
Susan Gliddon of Bridgerule, Devon, England; and Summit County, Ohio: One Person or Two?

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Appearances in widely separated locations over a short period, absent direct connections, suggest multiple individuals. Nevertheless, sufficient evidence can exist to help distinguish, or merge, the identities.

Susan Gliddon, two of her siblings, and their parents left England in 1871. Passing through the port of Quebec, Canada, the family settled in the province of Ontario. No further information shows Susan in Ontario. About eighteen months after the family's arrival in Quebec, a bride with Susan's name married in Ohio. Had Susan moved to Ohio while her family remained in Ontario? Or was the bride someone else?

THE GLIDDON FAMILY IN DEVON

Susan's parents, Samuel Gliddon and Eliza Sargent Eliston, married on 22 March 1841 in Stoke Damerel, Devon.¹ They had nine children born in Bridgerule, a village in Devon of fewer than five hundred people:²

- i. Elizabeth Ann Gliddon, born on 24 December 1841³
- ii. Charles Gliddon, born on 25 May 1843⁴
- iii. Thomas Gliddon, born on 25 February 1845; died on 2 March 1845⁵
- iv. Samuel Gliddon, born on 22 September 1846⁶

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1. Marriage certificate, Gliddon-Eliston, March quarter 1841, Stoke Damerel Registration District; reference 9/463/25, General Register Office, Southport (GROS), U.K.

2. "The growing population of Bridgerule," *Bridgerule Village Website* (<http://www.bridgerule.co.uk/population.html>).

3. Birth certificate for Betsy Ann Gliddon, 24 December 1841, Holsworthy Reg. Dist., Clawton Sub-dist; ref. 9/371/280, GROS.

4. *Ibid.*, Charles Glidden, 25 May 1843; ref. 9/350/384.

5. *Ibid.*, John Gliddon, 25 February 1845; ref. 9/390/188. *John* on the certificate is incorrect. Subsequent baptismal and burial records identify this child as *Thomas*. See "Devon Baptisms," *Findmypast* (<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/devon-baptisms>), digital image of Bridgerule Parish (Devon), baptismal register, p. 60, no. 478, Thomas Gliddon, 25 February 1845. Also, "Devon Burials," *Findmypast* (<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/devon-burials>), digital image of Bridgerule Parish, burial register, p. 33, no. 260, Thomas Gliddon.

6. Birth certificate for Samuel Gliddon, 22 September 1846, Holsworthy Reg. Dist., Clawton Sub-dist.; ref. 9/351/78, GROS.

- v. Thomas Gliddon, born on 23 March 1848⁷
- vi. Susanna [Susan] Gliddon, born on 1 April 1850⁸
- vii. William Eliston Gliddon, born on 12 October 1852⁹
- viii. Damarus Ann Gliddon, born on 1 September 1854¹⁰
- ix. John Gliddon, born on 25 October 1857¹¹

The family lived in Bridgerule in 1851, 1861, and 1871.¹² In April 1871 Susan, twenty-one, was a servant about five miles from her parents' home.¹³

THE GLIDDONS' IMMIGRATION TO ONTARIO

In July 1871 Susan Gliddon sailed on the S.S. *Austrian* with her parents and siblings Damarus and John. They arrived at Quebec on 31 July 1871.¹⁴ Susan's brother William followed the family and died in 1875 in Bowmanville, Ontario.¹⁵ In 1881 Susan's parents and their family—minus Susan—lived in Bowmanville.¹⁶ Susan left no known record there.¹⁷

7. Birth certificate for Thomas Gliddon, 23 March 1848, Holsworthy Reg. Dist., Clawton Sub-dist.; ref. 9/351/168, GROS.

8. *Ibid.*, Susanna Gliddon, 1 April 1850; ref. 9/373/291.

9. *Ibid.*, William Eliston Gliddon, 12 October 1852; ref. 5b/529[or 539]/442.

10. *Ibid.*, Damarus Ann Gliddon, 1 September 1854; ref. 5/500/57.

11. *Ibid.*, John Gliddon, 25 October 1857; ref. 5/501/243.

12. "1851 England Census," Ancestry (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8860>) > Devon > West Bridgerule > 4b > image 10, Devon, West Bridgerule, enumeration district (ED) 4b, p. 9, schedule 27, Samuel Gliddon household; ref. HO 107/1896, The National Archives (TNA), Kew, Surrey, U.K. Also, "1861 England Census," Ancestry (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8767>) > Devon > Bridgerule > District 5 > image 10, Devon, Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 11, sch. 64, Samuel Gliddon household; ref. RG 9/1511, TNA. Also, "1871 England Census," Ancestry (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=7619>) > Devon > Bridgerule West > District 5 > image 7, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 6, sch. 21, Samuel Gliddon household; ref. RG 10/2213, TNA.

13. Enumerators of the 1871 census distributed forms for each household to fill with information for the night of 2 April 1871. See "England and Wales Census, 1871 (FamilySearch Historical Records)," wiki article, *FamilySearch* ([https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England_and_Wales_Census_1871_\(FamilySearch_Historical_Records\)](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England_and_Wales_Census_1871_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))). For Susan, see "1871 England Census," Ancestry > Cornwall > Stratton > District 3 > image 3, Cornwall, Stratton, ED 3, p. 2, sch. 12, Susan Gliddon; ref. 10/2215, TNA.

