

Tufts Kinsmen Project

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Huntington Beach, California 92648-1295

Please identify your help with the number: 868

Dear Librarian,

I am the Tufts Family Historian and have been collecting Tufts genealogy, biography and history for over fifty years. Starting with the first Tufts progenitor, who landed in America about a decade after the Pilgrims, I have been successful in tracing the masculine descent from all Tufts progenitors down to the present time. My Tufts family biographical encyclopedia will be two 1275-page volumes and require a 47,000-person index of Tufts kinfolk.

I started this project while still in uniform, a disabled veteran of World War Two. In those early years all research was done in person as far west as Denver and east to England. Now most 80 years old, I have searched thoroughly the oldest and largest genealogical libraries in New England, the Library of Congress and on the World Wide Web. I am looking for information more personal to specific locations such as cemetery records, obituaries in local newspapers, court records and even pictures. Now lame and my eye sight dimming, I ask others like you for help.

Some of the 47,000 descendants are believed to have created records in your area. Would you be so kind as to inform me if you have any information on these people and how I may obtain same? I am trying to complete and correct their records, locate all memorabilia on them, and continue the posterity. Any information on these Tufts descendants you can find will be a great help to this huge project.

Undoubtedly in checking your records you may find mention of other Tufts descendants who appear on other pages in my book that are not enclosed. Such information will be appreciated now or in the future, whichever is convenient for you. Would you also be so kind as to tell me if you know of any other places and/or persons whom I can contact that might have information on them? Any help you can give me will be very much appreciated.

Should a nominal charge be required for copying the information you find, please include a bill made out to "Tufts Kinsmen Association, Inc.," and you will be compensated in due time.

Sincerely,



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d. [living 1983] in Saint Petersburg, Fla.
 having m² 8, Apr. 1962 in Hagerstown, Md. to Edward G Conrad
 had 1) Thomas C., 2) Robert L. -TUFTS Family 1194.

Family 868 of Oliver M.⁸ and Julia V. (Hawley) Tufts (553-1)
 from Peter E⁷, Peter⁶, Peter⁵, Peter⁴, Peter³, John², Peter¹.

868-1 NELLIE LOVE⁹ TUFTS

b. 6, Jan. 1888 in Ark.
 d. in
 m 2, Sep. 1914 in
 to **HOWARD A MASAC**
 son of Theophilus and Melanie (May) Masac
 b. 28, Oct. 1878 in
 d. in
 had no issue.

With her sister, Lucille (868-2) dying young of tuberculosis, they raised her daughter Virginia (868-3.1)

868-2 LUCILLE D ⁹ TUFTS

b. 30, June 1889 in Memphis, Tenn.
 d. 1935 in
 m in
 to **THEODORE WALTON**
 son of and () Walton
 b. in
 d. in
 had 1) Virginia Nell b. in

-WALTON Family.

1) VIRGINIA m in 1944 to Frank LEWINDOWSEY and they had 1) Virginia Marie L... b. 29, Mar. 1946 and 2) John Charles L.... Divorcing Frank L..., she had their children's surname changed to HAWLEY. Daughter Virginia M. m 20, May 1967 to Edwin McAlpin ADAMS and had Maya Ann A... Virginia M. divorced Edwin A... in 1972 and she d. 6, Sep. 1993. 2) John Charles (L...) H... had no issue [msap]

868-3 OLIVER MORGAN⁹ TUFTS

✓ b. 4, Jan. 1891 in Marion, Ark. (p) had Marion, Tenn
 d. 19, Aug. 1958 in Costa Mesa, Calif. [CAVA 50 00242]
 m in
 to **OLIVE M CLEVE**
 dau of and ()
 b. in w
 d. in
 had

Family 869 of Charles L.⁸ and Ida M. (Deline) Tufts (556-5)

from Aaron R⁷, Aaron⁶, Peter⁵, Peter⁴, Peter³, John², Peter¹.

869-1 BERTHA MORENCI⁹ TUFTS

b. 12, Aug. 1888 in Seneca, Mich.
 d. in
 m in
 to **FRANK L OWENS**
 son of and () Owens
 b. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 d. in
 had no issue.

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Dear Friend,

If you are surprised to hear from me after this long time, I am equally pleased to have the pleasure to write to you. *Tufts Kinsmen*, my only avocation for the past half century, seemed as if it never would be published. I did attempt to publish the lineages on a copy machine but making 35,000 imprints every three months voided the machine's warranty and service contract, and left me owing a few who had paid ahead. I practically gave up hope that my most complete Tufts genealogy, I had labored fifty years over, would ever be published.

Everything to do with this project has had so much to it, knowing the count of 38,000 Tufts kinfolk made ten years ago. No part of this project can be done in a short time. It is mind-boggling just to realize that it has taken this long to get it so complete that it runs back twenty generations in some branches. I love Tufts genealogical research nonetheless and have come to know many wonderful people through it. It has been slow but steady research every day to have it now so conclusive. Too often the road block has been the cost of postage to communicate with so many Tufts descendants. When I realized that it really could be published, my greatest worry became how I would ever get the \$1,300 necessary for the postage to notify those 4,000 people all at once who have so loyally helped me over the years to get it so good and so complete, hence the request for each person to provide four extra stamps. Such financial support is very much appreciated.

What makes it possible for me finally to publish it at this time is that the Tufts Kinsmen Association, Inc., was reorganized and one of the first things they did was to present me with a computer. It meant that I would have to start at the first page all over again but that was a worthwhile advantage as I can now add in with the lineages all the historical facts I know about each Tufts. The old typewritten version left no space to add in more information. As I have biographical information on almost all of them, it can be preserved along with their genealogical statistics. While I have a lot of material on each descendant, all of it should be preserved.

