

Five Generations of Gourdines in New York - Descendants of William Gourdine -

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Today the Gourdin-Gourdine family enjoys the proud legacy our Afro and Anglo ancestors established in the Low-Country of South Carolina over the past 300 years.

But following the Civil War and the end of the Reconstruction Era of the late 1800's, many South Carolinians of African descent began to migrate away from the poverty stricken aftermath of the war and the hostility of antebellum plantation owners.

They migrated progressively north from one state to another with many finally settling in New York where economic opportunities were more available and discrimination was less prevalent.

As you might expect, some of our namesakes were among those early pioneers who ventured north and faced the new challenges. They traveled along with other venturesome men from other local areas and from other southern states who were moving north, most likely for the same reasons

During about 1880, or shortly after the end of the Period of Reconstruction, at least one of our namesakes (yet to be identified) made his way north to make a new way of life and to start his family.

This pioneer met and married a northern woman and one of their children was named William, born about 1884. So William, a second generation Gourdine in New York, is quite possibly the first Gourdine born in the state of New York.

William grew up in Brooklyn and at the age of about 23, he met and married Florence Margaret Hogarth, who was also born and raised in New York. Both of Florence's parents were born in the state of New York.

Descendants of William Gourdine

1. William¹ Gourdine was born Abt. 1884 in Brooklyn, NY, and died 27 Feb 1947. He married **Florence Margaret Hogarth** Abt. 1907, daughter of William Hogarth and Lucy Payne. She was born 13 Sep 1889 in Brooklyn, NY, and died 03 Jul 1974 in Cambria Heights, Queens, NY.

Children of William Gourdine and Florence Hogarth are:

- + 2 i. Chesterfield² Gourdine, born 09 Oct 1908 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY; died Apr 1958 in NY.
- 3 ii. William L. Gourdine, Jr, born 17 Oct 1909 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY; died 07 Aug 1910.

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- + 4 iii. John Henry Gourdine, born 28 Oct 1910; died May 1972 in NY.
- + 5 iv. Richard Gourdine, born 14 Oct 1912 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY; died 1946.
- + 6 v. Julia R. Gourdine, born 08 Dec 1913; died 13 Dec 1996 in Hamburg, Erie, NY.
- 7 vi. James Beamon, born 24 Mar 1922. He married Eunice _____.

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2. Chesterfield² Gourdine (William¹) was born 09 Oct 1908 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY, and died Apr 1958 in NY. He married **Thelma Shaw**. She was born Abt. 1909.

Children of Chesterfield Gourdine and Thelma Shaw are:

- + 8 i. Eva Delores³ Gourdine, born 19 Dec 1927 in NY.
- 9 ii. Frances Gourdine, born Abt. 1928; died Abt. 1935.
- + 10 iii. Thelma Gourdine, born 10 Apr 1924 in NY; died 05 Dec 1998 in Queens Village, Queens, NY.
- 11 iv. Livonia Gourdine, born Abt. 1930 in NY; died Abt. 1931.

4. John Henry² Gourdine (William¹) was born 28 Oct 1910, and died May 1972 in NY. He married **Ruth Louise Haile** in New Haven, CT. She was born 18 May 1907, and died 31 Mar 1997 in Rio Rancho, Sandoval, NM.

Children of John Gourdine and Ruth Haile are:

- + 12 i. Margaret³ Gourdine, born 08 May 1930.
- + 13 ii. Richard Allen Gourdine, born 25 Jun 1933.

5. Richard² Gourdine (William¹) was born 14 Oct 1912 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY, and died 1946. He married **Helen Moore**. She was born 1915.

Children of Richard Gourdine and Helen Moore are:

- + 14 i. Doris³ Gourdine, born 1942 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY.
- + 15 ii. Georgann Gourdine, born 1944 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY.
- + 16 iii. Michael Gourdine, born 1946 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY.
- + 17 iv. Elica Gourdine, born 1950 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY.

6. Julia R.² Gourdine (William¹) was born 08 Dec 1913, and died 13 Dec 1996 in Hamburg, Erie, NY. She married **(1) John Stewart**. He was born 20 Jun 1911, and died Jan 1978 in Hamburg, Erie, NY. She married **(2) John McCoy**. He died 1992.

Children of Julia Gourdine and John Stewart are:

- 18 i. Obadiah³ _____, born 15 Feb 1951; Adopted child.
- 19 ii. Angela _____, born 05 Jul 1965; Adopted child.

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8. Eva Delores³ Gourdine (Chesterfield², William¹) was born 19 Dec 1927 in NY. She married _____ **Bell**.

Children of Eva Gourdine and _____ Bell are:

- 20 i. Donald⁴ Bell, born 02 Feb 1948 in NY.
- + 21 ii. Christopher Bell, born 08 Apr 1950 in NY.
- 22 iii. Ronald Bell, born 19 Oct 1951 in NY.
- 23 iv. Kenneth Bell, born 02 May 1953 in NY.