14. "Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865–1935," Ancestry (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1263>) > Quebec, Quebec > 1871 > July > image 14, arrival on 31 July 1871, S.S. *Austrian* manifest, p. 9, no. 187, Saml, Eliza, Susan, Dam[a]rus, Jno, and Rob' Gliddon; imaged from Library and Archives Canada (LAC) microfilm.

15. "Ontario, Canada, Deaths and Deaths Overseas, 1869–1947," Ancestry (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8946>) > Northumberland and Durham > 1875 > image 20, Northumberland and Durham, Schedule C—Deaths, p. 57, no. 3, William Gliddon, 30 January 1875; imaged from Archives of Ontario microfilm series MS935.

16. "1881 Census of Canada," Ancestry (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1577>) > Ontario > Durham West > Bowmanville > image 56, Ont., dist. 128, E. Bowmanville Town sub-dist., division 2, p. 29, fam. 150, John (Samuel) Gliddon household; imaged from LAC microfilm C-13242. The census names the household head as "John," but the household composition—including Eliza, Damaris, John, and Rupert—shows he was Samuel.

17. See appendix for Ontario sources searched, unproductively, for Susan in 1871 and later.

SUSAN GLIDDON IN OHIO

On 24 December 1872 Susan Gliddon married James Cleave in Summit County, Ohio.¹⁸ Was she the young woman who had arrived in Quebec on 31 July 1871?

Nineteenth-century Ohio law required a bridal couple to obtain their marriage license in the bride's county of residence but did not specify a residency period.¹⁹ New residents could obtain licenses. If Susan traveled from Ontario to Summit County, about 361 miles, she could get a marriage license upon arrival.²⁰ Canada–United States border-crossing records began in 1895.²¹ No record shows Susan traveling from Canada to Ohio in 1871–72.

THE CLEAVES IN DEVON, ENGLAND

Like Susan and her family, James Cleave came from the small village of Bridgerule. His parents, John and Grace (Bottrell) Cleave, married there on 1 May 1845.²² They had nine children born in Bridgerule:

- i. William Cleave, born on 8 March 1846²³
- ii. John Cleave, born on 7 January 1848²⁴
- iii. James Cleave, born on 12 November 1849²⁵
- iv. Mary Ann Cleave, born on 21 December 1852²⁶
- v. Susan Cleave, born on 11 April 1855²⁷
- vi. Elizabeth Cleave, born on 7 May 1857²⁸
- vii. Thomas Cleave, born on 15 August 1859²⁹
- viii. Samuel Cleave, born on 20 February 1862³⁰
- ix. Mary Ann “Polly” Cleave, born on 6 September 1864³¹

18. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004732953>), digital film 004732953, image 162, Summit Co., Ohio, Marriage Record 2:241, Cleave-Gliddon, 24 December 1872.

19. The act, passed in 1824, was still in effect in 1910. See *Revised Statutes of the State of Ohio, of a General Nature in Force August 1, 1860*, vol. 1 (Cincinnati: Robert Clarke, 1870), 855, “An Act regulating marriages,” sect. 6. Also, *The General Code of the State of Ohio*, vol. 3 (Columbus: Commissioners of Public Printing, 1910), 2408, section 11186.

20. *Google Maps* (<https://www.google.com/maps>), for Bowmanville to Akron, Ohio.

21. “Prologue: Selected Articles,” *National Archives* (<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2000/fall/us-canada-immigration-records1.html>), for Marian L. Smith, “By Way of Canada: U.S. Records of Immigration Across the U.S.–Canadian Border, 1895–1954 (St. Albans Lists).”

22. Marriage certificate, Cleave-Botrel, 1 May 1845, June quarter 1845, Holsworthy Reg. Dist., Bridgerule Sub-dist.; ref. 9/375/19, GROS.

23. Birth certificate for William Cleave, 8 March 1846, Holsworthy Reg. Dist., Clawton Sub-dist.; ref. 9/387/42, GROS.

24. *Ibid.*, John Cleave, registered 7 January 1848; ref. 9/365/155.

25. *Ibid.*, James Cleave, registered 12 November 1849; ref. 9/340/272.

26. *Ibid.*, Mary Ann Cleave, registered 21 December 1852; ref. 5/523/454 [possibly 654?].

27. *Ibid.*, Susan Cleave, 11 April 1855; ref. 5b/497/96.

28. *Ibid.*, Elizabeth Cleave, 7 May 1857; ref. 5b/516/225.

29. *Ibid.*, Thomas Cleave, 15 August 1859; ref. 5b/485/344 [possibly 34 or 349?].

30. *Ibid.*, Samuel Cleave, 20 February 1862; ref. 5b/571/2.

31. *Ibid.*, Mary Ann Cleave, 6 September 1864; ref. 5b/541/141 [possibly 171?].

