

A FAMILY HISTORY

The Penhallows of St Just and Mineral Point

Five generations from the Cornish tin mines to Wisconsin

Compiled from the Penhallow family records (a fictional sample family)

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Introduction

This book tells the story of the families of Jory, Tamsin and Nora Penhallow, the children of David and Karin (Solberg) Penhallow of Madison, Wisconsin. The Penhallows are a sample family. They were invented to show how Flyleaf turns family records into a printed book and a private family website. The places and the history are real. The people, the records and the sources are not.

The book has two parts. **Part I — The Narrative** tells the family story branch by branch, ending with the present generation. **Part II — The Genealogical Register** lists each person with dates, places, spouses and children where known, and the sources for each. It is the place to look up a relationship or see where a detail in the story comes from.

Some of the story rests on original records. Other parts come from published histories, an online tree or family memories, and these are not all equally reliable. Where a name, date or relationship is uncertain, the text says so, and **Open Questions** gathers what is still unknown.

This edition was compiled on 16 October 2026.

Methodology

The research aims to meet the Genealogical Proof Standard of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. That means searching widely, citing every source, comparing the records with each other, resolving disagreements between them, and writing down the reasoning. A name in an online tree is a lead to records, never a record itself.

The source notes and bibliography sort sources into these groups:

1. **Primary records** — registers of baptisms, marriages and deaths, censuses, passenger lists, military records and contemporary newspaper notices. One record can hold both strong and weak information: an obituary is good evidence of a recent death, but its account of a birth sixty years earlier is a memory.
2. **Authoritative secondary works** — careful published research that cites its records, such as articles in peer-reviewed genealogical journals.
3. **Compiled secondary works** — county histories and published family histories. Where records from the time survive, these works are checked against them.
4. **Collaborative databases and leads** — online family trees and similar pages, used to find records.
5. **Family testimony** — family Bibles, letters, interviews and memories, each with its source named.

A source marked *Unclassified* has not yet been sorted into one of these groups. The groups are only a rough guide. How far a detail can be trusted depends on who gave the information, how close they were to the event, and whether other records agree.

Each person in the register also has an overall rating. *Primary* means the person's identity rests on at least one original record or careful published study. *Tree-link* means sources of some kind are attached. *Memoir* means the person is known so far only from family testimony. *Unknown* marks

someone not yet researched. A rating is a summary; disputed facts still have to be judged on their own evidence.

How this book was made

Drafts of the stories were prepared with an AI assistant, working only from the records cited. Tamsin Penhallow read every statement against those records, and is responsible for the conclusions. Where an AI tool helped to transcribe a record, the source note says so.

Reading the ancestor table

The ancestor table numbers everyone from Tamsin, who is no. 1. Jory has the same parents, so every number from no. 2 onward applies to him too. Nora joined the family by adoption, and for her the table shows her adoptive family. David is no. 2 and Karin is no. 3. Each person's father has twice that person's number, and the mother has the father's number plus one. So David's parents are nos. 4 and 5.

About this sample

Every source in this book is titled "Sample record (fictional)" and is said to be held by the Flyleaf Sample Archive, which does not exist. The documents shown as figures are facsimiles made with Typst for the sample. The photographs are public-domain pictures of unidentified people and places from the Library of Congress. They stand in for family photographs and do not show anyone in this family.

PART I

The Narrative

Chapter 1. Penhallow and Treloar — From St Just to the Lead Region

This chapter follows the family of Robert Penhallow, Tamsin's grandfather, back to Cornwall. His grandfather, John Penhallow, was a tin miner from St Just who came to the Wisconsin lead district with his wife, Elizabeth Trembath, and settled at Mineral Point. Robert's wife, Joan, came from another Mineral Point family, the Treloars.

The story begins in Penwith, at the far western end of Cornwall. It then follows John and Elizabeth's son William to the farm at Dodgeville, and ends with Robert and Joan's household in Madison.



Figure 1: A stone house built by Cornish miners in Mineral Point, photographed for the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS WI-28-14), Library of Congress. It illustrates the kind of house the Cornish built there; it was not the Penhallows' home.

