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Parents of John Geary (1790-1876)

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RESTRICTIONS AND/OR LIMITATIONS:

- Research and report to be conducted in 20 hours
- Limitations on records and repositories: Online research and request to Centre County

RESEARCH QUESTION:

- Who were the parents of John Geary (1790-1876), father of Catherine (Geary) Butler?
- Is John Geary (b. 1790) related to John White Geary (1819-1873), governor of Pennsylvania?

CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION:

- Twenty (20) hours research, analysis, and report, authorized by contract received 10 July 2020.
- Ten (10) hours extension authorized via email dated 5 September 2020.

Genealogy Research Itemization		
DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY & REPOSITORY
3 & 17 July	1:15	Review of information provided by client; formulation of research work plan
17, 23 & 31 July 4-6, 10, 21 & 31 Aug	13:30	Research at websites: <i>Ancestry</i> , <i>FamilySearch</i> , <i>Fold3 Newspapers</i> , <i>PA State Archives</i> , <i>FindaGrave</i>
17 July 3, 6 & 14 Aug 8, 9, 13 & 15 Sep	12:15	Analyze records, correlate research findings, written report & citations Confer with Centre County RE: John Geary Research Request & Report
Actual Time	27:00	3 hours under allotted 20 hours with 10 hour extension

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATED TO RESEARCH FOCUS

Provided by Client Prior to Research

John Geary was born c. 1790 in **Centre County, Pennsylvania** (unknown county prior to 1800) and died c. 1876 (DAR), unknown location. He married Juliana Carner (1794-1862) c. 1818 (birth of first child). She was born 1794 **Sandy Ridge, Centre** – unknown county prior to 1800 (client report). Juliana's father was Anthony Carner (1752-1834), a revolutionary war soldier (DAR) who d. **Centre**. Their children were Susan (Geary) Hall (1819-1911), b. Penn. (DC); Catherine (Geary) Butler (1823-1870), b. Elk Co., Penn. (child's DC); Thomas Jefferson Geary (1826-1908), b. **Centre**. (DC); William Carner Geary (1834-1916), b. **Hublersburg, Walker, Centre** (DC); and Benjamin Frank(?) Geary (1838-????). John may be listed in Pennsylvania in the following federal census records: 1820 in Hartleton, Union; 1830 in Brothersvalley, Somerset; and 1840 in **Walker, Centre**. The client is looking for distant relation to John White Geary (1819-1873), former governor of Pennsylvania

Analysis of Provided Information

The above information was reviewed. It is important to research the Geary line back far enough to see if there is a common ancestor between John Geary (1790-1876) and Governor John White Geary (1819-1873). The initial research will be to find the parents of John (b. 1790) and continue back to find a common ancestor. John (b. 1819) has many family trees on line that will also need to be verified at some point. The 1820-1840 census records need to be checked for Geary household members of the correct age.

Analysis: Centre County was formed in 1800, so John and Juliana (Carner) Geary were certainly born in one of Centre County's parent counties. As most of the family's life events occurred in Centre, it is likely they lived most of their married life there. Below is a timeline table incorporating information provided by the client with information discovered in this current research phase.

