

-- SHAPTER --

The family groups represented in this collection may not be complete, because information was entered bit by bit as I found it or happened upon it; I have not done any systematic research on these families. Because they do not compose whole family genealogies, these listings are arranged differently from most genealogical records or histories. Each listing is a family group, and is arranged and filed alphabetically under the name of the head of the family.

Names are generally in alphabetical order (disregarding spelling variations and middle names), then in approx. chronological order. The first sorting is by surname (mixing together any and all spelling variations), then by given name, then by approximate birthdate (when known) in approximate chronological order. For easier reference, surnames in headings are grouped together under the most common spelling usage that evolved in this geographical location, regardless of individualistic spellings in the records themselves. Cross references are used in most cases where surname spellings substantially vary.

Within the quoted records, the individual spellings have been (mostly) retained because they sometimes provide clues (although in general—but with exceptions—they seem to largely reflect the record keeper's particular orthography and not always, at this early period, any special family preference). Those interested can see the variety and evolution of a particular name's spelling and the interesting and sometimes amusing attempts at phonetic reproduction. Keep in mind that before names and spellings were standardized, records reflected the individualistic whim of the particular recorder (often two different spellings of the same name within the same document). In addition, all records were handwritten, and sometimes deciphering a handwritten name in early records can be quite challenging! So expect to search under all possibilities of spelling (for both surnames and given names).

Given names are grouped together without regard for middle initials or middle names. Because middle names and/or initials are sometimes used, sometimes not used in various records, it seemed simplest to arrange entries as if the middle names or initials did not exist. Usually all variations of a given name are grouped together as though spelled one way: Jan, Johannes, John, etc. are all grouped as one (but also look under the other forms).

Sources and references are included with each "family" grouping, but may or may not include sources that are cited (or are obvious, such as baptismal records, etc.) within the narrative or listing itself.

As with any compiled genealogical record, researchers should regard this information as leads and clues, and should verify all data with independent research.

I welcome, and would be grateful for, any additions or corrections, especially with source citations.

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**Shapter, -?-**

-?- Shapter

b.

d.

buried

*---children of -?- Shapter & Mary*

• **Thomas R. Shapter** (Capt.)

• **Charlotte Ann Shapter**, m. 10 Oct 1824 **Richard Sterling**.<sup>3</sup>

---Sources:

[1] Death notice, Mrs. Mary Shapter, in *The New York Times*, 8 July 1857, p. 5;

[2] Barber, Gertrude A., *New York, Death Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1890*, p. 34, death notice for Mrs. Mary Shapter 80 y, in *The New York Evening Post*, issue of 8 July 1857;

[3] Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, *Records of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church in New York City, NY*, Vol. 2, p. 64;

[4] Tombstone Inscriptions and photos posted online at <<http://www.findagrave.com>> (Marble Cemetery, New York City, Manhattan: Mary Shapter, no tombstone photo posted online)

**Shapter, Frank W.**

Frank W. Shapter

son of

m.

**-?- Lang**

dau. of Jacob Lang &

Frank W. Shapter was a speaker at a meeting of the Republican Club at Bay Side, L.I. on 13 Jan 1897.

---Sources: "Bay Side Republicans" in *Brooklyn Eagle*, 14 Jan 1897, p. 5, online at <<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>>; obituary notice for Jacob Lang, survived by one dau., Mrs. Frank W. Shapter of Bay Side, in *Brooklyn Eagle*, 6 March 1900, p. 7, online at <<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>>

**Shapter, Franklin**

Franklin Shapter  
son of Samuel Shapter &  
Rebecca Pierce  
b. about 1849 NY

m. 16 Sep 1868

**Emily Haight**

dau. of James H. Haight &  
Lydia Wanzer  
b. 29 Aug 1849 NY

m. (poss) (2)

**Mary**

He was of Mt. Pleasant, NY at the time of their marriage; later of Ottawa, KS.

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New York, Westchester Co., Bedford, District 086, p. 13, enumerated 19 & 22 June 1880, Dwelling 127, Family 138 (all b. NY, all their parents b. NY) -- Shapter, Franklin, 30, Farmer; [Shapter], Emily, 30, Wife, Keeping House; [Shapter], Ruth, 10, Daughter; [Shapter], Rebecca, 60, Mother; plus 4 servants.

They were listed in the 1885 Kansas State Census, Franklin Co., Ottawa City, p. 121 (as of 1 March 1885), Dwelling 7, Family 8 (all b. NY) -- Shapter, Franklin, 35, Buss Line; Shapter, Emma H., 35; Shapter, Ruth, 15; Shapter, Samuel, 67; Shapter, Rebecca 62.

They were listed in the 1895 Kansas State Census, Shawnee Co., Topeka, p. 53 (as of 1 March 1895), Dwelling 247, Family 253 (all b. NY) -- Franklin Shapter, 45, Laundryman; Mary Shapter, 21, housekeeper; R. Shapter, 62 (female).

---children of Franklin Shapter & Emily Haight:

• **Ruth Shapter**, b. about 1870 NY

---Sources: Hoyt, David Webster, *A genealogical history of the Hoyt, Haight, and Hight families*; with some account of the earlier Hyatt families, a list of the first settlers of Salisbury and Amesbury, Mass., etc., Providence: Printed for the author by the Providence Press Co., 1871, p. 599 (online at HeritageQuest)

**Shapter, Franklin**

Franklin Shapter

Franklin Shapter was in bankruptcy, Brooklyn, 8 March 1879.

