

Church Records Lead to a Family for Basilea Harmer

In the absence of sources that specifically name the parents of Basilea Harmer (1814-1894), wife of Abraham Trafford, family researchers have long focused their efforts elsewhere.¹ However, recent digitization and indexing projects have opened up the records of New York City's Seventh Presbyterian Church, the place where Abraham and Basilea married. Information from the church's register books serves as a springboard for identifying Basilea's mother--a woman who has been hiding in plain sight for nearly 150 years--and connecting Basilea to two siblings, a potential father, and members of her extended family.

Harmers in Seventh Presbyterian Church Records

Church registers record three events for Basilea:

- Basilea Harmer joined the congregation on 18 January 1832.²
- Basilea Harmer married [Abraham] Trafford on 19 March 1833.³
- Basilea Harmer was dismissed to form the 11th Church on 13 May 1839.⁴

If Basilea was born on 28 October 1814 as her cemetery stone suggests, then she would have been seventeen when she became a member of the church.⁵ As a young, unmarried woman, she was probably living with family at the time. It's logical that members of Basilea's family might have also been associated with the Seventh Presbyterian Church.

In addition to Basilea, the congregation's records include the six Harmers shown in Table 1. Their connections to Basilea will be explored in the sections that follow.

¹ *Find A Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 14 March 2011), memorial page for Basilea Trafford (1814-1896), no. 10735024, citing Rumson Burying Ground Rumson, Monmouth County, New Jersey; the accompanying photograph added by Kat shows birth and death dates for Basilea.

² "Church records, 1818-1899," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/427083> : accessed 21 March 2018) > microfilm 503637 > image 19 of 273, *List of Members of The Seventh Presbn Church and Records of Baptisms*, "Names of Members," no. 573 for Basilea Harmer (now Trafford), 18 January 1832.

³ *Ibid.*, microfilm 503634 > image 581 of 592, "Record of marriages," *Records of the Seventh Presbyterian Church (New York City, New York)*, unpaginated, [—?—] Trafford to Basilea Harmer, 19 March 1833.

⁴ *Ibid.*, microfilm 503633 > image 26 of 669, "Register of Church Members," *Seventh Presbyterian Church (New York City, New York)*, no. 584 for Basilea [sic] Harmer (since Trafford).

⁵ *Find A Grave*, memorial page for Basilea Trafford.

Table 1: Harmers in Seventh Presbyterian Church Records, 1818-1840

| Name | Joined | Dismissed | Notes |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| Mrs. Sarah Harmer ^a | 14 Jan 1819 | 17 May 1839 | "since Lamb" and "now Mrs. Lamb"; dismissed to Madison St Ch |
| Samuel Harmer ^b | 16 Mar 1821 | | died "18" and "182" probably indicating the 1820s |
| Mrs. Rachel Harmer ^c | 16 Mar 1821 | | dismissed "18" and "182" probably indicating the 1820s |
| Samuel ^d | | | infant baptism 23 Jan 1823 ; son of Samuel and Rachel Harmer |
| Miss Adaline Harmer ^e | | | married Jacob Clinch 30 Jan 1828 |
| Charles G. Harmer ^f | 27 Mar 1836 | 12 Aug 1836 | dismissed to form M[adison] st. chh. |

^a "Church records, 1818-1899," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/427083> : accessed 22 February 2018) > microfilm 503636 > image 14; Seventh Presbyterian Church, New York, New York, Session Minutes, 14 January 1819, 6, mentioning Mrs. Sarah Harmer. Also "Church records, 1818-1899," microfilm 503633 > image 15 of 669, Sarah Harmer Mrs. (since Lamb). And "Church records, 1818-1899," microfilm 503637 > image 11 of 273, Sarah Harmer (now Mrs. Lamb).

^b Ibid., microfilm 503633 > image 90 of 669, Samuel Harmer, and microfilm 503633 > image 16 of 669, Samuel Harmer.

^c Ibid., microfilm 503633 > image 90 of 669, Mrs. Rachel Harmer, and microfilm 503633 > image 16 of 669, Mrs. Rachel Harmer.