The family lived in Bridgerule in 1851, 1861, and 1871.³² In 1861 James was a servant in another household.³³ He was not enumerated in Devon in 1871.³⁴

James emigrated between 1861, when he was a servant in Devon, and 1872, when he married in Ohio. Two candidates for James arrived in New York:

- On 14 June 1867 James Cleave, nineteen, came on the S.S. *United Kingdom*.³⁵ His age is appropriate for James from Bridgerule, but he does not appear in the 1870 United States census or the 1871 Canadian census.³⁶
- On 28 June 1871 James Cleave, twenty-six, arrived on the steamer *China*. James from Bridgerule would have been twenty-one.³⁷

Two Akron, Ohio, censuses give James's immigration year as 1870, supporting neither candidate.³⁸

Three of James's siblings—William, John, and Susan—immigrated and lived in the Durham, Ontario, area in 1871.³⁹ No record of James in Ontario is known.⁴⁰

32. "1851 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > West Bridgerule > 4b > image 16, Devon, Bridgerule West, ED 4b, p. 15, sch. 55, John Cleave household. Also, "1861 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule > District 5 > image 9, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 2, sch. 12, John Cleave. Also, "1871 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule West > District 5 > image 7, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 6, sch. 23, Grace Cleave household.

33. "1861 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule > District 5 > image 6, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 5, sch. 34, James Cleave.

34. "1871 England Census," *Ancestry*, search for James Cleave.

35. "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820–1957," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=7488>) > Roll > M237, 1820–1897 > Roll 281 > image 239, arrival on 14 June 1867, S.S. *United Kingdom*, manifest 585, Jas Cleave; imaged from microfilm publication M237, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

36. "1870 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=7163>), search for James Cleave. Also, "1871 Census of Canada," *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1578>), search for James Cleave.

37. "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820–1957," *Ancestry* > Roll 344 > image 609, arrival on 28 June 1871, Str. *China*, manifest 595, passenger 76, Jas Cleave.

38. 1900 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, population schedule, Akron, ward 2, ED 67, sheet 4B, dwelling 367, family 404, James Cleave; NARA microfilm T623, roll 1323. Also, 1910 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Akron, ward 2, ED 129, sheet 1B, dwell. 23, fam. 25, James Cleave; NARA microfilm T624, roll 1233.

39. "Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865–1935," *Ancestry* > Quebec, Quebec > 1870 > June > image 180, arrival on 22 June 1870, S.S. *Germany*, list 49, p. 8, Wm Cleave, and p. 9, Susan Cleave. Susan and William appear at the bottom of their respective pages, as if added late. William's age of twenty-four is accurate, but Susan's is twenty-four, when she was about fifteen. A fifteen-year-old Susan Cleave arrived in Quebec later that year. See *ibid.* > November > image 20, arrival on 13 November 1870, S.S. *Moravian*, no. 2340. The author found no arrival record for John, who reportedly immigrated in 1870. See 1900 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Akron, ward 4, ED 45, sheet 4B, dwell. 83, fam. 105, John Cleave. For their settlement, see "1871 Census of Canada," *Ancestry* > Ontario > Durham East > Hope > image 78, Ont., dist. 51, sub-dist. Hope, division 4, p. 1, dwell./fam. 3, William Cleave. Also, *ibid.* > Ontario > Durham West > Darlington > image 6, Ontario, dist. 50, "a township of Darlington" sub-dist., division 1, p. 11, dwell./fam. 41, John Cleave; and image 19, p. 37, dwell. 133, fam. 135, Susan Cleave.

40. See appendix for Ontario sources searched, unproductively, for James Cleave.

THE CLEAVES IN OHIO

In 1871 James's widowed mother, Grace, and siblings Elizabeth, Thomas, Samuel, and Mary Ann lived in Devon.⁴¹ Nine years later, in 1880, James's mother and his surviving siblings were in Summit County, Ohio.⁴² James and Susan were married, settled, and had four young children.⁴³

Perhaps Akron's growing economy drew the Cleaves from Ontario and England. Benjamin Franklin Goodrich moved his rubber factory to Akron in 1871.⁴⁴ Consequently, in the 1870s Summit County's population grew 26.3 percent—from 34,674 to 43,788.⁴⁵ Other large manufacturers, like the Barber Match Company and Buckeye Mower and Reaper, also helped Akron grow.⁴⁶ James Cleave, a machinist at the Buckeye Reaper Company for many years, later worked for the Kelly Springfield Tire Company.⁴⁷

NO DIRECT TIES FROM SUSAN IN DEVON TO SUSAN IN OHIO

Records of Susan in Akron do not specify her origin:

- Susan and her family attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Akron. Its surviving records show her membership and three of her children's baptisms. They do not mention her birthplace.⁴⁸

41. "1871 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule West > District 5 > image 7, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 6, sch. 23, Grace Cleave household.

42. 1880 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Akron, ward 4, ED 163, p. 20, dwell. 183, fam. 202, William Cleave household, and dwell. 184, fam. 203, John Cleave household; NARA microfilm T9, roll 1068. Their sister, Susan, not found in 1880, was a servant in an Akron household in 1900 with an 1880 immigration year. See 1900 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Akron, ward 2, ED 60, sheet 13B, dwell. 243, fam. 292, Susan Cleave.