It will take some time to put 1275-page volumes on computer so I ask subscribers to be patient, for it is one of the largest and most complete genealogies ever published on any surname. Besides all the masculine descent from Peter Tufts, it will have the progeny of eight other major progenitors, some whose immigrant originally spelled his name Tupts, Tuffs and even Tough, as well as those who chose the name Tufts after the Emancipation Proclamation. Some lineages are well documented but far more are so obscure they will need more help with research done on them. I hope this interests you to search for more information on your branch to preserve it.

Most important is to make sure that every descendant knows that this massive encyclopedia on their Tufts heritage will soon be published and for sale. Enclosed is a master copy of my notice. I ask that you make copies of it to send to each of your Tufts relations, of any surname. I would also ask that you send copies to genealogical societies and other-family-name groups you may know of, with the hope that they will mention it in their news-letters. Better still, have the following ad put in genealogical and historical publications: "Will swap data on any TUFTS born between 1500 and 2000. Write TUFTS KINSMEN Project, P.O. Box 571, Dedham, Mass. 02027-0571" The more subscribers to it, the lower the cost per book can be. As I have no place to store books I can't accept belated orders, so all people must record their interest in advance in this hallmark of a book on their own heritage. The four additional first class stamps will guarantee you being notified.

I beg your personal help as well. The oldest person living in your branch will have much to tell of the Tufts remembered when a youngster. *Tufts Kinsmen* is where such remembrances should be preserved. Also needed are obituaries and other mention of members in local newspapers where they resided or died. Local libraries there could have still more information of each Tufts. The county probate court should have records of their estates, as would the registry of deeds where they lived. Military records and veterans' pension applications will have information on their service to their country. Those who have made it possible for descendants to belong to lineage societies like the Daughters of the American Revolution, S.A.R, or Mayflower Society, as well as national veterans organizations, etc., will be identified as such regardless of their being Tufts-named personages, as well as those who are bona fide members of them. Equally important is the highest school in which each was educated in. Your local librarian will

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have directories as to where to write for such information. I can send you simple guide lines that can easily be followed to gain a wealth of information on those Tufts who came before us. You may keep what you acquire and send me only copies, or have the original copied material sent here to the Project, as you see fit.

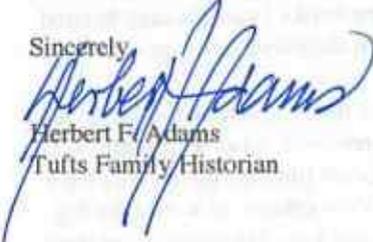
I shall be pleased to assist with my genealogical techniques that has made *Tufts Kinsmen* the success it already is. If you enjoy hunting for information on your antecedents, I can supply you with problems on your branch or others who lived close to your home. I believe that there is no genealogical statistic which can't be found. It simply takes time which I do not have having so many others to account for. Admittedly, only about one percent of the vital records that should be in *Tufts Kinsmen* has yet to be found, but, I'm sure, with a concentrated effort, they too can be located. Much of such help can be done in the comfort of your own home and by mail, or with short field trips. Material you may find can be sent directly to me or you may remail copies to me. I can provide form letters for such purposes to save much letter writing on your part. All heretofore published data should include the name of the publication it appeared in, the author's name, and where and when originally published. See Bibliography.

Tufts Kinsmen will be different from most genealogies. I know of no other family-name book which to compare it with. It will have the complete descent of one of many progenitors who arrived in the New World hardly more than a decade after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, with no known place in it where Tufts lineages have not been carried down to their fullest extent. Each one will be properly eulogized as well. Certainly no other genealogy will contain so many portraits of its progeny, from the 17th century on. Furthermore, they will all be presented in uniform appearance, whether originally they were line drawings, silhouettes, paintings, studio portraits, snapshots, or even likenesses from old newspapers or other publications. Easy instructions on preparing copies especially to be preserved in *Tufts Kinsmen* can be sent to you to duplicate what you have, and at a very low cost, without your heirloom pictures ever leaving your hands. Other pictures of events in their lives can also be preserved.

It will be your book, your family's Tufts history, for you and your heirs to enjoy. It is up to you to see that your Tufts heritage is as informative as possible. In years to come it undoubtedly will be the only collective account of your offsprings' Tufts ancestry. Please make sure I have every spec of evidence you have collected to profile each one properly, even including my past questionnaires you may have updated. Distaff children will at least be accounted for in their initial relationship to the Tufts name. Lengthy lineages of distaff progeny are welcome, which, if not otherwise published, can be published in 'Tufts Kinsmen Journals' on a first come first published basis. Such newsletters are preserved by most genealogical depositories to be found easily years later. You can add such continuances to the back of your personal copy or copies of *Tufts Kinsmen*. Such additions can be submitted in my prescribed format and will receive priority, or can be on common family group genealogical forms, or computer printouts. No additional research or work will be done on distaff lineages here.

I have included herewith the sample printout to give you an idea as to how all Tufts and spouse personages will appear. I hope you like my format. Compose your own write-ups even more interesting and informative. Please do not put off this duty to your heirs. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play an important part in your own heritage. In fact, there will never be need for another Tufts genealogy again, so I can't impress upon you enough that such an opportunity will ever present itself again. The expectations I had forty years ago to accomplish for you and your heirs, will soon become full bloom and for sale. What belatedly arrives once *Tufts Kinsmen* goes to press will be lost forever to the numerous heirs you will have in future generations in this new millennium. This is the time to act. Your kinfolk yet unborn should not be disappointed. It all depends on all of us, the living constituency, to see that they know their Tufts heritage long after we are all history ourselves. Your TUFTS ancestry will be faithfully recorded in *Tufts Kinsmen*. I pray that nothing is left out.

Sincerely,



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