

# **Official Report of Eugene M. Gregory**



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## Research Report: Eugene M. Gregory

**Objective:** Identify the Descendants of Eugene M. Gregory of Washington, D.C.

**Evidence:**

Eugene Monroe Gregory can be identified on the census' between the period of 1880-1940.

**1880 Census: Washington, Washington, DC <sup>1</sup>**

49	51	Gregory James M	M	30	Head	Prof. Howard Univ.	Va.	Va.	Va.
		— Fannie E	Wife	24	1	Keeping House	Va.	Va.	Va.
		— Eugene M	Son	5	1	at home	MD	MD	MD
		— James R	Son	4	1	at home	Penn	Va	MD
		— Margaret M	Daughter	3	1	at home	Dist. Col.	Va	MD
51	52	Robinson Thomas	W	37	Head	Prof. Howard Univ.	Penn	Va	MD
		— Mary N	Wife	46	1	Keeping House	England	Eng.	Eng.
		— Anns E.	Son	6	1	at school	N. H.	N. H.	N. H.

**1900 Census: Bordertown Township, Burlington, NJ<sup>2</sup>**

107	110	Gregory James M	Head	1849	51	27	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
		— Fannie E	Wife	1857	43	27	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
		— Eugene M	Son	1874	25	8	Pennsylvania	Virginia	Maryland
		— Thomas S	Son	1876	24	8	District of Columbia	Virginia	Maryland
		— Margaret B	Daughter	1877	23	8	Pennsylvania	Virginia	Maryland
		— Thomas M	Son	1887	12	8	District of Columbia	Virginia	Maryland

**1905 New Jersey State Census: Trenton, Mercer, New Jersey<sup>3</sup>**

172	45	76	Gregory Eugene M	Head	M	W	34	M	15	Pennsylvania
			— Musette B	Wife	F	W	31	M	15	Washington DC
170	46	77	Toomia Charles H	Head	M	W	48	M	22	Ohio
			— Clara A	Wife	F	W	48	M	22	Ohio
			— Mildred	Daughter	F	W	21	S		Ohio
			— Howard M	Son	M	W	17	S		Ohio

<sup>1</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Washington County, D. C., population schedule, Washington, p. 6 (handwritten), enumeration district (ED) 4, dwelling 49, family 51, James M. Gregory Household; digital image, Ancestry.com (ancestry.com : accessed 17 Dec 2018).

<sup>2</sup> 1900 U. S. Census, Burlington County, New Jersey, population schedule, Bordertown Township, sheet 6A (handwritten, 95 printed), enumeration district (ED) 7, dwelling 107, family 110, James Gregory Household; digital image, FamilySearch.org (familysearch.org : accessed 17 Dec 2018).

<sup>3</sup> New Jersey State Census, 1905, Mercer County, New Jersey, population schedule, Trenton, sheet 4A, enumeration district (ED) 1, dwelling 62, family 73, Eugene Gregory Household; digital image, FamilySearch.org (familysearch.org : 17 Dec 2018).

1910 Census: Newark, Essex, New Jersey<sup>4</sup>

11 62 73	Gregory Eugene M.	B. M. Oct 1874 36 M	Penning	Virginia	Maryland	Penning	Lawyer	
	Margette	B. F. Oct 1876 28 W	Dist. of Col.	Dist. of Col.	Dist. of Col.			
	9 63 74	Douglas Charles	W. M. Dec 1844 60 M	New Jersey	Scotland	Perma	Painter	
	Abnelia	W. F. Feb 1855 57 W	New Jersey	Maryland	New Jersey			
	Scott Edmund Jr.	W. M. Aug 1867 37 M	England	England	England	Supervisor		
	Adelle M.	W. F. Mar 1875 30 W	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	Scholar		
	7 64 15	Moses Frank D.	W. M. Apr 1834 62 M	New York	New York	New York	Engineer	
	5 65 76	Lyles Joseph	W. M. Aug 1852 52 M	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	Artist	
	Etta M.	W. F. Sept 1853 56 W	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey			
	Joe J.	W. M. Apr 1886 24 M	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	Inspector		
	Frank A.	W. M. June 1890 14 M	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	Ball boy		
	Rebecca Andrew	W. M. Mar 1855 52 M	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	Drum		

1915 New Jersey State Census: Newark, Essex, New Jersey<sup>5</sup>

171	103	164	Gregory Eugene M.	W. M. Oct 1874 36 M	Penning	Chip	Perma	Lawyer
			Margette	W. F. Oct 1876 36 W	Dist. of Col.	Wash. C.	Wash. C.	Washington
			Marr Elizabeth	W. F. Jun 1893 11 W	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	Student
176	114	165	Wilson William	W. M. Jun 1876 38 M	New Jersey	New York	New York	Engineer
			Wilson Etta M.	W. F. Jan 1886 30 W	Canada	Ireland	England	Housewife
			Wilson Ella E.	W. F. Oct 1849 60 W	New York	New York	New York	City House
			Wilson Olive Jane	W. F. July 1906 8 W	New Jersey	New Jersey	Canada	Scholar
			Wilson Gertrude Marie	W. F. Aug 1910 4 W	New Jersey	New Jersey	Canada	El T. C.

