

Florinda May⁴ Skinner (Richard Jr.³, Richard Sr.², John¹):

FLORINDA MAY SKINNER ("RENNIE")

[KDS note -Marion Smith called her "Rennie,
Referred to by others in my notes as "Lorendo"]

b. Aug 29, 1862 ("300 Years with the Corson Families in America", by Orville Corson, 1939, Vol. II. p176; available Glo. Co. Historical Society)

d. Oct 2, 1938 at home, Glassboro, NJ, buried Manahath Cem. (pub. Wood. Const. 10/5/1938)

m. June 2, 1882 (pub. "First Congressional District," p.347)

h. LOUIS NAPOLEAN SHREVE

Son of Mahlon Shreve and Harriet Chew

b. July 27, 1861 Barnsboro, Mantua Twp., Glo. Co., NJ

d. 19__ at home, S. Main St., Glassboro, NJ, buried Manahath Cem.

d. 1933, Glassboro [findagrave.com]

Louis Shreve was a Glassboro mortician, later joined by his son.

Lorendo Skinner is mentioned in the will of Mary Skinner, her grandmother. Florinda May and Louis Shreve have no tombstones in Manahath Cemetery. Mahlon Shreve and Harriet Chew are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Barnsboro, NJ.

CHILDREN:

1. BLANDE R. SHREVE

b. Sep 29, 1882 [findagrave.com]

d. Aug 19, 1956 Elmer Hospital, Salem Co., NJ, buried Manahath Cem., Glassboro (Times 8/20/1956)

m. Nov, 1903, at home of bride, by Rev. F. F. Craig, pastor of M. P. Church, assisted by S. M. Nicholas of M. E. Church, Glassboro, NJ

w. FLORA LONG

Member Trinity Methodist Church

b. 1881

d. Jul 4, 1959, Elmer Hospital, Salem Co, NJ, bur. Manahath Cem., Glassboro; Bell, F.D. (pub. Wood. Times 7/6/1959)

Children – **Thelma Long Shreve** (1904-1972, married August Rehm), **Bessie May Shreve** (b. 1911) and **Blande R. Shreve Jr.** ('Barney', b. 1919).

2. BESSIE MAY SHREVE

b. Mar 19, 1888 Glassboro

d. Nov 12, 1927 [findagrave.com]; buried Manahath cemetery

m. April, 1910 at home, Main St., Glassboro by Rev. G. S. Meseroll (Pub. 4/13/1910 Wood. Const.)

h. JOHN ROY DOUGHTY

b. Jan 14, 1886 [findagrave.com]

d. 1973 [findagrave.com]

w2. **CAROLYN** _____ (1899-1976) [findagrave.com]

3. BEATRICE CORSON SHREVE

[Beatrice info per email from Linda J. Adams, granddaughter of Beatrice, dated 2/27/01]

Poet, English teacher, and principal of Glassboro High School

b. July, 1903 (1900 per files of VEM)

d. 1977

h1. RUSSELL KENGLE

McKeesport, Pa, class of 1941

Took over Shreve undertaker business in Glassboro

Child: 1928, deceased year of birth, but had an additional child.

h2. GEORGE T. JOHNSON

All of the above information per files of VEM dated 7/1/1976/VEM and 3/21/1966,
except as noted otherwise within brackets [].

KDS COMMENTARY:

Earl Skinner, my grandfather, occasionally spoke of the Shreve family. Earl grew up in Philadelphia, but would often be taken by his parents on weekends to visit his grandparents, Lizzie and Harry Skinner, in Glassboro, NJ, who lived just a block up Main Street from the Shreves. Rennie Shreve was a sister of Harry Skinner.

Rennie and Louis Shreve lived at 433 Main Street, Glassboro. This equates to an address of 36 S. Main Street today. Their home was built in 1890 which is probably when the Shreves moved in. Their home, which is still standing in 2013, is located just a few homes south of the intersection of Main and High Streets, on the east side. The Shreve property included a second home – 431 Main Street (34 S. Main Street today). Their son Blande Shreve and his family lived in that home for most of the early 1900's.

Louis Shreve was a Glassboro undertaker. The business was located in the Shreve home. The state census of 1895 and federal census of both 1900 and 1910 show that the Shreves had young males living with them, probably to assist Louis with his business. In 1895, the young Shreve assistant was Forest Henry, a nephew of Rennie Shreve. Forest later had his own mortician business in the town of Berlin, NJ, but died young in a railroad accident near Berlin.

Louis Shreve was active in the community. He was a member of numerous civic organizations, served as the Gloucester County coroner and handled the finances of the township of Glassboro for a time. The son of a blacksmith, he seemed to have money and to be well-connected at an early age.