Numbers identify register entries. Lines run from parents to a child: the left connection identifies the first person in a box, the right connection the second. “c.” means about. Chart references continue the family across pages.

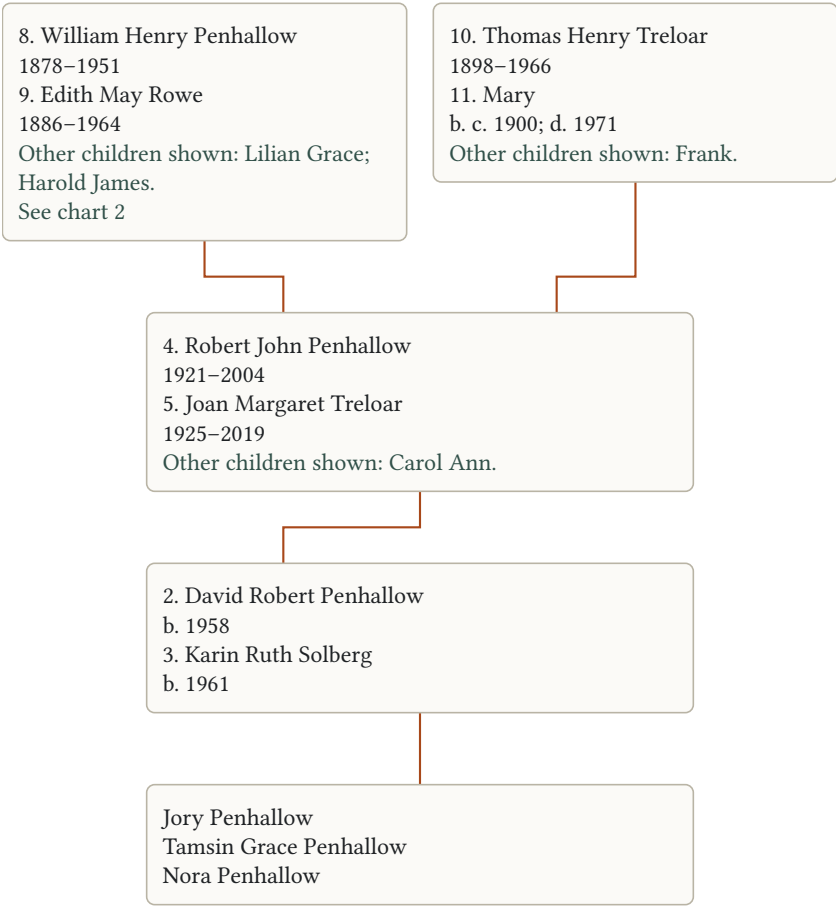


Chart 1: David Robert Penhallow and Karin Ruth Solberg. Earlier generations: no. 8 in Chart 2 (page 6).

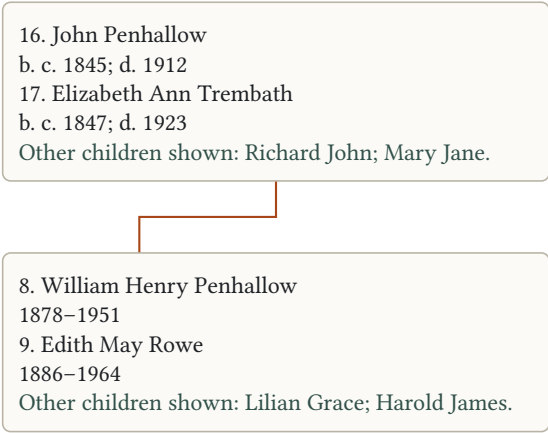


Chart 2: William Henry Penhallow and Edith May Rowe. Later generations: Chart 1 (page 5).

