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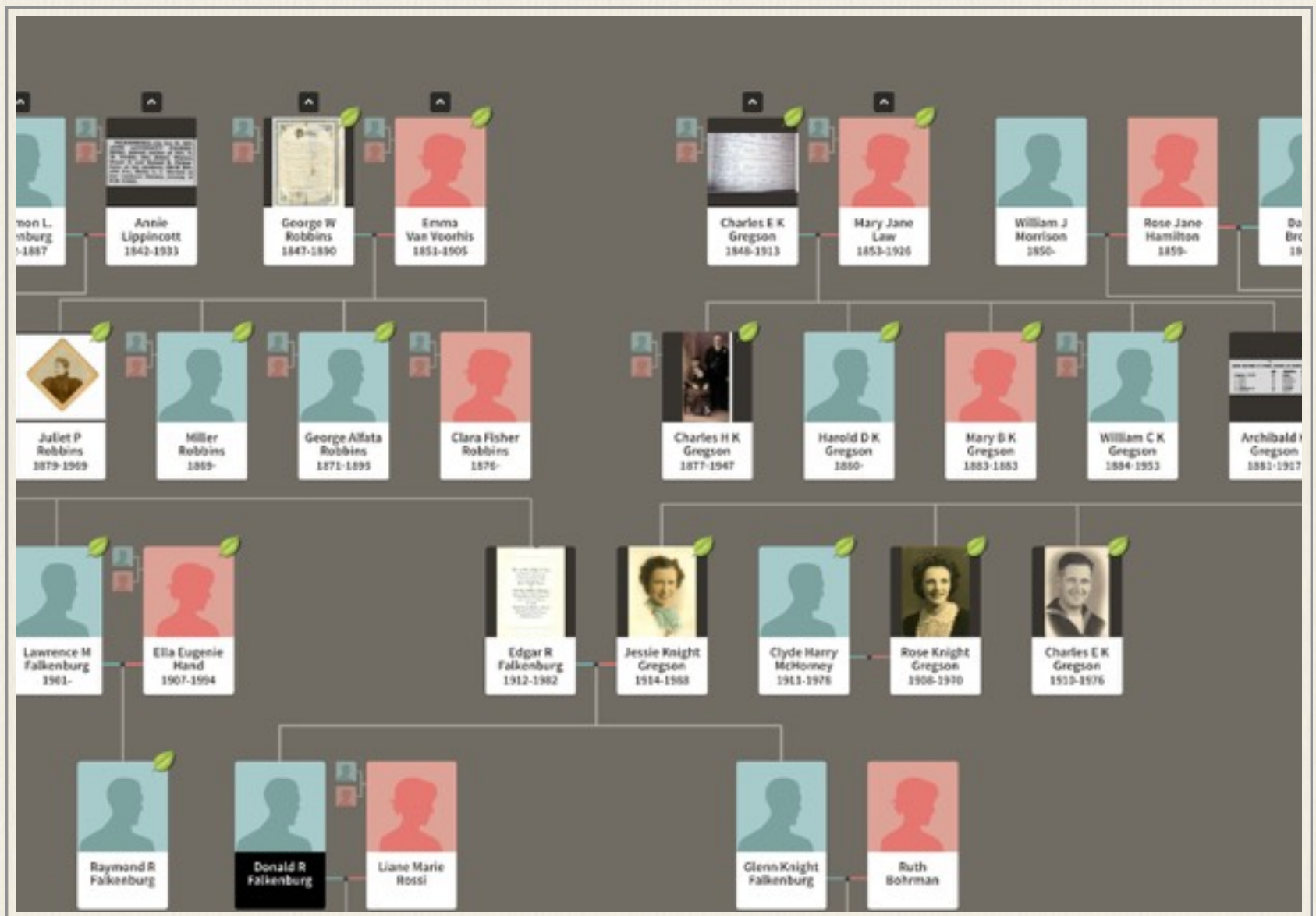