The Shreves had three children – Blande Shreve, Bessie Shreve, and fifteen years later – Beatrice Shreve. Blande and his family lived on the Shreve property next door to his parents and Blande worked in his father's mortuary business. Blande's children included a son Blande Jr., nicknamed 'Barney' Shreve.

Blande's sister Bessie Shreve married John Roy Doughty in 1910 and was the only Shreve offspring to move away from home. Bessie died in 1927 after a three year battle with goiter – a thyroid condition. John Roy later remarried, and he lived into the 1970's.

Blande's youngest sister Beatrice Shreve and her husband Russell Kengle lived in her parents home and shared in the mortuary business. Beatrice raised a daughter in the Shreve home and the family resided there until 1970. Much information and photos of the family come courtesy of Linda Adams, a granddaughter of Beatrice. Beatrice was a generation younger than her siblings – Blande and Bessie.

The 1930 census shows that Louis Shreve and wife Florinda (Rennie) were sharing their Glassboro home with their youngest daughter Beatrice and her husband Russell Kengle. The son of the Shreves – Blande Shreve, was renting the home next door from his father, the home also being on the Shreve property. All of the men – Louis Shreve, son Blande and son-in-law Russell Kengle all shared in the mortician business.

According to email from Linda Adams, a Shreve descendant, the Shreve funeral business eventually passed to Mr. Kengle, husband of Beatrice. The family operated the mortuary business at the Shreve homestead until the last of the family left in 1970.

The Shreve's took care of Rennie's father – Richard Skinner Jr. (1823-1908), in his later years. Consequently, the Shreve descendants of today have Richard Skinner's Civil War pistol, a Civil War letter and other effects (per Linda Adams).

For more information on the Shreves, visit the files pertaining to Rennie's brother - Harry Skinner ('WHS').

**Biographical, Genealogical and Descriptive History ...,
Volume 2, Pages 345-605** By Lewis Publishing Company:

LOUIS N. SHREVE. Louis N. Shreve, whose business is that of undertaker at Glassboro, New Jersey, is a native of Barnsboro, Gloucester county, New Jersey. He was born July 27, 1861. His parents were Mahlon and Harriet (Chew) Shreve. Our subject's father was born near Bordentown, New Jersey, and his father was of an old family of that section. Mahlon was a blacksmith and followed that trade nearly all of his life; he is now seventy-one years of age. His wife, who was of an old and very prominent family, died in 1896. Of their eight children the following six are living: William, now of Clayton; Nathaniel, of Clayton; Nelson, of Berlin, Camden county; Amos, of Clayton; Louis N.; and Lida, the wife of Walter Staulcup, of Clayton.

Our subject received a good education by attending the local schools and select schools. He followed farm life for a number of years and when he was seventeen years of age went to Clarksboro to learn the undertakers trade, together with the art of embalming. He served there for seven years, and in 1888 began business at Glassboro on his own account. Just prior to engaging in business he attended the United States School of Embalming at New York. He received a diploma, which shows that he is an expert in this line. For three years he was the coroner of this county.

Being a firm believer in the brotherhood of man, he is identified with the orders of Masons, Knights of Pythias, Junior and Senior and Independent orders of Mechanics and is the high priest in the Knights of the Golden Eagle. In his church connection he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. June 3, 1882, he was married to Rennie, a daughter of Richard Skinner. Two children bless this union,—Bland and Bessie.