^d Ibid., microfilm 503633 > image 174 of 669, Samuel, son of Samuel and Rachel Harmer, 23 January 1823.

^e Ibid., microfilm 503634 > image 533 of 592, Jacob Clinch and Adaline Harmer, 30 January 1828.

^f Ibid., microfilm 503633 > image 36 of 669, Charles G. Harmer, 27 May 1836.

The Samuel Harmer Family: Relationship Unknown

Church registers record six events for Samuel Harmer, Mrs. Rachel Harmer, and an infant Samuel:

- Samuel Harmer joined the congregation on 16 March 1821.⁶
- Rachel Harmer was baptized as an adult on 16 March 1821.⁷
- Mrs. Rachel Harmer joined the congregation on 16 March 1821.⁸
- Samuel, son of Samuel and Rachel Harmer, was baptized on 23 January 1823.⁹
- Samuel Harmer likely died in the 1820s.¹⁰
- Rachel Harmer was likely dismissed from the church in the 1820s.¹¹

⁶ "Church records, 1818-1899," microfilm 503634 > image 475 of 592, Mr. Samuel Harmer and Mrs. Rachel Harmer entries.

⁷ Ibid., image 499 of 592, Rachel Harmer.

⁸ Ibid., image 475 of 592, Mr. Samuel Harmer and Mrs. Rachel Harmer entries.

⁹ "Church records, 1818-1899," microfilm 503633 > image 174 of 669, Samuel, son of Samuel and Rachel Harmer.

¹⁰ Ibid., image 16 of 669, Samuel Harmer.

¹¹ Ibid., image 16 of 669, Mrs. Rachel Harmer.

Samuel and Rachel appear to have been a married couple. They joined at the same time and are mentioned as the parents of Samuel at his baptism two years later. With the exception of one possible New York City directory match for Samuel in 1823-1824, no additional information about the family has been found.¹² Their relationship to Basilea Harmer, if any, is unknown.

Sarah Harmer Lamb: Basilea's Mother

Church minutes and registers record two events for Sarah Harmer:

- Mrs. Sarah Harmer joined the Seventh Presbyterian Church on 14 January 1819.¹³
- Sarah Harmer was dismissed to the Madison Street Church on 17 May 1839.¹⁴

Sarah joined the congregation as a married woman when Basilea would have been four years old. This hints at the possibility of a mother/daughter relationship.

The registers include duplicate membership lists. These derivative records suggest Sarah married a Mr. Lamb:

- Sarah Harmer appears on a membership list with the notation "since Lamb."¹⁵
- Sarah Harmer appears on membership list with the notation "now Mrs. Lamb."¹⁶
- Sarah Lamb appears on membership list with the notation "late Harmer."¹⁷

¹² *Longworth's American Almanac, New-York Register, and City Directory, for 1823-1824* (New York: Thomas Longworth, 25 June 1823) digital image, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org/stream/longworthsameric4818long#page/n155/mode/2up> : accessed 22 March 2018); 226, entry for Samuel Harmer. "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2240477> : accessed 22 March 2018). No match for an adult Samuel Harmer. Also "New York, Wills and Probate Records, 1659-1999," *Ancestry.com* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8800> : accessed 22 March 2018). No match for a Samuel who died in the 1820s. Also "New York County, New York, Wills and Probate Records, 1658-1880 (NYS)," *Ancestry.com* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=60387> : accessed 22 March 2018). No match for Samuel Harmer. Also "1820 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry.com* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=7734> : accessed 22 March 2018). No Samuel Harmer in New York.

¹³ "Church records, 1818-1899," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/427083> : accessed 22 February 2018) > microfilm 503636 > image 14; Seventh Presbyterian Church, New York, New York, Session Minutes, 14 January 1819, 6, mentioning Mrs. Sarah Harmer.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, image 15 of 669, Sarah Harmer Mrs. (since Lamb).

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, image 15 of 669, Sarah Harmer Mrs. (since Lamb).

¹⁶ "Church records, 1818-1899," microfilm 503637 > image 11 of 273, Sarah Harmer (now Mrs. Lamb).

