

# *Descendants of Joseph Jr. Gunstone*

## *Generation No. 1*

1. JOSEPH JR.<sup>5</sup> GUNSTONE (*JOSEPH RICHARD*<sup>4</sup>, *ISAAC*<sup>3</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>2</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>1</sup>) was born 04 Apr 1864 in Nassagaweya Twp., Halton County, Ontario, and died 08 Feb 1909 in Lenora, Kansas, USA. He married DORA FRANCIS MILLER 11 Feb 1891 in Kensington Kansas, daughter of J. MILLER and MARY. She was born 1871 in Iowa.

Notes for JOSEPH JR. GUNSTONE:

Became a Physician and moved to Lenora, Kansas, USA

PROFESSION: Physician

RESIDENCE: 1909, Lenora, Kansas, USA.

Letter Received back from University of Toronto  
2006 June 15

UTA File: 1630-03

Dear Sandy Pestill

I have no success in finding any information that will confirm that your great uncle, Joseph Gunston/Gunstone, a Veterinarian, attended the Ontario Veterinary College between 1879-1889.

The university calendar (1860 to present) reported for the first time the curriculum in Veterinary Science and listed students in the Freshman, Junior and Senior classes in its volume for 1909-1911. As expected, Mr. Gunston/Gunstone's name is not in that list.

An accession in 1889 relating to the College has no bearing on your subject. Other accessions from the Ontario Veterinary College and from private donors including published sources are all dated 1890 with no reference to Mr. Gunston/Gunstone.

I regret to be of little help but you may contact another repository, the Archives of Ontario, for their records relating to the Ontario Veterinary College.

Happy archiving!

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Letter from Genealogy Researcher Mary Clement Douglass, CG:

June 16, 2006

Sandy,

Joseph's obituary states he was a physician, not a veterinarian. I hope to have more documentation. I'm waiting on third parties to provide replies to my letters--mostly small libraries.

In genealogy, I cannot provide "proof" of anything. That is a process of the mind as it evaluates the evidence presented. I will be supplying you with the best evidence I can find without actually going to Hoxie. It's 176 miles one way and I didn't think you wanted to pay the mileage for that.

Mary

Trust your gut! Your genes recognize family!

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Notes:

Picture of my Aunt Lorna ...on palomino...back says...

" Lorna at Ranch House, Oakley, Kansas, Sept. 1950.

Letter from Genealogy Researcher Mary Clement Douglass, CG:

June 15, 2006

Sandy,

I've learned from Jack Fox today that the Pratt family had extensive real estate holdings in the Hoxie area including a 12,000 acre ranch. Tom Pratt, Sr. tied up the estate in a 3-generation trust that was finally discharged in 2005 to the grandchildren. This may be the setting for your photograph of Lorna on the horse. He did not have any information on the Gunston family connections.

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Letter from Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

June 16, 2006

Sandy Pestill,

Unfortunately, we have no record of Joseph Gunston(e) ever being registered at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. I have searched our past members data base as well as our physician profile data base with no luck. There was only one Gunston ever registered at the College. He practiced in London, Ontario and resigned in 1965.

Thank you for using our archives.

Beverley Coburn

Records Management and Archives

Marriage License Record

State of Kansas

Smith County, Office of Probate Judge of Said County

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 10 day of February A.D. 1891, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy;

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF KANSAS, SMITH COUNTY, february 10 A.D. 1891

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PERFORM THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage Joseph R Gunston of Kensington aged 26 years, and Dora Miller of Kensington aged 19 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

J T Stones Probate Judge.

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to-wit: on the 13 day of February A.D. 1891 returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to-wit:

STATE OF KANSAS, Smith COUNTY, ss.

I, C T W Davis do hereby certify that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did on the 11th day of February A.D. 1891, at the Brides Parents Kensington in said County, join and unite in Marriage the above named Joseph R Gunston and Dora Miller

WITNESS my hand the day and year above written.

C T W Davis Minister of the Gospel

ATTEST: J T Stones Probate Judge.