43. *FamilySearch*, digital film 004732953, image 162, Summit Co., Marriage Record 2:241, Cleave-Gliddon, 24 December 1872. Also, 1880 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Portage Township, ED 177, p. 22, dwell. 209, fam. 219, James Cleave; NARA microfilm T9, roll 1069.

44. "1850–1899," *City of Akron* (<http://www.akronohio.gov/cms/1850-1899/index.html>).

45. Richard L. Forstall, comp. and ed., *Population of States and Counties of the United States: 1790–1990* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Population Division, 1996), 127.

46. "Ohio History Connection," *Ohio History Central* (http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Akron,_Ohio), "Akron, Ohio."

47. For James's employment as "work in Reaper work," see 1880 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Portage Twp., ED 177, p. 22, dwell. 209, fam. 219, James Cleave. For employment at the "Buckeye R. Co.," see *Akron Official City Directory* (Akron: Burch Directory Co., 1899), 255; and subsequent years with similar titles: (1904), 290 (listed only as "machinist"); (1907), 316; (1908), 322; (1909), 352; and (1910), 380. For Kelly Springfield Tire Company as James's employer, see Akron city directories: (1914), 485; (1915), 496; and (1918), 487. Also, 1910 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Akron, ward 2, ED 129, sheet 1B, dwell. 23, fam. 25, James Cleave.

48. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Akron, Ohio), Trinity Communion Records, 1870–1896, p. 123, no. 12, Susan Cleave; church office, Akron. Also, *ibid.*, Trinity Membership Records, 1870–1896, Births and Baptisms, unpaginated for 1888–89, 6 June 1888, no. 1, Ella Peters [Cleave] baptism; no. 2, Maud Susan [Cleave] baptism; and no. 3, Frank Roy [Cleave] baptism.

- Susan's civil death record confirms her age, forty-seven in 1898, but does not mention her parents or an English county, parish, or town.⁴⁹
- Susan's obituary notes only that she was a "native of England."⁵⁰
- Summit County history books do not mention Susan (Gliddon) Cleave.⁵¹

Canadian records of Samuel and Eliza Gliddon's family do not mention Susan:

- Samuel Gliddon died in Ontario on 6 August 1884.⁵² His brief death notice mentions no relative.⁵³
- Eliza (Eliston) Gliddon died in Ontario on 24 August 1881.⁵⁴ No obituary is known.⁵⁵
- Two of Samuel and Eliza's sons predeceased Susan—Thomas as a baby in 1845 and William in 1875.⁵⁶ The other Gliddon offspring died years after Susan. None of their known obituaries mention her.⁵⁷

Susan and James Cleave had six children born in Akron in 1873–87:

49. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004017055>), digital film 004017055, image 369, Akron, Ohio, Death Records 2:104, no. 291, Susan Cleave, 24 March 1898.

50. "Death of Mrs. Susan Cleave," *Akron Beacon Journal*, 25 March 1898, page 1, col. 4.

51. The author searched for "Susan Gliddon Cleave" in L. V. Bierce, *Historical Reminiscences of Summit County* (Akron: T. & H. G. Canfield, 1854). Also, William B. Doyle, *Centennial History of Summit County, Ohio and Representative Citizens* (Chicago: Biographical Publishing, 1908). Also, William Henry Perrin, *History of Summit County: With an Outline Sketch of Ohio*, (Chicago: Baskin & Battey, 1881).

52. "Ontario, Canada, Deaths and Deaths Overseas, 1869–1947," *Ancestry* > Durham > 1884 > image 4, Schedule C.—Deaths, Durham Co., Bowmanville, p. 83, no. 3, Samuel Gliddon, 6 August 1884. Also, *Bowmanville Burial Records* (Whitby, Ont.: Ontario Genealogical Society, 1990), vol. 1, fol. 65, no. 1875, Samuel Glidden.

53. "Died: Gliddon," *Canadian Statesman* (Bowmanville), 8 August 1884, page 5, col. 5.

54. "Ontario, Canada, Deaths and Deaths Overseas, 1869–1947," *Ancestry* > Durham > 1881 > image 33, Schedule C.—Deaths, Durham Co., Bowmanville, p. 302, no. 7, Eliza Glidden, 24 August 1881. Also, The Ontario Genealogical Society, *Bowmanville Burial Records*, vol. 1, fol. 56, Eliza Glidden.

55. *Canadian Statesman*, digitized collection, Clarington Public Library, Bowmanville, Ont.; search for Eliza Gliddon in 1875–90.

56. "Devon Burials," *Findmypast*, digital image of Bridgerule Parish, burial register, p. 33, no. 260, Thomas Gliddon. Also, "Ontario, Canada, Deaths and Deaths Overseas, 1869–1947," *Ancestry* > Northumberland and Durham > 1875 > image 20, Northumberland and Durham, Schedule C.—Deaths, p. 57, no. 3, William Gliddon, 30 January 1875.