¹⁷ "Church records, 1818-1899," microfilm 503633 > image 100 of 669, Sarah Lamb (late Harmer).

No Lamb-Harmer marriage is recorded in the church's registers but a significant gap in church record coverage coincides with the time Sarah likely married.¹⁸ Perhaps no record was made or perhaps Sarah married elsewhere. However, it's unlikely a marriage would have been noted in the records after she left the congregation. Therefore, it's likely the information was added for the first time by someone who knew of her marital status first-hand.

The Lamb surname makes it possible to connect Sarah Harmer to Basilea using information from a census record and a death notice created approximately thirty years after Sarah and Basilea were dismissed from the Seventh Presbyterian Church.

- In 1870, a Sarah Lamb, age 78, born in New York, is residing with Abraham Trafford and Basilea Trafford, age 56, in Shrewsbury Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey.¹⁹
- New York City newspapers announced the death of a Sarah Lamb in Rumsum [sic], New Jersey "at the residence of her son-in law ... in the 82d year of her age" on 25 and 26 August 1871.²⁰ No additional information about Sarah Lamb's death has been found.²¹
- New York City newspapers announced Abraham Trafford's death "at his residence in Rumsum [sic] N. J." on 29 August 1871.²²

It's common for elderly parents to reside with children and Sarah, about twenty-two years older than Basilea based on the census ages, is of an age to have been her mother. The only Sarah Lamb enumerated in Monmouth County, New Jersey in the 1870 census was the one in the Trafford household, which strongly suggests the woman in the census and the woman in

¹⁸ Sarah Harmer likely married Benjamin S. Lamb between 27 February 1833 when his wife died ("Manhattan death registers, 1795-1865," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/190306> : accessed 21 March 2018) > microfilm 447547 > image 156, entry for Eliza Lamb, 27 February 1833.) and before she was named as Sarah Lamb in the petition for Mary Garrick's probate ("New York, Wills and Probate Records, 1659-1999," *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/8800/005522051_00098?pid=2564879 : accessed 25 February 2018) > New York > Box 0008-28394, Vol A-Z, 27, 1830-1836 > image 99; Petition of John Hannah for estate of Mary Garrick, 1 December 1836.). "Church records, 1818-1899," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/427083> : accessed 22 March 2018). No Seventh Presbyterian Church marriages appear to have been recorded August 1833 to June 1835.

¹⁹ 1870 U. S. census, Monmouth County, New Jersey, population schedule, Shrewsbury Township, Eatontown Post Office, p. 14 (penned), dwelling 112, family 112, Abraham Trafford household; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 15 February 2018f), citing NARA microfilm publication M593 and FamilySearch microfilm 552375.

²⁰ "Died," *Evening Post (New York, New York)*, 25 August 1871, p. 3, col. 4; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (genealogybank.com : accessed 19 October 2016). Also "Died," *New York Tribune (New York, New York)*, 26 August 1871, p. 5, col. 6; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 19 October 2016).

²¹ George Castor Martin, "The Old Rumson Burying Ground, on Rumson Road," *Book of the Dead of Monmouth*, (Asbury Park, NJ: Martin & Allardyce, 1915-1916, reprinted by the Asbury Park Public Library, 1980; digital image, *Borough of Rumson, Monmouth County, New Jersey* (<http://www.rumsonnj.gov/rhpc/downloads/Book-of-the-Dead-of-Monmouth-Old-Rumson-Road-Cemetery.pdf> : accessed 22 February 2018), 86. No entry for Sarah Lamb. Also "Estate index, 1800-1969," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/317093> : accessed 20 February 2018) > microfilm 801965, > image 701, "L Estate Index Given Names K-Z," Monmouth County, New Jersey Surrogate's Court, 1520. No entry for Sarah Lamb. And New Jersey State Archives (Trenton, New Jersey) to Cynthia Richardson, letter, 15 March 2018; privately held by Richardson, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Aliso Viejo, California, 2018. No death record for Sarah Lamb found May 1867-May 1878.