---Sources: Bankruptcy notice in *Brooklyn Eagle*, 10 March 1879, p. 1, online at <<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>>

**Shapter, George W.**

George W. Shapter

George W. Shapter, printer, pressman, lived at 144 Newell, Brooklyn according to 1888-1889 Brooklyn Directories.

---Sources: 1888-1889 Brooklyn Directories Index online at Ancestry.com

**Shapter, George**

George Shapter

m.

-?-

Mr. & Mrs. George Shapter were guests at the 5th anniversary party, in Brooklyn, NY in Nov 1888, of Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Richardson.

---Sources: "Their Wooden Wedding" in *Brooklyn Eagle*, 18 Nov 1888, p. 1, online at <<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>>

**Shapter, Harry Sterling**

Harry Sterling Shapter

son of

m. (1) 26 Jan 1898  
Brooklyn, NY, by Rev.  
Thomas B. Fulcher, canon  
of All Saints' Cathedral,  
Albany (uncle of bride)

**Grace Lillian Snedeker**

dau. of George W. Snedeker &

b. 3 April 1875<sup>1</sup>

d.

buried

b.

d. April 1935<sup>2</sup>

buried Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, Kings  
Co., NY<sup>2</sup>

m. (2)

**Gladys E.**

Among the guests at their (1) wedding were: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Shapter, Mr. & Mrs. William Shapter, Mr. & Mrs. G. Shapter, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Shapter, Misses Sarah and Emma Shapter..

He was listed in the Brooklyn, New York, City Directory, 1902 -- Shapter, Harry S., real estate 141 B'way N. Y., h 940 Putnam av.

He was listed in the Brooklyn, New York, City Directory, 1907 -- Shapter Harry S real estate h 509 E 16th.

They were listed in the 1920 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen Co., Ridgewood, District 97, p. 26, enumerated 10 & 12 January 1920, 250 Hillcrest Road, Dwelling 278, Family 189 (all b. NY, all their parents b. NY except as noted) -- Shapter, Harry S., Head, renting home, age 43, Salesman, Real Estate; [Shapter], Grace L., wife, age 43, her mother b. England; [Shapter], Ethelyn M., Daughter, age 20, Single, File Clerk, Fire Insurance; [Shapter], Dorothy G., Daughter, age 17, Single; [Shapter], Gertrude C., Daughter, age 12; [Shapter], Mary C., Daughter, age 4-1/12; [Shapter], Sarah A., Aunt, age 76, Single.

They were listed in the Ridgewood, New Jersey, City Directory, 1937 -- Shapter, Harry S (Gladys E.) real est NY h 100 Rock rd, GR [Glen Rock]; also Shapter, Mary E., nurse Englewood r 100 Rock rd GR.

They were listed in the Ridgewood, New Jersey, City Directory, 1948 -- Shapter Gladys Mrs. clk NY r 100 Roack rd GR [Glen Rock]; [Shapter], Harry S. (Gladys E), h. 100 Rock rd GR; [Shapter] James W. (Virginia L) mech eng Wood Ridge h rear 220 Union R; [Shapter], Mary E. nurse Englewood r 100 Roc rd GR.

---children of Harry Sterling Shapter & Grace Lillian Snedeker:

• **Ethelyn M. Shapter**, b. 1900 NY

• **Dorothy G. Shapter**, b. 1903 NY

• **Gertrude C. Shapter**, b. about 1908 NY

• **Mary C. Shapter**, b. about 1916 NY

---Sources:

- [1] World War I Draft Registration Card, September 1918, for Harry Sterling Shapter, online at Ancestry.com;  
 [2] Tombstone Inscriptions and photos posted online at <<http://www.findagrave.com>> (Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY) (Grace L. Shapter, no tombstone photo posted online);  
 Shapter-Snedeker Wedding, in *Brooklyn Eagle*, 27 Jan 1898, p. 12, online at <<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>>

**Shapter, James S.** (James Sterling Shapter; James J. Shapter)

James S. Shapter  
 son of (prob) Thomas Shapter &  
 Margaret Sterling

b. about 1805 NY

d. before 4 March 1868 (poss. Feb 1866<sup>4</sup>)

buried (poss) Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY<sup>4</sup>

James Shapter, merchant was listed in an 1840 Brooklyn, NY directory, at Pacific n Clinton.

James S. Shapter, in Feb 1854, was a Director of the Atlantic Fire Insurance Co. of Brooklyn; in Dec 1856, was a director of the Lamar Fire Insurance Company, Wall St., NYC.

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New York, Kings Co., [Brooklyn], 6th Ward, p. 291 (Ancestry image 257) Dwelling 1162?, Family 1959 -- James Shapter, 45, Silk Agent, b. NY; Elizabeth, 44, b. NY; Margaret, 18, b. Georgia; James, 13, b. NY; Marian, 11, b. NY; Elizabeth, 9, b. NY; Flora, 7, b. NY; Sarah, 4, b. NY.