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Timeline for John Geary				
Date	Age	Location	Event	Notes
1790	0	Sandy Ridge, Rush, Centre	John Geary birth	DAR records
1794	4	Sandy Ridge, Rush, Centre	Julia Carner birth to Anthony & Catherine (Strembeck) Carner	DAR records
1800	10	NOT FOUND	1800 US census	Likely in parents' household
1810	20	NOT FOUND	1810 US census	Likely in parents' household
16 Sep 1818	28	Union County	Anthony Carner residence	Carner applied for pension in Union County
1818	28	NOT FOUND Likely Union County	Marriage to Julia Carner	based on birth of first child DAR states 1812 marriage
13 Oct 1819	29	Pennsylvania Likely Union County	Susan (Geary) Hall birth	Susan death cert
1820	30	Hartleton, Union County	1820 US census	Walker Twp History
19 Dec 1823	33	Elk County	Catherine (Geary) Butler birth	Catherine death cert
1824	34	Centre County	Moved to Nittany area from Union	Walker Twp History
25 May 1826	36	Nittany Inn Nittany, Walker, Centre	John Geary built inn	
18 Oct 1826	36	Centre	Thomas Jefferson birth	Thomas death cert
1830	40	NOT FOUND	1830 US census	
30 Apr 1830	40	Hublersburg, Walker, Centre	Moved after Nittany Inn sold	sold to Irvin and Huston
21 May 1834	44	Hublersburg, Walker, Centre	William Carner Geary birth	William death cert
17 Jun 1834	44	Centre	Anthony Carner death	Gearys and Carners appeared to have moved together to Centre
1834	44	Walker Twp, Centre	John Gairy paid taxes	Occupation, tailor
29 May 1837	47	Hublersburg, Walker, Centre	Susan Geary marriage	Geary-Hall marriage
1838	48	Likely Centre	Benjamin Geary birth	1850 US census
1838-1840	48	Walker, Centre	Sale of 8 acres to William Carner	To brother of Juliana?
1840	50	Walker, Centre	1840 US census	John Geary household accounted for
John Geary Leaves Centre County				
13 May 1845	55	Boggs, Centre	Catherine Geary marriage	Geary-Butler marriage
22 Dec 1846	56	Boggs, Centre	Thomas Jefferson Geary marriage	Geary-Fisher marriage
1850	60	Boggs, Centre	1850 US census	"Julian - F[emale]" with Benjamin; without John Geary
1860	70	Centre	1860 US census	No John or Juliana found in Penn.
1862-63	72	Unknown location	Juliana (Carner) Geary proposed death	DAR records state 1863 death
July 1863	73	Unionville, Centre	Thomas & William Geary residence	Part of State College Civil War registration
10 Apr 1864	74	Hollidaysburg, Blair	Mrs. J. Geary medical attendance receipt from L.F. Butler, signed J.A. Landis	If this is Mrs. John / Juliana Geary, she did not die in 1862-63, but after 10 Apr 1864
1876	86	Unknown location	John Geary proposed death	DAR records
GREEN = New information from current research				
RED = Information conflicts				

SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

While every effort has been made to meet the conditions of the Genealogical Proof Standard, time constraints have restricted the research. The conclusions in this report are based on information in the records reviewed and cited within. Continued research may reveal inconsistencies or inaccuracies and could lead to new conclusions.

The John Geary family was documented in reports or records, living in Union and Centre Counties until about 1860. They likely lived most of their married life in Walker Township in Centre County. John Geary left Walker. Based on the timeline, it appears that John Geary moved away c. 1842 after selling property in Walker Township to Anthony Carner (not in 1850 census). Juliana (Carner) Geary lived in Boggs Township with her son until at least 1860, implying a death after 10 Apr 1863 (medical receipt from prior report) and before 1870. As Centre was formed in 1800, John may have been born in one of the counties that Centre was formed from, namely Northumberland, Mifflin, or Huntingdon.

Walker Township may have been a part of Northumberland County prior to becoming a part of Centre County in 1800, where John Geary is said to have been born. A Thomas Geary was born c. 1760 and died on 15 Sep 1840 in Northumberland. Other land and tax records support his residence. None of this information proves the father-son relationship, but may lead to this conclusion when combined with new evidence.

No evidence in DNA or records points to a relationship between John Geary (b. 1790) and John White Geary (b. 1819). Only one family, that of Thomas Geary of Northumberland, had a male living in his household in 1800 that was of an age consistent with John Geary (under 10, b. c. 1790-1800).

ITEMIZED RESEARCH FINDINGS

The following records were scanned, photographed, and/or copied and analyzed. Citations were placed on each accompanying image with a cross reference to their appropriate exhibit (Ex) and footnote (Fn). All analytical comments about the records are in *italic*. Digital images of designated exhibits will be emailed for easier examination by the client.

Census Records (Exhibits 1-4)

The federal government conducted a census every ten years, beginning in 1790. The Pennsylvania Septennial Census was conducted every seven years from 1779-1863. Census records provide information about individuals, families, and communities. They can help find a family's residence and trace its migration. People enumerated next to each other or in the same general area may be relatives, families who moved together, or families that intermarried. Other types of census records include agricultural, industry and manufacturing, mortality, etc.

John Geary Households in Census Records:

The client provided four census records, 1820-1850, as potential John Geary households.