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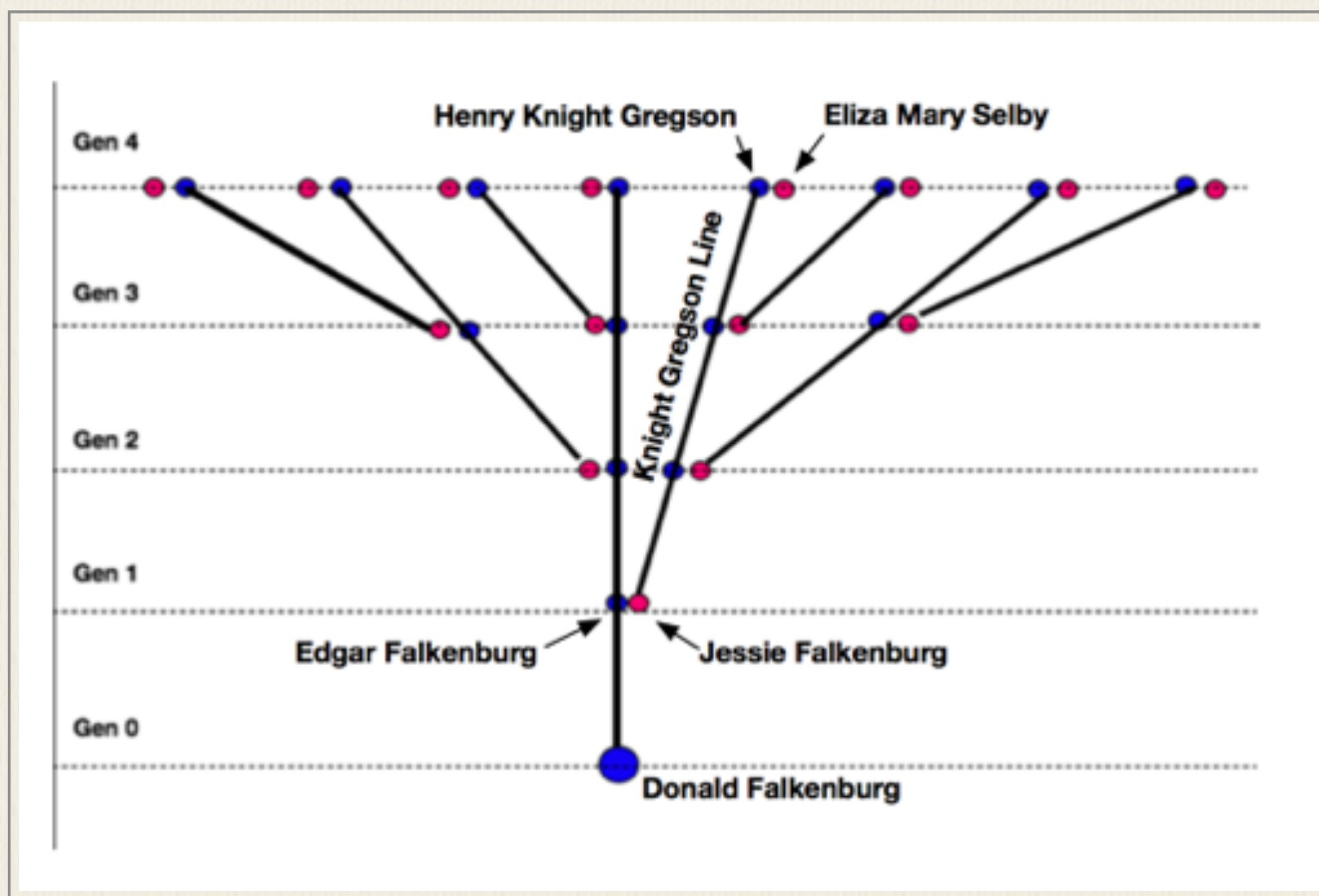