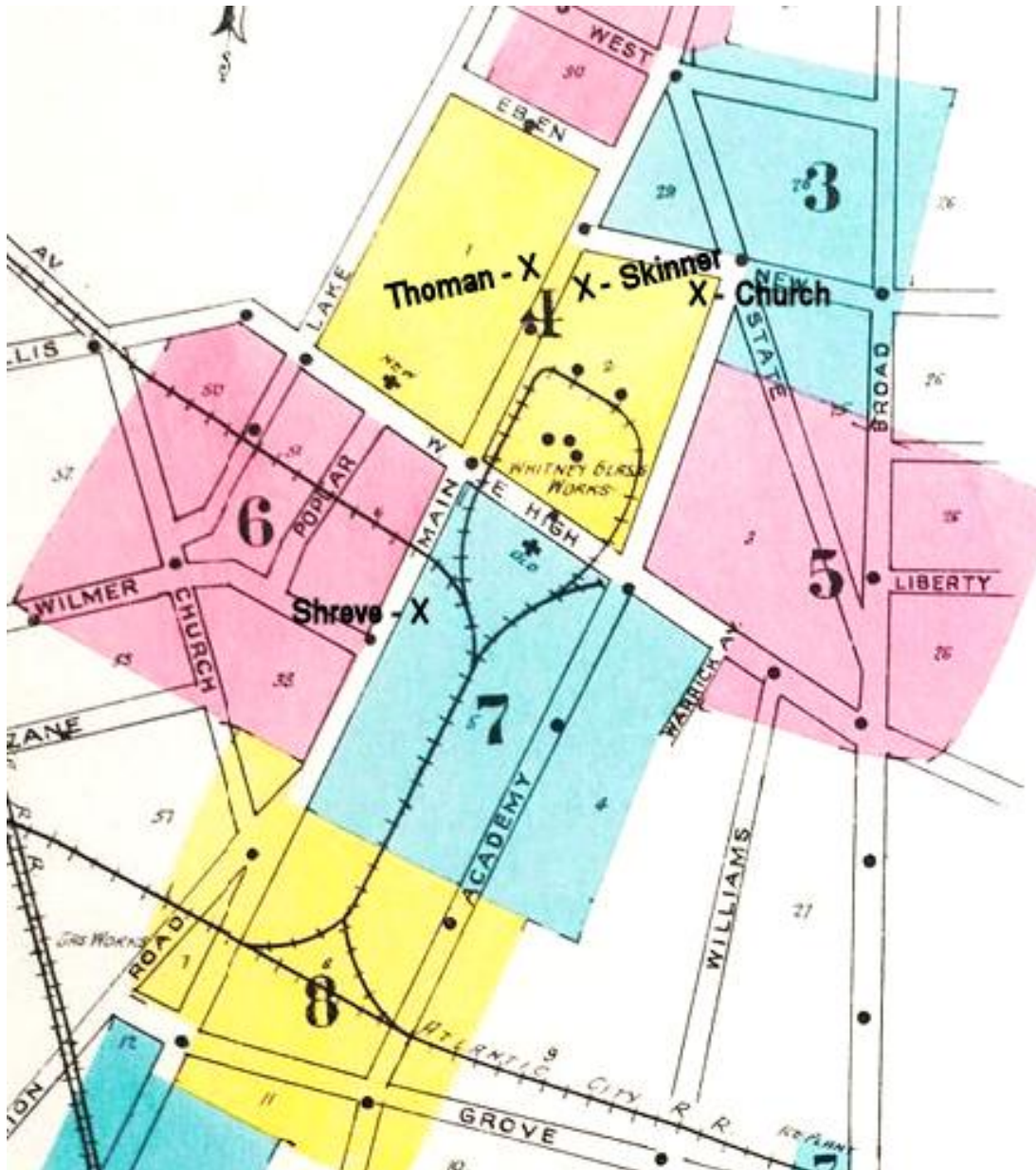
It almost goes without saying that our subject is a busy man of affairs, yet he finds time to attend to the duties which he owes to his family and the various civic societies to which he belongs.



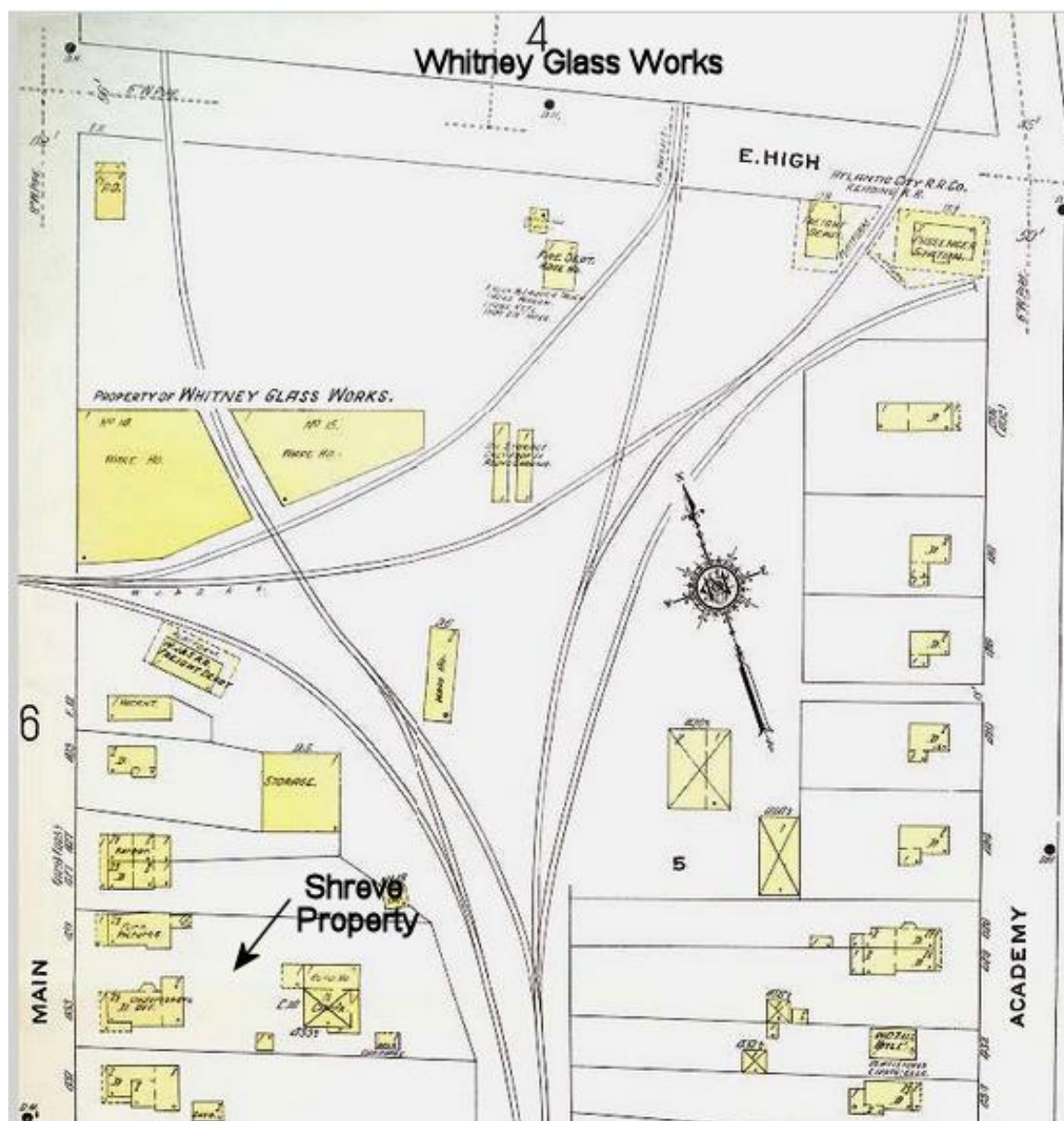
Whitney Glass Works and Railroads, 1886 [maptech.com]