- 1820 U. S. census: John Geary household in Hartleton, Union County¹
- 1830 U. S. census: John Geary [Geasy] household in Brothersvalley, Somerset County²
- 1840 U. S. census: John Geary household in Walker, Centre County³
- 1850 U. S. census: Julian Geary household in Boggs, Centre County⁴

Analysis: Records and genealogical reports show John Geary and/or members of his family living in Centre County, Pennsylvania from John's birth (1790) through the Civil War registrations of Thomas and William Geary (1863). Family members inconsistently fit into the 1820 and 1840 census records. They may be the same family found in the 1840 and 1850 Centre County census records, but additional evidence is needed. Likewise, a female of Susan Geary's age is not in the 1840 census, as she was married by 1837. The 1840 census lists two individuals "engaged in manufacturing," likely John and the unknown male age 20-29. It is not known what type of manufacturing John was employed in. The 1830 census is the only census that does not fit neatly with this family.

Also, John is not listed with his wife, Juliana, and youngest son, Benjamin, in 1850, implying a move or death c. 1840-1850 at age 60-70. Juliana disappears in 1850, also implying a move or death c. 1850-1860 at age 56-66.

¹ 1820 U.S. census, Union County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Hartleton Township, p. 72A (penned), line 3, John Geary household; *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 23 July 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M33, roll 113.

² 1830 U.S. census, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Brotherton Township, p. 54 (penned), line 13, John Geary household; *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 23 July 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 161. John "Geasy" may have been transcribed incorrectly as John "Geary" if compared to all "Glesner" names on page.

³ 1840 U.S. census, Centre County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Walker Township, p. 206 (stamped), line 24, John Geary household; *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 23 July 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 206. John "Geasy" may have been transcribed incorrectly as John "Geary" if compared to all "Glesner" names on page..

⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Centre County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Boggs Township, p. 229 (stamped), dwelling/family 106, Julian Geary household; *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 23 July 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 763.

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Census Comparisons for the John & Juliana Geary Households, 1820-1850				
1820 Census Union Co	1830 Census Somerset Co	1840 Census Walker, Centre Co	1850 Census Boggs, Centre Co	Inference
1 male b. 1776-1794	1 male b. 1791-1800	1 male b. 1781-1790		John Geary b. 1790
1 female b. 1795-1804	1 female b. 1791-1800	1 female b. 1791-1800	Julian Geary (F) Age 56, b. 1793-94	Juliana (Carner) Geary b. 1794
		1 male b. 1811-1820		Unknown male age 20-29 Possible sibling of John or Juliana?
1 male b. 1809-1820				Unknown male
1 male b. 1805-1810				Unknown male
2 females b. 1810-1820				Susan (Geary) Hall b. 1819 + Unknown female
	1 male b. 1821-1825			Unknown male
	2 females b. 1821-1825	1 female b. 1821-1825		Catherine (Geary) Butler b. 1823 Unknown female (1830)
	1 male b. 1824-1830	1 male b. 1826-1830		Thomas Geary b. 1826
	2 females b. 1825-1830			Unknown females
		1 male b. 1831-1835		William Geary b. 1834
		1 male b. 1834-1840	Benjamin Geary (M) Age 12, b. 1837-38	Benjamin Geary b. 1838

Thomas Geary Households in Census Records (Exhibits 1-4):

Census records for the Geary households with at least one male child born c. 1790 in close proximity to Centre County were examined. Records were found for Thomas Geary/W. Geary/Gery/Gary for 1790, 1800, 1830, and 1840. The census information is as follows:

- 1790 U.S. census:⁵ Thomas W. Geary household in Northumberland County
 - 1 male 16 and over (b. by 1774), likely Thomas
 - **1 male under 16 (b. c. 1774-1790)**
 - 2 females
- 1800 U.S. census:⁶ Thomas Gery household in Point Township, Northumberland
 - 1 male 26-44 (b. c. 1756-1774), likely Thomas
 - 1 female 45 and over (b. c. by 1756), likely Thomas's wife
 - **2 males under 10 (b. c. 1790-1800)**
 - 1 female 10-15 (b. c. 1785-1790); 1 female under 10 (b. c. 1790-1800)

⁵ 1790 U.S. census, Unknown Twp., Northumberland Co., Penn., p. 16 (penned), line 15, Thomas W. Geary; *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 5 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M637, roll 9.

⁶ 1800 U.S. census, Northumberland Co., Penn., Point Twp., p. 806 (penned), line 13, Thomas Gery; *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 5 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M1804, roll 37.