# Allied Families



***Allied Families** sets the stage for the remaining chapters of this book. Clearly, our family tree has many more branches than we have talked about in the first seven chapters of this book. The presentation so far has been rather one-dimensional, following the main trunk of our Falkenberg family. In the remaining chapters we will explore several branches that join the Falkenberg tree through marriage.*

The next few chapters tell the story of a select number of maternal lines which branch off the main trunk of the Falkenburg tree. The diagram below shows the structure of our family tree. Generation 0 is me. Generation 1 represents my two parents (black node: my father; red node: my mother. My four grandparents are



shown in Generation 2. Generation 4 depicts sixteen 2nd great-grandparents. The red and blue nodes represent female and male partners. All individuals on a straight segment share the same surname (paternal line). This structure shows the flow of DNA that creates the unique individual I am. Multiple marriages are not shown here, as this represents my blood line. Likewise, siblings are not shown. So far we have only explored the one dimensional trunk of this tree—my Falkenburg surname line. In four generations (counting myself as generation 0) this would include me, Edgar Robbins Falkenburg, Samuel Edgar Falkenburg, Solomon Lines Falkenburg, and George Harrison Falkenburg. Each union begins a new blood line, linking another surname to the tree. In generation 1, my mother Jessie Knight Gregson is shown. The next generations along this Knight Gregson line takes me to my grandparents Archibald Knight Gregson and Agnes Curry Morri-

son (Gen 2). My 2nd great-grandparents along the Knight Gregson line are Henry Knight Gregson and Eliza Mary Donaldson Selby. Each straight line in the tree represents a different related family name. At each generation a new family name emerges along the maternal family line.

Let us do a little mathematics. Suppose that rather than drawing the tree up four generations, I were to draw the tree to the  $n$ th generation. If I wanted to follow the tree along all its branches back to the 1600s and my 7th great-grandfather Henry Jacobs Falkinburg, that would span ten generations **8-1** from my node to that of Henry Jacobs Falkinburg. For the  $n$ th generation we can establish the following:

*Number of ancestors in the  $n$ th generation =  $2^n$*

*Total number of family names in  $n$  generations in tree =  $2^n$*

*Total number of persons in the tree to the  $n$ th generation =  $2^{(n+1)} - 1$*

So if I wanted to do a complete description of my bloodline over ten generations that would involve:

*Number of ancestors in the  $n$ th generation =  $2^{10} = 1,024$  7th great-grandparents*

