

# Ancestors of James Christopher

## Generation 1

1. **James Christopher**, son of Thomas Christopher and Margaret Fitzgerald was born in 1824 in Armore, Waterford County, Ireland. He died on 25 May 1880 in Rosedale, Wyandotte County, Kansas. He married **Ellen Powers**, daughter of James Power and Mary (Mary Ellen Halley) Hally about 1848 in Ireland or Maine. She was born in 1825 in Old Parish, Dungarvan, Waterford, Ireland. She died on 15 Jun 1880 in Rosedale, Wyandotte County, Kansas.

James Christopher was born in 1824 in Armore, County Waterford, Ireland. He died of pneumonia May 25, 1880 in Rosedale, Wyandotte County, Kansas. Ellen Power was born about 1825 in County Waterford, Ireland. She died June 15, 1878 in Rosedale, Wyandotte County, Kansas after being thrown from a horse. James and Ellen were married about 1848 in County Waterford, Ireland. James and Ellen were natives of Armore, County Waterford, Ireland. In 1849, while living in Maine, their daughter Mary was born. The 1885 Kansas census reports that both John and Mary came to Kansas from Illinois. Given Mary's age, it is unlikely that they married until after the Civil War. Family tradition holds that John, Mary and James considered moving to Oregon, but then heard there was good farmland available in Johnson County, Kansas, a few miles to the southwest, and decided to settle there.

James arrived in New York, New York on May 17, 1875 on the ship City of Richmond. He left from Queensland, Ireland.

They had nine children:

1. **Mary Jane Christopher** born December 18, 1849 in Maine married **John Joseph O'Connor**.
2. John Christopher born March 12, 1851 in Virginia died March 5, 1932 married Mary Elizabeth Burns.
3. Catherine Christopher born about 1853 in Virginia died March 29, 1930 Kansas City, Kansas married Andrew J. Ebuck or Mr. Mohan.
4. Johanna Christopher born July 1855 in Virginia died January 7, 1934 in Kansas City, Kansas married Anthony Nunnick.
5. James Christopher born about 1857 in Missouri died July 11, 1930 in Rosedale, Kansas married Alice Fey.
6. Patrick Christopher born September 18, 1859 in Missouri died August 29, 1922 in Kansas City, Kansas married Katherine Reardon.
7. Margaret Christopher born November 4, 1861 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Kansas .married James Harvey Rollin Caughey died 1930 in Portland, Oregon.
8. Peter Christopher born July 6, 1863 in Kansas City, Missouri died July 13, 1863 in Kansas City, Missouri.
9. Garrett Christopher born August 27, 1866 in Kansas died July 25, 1918 married Anne E. Quinlan.

Notes for Ellen Powers: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/9787401/person/-743668691/facts>

Mrs. Christopher Killed almost Instantly while Driving to her Home near Rosedale (Kansas)

The reporter is again called upon to chronicle an accident which has worked considerable excitement to the citizen and melancholy to a large family. It was about seven o'clock last night when a wagon containing Mrs. Ellen Christopher, Simon Twohill and George Twohill was wrecked, throwing its occupants out, and killing Mrs. Christopher almost instantly and badly bruising Mr. Simon Twohill. It seems that Mrs. Christopher was returning to her farm near Rosedale, after having disposed of a few

vegetables, etc., and that when between Walnut Street and Grand eve on Twelfth the horse became frightened and started to run. The gentleman who was driving found the animal almost uncontrollable, and in this inability to guide her, the wagon came in contact with another wagon, which was standing nearby, and the axle broken. This threw Mrs. Christopher upon her head between the wheels, the hind one passing over her neck and breaking it. Mrs. Meyers, who keeps a bakery on Twelfth Street near Walnut, went to the deceased and found her breathing her last, and with the assistance of a gentleman conveyed her into a back room. The coroner was sent for, but he being absent, Judge A.W. Allen came, and in a few moments the following jury was empaneled: W.D. Riley, R.W. Burnham, Brent De Haven, W.T. Crabtree, Wm. Lewis and John Lucas. After hearing the testimony of two witnesses--Simon Twohill and J.E. Bonner--the jury returned the following verdict: We, the jury, find that the deceased came to her death by being thrown accidentally from a spring wagon, near the corner of Twelfth and Walnut streets. Brent De Haven, Foreman, A.W. Allen, Acting Coroner. The deceased was the wife of Mr. James Christopher, a farmer near Rosedale, and the mother of eight children. The bereaved family have the profound sympathy of the community.

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## Generation 2

**Thomas Christopher** was born in 1790 in Ireland. He married **Margaret Fitzgerald**. **Margaret Fitzgerald** was born in 1802 in Camas Twnld., Bruff, Limerick, Ireland. She died in 1873 in Patrickswell, Knockainey Limerick, Ireland.

Notes for Thomas Christopher: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/49667318/person/13738078766/facts> Thomas Christopher and Margaret Fitzgerald were both born in Ireland. Their children are:

1. Garrett Christopher born about 1820 in Waterford, Ireland, died March 1880 in Jackson County, Missouri. He married Mary Foley.
2. Mary Christopher born 1820 in Waterford, Ireland, died November 15, 1880 in Jackson County, Missouri. She married Morris McGuire.
3. James Christopher born 1824 in Armore, Waterford County, Ireland, died May 25, 1880 in Rosedale, Wyandotte County, Kansas. He married Ellen Power
4. Michael Christopher born 1830 in Waterford, Ireland, died January 22, 1881 in Johnson County, Kansas. Married Margaret Powers.
5. Mary Honora Christopher born before 1834, died after 1860, married James Donovan.

James and Michael Christopher married sisters Ellen and Margaret Powers.

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Believed this family originated in Old Parish, Ardmore area of Co. Waterford, Ire.

Emigration was from Maine>Augusta Co. VA>Kansas City, KA/MO>SD

Margaret Fitzgerald and Thomas Christopher had the following children:

1. Garrett Christopher, son of Thomas Christopher and Margaret Fitzgerald was born about 1820 in Waterford, Ireland. He died in Mar 1880 in Kaw, Jackson County, Missouri. He married Mary Foley. She was born in 1820 in Ireland. She died in 1870 in Jackson County, Missouri.
2. Mary Christopher, daughter of Thomas Christopher and Margaret Fitzgerald was born in 1820 in Co, Waterford, Ireland. She died on 15 Nov 1880 in Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri, United States. She married Morris McGuire, son of Morris McGuire and Honora Hansen on 28 Feb 1851 in Staunton, Albemarle County, Virginia. He was born in 1820 in Cork County, Ireland. He died on 30 Aug 1882 in Jackson County, Missouri.

3. James Christopher, son of Thomas Christopher and Margaret Fitzgerald was born in 1824 in Armore, Waterford County, Ireland. He died on 25 May 1880 in Rosedale, Wyandotte County, Kansas. He married Ellen Powers, daughter of James Power and Mary (Mary Ellen Halley) Hally about 1848 in Ireland or Maine. She was born in 1825 in Old Parish, Dungarvan, Waterford, Ireland. She died on 15 Jun 1880 in Rosedale, Wyandotte County, Kansas.
4. Michael Christopher, son of Thomas Christopher and Margaret Fitzgerald was born in 1830 in Waterford, Ireland. He died on 22 Jan 1881 in Johnson County, Kansas. He married Margaret Powers. She was born in 1831 in Dungarvan, Waterford, Ireland. She died on 16 Aug 1860 in Jackson County, Missouri. He married Hannah Mowbry. She was born in 1838 in Cork County, Ireland. She died on 28 Nov 1905 in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas.
5. Mary Honora Christopher, daughter of Thomas Christopher and Margaret Fitzgerald was born before 1834 in County Waterford, Ireland. She died on 02 Apr 1904 in Kansas City, Missouri. She married James Donovan in 1853 in Virginia. He was born in 1828 in Ireland. He died on 24 Apr 1865 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

#### Notes for James Donovan:

No headstone; buried in the Donovan plot. His sister Honora "Nora" Christopher Donovan and brother Garrett Christopher are buried in the same plot (B212), also no headstones. Another sister, Mary Christopher McGuire, is buried in an adjacent plot. Brother James Christopher is buried in Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Shawnee, Kansas. Their parents were Thomas Christopher and Margaret Fitzgerald Christopher.

The Donovan plot also contains the remains of her brothers, Michael & Garrett Christopher, as well as Garrett's wife Mary Foley Christopher. The plot contains no individual headstones other than for Nora's and James's daughter Catherine Elizabeth "Kate" Donovan who was interred in 1928.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/111578018/honora-donovan>

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