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# Descendants of Gotthart Goddard Rockenfeller

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## Generation 1

1. **GOTTHART GODDARD<sup>1</sup> ROCKENFELLER** was born in 1590 in Fahr, Germany. He married **MAGDALENA**.

Notes for Gotthart Goddard Rockenfeller:

Gotthart Goddard Rockefeller was born in 1590 at Fahr, Feldkirchen, Neuwied, Rheinland-Pfalz. That's about 270 miles from where my 7th great grandfather, Otto Scherp, was born in Germany about 1628.

Goddard, as we understand he was addressed with his middle name, is the eldest ancestor in the Rockenfeller (Rockefeller) family line that was destined to be such a significant influence on the American scene later as the United States developed as a first world power. The family line would include Governors of New York and Arkansas, and a Vice President of the United States. It would include the donor of the \$8,000,000 to buy the land on which the United Nations buildings are situated. And, of course, the family is replete with philanthropic activities that have benefits countless charities and good causes. One I particularly like is the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem.

Goddard is the great, great grandfather of Johann Phillip Rockefeller (born about 1747). Phillip married Catherina Sharp, who is my great, great, grand aunt on my father's side of the family. That's how the Sharpe family is connected with the Rockefeller family.

Goddard was born in Germany the very same years as [Alice Carpenter](#) was born in England. Alice represents marriages to two men associated [with two of the most significant documents in the world about governance](#), human and civil rights. Her first husband was a descendant of [King Edward I](#), one of three generations of English Kings who issued 17 editions of the Magna Carta. Her second husband was Plymouth Colony Governor William Bradford, a co-author of the Mayflower Compact.

Gotthart Goddard Rockenfeller and Magdalena had the following children:

2. i. **CHRISTIAN<sup>2</sup> ROCKENFELLER** (son of Gotthart Goddard Rockenfeller and Magdalena) was born about 1622 in Rockenfeld, Germany. He died in 1698 in Datzeroth, Germany. He married **UNNAMED**. She died in Jul 1690 in Datzeroth, Germany.
3. ii. **ANDRES ROCKENFELLER** (son of Gotthart Goddard Rockenfeller and Magdalena) was born about 1624 in Rockenfeld, Germany. He died before 1673 in Eldschied, Germany. He married **ELIZABETH KLEINMANN**. She died on 27 Jan 1697.
4. iii. **JOHANN WEILHELM ROCKENFELLER** (son of Gotthart Goddard Rockenfeller and Magdalena) was born about 1628 in Rockenfeld, Germany. He died on 06 Jul 1695 in Eldschied, Germany. He married **LUCIA**. He married **SOPHIA**. She died on 25 Jan 1695 in Eldschied, Germany.
5. iv. **JOHANNES ROCKENFELLER** (son of Gotthart Goddard Rockenfeller and Magdalena) was born about 1634 in Rockenfeld, Westerwald, Germany. He died on 24 Aug 1684 in Segendorf, Germany. He married **ELIZABETH MARGARETHA REMAGEN**. She was born in Segendorf, Germany.
- v. **ELIZABETH ROCKENFELLER** (daughter of Gotthart Goddard Rockenfeller and Magdalena) was born about 1637 in Rockenfeld, Germany. She married **THIEL HERTZOG**.

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2. **CHRISTIAN<sup>2</sup> ROCKENFELLER** (Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1622 in Rockenfeld, Germany. He died in 1698 in Datzeroth, Germany. He married **UNNAMED**. She died in Jul 1690 in Datzeroth, Germany.

Christian Rockenfeller and UNNAMED had the following children:

- i. **EVA<sup>3</sup> ROCKENFELLER** (daughter of Christian Rockenfeller and UNNAMED) was born in 1652 in Datzeroth, Germany.
  - ii. **PETER ROCKENFELLER** (son of Christian Rockenfeller and UNNAMED) was born in 1654 in Datzeroth, Germany.
  - iii. **CHRISTINA ROCKENFELLER** (daughter of Christian Rockenfeller and UNNAMED) was born in 1656 in Datzeroth, Germany. She died in 1678 in Eldschied, Germany.
  - iv. **URSULA ROCKENFELLER** (daughter of Christian Rockenfeller and UNNAMED) was born in 1658 in Datzeroth, Germany. She died in 1697 in Datzeroth, Germany.
  - v. **MATTHIAS ROCKENFELLER** (son of Christian Rockenfeller and UNNAMED) was born in 1660 in Datzeroth, Germany. He died in 1730 in Datzeroth, Germany.
  - vi. **GEORGE ROCKENFELLER** (son of Christian Rockenfeller and UNNAMED) was born in 1662 in Datzeroth, Germany. He died in 1742 in Rengsdorf, Germany.
3. **ANDRES<sup>2</sup> ROCKENFELLER** (Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1624 in Rockenfeld, Germany. He died before 1673 in Eldschied, Germany. He married **ELIZABETH KLEINMANN**. She died on 27 Jan 1697.

Andres Rockenfeller and Elizabeth Kleinmann had the following child:

- i. **ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> ROCKENFELLER** (daughter of Andres Rockenfeller and Elizabeth Kleinmann) was born in 1669 in Eldschied, Germany.

4. **JOHANN WILHELM<sup>2</sup> ROCKENFELLER** (Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1628 in Rockenfeld, Germany. He died on 06 Jul 1695 in Eldschied, Germany. He married **LUCIA**. He married **SOPHIA**. She died on 25 Jan 1695 in Eldschied, Germany.

Johann Wilhelm Rockenfeller and Lucia had the following children:

- i. **PETER<sup>3</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (son of Johann Wilhelm Rockenfeller and Lucia) was born about 1654 in Rockenfeld, Westerwald, Germany. He died on 25 Jan 1695 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany.
  - ii. **JOHANN WILHELM ROCKEFELLER** (son of Johann Wilhelm Rockenfeller and Lucia) was born in 1656 in Rockenfeld, Westerwald, Germany.
6. iii. **TONGES ROCKEFELLER** (son of Johann Wilhelm Rockenfeller and Lucia) was born in Jul 1658 in Rockenfeld, Westerwald, Germany. He died on 18 Jul 1707. He married Gertrude Pauli in 1685 in Feldkirchen, Germany.

Johann Wilhelm Rockenfeller and Sophia had the following children:

- iv. **MARIA CATHERINE ROCKENFELLER** (daughter of Johann Wilhelm Rockenfeller and Sophia) was born in 1671 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany.

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- v. JOHANNES ROCKENFELLER (son of Johann Wilhelm Rockenfeller and Sophia) was born in 1673 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany.
  - vi. JOHANN FREDERICK ROCKENFELLER (son of Johann Wilhelm Rockenfeller and Sophia) was born in 1681 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany.
5. **JOHANNES<sup>2</sup> ROCKENFELLER** (Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1634 in Rockenfeld, Westerwald, Germany. He died on 24 Aug 1684 in Segendorf, Germany. He married **ELIZABETH MARGARETHA REMAGEN**. She was born in Segendorf, Germany.

Johannes Rockenfeller had the following children:

- i. JOHANN MATTHIAS ROCKENFELLER (son of Johannes Rockenfeller) was born about 1664 in Wied, Germany. He died on 06 Jul 1695 in Rengsdorf, Germany.
- ii. WERNER ROCKENFELLER (son of Johannes Rockenfeller) was born about 1667 in Wied, Germany.
- iii. ROCKENFELLER (son of Johannes Rockenfeller) was born after 1668 in Wied, Germany. He died in Dec 1682 in Segendorf.
- iv. MAGDALENA ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Johannes Rockenfeller) was born in 1672 in Wied, Germany. She died in Oct 1682 in Segendorf, Germany.
- v. MARTIN ROCKENFELLER (son of Johannes Rockenfeller) was born in 1675 in Wied, Germany.
- vi. JOHANN WILHELM ROCKENFELLER (son of Johannes Rockenfeller) was born in 1675 in Wied, Germany. He died in 1719 in Segendorf, Germany.
- vii. EVA M. ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Johannes Rockenfeller) was born after 1676 in Wied, Germany.

Johannes Rockenfeller and Elizabeth Margaretha Remagen had the following child:

- 7. viii. JOHANN PETER ROCKENFELLER (son of Johannes Rockenfeller and Elizabeth Margaretha Remagen) was born in Sep 1682 in Segendorf, Wied, Germany. He died between 1763-1766 in Rocktown, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He married ANNA MARIA REMAGEN. She was born in 1684 in Segendorf, Germany. She died in 1719. He married (2) ELIZABETH CHRISTINA RUNKEL on 29 Oct 1720. She was born in Bonefeld, Germany.

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6. **TONGES<sup>3</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (Johann Wilhelm<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Wilhelm<sup>2</sup>, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born in Jul 1658 in Rockenfeld, Westerwald, Germany. He died on 18 Jul 1707. He married Gertrude Pauli in 1685 in Feldkirchen, Germany.

Tonges Rockefeller and Gertrude Pauli had the following children:

- i. PETER<sup>4</sup> ROCKENFELLER (son of Tonges Rockefeller and Gertrude Pauli) was born on 20 Jan 1687 in Rockenfeld, Westerwald, Germany. He died on 09 Sep 1744 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany.

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- ii. MARIA ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Tonges Rockefeller and Gertrude Pauli) was born in Dec 1688 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany.
- iii. ANTON ROCKENFELLER (son of Tonges Rockefeller and Gertrude Pauli) was born in Nov 1692 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany. He died on 14 Jan 1752 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany.
- iv. ANNA ELIZABETH ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Tonges Rockefeller and Gertrude Pauli) was born in Sep 1693 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany. She died on 22 Mar 1701 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany.
- 8. v. JOHANN THIEL ROCKENFELLER (son of Tonges Rockefeller and Gertrude Pauli) was born in Jul 1695 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany. He died in 1769 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He married Anna Gertrude Alsdorf in 1722 in Bonefeld, Germany. She was born in Bonefeld, Germany. She died after 1769 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
- vi. ANNA CHRISTINA ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Tonges Rockefeller and Gertrude Pauli) was born on 29 May 1701 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany.

Notes for Anna Christina Rockenfeller:

Anna was born just six days after Captain William Kidd was hanged in London on May 23, 1701, after being convicted of piracy and murder.

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Captain\\_Kidd](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Captain_Kidd)

- vii. ANNA VERONIKA ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Tonges Rockefeller and Gertrude Pauli) was born on 25 Mar 1703 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany. She died on 12 Mar 1707 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany.
7. **JOHANN PETER<sup>3</sup> ROCKENFELLER** (Johannes<sup>2</sup>, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup>) was born in Sep 1682 in Segendorf, Wied, Germany. He died between 1763-1766 in Rocktown, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He married **ANNA MARIA REMAGEN**. She was born in 1684 in Segendorf, Germany. She died in 1719. He married (2) **ELIZABETH CHRISTINA RUNKEL** on 29 Oct 1720. She was born in Bonefeld, Germany.

Notes for Johann Peter Rockenfeller:

Johann Peter Rockenfeller was born September 1682 in Segendorf, Died Germany. The year of Johann's birth, French explorer Robert La Salle reached the Mississippi River on April 9, 1682.

Source:<http://library.thinkquest.org/4034/lasalle.htm>

Johann was the Rockefeller born in Germany, but who died in New Jersey, USA sometime in the 1760's. His first wife, Anna Maria Remagen, died in 1719. The following year, Johann married Elizabeth Christina Runkel. However, since we do not have a date Johann immigrated to America, we cannot say which wife accompanied him in the immigration.

Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Anna Maria Remagen had the following children:

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- i. JOHANN WILHELM<sup>4</sup> ROCKENFELLER (son of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Anna Maria Remagen) was born on 19 Aug 1708 in Segendorf, Germany.
- 9. ii. JOHANN PETER ROCKENFELLER (son of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Anna Maria Remagen) was born on 22 Mar 1711 in Segendorf, Westerwald, Germany. He died about 1787 in Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He married MARY BELLIS. He married (2) ELIZABETH PETERSON on 26 Dec 1774.
- iii. CATHERINA ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Anna Maria Remagen) was born on 29 Jan 1713 in Segendorf, Germany. She died in Feb 1713.
- iv. ANNA CHRISTINA ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Anna Maria Remagen) was born on 06 May 1714 in Segendorf, Germany.
- v. JOHANNES ROCKENFELLER (son of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Anna Maria Remagen) was born in 1716 in Segendorf, Germany.
- vi. MARIA EVA ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Anna Maria Remagen) was born on 17 Jan 1718 in Segendorf, Germany.

Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Elizabeth Christina Runkel had the following children:

- vii. CATHERINA ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Elizabeth Christina Runkel) was born on 03 Mar 1722.
- viii. ANN ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Elizabeth Christina Runkel) was born on 17 Jun 1724 in Somerset County, New Jersey.
- ix. ELIZABETH ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Elizabeth Christina Runkel) was born in 1725 in Somerset County, New Jersey.
- x. ELSIE ROCKENFELLER (daughter of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Elizabeth Christina Runkel) was born in 1727 in Somerset County, New Jersey.
- xi. WILLIAM ROCKENFELLER (son of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Elizabeth Christina Runkel) was born in 1729 in Rocktown, New Jersey.

Notes for William Rockenfeller:

William was born the same year as was born Moses Mendelssohn(9/26/1729 - 1/4/1786), the German-Jewish philosopher, critic and Bible translator.