57. Elizabeth Davis obituary, *Berlin News Record* (Waterloo, Ont.), 5 June 1916, page 7, col. 3. Also, unproductive search for Charles Gliddon obituary during the four-week period after his April 1924 death, *Cornish Post* and *Devon Post*, Bude Library, Cornwall, England. Also, Samuel Glidden obituary, *Canadian Statesman*, 5 June 1924, page 3, col. 3. Also, Thomas Gliddon obituary, *St. Thomas Times Journal*, 8 May 1926, page 7, col. 8. Also, William Elliston Gliddon obituary, *Merchant and General Advertiser* (Bowmanville), 19 February 1875, page 2, col. 8. Also, unproductive searches for the obituary for Ann Damaras in *Merchant and General Advertiser*, *St. Thomas Times Journal*, *Whitby Chronicle* (Whitby, Ont.), *Berlin Daily Telegraph* (Waterloo, Ont.), and *Berlin Journal* (Waterloo, Ont.). Also, John Gliddon obituary, *St. Thomas Times Journal* (Union, Ont.), 13 January 1937, page 9, col. 8.

- i. John J. Cleave, born on 19 May 1873; died on 14 February 1888⁵⁸
- ii. Ida M. Cleave, born on 16 April 1876; died on 16 February 1906⁵⁹
- iii. William Eliston Cleave, born on 8 December 1877; died on 25 January 1963⁶⁰
- iv. Ella Buttress Cleave, born on 29 October 1881; died on 26 February 1939⁶¹
- v. Maude Susan Cleave, born on 7 February 1885; died on 27 October 1957⁶²
- vi. Frank Roy Cleave, born on 27 August 1887; died on 5 August 1973⁶³

None of those children's birth or death records or obituaries pinpoints Susan's birthplace more specifically than "England," nor does the 1880 census.⁶⁴

INDIRECT TIES FROM SUSAN IN DEVON TO SUSAN IN OHIO

Figure 1 summarizes chronologically Susan's appearances in England, Canada, and the United States. Shaded areas show when and where Susan of Bridgerule was sought and not found:

58. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004017055>), digital film 004017055, image 199, Summit Co., Probate Court Death Record 1:298–99, no. 317, John J. Clea[ve], 14 February 1888. Also, "Born [sic]," *Summit County Beacon* (Akron), 22 February 1888, page 3, col. 8. The item reports six births and two deaths, including John's at age fifteen. The preceding article, "Mortuary Report for the Week," gives his age as fourteen years, nine months.

59. *FamilySearch*, digital film 004017055, image 426, Summit Co., Probate Court Death Record 1:43, no. 313, Ida M. Cleave, 16 February 1906. Also, "March to Church in Driving Rain," *Akron Beacon Journal*, 11 June 1906, page 3, col. 1, reports on the Maccabees memorial service and gives a "list of deceased who passed away in the order in Akron the last year." Also, obituary for Ida Cleave, *Akron Beacon Journal*, 17 February 1906, page 3, col. 1.

60. Ohio, Certificate of Death 05476 (1963), William Elleston Cleave; Division of Vital Statistics, Columbus. Also, "Pharmacist Cleave Dies," *Akron Beacon Journal*, 25 January 1963, page 24, col. 4.

61. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004017041>), digital film 004017041, image 303, Summit Co., Birth Record 2:40–41, no. 80, Ella Butress Cle[ave], 29 October 1881. Also, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004122485>), digital folder 004122485, image 995, Ohio, Certificate of Death 12876 (1939), Ella B. Cleave. Also, "Miss Ella Cleave," *Akron Beacon Journal*, 27 February 1939, page 9, col. 5. Nellie B. Cleave, enumerated in the household as born in December 1878, does not appear in the family's 1880 enumeration. See 1900 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Portage Twp., Akron, ward 2, ED 61, sheet 19A, dwell. 367, fam. 403, Nellie B. Cleave. This could be a second enumeration of Ella.

62. *FamilySearch*, digital film 004017041, image 378, Summit Co., Birth Record 2:178–79, no. 621, Maude S. Cleave, 7 February 1885. Also, Ohio, Certificate of Death 73210 (1957), Maude Susan Spikerman. Also, "Mrs. Maude Spikerman," *Akron Beacon Journal*, 28 October 1957, page 38, col. 1.

63. *FamilySearch*, digital film 004017041, image 445, Summit Co., Birth Record 2:308–9, no. 514, Frank R. Cleave, 27 August 1887. Also, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004017075>), digital folder 004017075, image 193, Summit Co., Marriage Record 23:241, Cleave-Frase, 18 June 1913. Also, "Frank Cleave," *Akron Beacon Journal*, 6 August 1973, page 14, col. 1. Also, Ohio certificate of death 064168 (1973), Frank R. Cleave.

64. 1880 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Portage Twp., ED 177, p. 22, dwell. 209, fam. 219, Susan Cleave.