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- 1830 U.S. census:⁷ Thomas Gary household in Northumberland, Northumberland
 - 1 male 70-79 (b. c. 1751-1760), likely Thomas
 - 1 male 50-59 (b. c. 1771-1780), possibly the male in the 1790 census
 - 1 female 70-79 (b. c. 1751-1760), likely Thomas's wife
 - 1 female 20-49 (b. c. 1781-1810), likely one of the females in the 1800 census
- 1840 U.S. census:⁸ Thomas Geary household in Northumberland, Northumberland
 - 1 male 70-79 (b. c. 1761-1770), likely Thomas
 - 1 female 30-39 (b. c. 1791-1820), likely one of the females in the 1800 & 1830 census records

Analysis: Thomas Geary households with a male child the correct age of John Geary was found in Northumberland County from 1790-1840. Thomas was not found in 1810, 1820, and 1850 (likely died by 1850). His family members fall neatly into the consistent birth categories for these 4 census records. Based on the analysis and correlation of these four census records, Thomas was likely born c. 1760-61. Thomas's assumed wife was likely born c. 1756 and would have been of child-bearing age (about 34) in 1790. No other Geary households (with or without a male child of the correct age) were found in central Pennsylvania.

If born in 1790, John Geary would not have been born in the current Centre County (formed in 1800), but in either Huntingdon, Mifflin, or Northumberland. No Geary households with a child born c. 1790 were found in Huntingdon or Mifflin Counties during this same time period. John may or may not appear in the 1790 census, depending on his birth month that year. He could have been one of two males under ten in the Thomas Geary household in Northumberland in the 1800 census. John was likely married by 1819 and heading his own household in 1820 in Union County. Union was formed from Northumberland in 1813.⁹ John and Thomas are also found in his own household in 1840. John also named is oldest son, Thomas (1826-1908), possibly after his father.

Census Comparisons for the Thomas Geary Households, 1790-1840

1790 Census Thomas W. Geary	1800 Census Thomas Geary	1830 Census Thomas Gary	1840 Census Thomas Geary	Inference
1 male b. by 1774	1 male b. 1756-1774	1 male b. 1751-1760	1 male b. 1761-1770	Thomas Geary, b. 1756-60
1 female	1 female b. by 1756	1 female b. 1751-1760		Wife of Thomas Geary, b. 1751-60 Possible mother of John Geary
1 male b. 1774-1790	1 male b. 1790-1800	1 male b. 1771-1780		Unknown male, b. c. 1774-90 Possible older sibling of John Possibly John Geary, b. 1790
	1 male b. 1790-1800			Possibly John Geary, b. 1790
1 female	1 female b. 1785-1790	1 female b. 1781-1810	1 female b. 1791-1820	Unknown female, b. c. 1785-1790 Possible sister of John Geary

⁷ 1830 U.S. census, Northumberland Co., Penn., pop. sch., Northumberland, p. 161 (stamped), line 8, Thomas Gary; *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 5 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 147.

⁸ 1840 U.S. census, Northumberland Co., Penn., pop. sch., Northumberland, p. 153 (stamped), line 15, Thomas Geary; *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 5 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 475.

⁹ John T. Humphrey, *Pennsylvania Research: County and Township Records*, "Union County," (Washington, D.C.: PA Genealogy Books, 2006), 271.

Land and Property Records (Exhibits 5-9)

Land records exist for periods of time for which other records are not available. Deeds can place families in a particular location and time. They can also provide information on a person's current and/or former residence and occupation, spouse, and other relationships. Family members may be listed as witnesses, neighbors, etc. Land records can also help differentiate same-named people.

Centre County was formed in February 1800 from three counties; specifically, the south-eastern part from Huntingdon, the eastern part from Northumberland, and most from Mifflin.¹⁰ Union County was also formed from Northumberland in 1813. A Thomas Geary submitted land warrant applications on three Northumberland land properties and one Mifflin County properties (1792-1794).