Source:<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/mendelssohn/>

He also was born the year that Catherine II (5/2/1729 - 11/17/1796) was born. She was the German-born empress of Russia (1762-96).

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine\\_II\\_of\\_Russia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine_II_of_Russia)

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- 8. **JOHANN THIEL<sup>4</sup> ROCKENFELLER** (Tonges<sup>3</sup> Rockefeller, Johann Wilhelm<sup>2</sup>, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup>, Tonges<sup>3</sup>, Johann Wilhelm<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup>) was born in Jul

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1695 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany. He died in 1769 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He married Anna Gertrude Alsdorf in 1722 in Bonefeld, Germany. She was born in Bonefeld, Germany. She died after 1769 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

Notes for Johann Thiel Rockenfeller:

Johann Thiel Rockefeller was born in 1695 in Eldschied, Westerwald, Germany. He, also, was a family member who immigrated to America, as he died in 1769 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

Thiel, as he was addressed with his middle name, and Anna began their marriage on beautiful and fertile land about 30 miles east from the Rhine River. Together with some neighbors, they departed to America. This move was motivated through correspondence received from friends who'd settled in Germantown, Columbia County, New York in the group of some 3,000 Palatines who immigrated in 1710. The Sharpe family ancestors of mine were a part of that 1710 group.

The strong head winds of the Atlantic Ocean caused their small ship to take several months to arrive at New York Harbor. They moved up the Hudson River to East Camp, where their friends lived (later to be known as Germantown, Columbia County, New York). Thiel, or Deill as some recordings claim he was called, leased some land, which he later purchased and erected a house, a saw-mill and maintained a store, all by 1751. His work ethic enabled him to prosper to the extent that, at his death, he owned about one tenth of the 6,000 acre town.

(Source: Rockefeller Family Association editor Henry O Rockefeller MD[1910], pages 5-6)

Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna Gertrude Alsdorf had the following children:

- i. ANNA CATHERINE<sup>5</sup> ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna Gertrude Alsdorf) was born on 07 May 1724 in Bonefeld, Germany. She died after 07 May 1724 in Bonefeld, Germany.
- ii. EVA CATHERINE ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna Gertrude Alsdorf) was born on 11 Oct 1725 in Bonefeld, Germany. She died after 11 Oct 1725 in infancy.
- iii. JOHANN CHRISTIAN ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna Gertrude Alsdorf) was born on 27 Oct 1727 in Bonefeld, Germany. He married Catharina Christ on 01 Feb 1750 in East Camp, Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
- iv. JOHANN PETER ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna Gertrude Alsdorf) was born on 06 Apr 1732.

Notes for Johann Peter Rockefeller:

Johan was born the very same day as was Jean-Honore Fragonard(4/5/1732 - 8/22/1806), the last French rococo painter.

Source: <http://wwar.com/masters/f/fragonard-jean-honore.html>

- v. ELIZABETH ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna

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Gertrude Alsdorf) was born between 1732-1735 in Bonefeld, Germany.

- vi. ANNA GERTRUDE ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna Gertrude Alsdorf) was born on 20 Oct 1735 in Germantown Columbia County, New York.
- vii. MARIA ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna Gertrude Alsdorf) was born on 20 Oct 1735 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
- viii. WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna Gertrude Alsdorf) was born on 06 Oct 1737 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

Notes for William Rockefeller:

William was born the same year as John Hancock (1/12/1737 -10/8/1793), American revolutionary leader, was born.

Source:<http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/hancock.htm>

William was born the same year that violin maker Antonio Stradivari died in Cremona, Italy.

Source:<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stradivari>

- ix. DIEL ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna Gertrude Alsdorf) was born about 1739.
- x. EVE ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna Gertrude Alsdorf) was born about 1741 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
- xi. MARGARETHA ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna Gertrude Alsdorf) was born about 1743 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
- 10. xii. JOHANN PHILIP ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Thiel Rockenfeller and Anna Gertrude Alsdorf) was born about 1746 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He died in May 1813 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He married (1) CATHERINA SHARP (daughter of Johann Peter Scherp and Eva Schneider) on 19 Sep 1768 in New York City, New York. She was born on 31 Aug 1744 in Rhinebeck, New York. She died after 1780 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He married (2) CATHERINE BEST after 1774. She was born in 1748 in Germantown Columbia County, New York. She died on 14 May 1833 in Germantown Columbia County, New York.

- 9. **JOHANN PETER<sup>4</sup> ROCKENFELLER** (Johann Peter<sup>3</sup>, Johannes<sup>2</sup>, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup>) was born on 22 Mar 1711 in Segendorf, Westerwald, Germany. He died about 1787 in Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He married **MARY BELLIS**. He married (2) **ELIZABETH PETERSON** on 26 Dec 1774.

Notes for Johann Peter Rockenfeller:

Johann was skilled in acquiring real estate. In his will, he divided his lands up between all

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of his sons, except William, to whom he left only money. He was a member of the First Church (German Reformed) of Amwell.

Johann Peter Rockefeller and Mary Bellis had the following children:

- i. PETER<sup>5</sup> ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Peter Rockefeller and Mary Bellis) was born in 1741 in Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.
- ii. JOHN ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Peter Rockefeller and Mary Bellis) was born on 23 Nov 1742 in Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

Notes for John Rockefeller:

John Rockefeller was born November 23, 1742. Earlier in that year, George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland on April 13, 1742. In many parts of the world, it is the accepted practice for the audience to stand for the Hallelujah Chorus of the performance. Tradition has it that on first hearing the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel's "Messiah", King George II was so moved that he rose to his feet. As is true today, when the King stands, so do all subjects also rise, thus engendering the tradition. George Augustus, King George II, King of England, was King of Great Britain and Ireland, Duke of Brunswick-Luxemburg (Hanover) and Arch Treasurer and Prince-Elector of the Holy Roman Empire from 11 June 1727 until his death.

Source:<http://www.festival-singers.org.nz/haleluia.htm>

John Rockefeller is my twenty sixth cousin, seven times removed. The ancestors in common are Eystein Glumra Ivarsson and his wife, Aseda Rognvaldsdatter, Georges's 25th great grandparents. They are my 32nd great grandparents. Eystein Glumra Ivarsson is a ninth century Viking from Norway.

Described another way, our relationship is that John Rockefeller is the brother of son-in-law of brother-in-law of 3rd great grand aunt of Dwight Albert "D. A" Sharpe, Catherine Sharp Rockefeller.

- iii. GODFREY ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Peter Rockefeller and Mary Bellis) was born in 1745 in Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

Notes for Godfrey Rockefeller:

Godfrey Rockefeller was born in 1745. On December 13 of that same year, John Jay, American statesman and the first chief justice of the Supreme Court, was born in New York City.

Source:<http://www.ushistory.org/Declaration/related/jay.htm>

- iv. HENRY ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Peter Rockefeller and Mary Bellis) was born on 07 Mar 1747 in Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.
11. v. WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Peter Rockefeller and Mary Bellis) was born in 1750 in Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He died in 1793

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in Livingston, Columbia County, New York. He married Christina Rockefeller (daughter of Johann Simeon Rockenfeller and Anna Bahr) on 03 Jun 1772 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She was born about 1754 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

- vi. MARY ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Mary Bellis) was born in 1753 in Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.
- vii. JACOB ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Mary Bellis) was born on 25 Jun 1756 in Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.
- viii. DAVID ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Mary Bellis) was born in 1759 in Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.
- ix. ELIZABETH ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Johann Peter Rockenfeller and Mary Bellis) was born after 1759 in Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. She married JACOB HOPPOCK.

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10. **JOHANN PHILIP<sup>5</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (Johann Thiel<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Tonges<sup>3</sup>, Johann Wilhelm<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Thiel<sup>4</sup>, Tonges<sup>3</sup> Rockefeller, Johann Wilhelm<sup>2</sup>, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born about 1746 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He died in May 1813 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He married (1) **CATHERINA SHARP** (daughter of Johann Peter Scherp and Eva Schneider) on 19 Sep 1768 in New York City, New York. She was born on 31 Aug 1744 in Rhinebeck, New York. She died after 1780 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He married (2) **CATHERINE BEST** after 1774. She was born in 1748 in Germantown Columbia County, New York. She died on 14 May 1833 in Germantown Columbia County, New York.

Notes for Johann Philip Rockefeller:

Johann Philip Rockefeller, known generally as Philip, is the third grand uncle to me. His interesting relationships is as second granduncle to John Davidson Rockefeller, third grand uncle to John Davidson Rockefeller, Jr. and fourth grand uncle to United States Vice President Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller.

Philip was described as energetic, intelligent, shrewd, and a success in business. His mentor was his father. Public documents on file reflect Philip's name with some frequency, indicating his standing in the community and his abilities. In May 1775, John Kortz and Philip were representatives to the first Colonial Congress held in New York City. They represented the district of German Camp (Germantown).

In 1790, Philip purchased rights of many bounty lands from soldiers. He was Supervisor of Germantown, 1795 - 1798 and again in 1800. He served his community as a Justice of the Peace, 1789 to 1795. His political party was the Whigs, and his politics brought him in the direction of moving the town from a Monarchical to a Republican form of government.

His Lutheran heritage is shown by his election as one of the first trustees of the Reformed Church in East Camp in 1784.

He owned a store in 1808, as well as a landing. We believe the landing was on the Hudson River and the location probably Germantown (or what was called the East Camp in those days).

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Notes for Catherina Sharp:

Catharina is my third great aunt. She is the second great aunt to industrialist John Davison Rockefeller.

On October 19, 1744, English revivalist George Whitefield, 29, arrived in Maine at the start of his second visit to America. Whitefield struggled to adapt the beliefs of Calvinism to the Arminian teachings of Methodists John and Charles Wesley.

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_Whitefield](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Whitefield)

Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherina Sharp had the following children:

12. i. PETRUS<sup>6</sup> ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherina Sharp) was born about 1769 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He died on 11 Jan 1805 in Germantown Columbia County, New York. He married Elizabeth Becker before 1796.
13. ii. EVA ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherina Sharp) was born about 1773 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She married WILLIAM SCHNEIDER. He was born on 26 Jan 1772 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
14. iii. CATHERINE ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherina Sharp) was born about 1774 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She died on 06 Oct 1856 in Clermont, New York. She married JONAS MILLER. She married (2) PHILLIP C. LASHER in 1791. He was born about 1771 in Germantown Columbia County, New York. He died on 10 Nov 1820 in Germantown Columbia County, New York.

Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherine Best had the following children:

- iv. JACOB ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherine Best) was born on 25 Feb 1777.
- v. HENRY ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherine Best) was born on 17 Jan 1778.
- vi. JOHN ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherine Best) was born on 02 Dec 1781.
- vii. ELIZABETH ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherine Best) was born on 05 Jan 1783.

Notes for Elizabeth Rockefeller:

Elizabeth was born the month before that Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies in what then had become the United States of America.

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Source:<http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/revolution/revwar-77.htm>

- viii. PHILIP ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherine Best) was born on 03 Feb 1788.
  
- 15. ix. GEORGE ROCKEFELLER (son of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherine Best) was born on 27 Aug 1789 in Germantown, New York. He died on 26 Mar 1845 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He married (1) ELIZABETH ROCKEFELLER before 1808. She was born on 17 May 1792 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She died on 23 Sep 1821 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He married (2) MARGARET ROCKEFELLER about Oct 1821 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She was born on 08 Apr 1799 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She died on 26 Mar 1846 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
  
- 11. **WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (Johann Peter<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born in 1750 in Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He died in 1793 in Livingston, Columbia County, New York. He married Christina Rockefeller (daughter of Johann Simeon Rockenfeller and Anna Bahr) on 03 Jun 1772 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She was born about 1754 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

Notes for William Rockefeller:

William was about the earliest settler in the neighborhood of Taghkanic Village. He was Supervisor of Livingston, New York in 1788. He was the first generation of this part of the family line to change the Surname spelling from Rockenfeller to Rockefeller. Maybe that meant they were no longer a part of the "n" crowd?

William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller had the following children:

- i. PETER WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> ROCKEFELLER (son of William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller) was born on 06 May 1774 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
  
- ii. SIMON WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER (son of William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller) was born in May 1775 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

Notes for Simon William Rockefeller:

A little later after Simon was born, on August 22, 1775, England's King George III proclaimed the American colonies in a state of open rebellion.

- iii. MARGARET ROCKEFELLER (daughter of William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller) was born in 1776 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
  
- iv. JACOB ROCKEFELLER (son of William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller) was born in 1778 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
  
- v. HANNAH ROCKEFELLER (daughter of William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller) was born on 05 Aug 1780 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

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- vi. GERTZEN ROCKEFELLER (daughter of William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller) was born in 1782 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
- 16. vii. GODFREY ROCKEFELLER (son of William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller) was born on 24 Sep 1783 in Germantown Columbia County, New York. He died on 28 Sep 1857 in Richford, Tioga County, New York. He married Lucy Avery on 20 Nov 1806 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. She was born on 11 Feb 1786 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. She died on 06 Apr 1867 in Richford, Tioga County, New York.
- viii. MARY ROCKEFELLER (daughter of William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller) was born on 25 Oct 1784 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
- ix. WILLIAM TEAL ROCKEFELLER (son of William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller) was born on 20 Aug 1786 in Livingston, Columbia County, New York.