- Devon after 1871, when Susan and her family left the vicinity (area A)⁶⁵
- Ontario before and after the family's arrival in Canada (areas B and C)⁶⁶
- Ohio before Susan's marriage in Summit County (area D)⁶⁷

Areas in the figure containing data support the theory that Susan Gliddon in Devon before 1871 was Susan (Gliddon) Cleave in Ohio after 1871. The timeline, read from upper left to lower right, is sequential. It shows no overlapping, duplicate, or improbable appearances.

Dark areas in the figure also support the hypothesis:

- Had Susan remained in Devon after 1871, she likely would appear in Devon records, thorough research should reveal that source, and it would go in area A. Its existence could show that Susan of Devon and Susan of Ohio were two people. Its absence from where it might be expected—negative evidence—does not support the hypothesis of two Susan Gliddons, one in Devon and another in Ohio.⁶⁸ The absence does support the alternative hypothesis that Susan from Devon married James Cleave in Ohio.
- Had Susan remained in Ontario with her family, area B likely would contain at least one source, indicating that Susan of Ontario and Susan of Ohio were two people. Again, the absence of such evidence after thorough research suggests she indeed settled in Ohio.
- Had Susan lived in Summit County before her marriage, at least one evidentiary source should appear in area C, showing that Susan of Devon and Susan of Ohio were two people. Its absence after thorough research, however, helps support the hypothesis of one person.

65. For no post-1871 appearance of Susan Gliddon in Devon, the author searched “Birth, Marriage & Death (Parish Registers),” *FindMyPast* (<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records-in-birth-marriage-and-death-parish-registers>). Also, “England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538–1975,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=9841>). Also, “England and Wales Marriage Registration Index, 1837–2005,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2285732>). Also, “England and Wales Death Registration Index, 1837–2007,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2285341>). Also, “U.K. Census Collection, 1841–191,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/group/ukicen>).

66. See appendix for resources searched, unproductively, for Susan Gliddon in Ontario in 1871 and later.

67. The following resources were searched, unproductively, for Susan Gliddon in Ohio before 1871. Records held by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, both in Akron, Ohio. Also, databases at *Ancestry*: “Summit Co., “Marriage Records, 1840–1980” (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2145>); “Ohio, Wills and Probate Records, 1786–1998” (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8801>); “Summit, County, Ohio, Birth Records, 1866–1908” (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2144>); “Summit County, Ohio, Death Records, 1866–1908” (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1596>); and “U.S. Federal Census Collection.” Also, “Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821–1962,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1680845>). Also, “Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–2013,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1614804>).

68. For negative evidence defined as “arising from an absence of a situation or information in extant records where that information might be expected,” see Board for Certification of Genealogists, “Glossary,” in *Genealogy Standards* (Nashville, Tenn: Ancestry, 2014), 71.

Figure 1

Chronologically and Geographically Arranged Summary of Sources Giving Information and Evidence of Susan Gliddon's Identity

		1850– 1860	1861– 1870	1871, 1st half	1871, 2nd half	1872– 1879	1880– 1889	1890– 1898
BRIDGERULE, DEVON, ENGLAND	Birth				A			
	Census	Census	Census					
PORT OF QUEBEC AND ONTARIO, CANADA	Arrival	B			C			
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO, UNITED STATES	D				Marriage	Census	Death	
					Four children's births	Three children's births	Obituary City directory	

For sources, see text.

OTHER TIES FROM SUSAN IN DEVON TO SUSAN IN OHIO

Further information indirectly supports the evidence shown in figure 1.

Gliddons and Cleaves in Close Proximity

Gliddon and Cleave families lived near each other in Bridgerule:

- 1851. James's parents appear on census page 15; Susan's appear on page 9.⁶⁹
- 1861. James's parents appear on census page 11; Susan's appear on page 2.⁷⁰
- 1871. James's widowed mother and Susan's parents appear on the same page.⁷¹
- 1861. James's brother John and Susan's brother Samuel were servants in the same household.⁷²

69. "1851 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > West Bridgerule > 4b > image 16, Devon, Bridgerule West, ED 4b, p. 15, sch. 55, John Cleave household.; and image 10, p. 9, sch. 27, Samuel Gliddon household.

70. "1861 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule > District 5 > image 10, Devon, Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 11, sch. 64, Samuel Gliddon household; and image 9, p. 2, sch. 12, John Cleave.

71. "1871 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule West > District 5 > image 7, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 6, sch. 23, Grace Cleave household, and sch. 21, Samuel Gliddon household.

72. "1861 England Census," *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule > District 6 > image 2, Devon, Bridgerule, ED 6, p. 1, sch. 1, John Woodley household, for Samuel Glidon and John Cleave.