²² "Died," *Commercial Advertiser (New York, New York)*, 29 August 1871, p. 3, col. 7; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://genealogybank.com> : accessed 11 February 2018). "Died," *New York (New York) Tribune*, 29 August 1871, p. 5, col. 6; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://genealogybank.com> : accessed 11 February 2018).

the death notice are one in the same.²³ The small difference between Sarah's age in the census and in the death notice can be explained by informant error. The death location for Sarah--Rumson, not Shrewsbury where she was enumerated in 1870--is unexpected, but note that just days later Abraham was reported to have died in the same place. This is easily explained. Abraham owned property in a part of Shrewsbury that was called "Rumson Neck."²⁴ His household was enumerated in Shrewsbury in 1870 because Rumson wasn't set off as a borough until 1907.²⁵

The census and the death notice appear to refer to the same Sarah Lamb. If this is true, then Sarah Lamb was Abraham Trafford's mother-in-law and, by extension, Basilea's mother.

An 1845-1846 New York City directory hints that Sarah's husband was Benjamin S. Lamb and provides further evidence of a connection between Sarah Lamb and Basilea through their spouses:

- Benjamin S. Lamb was a New York City inspector of lime in 1844.²⁶
- Benjamin S. Lamb was working as a clerk at 331 Delaney, living at 6 Mangin in 1845.²⁷
- Abraham Trafford was working in "lime" at 331 Delaney, living at 23 Mangin in 1845.²⁸

Benjamin and Abraham lived on the same street, worked at the same address, and were both associated with lime. It's logical that their association might have come about because their spouses, Mrs. Sarah Harmer and Basilea Harmer, were mother and daughter.

Adaline Harmer: Sarah Harmer Lamb's Daughter

Just one event for Adaline Harmer is recorded in the church records:

- Adaline Harmer married Jacob Clinch on 30 January 1828.²⁹

²³ "1870 United States Federal Census," database and images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=7163> : accessed 20 February 2018), database search for Sar* Lam* in Monmouth County.

²⁴ F. W. Beers, *Atlas of Monmouth Co., New Jersey: From Recent and Actual Surveys and Records* (New York: Beers, Comstock & Cline, 1873); digital image, *Historic Mapworks* (<http://www.historicmapworks.com/Map/US/177434/Middletown++Shrewsbury+and+Ocean+Townships/Monmouth+County+1873/New+Jersey/> : accessed 18 March 2018). A Trafford's estate is noted on the map near the "S" and "O" of Rumson. [Note to ProGen: Need to locate actual property records.]

²⁵ "History of Rumson," *Borough of Rumson Monmouth County NJ*; website (<http://www.rumsonnj.gov/history.htm> : accessed 18 March 2018).

²⁶ D. T. Valentine, *Manual of the Corporation of the City of New-York, for the years 1844-5*, (New York: J. F. Trow, 1844); digital image, *Google Books* (https://books.google.com/books?id=_807AQAAMAAJ : accessed 25 March 2018), 54. Benjamin S. Lamb is listed under "Inspectors of Lime."

²⁷ *Doggett's New-York City Directory, for 1845 & 1846* (New York: John Doggett, Jr., 1845); digital images, *Archive.org* (<https://archive.org/details/doggettsnewyorkc1845dogg> : accessed 10 February 2018), 34, entry for Benjamin S. Lamb.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, 210, entry for Abraham Trafford.

²⁹ "Church records, 1818-1899," microfilm 503634 > image 533 of 592, Jacob Clinch and Adaline Harmer.

Newspapers mention her death the end following year:

"On Sunday evening, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. Adeline, wife of Jacob D. Clinch, aged 18 years."³⁰

Based on Adaline's age at death, her approximate birth year calculates to 1811. She is of an age to have been Basilea's older sister and the connection can be made through the child that survived her.