Two railroad spur lines entered downtown Glassboro in the 1800's servicing the Whitney Glass Works ('W'). These Glass Works were gone by the 1920's.

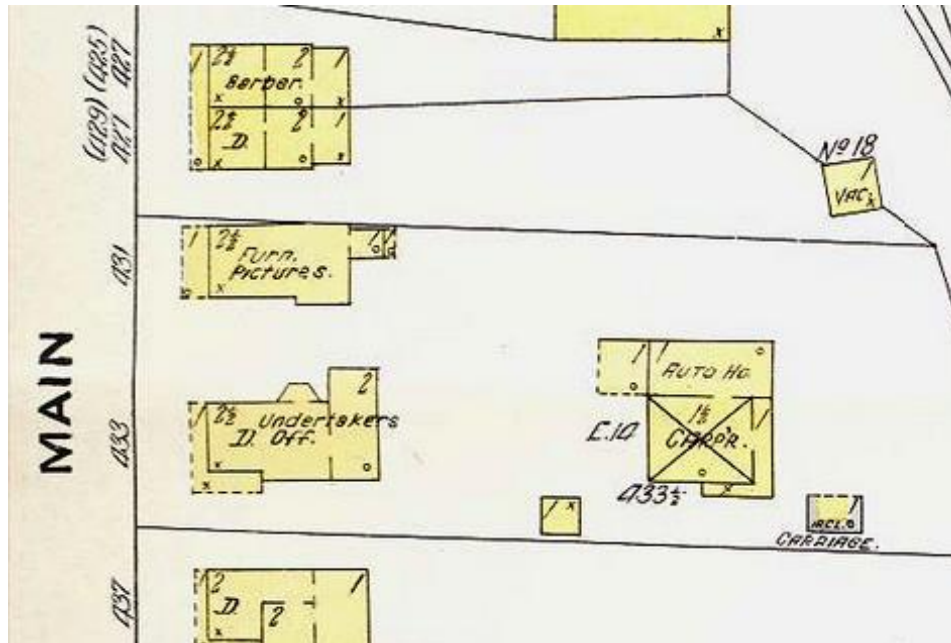
The diagonal tracks to the left are still operational today, and are the main line tracks that originate in Camden and run thru towns like Woodbury, Pitman and Glassboro. Sections of this line are slated to return to their historical status as a commuter rail.



Whitney Glass Works and Railroads, 1910
[Sanborn maps, libweb5.princeton.edu]