John and Elizabeth

Paternal great-great-grandparents of Jory, Tamsin, and Nora

John Penhallow was baptized at St Just in Penwith on 6 April 1845, the son of Richard Penhallow, a miner, and his wife, Grace, of Trewellard.¹ A study of St Just families published in 1998 describes a parish of tin and copper mines, many of whose men left Cornwall when the mines failed.²

Elizabeth Ann Trembath came from Camborne. The same study says she was the daughter of James Trembath, a copper miner, and was baptized there in 1847.³ By the time she married, her father had died and she was living in Penzance.⁴

John and Elizabeth married at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in Penzance on 9 October 1866.⁵ He was twenty-one, a tin miner from St Just, and she was nineteen. Richard Penhallow and Mary Trembath were the witnesses. John signed his name, and Elizabeth made her mark.⁶

¹Sample record (fictional): St Just in Penwith parish register, baptisms 1840–1850 — p. 31, entry 244: John, son of Richard Penhallow, miner, and Grace his wife, of Trewellard (*Primary record*.)

²Sample record (fictional): “St Just Families in the Wisconsin Lead District,” Sample Genealogical Quarterly 41 (1998) — pp. 112–114: the Penhallow family of St Just and Mineral Point (*Authoritative secondary*.)

³“St Just Families in the Wisconsin Lead District” (fictional) — p. 113: Elizabeth Ann, daughter of James Trembath, copper miner, baptized at Camborne in 1847.

⁴Sample record (fictional): marriage register entry, John Penhallow and Elizabeth Ann Trembath, Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Penzance, 9 October 1866 — Entry no. 47: Elizabeth Ann Trembath, aged 19, spinster, of Penzance; father James Trembath (deceased), copper miner (*Primary record*.)

⁵Penhallow–Trembath marriage entry, Penzance, 1866 (fictional) — Entry no. 47: married at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel after certificate; witnesses Richard Penhallow and Mary Trembath; the bride signed with her mark.

⁶Penhallow–Trembath marriage entry, Penzance, 1866 (fictional) — Entry no. 47: married at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel after certificate; witnesses Richard Penhallow and Mary Trembath; the bride signed with her mark.

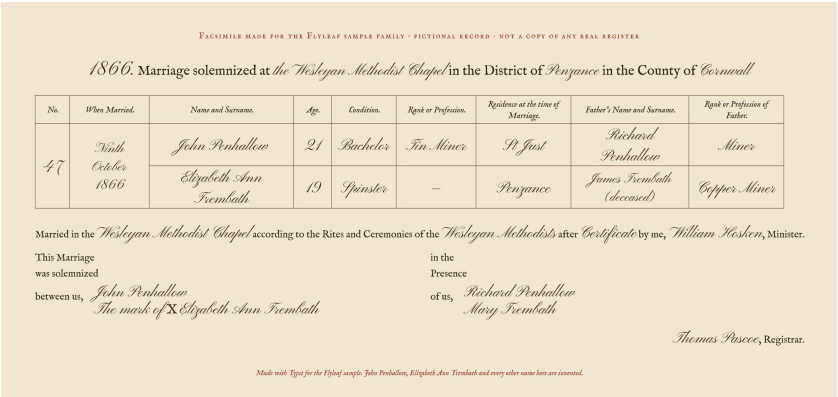


Figure 2: The marriage entry of John Penhallow and Elizabeth Ann Trembath, Penzance, 9 October 1866. A facsimile made for the Flyleaf sample; the record is fictional. Their first child, Richard John, was born at Penzance on 2 September 1867.⁷ The next spring the three of them sailed from Liverpool. A passenger list records their arrival in New York on 14 May 1868: John, twenty-three, a miner; Elizabeth, twenty-one; and Richard, eight months old, all bound for Wisconsin.⁸ Richard died at Mineral Point later that year.⁹

A county album published in 1904 says the family came to America in 1867.¹⁰ The passenger list was made at the time, and John’s obituary also gives 1868, so this history follows them.¹¹

⁷“St Just Families in the Wisconsin Lead District” (fictional) — p. 114: Richard John, born at Penzance, 2 September 1867.

⁸Sample record (fictional): passenger list of a steamship from Liverpool, arriving at New York, 14 May 1868 — Sheet 3, lines 21–23: John Penhallow, 23, miner; Elizabeth, 21; Richard, 8 months; destination Wisconsin (*Primary record*.)