---*children of James S. Shapter & Elizabeth Ann Caldwell:*

• **Margaret Shapter**, b. about 1832 GA; m. Rev. **Archibald Morrison**

• **Elizabeth Murray Shapter**, b. 11 Nov 1832<sup>3</sup>; bp. 28 June 1833 St. Mark's in the Bowery, NYC<sup>3</sup>; apparently d.y.

• **Flora Shapter** (bp. as Florian), b. 6 May 1834 NY; bp. 1 Oct 1834 St. Mark's Ch in the Bowery, NYC; d. 1909;  
 m. **William Langford**

• **James Sterling Shapter**, b. about 1837 NY; d. 3 Dec 1907 Yonkers, NY in 71st yr. at the residence of  
 Mrs. William S. Langford; buried Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY

• **Marian Shapter**, b. about 1839 NY

• **Elizabeth Shapter**, b. 30 Aug 1842 Brooklyn, NY<sup>2</sup>; d. 30 July 1904 Washington, D.C.<sup>2</sup>; m. 4 March 1868 Brooklyn, NY,  
 by Rev. W. S. Langford, **Benjamin Franklin Rittenhouse**<sup>1,2</sup>

• **Sarah Shapter**, b. about 1846 NY

---Sources:

- [1] Marriage Notice, Rittenhouse - Shapter, in *The New York Times*, 6 March 1868, p. 5;  
 [2] Bull, James H., *Record of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Bull, early settlers in Pennsylvania*, San Francisco, Calif.: Shannon-Conmy, 1919, p. 124 (online at HeritageQuest);  
 [3] Barber, Gertrude A., *Records of St. Mark's Church in the Bowery, New York City*, p. 40, 42 (online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society);  
 [4] Tombstone Inscriptions and photos posted online at <<http://www.findagrave.com>> (Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, NY: James S. Shapter; no tombstone photo posted online);  
 [5] Death notice for James Sterling Shapter, in *The New York Times*, 4 Dec 1907;  
 "Amar Fire Insurance Company" in *Brooklyn Eagle*, 30 Dec 1856, p. 3 online at <<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>>; Brooklyn, NY General & business directory for 1840-41. Brooklyn: T. & J. W. Leslie & W. F. Chichester, 1840 online at <<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~blkyn/Directory/1840.html#S>>; 1850 Federal Census, New York, Kings Co., [Brooklyn], 6th Ward, p. 291 (Ancestry image 257) Dwelling 1162?, Family 1959 (Family of James Shapter); "Records of St. Mark's Church in the Bowery, New York City" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 74, No. 3, Oct 1943, p. 142

**Shapter, John S.**

John S. Shapter  
 son of Thomas Shapter &  
 Gertrude Halsey

b. about 1815 NY

d. 12 Feb 1871 age 55.5.5

buried Greenwood Cem., Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY  
 (moved to Friends Cem., Brooklyn)

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New York, New York Co., New York City, Ward 7, District 2, p. 51, enumerated 31 July 1850, Dwelling 182, Family 310 (all b. NY except as noted) -- J. S. Shapter, 36 (male), Mercht; H. B. [Shapter], 34 (female); J. R. [Shapter], 13, (male); E. S. [Shapter], 10, (female); S. N. [or S. U.?] [Shapter], 4 (male); E. S. [Shapter], 2 (female); Mary [Shapter], 30, b. England?.

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New York, New York Co., New York City, Ward 22, District 7, p. 41, enumerated 25 June 1870, Dwelling 190, Family 286 (all b. NY) -- Shapter, John, 52, Bank Clerk; [Shapter], Hannah, 50, Keeps House; Husson, Jos. R., 33, Coal Clerk, value real estate \$50,000; Shapter, Lindley, 24, Fire Insurance; [Shapter], Emma, 21, Keeps House; Husson, E. L., 30, Coal Yard, value personal estate \$30,000; Underhill, Edw., 45, Coal Yard, value personal estate \$30,000.

She was listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New York, New York Co., New York City, District 516, p. 14, enumerated 4 June 1880, 360 West 57th St., Dwelling 74, Family 107 (all b., NY except as noted) -- Shapter, Hannah B., 65, widow, Keeps House; [Shapter], Emma S., 32, Daughter, Single, At Home; Husson, Joseph R., 43, Son, Single, Coal Dealer Wholesale; [Husson], Eliza L., 40, Daughter, Single, At Home; Dunn, Alice, 19, Domestic Servant, b. Ireland, her parents b. Ireland.

---*children of John S. Shapter & Hannah Bowne Underhill:*

• **Lindley Underhill Shapter**, b. about 1846 NY; d. after 1920 NYC; m. **Alice U. Heath**

• **Emma S. Shapter**, b. about 1848 NY; d. after 1930; m. **Charles S. Crook**

---Sources: information posted online at Ancestry.com Nov 2002 by Larry Sutton <[lsutt@solutia.com](mailto:lsutt@solutia.com)> citing "Underhill Genealogy", The Underhill Society of America, Oyster Bay, NY; Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Vol. 3 (New York), p. 180, 285, 328

**Elizabeth Ann Caldwell**

dau. of John Caldwell, Jr. &  
 Anne Higinbotham

b. about 1806 NY

d.

buried

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They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New York, Kings Co., [Brooklyn], 6th Ward, p. 291 (Ancestry image 257) Dwelling 1162?, Family 1959 -- James Shapter, 45, Silk Agent, b. NY; Elizabeth, 44, b. NY; Margaret, 18, b. Georgia; James, 13, b. NY; Marian, 11, b. NY; Elizabeth, 9, b. NY; Flora, 7, b. NY; Sarah, 4, b. NY.

