

# OVERACRE GENEALOGY RECORDS

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## SOLOMON OVERACRE AND LYDIA JOHNSON

### Solomon Overacre

b. Dec 28, 1818  
m. Abt 1844  
d. May 8, 1881

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### Lydia Johnson

b. 1825, NY  
d. 1872, Salina, NY

### Silas J. Overacre

b. 1845, Clay, NY  
m. Abt 1867  
d. Mar 24, 1890, DeWitt, NY

### Mary E. Overacre

b. 1847, Clay, NY  
d. Jan 8, 1907, Middletown

### Daniel R. Overacre

b. Aug 1849, NY  
m. 1877  
d. Oct 7, 1918, Salina, NY

### Flora Overacre

b. 1860, Clay, NY  
d. Dec. 19, 1887

= Elizabeth ?

Never married

= Sarah E. McNeil

b. July 7, 1845, Cicero, NY  
d. Aug 7, 1927, Syracuse, NY  
bur. N. Syracuse Cem., N. Syracuse, NY

### Jennie Ball

{Dau from Sarah's Marriage to David Ball}

b. Apr 11, 1866, Cicero, NY  
d. Oct 21, 1954, Syracuse, NY  
bur. Woodlawn Cem., Syracuse, NY  
Married:

**Charles A. Fairchild - 1888**

**Joel A. Hathaway - 1896**

**John William Gould, d. 1929**

### Marion Overacre

b. Abt 1879, Salina, NY  
d. Nov 4, 1959, Syracuse, NY  
bur. North Syracuse, NY  
Married:

**Claude Bonsted**

### John D. Overacre

b. Nov 1880, Salina, NY  
In Chicago, IL in 1923  
In Syracuse in 1930

= Howard Overacre m. Pearl

b. Aug 1885, Salina, NY  
m. Abt 1908, Salina, NY  
d. Dec 22, 1935, Syracuse, NY

= Albert D. Wright

b. 1853, NY  
d. June 2, 1944  
bur. Woodlawn Cem., Syracuse, NY

## SOLOMON OVERACRE AND LYDIA JOHNSON

Name	1850	1855	1860	1870	1875
<b>Location</b>	Clay	Clay	Clay	Salina	Salina
Solomon Overacre	30	36	41	51	56
Lydia Overacre	25	30	35	48	d. 1872
<b>Children</b>					
Silas J. Overacre	5	9	15	25	29
Mary E. Overacre	3	7	13	23	27
William R. Overacre	1	5	10	21	25
Flora Overacre				10	15
<b>Other – Silas' family</b>					
Elizabeth Overacre					30
Sarah Overacre					8
Juliet Overacre					2

**1850** NY Onondaga Clay M432-570-IMG109

Res 746, Fam 749

**Solomon Overacre**, 30, Farmer, Real Est. \$3400, NY

Lydia Overacre, 25, NY

Silas J. Overacre, 5, NY

Mary E. Overacre, 3, NY

William R. Overacre, 1, NY (Daniel R. Overacre??)

John Keagan, 39, Ireland

Patrick Keagan, 15, Ireland

Nancy Davern, 19, Ireland

**1855** NY Onondaga Clay ED01 IMG 76-106

Res 60, Frame, \$600, Fam 66

**Solomon Overaker**, 36, Herkimer, M, 6 years, Farmer, Native, Owns land

Lydia Overaker, 30, Wife, Herkimer, M, 6 years

Silas J. Overaker, 9, Child, Jefferson, 6 years

Mary E. Overaker, 7, Child, Jefferson, 6 years

Daniel R. Overaker, 5, Child, Onondaga, 5 years

George Snyder, 19, Servant, Schoharie, 3 years, Farmer

Mary Fitzgeralds, 20, Servant, Ireland, 1 year, Alien

**1860** NY Onondaga Clay M653-828-290

Res 1428, Fam 1449

**Silas Overacker**, 41, Farmer, Real Est. \$6000, Personal Est. \$1300, NY

Lydia Overacker, 35, NY

S (Silas) J. Overacker, 15, NY

Mary Overacker, 13, NY

Daniel Oveacker, 10, NY

Sara Overacker, 73, NY (Mother of Solomon)

Henry Overacker, 18, Farmer, Canada

**1870** NY Onondaga Salina M593-1061-642

Res 435, Fam 435

**Overacker, Solomon**, 51, Farmer, NY

Overacker, Lydia, 48, Keeping house, NY

Overacker, Silas J., 25, Dairyman, NY

Overacker, Mary E., 23, At home, NY

Overacker, David R., 21, At home, NY (Could this be Daniel R. age abt 20?)