⁹“St Just Families in the Wisconsin Lead District” (fictional) — p. 114: died at Mineral Point in 1868.

¹⁰Sample record (fictional): Men of the Lead Region: A Biographical Album of Iowa County, Wisconsin (1904) — pp. 211–212: sketch of John Penhallow, giving his arrival in America as 1867 (*Compiled secondary*.)

¹¹Sample record (fictional): The Iowa County Lantern (Mineral Point, Wisconsin), obituary of John Penhallow, 7 March 1912 — Column notice: in the spring of 1868 they came to America with their infant son, reaching Mineral Point in June (*Primary record*.)

In 1880 the census found John working as a miner at Mineral Point.¹² Elizabeth kept house, and their children Mary Jane, nine, and William Henry, two, were at home.^{13,14} For more than thirty years John worked in the lead and zinc mines around the town, and later at the zinc works.¹⁵ He was a faithful member of the Methodist church and for many years a class leader.¹⁶

John died at his home on Shake Rag Street on 3 March 1912, in his sixty-seventh year.¹⁷ His funeral was held at the Methodist church on 6 March, and he was buried in the city cemetery.¹⁸ The notice named his widow, his daughter Mary Jane, of Madison, and his son William, of Dodgeville.¹⁹

¹²Sample record (fictional): United States census of 1880, Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin, population schedule — Sample sheet 12, line 4: John Penhallow, 35, head, miner, born England (*Primary record.*)

¹³1880 census, Mineral Point (fictional) — Sample sheet 12, line 5: Elizabeth Penhallow, 32, wife, keeping house, born England.

¹⁴1880 census, Mineral Point (fictional) — Sample sheet 12, line 6: Mary J. Penhallow, 9, daughter, at school, born Wisconsin.

¹⁵Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: for more than thirty years he worked in the lead and zinc mines about the city, and afterward at the zinc works.

¹⁶Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: a faithful member of the Methodist church and for many years a class leader.

¹⁷Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: died at his home on Shake Rag street on Sunday morning, March 3, in his sixty-seventh year.

¹⁸Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: funeral from the Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon; burial in the city cemetery.

¹⁹Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: he leaves his wife.

THE IOWA COUNTY LANTERN, MINERAL POINT,
WIS., THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1912.

JOHN PENHALLOW.

*One of the Old Cornish Miners
Answers the Last Call.*

John Penhallow died at his home on Shake Rag street on Sunday morning, March 3, after an illness of several weeks. He was in his sixty-seventh year.

Mr. Penhallow was born in the parish of St. Just, Cornwall, England, and worked as a boy in the tin mines of that district. In October, 1866, he was married at Penzance to Miss Elizabeth Ann Trembath, and in the spring of 1868 they came to America with their infant son, reaching Mineral Point in June of that year. For more than thirty years he worked in the lead and zinc mines about the city, and he was afterward employed at the zinc works until failing health obliged him to give up work.

He was a faithful member of the Methodist church and for many years a class leader. He leaves his wife; a daughter, Miss Mary Jane Penhallow, of Madison; and a son, William H. Penhallow, of Dodgeville. A son, Richard, died in infancy.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon, and burial was made in the city cemetery.

Facsimile made for the Flyleaf sample family. The newspaper and the notice are fictional.

Figure 3: John Penhallow's obituary in The Iowa County Lantern, 7 March 1912. A facsimile made for the Flyleaf sample; the newspaper and the notice are fictional.

Elizabeth lived on at Mineral Point for almost eleven years. She died there on 21 January 1923, and her daughter-in-law Edith recorded the date in the family Bible.²⁰

²⁰Sample record (fictional): Penhallow family Bible, family register pages kept by Edith Penhallow, 1907–1964 — Deaths page: Mother Penhallow (Elizabeth) died Jan. 21, 1923, at Mineral Point (*Family testimony*.)