1920 Census: Newark, Essex, New Jersey<sup>6</sup>

172	72	88	Gregory Eugene M.	Head 1	Q	M	W	46	M	90	1920	225	Perma
			Margette	Wife		F	W	44	M	90	1920	220	Washington D.C.
176	73	89	Wilson William	Head 1	R	M	W	42	M	90	1920	220	New Jersey
			Gabriel	Wife		F	W	34	M	90	1920	220	Canada
			Oliver	Daughter		F	W	13	W	90	1920	220	New Jersey
			Gertrude	Daughter		F	W	9	W	90	1920	220	New Jersey
			Graham	Son		M	W	4	W	90	1920	220	New Jersey

<sup>4</sup> 1910 U.S. census, Essex County, New Jersey, population schedule, Newark, enumeration district (ED) 93, sheet 3A (handwritten), dwelling 45, family 76, Eugene M. Gregory Household; NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 880.

<sup>5</sup> New Jersey State Census, 1915, Essex County, New Jersey, population schedule, Newark, sheet 7B, enumeration district (ED) 11, dwelling 113, family 164, Eugene M. Gregory Household; digital image, FamilySearch.org (familysearch.org: accessed 17 Dec 2018).

<sup>6</sup> 1920 U.S. census, Essex County, New Jersey, population schedule, Newark, enumeration district (ED) 223, sheet 11B (handwritten), dwelling 72, family 88, Eugene M. Gregory Household; digital image, Ancestry.com (ancestry.com : accessed 17 Dec 2018).

1930 Census: Montclair, Essex, New Jersey<sup>7</sup>

156	119	76	155	Gregory, Eugene M	Head	0	12,500	R	70	M	50	M	89	Pa	420	Pennsylvania
				Adria	Wife - 4				✓	F	49	M	51	Pa	420	Virginia
	125	77	156	Cham, Clara A	Head	0	30,000	R	60	F	62	W	40	Pa	420	New York
				Anneth	Daughter				✓	F	35	S		Pa	420	New Jersey
				Estelle H	Daughter				✓	F	23	S		Pa	420	New Jersey
				Burth, Henrietta	Daughter				✓	F	16	W		Pa	420	New Jersey
	127	78	157	Hidman, Sr Lucy	Head	14	12,100		✓	F	72	W	40	Pa	420	New York
				Miller, Ann	Boarder				✓	F	53	S		Pa	420	Newland
				Keid, Mary S	Boarder				✓	F	27	S		Pa	420	Massachusetts
				Mitchell, Anne G	Boarder				✓	F	44	S		Pa	420	New York

1940 Census: Manalapan Township, Monmouth, New Jersey<sup>8</sup>

1000	70	Gregory Eugene	Head	M	65	M	C	Pennsylvania
		Adria	Wife	F	63	M	C	Virginia
6000	ye	John Henry R.	Head	M	39	M	C	Germany
		Harrish C	Wife	F	33	M	H	New Jersey
6000	ye	Jordan Arthur W	Head	M	48	M	H	New York
		Charlott	Wife	F	35	M	H	New York

<sup>7</sup> 1930 U.S. census, Essex County, New Jersey, population schedule, Montclair, enumeration district (ED) 539, sheet 8A (handwritten, 158 stamped), dwelling 77, family 156, Eugene M. Gregory Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 17 Dec 2018).

<sup>8</sup> 1940 U.S. census, Monmouth County, New Jersey, population schedule, Manalapan Township, ED 13-87, sheet 6B (handwritten), household 118, Eugene M. Gregory; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 17 Dec 2018).

## **Eugene M. Gregory**

B. 2 October 1874 (Williamsport, Pennsylvania)

Parents: James Monroe & Fannie Emma Whiting

1<sup>st</sup> Spouse: Musette Brooks (1876-1921)

- 23 June 1904
- Washington, D.C.

2<sup>nd</sup> Spouse: Minnie Ockrey (1888-1928)

- 24 December 1924
- Newark, NJ

Daughter: Anne Gregory

- B. 11 October 1925 (Newark, NJ)
- D. 16 October 1928 (Montclair, NJ)

3<sup>rd</sup> Spouse: Annie Wilkins (1875-1959)

- B. 21 April 1929 (Montclair, NJ)
- D. 9 Jan 1953 (Freehold, NJ)

### **Conclusion:**

From my research, I was able to gather that Eugene M. Gregory was passing for white. In fact, he claimed to be on four federal census' consecutively. He was a lawyer who had a general practice in New York City which allowed him to accumulate wealth and leave a legacy in addition to the precedent for prosperity which was set by his father James Monroe Gregory, as he was also a professor at Howard University.

