

Gere Family

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According to Julia Avery Chamberlain, her father, B. G. Avery, and Charles Gere came together from Connecticut to Central New York. The following is a partial transcription of the information involving the Avery and Gere families

“Mrs. Chamberlin said she did not know when the house was built, but that it had been standing a long time when her father Benjamin G. Avery came to Geddes from Connecticut in 1827. And Charles Gere came together on horseback. They had been preceded by Robert and William Gere. Mr. Avery went back to Connecticut two years later to be married. Mrs. Chamberlin has lived in the house forty-five years. Two of the old trees that were in front of the house when she went there are still standing. Twenty-five years ago, when a furnace was put in workmen broke their tools trying to cut through some of the heavy timbers. These and the walls are still sound, and the old fireplace, with its wide chimney from cellar to roof, is still used occasionally. Additions have been made to the original house, and it is now much larger that it was when Squire Hughes built it.”

“Another Contender For Title: ‘Oldest House in Syracuse,’” The Post Standard, Syracuse, NY, Friday, August 13, 1915

William F Gere and Mary J. ?

William F. Gere
 b. 1811, Connecticut
 d. 1876

Mary J.
 b. 1817, Connecticut

William C. Gere
 b. 1841, NY
 d. Apr 17, 1910, NYC
 bur Oakwood Cem, Syracuse, NY

= **Ann (?)** (1870 census)
Jennie (?) (May 1876)

Dau (1910):
 Mrs. Edward P. Campe of NYC
 Mrs. Robert J. Ready, NYC

Andrew L. Gere
 b. 1848, NY
 Bankrupt in 1878
 In Minneapolis, MN in Apr 1910
 Died before May 1916

= **Kittie K.** (May 1876)
 Didn't go to Helena MT with Andrew in 1880.
Mary Alda (?) (Aug 1889)

Mary Elizabeth Gere
 b. 1850, NY
 d. Apr 28, 1910, Newark, NJ

= **Iram C Reed** (Aug 1889)
 d. Nov 10, 1925, Fayetteville, NY

Dau (Apr 1910):
 (Clara) Mrs. W. L. Morgan, Newark, NJ
 (Mary) Mrs. Murray, Camillus, NY
 (Florence) Mrs. F. K. Munro, Camillus, NY
 (Christine Elizabeth) Mrs. W. W. Townsend,
 Syracuse
 In Estate settlement Christine was not married

Charles Franklin Gere
 b. 1858, NY
 d. May 3, 1916, NYC
 bur. Oakwood Cem, Syracuse, NY
 To NYC about 1889
 In New York City in April 1910
 AKA C. Frank Gere
 AKA Charles F. Gere

= **Clara Belle McChesney (1)**
 m. Apr 16, 1879

Lulu G. Herrick (2)
 m. Mar 26, 1886
 Living apart from husband in 1901
 There was one dau in 1901

Wife surviving in May 1916
 No children among survivors
 The following is probably Charles' dau
 misidentified as his sister
 Mrs. Rubin Francisco (May 1916)
 Montclair, NJ

Census Records

Geer, Gere, Geere and Gear

1850, 1855, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1875, 1880 – no “Geres” in Salina

In 1860 & 1870 a William F. Gere and family were found in Syracuse WD01.

1860 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD01 M653-830-14

Wm F. Gere 49 M Merchant Real Estate: \$20,000, Personal Estate: \$5,000, Conn

Mary J. Gere 43 F, Conn

Wm C. Gere 19 M, NY

Andrew L. Gere 12 M, NY

Mary E. Gere 10 F, NY

Franklin Gere 2 M, NY

Sarah Crain 20 F Servant, NY

James Latham 50 M, NY

1870 NY Onondaga Syracuse WD01 M593-1062-51B

641, 803, Line 27

Gere, William 56 M, Salt Manufacturer, Real estate: \$45,500, Personal Estate: \$35,000. CN

Geer, Ann 27 F, Keeping house, Connecticut

Geer, Andre 23 M, Clerk in store, NY

Geer, Elizabeth 20 F, At Home, NY

Geer, Frank 11 M, Attending school, NY

Smith, Martha 29 F, At home, Connecticut