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• **Sarah Shapter**, b. about 1846 NY

---Sources:

- [1] Marriage Notice, Rittenhouse - Shapter, in *The New York Times*, 6 March 1868, p. 5;  
 [2] Bull, James H., *Record of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Bull, early settlers in Pennsylvania*, San Francisco, Calif.: Shannon-Conmy, 1919, p. 124 (online at HeritageQuest);  
 [3] Barber, Gertrude A., *Records of St. Mark's Church in the Bowery, New York City*, p. 40, 42 (online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society);  
 [4] Tombstone Inscriptions and photos posted online at <<http://www.findagrave.com>> (Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, NY: James S. Shapter; no tombstone photo posted online);  
 [5] Death notice for James Sterling Shapter, in *The New York Times*, 4 Dec 1907;  
 "Amar Fire Insurance Company" in *Brooklyn Eagle*, 30 Dec 1856, p. 3 online at <<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>>; Brooklyn, NY General & business directory for 1840-41. Brooklyn: T. & J. W. Leslie & W. F. Chichester, 1840 online at <<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~blkyn/Directory/1840.html#S>>; 1850 Federal Census, New York, Kings Co., [Brooklyn], 6th Ward, p. 291 (Ancestry image 257) Dwelling 1162?, Family 1959 (Family of James Shapter); "Records of St. Mark's Church in the Bowery, New York City" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 74, No. 3, Oct 1943, p. 142

**Hannah Bowne Underhill**

(widow of **John Husson**)  
 dau. of Samuel Underhill &  
 Eliza Bowne

b. 1 March 1814

d. 1866 (31 March 1886, age 72.1.-  
 buried

**Shapter, John S.**

John S. Shapter  
b. about 1813 NY  
d.

m.

**Rosina**

b. about 1827 NY  
d. 23 May 1882 age 55, Bergen Point, NJ<sup>2</sup>  
(Bayonne, Hudson Co., NJ<sup>3</sup>)

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New York, New York City, 11th Ward, Dwelling 285 (with 3 other families), Family 1080 (Ancestry Image 112) -- John S. [L.?] Shapter, 37, Engineer, b. NY; Rosina, 23, b. NY.

They were listed in the 1860 Federal Census, New York, New York Co., New York City, Ward 5, District 1, p. 146, enumerated 25 June 1860, Dwelling 334, Family 1179 (all b. NY except as noted) -- Jno. L. Shapter, 38, Machinist; Rosann [Shapter], 34; Alex [Shapter], 9; Amanda [Shapter], 5; Eliza Hughes, 14, Servant, b. Ireland.

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Hoboken, Ward 2, p. 13, enumerated 18 June 1870, Dwelling 65, Family 63 (all b. NY) -- Shapter, John, 48, Sugar Refiner, value real estate \$40,000, value personal estate \$5000; [Shapter], Rosin, 43, Keeps House; [Shapter], Ellis, 18, Clerk in store.

---children of John S. Shapter & Rosina

- **Elles W. Shapter**, b. about 1851 NY; d. 23 Nov 1873 aged 22.8.27, Bergen Point (Bayonne), Hudson Co., NJ<sup>1</sup>
- **Amanda Shapter**, b. about 1855 NY

---Sources:

[1] Death Notice for Elles W. Shapter, only son of John S. and Rosina Shapter, in *The New York Times*, 25 Nov 1873, p. 5;

[2] Death Notice for Rosina Shapter, in *The New York Times*, 25 May 1883, p. 5;

[3] New Jersey Deaths and Burials Index, 1798-1971, (death of Rosina Shapter), online at Ancestry.com;

1850 Federal Census, New York, New York City, 11th Ward, Dwelling 285 (with 3 other families), Family 1080 (Ancestry Image 112) (Family of John S. (or L.) Shapter)

**Shapter, Lindley U.**

Lindley U. Shapter  
son of (prob) John S. Shapter &  
Hannah Bowne Underhill  
b. about 1846 NY  
d. after 1920 NYC

m.

**Alice U. Heath**

dau. of

b.  
d.

Lindley U. Shapter, coal, located at 1 B'way in 1890 NYC Directory.

**Shapter, Peter**

Peter Shapter  
son of

m. 12 Jan 1817  
St. Stephen's Episcopal  
Church, NYC

**Frances Vermilye**

dau. of Philip Vermilye &  
Rebecca Elliott

b. 30 Dec 1782 London, England  
d. 1851

b. 14 Sep 1790 Cortland, Westchester Co., NY  
d. 23 Feb 1863<sup>2,3</sup> aged 72, Harlem, NY, of  
apoplexy<sup>2</sup>

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New York, Kings Co., Williamsburgh [Brooklyn], Dwelling 1904 (living in same dwelling with family of Francis Budd, 28, carpenter, and Harriet, 28), Family 2542 (Ancestry image 726) -- Peter Shapter, 67, Clerk, b. England; Frances, 59, b. NY; Jane, 22, b. NY; Wm.?, 18 (28?), Clerk, b. NY; Alfred?, 16, male, Student, b. NY.