Overacker, Flora L., 10, At school, NY

Overacker, Elizabeth, 25, Works in home, NY (Wife of Silas)

Overacker, Sarah, 3, NY (Dau of Silas and Elizabeth)

Fork, Fred, 15, Farm Laborer, Prussia, Both parents of foreign birth

Beracha, August, 22, Farm laborer, Switzerland, Both parents of foreign birth

**1875** NY Onondaga Salina ED01 IMG 33-33

Res 5, Framed, \$500, Fam 5

**Silas Overacre**, 29, **Jefferson**, M, Farmer, Native

Elizabeth Overacre, 30, Wife, Oswego

Sarah Overacre, 8, Dau, Onondaga

Juliet Overacre, 2, Dau, Onondaga

**Solomon Overacre**, 56, Father, **Herkimer**, Native, Owns land

Mary Overacre, 27, Dau, Jefferson

**Daniel Overacre**, 25, Son, **Onondaga**, Native

Flora Overacre, 15, Dau, Onondaga, S, Laborer

## DANIEL OVERACRE AND SARAH MCNEIL

Name	1880	1892	1900	1910	1915
<b>Location</b>	Salina	Salina	Salina	Salina	Salina
Daniel R. Overacre	30	43	50	60	65
Sarah E. Overacre	34	47	54	63	68
<b>Children</b>					
Jennie Hathaway			34		
Marian Overacre	1	14	21		
John D. Overacre		12	19		
Howard Overacre		7	15		38
<b>Other</b>					
Mary B. Overacre (sister)	32				
Ethel Fairchild (g-dau)			7	19	
Fred Fairchild (g-son)				21	
Ethel Overacre (Servant?)					27
Eloid (David?) Overacre					32
Pearl Overacre (Howard's wife)					28

**1880** NY Onondaga Salina T9-906-249B

Res 167, Fam 169

**Overacre, Daniel R.**, 30, Farmer, M, NY, NY, NY

Overacre, Sarah E., 34, Wife, Keeping House, M, NY, NY, NY

Overacre, Marian, 1, Dau, S, NY, NY, NY

Overacre, Mary B., 32, Sister, At Home, S, NY, NY, NY

Rockdashel, Martha, 18, Servant, Servant, S, NY, Germany, Germany

Chapoman, Eugene, 21, Laborer, S, NY, Germany, NY

**1892** NY Onondaga Salina ED03 IMG 6-20

**Daniel R. Overacre**, 43, US, Farmer, Citizen

Sarah E. Overacre, 47, US, Wife

Marian L. Overacre, 14, US, School

John D. Overacre, 12, US, School

Howard Overacre, 7, US, School

Wm Hoff, 24, US, Servant, Citizen

Henry Tufft, 30, US, Servant, Citizen

Mary A. Wilber, 22, US, Domestic

**1900** NY Onondaga Salina T623-1135-220A

Res 316, Fam 347

**Overacre, Daniel R.**, Aug 1849, 50, M23, NY, NY, NY, Farmer, Owns Farm Free of Mort.  
Overacre, Sarah, Wife, July 1845, 54, M23, 4/4, NY, NY, NY  
Hathaway, Jennie, Dau, Apr 1866, 34, M4, 2/2, NY, NY, NY  
Fairchild, Ethel, G-dau, July 1892, 7, S, NY, NY, NY  
Overacre, Marion, Dau, Feb 1879, 21, S, NY, NY, NY  
Overacre, John, Son, Nov 1880, 19, S, NY, NY, NY  
Overacre, Howard, Son, Apr 1885, 15, S, NY, NY, NY  
Tufft, George, Servant, July 1858, 41, S, Switzer., Switzer., Switzer., 1880, 20 Farm laborer  
Moon, Irving, Servant, Apr 1876, 24, S, NY, NY, NY, Farm laborer  
Gillmour, James, Servant, May 1885, 15, S, NY, Scotland, NY, Farm laborer  
Alvord, Marius, Servant, Feb 1865, 35, S, NY, NY, NY, Farm laborer

The problem here is that Sarah and Daniel were married in 1877 and oldest daughter Jennie Hathaway was born in Apr 1866, almost 11 years before her parents were married! Sarah claims four children – all still alive. That gives: Jennie, Marion, John and Howard. In Sarah Elizabeth Overacre's August 8, 1927 obit all these children are confirmed as hers.

