



Genealogical Proof Report

for the Father of Oliver H. James (I10704)

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Summary of Findings

The birth certificate for Oliver James listing his father has not been located, but all sources located assert John James is Oliver James' father.

Itemized Research Findings

6 assertions from 6 sources were considered in evaluating this claim.

The *Death Certificate - Oliver James (S268)*^[1] asserts that John James was Oliver H. James' father.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. The information is believed to be **Secondary** (meaning the person providing the information received that information second hand, from another person or work). The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Direct** (meaning it adequate to answer the question directly).

The informant for Oliver's death certificate is unknown, theirfor the reliabilty of the document on it's own cannot be determined. However, it is consistant with other known sources.

The *1905 State Census -James (272)*^[2] asserts that John James was the father of Oliver James.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. It is **indeterminable** whether the information being considered is Primary or Secondary information. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Direct**.

The informand for this census is not known, however the other infomration collected appears to correct, and this assertion matches other known sources.

The *1910 Federal Census - James - Citation 1 (375)*^[3] asserts that John James is the father of Oliver H James.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. The information is believed to be **Primary** (meaning the person providing the information was a knowledgeable eyewitness or participant in the event). The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Direct**.

The informand for this census is not known, however the other infomration collected appears to correct, and this assertion matches other known sources.

The *1915 New York State Census - James - Citation 1 (375)*^[4] asserts that John James was the father of Oliver James.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. The information is believed to be **Primary**. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Direct**.

The informand for this census is not known, however the other infomration collected appears to correct, and this assertion matches other known sources.

The *Birth Certificate - William James (S213)*^[5] asserts that William Oliver James' father was Olive H. James.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. The information is believed to be **Primary**. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Direct**.

The informant for this source is not recorded, but is likely Rachel Edwards. Given the controversy surrounding Williams conception outside of marriage (according to the divorce

court records) some of facts of this source may be incorrect, and decreases its overall credibility. Unlike other assertions found on this source, Olver's father's name (John James) can be confirmed by other sources.

The *Social Security Number Application - Oliver James (S255)*^[6] asserts that Oliver Haswell James' father was John James.

The source reviewed was an **Original Record**. The information is believed to be **Primary**. The evidence supporting the claim is considered **Direct**.

Until 1972, Applicants weren't required to to prove proof of identity, therefore the information on this source is only as accurate as the informants memory. Oliver's father's name (John James) can be confirmed by other sources.

Due to other inconsistencies with this source (mother's name), it cannot be conclusively determined that this is the correct social security application.

Recommendations for Continuing

- To be located.

End Notes

1. Sommerville, Massachusetts, Birth Certificate, No. 495, Oliver James, 30 Dec 1975; Office of the City Clerk, Sommerville Massachusetts.
2. New York, State Census, 1905, Yonkers, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, second election district, second ward, page 16, household 5, line 44-48, Household of John James; digital image and database, Familysearch.org (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MV1M-B4V> : accessed 17 Mar 2013); citing New York County Clerk offices. "New York State Census, 1905." New York State Archives, Albany, New York.
3. 1910 U.S. census, Yonkers, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 144, sheet 3B, household 12, line 85-90, Household of John James; digital image and database, Ancestry.com (: accessed 17 Mar 2013); citing NARA microfilm publication T625.
4. New York, State Census, 1915, Yonkers, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, assembly district number 1, page 18, household 10, line 28-31, Household of John James; digital image and database, Familysearch.org (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/K957-VP3> : accessed 16 Mar 2013); citing New York County Clerk offices. "New York State Census, 1915." New York State Archives, Albany, New York.
5. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Return of a Birth 1668 (1 Apr 1924), William Oliver James.
6. Oliver H. James, SS no. 022-03-7520, 1 Dec 1936, Application for Account Number (Form SS-5), Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland.