



Research Summary Report

for Oliver H. James (I10704)

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Summary

The *Evidentia*© database includes 12 events and/or facts for **Oliver H. James (I10704)**. These include:

- Occupation 9 assertions, 0 reviewed.
- Residence 7 assertions, 0 reviewed.
- Birth 12 assertions, 12 reviewed.
- Burial 1 assertions, 0 reviewed.
- Mother 8 assertions, 0 reviewed.
- Father 6 assertions, 6 reviewed.
- Social Security Nbr 1 assertions, 0 reviewed.
- Death 4 assertions, 1 reviewed.
- Birth Place 9 assertions, 0 reviewed.
- Marriage 3 assertions, 0 reviewed.
- Race 1 assertions, 0 reviewed.
- Gender 1 assertions, 0 reviewed.

Occupation

A Summary Conclusion is yet to be created for this fact/event.

The related references are enumerated below.

- *1940 Federal Census - Citation James*^[1] asserts that Oliver H James was employed as a Steamfitter in building construction. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Death Certificate - Oliver James*^[2] asserts that Oliver H. James' occupation was shipfitter. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1930 Federal Census - Citation James*^[3] asserts that Oliver H. James was employed as a laborer in the Building or construction industry. (<http://stevemorse.org/census/ocodes.htm>). No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1915 New York State Census - James - Citation 1*^[4] asserts that Oliver James was in school. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Birth Certificate - William James*^[5] asserts that Oliver H. James was employed as a Travelling Salesman. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Marriage Certificate - James - Citation 1*^[6] asserts that Oliver H. James' occupation was Steam fitter's healer. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1920 Federal Census - James - Citation James*^[7] asserts that Oliver James was employed in the office club of (Iron company). No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Social Security Number Application - Oliver James*^[8] asserts that Oliver Haswell James was registered with the U.S. Employment registration card number was 2315-4770. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.

- *Social Security Number Application - Oliver James*^[8] asserts that Oliver Haswell James worked for Cleghorn, Co. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.

Residence

A Summary Conclusion is yet to be created for this fact/event.

The related references are enumerated below.

- *1940 Federal Census - Citation James*^[1] asserts that Oliver H James resided in Sommerville in 1935. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1930 Federal Census - Citation James*^[3] asserts that Oliver James resided in Somerville, Middlesex County Massachusetts. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1905 State Census -James*^[9] asserts that Oliver James resided in Yonkers New York. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Birth Certificate - William James*^[5] asserts that Oliver H. James resided at 35 Fayette Watertown. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Marriage Certificate - James - Citation 1*^[6] asserts that Oliver H James resided in Fairfield Connecticut. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1920 Federal Census - James - Citation James*^[7] asserts that Oliver James resided in bridgefield connecticut. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Social Security Number Application - Oliver James*^[8] asserts that Oliver Jaswell James resided at 14 Aberdeen Road, Somerville Mass. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.

Birth

A Summary Conclusion has been created for this fact/event. Please refer to the *Proof for the Birth of Oliver H. James (I10704)* for a detailed analysis.

The related references are enumerated below.

- *Birth Certificate - William James*^[5] asserts that Oliver James was born between 25 Mar 1899 and 24 Mar 1900. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

William James is Oliver James' only known son. The informant for Oliver's information on his William's birth certificate is not recorded, but is likely his mother Rachel Edwards. Given the controversy surrounding William's birth and his parent's marriage (William was conceived out of wedlock, and Oliver and Rachel were married as a result of the pregnancy) it is likely not correct. According to William he never knew his father, and it is unknown how well Rachel knew Oliver.

- *1940 Federal Census - Citation James*^[1] asserts that Oliver O James was born between 2 Apr 1903 and 1 Apr 1904. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

This source asserts Oliver H. James was 36 when the census was enumerated on 11 April 1940. All questions were to reflect 1 April 1940. Given this information we can calculate Oliver was born was born between 2 Apr 1903 and 1 Apr 1904.

- *Correspondence - New York State Index for Births - Citation 1*^[10] asserts that no entry for Oliver James birth was found between 1900 and 1906. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

The reliability of this index is currently unknown. However, it indicates no entry for Oliver James birth was found between 1900 and 1906. This suggests three possibilities:

- Oliver was born outside this date range
- Oliver was born outside the state
- Oliver is listed in the index under a different spelling, and was not located because the librarian

If Oliver is not actually listed, it is inconsistent with all other known sources.