The resolution to the problem is found in the fact that Sarah's marriage to Overacre was her second. She had previously married David Ball sometime before 1866. Jennie Ball was their daughter. David Ball died sometime between 1870 and 1875. So, Sarah did have 4 children, Daniel only 3. Jennie never was an Overacre, she remained a Ball until she married Charles A. Fairchild in 1888. And that is the source of the Fairchild grandchildren.

**1910** NY Onondaga Salina T624-1055-39B

Res 19, Fam 20 – All can read and write

**Overacre, D. R.**, 60, M1, 40, NY, NY, NY, farmer, Dairy Farm, Owns farm free of mortgage  
Overacre, Sarah, Wife, 63, M1, 40, 2/1, NY, NY, NY, none  
Fairchild, Fred, grandson, 21, S, NY, NY, NY, milkman  
Fairchild, Ethel, granddaughter, 19, S, NY, NY, NY, none  
Crane?, Henry P., boarder, 21, S, NY, England, England, laborer  
Clanland?, Wad, boarder, 35, M1, 3, NY, NY, NY, laborer  
Clanland?, Charlotte, boarder, 39, M1, 3, 0/0, NY, Illinois, Illinois, house help  
Tufft, George, boarder, 40, S, NY, NY, NY, laborer, farm  
Crane, Lonn, boarder, 22, S, NY, NY, NY, laborer, farm

**1915** NY Onondaga Salina p. 04

Home 1202 – Lines 29-37

**Daniel Overacre**, 65  
Sarah E. Overacre, 68  
Ethel Overacre, 27, Sevant  
Elويد (David?) Overacre, Male, 32, Boarder  
Three missing persons – probably non-Overacres  
Howard Overacre, 38  
Pearl Overacre, 28, Wife (of Howard)

## THE MYSTERY OF JENNIE OVERACRE HATHAWAY

The last step in the process of assembling these family trees is to condense them down into an age table and scan them all together for consistency. This facilitates the identification of family members that went by different names on the various census reports and allows the consolidation of these “duplicate” members . It also allows the examination of the variations in the census aging process and to catch mistakes.

Everything was going smoothly until 1900 in the Daniel Overacre family. The issue here was that Sarah and Daniel were married in 1877 and their oldest daughter Jennie Hathaway was born in Apr 1866, almost 11 years before her parents were married! Equally disturbing was the fact that this was Jennie’s first census appearance with the Overacre family. Where had she been hiding?

In 1866 Daniel was only 16 and was still living at home. At first it might be considered a mistake on the part of the census taker. Perhaps he misidentified a visitor to the home as a daughter. In the 1900 census Sarah claims four children – all still alive. That gives: Jennie, Marion, John and Howard. In Sarah Elizabeth Overacre’s August 8, 1927 obituary all these children are confirmed as being hers, so much for the mistake.

According to the 1900 census relationship information Jennie is the daughter of Daniel R. Overacre. Additional information from that same census allow the following deductions: Jennie Hathaway (b. Apr 1866), married in about 1896, had 2 children and both were still alive at the time of the 1900 census. However there are no Hathaway grandchildren with her. There is a 7-year old grandchild that also shows up in this census, Ethel Fairchild. The obvious assumption is that Ethel must be one of Jennie Hathaway’s children, which turned out to be true.

By 1910 Jennie Hathaway was gone from the Daniel Overacre farm and another Fairchild grandchild has shown up, 21 year old Fred. In 1900 Fred Fairchild, Ethel’s brother, had been living with his grandmother, Mrs. Gertrude E. Fairchild and his aunts Mable and Anna Fairchild at 473 Midland Ave. A copy of the 1892 New York State census showed Charles (28), Jane (25) and Fred (2) Fairchild living with Abram and Gertrude Fairchild. Here Jennie was seen to pick up another name, Jane, that will further complicate the search for her beginnings. In May 1901 Jennie B. Hathaway was given the guardianship of Fred H. Fairchild. This hinted at a divorce from Charles A. Fairchild.