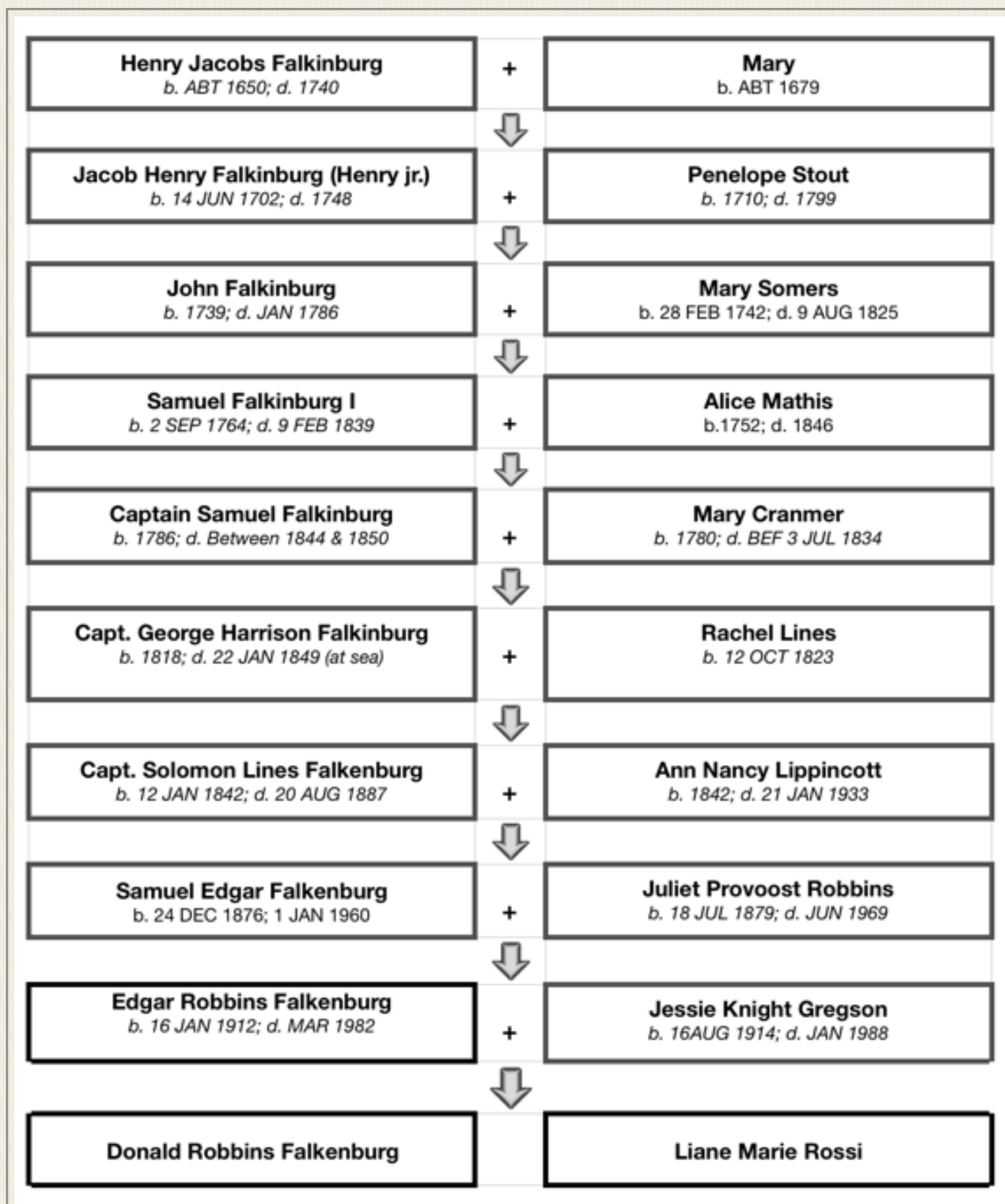
*Total number of family names in the tree =  $2^{10} = 1,024$  family names*

*Total number of persons in the tree to the  $n$ th generation =  $2^{11} - 1 = 2,047$  persons*

The task of writing a manuscript that does an exhaustive enumeration is daunting. Remember, these numbers do not include siblings and cousins who are not counted in this blood-line tree. While I share a common source of DNA, I do not inherit my DNA from siblings and cousins.

**8-1** *My great-grandparents are in generation 3, and 2nd great-grandparents appear in generation 4, and so on.*

The main trunk of my blood line is shown below. Each maternal line in this table that joins the Falkenburg family settled in colonial America before the Revolution except my own mother Jessie Knight Gregson who was born in the United Kingdom, and my wife Liane Marie Rossi. Our family has very deep roots in colonial America.



In this second section of this manuscript, I expand five of the maternal lines that join the Falkenburg line. If I were to do a complete listing of all connected families through ten generations, I would explore 2,047 individuals— quite an impossible task for this manuscript. Thus, I will limit my exploration to stories about the following allied families.

**Lippincott:** Ann Nancy Lippincott's line, spouse of Solomon Falkenburg (my great-grandparents)

**Robbins:** Juliet Provoost Robbins, my maternal grandmother's line

**van Voorhis:** My great-grandmother (Juliet Provoost Robbins' mother's line)

**Knight Gregson:** My mother Jessie Knight Gregson's line

**Rossi:** My wife, Liane Marie Rossi's family line.