---children of Peter Shapter & Frances Vermilye: (7 children)

- **Samuel Shapter**, b. 5 May 1818; m. 26 Sep 1848, **Rebecca Pierce**
- **Francis Shapter**, b. 9 May 1819; d. 1854
- **Sarah Shapter**, b. 17 Sep 1823; d. 1871
- **Peter Shapter**, b. 24 Oct 1825; d. 1853; m. **Emeline Frisby**
- **Jane Shapter** (Rebecca Jane; R. Jennie in m. notice), b. 27 July 1827 NY; d. 10 July 1903 Mt. Vernon, NY; m. 6 May 1858 Church of the Holy Communion, NYC, by Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg, **John W. Bennett** (John N. Bennett) of Minnesota<sup>1</sup>.
- **William Shapter**, b. 18 Nov 1830; m. 6 May 1852, **Rebecca Frisly** [Frisby?] NY
- **Alfred Shapter**, b. 2 Feb 1834 NY; d. 1856

---Sources:

[1] Marriage Notice, Shapter - Bennett, in *The New York Times*, 7 May 1858, p. 5;

[2] Death Notice for Frances Vermilye Shapter, widow of Peter Shapter, in *The New York Times*, 26 Feb 1863, p. 5;

[3] Barber, Gertrude A., *New York, Death Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1890*, p. 65, death notice for Frances Vermilye Shapter, d. 23 Feb 1863, wid. later Peter 73y, in *The New York Evening Post*, issue of 25 Feb 1863, online at Ancestry.com;

1850 Federal Census, New York, Kings Co., Williamsburgh [Brooklyn], Dwelling 1904 (living in same dwelling with family of Francis Budd, 28, carpenter, and Harriet, 28), Family 2542 (Family of Peter Shapter); Riker, James, *Revised history of Harlem*, New York: New Harlem Pub. Co., 1904, p. 648 (online at HeritageQuest); "Marriages Recorded at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, New York City, 1814-1850" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 140 (2009), July, p. 217; Vermilye Genealogy, online at <<http://www.vermilyeafamilyreunion.com/pdf/VBookJan2007/Generation5.pdf>>, p. 67-68

**Shapter, Peter**

Peter Shapter

Peter Shapter lived at 39 Murray Street, NYC in May 1815.<sup>1</sup> His sister was Mary Ann Shapter.

---Sources:

[1] "Letter to the Editor, Evening Post" in *New-York Herald*, 05-17-1815, p. 2;

**Shapter, Peter, Jr.**

Peter Shapter, Jr. m.  
son of Peter Shapter &  
Frances Vermilye  
b. 24 Oct 1825 NY  
d. 1853

**Emeline Frisby**  
dau. of William Frisby &  
Rebecca Ely  
b. about 1824 NY  
d. 1870

Peter Shapter, Jr. of Williamsburgh, was a Whig candidate for county clerk in the primary elections, in Sep 1852. They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New York, Kings Co., Williamsburgh, [Brooklyn], (Ancestry image 666), Dwelling 1821, Family 2116 -- Peter Shapter, Jr., 29, Lawyer, b. NY; Emeline, 26, b. NY; Rebecca, 3, b. NY; Wm., 1, b. NY; Maria Cook, 25, b. England.

Emeline Frisby m. (2) **Louis Albeck**.

---children of Peter Shapter, Jr. & Emeline Frisby:

- **Rebecca Shapter**, b. about 1847 NY
- **William Frisby Shapter**, b. about 1849 NY
- **Emeline Shapter**

---Sources: "The Primary Elections" in the *Brooklyn Eagle*, 10 Sep 1852, p. 2, online at <<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>>; 1850 Federal Census, New York, Kings Co., Williamsburgh, [Brooklyn], (Ancestry image 666), Dwelling 1821, Family 2116 (Family of Peter Shapter, Jr.); *Biography and genealogical history of the city of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey*, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1898, Vol. 1, p. 301 (online at HeritageQuest); Vermilye Genealogy, online at <<http://www.vermilyeafamilyreunion.com/pdf/VBookJan2007/Generation5.pdf>>, p. 68

**Shapter, Richard**

Richard Shapter  
He lived at 658 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, NY, was appointed inspector and assigned to District No. 3, taking in parts of the Third and Tenth wards,  
---Sources: "Real Estate Market" in *Brooklyn Eagle*, 2 March 1897, p. 12, online at <<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>>

**Shapter, Richard S.**

Richard S. Shapter  
Richard S. Shapter, architect, lived at 166 Calyer, Brooklyn, NY, according to 1888-1889 Brooklyn directories.  
---Sources: 1888-1889 Brooklyn Directories Index online at Ancestry.com

**Shapter, Richard S.**

Richard S. Shapter m. **Regina**  
d. d. 11 March 1882<sup>1</sup>  
He was of Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY in March 1882.  
---Sources:  
[1] Death Notice for Regina, wife of Richard S. Shapter, in *The New York Times*, 12 March 1882, p. 9;

**Shapter, Samuel**

Samuel Shapter  
b. about 1778  
d. (poss) 14 Feb 1812 aged 33<sup>1</sup>  
At the time of his death he lived at the corner of Murray & Washington Streets, NYC.<sup>1</sup>  
Mr. Samuel Shapter was a stage actor and singer, appearing in performances advertised in NYC newspapers between 1799-1809.  
---Sources:  
[1] Samuel Shapter death notice in *New -York Commercial Advertiser*, 02-14-1812;

**Shapter, Samuel**

Samuel Shapter m. 6 July 1799  
son of English Luth Ch, NYC  
Mary Cahill  
dau. of  
(wit: John E. Martin &  
Catherine Watts)  
b.  
---Sources: "Marriages Recorded in the Register of the English Lutheran Church, New York City, 1794-1810" in *The New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 140 (Jan 2009), p. 40

**Shapter, Samuel**

Samuel Shapter m. 26 Sep 1848  
son of Peter Shapter &  
Frances Vermilye  
Rebecca Pierce  
dau. of Joseph Pierce &  
Hannah  
b. 5 May 1818<sup>2</sup>  
d. 12 Jan 1883<sup>2</sup>  
(Hannah S. Pierce, widow of the late Joseph Pierce of Mount Pleasant, d. aged 77, on 5th of Fourth Month, 1864 at

Harlem, at the house of her son-in-law Samuel Shapter<sup>1</sup>)

She was listed in the 1850 Federal Census, (living with her parents), New York, Westchester Co., Mount Pleasant, p. 24, enumerated 25 August 1850, Dwelling 49, Family 83 (all b. America except as noted) --Joseph Pierce, 65, Farmer, value real estate \$4500; Hannah [Pierce], 63; Rebecca Shapter, 29; Joseph Pierce Jr., 22; Phebe A. Pierce, 19; Josephine Weeks, 14; George McCallen, 19, b., Ireland; John Sloakeley, 30, black, b. Unknown; Franklin Shapter, 1; Hannah Pierce, 76.

They were listed in the 1885 Kansas State Census, Franklin Co., Ottawa City, p. 121 (as of 1 March 1885), Dwelling 7, Family 8 (all b. NY) -- Shapter, Franklin, 35, Buss Line; Shapter, Emma H., 35; Shapter, Ruth, 15; Shapter, Samuel, 67; Shapter, Rebecca 62.

---children of Samuel Shapter & Rebecca Pierce:

- **Franklin Shapter**, b. about 1849 NY; m. 16 Sep 1868, **Emily Haight**, dau. of James H. Haight & Lydia Wanzer
- (poss) **Evangeline Shapter**, b. about 1853 NY
- **Harold Shapter**, b. 17 Nov 1855<sup>2</sup>; m. 17 Nov 1879, **Frances Moore**<sup>2</sup>. Frances Moore was b. 26 July 1857; d. 4 Dec 1931.<sup>2</sup>

---Sources:

[1] Death Notice for Hannah Pierce, in *The New York Times*, 8 April 1864, p. 5;

[2] Sons of the American Revolution Membership Application, April 1944, for Harold Shapter Watson, descendant of Philip Vermilyea, online at Ancestry.com; Vermilye Genealogy, online at <http://www.vermilyeafamilyrion.com/pdf/VBookJan2007/Generation5.pdf>, p. 68

### Shapter, Samuel

Samuel Shapter

Samuel Shapter was the lessee and proprietor of the Metropolitan Theater, Broadway, in Sep 1874, when he, the management, and 22 female ballet dancers were arrested for performing the Can Can in the production of "Paris By Moonlight."

---Sources: "Can Can - The Twenty-Two Ballet Girls Arrested Last Night" in the *Brooklyn Eagle*, 2 Sep 1874, p. 4, online at <http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>

### Shapter, Thomas

Thomas Shapter

son of

m. 22 May 1800  
Presbyterian Church, NYC

**Margaret Sterling**  
dau. of James Sterling &  
Margaret  
d. (prob) 18 May 1807<sup>1</sup>

d.

At the time of her death, she lived at 54 Dey Street, NYC.<sup>1</sup>

Notice -- All persons having demands against the estate of James Sterling, deceased, are requested to present them to William Sterling, No. 43 South Street, for settlement, and those indebted to said estate will please settle their accounts as speedily as possible. Jane Sterling, executrix. William Sterling & Thos. Shapter, executors.<sup>2</sup>

Margaret Sterling's brother, James Sterling, born 23 Aug 1765; d. 21 Dec 1818, was a son of James and Margaret Sterling of Londonderry, Ireland. The surname was spelled "Stirling" in Ireland. James Sterling arrived in America 22 Aug 1791; m. (1) 6 April 1793, Mary Williams, dau. of Sering Williams of Yonkers; m. (2) 22 June 1804, Jane Van Zandt, b. 1770, widow of James Griffiths.<sup>3</sup>

Their great-grandson was Edward T. Langford who lived in NYC in 1934.

---children of Thomas Shapter & Margaret Sterling:

- (prob) **James Sterling Shapter**, b. about 1805 NY; m. **Elizabeth Ann Caldwell**, dau. of John Caldwell, Jr. & Anne Higinbotham. Elizabeth Ann Caldwell was b. about 1806 NY.