Adaline and Jacob had a daughter, Adaline Basilea Clinch, who is identified by her relationship to Jacob D. Clinch in a newspaper when she married in 1848:

" ... T. DWIGHT CRANE to Miss ADELINE B. CLINCH, only daughter of the late Jacob D. Clinch ..."³¹

A second newspaper identifies the same Adeline by her relationship to Benjamin S. Lamb:

"In New York, T. Dwight Crane, Esq., to Miss Adeline B. Clinch, grand-daughter of Rev. Benj. S. Lamb, all of that place."³²

Adeline's connection to Benjamin S. Lamb is corroborated by the relationship listed in the 1855 New York State census. (Generally census relationships refer back to the head of household, but it's clear from other records that Benjamin and Sarah are related to Adaline.)

Crane Household, 1855 New York State Census³³

T Dawight Crane, 28, M, [Head]

Adaline B Crane, 26, F, Wife

Sarah L Crane, 6, F, Daughter

Charles G. H. Crane, 1, M, Son

Bengerman S Lam, 73, Grand Father

Sarah Lane, 63, F, Mother

³⁰ "Died," *Evening Post (New York, New York)*, 30 November 1829, p. 2, col. 5; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 2 February 2018). See also "Died," *Spectator (New York, New York)*, 4 December 1829, p. 3, col. 2; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 10 February 2018).

³¹ "Marriages," *The New-York Evangelist (New York, New York)*, 27 January 1848, p. 15, col. 6; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 3 February 2018).

³² "Married," *The Long-Island Farmer, and Queens Advertiser (Jamaica, New York)*, 1 February 1848, p. 3, col. 1; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 3 February 2018).

³³ 1855 New York State census, Kings County, New York, population schedule, Brooklyn, Ward 15, 2nd Election District, n.p., dwelling [13?], family 240 , T. Dawight [sic] Crane household; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-8B5S-CRM?i=12&cc=1937366> : accessed 15 February 2018).

Mary Seliven, 23, F, Servent
Mary Murphy, 20, F, Servent
Eliza Shermen, 20, F, Servent

The previous section suggests Basilea's mother, Mrs. Sarah Harmer, became the wife of Benjamin S. Lamb. If the same Benjamin S. Lamb was the grandfather of Adaline B. Clinch (daughter of Jacob D. Clinch and Adaline Harmer) then Mrs. Sarah Harmer would have been the grandmother of Adaline B. Clinch and the mother of Adaline Harmer. (In actuality, Benjamin would have been Adaline Basilea's step-grandfather, but it's likely the step designation was simply omitted.)

However, the 1855 census provides conflicting evidence, listing Sarah Lane [sic] as Adaline B. Crane's mother.³⁴ And, a death notice for Benjamin Lamb corroborates this, calling Dwight Crane Benjamin's son-in-law:

"LAMB--At Williamsburgh, L.I., on Friday, Sept. 19, Benjamin S. Lamb, in the 74th year of his age. The relatives and friends are requested to attend the funeral without further notice, from the residence of his son-in-law T. D. Crane ..."³⁵

The confusion likely results from a close relationship between the two women. Adaline Basilea Clinch Crane lost her mother as an infant was orphaned at the approximate age of nine when Jacob died.³⁶ Her father, doesn't appear to have remarried.³⁷ His cause of death was "Del Tremens" [delirium tremens] suggesting he might have had challenges with alcohol. If he was unable to care for Adaline, it's possible she was raised by Sarah Harmer Lamb from a young age. Sarah might have been the only mother Adaline Basilea Clinch Crane knew.

Charles Garrick Harmer: Sarah Garrick Harmer Lamb's Son

Church registers record two events for Charles G. Harmer:

- Charles G. Harmer joined the the congregation on 27 March 1836.³⁸

³⁴ Ibid.

³⁵ "Died," *New York (New York) Tribune*, 20 December 1856, p. 8, col. 1; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://genealogybank.com> : accessed 10 February 2018).

³⁶ "Manhattan Death Registers, 1795-1865," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/190306> : viewed 10 February 2018) > Registers of Death, v. 11, film 447549 > image 48, New York State Department of Health, Manhattan Death Registers, entry for Jacob D. Clinch, 10 July 1838.

