

GENEALOGY OF CONLEY FAMILY

by Albert Henry Conley

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¹ Bertha Stuck was the daughter of Albert Henry's sister Anna Elizabeth. The scanned images of the typed manuscript are on-line: [Conley | Familiengeschichte](http://www.conley.de/amerika) <www.conley.de/amerika>. They are part of the family documents collected by Clete Conley, who died Nov. 27, 2000.

² Daniel Conley married Deborah Hanford at New Canaan, Connecticut on Nov. 8, 1821.

³ Thomas Henry Seymour was born in Hartford, Connecticut on Sept. 29, 1807. Unsuccessful in his first campaign for Governor of Connecticut (1849), he was elected Governor in 1850. He resigned in 1853 when he was appointed by President Franklin Pierce as Minister to Russia. A lifelong bachelor, Seymour lived in Hartford with his sister, Mary Ellery Seymour. He died in Hartford on Sept. 3, 1868. Source: [Connecticut Historical Society](http://www.chs.org/library/ead/htm_faids/seymt1868.htm) <www.chs.org/library/ead/htm_faids/seymt1868.htm>.

⁴ Henry Hanford (b. Dec. 22, 1784 New Canaan, Connecticut). His biography is published in the [History of Logan County and Ohio](http://www.heritagepursuit.com/Logan/LoganWashington.htm). Chicago: O.L. Baskin & Co., 1880. P. 735. (On-line: <www.heritagepursuit.com/Logan/LoganWashington.htm>)

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⁵ William Conley (b. Oct. 28, 1825 New Canaan, Connecticut) and his wife Eliza J. Polly (1827-1887) are mentioned in the 1855 Census, Town of Dix, Schuyler County, New York. They are buried at Glenwood Cemetery, New York. (Research help by Ann Heatherington.)

⁶ Daniel Conley is buried at Lewistown Cemetery, Ohio. His tombstone reads: "DANIEL CONLEY. DIED AUG. 31, 1837. AGED 40 Yrs. & 8 Mo."

⁷ Eliza B. Zane was a great-granddaughter of Chief Tarhe, a Wyandot Indian. She married Andrew S. Conley 1860 at Logan County, Ohio.

⁸ Lyda Burton Conley, first Indian woman lawyer admitted to practice law before the Kansas State bar and the Federal supreme court. She died May 28, 1946.

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Transcribed by Patrick Conley (May 2002)

¹⁰ Daniel C. Conley (1855-1942) owned a photo studio in Celina, Ohio. He died in Michigan.

¹¹ Albert and Alma Conley had 8 children: Liz, Dean, Mary Ann, John (d. 1973), Luella, Wandy, Clete and Bob.

¹² Charles E. Hughes (1862-1948) father's name was David Charles Hughes. His father was a young Methodist preacher from Wales who landed in New York Harbor in 1855. Charles E. Hughes mother's name was Catherine Connelly, a school teacher. Source: E-Mail from the Supreme Court Historical Society, 4.4.2001. (Daniel Conley would have been, if still alive, 66 years old, when Charles E. Hughes was born. It's very unlikely, that a sister of him was Hughes' mother.)

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at goodok Am. Records Aug 14, 1857 in Book D. page 399

Original: 23. day of April 1857 - Testimony - David Crall

I, Francis H. Conley of the County of Logan & the State of Ohio in the consideration of the sum of Six hundred and fifty dollars to me in hand paid by David Crall of Allen County in lot No 180 in town of Bellefontaine together with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belongs

April 18th 1861 F.H. Conley has paid the notes in full

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