- *1930 Federal Census - Citation James*^[3] asserts that Oliver H. James was born between 2 Apr 1903 and 1 Apr 1904. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

This source asserts Oliver H. James was 26 when the census was enumerated. Given this information we can calculate Oliver was born was born between 2 Apr 1903 and 1 Apr 1904.

- *Death Certificate - Oliver James*^[2] asserts that Oliver H. James was born between 23 Dec 1902 and 22 Dec 1903. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

Given this information we can calculate Oliver was born between 23 Dec 1902 and 22 Dec 1903.

This source does not list the informant, therefore it is impossible to determine the reliability non death information. For example, how did the informant know Oliver was 72 years old if the date of birth is unable to be determined? While this source may, by itself, not be reliable for non-death related facts, this calculated date of birth fits within the general time frame provided by other evidence.

- *Social Security Number Application - Oliver James*^[8] asserts that Oliver Haswell James was born 14 Nov 1903 in Yonkers New York. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

Until 1972, applicants weren't required to prove proof of identity.
([https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Social_Security_Death_Index_\(SSDI\)](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Social_Security_Death_Index_(SSDI)))

This is the only document I have been able to locate which lists Oliver's complete date of birth.

- This date fits within the 1905 New York State Census assertion.
- This date fits within the 1910 Federal Census assertion.
- This date fits within the 1915 New York State Census assertion.
- This date fits within the 1920 Federal Census assertion.
- This date fits within the 1930 Federal Census assertion.
- This date fits within the 1940 Federal Census assertion.
- This date fits within the Death Certificate assertion.
- This date **does not** fit within Oliver's divorce documents assertion.
- This date **does not** fit within his son William James' birth certificate assertion.

- *1905 State Census -James*^[9] asserts that Oliver James born between 02 Jun 1903 and 01 Jun 1904. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

- *1910 Federal Census - James - Citation 1*^[11] asserts that Oliver H James was born between 16 Apr 1903 and 15 Apr 1904. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): Ida E James(I700074231889). A review of this assertion states:

This source actually asserts Oliver H. James was 26 when the census was enumerated on 10 Feb 1910. All questions were to reflect 15 April 1910. Given this information we can calculate Oliver was born was born between 16 Apr 1903 and 15 Apr 1904.

- *1915 New York State Census - James - Citation 1*^[4] asserts that Oliver James was born betwee 2 Jun 1903 and 1 Jun 1904. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

This census recorded the name of each person living in home on 1 June 1915.
([https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/New_York_State_Census,_1915_\(FamilySearch_Historical_Records\)](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/New_York_State_Census,_1915_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records)))

This range fits within the general time frame of other known sources.

- *1920 Federal Census - James - Citation James*^[7] asserts that Oliver James was born between b 2 Jan 1903 and 1 Jan 1904. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

This source asserts Oliver H. James was 26 when the census was enumerated on 10 Feb 1920. All questions were to reflect 1 Jan 1920. Given this information we can calculate Oliver was born between 2 Jan 1903 and 1 Jan 1904.

- *Marriage Certificate - James - Citation 1*^[6] asserts that Oliver James was born between 24 Dec 1901 and 23 Dec 1902. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

According to subsequent divorce records, Oliver may have lied about his age in order to marry the then pregnant Rachel Edwards. According to those documents individuals were required to be 21 to marry without their parents present at the time, and Oliver was presented with the option of marrying Rachel or face breach of peace charges. It also seems the constable strongly implied the later would lead jail.

This may explain why many of the documents surrounding Rachel and Oliver marriage and the subsequent birth of their son William are inconsistent about the Oliver's birth date..

- *Divorce Documents - James - Deposition of Hezekiah - Citation 1*^[12] asserts that Oliver H. James claimed after to 19 May 1904. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

In a failed attempt to have his marriage annulled rather than allow Rachel Edwards to win a divorce Oliver claimed not to have been 21 at the time of the marriage. At the time, Connecticut state law required a parent to be present if an individual was under 21 ((Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Probate Court, Deposition of Hezekiah R. Elwood, Page 4, 29 May 1929, case 5702, Oliver H. James vs Rachael James; Massachusetts State Archive, Boston.)), thus hopefully invalidating the marriage. There are no comments specifically on this assertion, but a divorce was granted rather than an annulment.

