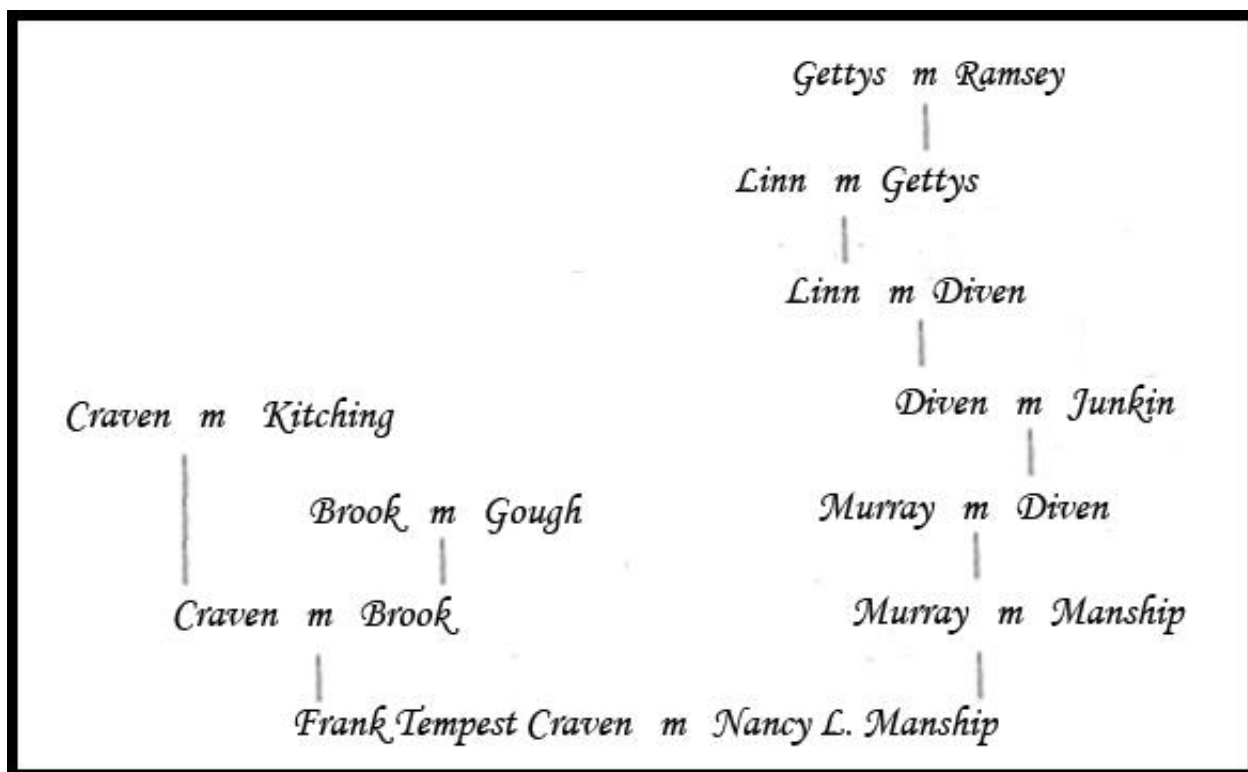


*The Ancestry of Frank T. Craven
and Nancy Manship Craven
From Craven, Brook, Kitching, Gough,
Manship, Kirkham, Durden, Murray, Diven, Linn,
Junkin, Gettys, and Ramsey Surname Lines*

Chapter 7: Frank Tempest Craven and
Nancy Manship Craven after 1948

So here are how the lines discussed in previous chapters converged to Nancy and Frank:



Family lines converged to Frank and Nancy:
Cravens, Kitchings, Brook, and Gough, chapter 1;
Manships, Kirkhams, and Durdens, chapter 2;
Murrays, chapter 3;
Divens and Junkins, chapter 4;
Linns, chapter 5;
Gettys and Ramseys, chapter 6.

Frank and Nancy were married in February 1948 at the house on Royal Street with Nancy Linn as their “maid of honor” and both of their mothers as witnesses.



Nancy Linn Craven, Nancy Manship Craven, and Frank Tempest Craven, February 1948.

The newlyweds took a three-day honeymoon in New York City and then moved in October to their newly completed house at 4 (later changed to 6 by the USPS) North Circle, Lower Makefield Township, Bucks Co., PA. Frank was transferred from Philadelphia to work at the John A. Roebling’s and Sons main office in nearby Trenton NJ, where he continued as a salesman of wire products.

Frank adopted Nancy’s daughter, Nancy Linn (b. 1938), and then the couple welcomed two more children to the family in 1949 (Frank Alfred “Fred”) and in 1952 (Mary Melissa). Jane Brook Craven lived with the family, walking or pushing a baby carriage

miles a day, making English oatmeal every morning and reading to her grandchildren, until her death in 1955.



Left: Frank Tempest Craven, Jane Brook Craven, Frank Alfred Craven, Nancy Manship Craven and Nancy Linn Craven, kneeling, 1948. (Photo courtesy of Ann Brooke Miller)
Right: Mary Melissa Craven, Nancy Linn Craven, and Frank Alfred Craven, 1952.

While working in Trenton, Frank became involved with a business which several other Roebling employees (Charles Stone, George Engel, Fred Piepenbrinck, Joseph Smith, and Louis Sigafoos) had started in 1950, the Stonite Coil Co.¹ Not named on the Certificate of Incorporation, so therefore not one of the founders, Frank nevertheless invested in the company in 1951, was nominated to the Board of Directors in 1952, and was elected Chairman of the Board in 1956. Frank probably never intended it this way, but at his death, the Board of Stonite bought his investment from Nancy for a sum which insured Fred's and Melissa's educational bills would be paid.