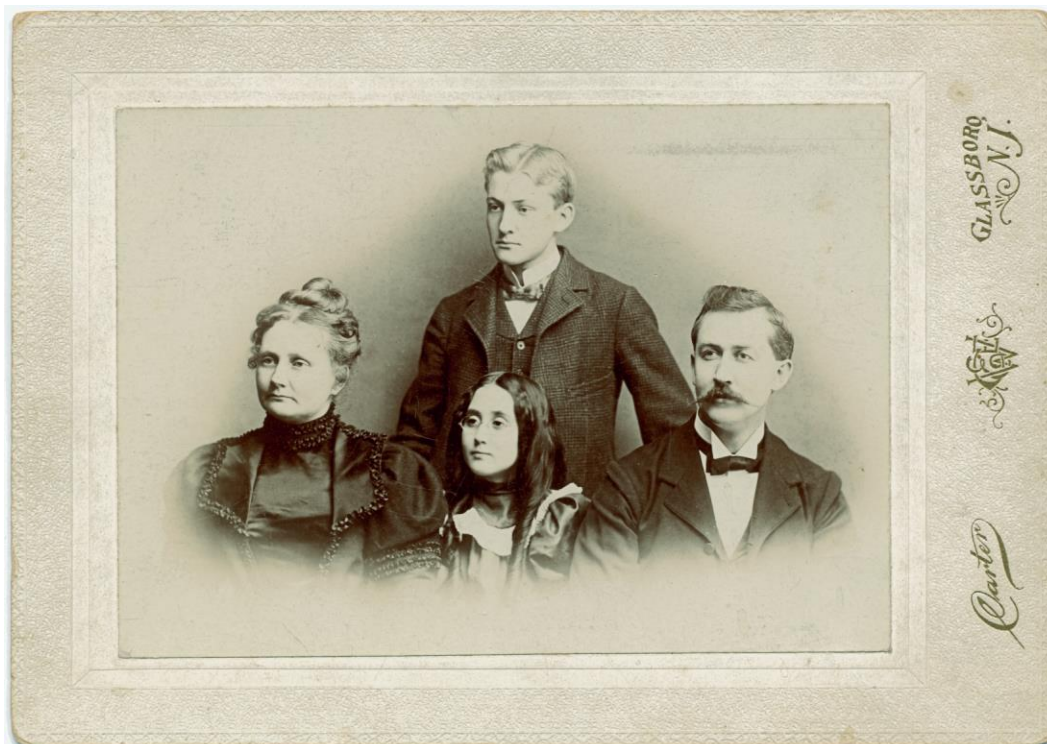


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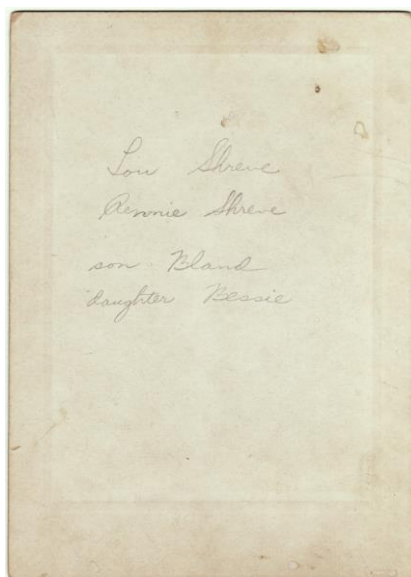


34 and 36 S. Main Street today (originally 431 and 433 Main)
[google streetview]

Louis Shreve and family lived in the main house at 433 Main Street. His mortuary business and servant help was there as well. His youngest daughter Beatrice remained there after her marriage to Russell Kengle, eventually raising a daughter there. The home was built in 1890 and occupied by the family of Beatrice until 1970. Blande Shreve raised his family next door at 34 S. Main Street, which he rented from his father. Bessie Shreve, sister of Beatrice and Blande, lived elsewhere and was the only family member not involved in the mortuary business.



Rennie and Louis Shreve with children Blande and Bessie, circa 1902.
Third child, Beatrice, not yet born.



Estate of Earl Skinner; writing of Annette Skinner



Rennie Shreve (1862-1938)

[estate of Beatrice Shreve courtesy of granddaughter Linda Adams]



