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Edwin S. Parsons  
BORN 34-6-4 MARRIED 1866-8-11  
DIED 1918-12-21

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Elizabeth MacGibbon  
BORN 1836  
DIED 1878-9-12

William Belfrage Parsons.  
BORN 69-1-21

Complements of  
Ambrose Ogden

William B.

Arthur J.

Edwin S. Parsens

and

Elizabeth MacGibbon

Robert E.



Isabella E.  
Bush,

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Walter MacGibbon MARRIED  
BORN  
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Janet Belfrage Ralph  
BORN  
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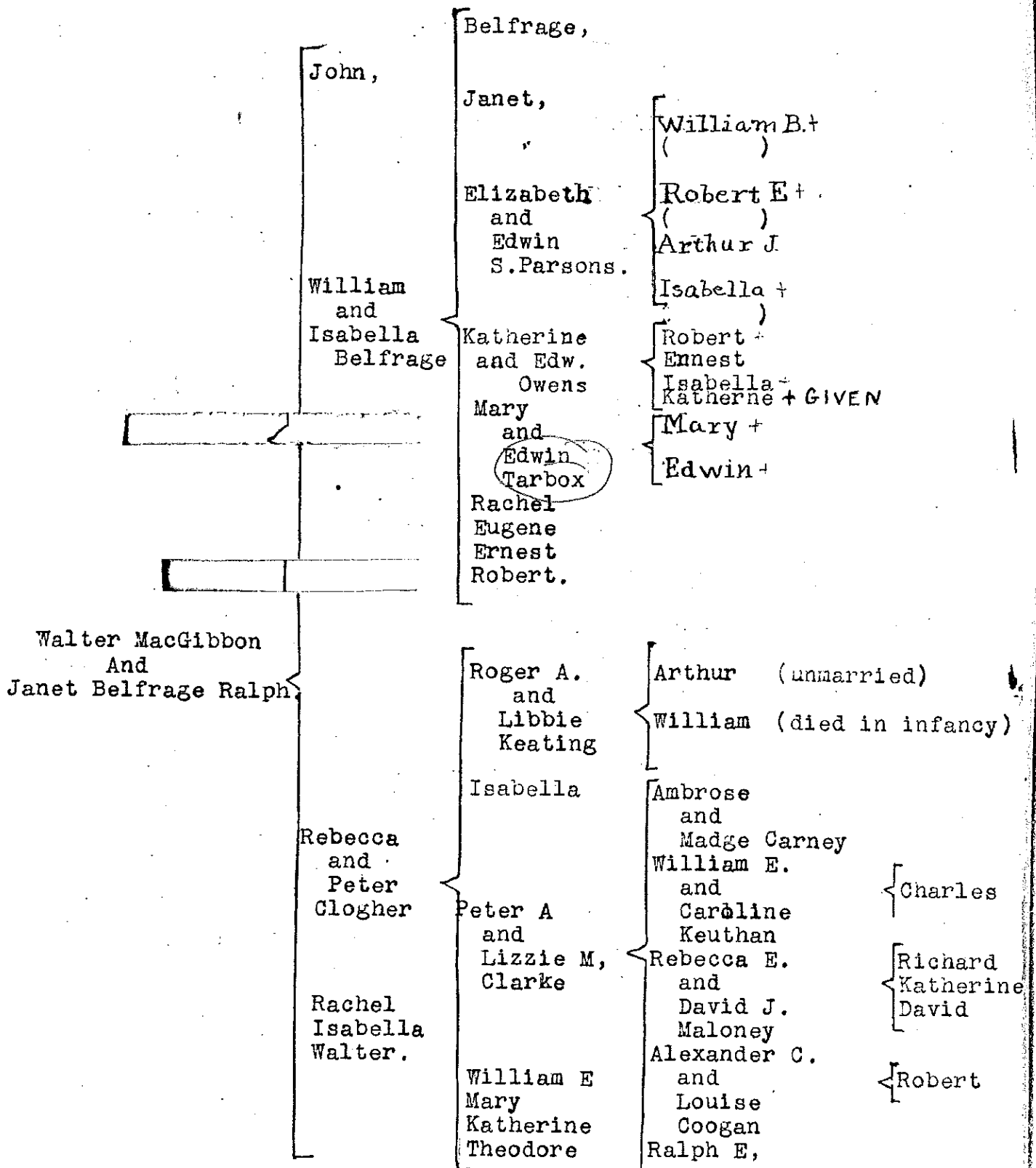
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Elizabeth MacGibbon



Walter MacGibbon was a widower with one child, a daughter, Jane MacGibbon, when he married Janet Belfrage Ralph. Jane MacGibbon married William Dent. Their children, James and Olive were residing in Waukesha, Wisconsin in 1914.