³⁷ See citations 20 and 21. If Adaline Basilea Clinch was born after Adaline Harmer's marriage to Jacob D. Clinch on 30 January 1828 and before her death was announced on 30 November 1829, then she would have been less than two when her mother died, probably younger.

³⁸ "Church records, 1818-1899," microfilm 503637 > image 26 of 273, Charles G. Harmer.

- Charles G. Harmer was dismissed on 12 August 1836 to form the "M st chh."³⁹

Charles' formal association with the Seventh Presbyterian Church was brief, but it overlaps the years that Basilea Harmer was a member.

An 1891 Manhattan death certificate provides more information about Charles

Information from Death Certificate for Charles Garrick Harmer⁴⁰

Date of death: 10 August 1891
 Age at death: 74 yrs. 5 mo. 15 days
 Occupation: Merchant
 Father's Name: Joseph Harmer
 Mother's Name: Sarah Garrick

Charles age suggests he might have been a brother to Basilea. When the approximate birth dates for Adaline, Basilea, and Charles are compared, there are about three years between them, suggesting they could have all been children of Mrs. Sarah Harmer. Also note the alphabetical nature of their given names. Perhaps this was by design.

- Adaline Harmer, born c. 1811 (estimated from age at death)⁴¹
- Basilea Harmer, born 28 October 1814 (from gravestone)⁴²
- Charles Garrick Harmer, born 26 February 1817 (calculated from age at death)⁴³

The informant is unknown but it's common to see a mother's maiden name used as a middle name. It's likely the "Garrick" information was correct.

The important question is this: Is Charles' mother, Sarah Garrick, the same woman as Mrs. Sarah Harmer Lamb, the mother of Adaline and Basilea?

Evidence that Sarah Garrick and Sarah Harmer Lamb are one in the same is found through records for Mary Garrick, another member of the Seventh Presbyterian Church.

- Mrs. Mary Garrick joined the congregation on 31 May 1823.⁴⁴

³⁹ Ibid., " microfilm 503633 > image 36 of 669, Charles G. Harmer.

⁴⁰ "Manhattan death certificates, 1866-1919," Charles Garrick Harmer, 10 August 1891.

⁴¹ "Died," 30 November 1829, p. 2, col. 5. See also "Died," 4 December 1829, p. 3, col. 2.

⁴² *Find A Grave*, memorial page for Basilea Trafford.

⁴³ "Died," 30 November 1829, p. 2, col. 5. Adaline was 18 when she died, making her birth year c. 1811. *Find A Grave*, memorial page for Basilea Trafford. "Manhattan death certificates, 1866-1919," Charles Garrick Harmer, 10 August 1891.

⁴⁴ "Church records, 1818-1899," image 13 of 273, Mrs. Mary Garrick.

- Mrs. Mary Garrick died on 23 November 1836.⁴⁵

Mary's death, as indicated in church records, corresponds to this obituary:

"This morning, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. MARY GARRICK, aged 71 years and 5 months. Her friends and acquaintances, are requested to attend her funeral ... from the residence of her son in-law, John Hannah ..."⁴⁶

A probate petition names Mary's three surviving children: Mary Faure, Sarah Lamb, and Margaret Hannah.⁴⁷

The probate petition suggests Sarah Garrick, daughter of Mary Garrick, was known as Sarah Lamb in 1836. This is consistent with the probable timing of Mrs. Sarah Harmer's marriage to Benjamin S. Lamb which almost certainly occurred after the death of his wife Eliza on 27 February 1833 and before he sold property with "Sarah his wife" on 20 March 1837.⁴⁸

Associations Between Family Members Strengthen Hypotheses

If the hypothesis is correct--if Sarah Garrick who married Harmer, then Lamb, is the mother Adaline, Basilea, and Charles--then one would expect to find on-going associations between the four outside of the church records. There are, in fact, numerous associations across time and distance, between members of the group. These are summarized in Appendix B which serves as the key to the illustration in Appendix A.

Conclusions

Even at quick glance, it's clear that nearly every person shown in Appendix A has an association outside his or her immediate family. The resulting web of associations makes it clear that this group was tightly connected across time and distance.