---Sources:

[1] Died -- Mrs. Margaret Shapter, wife of Thomas Shapter, in the *New-York Commercial Advertiser*, 18 May 1807, p. 3 (online at Early American Newspapers, NewsBank);

[2] Notice re: estate of James Sterling, in [New York] *Mercantile Advertiser*, 01-05-1819, p. 2;

[3] Van Zandt - Sterling information in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1934, p. 291;

New York City Marriage Index, in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, 1884, p. 89 (online at Genealogy.com); "Records of the First Presbyterian Church of the City of New York -- Marriages" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, beginning before July 1873, April 1884, p. 89

### Shapter, Thomas

Thomas Shapter

m. (1)  
m. (2) 25 Nov 1812  
NYC Ref Ch

-?-  
**Gitty Halsey** (Gertrude)  
dau. of Daniel Halsey &  
Elizabeth Pierson Moore  
b. 16 Dec 1783  
d. 1868

He may have been the Thomas Shapter, merchant, of 52 Cedar Street, NYC, who advertised Richmond tobacco for sale 8 Sep 1808 in the [New York] *Mercantile Advertiser*. In April 1809 he was at 31 Old Slip, NYC, advertising Richmond tobacco and flour. In June 1809 he may have been in a partnership -- Shapter & Gould, &c. [poss. with William Gold, who was, in Nov 1809, Master of the schooner *Connecticut*] He also advertised coal, cotton, coffee, bran, rum, sugar, hides, nutmegs, oranges, and other items. He was later at 27 Old Slip, NYC.

---children of Thomas Shapter & Getrude Halsey:

- **Eliza Ann Shapter**, d. 18 Dec 1866; m. 9 Feb 1837 NYC (she of Hackensack) (her cousin) (Dr.) **John Condict Halsey**, son of James Moore Halsey & Eliza Sandford. He was b. 25 April 1812 Brooklyn, NY; graduated Union College, 1830; d. 7 May 1895 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. He m. (2) New Haven, 10 Oct 1871 Mrs. Sarah Burwell, widow of -?- Barrett.
- **Harriet Shapter**, d.y. unmarried
- **Emma Shapter**, b. about 1822; d. 1847; m. 1844 **Manuel Texido Bolmer**, son of William Bolmer & Anne Brevoort. He was a lawyer of 26 E. 60th St., NY. He was b. 1821; d. 1896<sup>4</sup>. He m. (2) 1850, Georgiana Eleanor Buckmaster, dau. of

Thomas Henry Buckmaster & Margaret Harris.

- **John S. Shapter**, b. 1815; d. 12 Feb 1871; buried Greenwood Cem., Brooklyn, NY; m. 10 March 1845, **Hannah B. Underhill**, widow of **John Husson**, and dau. of Samuel Underhill & Eliza Bowne.
- **Maria C. Shapter**. She was living at Orange, NJ, about 1895.

---Sources:

[1] *Compendium of American Genealogy*, Vol. V, p. 703;  
 New York City Marriage Index, in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, 1940, p. 82 (online at Genealogy.com); Halsey, Edmund Drake, **Thomas Halsey and His Descendants in America**, 1895, p. 217, 348, 349; "Marriages in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York City" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 71, No. 1, Jan 1940, p. 82; Halsey, Jacob Lafayette, **Thomas Halsey of Hertfordshire, England, and Southampton, Long Island, 1591-1679 : with his American descendants to the eighth and ninth generations**, Morristown, N.J., 1895, pp. 217, 348 (online at HeritageQuest)

**Shapter, Thomas R.** (Capt.) (Chapter)

Thomas R. Shapter m.  
 son of -?- Shapter & Mary -?-  
 b. about 1800 NY

**Sarah A.**  
 dau. of Henry Mikmak [?] &

d. 9 July 1860 age 60 yrs, 15 days, NYC

b. about 1807 NY  
 d. 30 Dec 1881 age 74<sup>4</sup>

Thomas R. Shapter, mariner, was listed in an 1830 Manhattan (NYC) Directory, living at 39 Anthony.

Capt. Thomas R. Shapter was of the brig *Cornelia*, sailing from Rio Janiero to New York in Nov 1834, when he rescued shipwrecked survivors, passengers of the brig Geo. P. Stevenson, bound to Rio Janeiro.<sup>5</sup>

At the time of his death he lived at [26?] 6th st, NYC.

He was listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New York, New York Co., New York [City], Ward 11, page 872?, (enumerated 31 August 1950), Dwelling 298, Family 1038 -- Thos. R. Chapter, 50, Mason, b. NY; Sarah A. [Chapter], 43, b. NY; Emma L. [Chapter], 22, b. NY; Saml.? H. [or R.?] [Chapter], 19, Tin Smith, b. NY; Washington [Chapter], 17, Machinist, b. NY; Thos. R. [Chapter], Jr., 15, b. NY; Richd. L. [Chapter], 12, b. NY; John F. [Chapter], 10, b. NY; Sarah A. [Chapter], 8, b. NY; Henry Mickman?, 72, b. Germany; John F. Fowler, 17, Tin Smith, b. NY.