Notes for William Teal Rockefeller:

During the month of William's birth, Davy Crockett (8/17/1786 -3/6/1836), the famous American frontiersman and hero of the Alamo, giving up his life for Texas independence.

- x. WILLIAM W. ROCKEFELLER (son of William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller) was born on 12 Jul 1788 in West Copake, New York.
- xi. MARIA ROCKEFELLER (daughter of William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller) was born on 20 Sep 1789 in West Copake, New York.

Notes for Maria Rockefeller:

On September 26, 1789, six days after Maria's birth, Thomas Jefferson, my 28th cousin, five times removed, was appointed America's first secretary of state and John Jay the first chief justice of the United States. Eleven days prior to Maria's birth, President George Washington appointed Alexander Hamilton as the first Secretary of the Treasury.

Sources: <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050926.html?th&emc=th>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander\\_Hamilton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Hamilton)

- xii. JONAS ROCKEFELLER (son of William Rockefeller and Christina Rockefeller) was born on 23 Aug 1792 in Livingston, Columbia County, New York.

Notes for Jonas Rockefeller:

Later in the year of his birth, The French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy on September 21, 1792.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Convention](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Convention)

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- 12. **PETRUS<sup>6</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (Johann Philip<sup>5</sup>, Johann Thiel<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Tonges<sup>3</sup>, Johann

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Weilhelm<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Philip<sup>5</sup>, Johann Thiel<sup>4</sup>, Tonges<sup>3</sup> Rockefeller, Johann Wilhelm<sup>2</sup>, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born about 1769 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He died on 11 Jan 1805 in Germantown Columbia County, New York. He married Elizabeth Becker before 1796.

Petrus Rockefeller and Elizabeth Becker had the following children:

17. i. EVA<sup>7</sup> ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Petrus Rockefeller and Elizabeth Becker) was born on 02 Jul 1796 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She died on 26 Apr 1871 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She married WILLIAM OVERBAUGH. He was born on 06 Feb 1791 in Saugerties, New York. He died on 22 Dec 1857.
  - ii. JOHN NOBLE ROCKEFELLER (son of Petrus Rockefeller and Elizabeth Becker) was born on 23 Oct 1798 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
13. EVA<sup>6</sup> ROCKEFELLER (Johann Philip<sup>5</sup>, Johann Thiel<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Tonges<sup>3</sup>, Johann Wilhelm<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Philip<sup>5</sup>, Johann Thiel<sup>4</sup>, Tonges<sup>3</sup> Rockefeller, Johann Wilhelm<sup>2</sup>, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born about 1773 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She married **WILLIAM SCHNEIDER**. He was born on 26 Jan 1772 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

Eva Rockefeller and William Schneider had the following children:

- i. PHILIP SCHNEIDER (son of William Schneider and Eva Rockefeller).
  - ii. ABRAHAM SCHNEIDER (son of William Schneider and Eva Rockefeller).
  - iii. JACOB SCHNEIDER (son of William Schneider and Eva Rockefeller).
  - iv. CATHERINE SCHNEIDER (son of William Schneider and Eva Rockefeller).
  - v. WILLIAM CONRAD SCHNEIDER (son of William Schneider and Eva Rockefeller).
14. CATHERINE<sup>6</sup> ROCKEFELLER (Johann Philip<sup>5</sup>, Johann Thiel<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Tonges<sup>3</sup>, Johann Wilhelm<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Philip<sup>5</sup>, Johann Thiel<sup>4</sup>, Tonges<sup>3</sup> Rockefeller, Johann Wilhelm<sup>2</sup>, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born about 1774 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She died on 06 Oct 1856 in Clermont, New York. She married **JONAS MILLER**. She married (2) **PHILLIP C. LASHER** in 1791. He was born about 1771 in Germantown Columbia County, New York. He died on 10 Nov 1820 in Germantown Columbia County, New York.

Catherine Rockefeller and Phillip C. Lasher had the following children:

- i. STEPHEN LASHER (son of Phillip C. Lasher and Catherine Rockefeller).
- ii. PHILIP HENRY LASHER (son of Phillip C. Lasher and Catherine Rockefeller).
- iii. CATHERINE LASHER (daughter of Phillip C. Lasher and Catherine Rockefeller).
- iv. JEREMIAH LASHER (son of Phillip C. Lasher and Catherine Rockefeller). He died in Very Young.

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- v. ABRAHAM LASHER (son of Phillip C. Lasher and Catherine Rockefeller).
  - vi. MARGARET LASHER (daughter of Phillip C. Lasher and Catherine Rockefeller).
  - vii. WALTER LASHER (son of Phillip C. Lasher and Catherine Rockefeller).
  - viii. LOUISE LASHER (daughter of Phillip C. Lasher and Catherine Rockefeller).
  - ix. LEWIS LASHER (son of Phillip C. Lasher and Catherine Rockefeller).
  - x. HARRIET M. LASHER (daughter of Phillip C. Lasher and Catherine Rockefeller).
  - xi. SAMATHA LASHER (daughter of Phillip C. Lasher and Catherine Rockefeller).
  - xii. MARY A. LASHER (daughter of Phillip C. Lasher and Catherine Rockefeller).
15. **GEORGE<sup>6</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (Johann Philip<sup>5</sup>, Johann Thiel<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Tonges<sup>3</sup>, Johann Weilhelm<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Philip<sup>5</sup>, Johann Thiel<sup>4</sup>, Tonges<sup>3</sup> Rockefeller, Johann Weilhelm<sup>2</sup>, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born on 27 Aug 1789 in Germantown, New York. He died on 26 Mar 1845 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He married (1) **ELIZABETH ROCKEFELLER** before 1808. She was born on 17 May 1792 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She died on 23 Sep 1821 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He married (2) **MARGARET ROCKEFELLER** about Oct 1821 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She was born on 08 Apr 1799 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She died on 26 Mar 1846 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

Notes for George Rockefeller:

"George was a Supervisor of Germantown in 1824, 1827, 1828, 1834 and 1835. He served Town Clerk in 1821-1822. He as a Juror in 1811 and recorded as a farmer by occupation. He was prosperous in business and was a Whig by politics.

"George's life ended when he drown near the North Germantown Landion on the Hudson River. He was with eight other people in a large rowboat that was run into by a sailing vessel, which resulted in some of the part drowning. The remaining party in the damaged row boat. However, a steamboat almost immediately ran over them, drowning the remainder of the party. Dying in the catastrophe, in addition to George, were his wife, Margaret; his daughter, Emeline; Rufus Lasher (a son-in-law), Conrad Salpaugh, Philip Salpaugh and his daughter, Euphenia, Andrew Hover and Albert Rockefeller."

Source: "Rockefeller Genealogy" compiled by Henry Oscar Rockefeller, M.D., Brooklyn, New York, Historial of the Rockefeller Family Associaton, Inc., Higginson Book Company, P.O. Box 778, Salem Massachusetts, 01970 (Phone 508-745-7170) publication date not cited, but Page 346 quotes 1946 as "this year" in the author's writing, citation above is on page 29.

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Elizabeth was born the very same day that the New York Stock Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree on what is now Wall Street.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_York\\_Stock\\_Exchange](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Stock_Exchange)

George Rockefeller and Elizabeth Rockefeller had the following children:

- i. BALLY ELIZA<sup>7</sup> ROCKEFELLER (daughter of George Rockefeller and Elizabeth Rockefeller) was born on 23 Dec 1808 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
- ii. CATHERINE LOUISA ROCKEFELLER (daughter of George Rockefeller and Elizabeth Rockefeller) was born on 21 Jan 1811 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
- iii. GILBERT ROCKEFELLER (son of George Rockefeller and Elizabeth Rockefeller) was born on 01 Oct 1812 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He died in 1812.
- iv. HIRAM ROCKEFELLER (son of George Rockefeller and Elizabeth Rockefeller) was born on 17 Jan 1814 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

Notes for Hiram Rockefeller:

In the year Hiram was born, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as emperor of France and was banished to the island of Elba on April 11, 1814.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napoleon#Exile\\_in\\_Elba.2C\\_Les\\_Cent-Jours\\_.28The\\_Hundred\\_Days.29\\_and\\_Waterloo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napoleon#Exile_in_Elba.2C_Les_Cent-Jours_.28The_Hundred_Days.29_and_Waterloo)

- v. CHRISTINE ROCKEFELLER (daughter of George Rockefeller and Elizabeth Rockefeller) was born on 23 Sep 1817 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
- vi. EMELINE ROCKEFELLER (daughter of George Rockefeller and Elizabeth Rockefeller) was born on 28 Sep 1819 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She died on 26 Mar 1845. She married RUFUS LASHER. He died on 26 Mar 1845.

George Rockefeller and Margaret Rockefeller had the following children:

- vii. LUCINDA ROCKEFELLER (daughter of George Rockefeller and Margaret Rockefeller) was born on 13 Jul 1822 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

Notes for Lucinda Rockefeller:

Lucinda was born the very same year as was Frederick Law Olmsted (4/26/1822 - 8/28/1903) the American landscape architect who designed Central Park in New York City.

Source: <http://www.fredericklawolmsted.com/Lifeframe.htm>  
<http://www.fredericklawolmsted.com/workframe.htm>

- viii. PHILIP HERMAN ROCKEFELLER (son of George Rockefeller and Margaret Rockefeller) was born on 09 Oct 1824 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

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- ix. HARRIET ROCKEFELLER (daughter of George Rockefeller and Margaret Rockefeller) was born on 23 Mar 1827 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
- x. EDMUND ROCKEFELLER (son of George Rockefeller and Margaret Rockefeller) was born on 05 Nov 1830 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.
- xi. GEORGE HENRY ROCKEFELLER (son of George Rockefeller and Margaret Rockefeller) was born on 07 Mar 1833 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. He died on 04 Oct 1901. He married MARGARET L. RIVENBURG. She was born on 29 Jul 1827 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She died on 23 Mar 1892 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York.

Notes for George Henry Rockefeller:

George was the Coroner of Columbia County, New York for a term of 1857-1860. He and Margaret bore no children.

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- xii. MARGARET H. ROCKEFELLER (daughter of George Rockefeller and Margaret Rockefeller) was born on 30 Jul 1835 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She died on 18 Jun 1858.

16. **GODFREY<sup>6</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born on 24 Sep 1783 in Germantown Columbia County, New York. He died on 28 Sep 1857 in Richford, Tioga County, New York. He married Lucy Avery on 20 Nov 1806 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. She was born on 11 Feb 1786 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. She died on 06 Apr 1867 in Richford, Tioga County, New York.

Notes for Godfrey Rockefeller:

Godfrey Rockefeller was born the same year that General George Washington said farewell to his officers at Fraunce's Tavern in New York on December 4, 1873.

Source: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gwhtml/1783.html>

Godfrey erected the most beautiful house in the Michigan Hill part of Richford. He was a successful farmer, and lived out his life in Richford, New York.

Godfrey Rockefeller and Lucy Avery had the following children:

- i. MALINDA<sup>7</sup> ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Godfrey Rockefeller and Lucy Avery) was born on 12 Sep 1807 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Notes for Malinda Rockefeller:

Malinda Rockefeller was born the same year as Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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(2/27/1807 - 3/24/1882), the famous American poet was born.

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry\\_Wadsworth\\_Longfellow](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Wadsworth_Longfellow)

- ii. OLYMPIA ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Godfrey Rockefeller and Lucy Avery) was born on 20 Apr 1809 in Granger, New York.
- 18. iii. WILLIAM AVERY ROCKEFELLER (son of Godfrey Rockefeller and Lucy Avery) was born on 13 Nov 1810 in Granger, New York. He died on 18 Mar 1889 in Cleveland, Ohio. He married Eliza Davison on 18 Feb 1837. She was born on 12 Sep 1813.
- iv. NORMAN ROCKEFELLER (son of Godfrey Rockefeller and Lucy Avery) was born on 27 Oct 1812 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Notes for Norman Rockefeller:

Norman was born on the first birthday of Isaac Merrit Singer (10/27/1811 - 7/23/1875), the American inventor who developed Singer Sewing Machine.

He was born the year that Charles Dickens (2/7/1812 - 6/9/1870), the famous English novelist, was born.

Source:<http://www.victorianweb.org/authors/dickens/dickensbio1.html>

- v. SARAH ANN ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Godfrey Rockefeller and Lucy Avery) was born on 08 Sep 1814 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Notes for Sarah Ann Rockefeller:

Just six days following her birth, Francis Scott Key wrote the poem "The Star-Spangled Banner" on September 14, 1814 after witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry in Maryland during the War of 1812.

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis\\_Scott\\_Key](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_Scott_Key)

- vi. JACOB S. ROCKEFELLER (son of Godfrey Rockefeller and Lucy Avery) was born on 14 Jul 1816 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Notes for Jacob S. Rockefeller:

Jacob S. Rockefeller was born the same as as when James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States. James Monroe, is the 13th Cousin 2 times removed of first President, George Washington.

President Monroe is my 31st cousin, twice removed. He is the 18th cousin, seven times removed to my son-in-law, Steven O. Westmoreland.