Although direct evidence of Basilea's relationships to the individuals shown in Appendix A is missing, indirect evidence makes it reasonable to conclude that Basilea's mother was Sarah Garrick, the daughter of Mrs. Mary Garrick. Sarah appears to have married Joseph Harmer and together they likely had three children: Adaline, Basilea, and Charles. Sarah then married

⁴⁵ Ibid.

⁴⁶ "Died," *Commercial Advertiser (New York, New York)*, 23 November 1836, p. 2, col. 7; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 3 February 2018).

⁴⁷ "New York, Wills and Probate Records, 1659-1999," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/8800/005522051_00098?pid=2564879 : accessed 25 February 2018) > New York > Box 0008-28394, Vol A-Z, 27, 1830-1836 > image 99; petition of John Hannah for estate of Mary Garrick, 1 December 1836.

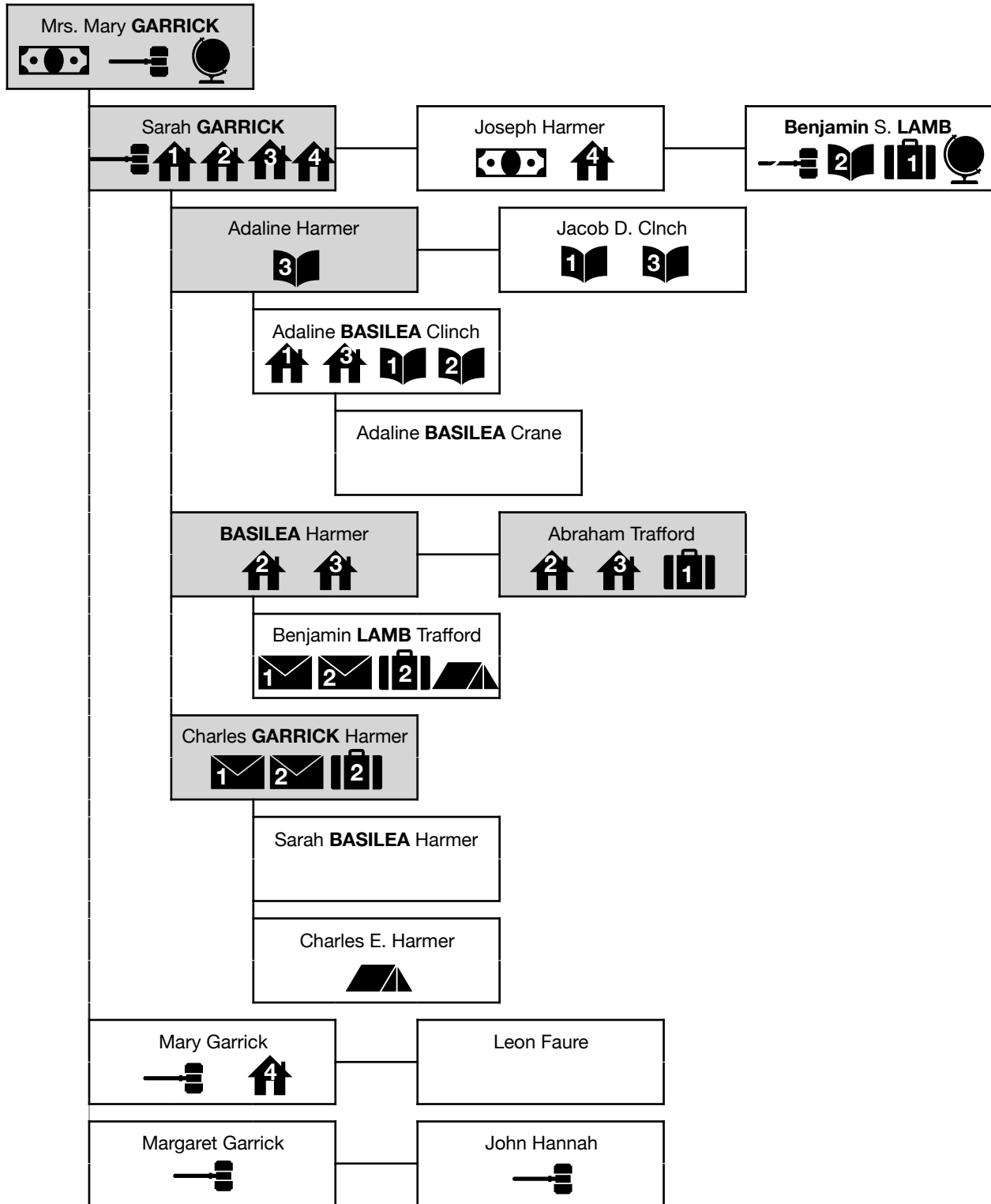
⁴⁸ "Manhattan death registers, 1795-1865," entry for Eliza Lamb, 27 February 1833. And "Conveyances, 1654-1866 (New York County)," Benjamin S. Lamb and wife Sarah to Andrew Jackson, 20 March 1837.