Kensington Mirror

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1891 page 3, column 2

MARRIED: February 11, at the residence of the bride's parents, four miles southwest of Kensington, Mr. Joseph R. Gunston to Miss Dora Miller, Rev. C.T.W. Davis officiating.

OBITUARY OF DR. GUNSTON

On January 30 Dr. J. R. Gunston suffered a stroke of paralysis. His right side was affected. His condition was serious from the very beginning. The real struggle for life then started. All that physicians could do and loving, tender, patient care seemed to avail not. Everything was done for his relief. At times he seemed to improve and to recognize those around him but he never spoke after the stroke came. For days prior to his passing away he was unable to take nourishment of any kind and his good wife and others in attendance moistened his lips and tongue and made him as easy as possible. The end came peacefully on Monday night, Feb. 8, at 9:15 o'clock.

Joseph R. Gunston was born in Ontario, Canada, April 4, 1864. He was aged 44 years, 10 months and 4 days. Dr. Gunston first came to Kansas in 1885 and settled in Kirwin where for several years he practiced medicine.

On Feb. 11, 1891 just eighteen years before his burial, he was married to Miss Dora Miller who survives him.

He came to Lenora in September 1904 which ever since has been his home and where he has acquired the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He is mourned today by a wife and two children, by an aged mother, four brothers and three sisters and by a host of friends many of whom through his skill are here today to mingle their tears with those of his family.

Dr. Gunston long will be tenderly remembered in many homes in and around Lenora. This useful life is now brought to a close by the death angel stepping in and taking the spirit across the river to loved ones on the other shore who have been waiting his coming and are now rejoicing while we shed tears of sorrow at his leaving.

The funeral service was held on Thursday afternoon at one o'clock, Feb. 11, at the opera house which was packed by his friends and relatives. Rev. W. C. Littell of the Methodist church officiated. The Masonic order had charge and conducted the funeral service at the grave which was beautiful and well rendered. The floral offerings from friends and the orders of which he was a member were many and beautiful. Thus closes a short but well spent life.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas,--It has pleased our Supreme Grand Master to call our worthy brother, Dr. J. R. Gunston, from labor here to rest in the Celestial Lodge on high; therefore be it.

RESOLVED,--That in the death of Brother Gunston we lose a worthy member of our lodge, a just and upright Mason, and a good citizen.

Brother Gunston departed this life in its prime, full of hope; he was worthy and well qualified duly and truly prepared for admission into the Celestial Lodge above where our Supreme Grand Master presides; he will be properly vouched for by his Lord and Master.

We sympathize with his widow and children, his aged mother, brothers and sisters, and his friends and neighbors who mourn his departure; but we can only remind them that he is not dead, he is only asleep--resting after a short but well spent life here; he cannot and would not if he could return to us. We can if we will, go to him. Let us so live and perform our duties here as to insure a joyful reunion with those who have gone before, and a happy life in the great hereafter.

RESOLVED,--That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge, and that the secretary deliver a copy thereof, properly engrossed to the widow and family of the deceased, and a copy be published in our home paper.

E. E. JETER

S. LARRICK

E. J. MUZZY-----Committee

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1899 Mitchell County Directory, page 57, J. R. Gunston agent, res. 613 South St., Beloit  
1905 Kansas Decennial census, Norton County, Lenora City, Kansas State Historical Society microfilm #4620, reel 114, page 2, enumerated \* May 1905 lines 26-29, dwelling 14, family 14 Gunston, J. R., age 40, male, white physician, born Canada, came to Kansas from Canada, rent, house, D. F., age 33, female, white, born Iowa, came to Kansas from Iowa, B. F., 13 female, white, born Kansas, H. C., age 10, male, white, born Kansas.

J. R. Gunston was a member of Lenora Lodge #181 from February 9, 1906 until his death, February 11, 1909.

Norton County Probate Court, Recorded in Gdn. "L&B" Volume A, page 283, file 703, Inventory and Appraisal of Property of Minor, 23 February 1909, Violet and Carl Gunston, minor heirs of J. R. Gunston, had an interest in an insurance policy with face value of \$2000 with the Modern Woodmen of America.