Source:<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/jm5.html>

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- vii. MARY ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Godfrey Rockefeller and Lucy Avery) was born on 18 Feb 1819. She died on 15 Jul 1819 in Great Barrington, Massassachuets.
- viii. MILES AVERY ROCKEFELLER (son of Godfrey Rockefeller and Lucy Avery) was born on 27 Jul 1821 in Great Barrington, Massassachuets.
- ix. MARY MIRANDA ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Godfrey Rockefeller and Lucy Avery) was born on 07 Jun 1824 in Great Barrington, Massassachuets.
- x. EGBERT ROCKEFELLER (son of Godfrey Rockefeller and Lucy Avery) was born on 08 Feb 1827 in Great Barrington, Massassachuets.

Notes for Egbert Rockefeller:

On Egbert's first birthday, Jules Verne (2/8/1828 - 3/24/1905), French author of "Twenty Thousands Leagues Under the Sea" was born.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jules\\_Verne](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jules_Verne)

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- 17. **EVA<sup>7</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (Petrus<sup>6</sup>, Johann Philip<sup>5</sup>, Johann Thiel<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Tonges<sup>3</sup>, Johann Weilhelm<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, Petrus<sup>6</sup>, Johann Philip<sup>5</sup>, Johann Thiel<sup>4</sup>, Tonges<sup>3</sup> Rockefeller, Johann Weilhelm<sup>2</sup>, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born on 02 Jul 1796 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She died on 26 Apr 1871 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York. She married **WILLIAM OVERBAUGH**. He was born on 06 Feb 1791 in Saugerties, New York. He died on 22 Dec 1857.

Eva Rockefeller and William Overbaugh had the following children:

- i. JOHN OVERBAUGH (son of William Overbaugh and Eva Rockefeller).
  - ii. AMANDA OVERBAUGH (daughter of William Overbaugh and Eva Rockefeller).
  - iii. ANNA ELIZA OVERBAUGH (daughter of William Overbaugh and Eva Rockefeller).
  - iv. AMBROSE OVERBAUGH (daughter of William Overbaugh and Eva Rockefeller).
  - v. PETER OVERBAUGH (son of William Overbaugh and Eva Rockefeller).
  - vi. WILLIAM OVERBAUGH (son of William Overbaugh and Eva Rockefeller).
  - vii. GILES OVERBAUGH (son of William Overbaugh and Eva Rockefeller).
  - viii. EPHRAIM OVERBAUGH (son of William Overbaugh and Eva Rockefeller).
  - ix. CYRUS OVERBAUGH (son of William Overbaugh and Eva Rockefeller).
  - x. MARY OVERBAUGH (daughter of William Overbaugh and Eva Rockefeller).
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18. **WILLIAM AVERY<sup>7</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born on 13 Nov 1810 in Granger, New York. He died on 18 Mar 1889 in Cleveland, Ohio. He married Eliza Davison on 18 Feb 1837. She was born on 12 Sep 1813.

Notes for William Avery Rockefeller:

William Avery Rockefeller was of a roving disposition. It is reported that he engaged in trading and selling merchandise. He would be gone for months at a time, then would come home, unheralded, either astride a good horse or driving a decent looking rig. He was a good storyteller about his trips through New England and all over Northern New York. He used no liquor. He kept his business to himself. He did no work on their farm, but hired a farm hand to do that. He provided well for his family.

(Source: Rockefeller Family Association editor Henry O Rockefeller MD [1910], Rockefeller Family Association editor Henry O Rockefeller MD [1910], Page 97)

William Avery Rockefeller and Eliza Davison had the following children:

- i. **LUCY<sup>8</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (daughter of William Avery Rockefeller and Eliza Davison) was born on 21 Feb 1838 in Richford, Tioga County, New York.
19. ii. **JOHN DAVISON ROCKEFELLER SR.** (son of William Avery Rockefeller and Eliza Davison) was born on 08 Jul 1839 in Richford, Tioga County, New York on the 60 acre family farm home. He died on 23 May 1937 in Ormond Beach, Florida. He married Laura Celestia Spelman (daughter of Harvey Buel and Lucy Spelman) on 08 Aug 1864 in Cleveland, Ohio. She was born on 09 Sep 1839 in Wadsworth, Medina County, Ohio. She died on 12 Mar 1915 in Pocantico Hills, Westchester County, New York.
- iii. **WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER** (son of William Avery Rockefeller and Eliza Davison) was born on 31 Mar 1841.
- iv. **MARY ANN ROCKEFELLER** (daughter of William Avery Rockefeller and Eliza Davison) was born on 24 Aug 1843.
- v. **FRANKLIN ROCKEFELLER** (son of William Avery Rockefeller and Eliza Davison) was born on 08 Aug 1845.
- vi. **FRANCIS ROCKEFELLER** (son of William Avery Rockefeller and Eliza Davison) was born on 16 Apr 1847.

Notes for Francis Rockefeller:

Francis was born the same year as famed American outflow, Jesse James. Also, in the year of her birth, Thomas Alva Edison (2/11/1847 -10/18/1931), the American inventor holding 1,093 patents, was born.

Source: <http://www.thomasedison.com/biog.htm>

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19. **JOHN DAVISON<sup>8</sup> ROCKEFELLER SR.** (William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup>

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Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born on 08 Jul 1839 in Richford, Tioga County, New York on the 60 acre family farm home. He died on 23 May 1937 in Ormond Beach, Florida. He married Laura Celestia Spelman (daughter of Harvey Buel and Lucy Spelman) on 08 Aug 1864 in Cleveland, Ohio. She was born on 09 Sep 1839 in Wadsworth, Medina County, Ohio. She died on 12 Mar 1915 in Pocantico Hills, Westchester County, New York.

Notes for John Davison Rockefeller Sr.:

John Davidson Rockefeller, Sr. was born on July 8, 1839 in Richard, New York. He died on May 23, 1937 (at age 97) at The Casements, Ormond Beach, Florida. He is interred at Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.

John Davidson Rockefeller, Sr. is the second great grand nephew of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherina Sharp Rockefeller, my third great grand uncle and aunt. Catherina is a sister to the American Revolutionary military officer, Lt. George Emmerich Sharp, who is the man through whom my membership in the Sons of the American Revolution was proved.

George served as a 2nd Lieutenant in Captain Herman Hoffman's Company, Colonel John Van Ness' Regiment of Minute Men. He was also 2nd Lieutenant in Captain Andrea Herman's Company, Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment of Foot Service of the U.S. under Command of Brigadier General Clinton.

John Davison Rockefeller, Sr. was an American capitalist most known for his role in the early petroleum industry, and the founding of the Standard Oil Company (Exxon Mobil is the largest of its descendants). Through a number of widely-criticized business tactics, Rockefeller built Standard Oil into the largest oil refining business in the world, and was for a time himself the richest man in the United States. Adjusting for inflation, some have measured him as the richest human being ever. Much of this wealth was then given away, resulting in his legacy as a great philanthropist.

John Davison Rockefeller was born in Richford, New York, the second of the six children to William Avery Rockefeller (November 13, 1810 - May 11, 1906) and his wife Eliza Davison (September 12, 1813 - March 28, 1889). When he was a boy, his family moved to Moravia and later to Owego, New York. In 1853 his family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where the family bought a house in Strongsville, near Cleveland. John entered Central High School in Cleveland. While he was a student he rented a room in the city and joined the Erie Street Baptist Church, which later became the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church. Active in its affairs, he became a trustee of the church at the age of 21.

He left high school in 1855 to take a business course at Folsom Mercantile College. He completed the six-month course in three months, and, after looking for a job for six weeks, he was employed as assistant bookkeeper by Hewitt & Tuttle, a small firm of commission merchants and produce shippers. Rockefeller was not paid until after he had worked there three months, when Hewitt gave him \$50 (\$3.57 a week). Then, John was told that his salary was being increased to \$25 a month. A few months later he became the cashier and bookkeeper.

In 1858 he went into the produce commission business. His firm, Clark & Rockefeller, invested in an oil refinery with chemist Samuel Andrews in 1863. In 1865, Rockefeller sold his share to his partner. Rockefeller paid \$72,500 for a larger share in another refinery, and formed the partnership of Rockefeller & Andrews.

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At about the same time Rockefeller's brother, William, started another refinery. In 1867, Rockefeller & Andrews absorbed this business, and Henry M. Flagler joined the partnership, forming Rockefeller, Andrews & Flagler. On January 10, 1870 the two Rockefellers (John & William), Samuel Andrews, Henry Flagler, and a silent partner, Stephen V. Harkness, formed the Standard Oil Company, with John D. Rockefeller as president.

Rockefeller married Laura Celestia ("Cettie") Spelman on September 8, 1864 in Cleveland. The couple had five children; four daughters and a son. The oldest daughter, Bessie (1866-1906), married Charles Strong. The second daughter, Alice (1869-1870), died in infancy. Alta (1871-1962), married E. Parmalee Prentice, and the youngest daughter, Edith (1872-1932), married Harold Fowler McCormick. Although utterly ruthless in his commercial dealings and obsessed by business, which he often referred to as "The Great Game", Rockefeller was a devout Christian throughout his life, regularly attending church and reading lessons at Sunday School. His only son, John D., Jr. (1874-1960), inherited much of the family fortune and continued his father's philanthropic work. It is report that, upon quiry about the source of his vast wealth, John D Rockefeller is quotes as saying, "God gave me money."

Source: "One-Night Stands with American History," Richard Shenkman and Kurt Reiger, Perennial Harper Collins Publishers, New York 2003, Page 183.

Rockefeller died on the morning of May 23, 1937, at the Casements, his home in Ormond Beach, Florida. The next day all Standard oil companies all over the world stopped work for 5 minutes to honor his memory. He was 97 years old and was buried in Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland, the city he and his family considered home. After his father's death, his son John D. Rockefeller Jr. retained the (Jr) in his name, often saying there was only one John D. Rockefeller.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_D.\\_Rockefeller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_D._Rockefeller)

It is of interest to note that John D. Rockefeller, Sr. donated the church bell to that First Baptist Church, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. This church was immediately next door to my grandparents, Henry (Harry) Seth Sharpe and his wife, Mattie deNoailles (Nolie or Mama Sharpe) Simons. The Sharpe's did not realize it while they were neighbors, but Rockefeller was the second great grand nephew, twice removed of Harry's great Uncle Johann Philip Rockefeller, husband of Carthrina Sharp.

(Source: The First Baptist Church of Georgetown by Sharon Ducan, an article appearing in the "Williamson County, Texas Sesquicentennial History" 1986.)

The donation of the bell is also told in the "Williamson County, Texas, Its History & Its People," by Mrs. Jean Shroyer and Mrs. Hazel Hood, Williamson Genealogical Society, Inc. Round Rock, Texas, 1985, page 21.) We do not know the circumstances which brought Rockefeller to know about the need and to donate a bell to the First Baptist Church of Georgetown. My visit in 2005 to the Main Street Baptist Church offices resulted in my being told that an old time member's recollection was simply that another member took it upon him or herself to write a letter of request to Mr. Rockefeller to make a donation of bell. Must have been a well worded letter! Apparently this type of generosity was characteristic of Mr. Rockefeller.

It is with great interest an pleasure to realize that a man of such extraordinary business success from such modest beginnings, coupled with the reported Christian faith being pursued, is displayed in one who is connected with our family. We are, indeed, blessed by God's grace in some of the outstanding people about whom it has been learned are related to us. Praise be to God!

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John Davison Rockefeller Sr. and Laura Celestia Spelman had the following children:

- i. BESSIE<sup>9</sup> ROCKEFELLER (daughter of John Davison Rockefeller Sr. and Laura Celestia Spelman) was born on 23 Aug 1866 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Notes for Bessie Rockefeller:

Close to Bessie's birth, on Aug. 14, 1886, Arthur J. Dempster, the American physicist who built the first device for measuring charged particles, was born. Following his death on March 11, 1950, his obituary appeared in The Times.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur\\_J.\\_Dempster](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_J._Dempster)

- ii. ALTA ROCKEFELLER (daughter of John Davison Rockefeller Sr. and Laura Celestia Spelman) was born on 12 Apr 1871 in Cleveland, Ohio.
- iii. EDITH ROCKEFELLER (daughter of John Davison Rockefeller Sr. and Laura Celestia Spelman) was born on 31 Aug 1872 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Notes for Edith Rockefeller:

Edith was born the year that Bertrand Russell was born (5/18/1872 -2/2/1970). Russell was the English philosopher and logician who was awarded Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950. Among many other items of note, his being a self-proclaimed atheist or agnostic, he is associated with the creation of the crowfoot version of the Peace Symbol. The design for the familiar crow's-foot-in-a-circle we know as the Peace Symbol was completed February 21, 1958, by British commercial artist Gerald Holtom. Holtom had been commissioned by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. The CND, headed by philosopher Bertrand Russell, was planning an Easter march to Canterbury Cathedral to protest the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston. Being the Christian that I am, I find it not attractive to place much allegiance to the Peace Symbol that developed out of the leadership of such an outspoken international leader who claimed that the existence of God could not be known or proved.