The conclusion at this point is that Jennie had been married twice – first to a man named Fairchild, a marriage that produced Fred and Ethel, secondly a marriage to a man named Hathaway, which produced no children. In 1900 there was a Joel A. Hathaway, age 43, rooming at 207 Madison St., he had been married 5 years but had no wife with him. He was employed by the Railroad transportation department. A little digging produced an announcement of the wedding of Joel A. Hathaway and Miss Jennie Ball at the Salina home of David Ovid on Friday, March 13, 1896.

Between 1900 and 1910 Jennie was found on several guest lists attending social events with her sister Marion Overacre. In September 1896 Jennie and her mother Mrs. Daniel Overacre attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Ball family reunion – this was a clue.

In 1909 there was an ad in the Syracuse Herald: “Mrs. Jennie B. Hathaway will be pleased to see her customers at her new rooms, 469 S. Salina., Syracuse, N.Y.” By December 1910, Jennie had changed her name back to Fairchild, from Hathaway, and informed her embroidery customers through a similar newspaper ad.

Jennie married a John Gould at some point prior to 1925. Like Joel Hathaway before him, Gould also worked for the railroad. At the time of the 1925 census Jennie B. Gould was living in the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward of Syracuse. John William Gould died on August 21, 1929 at Stillwater, in Saratoga Co., this could be a sign that he and Jennie were living apart at the time of his death.

At the time of the 1930 census, a 63-year old widowed Jennie B. Gould was the head of a household in Syracuse, NY. Living with her was her brother John D. Overacre, 49 (Single) and an uncle Brockway Billington, 80 (Widower), born in NY. They were living at 105 W. Kennedy St in the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward. Jennie and Billington had no occupations. John was an attendant at a hotel.

Jennie was still going by the name Mrs. Jennie B. Gould at the time of the death of her brother Howard, in December 1935.

Mrs. Jennie Ball Gould died at her home at 119 W. Kennedy St on Thursday, October 21, 1954. Among her survivors was a son, Fred H. Fairchild. The W. Kennedy address was listed for Fred Fairchild and his family so it can be concluded that Jennie was probably living with her son and his family.

So in the end it was discovered that Jennie had three husbands: Charles A. Fairchild, Joel A. Hathaway and finally John William Gould. Apparently she had two children with Fairchild and none with Hathaway or Gould.

This resolved all the name changes and the Fairchild grandchildren. In addition Jennie was one of the children of Daniel Overacre and Sarah McNeil, or was she? Trying to resolve this puzzle by studying Daniel didn't work. He was living at home with his parents on their new 150-acre Salina farm when Jennie was born in April 1866. It was time to find the young Jennie and this started with the realization that her middle initial “B.” stood for Ball, which was her maiden name. Back in 1906 her mother and she had attended that Ball family reunion – that was a strong clue that had gone unnoticed at the time. The 1870 census from Cicero turned up a David and Sarah Ball who had a 4-year old daughter named Jennie. So there she was, but how did she get from there to the Daniel Overacre family – perhaps her father had died, or perhaps both of her parents had died and the Overacre family adopted her. However, Jennie had never been found living with the family in those earlier census records. There was no record of this Ball family in the 1880 census so the parental death scenario was beginning to look like a possibility.

However, it was the 1875 New York State census that turned up the proverbial “smoking gun.”

**1875** NY Onondaga Cicero ED02 – IMG 6-18

Res. 92, Framed, \$2,000, Fam. 98

**John McNeal**, 61, Herkimer, Married

Jane McNeal, 58, Wife, Herkimer, Married

**Sarah Ball, 29, Dau, Onondaga, Widowed**

Elma J. McNeal, 22, Dau, Onondaga, Single

Sarah Cronkhite, 82, Mother-in-law, Herkimer, Widowed

**Jennie Ball, 9, Grand dau, Onondaga, Single**

James Bronsted, 18, Jefferson, Single

There they were, living with the John and Jane McNeal family – the widow Sarah McNeal Ball and her daughter Jennie Ball. She was Sarah’s daughter but not Daniel’s daughter. Two years later, when Sarah McNeal married Daniel Overacre in 1877, what happened to Jennie? She probably went with her mother but she did not show up in the 1880 census and then in 1888 she married Charles A. Fairchild.

The mystery of Jennie Overacre Hathaway has been solved.

Jennie never was an Overacre. Her mother was Sarah McNeil Ball Overacre and Jennie herself was really Jennie Ball Fairchild Hathaway Gould.