Given a birth date of 14 Nov 1904 and their marriage date of 23 Dec 1923, (State of Connecticut Bureau of Vital Statistics, Marriage Certificate (23 Dec 1923), Oliver James and Rachel Winch Edwards; Town Of Fairfield.) Oliver would have been 19 years 1 month 1 week 2 days when he was married. This supports both Oliver's claims in his petition for annulment (Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Probate Court, Petition for Annulment, Page 1, 8 Mar 1929, case 5702, Oliver H. James vs Rachael James; Massachusetts State Archive, Boston.) and supports the date of birth on his SS-5.

Burial

A Summary Conclusion is yet to be created for this fact/event.

The related references are enumerated below.

- *Death Certificate - Oliver James*^[2] asserts that Oliver H. James' place of burial was Newton Crem., Newton, Ma. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.

Mother

A Summary Conclusion is yet to be created for this fact/event.

The related references are enumerated below.

- *Death Certificate - Oliver James*^[2] asserts that Ida Clarkson was Oliver H. James' Mother. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): Ida E James(I700074231889). This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1940 Federal Census - Citation James*^[1] asserts that Ida E James was the mother of Oliver H James. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): Ida E James(I700074231889). This

assertion has not been reviewed.

- *1930 Federal Census - Citation James*^[3] asserts that Ida E James is the mother of Oliver H. James. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1910 Federal Census - James - Citation 1*^[11] asserts that Ida E James is the mother of Oliver James. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1915 New York State Census - James - Citation 1*^[4] asserts that Ida James was the mother of Oliver James. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): Ida E James(1700074231889). This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1905 State Census -James*^[9] asserts that Ida James was the mother Oliver James. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): Ida E James(1700074231889). This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1920 Federal Census - James - Citation James*^[7] asserts that Ida James is the mother of Oliver James. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): Ida E James(1700074231889). This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Social Security Number Application - Oliver James*^[8] asserts that Oliver Haswell James' mother was Ida Elsie Goodhart. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.

Father

A Summary Conclusion has been created for this fact/event. Please refer to the *Proof for the Father of Oliver H. James (I10704)* for a detailed analysis.

The related references are enumerated below.

- *Death Certificate - Oliver James*^[2] asserts that John James was Oliver H. James' father. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): John Oscar James(1700074231894). A review of this assertion states:

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.
- *1905 State Census -James*^[9] asserts that John James was the father of Oliver James. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): John James(1700074231892). A review of this assertion states:

The informant for this census is not known, however the other infomration collected appears to correct, and this assertion matches other known sources.
- *1910 Federal Census - James - Citation 1*^[11] asserts that John James is the father of Oliver H James. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): John James(1700074231892). A review of this assertion states:

The informant for this census is not known, however the other infomration collected appears to correct, and this assertion matches other known sources.
- *1915 New York State Census - James - Citation 1*^[4] asserts that John James was the father of Oliver James. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): John James(1700074231892). A review of this assertion states:

The informant for this census is not known, however the other infomration collected appears to correct, and this assertion matches other known sources.
- *Birth Certificate - William James*^[5] asserts that William Oliver James' father was Olive H. James. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): William Oliver James(19). A review of this assertion states:

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.

- *Social Security Number Application - Oliver James*^[8] asserts that Oliver Haswell James' father was John James. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

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.

Social Security Nbr

A Summary Conclusion is yet to be created for this fact/event.

The related references are enumerated below.

- *Death Certificate - Oliver James*^[2] asserts that Oliver H. James' social security number is 022-03-7520. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.

Death

A Summary Conclusion is yet to be created for this fact/event.

The related references are enumerated below.

- *Death Certificate - Oliver James*^[2] asserts that Oliver H. James died 22 Dec 1975. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. A review of this assertion states:

This source does not list the informant, theirfor it is impossible to determine the reliablity of all claims, however given the certificate was completed only eight days after Oliver's death, I believe it's safe to classify the death informaiton as primary and direct.

- *Death Certificate - Oliver James*^[2] asserts that Oliver James' cause of death was Acute Myocardial Infarction, Coronary Artery Disease. Recent Myocardial Infarction. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Death Certificate - Oliver James*^[2] asserts that Oliver H. James resided at 59 Vinal Ave. Somerville, Ma. at the time of his death (1975). No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Death Certificate - Oliver James*^[2] asserts that Oliver H. James' place of death was Somerville Hspital 230 Higland Ave. Somerville, Ma. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.