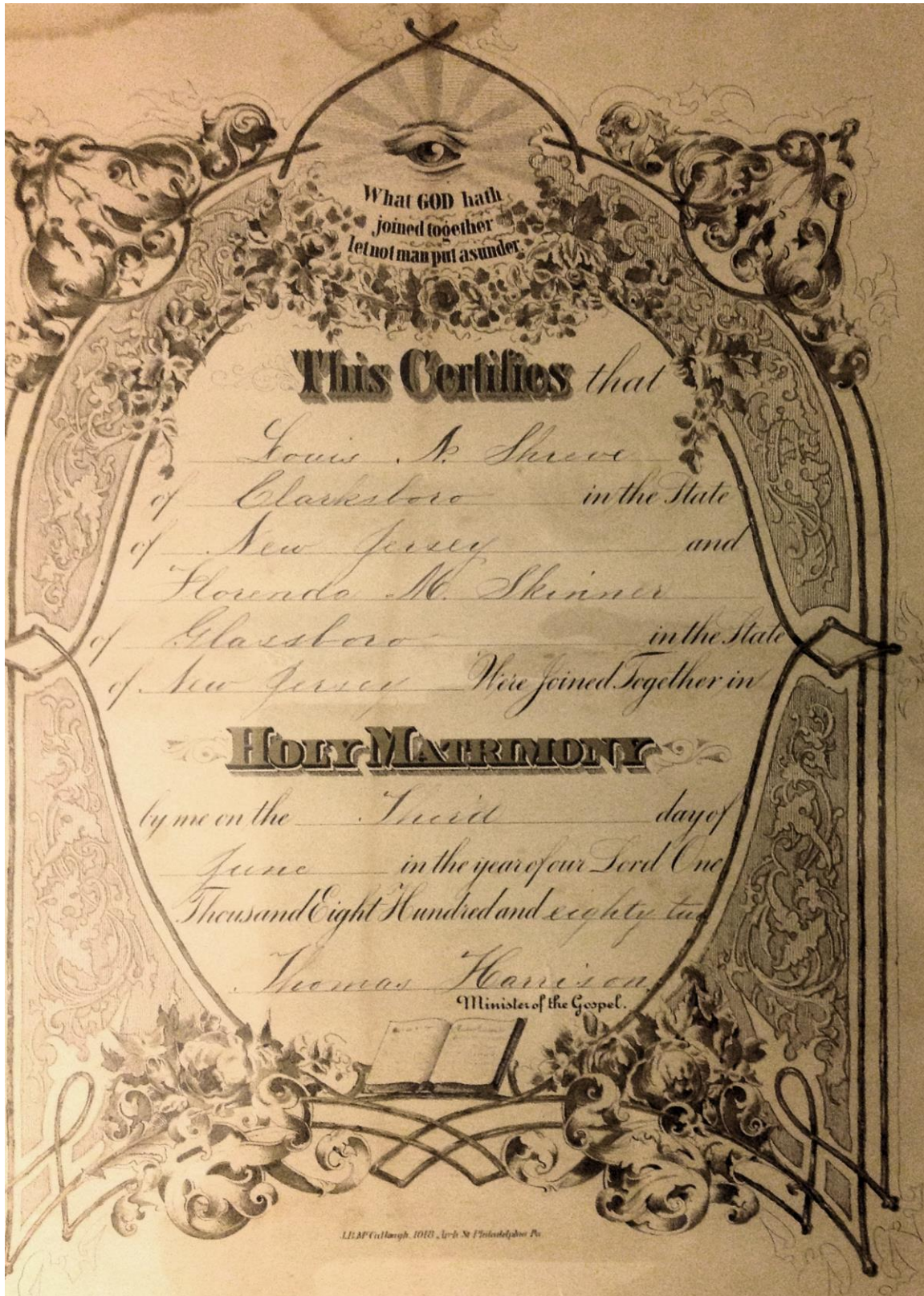
Louis Shreve (1861-1933)



Rennie Shreve (1862-1938)
Estate of Marion Smith, courtesy of Vicki Snyder



unknown writing
estate of Warren Skinner



[estate of Beatrice Shreve courtesy of granddaughter Linda Adams]

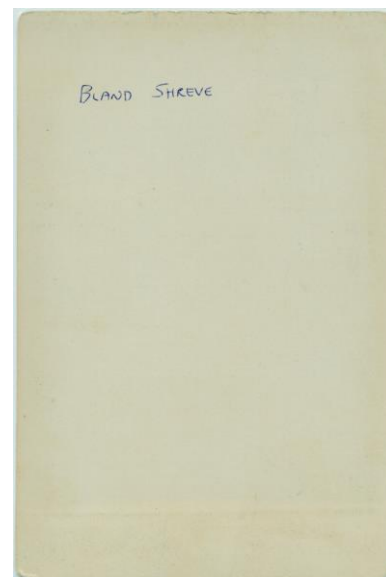
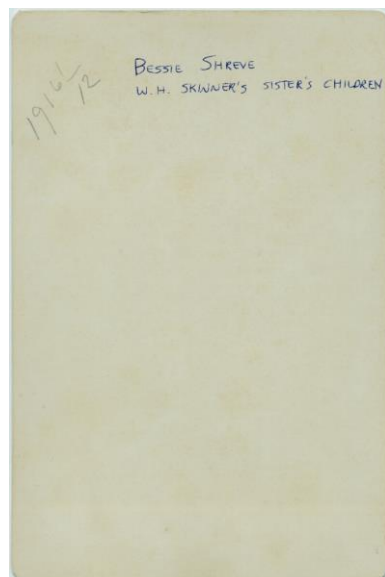


Bessie Shreve (1888-1927)



Blande Shreve (1882-1956)

Note how the photographer changed the look of the backdrop of the two photos, above, with artificial plants.