Geneology of the Belfrages, originally of Perthshire Highlands. Six generations extending to the Stuart uprising to place upon the throne of Scotland the lawful dynasty of Stuarts, 1689.

Henry Belfrage Elizabeth Gibson.  
 Henry Belfrage and his family lived on the Belfrage estate at Colleston in the Parish of Orwell in Kinrosshire, two miles from the village of Mill-na-thort on the shore of Lock Levin

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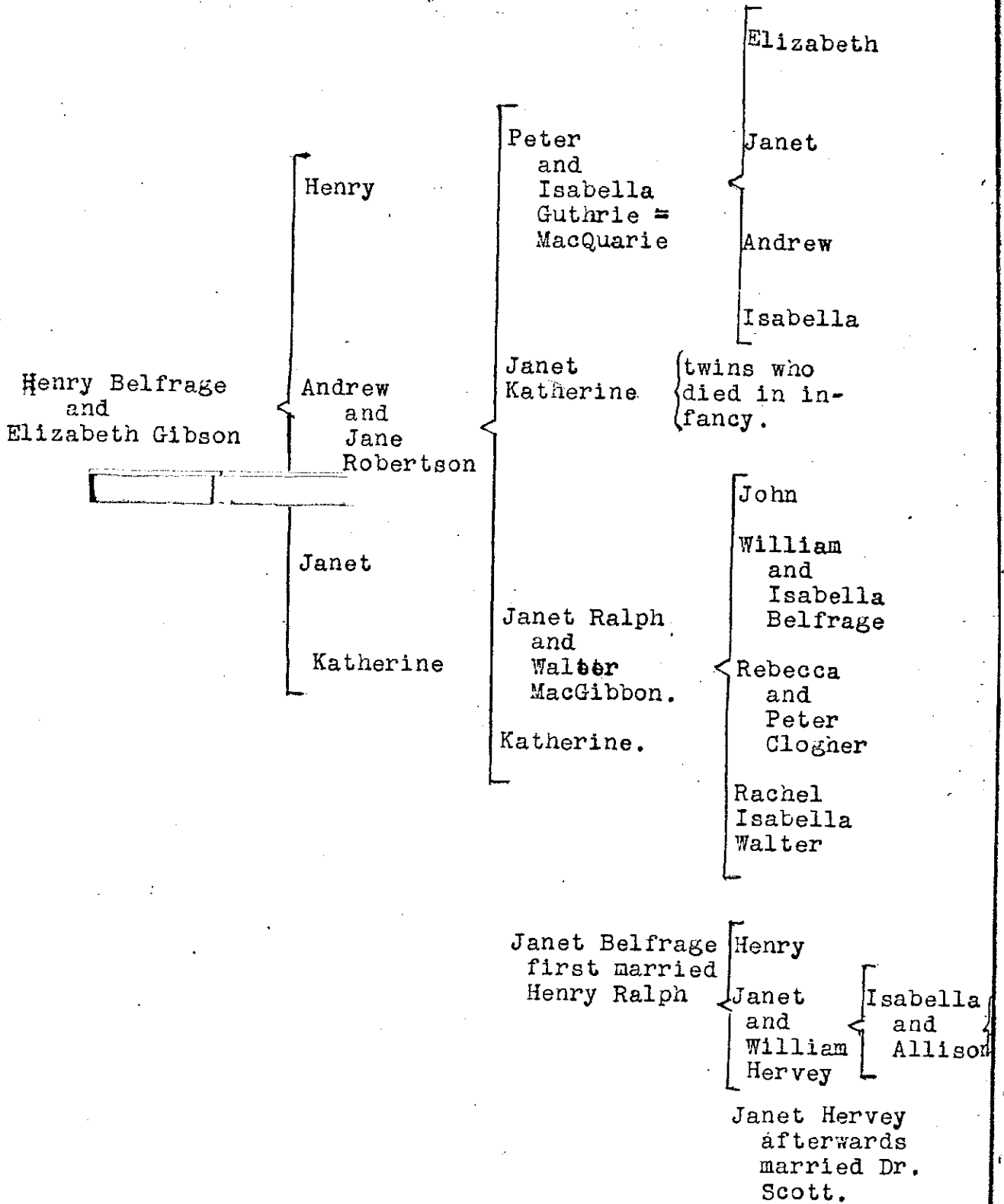
Andrew Belfrage Jane Robertson.  
 Andrew Belfrage was a farmer by occupation He lived in several places but for a while at least occupied the homestead at Colleston.

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Janet Belfrage Ralph.

Isabella Belfrage.