Sources: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertrand\\_Russell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertrand_Russell)  
[http://www.straightdope.com/classics/a2\\_149.html](http://www.straightdope.com/classics/a2_149.html)  
<http://www.cnduk.org/index.html>

20. iv. JOHN DAVISON ROCKEFELLER JR. (son of John Davison Rockefeller Sr. and Laura Celestia Spelman) was born on 29 Jan 1874 in Cleveland, Ohio. He died on 11 May 1960 in Tucson, Arizona. He married Abigail Greene Aldrich (daughter of Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich and Abby Pearce Truman Chapman) on 09 Oct 1901 in Warwick Neck, Kent County, Rhode Island. She was born on 26 Oct 1874 in Providence, Rhode Island. She died on 05 Apr 1948 in New York City, New York.

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20. **JOHN DAVISON<sup>9</sup> ROCKEFELLER JR.** (John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann

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Peter<sup>4</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockefeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockefeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockefeller) was born on 29 Jan 1874 in Cleveland, Ohio. He died on 11 May 1960 in Tucson, Arizona. He married Abigail Greene Aldrich (daughter of Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich and Abby Pearce Truman Chapman) on 09 Oct 1901 in Warwick Neck, Kent County, Rhode Island. She was born on 26 Oct 1874 in Providence, Rhode Island. She died on 05 Apr 1948 in New York City, New York.

Notes for John Davison Rockefeller Jr.:

John Davidson Rockefeller, Jr. is the third great grandnephew of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherina Sharp Rockefeller, my third great grand uncle and aunt. John, Jr., was the only son of his family. He had three sisters older than him.

He was quite a significant philanthropist, following in the path that his wealthy father had created. For example, he donated \$8,500,000 to buy land for the [United Nations headquarters in New York City](#). In addition, he built [Rockefeller Center in New York City](#). He provided funds to restore historic [Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia](#).

Just two or three weeks after the birth of John Davidson Rockefeller, Jr., on Feb. 17, 1874, [Thomas J. Watson, Sr.](#), the American industrialist who built International Business Machines, Inc. (I.B.M.), was born. He died on June 19, 1956, just about a year before I went to work in November 1957 for the company he founded. My work with that firm was as a half-time student, 1957-1958, and as a full time employee 1962-1969.

Source:<http://www.answers.com/topic/thomas-j-watson>

"He was a philanthropist and a member of the prominent American Rockefeller family. In biographies, he is invariably referred to as "Junior" to distinguish him from his more celebrated father.

"He was the third child and only son of John Davison Rockefeller, Sr., founder of Standard Oil, and one of the wealthiest Americans who has ever lived. He attended [The Browning School in New York City](#) and then [Brown University](#). He briefly joined his father's business. During the Great Depression he funded the building of Rockefeller Center, and, as a result, became one of the largest real estate holders in New York City.

"In 1921, he received about 10% of the shares of the Equitable Trust Company from his father, making him the bank's largest shareholder. Subsequently, in 1930, the Equitable merged with the Chase National Bank, now JP Morgan Chase, and it became at that time the largest bank in the world. Although his stockholding was reduced to about 4% following this merger, he was still the largest shareholder in what became known as the "Rockefeller bank." As late as the 1960's his family still retained about 1% of the bank's shares, by which time his son David had become the bank's president. By the way, in 2017, that is the bank in which our seemingly modest checking account is placed! It's a privilege to be associated with such grandeur!

"In a celebrated letter to Nicholas Murray Butler in June 1932, subsequently printed on the front page of The New York Times, Junior, a lifelong teetotaler, argued against the continuation of the Eighteenth Amendment on the principal grounds of an increase in disrespect for the law. This letter became considered by many the singular event that pushed the nation to repeal Prohibition.

"However, he is most remembered for his philanthropy, dramatically expanding the institutions founded by his father, including the Rockefeller Foundation, Rockefeller University and the International Education Board. An internationalist, he financially supported programs of the [League of Nations](#) and helped fund the formation of the [Council](#)

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[on Foreign Relations in New York](#) in 1921.

"He also funded the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg and the College of William and Mary's Wren Building, both in Virginia. Through his son, Nelson, he bought and then donated the land in Manhattan upon which the United Nations headquarters was built.

"He was also instrumental in the development of the research that led to Robert and Helen Lynd's famous Middletown Studies work that was conducted in the city of Muncie, Indiana.

"He had a special interest in conservation, and purchased and donated land for many American National Parks, including Grand Teton (see Snake River Land Company), Acadia, Great Smoky Mountains, Yosemite, and Shenandoah. Both the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Parkway that connects Yellowstone National Park to Grant Teton National Park, and the Rockefeller Memorial in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, were named after him. He was also active in the movement to save the redwood trees, making a significant contribution to Save-the-Redwoods League in the 1920s to enable the purchase of what would become the Rockefeller Forest in Humboldt Redwoods State Park."

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_D.\\_Rockefeller,\\_Jr.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_D._Rockefeller,_Jr.)

John Davison Rockefeller, Jr. was a Baptist Church member, and graduated from Brown University with an A.B. degree. He was awarded the Public Welfare Medal in 1943.

Notes for Abigail Greene Aldrich:

**Abigail Greene "Abby" Aldrich Rockefeller** (October 26, 1874 – April 5, 1948) was an American socialite and philanthropist. Through her marriage to financier and philanthropist [John D. Rockefeller Jr.](#), she was a prominent member of the [Rockefeller family](#). Referred to as the "woman in the family", she was known for being the driving force behind the establishment of the [Museum of Modern Art](#), on 53rd Street in New York, in November 1929.

Abby was born in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) to Senator [Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich](#) and Abigail Pearce Truman Chapman, a distant descendant of the fourth signer of the [Mayflower Compact](#). She was a sister of Congressman [Richard Steere Aldrich](#) and banker/financier [Winthrop Williams Aldrich](#).

Her early education came at the hands of Quaker governesses. In 1891, she enrolled at the *Miss Abbott's School for Young Ladies* in [Providence, Rhode Island](#). While there she studied English composition and literature, French, German, art history and ancient history, gymnastics, and dancing. She graduated in 1893 and made her debut in November 1893. On June 30, 1894, she sailed for [Liverpool](#), beginning a lifetime of extensive European and later Asian travel. The aesthetic education she gained abroad, initially fostered by her father, helped to inform her future discernment as an art collector. This initial four-month sojourn included the countries of England, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, and France.

In the fall of 1894 she met her future husband, [John Davison Rockefeller Jr.](#) (1874–1960), the only son of [Standard Oil](#) co-founder [John Davison Rockefeller Sr.](#) (1839–1937) and schoolteacher [Laura Celestia "Cettie" Spelman](#) (1839–1915), at a friend's house in Providence. They went through a protracted engagement, during which they were invited for a trip to [Cuba](#) in 1900, on President [William McKinley Jr.](#)'s yacht. They finally married on

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October 9, 1901, in the major society wedding of the [Gilded Age](#), in front of around a thousand of the elite personages of the time, at her father's summer home in Warwick Neck, [Kent County, Rhode Island](#).

They settled in 13 West 54th Street from 1901 until 1913, when the construction of the nine-story mansion at 10 West 54th Street, the largest in New York city at the time, was completed by her husband. They resided at Number 10 until 1938, when they moved to a 40-room triplex apartment at 740 [Park Avenue](#). They became the parents of six children, including the famed five "Rockefeller Brothers" - and established the renowned six-generation-strong business/philanthropic/banking/real estate dynasty:

- [Abigail Aldrich "Abby" Rockefeller](#) (November 9, 1903 — May 27, 1976)
- [John Davison Rockefeller III](#) (March 21, 1906 — July 10, 1978)
- [Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller](#) (July 8, 1908 — January 26, 1979)
- [Laurance Spelman Rockefeller](#) (May 26, 1910 — July 11, 2004)
- [Winthrop Aldrich Rockefeller](#) (May 1, 1912 — February 22, 1973)
- [David Rockefeller](#) (June 12, 1915 — March 20, 2017)

Abby Rockefeller suffered a heart attack and died on April 5, 1948 at the family home at 740 Park Avenue in [New York City](#), at the age of 73. She was buried in [Sleepy Hollow, New York](#).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abby\\_Aldrich\\_Rockefeller](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abby_Aldrich_Rockefeller)

Abby Aldrich's early education came at the hands of Quaker governesses. She graduated from Miss Abbott's School for Young Ladies in 1893, which she began attending when she was 17. While there she studied such courses as French, German, art history and dancing.

In the fall of 1894, she met her future husband, John Davison Rockefeller, Jr. at a friend's house in Providence. They married on October 9, 1901 in Warwick Neck, Kent County, Rhode Island. They became the parents of six children:

John Davison Rockefeller Jr. and Abigail Greene Aldrich had the following children:

21. i. [ABBY ALDRICH<sup>10</sup> ROCKEFELLER](#) (daughter of John Davison Rockefeller Jr. and Abigail Greene Aldrich) was born on 09 Nov 1903. She died on 27 May 1976 in New York City, New York. She married (1) [DAVID M. MILTON](#) on 14 May 1925. He was born in 1900. He died in 1976. She married (2) [IRVING H. PARDEE MD](#) in 1946. He was born on 26 Jan 1892 in New York, New York, New York, USA. He died on 11 Apr 1949 in Manhattan, New York, New York County, New York, United States. She married (3) [JEAN MAUZÉ](#) (son of Joseph Layton Mauzé Jr. and Sue Dunn) on 23 Apr 1953 in Home of Abby's brother, Laurance Rockefeller in New York. He was born on 15 Jan 1903. He died in 1974.
22. ii. [JOHN DAVISON ROCKEFELLER III](#) (son of John Davison Rockefeller Jr. and Abigail Greene Aldrich) was born on 21 Mar 1906 in New York City, New York. He died on 10 Jul 1978 in Mount Pleasant, New York. He married [Blanchette Ferry Hooker](#) (daughter of [Elon Huntington Hooker](#) and [Blanche Ferry](#)) on 11 Nov 1932 in Riverside Church, New York City, New York. She was born on 02 Oct 1909 in New York City. She died on 29 Nov 1992.
23. iii. [NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER](#) (son of John Davison Rockefeller Jr. and Abigail Greene Aldrich) was born on 08 Jul 1908 in Bar Harbor, Hancock County, Maine. He died on 26 Jan 1979 in Pocantico Hills, N.Y. He married (1) [MARY](#)

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- TODHUNTER CLARK in 1930. He married (2) MARGARETTA LANGE FITLER on 05 May 1963 in Pocantico Hill, New York at the home of Laurance S. Rockefeller. She was born on 09 Jun 1926.
24. iv. LAURANCE SPELMAN ROCKEFELLER (son of John Davison Rockefeller Jr. and Abigail Greene Aldrich) was born on 26 May 1910 in New York City, New York. He died on 11 Jul 2004. He married Mary French (daughter of John French and Mary Billings) on 15 Aug 1934 in Woodstock, Vermont. She was born on 01 May 1910 in New York City, New York.
25. v. WINTHROP ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER (son of John Davison Rockefeller Jr. and Abigail Greene Aldrich) was born on 01 May 1912 in New York City, New York. He died on 23 Feb 1973 in Palm Springs, California. He married Barbara Sears on 14 Feb 1948 in Palm Springs, Florida.
26. vi. DAVID ROCKEFELLER (son of John Davison Rockefeller Jr. and Abigail Greene Aldrich) was born on 12 Jun 1915 in New York City, New York. He died on 20 Mar 2017 in Pocantico Hills, New York. He married Margaret McGrath (daughter of McGrath and Neva VanZandt Smith) on 07 Sep 1940 in Bedford, New York. She was born on 28 Sep 1915 in Mt. Kisco, New York. She died in 1996.

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21. **ABBY ALDRICH<sup>10</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born on 09 Nov 1903. She died on 27 May 1976 in New York City, New York. She married (1) **DAVID M. MILTON** on 14 May 1925. He was born in 1900. He died in 1976. She married (2) **IRVING H. PARDEE MD** in 1946. He was born on 26 Jan 1892 in New York, New York, New York, USA. He died on 11 Apr 1949 in Manhattan, New York, New York County, New York, United States. She married (3) **JEAN MAUZÉ** (son of Joseph Layton Mauzé Jr. and Sue Dunn) on 23 Apr 1953 in Home of Abby's brother, Laurance Rockefeller in New York. He was born on 15 Jan 1903. He died in 1974.

Notes for Abby Aldrich Rockefeller:

**Abigail Aldrich "Abby" Rockefeller** (November 9, 1903 – May 27, 1976) was an American philanthropist. She was the first child and only daughter of philanthropists [John Davison Rockefeller Jr.](#) and [Abigail Greene "Abby" Aldrich](#). She was commonly referred to as "Babs" to avoid confusion with her mother. She attended both the [Chapin School](#) and the [Brearley School](#) in New York City.

She and her five brothers carried on the [Rockefeller family](#) tradition of philanthropy stemming back to their paternal grandparents, [Standard Oil](#) co-founder [John Davison Rockefeller Sr.](#) and schoolteacher [Laura Celestia "Cettie" Spelman](#).

Unlike her famous brothers, she always remained out of the public eye. Among the many positions she held were: membership of the Board of Trustees of the [Rockefeller Brothers Fund](#), set up by her and her brothers in 1940; advisory member of the Board of Trustees of the [Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center](#), (a chief benefactor of the Center along with her brother, [Laurance](#), she received its Medal of Appreciation in 1965); and honorary trustee of the Rockefeller Family Fund, founded by various family members in 1967. She was also a benefactor of the [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), the [YWCA](#), [New York](#)

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[Hospital](#), the [Museum of Modern Art](#) (of which her mother was a founder, and in whose affairs her brothers [Nelson](#) and [David](#) played a major role); the New York Zoological Society (which was a major interest of her brother Laurance); and the [Asia Society](#), which was established by another brother, [John D. Rockefeller III](#).