Benjamin S. Lamb. Research also suggests Basilea Harmer had at least two aunts, Mary Garrick Faure and Margaret Garrick Hannah, two nieces, Adaline Basilea Clinch and Sarah Basilea Harmer, and a nephew, Charles E. Harmer.

Further research will undoubtedly identify additional members of Basilea's close and extended family, establishing roots for the Harmer tree that might have been difficult to find before the age of online genealogical research.
















Appendix A

Visual Summary of Associations Between Relatives of Basilea Harmer



Appendix B

Summary of Garrick-Harmer-Lamb and Related Associations

| Symbol | Association | Symbol | Association |
|---|--|---|---|
|  | a. Individuals mentioned in Seventh Presbyterian Church indicated by shaded boxes. | NAME | k. Abraham and Basilea Trafford named their son Benjamin Lamb Trafford. |
|  | b. Joseph Harmer endorsed "3 notes for \$10 each, drawn by Mary Garrick" in or before 1819. | NAME | l. Charles Garrick Harmer has a middle name in common with Sarah and Mrs. Mary Garrick. |
|  | c. Mary Garrick's 1836 probate petition names three children, Mary Faure, Sarah Lamb, and Margaret Hannah. It also names John Hannah and Benjamin S. Lamb. |  | m. A newspaper identifies Adaline B. Clinch as the daughter of Jacob D. Clinch. |
|  | d. Mary Garrick sold property to Benjamin S. Lamb in 1828. |  | n. A newspaper identifies Adaline B. Clinch as the granddaughter of Benjamin S. Lamb. |
|  | e. Sarah Lamb and Adaline Basilea Clinch Crane, widows, were living together in Brooklyn in 1860. Sarah was also in Adaline's 1855 household. |  | o. Benjamin Trafford mentioned an "Uncle Charles" [most likely Charles Garrick Harmer] in a letter to his wife, Cecelia Trafford, in 1861. |
|  | f. Sarah Lamb was living with Abraham and Basilea Trafford in Shrewsbury in 1870. |  | p. Following a significant Civil War battle, Capt. B. L. Trafford sent a telegram to Harmer Hays & Co. asking that his wife be notified that he was safe. |
|  | g. Adaline Crane was residing near Abraham, Basilea, and Sarah in Shrewsbury 1870. |  | q. In 1845, Abraham Trafford and Benjamin S. Lamb were working at the same address. |
|  | h. In 1813, a Faure, "widow of Leon" was listed in a New York City directory at the same address as a Joseph Harmer, the name the informant on Charles death certificate gave as his father. |  | r. Benjamin Trafford worked for Harmer & Hays, Charles Garrick Harmer's company. |
| NAME | i. Adaline Harmer and Jacob D. Clinch named their daughter Adaline Basilea Clinch. |  | s. Benjamin L. Trafford and Charles E. Harmer [Charles Garrick Harmer's son] both served in Company B of the 71st New York State Militia. |
| NAME | j. Charles Garrick Harmer named his daughter Sarah Basilea Harmer. | | |

Citations for "Summary of Garrick-Harmer-Lamb and Related Associations" Table

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