William and Edith

Paternal great-grandparents of Jory, Tamsin, and Nora

William Henry Penhallow was the youngest child of John Penhallow (no. 16) and Elizabeth Ann Trembath (no. 17). The family Bible gives his birth at Mineral Point on 14 February 1878.²¹ He appears as a two-year-old in the 1880 census.²² In 1904 a county album described him as a miner in the zinc diggings near the town.²³

Edith May Rowe gave her birthplace as Rowe's Diggings, both in the Bible and in the county marriage register.^{24,25} No place of that name appears on any known map. An online family tree names her parents, but it cites no records, so this history does not name them.²⁶

William and Edith married at Mineral Point on 12 June 1907, when he was twenty-nine and working as a miner and she was twenty-one.²⁷ That year Edith began the family register in the Bible, starting with their own wedding.²⁸

Their daughter Lilian was born at Dodgeville in October 1908, and their son Harold in March 1910.^{29,30} Harold died on 24 October 1918, aged eight. Edith wrote in the Bible that he died of the influenza.³¹

²¹Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Births page: William Henry Penhallow, born Feb. 14, 1878, Mineral Point.

²²1880 census, Mineral Point (fictional) — Sample sheet 12, line 7: William H. Penhallow, 2, son, born Wisconsin.

²³Men of the Lead Region (1904, fictional) — p. 212: his son William is a miner in the zinc diggings near the city.

²⁴Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Births page: Edith May Rowe, born May 30, 1886, at Rowe's Diggings.

²⁵Sample record (fictional): Iowa County, Wisconsin, register of marriages, volumes 9 and 21 — Vol. 9, p. 88: bride Edith May Rowe, aged 21, born at Rowe's Diggings (*Primary record*.)

²⁶Sample record (fictional): online member family tree "Rowe Family of Iowa County," viewed 12 October 2026 — Profile of Edith May Rowe: parents given as Samuel Rowe and Jane Hocking, with no sources attached (*Collaborative database / lead*.)

²⁷Iowa County marriage register (fictional) — Vol. 9, p. 88: William H. Penhallow, 29, miner, and Edith May Rowe, 21, married at Mineral Point, 12 June 1907.

²⁸Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Marriages page: William Henry Penhallow and Edith May Rowe, June 12, 1907.

²⁹Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Births page: Lilian Grace, born Oct. 2, 1908.

³⁰Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Births page: Harold James, born March 15, 1910.

³¹Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Deaths page: our Harold, Oct. 24, 1918, of the influenza, aged 8 years.



Figure 4: Standing in for William and Edith with Lilian and Harold: an unidentified family photographed by the C.M. Bell studio, Library of Congress. Used to illustrate the sample family.

Their last child, Robert John Penhallow (no. 4), was born on 12 March 1921.³² By 1930 William owned a farm in Dodgeville township.³³ The census that year lists him as a farmer, with Edith and their children Lilian, twenty-one, a schoolteacher, and Robert, nine.^{34,35,36}

During the Second World War, Robert served in the army overseas, and Edith wrote to him from the farm. Her letter of Easter Sunday, 9 April 1944, tells him that his father had started plowing the low field, that Lilian was home from Madison, and that Joan Treloar had brought a pasty and asked after him.³⁷

³²Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Births page: Robert John, born March 12, 1921.

³³Sample record (fictional): United States census of 1930, Iowa County, Wisconsin, population schedules — Dodgeville township, sample sheet 4A, line 12: William H. Penhallow, 52, head, owns farm (*Primary record.*)

³⁴1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Dodgeville township, sample sheet 4A, line 12, occupation columns: farmer, general farm.

³⁵1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Dodgeville township, sample sheet 4A, line 14: Lilian G. Penhallow, 21, daughter, teacher, public school.

³⁶1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Dodgeville township, sample sheet 4A, line 15: Robert J. Penhallow, 9, son, at school.