The connections continued in Canada:

- Susan's sister Elizabeth and James's mother and siblings Thomas, Samuel, and Mary arrived in Canada from the same ship.⁷³
- Three of James's siblings briefly lived in Ontario near Durham, where the Gliddons had settled.⁷⁴
- James's sister Susan and Susan's brother Thomas worked in the same Ontario household.⁷⁵

Society Column Announcements

Local newspaper announcements between 1875 and 1937 show connections between the Akron-based Cleaves and folks in the Bowmanville, Ontario, area where the Gliddons had settled:

- *Bowmanville, 1875.* "Married. Cleave-Hambly. On the 14th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by Mr. W. Jolliffe, Mr. John Cleave, of Akron, Ohio, U.S., to Miss Mary Grace Hambly, of Bowmanvillv [*sic*], Ont."⁷⁶
- *Akron, 1883.* "Personals. Samuel Cleave and his sister Susie [James's siblings] have returned from a month's visit with friends at Bowmanville, Canada."⁷⁷
- *West Durham, 1887.* "Died. Cleave. – At 114 Brown street, Akton [*sic*] Ohio, at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24, 1887, of cancer, Mary Grace, wife of John Cleave."⁷⁸
- *Bowmanville, 1898.* "Mr. W. Cleave, Miss Cleave, Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Hine [James's siblings,] Master Fay and Miss Addie Hine, Akron, Ohio have been guests of Mr. J. Grigg, Ontario street."⁷⁹
- *Bowmanville, 1904.* "Mr. James Cleave, and daughter Miss Ida Cleave [the widowed husband and daughter of Susan (Gliddon) Cleave], Akron, Ohio are visiting their cousin Mrs. John Grigg [a relative of James Cleave's mother Grace Bottrell]."⁸⁰
- *Bowmanville, 1904.* "Mr. James Cleave and daughter, Akron, Ohio, were guests of his cousin, Mrs. Roger Fishleigh."⁸¹
- *Bowmanville, 1920.* "Mr. and Mrs. John Cleave, Helen and Vernon motored from Akron, Ohio, and are visiting their cousin, Mrs. John Grigg [a relative of James Cleave's mother Grace Bottrell]."⁸²

73. "Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865–1935," *Ancestry* > Quebec, Quebec > 1872 > July > image 203, arrival on 2 July 1872, S.S. *Niger*, list 466, Elizabeth Gliddon and Grace, Thomas, Samuel, and Mary Cleave.

74. "1871 Census of Canada," *Ancestry* > Ontario > Durham East > Hope > image 78, Ont., dist. 51, sub-dist. Hope, division 4, p. 1, dwell./fam. 3, William Cleave. Also, *ibid.* > Durham West > Darlington > image 6, Ont., dist. 50, "a township of Darlington" sub-dist., division 1, p. 11, dwell./fam. 41, John Cleave; and image 19, p. 37, dwell. 133, fam. 135, Susan Cleave.

75. "1871 Census of Canada," *Ancestry* > Ontario > Durham East > Hope > image 19, Ont., dist. 50, "a township of Darlington" sub-dist., division 1, p. 37, dwell. 133, fam. 135, Susan Cleave.

76. "Married," *Merchant and General Advertiser*, 16 July 1875, page 2, col. 8.

77. "Personals," *Summit County Beacon*, 12 September 1883, page 5, col. 1.

78. "Death Notice," *West Durham News* (West Durham, Ont.), 11 March 1887, page 2, col. 8.

79. "Bowmanville, Sept. 7, 1898," *Canadian Statesman*, 7 September 1898, page 3, col. 4.

80. "Bowmanville, Aug. 10, 1904," *Canadian Statesman*, 10 August 1904, page 5, col. 2.

81. "Bowmanville-On-The-Lake," *Canadian Statesman*, 17 August 1904, page 4, col. 2.

82. "Local and Otherwise," *Canadian Statesman*, 5 August 1920, page 5, col. 4.

- *Union, Ontario, 1937*. “Relatives and friends in Akron, Ohio . . . In attendance from a distance were . . . Wul Cleve, Okron, Ohio [*sic*]” at the funeral of John Gliddon (Susan’s brother).⁸³

Onomastic Evidence

Susan’s parents, Samuel and Eliza Gliddon, named one of their Devon-born sons William Eliston Gliddon.⁸⁴ Eliston was Eliza’s maiden name.⁸⁵ Susan Gliddon and James Cleave named one of their Ohio-born sons William Eliston Cleave.⁸⁶ Eliston, an unusual given name, connects Susan in Devon with Susan in Ohio.

Rupert Gliddon

In 1871 five-year-old “Robt” (Rupert) Gliddon traveled from England to Canada with Samuel, Eliza, Susan, John, and Damarus Gliddon.⁸⁷ Rupert, born on 5 May 1866 and baptized on 27 May 1866 in the registration district where the Gliddons lived, was Susan’s illegitimate son.⁸⁸

In 1871 Rupert, identified as “Grandson,” lived in Samuel and Eliza Gliddon’s Devon household.⁸⁹ In 1881, he is in their household with no relationship specified.⁹⁰ By 1891 at age twenty-three, he lived independently in Ontario.⁹¹

In 1896 Rupert Gliddon, twenty-eight, married Therese Friederika Otto in Toronto, Ontario.⁹² Rupert named his grandparents as his parents. Subsequent censuses document Rupert’s birth in England.⁹³ His obituary mentions no parents

83. John Gliddon obituary, *St. Thomas Times Journal*, 13 January 1937, page 9, col. 8.

84. Birth certificate for William Eliston Gliddon, 12 October 1852.

85. Marriage certificate, Gliddon-Eliston, March quarter 1841, Stoke Damerel Reg. Dist.

86. “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=6482>) > Ohio > Akron City > 1 > Draft Card C > image 422, Akron Draft Board 1, card for William Ellston Cleave, no. 3417, 12 September 1918; imaged from NARA microfilm M1509.