- 1792 Northumberland Land Warrant Application no. 339:¹¹
 - Applicant & patentee Thomas Geary
 - Application dated 27 Jul 1792; surveyed 8 Jul 1794; returned 22 Apr 1818
 - 100 acres; 109 acres returned
 - West Branch, Susquehanna River, Muncy Township
 - Neighbors Thos. Hamilton, Thos. Hartley, Jams. Hopburn &/or Patton, David Walton
 - Recorded vol. H, no. 16, p. 182
- 1793 Northumberland Land Warrant Application no. 486:¹²
 - Applicant Thomas Geary; patentee Robert Robb, et. al.
 - Application dated 18 Nov 1793; surveyed 16 Jul 1795; returned 25 Nov 1870
 - 400+ acres
 - Laurel Run, Muncy Township
 - Recorded vol. H, no. 69, p. 304
- 1794 Northumberland Land Warrant Application no. 501:¹³
 - Applicant & patentee Thomas Geary
 - Application dated 30 Jan 1794
 - 400+ acres
 - West Branch, Muncy Township
 - Neighbors Bailey/s, Enos Lundy, Isaac Smith, Cornelius Walton, William Walton
 - Recorded vol. H, no. 16, p. 182

¹⁰ John H. Long, Editor, et. al., "Pennsylvania: Atlas of Historical County Boundaries," *The Newberry Library* (<https://www.newberry.org> : accessed Aug 2020), 56-57, 184-85, 214-15.

¹¹ "Pennsylvania Land Warrants and Applications, 1733-1952," Northumberland County, no. 339, Thomas Geary, 27 Jul 1792, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 5 Aug 2020); citing Warrant Applications, Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg. Also, Records of the Land Office, RG-17, "Copied Surveys, 1681-1912," book C68:70.

¹² "Pennsylvania Land Warrants and Applications, 1733-1952," Northumberland County, no. 486, Thomas Geary, 18 Nov 1793, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 5 Aug 2020); citing Warrant Applications, Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

¹³ "Pennsylvania Land Warrants and Applications, 1733-1952," Northumberland County, no. 501, Thomas Geary, 30 Jan 1794, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 5 Aug 2020); citing Warrant Applications, Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg. Also, Records of the Land Office, RG-17, "Copied Surveys, 1681-1912," book D39:227.

- 1794 Mifflin Land Warrant Application no. 85:¹⁴
 - Applicant & patentee Thomas Gery
 - Application dated 3 Mar 1794
 - 400 acres
 - Unknown Township
 - Unknown Survey, neighbors, recording date and place

Analysis: The same Thomas Geary likely purchased and settled on land in 1792 and 1794 in Muncy Township, north of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in northern Northumberland County. Muncy became part of Lycoming County when Lycoming was formed from Northumberland in 1795. It is not known if he moved from the 1792 property (100 acres) to the 1794 property (400 acres). However, he never appears to have settled on the 1793 parcel and was not likely the same person who purchased the 1794 Mifflin property, approximately 70 miles away, without moving his family.

Hartleton, Union County is approximately forty miles south-southwest of Muncy, and the area was once located in Northumberland. If born in 1790, John may have grown up in Muncy, then struck out on his own for Union County.

Tax Records (Exhibits 10-13)

County tax records can help place a person in a particular place and time. Examination of tax lists over a period of years may reveal dates of settlement, migration, marriages, deaths, approximate ages, and family relationships. Taxpayers may be categorized as freeholders (property owners), tenants, or single men. Early tax lists consist of taxes on people, land, and personal property. In addition, the taxes someone paid can imply their economic status, which can help to distinguish between two same-named people. The Franklin County Archives holds tax records from 1786-1807 (not inclusive) and 1848-1911. Tax records from 1808-1847 can be found at the Pennsylvania State Archives.

A Thomas Geary/Geary/Goary/Gary paid taxes in Northumberland, Lycoming, and/or Mifflin Counties from at least 1787-1800.

- 1787 Pennsylvania Tax & Exoneration: Thomas Gary was taxed on one house and one lot in Point Township.¹⁵
- 1798 U.S. Direct Tax: Thomas Geary was taxed in Northumberland, Lycoming, or Mifflin Counties¹⁶

¹⁴ "Pennsylvania Land Warrants and Applications, 1733-1952," Mifflin County, no. 85, Thomas Gery 3 Mar 1794, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 5 Aug 2020); citing Warrant Applications, Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

¹⁵ "Pennsylvania Tax and Exoneration, 1768-1801," Northumberland Co., Thomas Gary, 1787, alphabetically arranged, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 Aug 2020); citing Records of the Office of the Controller General, RG-4, 1762-1794, microfilm roll 332, Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

¹⁶ "Pennsylvania U.S. Direct Tax Lists, 1798," Northumberland, Lycoming, and Mifflin Co., Thomas Geary, alphabetically arranged, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 Aug 2020); citing NARA, microfilm publication M372.