Frank also became a member of the Masons in Trenton in the early 1950's and attended meetings faithfully. Their moral tenets fit his belief system very well, as he continued in adulthood with the same high moral sensibilities described of him when he entered military service.

Frank loved to swim: the family spent two weeks at Wildwood, NJ beaches about 1958, and after trying the private Trenton Country Club and the public Post Road Pool in Morrisville, PA, he and a number of other local men started the Brookside Swim Club² in 1958, on which Board he or Nancy served for many years. He and Fred began collecting coins in the late 1950's and they attended Indian Guides³, a YMCA-based father-and-son organization, together.

Nancy was the 1st President of the Makefield Women's Club. She and Frank played Scrabble and contract bridge and had a large circle of friends. In later years, Nancy worked for the Mercer Hospital Auxiliary and the Bucks County Chapter of Planned

Parenthood. She was a championship duplicate bridge player, competing regionally and nationally well into her 70's – and winning!
 The family was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Morrisville.



Houses at 6 North Circle, circa 1950, left; 1323 Moon Drive, 1957, right.

In 1957, the family built a new home at 1323 Moon Drive, 0.3 miles from the 6 North Circle house.

Frank and Nancy traveled to Europe twice, in 1956 for 6 weeks (children stashed with neighbors)....



Americans tour
two ridings

An American couple, Mr and Mrs. Frank Craven, of Yorkley, Pennsylvania, set off in a coach with a party of relatives and friends today to tour beauty spots in the West and East Ridings.

Mr. Craven, who is touring Europe with his wife, was born in America. He came to live in the Great Norton area of Bradford for a time as a child in 1921. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Craven, emigrated from Bradford originally.

The couple return to America on Thursday. This is Mrs. Craven's first trip to England.

Pictured before they set off today are (left to right, front, Mr. D. Crowther and Mr. T. A. Crowther; left to right, back, Mr. M. G. Clarke, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. H. Craven, Mr. John Craven, Miss L. Tempest, Miss M. Tempest, Mrs. Frank Craven, Mrs. J. Craven, Mr. Frank Craven, Mr. Harry Craven and Mrs. T. Crowther.

Photo left: Left to right: Frank T. Craven, Minnie Tempest, Lily Tempest, Anne Illingworth Brooke, Charlie Brooke, Jack Craven, Louie Jagger Craven (seated). Yorkshire, 1956.

News-clipping right, photo includes Frank's first cousin Harry Craven, second cousin Edith Crowther (though the Gough line), and friends. Yorkshire, 1956.

... and in 1961: When Roebing's closed down their magnet wire division, Frank made the move to work for Alcoa and was between jobs for three months. This allowed for a second trip to Europe in 1961, with Melissa and Fred (Nancy had married in April of that year). Among other things, both trips allowed for renewal of ties with family in England.



Photo taken in Blackpool, Lancashire, England. Left to right, top row: Frank Tempest Craven, Nancy Manship Craven, Anne Illingworth Brooke, Louise Jagger Craven, Charles Brooke, John (Jack) Craven; Bottom row: Minnie Tempest, Frank Alfred "Fred" Craven. 1961

Shortly after the second trip to Europe, Frank was diagnosed and became ill with lung cancer. He was nursed for many months by Ann Miller, daughter of his first cousin Charlie. Ann, who was immigrating to the U.S., lived with our family during that terrible time. Frank died in March 1962.



Frank A. Craven,
Mary Melissa Craven,
Frank T. Craven, and
Ann Brooke
(left to right).

December 1961.

After Frank's death in March 1962, Nancy continued living on Moon Dr., sewing, knitting, gardening, working for charities, taking the occasional part-time job, and playing championship bridge. In 1979, she married a third time, to William Pyle Eckfeldt, the widower of one of her childhood school friends. The couple lived in Villanova, PA. However, in 1987, Nancy moved to the Rosemont Presbyterian Village where she lived the remainder of her years until her death in 1991.

1979, William Pyle Eckfeldt and Nancy
Manship Eckfeldt, married in Bryn Mawr, PA.



Frank and Nancy were buried alongside Alfred and Jane Craven in Rock Ledge, PA, north of the city of Philadelphia.



Alfred and Jane Brook Craven, along with Frank T. Craven and Nancy Manship (Banks/Craven) Eckfeldt were buried at Lawnview Cemetery, Rock Ledge, Montgomery Co, PA. (Photo by author, 2009)

The children of Frank Tempest and Nancy Manship Craven:

- Nancy Linn Craven married Richard A. Henry, April 1961;
- Frank Alfred (“Fred”) Craven married Jane Ellen Dorrance, July 1970; and
- Mary Melissa Craven married Thomas L. Fowler, June 1981.



Christmas 1992

Left: Jane Dorrance Craven and Frank A. (Fred) Craven.
Center: (Mary) Melissa Craven Fowler and Tom Fowler
Right: Nancy Linn Craven Henry and Dick Henry.

May 2010

(Mary) Melissa Craven Fowler,
Frank A. (Fred) Craven,
Nancy Linn Craven Henry (seated)



Endnotes:

¹ <http://www.stonitecoil.com/about.html>

² <http://www.brooksideswimandtennis.com/bssat/html/default.aspx>

³ <http://yindianguides.org/>