³⁷Sample record (fictional): letter from Edith Penhallow to her son Robert, Dodgeville, 9 April 1944 — Single sheet, signed Mother: written from Dodgeville to her son Robert, Easter Sunday,

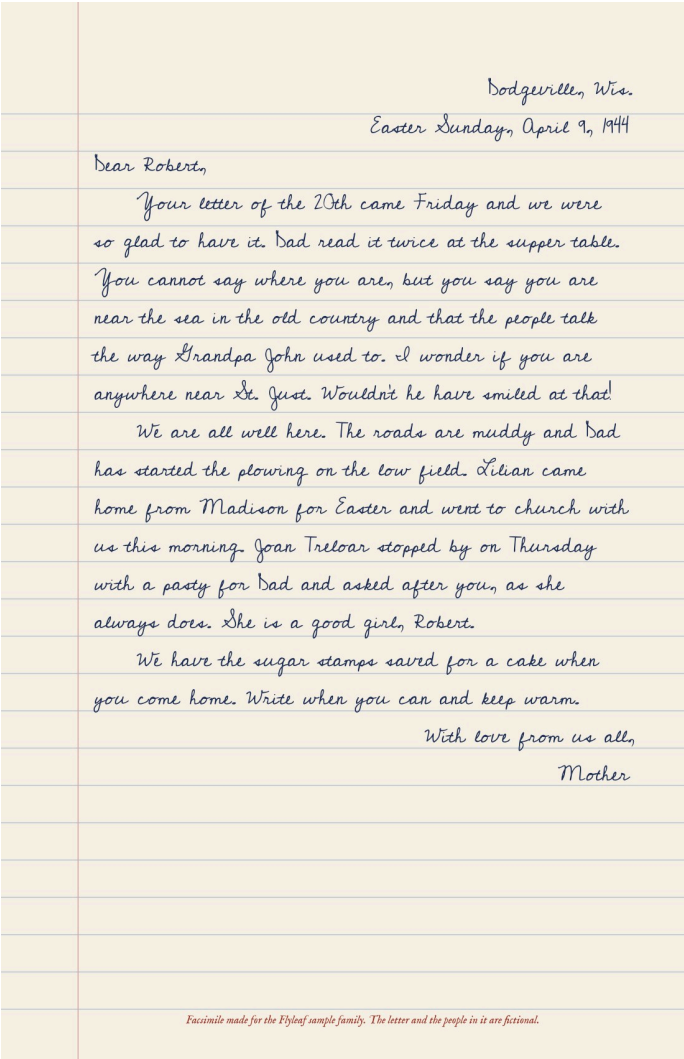


Figure 5: Edith Penhallow's letter to her son Robert, Easter Sunday, 9 April 1944. A facsimile made for the Flyleaf sample; the letter is fictional. Robert had written that he was near the sea in the old country, among people who talked the way his grandfather John used to. Edith wondered whether he was anywhere near St Just.³⁸

9 April 1944 (*Family testimony*.)
³⁸Edith Penhallow to Robert, 9 April 1944 (fictional) — Letter of 9 April 1944, addressed to Robert: he was near the sea in the old country.

William died at home on 18 January 1951.³⁹ Edith died on 2 August 1964. Her own death is entered in the Bible in another hand.⁴⁰

Robert and Joan, and the Treloars

Paternal grandparents of Jory, Tamsin, and Nora

Joan Margaret Treloar grew up in Mineral Point, the daughter of Thomas Henry Treloar and his wife, Mary. A typed list of Treloar names, found among Joan's papers, gives Thomas's birth at Mineral Point on 9 August 1898 and Joan's on 19 January 1925.^{41,42} Nobody knows who typed the list or where its dates came from, so it is a starting point, not a settled account.

In 1930 Thomas was renting a house in the city and working as a laborer at the zinc works.^{43,44} His son Frank was seven that year, and Joan was five.^{45,46}

Mary's own family is still unknown. Her maiden name was never passed down, and the typed list calls her only "Mary, his wife."⁴⁷ Joan remembered her baking heavy cake every Saturday and, many years later, wrote the recipe down for her own children.⁴⁸

Robert John Penhallow (no. 4) grew up on his parents' farm near Dodgeville. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at Madison on 15 October 1942, giving his work as farm hand.⁴⁹ He served in England and France and came home in 1945.⁵⁰ While he was away, Joan kept in touch with his family. In the spring of 1944 she brought his father a pasty and asked after him.⁵¹

³⁹Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Deaths page: Will died Jan. 18, 1951, at home.