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- 1800 Pennsylvania Septennial Census: Thomas Geary was taxed in Point Township, Northumberland County¹⁷
- 1800 Pennsylvania Septennial Census: Thomas Goary, a farmer, was taxed in Muncy Creek, Lycoming County¹⁸

Analysis: A Thomas Geary owned land in Northumberland and Lycoming County by 1792. A Thomas Geary was taxed from at least 1787-1800 in Northumberland and Lycoming (and possibly Mifflin) Counties. This property could have been located in the future Centre County (formed 1800). There is no proof that one or all of these men were the father of John Geary. However, there are no others of the same or similar name in the area where John Geary was reportedly born (Centre County).

The Pennsylvania State Archives is currently closed due to Covid-19, so additional tax records for Northumberland, Mifflin, and Union Counties cannot be checked at this time. The state archive does not hold records for Lycoming.

Newspaper Articles (Exhibit 14)

Newspaper articles can give information on vital events such as births, marriages, and deaths. They can also provide additional insight into a person's education, career, political and community activities, and life in general. Other articles may include local news, real estate transactions, business advertisements, probate court and legal notices, or biographical sketches.

“Died at Northumberland, on the 15th inst. [15 Sep 1840] Mr. Thomas Geary, aged 80 years, an old resident of that place.”¹⁹

Analysis: As a resident of Northumberland, it is likely that this is the same Thomas of Northumberland census, land, and tax records (1790-1840), disappearing from census records by 1840. Born c. 1760, he was about 30 years old when John Geary of Centre County was born, well within the age range for fathering children.

DNA

Used in combination with traditional genealogical research, DNA can help prove genetic relationships. Y-Chromosome DNA (Y-DNA) is useful for tracing the father's line back from father to father to father. Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) can trace the maternal line back through each mother's mother. Autosomal DNA is used to confirm familial relationships within 5-6 generations. Only men can test for Y-DNA, but both men and women can test for autosomal and mtDNA.

¹⁷ “Pennsylvania Septennial Census, 1779-1863,” Point, Northumberland Co., Thomas Geary, 1800, alphabetically arranged, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 Jul 2020); citing Septennial Census Returns, Record Group 7, Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

¹⁸ “Pennsylvania Septennial Census, 1779-1863,” Muncy Creek, Lycoming Co., Thomas Goary, 1800, alphabetically arranged, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 Jul 2020); citing Septennial Census Returns, Record Group 7, Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

¹⁹ “Died,” Thomas Geary obituary, *The Sunbury Gazette (Penn.)*, 26 Sep 2840, p. 3, col. 5.

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The client's autosomal DNA test results are posted at Ancestry. The following searches were performed to determine if any matches posted family trees that contained the father of John Geary (b. 1790), specifically a common ancestor that connects John Geary with John White Geary (1819-1873).

Analysis: The following searches were performed for matches to the client with the Ancestry DNA database:

- *Search for all matches: The client matched 4 proposed second cousins (513-207 cM) and 20 proposed third cousins (189-91 cM). Of these 24 matches, only 16 had publicly accessible trees. Of these 16 trees, none listed a potential father for John Geary b. 1790, and none contained John White Geary.*
- *Search for matches with Geary surname: 5 matches were listed with a Geary or derivative of Geary. None of these matches had trees with more than 10 people, resulting in only 2-3 generations of ancestors.*
- *Search for matches with Geary ancestors + Centre County: 4 matches listed Gearys in Centre County. None of their trees listed possible fathers for John Geary, and none contained John White Geary*
- *Search for matches with Geary ancestors + Northumberland County: No matches*

Unfortunately, DNA searches revealed no potential parents for John Geary. There is also no evidence that John Geary and John White Geary share a common ancestor. However, if there is a common ancestor that goes back further than 5 or 6 generations, shared DNA may not show up in autosomal tests.

Other Sources – Centre County Research Request (Exhibit 15)

It is helpful to survey other documents that may not be original. It is important to understand that any of these findings must be evaluated further, but they can offer clues on which direction to take the research. In addition, county histories can provide an insight to the development of the county and migration patterns.