87. “Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865–1935,” *Ancestry* > Quebec, Quebec > 1871 > July > image 14, arrival on 31 July 1871, S.S. *Austrian* manifest, p. 9, no. 187, Gliddon party.

88. Birth certificate for Rubert Gliddon, registered 13 June 1866, Holsworthy Reg. Dist., Clawton Sub-dist.; ref. 5b/554/231, GROS. Also, “Devon Baptisms,” *Findmypast*, digital image of Bridgerule Parish, baptismal register, p. 90, no. 716, Rupert Gliddon, 27 May 1866. The records name the mother and no father.

89. “1871 England Census,” *Ancestry* > Devon > Bridgerule West > District 5 > image 7, Devon, West Bridgerule, ED 5, p. 6, sch. 21, Samuel Gliddon household, for Rupert Gliddon.

90. 1881 Census of Canada,” *Ancestry* > Ontario > Durham West > Bowmanville > image 56, Ont., dist. 128, E. Bowmanville Town sub-dist., division 2, p. 29, fam. 150, John (Samuel) Gledndon household.

91. “1891 Census of Canada,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1274>) > Ontario > Toronto City > St Thomas Ward > image 51, Toronto, Ont., dist. 119, sub-dist. 2, p. 15, fam. 72, Rupert Gliddon.

92. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004529264>), digital film 004529264, image 1009, Toronto, Ont., Marriage Registrations, 1896, p. 158, no. 014808, Gliddon-Otto, 22 April 1896.

93. “1901 Census of Canada,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8826>) > Ontario > Peterborough (West/Ouest) > Peterborough (Town/Ville) > image 141, Ont., dist. 107, sub-dist. D-7, p. 10, fam. 108, Rupert Gliddon. Also, “1911 Census of Canada,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8947>) > Ontario > Peterborough West > Sub-District 24 – Peterborough > image 28, Ont., dist. 113 sub-dist. 24, p. 28, fam. 307, Rupert Gliddon. Also, “1921 Census of Canada,” *Ancestry* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8991>) > Ontario > Peterborough West > Sub-District 26 - Peterboro (City) > image 6, Ont., dist. 119, sub-dist. 26, p. 5, fam. 56, Rupert Gliddon.

or grandparents.⁹⁴ An article about Rupert and his family, saying he was Samuel and Eliza Gliddon's grandson, does not mention his parents.⁹⁵

CONCLUSION

Susan Gliddon was born in Bridgerule, Devon, in 1850. She immigrated through Quebec with her family and moved to Summit County, Ohio. Her illegitimate son, Rupert, stayed in Canada with his grandparents, enabling him and Susan to avoid the stigma of illegitimacy.

Susan married James Cleave in 1872, bore seven more children, and died in 1898. Her timeline demonstrates, with indirect and negative evidence, that only one Susan Gliddon was present in three geographic locations during the relevant respective periods. Additionally, close ties between Gliddon and Cleave families in Devon, Ontario, and Ohio support the connection.

APPENDIX

Ontario Sources Searched, Unproductively, for Susan Gliddon and James Cleave after 1870

- *Orono News* (Orono, Ontario), 1901–1926, and *Merchant* (Bowmanville, Ontario), 1869–1876; digital and microfilm collections searched using indexes at the Clarington Public Library, Bowmanville, Ontario.
- “Microfiche Surname Index for Newspapers,” 1868–1926, newspapers on microfilm, and cemetery index/transcriptions; Clarington Public Library.
- Nineteenth-century account books, photographs, land deeds, Clarington business and citizens’ records, census reports, and ledgers; Clarington Museum and Archives, Bowmanville.
- Durham Co., Ont., official private property records; Ontario Land Registry, Whitby.
- Oshawa, Ont., city directories, newspaper index, and microfilm; Oshawa Public Libraries.
- *FamilySearch* databases: “Ontario Deaths, 1869–1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939–1947” (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1307826>); “Ontario, Births and Baptisms, 1779–1899” (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1805649>); and “Ontario, Marriages, 1800–1910” (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1810408>).
- *Ancestry* databases: “Canadian Census Collection” (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/group/canadiancensus>); “Summit County, Ohio, Marriage Records, 1840–1980” (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2145>); “Summit, County, Ohio, Birth Records, 1866–1908” (search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2144); “Summit County, Ohio, Death Records, 1866–1908” (search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1596); and “U.S. Federal Census Collection” (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/group/usfedcen>), restricted to Summit County, Ohio, 1850–1920.

94. “Obituaries,” *Canadian Statesman*, 3 February 1944, page 7, col. 7.

95. *Peterborough Examiner* (Peterborough, Ont.) (<http://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/2009/10/31/let-there-be-music-and-theatre>), digital transcription of article by Linda Hope, “Let There Be Music and Theatre,” 31 October 2009.