William MacGibbon and Isabella Belfrage were first cousins. Isabella being the daughter of Peter Belfrage a brother of Janet Belfrage who was William MacGibbon's mother. Peter and Janet were children of Andrew Belfrage.



Henry Belfrage.

Elizabeth Gibson

Andrew Belfrage

Jane Robertson

Peter Belfrage  
BORN  
DIED

MARRIED

Isabella Guthrie  
(Guthrie is said to be a  
corruption of MacQuarrie)  
BORN  
DIED

BOTH BURIED IN FAMILY PLOT AT CANNONS-  
VILLE, NEW YORK.

Isabella Belfrage.

Peter and Isabella Belfrage lived on the Belfrage Estate in a stone cottage "Loan Head" by name, on the north east side of Lock Levin, near the castle where "Mary Queen of Scots" was imprisoned. Peter Belfrage was by occupation a book seller and publisher. By trade he was a weaver of Highland Tartans. He came to America with his wife, Isabella Guthrie Belfrage and his only surviving child, Isabella, in 1827.

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Extracts from a letter written by Ernest  
MacGibbon to Mary Allison in March 1914.

I have wanted to give you a chapter of family history which I think will interest you. I have had to copy it, and write this letter at chance moments when I could get the opportunity. As I am the only one in the family who possesses the information authentically, and there is no copy of it except the one I enclose, I know you will see that it is preserved. I copy it from the original document, taken down by me from my mother's own lips when I was the only one left at home, so there can be no mistake about its authenticity.

My grandfather, Peter Belfrage, was your great grandmother's own brother. Her maiden name was Janet Belfrage. Her first husband's name was Ralph, and as near as I can learn, they migrated to Canada prior to my grandfather's coming to America. Her husband died and she went to Delaware County, New York, to visit relatives, taking her two children, Henry and Janet, with her. Henry, the older, lived with us for several years when I was a child, He died at my Uncle Walter's house and is buried in the family lot in the cemetery at Cannonsville, N.Y. Janet, the younger, your grandmother, afterwards became Mrs Hervey, and after Mr. Hervey's death, Mrs. Dr. Scott, I believe

My grandfather MacGibbon, a widower himself, with only one daughter whose history I can trace, fell in love with the charming widow Ralph nee Janet Belfrage, and they were married. Jane his daughter, married a Mr. Dent and James and Olive, her children, I don't know her married name, reside at Waukesha, Wisconsin. Janet my oldest sister, knows all about them as she spent several years with them once, and still corresponds.

The second family of MacGibbons were, of course half brothers and sisters to the Ralphs and the first family of MacGibbons.

The second family of MacGibbons were, John, William, Katherine Rachel, Isabella, Rebecca, afterwards Mrs. Clogher, and Walter.

My mother, a daughter of Peter Belfrage, was own cousin to your mother's mother, my Aunt Janet, and we would have been second cousins anyhow even if my mother had married someone else, for my father and mother were first cousins, a practice of wedlock not uncommon in Scotland.

All those whose names I have given you, our ancestors, etc, have all gone before, not one lives today. They are nearly all buried in the family plot in the cemetery in the little village of Cannonsville, where I was born. Peter Belfrage and Isabella Guthrie, (William) WALTER MacGibbon and Janet Belfrage, your great grandmother, Henry, Ralph, and all of the second family of MacGibbons, excepting Rachel and Rebecca who rest in Utica, my own father and mother and three brothers and sisters. The remains of the first mentioned ones were removed from the cemetery at Delhi, New York by my father when I was a child so that they should not be separated after death.

Janet my oldest sister, is the last of our family that remains to represent the family at home. She has her flowers and cats and canary birds and books to occupy her time and when she tires of these her church work. She is a very dogmatic, blue Presbyterian and has at her tongue's end all my grandfather Belfrage's old theological volumes that he brought from Scotland with him three quarters of a century ago. Robert, my only brother, the youngest of our family, says



she was born a century too late, that she was cut out, he thinks, for a Covenanting Ranter, but he is a little hard on her I think.

Robert lives in Walton N.Y. and Mary, Mrs E.B.Tarbox, lives at Hancock N. Y. They both have interesting families. Isabella Jones visits them both. Robert's only daughter is in Vassar College, She is one of the most beautiful girls I have ever seen and he may well be proud of her. Katherine my other sidter lives in Glendora, only thirty miles from here. She is tall, portly woman with the kindest expression that ever you saw and hair like driven snow. She reminds me very much of a picture of your mother which cousin Janet sent me ten or twelve years ago. Mary and Katherine Clogher are in Los Angeles, Callifornia at 2120 Pico Street. They have in their possession an antique ambrotype of their grenadfather MacGibbon and your grandfather, William Hervey, taken together which I expect would be very interesting to you, but you will probably see it when you come to California on your projected visit.