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Mary Clement Douglass, Certified Genealogist  
July 3, 2006 Report prepared for Sandy Pestill  
259 N. Kansas Ave., Salina, KS 67401-8515

Limitation: 4 hours

#### Summary of Findings:

I cannot provide proof of the parentage of Joseph Gunston(e) found in Kansas 1885-1909. Proof is the result of the brain evaluating the evidence presented and reaching a conclusion. I am providing documents relating to Joseph Gunston who lived in various locations in Kansas. In my professional opinion, there is strong evidence that the Joseph Gunston in Kansas is the same person as Joseph Gunston(e) of Canada.

#### APPENDICES

Contents of Guardianship packet for Violet Gunston and Carl Gunston, minor heirs of J. R. Gunston, deceased  
Marriage License Record, Smith County Kansas, Joseph R. Gunston and Dora Miller  
Kensington Mirror newspaper clipping, February 12, 1891, marriage notice  
Lenora News, Feb. 18, 1909, Obituary of Dr. Gunston

1930 US Census, Sheridan County, city of Hoxie, ED 1, SE 90-5, sheet 1, dwelling 22, family 23, Tom L. Pratt, Jr. household; NARA T626:723

Social Security Death Index Record: Violet Pratt from Ancestry.com

World War I Draft Registration Card: Carl Henry Gunston from Ancestry.com

Ancestry World Tree Project: Avery & Watson Descendants: Tom Gunston Pratt, Sr.

As I was researching Joseph Gunston(e) Jr. I had acquired on my own 1900, 1905, 1910 and 1920 Census information from Ancestry.com US. as well as Carl Henry's draft cards and date of enlistment/death. I also had found the two cemeteries that the Gunston's and Pratts were buried which in turn had given me the third child's name Russell. From Joseph's obituary and actual death date it appears that Dora Francis Gunston entered into labour resulting in Russell's death. Russell died four days before his father Joseph. Also I had obtained from Ancestry.com US Violet Pratt's Social Security Death info and 1920 US Census for Tom Pratt Jr and 1930 US Census for Tom Pratt Jr.

I provided Mary with a Family group sheet for Joseph Gunston(e) Sr, three census and info on Lorna Gunston back of a picture "Lorna at Ranch House, Oakley, Kansas Sept. 1950. It had taken me a long time to accumulate the information I had so held back some of it to see how Mary's investigation/information would match what all I had. I feel this is definitely my great uncle from Kansas even tho Mary was unable to prove Joseph's parentage.

My census research provided to Mary Douglass CGRS:

1900 US Census, Mitchell County, Beloit, Joseph R. Gunston, born Apr 1864, wife Dora, arrived in US 1887, children Violet and Carl.

1910 US Census, Norton County, Lenora, Dora Gunston, widow, living with daughter Violet.

1920 US Census, Sheridan County, Hoxie, Dora Gunston, widow, living with daughter Violet and son-in-law Tom L. Pratt, Jr.

Notes for DORA FRANCIS MILLER:

1880 US census Smith County, Cedar Township, Dora F. Miller, age 8, daughter of J. W. and Mary F. Miller, born Iowa.

Information found at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~kslca/LenoraSouth3.htm>

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~kslca/LenoraSouth3.htm#G>

Lenora South Cemetery

Driving directions: On Lenora's Main Street, go south to first curve; approximately one mile.

Legal description: NE corner of NE 1/4 27-5-24

Historical Information: The first known burial is that of Agnes Scott in 1883. Family members had an original cemetery deed for Block 2 Lot 100 in Pleasant Hill Cemetery dated 1885. Since the burial was in 1883, subsequent investigations into deeds and land purchases reveal Pleasant Hill Cemetery lies on property that originally belonged to Adam Scott, brother of Agnes, leading to the possible conclusion that Pleasant Hill Cemetery was planned around Agnes' grave. Apparently the cemetery name was changed to Lenora South Cemetery in 1898.