A research request was made to the Centre County Library and Historical Museum on 3 July 2020. Results were returned on 4 September 2020 and are listed below:²⁰

John Geary

- *History of Walker Township 1810-1999* (Bellefonte: Walker Township Historical Committee, 1999).
 - About 1824: Geary family moved to the Nittany area from Hartleton, Union County
 - 25 May 1826: John Geary purchased land to build the Nittany Inn, located at Nittany, Walker Township: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralPAHistory/posts/888601874902302>
 - 30 Apr 1830: John Geary sold the inn to Irvin and Huston; moved to Hublersburg
 - 1832: exchanged Nittany Inn land with Andrew McKee for the Hublersburg Tavern
 - April 1840: John Geary inn to John Orr and left wife Julia and daughter Susanna (Geary) Hall (1937) “for parts unknown”
- Walker Township, Centre County tax assessment, 1834, John Gairy, occupation tailor.
 - John Gairy was taxed on land, house and lot of A. McKee, horses, and cows
 - His occupation was listed as a tailor (census)
- Centre County deeds, article of agreement, John Geary to William Carner, 5 Dec 1838 to 9 Jul 1842, deed book D13:522.

²⁰ Erin Hicks, Centre County Library and Historical Museum Research Report; prepared for Pam Anderson, Chambersburg, Penn., 4 Sep 2020, eight documents attached.

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- John Geary of Walker Township, Centre County agree to sell land to William Carner of the same place
- Sale to be completed by 1 June 1839
- Eight acres in Walker Township adjoining lands of Harrison and William Carner
- For the sum of \$180; \$5 at signing; “the amount of a judgement which he holds on the Prothonotary’s Docket in Bellefonte against” John Geary
- Payment by 1 Jan next and the balance “after deducting the aforesaid five dollars and the amount of said Judgement”
- Signed by John Geary and William Carner
- Payments
 - 5 December 1838: \$5.00
 - 4 January 1839: \$149.74
 - 8 May 1839: \$20.00
 - 7 June 1839: \$20.00
- In Apr 1840 John Geary and William Carner told James Burnside “to write the deed in pursuance of the within Article of Agreement,” but the deed was not written
- Sworn and recorded 9 July 1842: “John Geary left Centre County . . . not long after the conversation above described for the west—and has never returned”

Analysis: John Geary moved his family to Centre County from Hartleton, Union County c. 1824. He opened an inn, then traded properties with Andrew McKee. An 1834 tax record shows that he did not own the land but was paying taxes on Andrew McKee’s property. In 1838 John signed Articles of Agreement with William Carner who paid off the deed for a total of \$194.74 by April 1840. William was likely the brother of John’s wife, Juliana. John appears to have left Centre County after the sale of this property was completed. The Walker Township History states that John sold the Hublersburg property to John Orr; however, the recorded deed says the property was sold to William Carner. The 1834 tax assessment lists John as a tailor. The 1820 census lists one person engaged in manufacturing, and he may have worked for a manufacturer at that time.

Carner Family

- Nancy Lee Stover, compiler, *Centre County, PA American Revolution Soldiers and Patriots* (unknown publisher, 2004) for Anthony Carner. Anthony Carner was the father of Juliana (Carner) Geary.
 - Anthony Carner, father of “Julia”
 - b. c. 1752; d. 17 Jun 1834 in Centre
 - m. Catherine [--?--] on 26 Feb 1784
 - 16 Sep 1818: applied for pension in Union County, Pennsylvania
 - Catherine [--?--] Carner, mother of “Julia”
 - b. c. 1763; d. aft. 1839
 - 11 Apr 1839: applied for widow’s pension
 - Children: William, John, and Julia
- Obituaries for Anthony Carner (11 Jun 1886) and Mrs. Anthony Carner (26 Aug 1887), *Democratic Watchman*.
 - Anthony Carner died 7 June 1886 in Hublersburg, “age about 67 years”
 - Mrs. Anthony Carner died 22 August 1887 in Hublersburg

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Analysis: It appears that the Anthony Carner family lived in Union County when John Geary lived there. He likely married Catherine Carner in Union. Based on timing, their first child, Susan, was also born in Union.

