

	Robert Rainford	Polly Rainford	Jason Franklin	Betsey Franklin
1825			b. in NY	
1840		b. 23 June, England		
1849	B 13 Sept in Joliet, Will	Ship to NY, 28 May age 8		
1850	Census, Joliet age 1	Census Joliet age 10	Census Wilmington age 26 b NY with mother Betsey 53 NY, brother Nathaniel 24	
1853			? Pollus, Ann marries a Jason Franklin in Will 3/12/1853	
1855				b. in Illinois (no B certif.)
1860				
1863		Marriage license 17 Oct, Will, age 23	Marriage license 17 Oct, Will, age 38	
1870	Marriage to Betsey 10 April, age 20			Marriage to Robert, 10 April, age 15?
1870	Living with Betsey at Jason and Polly's age 21	Jason and Polly in Wesley, Will, living with Samuel 16, Sarah 12, Lodena 8, Milley 4, Bryan 6, Mary 2/12		Living with Robert 'helping to keep house' at Jason and Polly's, age 13 or 15
1871		Married John Cowan		Son Willis born 28 Aug
1880	Living in Lake Newton, Indiana, age 30 with family	Widowed age 40, living with son Charles 21, Milley A 13, Mary A 10, Jason M 7, Lilley M 4, George E. 2, brother Albert Rainford 17	Died 11 Mar 1874 in Joliet, Will, Illinois	Living with Robert at age 24 with Willis 10, Essie 7, Cora 2
1890				Cora married June 1899
1900	Widowed, age 50, living in Joliet with Cora and husband	Age 60 in Wilmington, Will, living with daughter Lilley, Daniel Hooper's family		Died in 1899 according to Robert's obituary ("died 37 years ago" from March 21, 1926 Joliet Herald News)
1910	Age 60, Living with Cora age 31 and 6 kids aged 1 (twins) to 9. Cora is head/still married			
1920	Age 70, head of household in Wilmington with Cora gone and her six kids aged 12-18	Age 80 in Wesley, Will, living with daughter Millie		
1921		Died in December, Wesley, Will age 81		
1926	Died in March age 76 in Wilmington			

TABLE OF EVENTS:

JASON FRANKLIN, ANN POLLUS, 4 CHILDREN, 2ND WIFE MARY ELIZABETH RAINFORD

	Ann Pollus 1st wife	Jason Franklin	Betsey Ann Franklin 1st child	Other Children
1825		b. in NY		
1835	Probably foreign born; legal age at marriage in 1853			
1847		20 Mar 1847 Land Purchase-Federal certificate for 80 acres, w half of SE quarter of Sec 23 in township 32 in Will County		
1850		Census Wilmington age 26 b NY living with mother Betsey 53 NY, brother Nathaniel 24		
1853	3/12/1853 FRANKLIN, JASON POLLUS, ANN 03/12/185 3 /00001870 WILL			
1855			Born in Illinois (no B certif. at IRAD.) ¹	
1858				Jul 1858 Sarah Jane Franklin born in Illinois
1859				12 Dec 1859 Charles Edward Franklin born in Will
1860		1860 census: Can't find Jason or Ann Pollus. Mary Elizabeth is living at her father's house, age 19, in Rockville, Kankakee and had a legal contract for horse financing ⁴ in her own name.		
		1 Jul 1863, Civil War Draft Registration in Wesley, Will, IL, 40 yr old farmer, b in NY		Abt 1862, Lodena Franklin born in Illinois
2 nd marriage Oct 1863		Marriage license 17 Oct, 1863 in Will, Jason age 38 to Mary Elizabeth Rainford 1866 Jason in Wesley, Will paid tax of \$2.81 on income of \$240	Father is Jason Franklin, who wrote a note to the court for her marriage license application.	April 1864, Benjamin Bryan Franklin born in Wesley, Will, IL Abt 1867, Millie Ann Franklin born in Illinois

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1871		<p>City Directory: Jason Franklin, farmer, west half section, east quarter section 23, PO Rockville</p>	<p>Son Willis born 28 Aug 1871</p>																	
		<p>Jason Franklin Land ownership records, 1873 in Wesley, Will, adjoining Rainford land</p>		<p>20 Sep 1872 Jason Waters Franklin born</p>																
1874		<p>Jason died 11 Mar 1874. Mary Elizabeth marries John Cowan 31 Dec 1874 in Will, IL</p>		<p>Samuel Franklin, Jason's nephew is a land heir in the will. Cowan buys the land.</p>																
		<p>John Cowan dies 1878</p>		<p>Sep 1876 Lillian M "Lillie" Cowan born in IL 1878 George E "Edward" Cowan born in IL</p>																
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1900	□	<p>Mary Elizabeth Franklin living with daughter Lilley Hooper family, claims 7 children, 4 living</p>	<p>Betsey died 1899, "37 years ago" in Robert's obit.</p>																	
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1933				1 Jan 1933 Death cert Charles Edwin Franklin lists his stepmother's name in the mother's maiden name field

¹ Betsey Franklin was born 1855 or 1856 in Illinois, according to the 1870 census from Wesley, Will and the 1880 census from Lake, Newton, Indiana .

² Betsey's marriage license has an addendum with "parents of both parties freely given" but only Jason is named. Robert was an adult and didn't need permission.

Detail: Filed Letter in Illinois Repository with application for marriage license issued to Betsey Ann Franklin and Robert Rainford Date: Wilmington, April 6, 1870 Notes: Betsey Franklin was about 15 years old, so this letter may have been required in lieu of an Affidavit of Age. *Actual text: "Wilmington April 6, 1870 John C Williams Esq, Clark County Court, Please send to James L Young Esq of Wilmington a Marriage License to unite in matrimony Betsey Ann Franklin my daughter with Mr Robert Rainford both of this county, the consent of the Parents of both parties being freely given. Yours Respectfully Jason Franklin " (Postscript) "I am acquainted with the parties and think it is all right James L. Young"*

However, her father Jason Franklin was married to Robert Rainford's sister, Mary Elizabeth Rainford, and it is unclear who Betsey's mother was. (Best guess: Ann Pollus who married a Jason Franklin in Will County, Illinois, in 1853 which would allow Betsey's birth in 1855. No birth certificate found for Betsey.) Jason Franklin married Mary Elizabeth Rainford on October 17, 1863 in Will County, State of Illinois.

³ Samuel and Sanford are other children that Mary Elizabeth claimed on the census but are not born to her or Jason Franklin. In fact, Samuel and Sanford are twins born to Nathaniel Franklin who married Mary Elizabeth's step-aunt Rebecca Wilcox. Both twins married and divorced the same woman (Mary Jane Gublail) but then Sanford went on to marry other women as well and live in Kansas.

⁴ Contract filed: 3 Jan 1860 in Kankakee John W Wilcox sold two young horses to Mary Rainford and financed them at 6% with the payments of \$50 due in October 1860, January 1861 and October 1861. Signed by John W Wilcox, witnessed by Benjamin (unclear) , State of Illinois, Kankakee County, Johnathan Deselms a justice of the peace.