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| 24 | v. | Lorraine Bell, born 20 Oct 1955 in NY. |
| 25 | vi. | Dennis Bell, born 08 Jan 1957 in NY. |
| 26 | vii. | Denise Bell, born 08 Jan 1957 in NY. |

10. Thelma³ Gourdine (Chesterfield², William¹) was born 10 Apr 1924 in NY, and died 05 Dec 1998 in Queens Village, Queens, NY. She married **Luther Mimms**. He was born 27 Nov 1923 in NC, and died 30 Apr 1986 in Jamaica, Queens, NY.

Children of Thelma Gourdine and Luther Mimms are:

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| | 27 | i. | Dennis ⁴ Mimms, born 19 Aug 1953. |
| + | 28 | ii. | Dierde Mimms, born 14 Jan 1958. |
| | 29 | iii. | Doreen Mimms, born 22 Nov 1961. |

12. Margaret³ Gourdine (John Henry², William¹) was born 08 May 1930. She married **Russel Davidson**. He was born Mar 1932.

Children of Margaret Gourdine and Russel Davidson are:

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| | 30 | i. | April ⁴ Davidson, born 08 Feb 1955. |
| + | 31 | ii. | Scott Davidson, born 18 Sep 1959. |

13. Richard Allen³ Gourdine (John Henry², William¹) was born 25 Jun 1933. He married **(1) Joan Edwards**. He married **(2) Victoria Sarah Jordan**. She was born 15 Sep 1930.

Child of Richard Gourdine and Joan Edwards is:

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| + | 32 | i. | Nicole Simone ⁴ Gourdine, born 26 Sep 1970. |
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Child of Richard Gourdine and Victoria Jordan is:

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| + | 33 | i. | Michael Ereson ⁴ Jordan, born 09 Feb 1957. |
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14. Doris³ Gourdine (Richard², William¹) was born 1942 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY. She married **Arthur Hardy**. He was born 1942.

Children of Doris Gourdine and Arthur Hardy are:

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| | 34 | i. | Arthur ⁴ Hardy, Jr. |
| | 35 | ii. | Michael Hardy. |
| | 36 | iii. | Eileen Hardy. |
| | 37 | iv. | Sharon Hardy. |

15. Georgann³ Gourdine (Richard², William¹) was born 1944 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY. She married **Raymond Collazzo**. He was born 1944.

Children of Georgann Gourdine and Raymond Collazzo are:

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| | 38 | i. | Clifford ⁴ Collazzo, born 27 Mar 1961. |
| | 39 | ii. | Sharmaine Collazzo, born 28 Mar 1963. |
| | 40 | iii. | Georgette Collazzo, born 03 Aug 1964. |
| | 41 | iv. | Janine Collazzo, born 23 Oct 1970. |

16. Michael³ Gourdine (Richard², William¹) was born 1946 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY. He married **Joyce _____**.

Children of Michael Gourdine and Joyce _____ are:

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| | 42 | i. | Michael ⁴ Gourdine, Jr, born 1970. |
| | 43 | ii. | Shayahanna Gourdine, born 1973. |
| | 44 | iii. | Tajiri Gourdine, born 1974. |
| | 45 | iv. | Sukari Gourdine, born 1974. |

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17. Elica³ Gourdine (Richard², William¹) was born 1950 in Brooklyn, Kings, NY. She married **Joel Elder**.

Child of Elica Gourdine and Joel Elder is:

46 i. Hans⁴ _____, born 1974.

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21. Christopher⁴ Bell (Eva Delores³ Gourdine, Chesterfield², William¹) was born 08 Apr 1950 in NY.

Children of Christopher Bell are:

47 i. Thomas⁵ Bell.
48 ii. Sherry Bell.
49 iii. Jamal Bell.
50 iv. Lavette Bell.

28. Dierde⁴ Mimms (Thelma³ Gourdine, Chesterfield², William¹) was born 14 Jan 1958. She married _____ **Brown**.

Children of Dierde Mimms and _____ Brown are:

51 i. Tiffany⁵ Brown.
52 ii. Nicholas Brown.

31. Scott⁴ Davidson (Margaret³ Gourdine, John Henry², William¹) was born 18 Sep 1959.

Child of Scott Davidson is:

53 i. Christopher⁵ Davidson, born 22 Apr 1981.

32. Nicole Simone⁴ Gourdine (Richard Allen³, John Henry², William¹) was born 26 Sep 1970.

Child of Nicole Simone Gourdine is:

54 i. Alisia Diamond⁵ Gourdine, born 11 Sep 1993.

33. Michael Ereson⁴ Jordan (Richard Allen³ Gourdine, John Henry², William¹) was born 09 Feb 1957.

Children of Michael Ereson Jordan are:

55 i. Latequa⁵ Jordan, born 22 Sep 1989.
56 ii. Taji Jordan, born Aug 1990.

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