In June 1854 they lived at 69 Avenue D, NYC.

At the time of her death, on 30 Dec 1881, she lived at 165 Calyer St., Brooklyn, NY<sup>4</sup>.

---*children of Thomas R. Shapter & Sarah A.*

- **Mary Elizabeth Shapter**, d. 13 Dec 1860 NYC<sup>3</sup>; m. **Peter Tostevin**
- **Emma L. Chapter** (Shapter), b. about 1828 NY; d. 24 June 1859 NYC, aged 30.07.13<sup>2</sup>; m. **Walter Palmer**. Her funeral was held at the 9th St. Methodist Episcopal Church, corner Avenue B and 9th St.<sup>2</sup>
- **Samuel H. Chapter**, b. about 1831 NY; d. 7 June 1854 aged 23, of consumption, NYC; buried Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY<sup>1</sup>
- **Washington Chapter**, b. about 1833 NY
- **Thomas R. Chapter**, b. about 1835 NY; m. (poss) **Agnes -?-**
- **Richard L. Chapter**, b. about 1838 NY
- **John F. Chapter**, b. about 1840 NY
- **Sarah A. Chapter**, b. about 1842 NY

---Sources:

[1] Death notice for Samuel H. Shapter, in *The New York Times*, 8 June 1854, p. 8;  
 [2] Death Notice for Emma L. (Shapter) Palmer, in *The New York Times*, 25 June 1859, p. 5 (death of Emma L., wife of Walter Palmer);  
 [3] Death notice for Mary Elizabeth (Shapter) Tostevin (Iowa and Missouri papers please copy), in *The New York Times*, 15 Dec 1860, p. 5;  
 [4] Death notice for Sarah A. Shapter, relict of Capt. Thos. R. Shapter, in *The New York Times*, 1 Jan 1882, p. 7;  
 [5] "Melancholy Shipwreck" in the *Pittsfield Sun* [Pittsfield, MA], 27 Nov 1834, p. 2 (online in Early American Newspapers, NewsBank);  
 Death Notice in *The New York Times*. 10 July 1860, p. 5 (death of Capt. Thomas R. Shapter)

**Shapter, Thomas**

Thomas Shapter m.  
 d. 1871

**Agnes**  
 d.

Thomas Shapter was a master mechanic and held the position of superintendent of naval construction at the Brooklyn navy yard at the time of his death in 1871.

---*children of Thomas Shapter & Agnes*

- **Richard Sterling Shapter**, b. 28 March 1869 Brooklyn, NY; m. 29 June 1899 South Orange, NJ, **Mary King**, dau. of Edward R. King & Sarah E. Trowbridge. He was an architect and lived in Summit, NJ.

---Sources: *History of Union County, New Jersey, 1664-1923*, New York: Lewis Historical Pub. Co., 1923, Vol. I, p. 198 (online at HeritageQuest)

**Shapter, William** (William Shapter, Esq.)

William Shapter m. 6 May 1852  
 son of Peter Shapter & Frances Vermilye  
 b. 18 Nov 1830

(prob) **Rebecca Frisby**  
 dau. of William Frisby & Rebecca Ely  
 b.

---*children of William Shapter & Rebecca Frisby:*

- **Mary A. Shapter**, b. about 1853 NY
  - **Sarah Shapter** (Sadie), m. 27 Jan 1879 Millburn, NJ (at home of bride's parents), **Nelson H. Keeny** of Brooklyn, NY.
- Sources: Keeny-Shapter Wedding, in *Brooklyn Eagle*, 29 Jan 1879, p. 3, online at <http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>; *Biography and genealogical history of the city of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey*, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1898, Vol. 1, p. 301 (online at HeritageQuest); Vermilye Genealogy, online at <http://www.vermilyeafamilyreunion.com/pdf/VBookJan2007/Generation5.pdf>, p. 68

**Shapter, William H.**

William H. Shapter

William H. Shapter, painter, lived at 180A Eckford, Brooklyn, NY according to 1888-1889 Brooklyn directories.  
---Sources: 1888-1889 Brooklyn Directories Index online at Ancestry.com

**Shapter, William**

William Shapter

William Shapter, mason, lived at 71 Norman Avenue, Brooklyn, according to 1889-90 Brooklyn directories.  
---Sources: 1888-1889 Brooklyn Directories Index online at Ancestry.com

**Shapter, -?- (Capt.)**

-?- Shapter

In July 1776 he was Captain of the *Ann* (Portsmouth, England?).

---Sources:

[1] "Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth July 9" in *The Pennsylvania Ledger: or the Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, & New-Jersey Weekly Advertiser* [Philadelphia, PA], 5 Oct 1776, p. 2;

**Unplaced Shapter Women**

**Mary Ann Shapter**, m. 14 Oct 1815 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, NYC, **John Dickie** -- "Marriages Recorded at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, New York City, 1814-1850" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 140 (2009), July, p. 216

**Sarah Shapter**, b. about 1772 Devonshire, England; d. 30 Sep 1850 aged 78 Brooklyn, NY; buried Trinity Ch Cem., NYC --  
Sawyer, Ray C., *Gravestone inscriptions of Trinity Cemetery, New York City, New York, 1931*, Vol. 1, p. 60 (online at HeritageQuest)