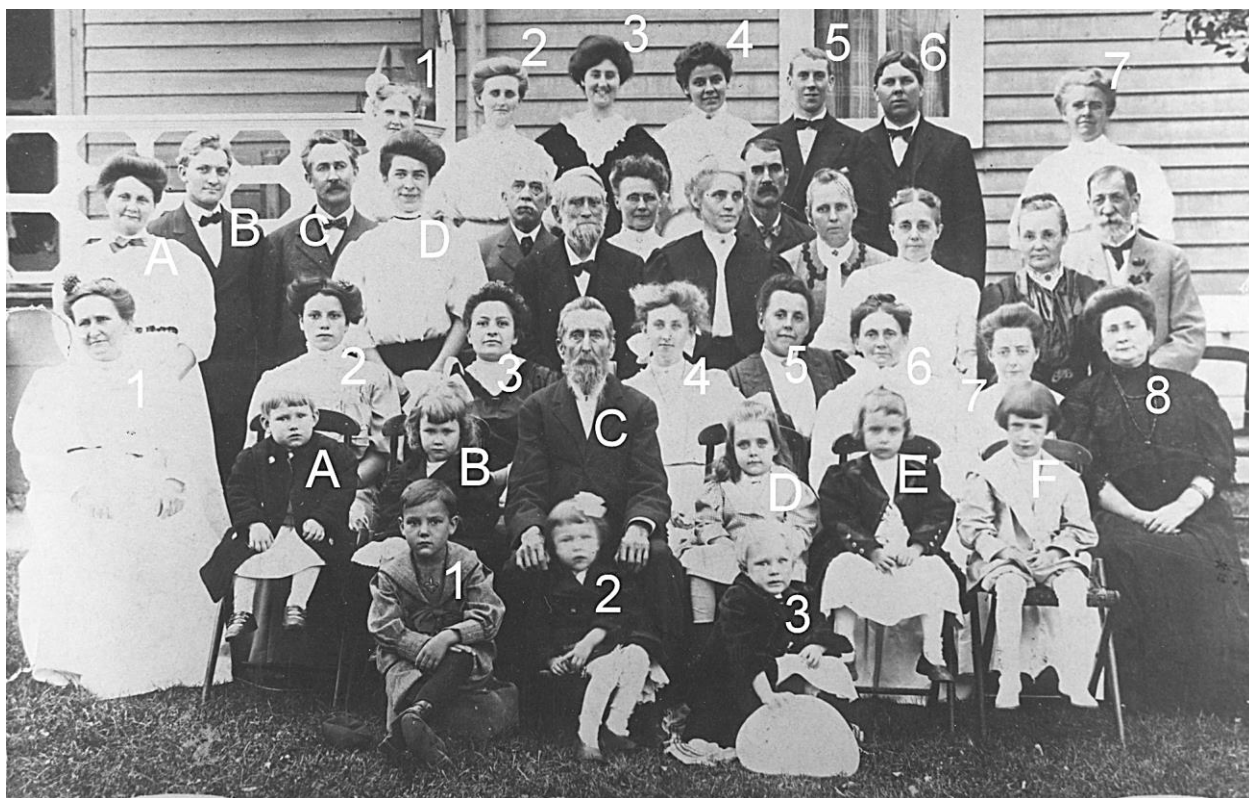
Bessie (1888-1927) with younger sister Beatrice Shreve (1903-1977),
15 year age difference

[Estate of Marion Smith courtesy of Vicki Snyder]



Drawing by young Beatrice Shreve showing her parents, sister Bessie, grand-pop Richard Skinner Jr., with beard, and housekeeper Elizabeth.

[estate of Beatrice Shreve courtesy of granddaughter Linda Adams]



84th Birthday Party of Richard Skinner, Jr., 1907
Hosted at the home of Louis and Rennie Shreve

[courtesy of cousin Drew White]

Rear Row:

1. Mary Elizabeth (Sparks) Skinner – wife of Richard's son Harry Skinner.
2. Daisy (Lloyd) Winner
3. Bessie (Shreve) Doughty
4. Catherine Colebaugh Henry
5. husband William Curtis Henry
6. Forrest Richard Henry
7. unknown

Nest Row:

- A. **Florinda May (Skinner) Shreve** – Aunt Rennie
- B. son Blande Shreve
- C. husband Louis Napoleon Shreve
- D. Flora Long Shreve, Blande's wife

Next Row:

1. **Ella (Skinner) Lloyd**
2. unknown
3. May Chew Henry, wife of Forrest
4. Leona Lloyd Disharoon

5. unknown

6. **Anna Frances (Skinner) Henry** – Aunt Fannie
7. Ursula (Skinner) Thoman
8. **Ida Skinner Locke**, almost a twin of her sister Rennie Shreve.

Next Row

- A. Alton Winner, Daisy's boy?
- B. Beatrice Shreve
- C. **RICHARD SKINNER JR.**
- D. Marion Thoman, daughter of Ursula
- E. Child of Otto Locke and grandchild of Ida (Skinner) Locke;
Could also be Miriam Stanger.
- F. Raymond Locke, son of Otto, raised by grandmother Ida.