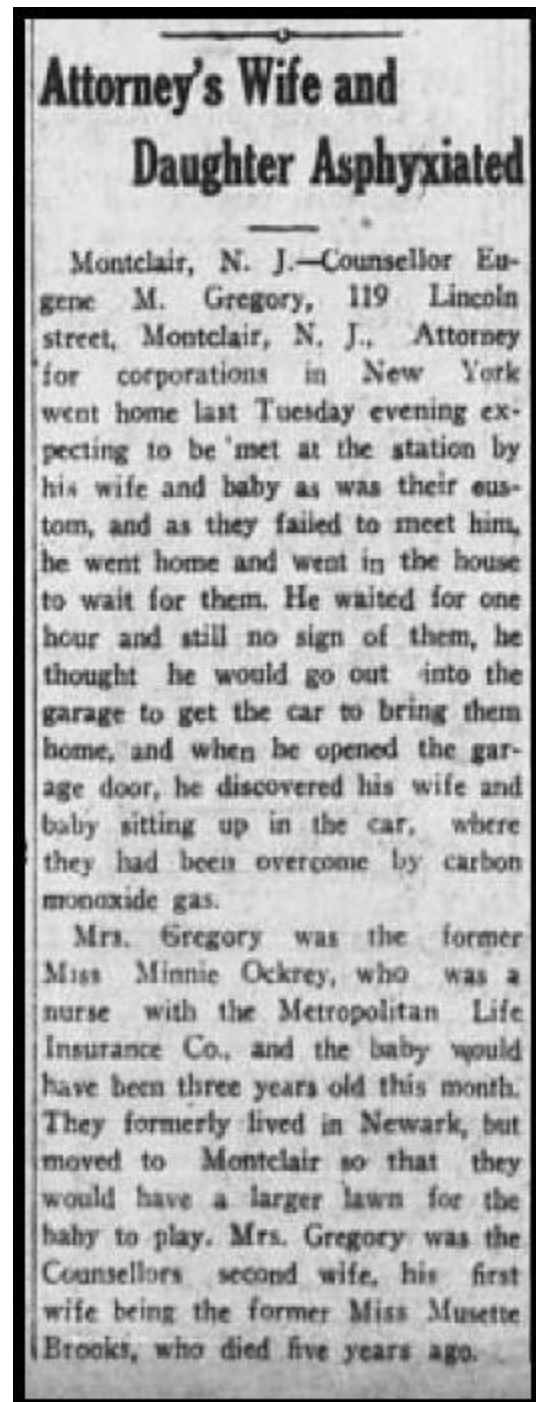
I was able to locate his tombstone that indicated a daughter and mentioned her young death. On the same stone, her mother, Minnie Ockrey is mentioned as having died the same day, therefore I dug a little deeper to see if there was a connection in their untimely death in the local newspaper article or obituary entry for the two. Without hardship, I was able to locate the article below.

## *“Attorney’s Wife and Daughter Asphyxiated”*

Montclair, N. J. - Counsellor Eugene Gregory, at 119 Lincoln Street, Montclair, N. J., Attorney for corporations in New York went home last Tuesday evening expecting to be met at the station by his wife and baby as was their custom, and as they failed to meet him, he went home and went in the house to wait for them. He waited for one hour and still no sign of them, he thought he would go out into the garage to get the car to bring them home and when he opened the garage door, he discovered his wife and baby sitting up in the car, where they had been overcome by carbon monoxide gas. Mrs. Gregory was the former Miss Minnie Ockrey, who was a nurse with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., and the baby would have been three years old this month. They formerly lived in Newark, but moved to Montclair so that they would have a larger lawn for the baby to play. Mrs. Gregory was the Counsellors second wife, his first wife being the former Miss Musette Brooks, who died five years ago.

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“Attorney’s Daughter and Wife Asphyxiated,” *New York Age*, New York, New York, 27 October 1928, page 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (newspapers.com : accessed 19 Dec 2018).



**Recommendation:**

In April of 1929 he marries Annie Wilkins and never has any children with her. Therefore, I decided to see if any of his siblings had kids who were still living. Without out a doubt, his younger brother, [Thomas Montgomery Gregory](#), who has a legacy of his own expanded upon in "[The Thomas Montgomery Gregory Collection](#)" at Howard University, has one living daughter who resides in Washington, D.C. Her name is Sheila Gregory Thomas.

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