I have found is for the baptisms of William Platt of Dayn pish [Deane Parish?], son of Culbert, 1 June 1602 (p. 19) and Margreatt Platt of same, daughter of Culbert, 13 Februarye 1603 (p. 25). Also note this year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31. [3]

[3] The Registers of the Parish Church of Bolton, Archibald Sparke, Ed. (1913, Tillotson & Son, Bolton, England, U.K.) Available at FamilySearch Books.

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