In 1968 she created the Greenacre Foundation, of which she was president, in order to maintain and operate parks in New York State for the benefit of the public. She also made cash and stock contributions to East Woods School, [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), the [Rockefeller Brothers Fund](#), New York Hospital, the [Population Council](#), the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and the [American Red Cross](#).

She married three times and had two children. Her first marriage took place on May 14, 1925, to David M. Milton (1900–1976), a lawyer and banker. Before their divorce in 1943, they had two daughters:

- Abigail Rockefeller Milton (b. 1928), who married George Dorr O'Neill
- Marilyn Ellen Milton (1931–1980), who married [William Kelly Simpson](#) (1928-2017), son of [Kenneth F. Simpson](#), a Republican member of the [United States House of Representatives](#) from New York.
  - Laura Knickerbacker Simpson (1954–2012), who married Grover O'Neill III in 1974. <sup>[3]</sup>
  - Abigail Rockefeller Simpson (b. 1958), who married Todd Mydland.
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In 1946, she began her second marriage, to Dr. Irving H. Pardee (1892–1949), a neurologist.

After his death in 1949, she married [Jean Mauzé](#) (1903–1974), a banker, on April 23, 1953. They remained married until his death in January 1974.

She died on May 27, 1976, at her apartment in One Beekman Place in [New York City](#).

Notes for David M. Milton:

David M. Milton (1900 - 1976) was a lawyer and a banker.

He and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Milton gave issue to two daughters before their 1943 divorce.

Abby Aldrich Rockefeller and David M. Milton had the following children:

- i. ABIGAIL ROCKEFELLER MILTON (daughter of David M. Milton and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller). She married GEORGE DOOR O'NEILL.
27. ii. MARILYN ELLEN MILTON (daughter of David M. Milton and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller). She married WILLIAM KELLY SIMPSON.

Notes for Irving H. Pardee MD:

Dr. Irving Hotchkiss Pardee (1892 - 1949) was a medical doctor, a neurologist by specialty.

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Notes for Jean Mauzé:

**Jean Mauzé** (January 15, 1903 – January 1974) was a Manhattan banker, senior vice president of [United States Trust Company](#) and married [Abby Rockefeller](#) on April 23, 1953. After his wife created the Greenacre Foundation in 1968, he donated Greenacre Park to [City of New York](#) in 1971.

He was the son of the Rev. Dr. J. Layton Mauzé. Dr. Mauzé was pastor at the Central Presbyterian Church of St. Louis County, Missouri for a couple of decades up till 1969. In 1970, my brother-in-law, the Rev. Dr. Andrew Albert Jumper, became pastor of that church, coming from the First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas. Dr. Jumper had married my sister, Elizabeth Anne Sharpe Jumper.

Jean's father had a brother, the Rev. Dr. George Mauzé. Mauze graduated from [Davidson College](#) in 1923. He was later awarded an honorary [Doctor of Laws](#) degree in 1972.

During [World War II](#), Jean served in Navy in the Pacific and was a commander in the Reserve. In 1941, he joined the [United States Trust Company](#) in New York and by 1961, was Senior Vice President. Although he retired from U.S. Trust in 1968, he continued to serve the bank as a consultant.

Mauzé was a member of the investment advisory group of [Commercial Union Insurance Company of New York](#), a director of the [Freeport Minerals Company](#), the [Brooklyn Savings Bank](#), One William Street Fund, Inc., and a member of the finance committee of the [Rockefeller Brothers Fund](#). He also served as a governor, financial vice president and chairman of the finance committee of [New York Hospital](#).

On April 23, 1953, he married [Abby Rockefeller](#) (1903–1976), the eldest child and only daughter of [John D. Rockefeller, Jr.](#) and [Abby Aldrich](#). The ceremony took place at the home of Abby's brother, [Laurance Rockefeller](#) in New York, with Jean's brother, Rev. Dr. George Mauzé, a Presbyterian minister, officiating. Abby had been widowed in 1949, after the death of her second husband, Dr. Irving Hotchkiss Pardee.<sup>[1]</sup> He was a member of the [University Club](#) of New York and the [Piping Rock Club](#) in [Locust Valley, NY](#).<sup>[2]</sup>

22. **JOHN DAVISON<sup>10</sup> ROCKEFELLER III** (John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born on 21 Mar 1906 in New York City, New York. He died on 10 Jul 1978 in Mount Pleasant, New York. He married Blanchette Ferry Hooker (daughter of Elon Huntington Hooker and Blanche Ferry) on 11 Nov 1932 in Riverside Church, New York City, New York. She was born on 02 Oct 1909 in New York City. She died on 29 Nov 1992.

Notes for John Davison Rockefeller III:

John D. Rockefeller III served as chairman of the board of trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation from 1952 to 1971. He participated in the forming of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City. He gave leadership to the Population Council, a group that conducted research on population problems across the world.

Here are some of the U.S. statistics for the Year 1906, the year of John's birthday: The

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average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years. Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub. Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars. There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph. Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4million people, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower! The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour. The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year . A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year. More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at HOME .

Ninety percent of all U.S. doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard." Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee was fifteen cents a pound. Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo. Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet. The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!!!!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet. There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day. Two out of every 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school. Eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic help. There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.!

Notes for Blanchette Ferry Hooker:

"Blanchette Rockefeller devoted her time to community service, education, and the arts - in particular the collection of Asian and American art. 'She had been active in the affairs of The Museum of Modern Art since 1949 and was elected a member of the Board of Trustees in December 1952. In 1958, at a time when many Americans derided modern art or thought it communist and subversive, Rockefeller lent her support to the International Program that helped send The New American Painting, the first major exhibition of Abstract Expressionism, to eight European cities.' [Taken in whole or part from <http://archive.rockefeller.edu/publications/resrep/rr1997.pdf>]

"In 1948, Blanchette Rockefeller commissioned a guest house by the architect Philip Johnson. Located at 242 East 52nd Street next to the Turtle Bay Music School, it was one of the first residential buildings in New York City to reflect the influence of the Modern movement. The 1950 guest house was a place in which she could display her modern

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artcollection and entertain friends. The Rockefellers donated the house(historically landmarked in 2000) to the Museum of Modern Art in 1955.

"Blanchette Rockefeller provided enlightened leadership to MoMA asPresident of the museum from 1972 through 1985. Two of her mostimportant gifts were Willem de Kooning's Woman II (1952) and ClyffordStill's Painting (1951), an Abstract-Expressionist landscape. TheAbstract Expressionist galleries on the second floor are named in herhonor. In 1979 Rockefeller accepted an Oscar on behalf of MoMA's workin film.' [Taken in whole or part from<http://archive.rockefeller.edu/publications/resrep/rr1997.pdf>]

"The Rockefellers maintained homes in New York City and at 'FieldwoodFarm' in the expansive Rockefeller family estate of Pocantico (seeKykuit), in Westchester County, New York.

"Blanchette Rockefeller died in New York City from pneumonia, a complication of Alzheimer's Disease. The Blanchette RockefellerNeurosciences Institute (BRNI) at West Virginia University inMorgantown, West Virginia is named in her honor."

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blanchette\\_Ferry\\_Hooker](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blanchette_Ferry_Hooker)

John Davison Rockefeller III and Blanchette Ferry Hooker had the following children:

28. i. JOHN DAVISON<sup>11</sup> ROCKEFELLER IV (son of John Davison Rockefeller III and Blanchette Ferry Hooker) was born on 18 Jun 1937 in New York City, New York. He married Sharon Percy (daughter of Charles Harting Percy and Jeanne Dickerson) in 1967.
  - ii. SANDRA ROCKEFELLER (daughter of John Davison Rockefeller III and Blanchette Ferry Hooker).
  - iii. HOPE ROCKEFELLER (daughter of John Davison Rockefeller III and Blanchette Ferry Hooker).
  - iv. ALIDA ROCKEFELLER (daughter of John Davison Rockefeller III and Blanchette Ferry Hooker).
23. **NELSON ALDRICH<sup>10</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born on 08 Jul 1908 in Bar Harbor, Hancock County, Maine. He died on 26 Jan 1979 in Pocantico Hills, N.Y. He married (1) **MARY TODHUNTER CLARK** in 1930. He married (2) **MARGARETTA LANGE FITLER** on 05 May 1963 in Pocantico Hill, New York at the home of Laurance S. Rockefeller. She was born on 09 Jun 1926.

Notes for Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller:

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller is the fourth grand nephew of Johann Philip Rockefeller, the husband of Catherina Sharp. Philip and Catherina are my third grand aunt and uncle. Catherina is the granddaughter of Jacob A. Scherp, the German immigrant who come to America in 1710 among a group of some 3,000 German Palatines. Nelson's highest office served was as Vice President of the United States.

About five weeks prior to Nelson's birth, Mel Blanc, the voice of Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd, Porky Pig and many other cartoon characters, was born on May 30, 1908. Nelson was born

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the year that Sir Rex Harrison, the Academy Award-winning English stage and film actor, was born in 1908.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mel\\_Blanc](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mel_Blanc)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir\\_Rex\\_Harrison](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir_Rex_Harrison)

Nelson's political life began by winning the governorship of the State of New York. Gov. Rockefeller resigned his Governor's office in 1973 and established the Commission on Critical Choices for Americans, a group devoted to the study of world problems. When President Richard M. Nixon resigned the Presidency of the United States, then Vice President Gerald Ford assumed that office. President Ford nominated Nelson Rockefeller to succeed him as Vice President, which was confirmed by the United States Senate. Nelson took office December 19, 1974.

Both Nelson and his brother, Winthrop, were elected to the office of State Governor in New York and in Arkansas. They are the only set of brothers who ever served as governor of two different states at the same time. At the 1968 Republican National Convention, Winthrop Rockefeller received backing from members of the Arkansas delegation as a "favorite son" presidential candidate. As his brother, Nelson, was then concluding a major presidential bid, they became the first brothers ever to receive votes for President at the same major-party convention.

Nelson's experiences included being director, Office of Inter-American Affairs 1940-1944; Assistant Secretary of State for Latin-American Affairs 1944-1945; returned to family philanthropic activities and helped establish American International Association; member and chairman of President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization 1953-1958; Under Secretary of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare 1953-1954; Special Assistant to the President for Foreign Affairs 1954-1955; Governor of New York 1959-1973; unsuccessful candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1964, 1968, and 1972; nominated by President Gerald R. Ford on August 20, 1974, under the provisions of the twenty-fifth amendment to the Constitution, to be the forty-first Vice President of the United States; confirmed by the Congress and took the oath of office on December 19, 1974, and served until January 20, 1977, when the term ended; returned to family philanthropic activities and worked extensively on his art collection in New York, N.Y., where he died on January 26, 1979; was cremated; his ashes were interred at the family estate, Pocantico Hills, New York.

Source:<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=R000363>

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller and Mary Todhunter Clark had the following children:

- i. RODMAN<sup>11</sup> ROCKEFELLER (son of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller and Mary Todhunter Clark) was born in 1932.
- ii. ANNE ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller and Mary Todhunter Clark) was born in 1934.

Notes for Anne Rockefeller:

The year Anne was born, bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death in a police ambush as they were driving a stolen Ford Deluxe along a road in Bienville Parish, Louisiana on May 23, 1934. In the 1980's, a secretary worked with me named Dixie Vickery, a woman much older than I. She told me the story about how her brother, who attended the same grammar school in Dallas, Texas as did Clyde Barrow, was occasionally beat

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up by Clyde, the school bully! She said that Clyde was nothing but "poor white trash."

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/libref/historic/famcases/clyde/clyde.htm>

- iii. STEVEN ROCKEFELLER (son of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller and Mary Todhunter Clark) was born in 1936.
- iv. MARY ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller and Mary Todhunter Clark) was born in 1938.
- v. MICHAEL ROCKEFELLER (son of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller and Mary Todhunter Clark) was born in 1938. He died in 1961.

Notes for Margaretta Lange Fitler:

Margaretta Large Fitler was born June 9, 1926. Her childhood nickname, "Happy," was given due to her disposition. She is the widow of the 41st U.S. Vice President, Nelson Rockefeller.

Her first marriage was to Dr. James Slater Murphy, and they gave issue to four children, the marriage ending in 1963.

Later in 1963, she married Nelson Rockefeller, and they gave issue to two children.

Happy Murphy's involvement with Gov. Rockefeller was controversial at the time. As the British journalist Lady Jeanne Campbell wrote in the London [Evening Standard](#), when the Murphy-Rockefeller involvement became a subject of media scrutiny after the announcement of Rockefeller's filing for divorce from his first wife and Happy Murphy's resignation from his staff, "Already people are comparing Happy Murphy to the [Duchess of Windsor](#) when she was plain Mrs. Simpson." More damaging still was the political fallout. Echoing the party-wide concerns, an official of the Michigan Republican Party told *The New York Times* that the couple's potential marriage likely would cost Rockefeller the 1964 presidential nomination. "The rapidity of it all—he gets a divorce, she gets a divorce—and the indication of the break-up of two homes. Our country doesn't like broken homes."