Front Row

1. Ralph Thoman?
2. Thelma Shreve, dau. of Blande & Flora
3. Irma Walton's cousin Everett Henry,
3 months older than Irma and died at age 45.



Circa 1908, as everyone looks similar to their appearance
in the 1907 birthday image on previous page.

At left, Charles and Lora (Skinner) Sheppard.

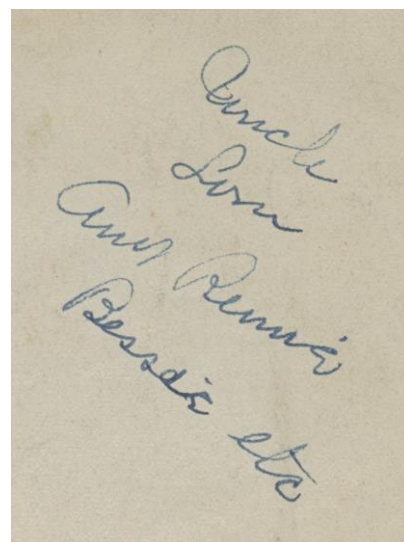
At right, Rennie Shreve (aunt to Lora Sheppard) and Rennie's daughter Bessie Shreve.

The young girls are unknown but the younger gal is likely Beatrice Shreve (b. 1903), Rennie's youngest child, as seen in the previous birthday photo. The other could be Thelma Shreve (b. 1904), a daughter of Blande Shreve and a granddaughter of Rennie.



Unknown man and Louis Shreve

[estate of Marion Smith courtesy of Vicki Snyder;
same picture from estate of Beatrice Shreve courtesy of Linda Adams]



The Old Family Album

Of all of the joys I remember of childhood that
 come surging back as I sit here to-night,
 I'll speak of the one that I find most alluring
 it brings back the days that were care-
 free and bright,

When school-days were ended and all of our work
 done

We'd go up to Grandma's to stay for awhile,
 And there in its glory within the dark parlor
 the old fam'ly album was lyin' in style.

The old fam'ly album 'twas really hand painted
 With roses and posies by some unskilled hand;
 With red velvet cover and clasp that was
 tarnished

It lay there in state on the marble topped stand.

When presently I would go in with my Mother
 And with wistful eyes I would patiently stand;
 I'd say "may I take It?" and she'd say "not now
 son," for look at the balckberry juice on
 your hand." B

But when she'd done churning and set the bread
 over

We'd both take it out to the old apple tree,
 And in its shade resting while I ate the apples
 she'd tell me the tales of the folks we would
 see.

The old fam'ly album, the old faded album
 You bring back the dreamland of days that were
 dear,

When bare-foot and happy my face tanned and
 freckled

I'd sit beside Mother your stories to hear.



Bessie Shreve, Sep 4, 1909,
Willow Grove Park, PA

[estate of Marion Smith courtesy of granddaughter-in-law Vicki Snyder]

WILLOW GROVE PARK

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CORRESPONDENCE

September 4, 1919.
Willow Grove Park.
Chas. E. Shreve

Chas. E. Shreve



John Roy Doughty and wife Bessie Shreve
Probably their wedding in 1910

[estate of Beatrice Shreve courtesy of granddaughter Linda Adams]

Bessie Shreve, per www.findagrave.com:

Birth: 1888
Death: 1927

Record: #36702

Groom : Doughty, J. Roy (D230)

Bride : Shreve, Bessie M. (S610)

Father : Father : Shreve, Louis N.

Marriage Date : 4/9/1910

Official : Meserohl, G. S., Rev.

Location : At home of the bride on Main St.

Source : Gloucester County Democrat

Source Date : 4/14/1910

Notes : Found under Glassboro News. Earl Park, August
R. Buck, & others attended. Married on Saturday.

File Number: #18129

Person : Bessie May Shreve Doughty

Address : Brooklyn, NY

Death Date : 11/12/1927

Age: 38 years

Survivors: Sister, Beatrice and a brother, Bland. Husband
J. Roy Doughty of Brooklyn, NY formerly of :

Location of Death : New York, NY

Cemetery : Manahath

Cemetery Location : Glassboro

Source : Gloucester Co. Democrat

Source date : 11/17/1927

Notes : Died Saturday after an illness of three years. She was the wife of John Roy Doughty and her parents were Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Shreve of S. Main St., Glassboro, NJ. Funeral services were held at the Brooklyn home previous of bringing her body to the home of her parents where funeral services were conducted with the Rev. Dr. Keller officiating. She was a member of the First Methodist church of Glassboro, NJ and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Family links:

Spouse:

[John Roy Doughty \(1886 - 1973\)](#)

Children:

[John Roy Doughty*](#)



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