Birth Place

A Summary Conclusion is yet to be created for this fact/event.

The related references are enumerated below.

- *1930 Federal Census - Citation James*^[3] asserts that Oliver H James was born in New York. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1940 Federal Census - Citation James*^[1] asserts that Oliver James was born in New York. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1915 New York State Census - James - Citation 1*^[4] asserts that Oliver James was born in the United States. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1905 State Census -James*^[9] asserts that Oliver James born in the United States. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.

- *Marriage Certificate - James - Citation 1*^[6] asserts that Oliver H. James was born in Yonkers New York. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1920 Federal Census - James - Citation James*^[7] asserts that Oliver James' father was born in New York. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *1920 Federal Census - James - Citation James*^[7] asserts that Oliver James was born in New York. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Correspondence - New York State Index for Births - Citation 1*^[10] asserts that no entry for Oliver James birth was found between 1900 and 1906. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Social Security Number Application - Oliver James*^[8] asserts that Oliver Haswell James was born 14 Nov 1903 in Yonkers New York. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.

Marriage

A Summary Conclusion is yet to be created for this fact/event.

The related references are enumerated below.

- *Birth Certificate - William James*^[5] asserts that Oliver H. James was married to Rachel W. Edwards. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): Rachel Winch Edwards(I10705). This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Marriage Certificate - James - Citation 1*^[6] asserts that Oliver James and Rachel Edwards were married on 23 Dec 1923. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): Rachel Winch Edwards(I10705). This assertion has not been reviewed.
- *Marriage Certificate - James - Citation 1*^[6] asserts that Oliver H. James married Rachel Edwards. This assertion is associated with 1 other subject(s): Ida E James(I700074231889). This assertion has not been reviewed.

Race

A Summary Conclusion is yet to be created for this fact/event.

The related references are enumerated below.

- *Social Security Number Application - Oliver James*^[8] asserts that Oliver Haswell James was white. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.

Gender

A Summary Conclusion is yet to be created for this fact/event.

The related references are enumerated below.

- *Social Security Number Application - Oliver James*^[8] asserts that Oliver Haswell James was male. No other subjects are associated with this assertion. This assertion has not been reviewed.

End Notes

1. 1940 U.S. census, Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 21-75, page 8B, household 158, line 45-48, Household of Ida E. James; digital image and database, Familysearch.org (<http://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/K4KZ-Z5W> : accessed 20 Feb 2013); citing NARA microfilm publication T627, roll 1704..
2. Somerville, Massachusetts, Birth Certificate, No. 495, Oliver James, 30 Dec 1975; Office of the City Clerk, Somerville Massachusetts.
3. 1930 U.S. census, Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 9-446, page 9B, household 14, line 93-96, Household of Ida E. James; digital image and database, Familysearch.org (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/XQPG-14G> : accessed 01 Mar 2013); citing NARA microfilm publication T627, roll 929.
4. New York, State Census, 1915, Yonkers, Westchester County 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. State of Connecticut Bureau of Vital Statistics, Marriage Certificate (23 Dec 1923), Oliver James and Rachel Winch Edwards; Town Of Fairfield.
7. 1920 U.S. census, Bridgeport City, Fairfield County, Connecticut, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 28, sheet 16, household 287, line 17-19, Household of Ida James; digital image and database, Ancestry.com (accessed 16 Mar 2013); citing NARA microfilm publication T625.
8. Oliver H. James, SS no. 022-03-7520, 1 Dec 1936, Application for Account Number (Form SS-5), Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland.
9. 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.
10. Local History/Genealogy Librarian, Onodaga County Public Library, Syracuse, NY [(lhg@onlib.org)] & 44 So. Salira St, Syracuse, New York], To Jason Crews, e-mail, 13 Mar 2013, "birth look up," James Research Files, , James Research Files; Jason Crews, [jason.crews@gmail.com], Gilbert, Arizona.
11. 1910 U.S. census, Yonkers, Westchester County 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.
12. Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Probate Court, Deposition of Hezekiah R. Elwood, Page 2, 29 May 1929, case 5702, Oliver H. James vs Rachael James; Massachusetts State Archive, Boston.