Happy Rockefeller served as the chairman of the board for the [Saratoga Performing Arts Center](#) in 1971. She was appointed as a public delegate to the [United Nations](#) by President [George H. W. Bush](#) in 1991.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Happy\\_Rockefeller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Happy_Rockefeller)

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller and Margaretta Lange Fitler had the following children:

- vi. NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER (son of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller and Margaretta Lange Fitler) was born in 1964.
  - vii. MARK ROCKEFELLER (son of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller and Margaretta Lange Fitler) was born in 1967.
24. **LAURANCE SPELMAN<sup>10</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup>

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Rockefeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockefeller) was born on 26 May 1910 in New York City, New York. He died on 11 Jul 2004. He married Mary French (daughter of John French and Mary Billings) on 15 Aug 1934 in Woodstock, Vermont. She was born on 01 May 1910 in New York City, New York.

Notes for Laurance Spelman Rockefeller:

Laurence is the first cousin, five times removed of Philip Rockefeller, my third great uncle.

Notes for Mary French:

Mary was born on the first birthday of Kate Smith, the American singer who was considered the "first lady of radio." Kate died on June 17, 1986,

Laurance Spelman Rockefeller and Mary French had the following children:

- i. LAURA SPELMAN<sup>11</sup> ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Laurance Spelman Rockefeller and Mary French) was born on 11 Oct 1936.
- ii. MARION FRENCH ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Laurance Spelman Rockefeller and Mary French) was born on 17 Sep 1938.
- iii. LUCY ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER (daughter of Laurance Spelman Rockefeller and Mary French) was born on 09 Mar 1941.
- iv. LAURANCE ROCKEFELLER (son of Laurance Spelman Rockefeller and Mary French) was born on 29 Jul 1944.

25. **WINTHROP ALDRICH<sup>10</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup> Rockefeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockefeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockefeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockefeller, John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockefeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockefeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockefeller) was born on 01 May 1912 in New York City, New York. He died on 23 Feb 1973 in Palm Springs, California. He married Barbara Sears on 14 Feb 1948 in Palm Springs, Florida.

Notes for Winthrop Aldrich Rockefeller:

Winthrop Aldrich Rockefeller was born the same day as was Gene Kelley, American dancer, actor, choreographer and director. Winthrop was born the year the luxury liner Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage (April 11, 1912).

Winthrop Rockefeller is the fourth grand nephew of Johann Philip Rockefeller, the husband of Catherina Sharp. Philip and Catherina are my third grand aunt and uncle. Catherina is the granddaughter of Jacob A. Scherp, the German immigrant who came to America in 1710 among a group of some 3,000 German Palatines. Described in another manner, Winthrop Rockefeller is the third cousin, five times removed from John Philip Rockefeller, the husband of my third great aunt, Catherine Sharp.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000037/>

Source: <http://www.encyclopedia-titanica.org/>

"Winthrop Rockefeller, a member of the prominent United States Rockefeller family, was a politician and philanthropist who served as the first Republican governor of Arkansas since

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Reconstruction.

"Winthrop Rockefeller was born in New York City, New York to John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and Abby Greene Aldrich. He was the grandson of John Davison Rockefeller, Sr. who founded the Standard Oil Company. His brother, Nelson Rockefeller served as Governor of New York and Vice President of the United States. Winthrop and Nelson Rockefeller were the first brothers to serve simultaneously as governors of U.S. states. Winthrop attended Yale University from 1931 to 1934.

"He enlisted into the U.S. 77th Infantry Division in early 1941 and fought in World War II, advancing from Private to Colonel and earning a Bronze Star with clusters and Purple Heart for his actions aboard the troopship USS Henrico after a kamikaze attack during the Battle of Okinawa. He appears in the Infantry Officer Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia.

"Rockefeller moved to central Arkansas in 1953 and established Winrock Enterprises and Winrock Farms atop Petit Jean Mountain, near Morrilton, Arkansas.

"In 1955 Governor Orval Faubus appointed him as chairman of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission (AIDC). In 1956 he married Jeanette Idris.

"Rockefeller fell in love with Arkansas and commenced an assortment of philanthropies and projects for the benefit of the people of the state. He financed the building of a model school at Morrilton, Arkansas, led efforts to establish a Fine Arts Center in Little Rock, Arkansas, financed the construction of medical clinics in some of the state's poorest counties, in addition to making annual gifts to the state's colleges and universities. These philanthropic activities continue to this day through the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation.

"Rockefeller resigned his position with the AIDC and conducted his first campaign for governor in 1964. His campaign was ultimately unsuccessful against the powerful Faubus, but Rockefeller had energized and reformed the tiny Republican Party, and had set the stage for the future.

"When Rockefeller made his second run in 1966 only 11% of Arkansans considered themselves Republicans. But the people of Arkansas had grown tired of Orval Faubus, after six terms as Governor, and as head of the Democratic "machine." Democrats themselves seemed to be more interested in the reforms that Rockefeller offered in his campaign than "winning another one for the party." An odd coalition of Republicans and Democratic reform voters catapulted Rockefeller into the Governor's office.

"The Rockefeller administration enthusiastically embarked on a series of reforms, but faced a hostile Democratic legislature. Rockefeller endured a number of personal attacks and a concerted whispering campaign regarding his personal life.

"Rockefeller had a particular interest in the reform of the Arkansas prison system. Soon after his election, he had received a shocking State Police report on the brutal conditions within the prison system. He decried the "lack of righteous indignation" about the situation and created the new Department of Corrections, which made huge strides in making the Arkansas prison system into a more professionally-run institution.

"Rockefeller also focused on the State's lackluster educational system, providing funding for new buildings and increases in teacher salaries when the legislature allowed.

"At the 1968 Republican National Convention, Winthrop Rockefeller received backing from members of the Arkansas delegation as a "favorite son" presidential candidate. As his brother, Nelson, was then concluding a major presidential bid, they became the first brothers ever to receive votes for President at the same major-party convention.

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"Rockefeller won re-election in November 1968 and proposed tax increases to pay for additional reforms. Rockefeller and the legislature dueled with competing public-relations campaigns and Rockefeller's plan ultimately collapsed in the face of public indifference. Much of Rockefeller's second term was spent fighting with the recalcitrant legislature.

"During this term Rockefeller quietly and successfully completed the integration of Arkansas schools that had been such a political bombshell only a few years before. He established the Council on Human Relations, despite opposition from the legislature. Draft boards in the state boasted the highest level of racial integration of any state in the Union by the time Rockefeller left office. When he entered office not one African-American had served on a Draft Board in the state.

"In the campaign of 1970 Rockefeller expected to face Orval Faubus, who led the old-guard Democrats, but a young Turk named Dale Bumpers rose to the top of the Democratic heap by promising reform from the Democratic side of the aisle. The youth of Bumpers and the excitement of a new type of Democrat was too much for an incumbent Republican to overcome. Rockefeller had lost the 1970 election, but had forced the Democrats to reform their own party.

"As a shocking last act, Governor Rockefeller commuted the sentences of every prisoner on Arkansas' Death Row, and urged the Governors of other states to do likewise.

"In September 1972 Rockefeller was diagnosed with inoperable cancer of the pancreas, and he endured a devastating round of chemotherapy. When he returned to Arkansas the populace was shocked at the gaunt and haggard appearance of what had been a giant of a man.

Winthrop Rockefeller died February 22, 1973 in Palm Springs, California, at the age of 60.

"The legacy of Winthrop Rockefeller lives on in the form of numerous charities, scholarships, and the activities of the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation. The foundation provides funding for projects across Arkansas to encourage economic development, education, and racial and social justice.

"Rockefeller's political legacy lives on in both the Republican and Democratic parties of Arkansas, both of which were forced to reform due to his presence in Arkansas politics. Rockefeller was the subject of the 2 December 1966 cover of Time magazine."

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winthrop\\_Rockefeller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winthrop_Rockefeller)

Winthrop Aldrich Rockefeller and Barbara Sears had the following child:

- i. WINTHROP PAUL<sup>11</sup> ROCKEFELLER (son of Winthrop Aldrich Rockefeller and Barbara Sears) was born on 17 Sep 1948.

Notes for Winthrop Paul Rockefeller:

Winthrop Paul "Win" Rockefeller is the fifth great grandnephew of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherina Sharp, my third great granduncle and aunt.

"(He), served as Lieutenant Governor of the U.S. state of Arkansas. He is the son of former governor Winthrop Rockefeller, and a member of the famous Rockefeller family. He was elected Lt. Governor in a 1996 special election triggered by the resignation of Governor Jim Guy Tucker and the promotion of then-Lt. Governor Mike Huckabee. Rockefeller was subsequently re-elected in

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1998 to a full four-year term, receiving 67% of the vote. In 1997, he created Books in the Attic, a program using existing resources and volunteers to ensure access to reading opportunities for all children. He was elected once again in 2002 with 60% of the vote.

"Rockefeller is well known for representing the more liberal wing of the Republican Party in Arkansas. In the past, he has drawn a great deal of criticism from conservatives for his support of Planned Parenthood and legal abortion. Religious political activists have criticized a fundraiser he held in his home in support of the organization.

"Rockefeller is the immediate past president of the Quapaw Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and currently serves on the Boy Scouts National Board of Directors. He served from 1981 to 1995 on the Arkansas State Police Commission. In 1991, he was appointed by President George H. W. Bush to serve on the President's Council on Rural America and was elected chairman. Rockefeller serves as chief executive of Winrock Farms, Inc. and has interests in various small businesses around the state in the areas of retailing, automobiles, farming and the resort industry. He is an active member of the National Federation of Independent Business. He attended Pembroke College, Oxford University and graduated from Texas Christian University.

"Lt. Governor Rockefeller had announced his candidacy for governor and was expected to face the more conservative Asa Hutchinson, a former Congressman and Homeland Security undersecretary, in the Republican primary election in May 2006. However, on July 20, 2005 he bowed out of the race citing a blood disorder that could develop into leukemia if untreated. He underwent a bone marrow transplant in October 2005, but it was unsuccessful, necessitating a second bone marrow transplant in March 2006."

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winthrop\\_Paul\\_Rockefeller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winthrop_Paul_Rockefeller)

26. **DAVID<sup>10</sup> ROCKEFELLER** (John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born on 12 Jun 1915 in New York City, New York. He died on 20 Mar 2017 in Pocantico Hills, New York. He married Margaret McGrath (daughter of McGrath and Neva VanZandt Smith) on 07 Sep 1940 in Bedford, New York. She was born on 28 Sep 1915 in Mt. Kisco, New York. She died in 1996.

Notes for David Rockefeller:

David Rockefeller was born on June 12, 1915 in New York City, the youngest of the six children of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller. He died in his sleep at the age of 101 at his home in Pocantico Hills, New York.

David Rockefeller is one of the grandsons of the most famous Rockefeller, John Davidson Rockefeller, Sr. David is the 4th great grandnephew of Johann Philip Rockefeller, who is the husband of Catherine Sharp Rockefeller, my 3rd great grandaunt. Catherina is the sister to Lt. George P. Sharp, my third great grandfather, who was the qualifying ancestor for me to become a member of the sons of the American Revolution.

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One of David's brothers gained public notoriety as well. Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller served as the elected Governor of New York State. When Vice President Gerald Ford ascended to the U.S. Presidential post, vacated by the resignation of Richard M. Nixon, Ford nominated to the U.S. Senate the name of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller to fill his unexpired term as Vice President of the United States, which was a successful nomination.

David Rockefeller attended Lincoln School of Columbia University's Teachers College in New York for 12 years and graduated from Harvard University in 1936 with a bachelor of science degree. After post-graduate study at Harvard and the London School of Economics, he received a Ph.D. degree in economics from the University of Chicago in 1940. His doctoral thesis, "Unused Resources and Economic Waste," was published by the University of Chicago Press in 1940.

On September 7, 1940, David Rockefeller married the former Margaret "Peggy" McGrath. They were married for nearly 56 years when she died in 1996. Together they raised two sons and four daughters.

From 1940 to 1941, David Rockefeller served as secretary to New York City Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia. He then served as assistant regional director of the United States Office of Defense, Health and Welfare Service (1941-1942), before enlisting as a private in the U.S. Army in May 1942.

He entered Officer Candidate School in 1943, and was discharged as a captain in 1945. During World War II, he served in North Africa and France, where, for seven months, he was an assistant military attache in Paris. He was awarded the U.S. Legion of Merit, the U.S. Army Commendation Ribbon and the French Legion of Honor.

**Business Career:** After the war David Rockefeller began a career in banking. He joined the Chase National Bank as an assistant manager in the foreign department in 1946. He was appointed an assistant cashier in 1947, second vice president in 1948, and vice president in 1949. From 1950 to 1952, he was responsible for the supervision of Chase's business in Latin America, where, under his direction, new branches were opened in Cuba, Panama and Puerto Rico, plus a representative office in Buenos Aires. In 1952, he was named a senior vice president with responsibility for supervising the economic research department and customer relations in the metropolitan New York area, including all the New York City branches.

When Chase National and the Bank of the Manhattan Company merged on March 31, 1955, David Rockefeller was appointed an executive vice president in charge of the bank development department. On January 1, 1957, he became vice chairman of the Board of Directors with responsibility for the administrative and planning functions of the bank as a whole. He became president of the bank and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors on January 1, 1961. On March 1, 1969 David Rockefeller became Chairman of the Board of Directors and chief executive officer of The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. in New York, and of The Chase Manhattan Corporation upon its formation on June 4, 1969. He retired in 1981. During his career with Chase Manhattan, Rockefeller gained a worldwide reputation as a leading banker and spokesman for the business community. He spearheaded the bank's expansion both internationally and through out the metropolitan New York area, and helped the bank play a significant role as a corporate citizen.

**Philanthropy and Public Service:** In addition to his work with Chase Manhattan, David Rockefeller has been a leader in many public and private projects, reflecting his wide-ranging interests in international, governmental, civic and cultural affairs and his belief in collaboration between government and the private sector.

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In 1940, David Rockefeller became a member of the Board of Trustees of The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, which had been established in 1901 by his grandfather, John D. Rockefeller. A decade later, he succeeded his father as chairman of the Institute's Board of Trustees, serving in that capacity for 25 years (1950-1975). Working with Detlev Bronk, Rockefeller led the transformation of the research institute into a biomedical graduate university, which was renamed The Rockefeller University in 1965.

Along with his brothers - John D. 3rd, Nelson A, Laurance, and Winthrop, David Rockefeller established the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) in 1940. It became "the most significant joint philanthropic endeavor" of the "brothers' generation" of the Rockefeller family, he later recalled, becoming "the principal vehicle for our support of groups in fields such as population, conservation, economic development, urban affairs, and basic scientific research" (Memoirs, p. 142). He also helped found the Rockefeller Family Fund in 1967, and joined with his brothers in a number of other philanthropic, economic development and investment enterprises.

Among the other family philanthropic enterprises he served was the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), which his mother had helped create. Following her death in 1948, David Rockefeller was invited to take her seat on the board of directors. He served a brief stint as interim Chairman of the Board in 1958, and longer periods in that capacity in 1962-1972 and 1987-1993. He also was a life trustee of the University of Chicago (which his grandfather helped establish) and an honorary trustee of International House (New York), established by his father.

In 1958 Rockefeller helped establish the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Association (D-LMA), serving as its chairman, 1958-1975. Its planning proposals aided the redevelopment of lower Manhattan, and led to the creation of the World Trade Center. He also played a major role in the development of the Morningside Heights neighborhood on the Upper West Side of Manhattan as president (1947-1957) and then chairman (1957-1965) of Morningside Heights, Inc. As chairman of the New York City Partnership (1979-1988), he was a leader in organizing the city's business sector to work with government on such major public issues as economic growth, summer jobs for students, improving the city's schools, and housing development.

He also was instrumental in the formation of the International Executive Service Corps (chairman, 1964-1968), a group of businessmen who volunteer to provide technical and managerial assistance to private enterprise in developing countries. He also helped form The Business Committee for the Arts in 1967.

In the realm of international affairs, David Rockefeller has established and worked with a variety of organizations that further his belief in "constructive engagement" and the promotion of dialogue among businessmen and government officials across national borders. In 1949, he became a director of the Council on Foreign Relations, an educational institution where leaders from the field of scholarship and the public and private sectors meet periodically to expand their perspectives on foreign affairs; he served as the council's chairman from 1970 to 1985. He also attended the annual Bilderberg meetings, established by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, from their inception in 1954. In 1973, he helped found the Trilateral Commission, an organization designed to promote understanding and co-operation among the nations of North America, Western Europe and Japan.

In the early and mid 1960s Rockefeller helped organize both the Council of the Americas and the Center for Inter-American Relations, which worked to maximize private enterprise contributions and cultural and intellectual exchanges in the development of Latin America. These were reorganized as the Americas Society in 1982. He also helped to establish the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard University, which opened in 1994.

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He also has been an officer in the Advisory Council on Japan-United States Economic Relations and the National Council for U.S.-China Trade, and a member of the Bulgarian-U.S. Economic Council; the U.S.- Egyptian Joint Business Chamber; the U.S.- Iran Joint Business Council; and a director of U.S.- U.S.S.R. Trade and Economic Council, Inc.

**The Rockefeller Center:** In the 1980s and 1990s, David Rockefeller played an active role in the financing and ownership of the Manhattan landmark his father had built, Rockefeller Center. In March 1982 he became chairman of Rockefeller Center, Inc., which was renamed the Rockefeller Group, Inc. (RGI) the following year. He oversaw efforts to beautify, diversify and unify Rockefeller Center, which included capital improvements to modernize the facility. In January 1985 RGI bought the twelve acres of land underneath the buildings from Columbia University for \$400 million, "the highest per-acre price ever paid for a parcel of urban real estate" (Memoirs, p. 469). A new company, Rockefeller Center Properties, Inc., was formed to offer stock in Rockefeller Center in a public sale; the public offering raised \$1.3 billion, which RCPI lent to RGI in exchange for a mortgage on the land and buildings of Rockefeller Center. In September 1989, David Rockefeller and his associates sold 80% of RGI to the Mitsubishi Estate Corporation of Japan for \$1.373 billion. Even though the Rockefeller family retained ownership of 20% of Rockefeller Center, the sale of a controlling interest in such a prominent landmark was controversial. But the sale came at the end of a real estate boom in Manhattan and on the eve of a worldwide real estate recession; in the changed marketplace, Rockefeller Center went bankrupt in May 1995.

Disappointed by the bankruptcy of the landmark bearing the family name, David Rockefeller assembled a group of investors that bought Rockefeller Center in March 1996. Rockefeller insisted that his partners agree to hold onto the property for five years before considering a sale. During that time, as the real estate recession ended, the Center's management refurbished the facility and made it more attractive. In December 2000, David Rockefeller and his partners agreed to sell Rockefeller Center to another group of investors, led by Jerry Speyer, for \$1.85 billion, thus ending the Rockefeller family's ownership of Rockefeller Center.

Source: Originally written by Rockefeller Family and Associates, 1975; revised by the staff of the Rockefeller Archive Center, January 2004.

<http://archive.rockefeller.edu/bio/david.php>

Additional David Rockefeller information is found on Wikipedia at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David\\_Rockefeller](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Rockefeller)

David Rockefeller and Margaret McGrath had the following children:

- i. DAVID<sup>11</sup> ROCKEFELLER (son of David Rockefeller and Margaret McGrath) was born on 24 Jul 1941 in New York City, New York.
- ii. ABBY ALDRICK ROCKEFELLER (daughter of David Rockefeller and Margaret McGrath) was born on 11 Apr 1943 in New York City, New York.

Notes for Abby Aldrick Rockefeller:

Abby was born the year that Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" was performed for the first time, by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra with Eugene Goossens conducting on March 12, 1943.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fanfare\\_for\\_the\\_Common\\_Man](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fanfare_for_the_Common_Man)

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- iii. NEVA GOODWIN ROCKEFELLER (daughter of David Rockefeller and Margaret McGrath) was born on 01 Jun 1944 in New York City, New York.

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- 27. **MARILYN ELLEN MILTON** (Abby Aldrich<sup>10</sup> Rockefeller, John Davison<sup>9</sup> Rockefeller Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Rockefeller Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup> Rockefeller, Godfrey<sup>6</sup> Rockefeller, William<sup>5</sup> Rockefeller, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, David M. Milton). She married **WILLIAM KELLY SIMPSON**.

Marilyn Ellen Milton and William Kelly Simpson had the following children:

- i. LAURA KNICKERBACKER SIMPSON (daughter of William Kelly Simpson and Marilyn Ellen Milton). She married Grover O'Neill in 1974.
  - ii. ABIGAIL ROCKEFELLER SIMPSON (daughter of William Kelly Simpson and Marilyn Ellen Milton). She married TODD MYDLAND.
- 28. **JOHN DAVISON<sup>11</sup> ROCKEFELLER IV** (John Davison<sup>10</sup> III, John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup> Rockenfeller, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller, John Davison<sup>10</sup> III, John Davison<sup>9</sup> Jr., John Davison<sup>8</sup> Sr., William Avery<sup>7</sup>, Godfrey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>4</sup>, Johann Peter<sup>3</sup> Rockenfeller, Johannes<sup>2</sup> Rockenfeller, Gotthart Goddard<sup>1</sup> Rockenfeller) was born on 18 Jun 1937 in New York City, New York. He married Sharon Percy (daughter of Charles Harting Percy and Jeanne Dickerson) in 1967.

Notes for John Davison Rockefeller IV:

John Davison Rockefeller IV is the fifth great grandnephew of Johann Philip Rockefeller and Catherina Sharp Rockefeller, my third great grand uncle and aunt.

He was elected to the [West Virginia House of Delegates](#) in 1966, and to the office of [West Virginia Secretary of State](#) in 1968. He won the Democratic nomination for governor in 1972, but was defeated in the general election by the Republican incumbent Governor [Arch A. Moore, Jr.](#) Rockefeller then served as president of [West Virginia Wesleyan College](#) from 1973 to 1975.

"John Davison Rockefeller IV, generally known as Jay Rockefeller, has served as a Democratic U.S. Senator from West Virginia since 1985. He was Governor of West Virginia from 1977 to 1985. As a great grandson of oil tycoon John D. Rockefeller, he is the only current politician of the prominent six-generation Rockefeller family (served 1985 - 2015) and the only Democrat in what has been traditionally a staunchly, albeit generally progressive, Republican dynasty. He won an impressive six consecutive 6-year terms in the United States Senate.

"He is related to several prominent Republican supporters and former officeholders: He is a great-grandson of Rhode Island Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, a nephew of banker David Rockefeller and Arkansas Governor Winthrop Rockefeller and of former U.S. Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, son-in-law of former Senator Charles H. Percy of Illinois, cousin of Arkansas Lieutenant Governor Winthrop Paul Rockefeller and former brother-in-law of Senator Mark Dayton of Minnesota.

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"Born in New York City to John D. Rockefeller III and Blanchette Ferry Hooker, Jay Rockefeller graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1954. He graduated from Harvard University in 1961 with a B.A. in Far Eastern Languages and History after having spent three years studying Japanese at the International Christian University in Tokyo.

"After college, Rockefeller worked for the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C., under John F. Kennedy, where he developed a friendship with Robert Kennedy and worked as an assistant to Peace Corps Director Sargent Shriver. He served as the operations director for the Corps largest overseas program in the Philippines. He continued his public service in 1964-1965 as a VISTA volunteer, under President Lyndon B. Johnson, during which he moved to Emmons, West Virginia.

"Rockefeller, along with his son Charles, is a trustee of New York's Asia Society, established by his father in 1956; he is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He voted against the 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement, which was heavily backed by his uncle, David Rockefeller.

"Since 1967, Rockefeller has been married to the former Sharon Percy, the chief executive officer of WETA, the leading PBS station in the Washington, D.C., area, which broadcasts such notable programs as The News Hour with Jim Lehrer and Washington Week.

"Sharon is the daughter of former U.S. Senator Charles H. Percy of Illinois, who had an association with the Rockefeller family. They have four children: John D. Rockefeller V ("Jamie"), Valerie, Charles, and Justin. Jamie's wife Emily is the daughter of former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

"The Rockefellers reside in Charleston, West Virginia. They also, like other members of the family, have a ranch in the Grand Teton National Park in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Bill Clinton (a friend of Rockefeller's) and his family spent their summer vacation in August, 1995, at the ranch."

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_D.\\_Rockefeller\\_IV](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_D._Rockefeller_IV)

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John Davison Rockefeller IV and Sharon Percy had the following children:

- i. JOHN D.<sup>12</sup> ROCKEFELLER (son of John Davison Rockefeller IV and Sharon Percy). He married EMILY TAGLIABUE.

Notes for John D. Rockefeller:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jay\\_Rockefeller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jay_Rockefeller)

- ii. VALERIE ROCKEFELLER (daughter of John Davison Rockefeller IV and Sharon Percy).

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- iii. CHARLES ROCKEFELLER (son of John Davison Rockefeller IV and Sharon Percy).
- iv. JUSTIN ALDREICH ROCKEFELLER (son of John Davison Rockefeller IV and Sharon Percy) was born on 18 Jun 1979. He married Indre Vengris on 09 Sep 2006.

Notes for Justin Aldreich Rockefeller:

Justin Aldrich Rockefeller is the sixth great grand nephew of JohannPhilip Rockefeller and Catherina Sharp Rockefeller, my third greatgrand uncle and aunt.

"Justin Aldrich Rockefeller is a political activist and co-founder andNational Program Director of Generation Engage.

"He is the youngest son of West Virginia's prominent Senator, JayRockefeller and his wife, Sharon Percy Rockefeller, and is a fifthgeneration member of the Rockefeller family. He is also the grandson of U.S. Senator Charles H. Percy.

"Justin attended Princeton University, from which he graduated in 2002with a bachelor's degree in Politics. At 25, Justin co-founded thenonprofit nonpartisan organization, Generation Engage, a grassrootsinitiative campaigning against political apathy among young Americans. The nonprofit was co-founded with former Deputy Secretary of StateStrobe Talbott's sons, Adrian and Devin Talbott.

"He lives in New York City. He married his former Princeton classmate, IndrÈ Vengris, on September 9, 2006."

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Justin\\_Rockefeller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Justin_Rockefeller)

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