Other Geary Families

- *Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania: Including the Counties of Centre, Clinton, Union, and Snyder* (Chicago: J.H. Beers, 1898), for D.B. Geary, Reuben Geary, Valentine Geary.
 - D.B. Geary was born in Penn Township on 23 March 1839
 - Reuben Geary was the father of D.B. Geary and son of Valentine Geary
 - Valentine Geary, a tailor, was the grandfather of D.B. Geary
- John White Geary
 - William C. Armor, *Lives of the Governors of Pennsylvania . . .* (Philadelphia: James K. Simon, 1873).
 - John Geary obituary, *Bellefonte Republican (Pennsylvania)*, 12 Feb 1873.
- John Geary notes, Spangler Composition Book #30.
 - John Geary, born 19 Apr 1816 and died 24 July 1887
 - Wife, Lydia Nees, died bef. 29 April 1856, mother of David, Mary (Geary) Beaver, and Christiana (Geary) Moyer
 - Wife, Mary [--?--], born 4 November 1817 and died 8 Feb 1889

Analysis: None of these Geary families appear to be closely related to John Geary b. 1790. However, he may be distantly related to D.B., Reuben, and Valentine Geary. Based on the birthdate of D.B., John and his father may be brothers or cousins. However, there is no mention of this Geary family ever living in Union County. None of the John White Geary records name John b. 1790 as a relation. No DNA matches list any of these other Gearys in their family trees.

SEARCHES WITH NO RESULTS

Online records were searched for Geary in Centre, Northumberland, Mifflin, Lycoming, and Huntingdon Counties:

- *FamilySearch*
 - Deeds
 - Probate Records
- *Ancestry*
- *Fold3* for military records
- *Find a Grave* in Centre and Northumberland Counties for potential siblings b. 1820-1830
- Pennsylvania State Archives website land & military records
- County histories of Centre, Union, Northumberland, Lycoming, Mifflin

NEXT STEPS & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

So far, no parents of John Geary have been confirmed. No common ancestor between John Geary and John White Geary has been found. The following next steps are recommended:

- Additional tax records at the Centre County Library for Geary's appearance and disappearance
 - Walker Township: c. 1820-c. 1841
 - Boggs Township: c. 1840-c. 1860+
- Additional Centre County deed research at:
<http://centrecountypa.gov/684/Web-Information-Access-WEBIA>.
- Tax records for "Geary" Northumberland and Union Counties at the Pennsylvania State Archives
 - Northumberland: 1772-1840+
 - Hartleton, Union County: c. 1813-1820 (John Geary age 21 until moved)
- Research request to the Union County Historical Society at
<https://www.unioncountypa.org/departments/historical-society/genealogy-local-history-research/page.aspx?id=2453>
- Research request to the Northumberland County Historical Society at
<https://www.northumberlandcountyhistoricalsociety.org/genealogy-and-research/genealogical-library-research>
- Research request to the Lycoming County Genealogical Society at
<http://www.lycominglineage.org/research.html>

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EXHIBITS:

NO.	EXHIBITS	REPOSITORIES
1	1790 Census – Northumberland County	<i>Ancestry</i>
2	1800 Census – Northumberland County	<i>Ancestry</i>
3	1830 Census – Northumberland County	<i>Ancestry</i>
4	1840 Census – Northumberland County	<i>Ancestry</i>
5	Penn Atlas of Historical County Boundaries	<i>Newberry Library</i> (www.newberry.org/ahcbp)
6	1792 Northumberland Land Warrant Application	<i>Ancestry, Penn State Archives</i>
7	1793 Northumberland Land Warrant Application	<i>Ancestry</i>
8	1794 Northumberland Land Warrant Application	<i>Ancestry, Penn State Archives</i>
9	1794 Mifflin Land Warrant Application	<i>Ancestry, Penn State Archives</i>
10	1787 Tax & Exoneration	<i>Ancestry</i>
11	1798 U.S. Direct Tax	<i>Ancestry</i>
12	1800 Penn. Septennial Census - Northumberland	<i>Ancestry</i>
13	1800 Penn. Septennial Census – Lycoming	<i>Ancestry</i>
14	Thomas Geary Obituary	<i>Newspapers.com</i>
* 15	Centre County, Pennsylvania Research Request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (3) John Geary Records • (2) Carner Family Records • (3) Other Geary Family Records 	Centre County Pennsylvania Library
* Records that will also be sent digitally		

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