Lenora South Cemetery, Legal description: NE corner of NE 1/4 Section 27-Township 5-Range 24

GUNSTON CARL H. 12/27/1894 - 11/6/1917 37th Co. 164th DB Masonic Emblem

GUNSTON DORA 1871 - 1921 Mother is inscribed on cylindrical stone to the south of the large family stone GUNSTON family stone. Dora's information is inscribed on the south face of the stone.

GUNSTON J. R., Dr. 4/4/1864 - 2/8/1909 GUNSTON family stone. Carl H and infant Russell on north face. Dr. J. R. on west face and Dora on South face. Mason emblem.

GUNSTON RUSSELL 4/26/1909 - 4/26/1909 INFANT

Children of JOSEPH GUNSTONE and DORA MILLER are:

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  - i. VIOLET<sup>6</sup> GUNSTONE, b. 11 Dec 1891, Kansas, USA; d. 04 Sep 1985, Kansas, USA.
  - ii. CARL HENRY GUNSTONE, b. 27 Dec 1894, Kansas, USA; d. 06 Nov 1917, Kansas, USA.

Notes for CARL HENRY GUNSTONE:

Carl died while serving with D 37 Co. 164 Dep Brig. one month into his service.

Lenora South Cemetery, Legal description: NE corner of NE 1/4 Section 27-Township 5-Range 24

iii. RUSSELL GUNSTONE, b. 04 Apr 1909, Kansas, USA; d. 04 Apr 1909, Kansas, USA.

*Generation No. 2*

2. VIOLET<sup>6</sup> GUNSTONE (*JOSEPH JR.*<sup>5</sup>, *JOSEPH RICHARD*<sup>4</sup>, *ISAAC*<sup>3</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>2</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 Dec 1891 in Kansas, USA, and died 04 Sep 1985 in Kansas, USA. She married TOM PRATT JR. 22 Oct 1919 in Kansas, USA. He was born 09 Nov 1894, and died 25 Mar 1935.

Notes for VIOLET GUNSTONE:

Social Security Death Index Record

Name: Violet Pratt

SSN: 515-05-2052

Last Residence: 67740 Hoxie, Sheridan, Kansas, USA

Born: 11 Dec 1891

Died: Sep 1985

They are buried in the Hoxie Cemetery.

Information found at:

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/sheridan/Cemeteries/Hoxie/cem-3-hoxie.htm>

Located from Stop Light in Hoxie, Kansas At Intersection of: U.S. - 24 & Hi-Wa. 23 Take Highway 23 N. 1 mile

PRATT Tom L. Jr. 11/9/1894 3/25/1935 Same stone:

Tom L. Jr. & Violet F.

Married: 10/22/1919 C

PRATT Violet F. Gunston 12/11/1892 9/4/1985 Same stone:

Tom L. Jr. & Violet F.

Married: 10/22/1919 C

Notes for TOM PRATT JR.:

Mary Douglass Certified Genealogist

259 N. Kansas Ave., Salina, KS 67401-8515

Mary states: Telephone conversation with Jack F. Cox 1779 Georgia Highway 30 West, Americus, GA 31709, June 2006. Mr. Cox knew the Pratt family had a large ranch in Sheridan/Thomas counties Kansas. It is probably on the Pratt ranch that the photograph of Lorna was taken in the 1950's. Tom Gunston Pratt was born in 1922 and Died in Georgia, 1996. His brother Edwin was born 31 July 1926 and died 21 July 1998 in Hoxie.

Mary Clement Douglass, Certified Genealogist states:

1930 US Census, Sheridan County, City of Hoxie, ED 1, SE 90-5, sheet 1, dwelling 22, family 23, Tom L. Pratt Jr. household; NARA T626:723 aged 35

Value of Dwelling: \$2500.00

Owner

General Farmer

Violet 37

Tom 7

Edwin 3 1/2

Children of VIOLET GUNSTONE and TOM JR. are:

- i. TOM GUNSTON<sup>7</sup> PRATT, b. 1922; d. 1996, Georgia.
- ii. EDWIN PRATT, b. 31 Jul 1926; d. 21 Jul 1998, Hoxie, Kansas.