⁴⁰Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Deaths page, in another hand: Mother died Aug. 2, 1964.

⁴¹Sample record (fictional): undated typed list of Treloar family names and dates, photocopy found among Joan Penhallow's papers — Line 3: Thos. Henry Treloar b. Aug. 9, 1898, Mineral Point (*Other source.*)

⁴²Typed Treloar family list (fictional) — Line 6: Joan Margaret b. Jan. 19, 1925.

⁴³1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Mineral Point city, sample sheet 9B, line 30: Thomas H. Treloar, 31, head, rents.

⁴⁴1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Mineral Point city, sample sheet 9B, line 30, occupation columns: laborer, zinc works.

⁴⁵1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Mineral Point city, sample sheet 9B, line 33: Frank Treloar, 7, son, born Wisconsin.

⁴⁶1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Mineral Point city, sample sheet 9B, line 34: Joan Treloar, 5, daughter, born Wisconsin.

⁴⁷Typed Treloar family list (fictional) — Line 4: Mary, his wife; no surname given.

⁴⁸Sample record (fictional): Joan Penhallow, Joan's Kitchen: Penhallow Family Recipes, typed booklet, Christmas 1995 — p. 3, Heavy Cake: Mother made this every Saturday in Mineral Point (*Family testimony.*)

⁴⁹Sample record (fictional): U.S. Army enlistment record, Robert J. Penhallow, 1942 — Enlisted

Robert and Joan married at Mineral Point on 14 June 1947.⁵² They made their home in Madison, where Robert worked as a machinist until he retired.⁵³ Their daughter Carol was born in 1950 and their son David Robert Penhallow (no. 2) in 1958.^{54,55}

For Christmas 1995 Joan typed the family's favourite recipes into a small booklet, *Joan's Kitchen*.⁵⁶ It holds her mother-in-law Edith's pasties, along with saffron buns and her own mother's heavy cake. It also has lefse and apple kuchen from the family of David's wife, Karin.⁵⁷

15 October 1942 at Madison, Wisconsin; born 1921 in Wisconsin; civil occupation, farm hand (*Primary record*.)

⁵⁰Sample record (fictional): family information supplied by Tamsin Penhallow, October 2026 — Grandpa Bob served in England and France and came home in 1945 (*Family testimony*.)

⁵¹Edith Penhallow to Robert, 9 April 1944 (fictional) — Letter of 9 April 1944: Joan Treloar stopped by with a pasty and asked after Robert.

⁵²Iowa County marriage register (fictional) — Vol. 21, p. 140: Robert John Penhallow, 26, and Joan Margaret Treloar, 22, married at Mineral Point, 14 June 1947.

⁵³Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Grandpa Bob worked as a machinist in Madison until he retired.

⁵⁴Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Aunt Carol, born in Madison in 1950.

⁵⁵Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her father, David, born in Madison in 1958.

⁵⁶Joan's Kitchen (1995, fictional) — Cover: typed by Joan Penhallow, Madison, Christmas 1995.

⁵⁷Joan's Kitchen (1995, fictional) — Cover: typed by Joan Penhallow, Madison, Christmas 1995.



Figure 6: The cover of Joan's Kitchen, the recipe booklet Joan Penhallow typed for Christmas 1995. A facsimile made for the Flyleaf sample.

Thomas Treloar died at Mineral Point in 1966, and Mary in 1971.^{58,59} Robert died in Madison on 4 November 2004, and Joan in 2019.^{60,61}

⁵⁸Typed Treloar family list (fictional) – Line 3, added in pencil: d. 1966.

⁵⁹Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) – Mary Treloar died at Mineral Point in 1971.

⁶⁰Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) – Grandpa Bob died in Madison on 4 November 2004.

⁶¹Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) – Grandma Joan died in Madison in 2019.

Chapter 2. Solberg and Kessler — Minneapolis and Madison

This chapter follows the family of Karin Solberg, Tamsin's mother. Her father, Arne Solberg, grew up in Minneapolis in a Norwegian-American family. Her mother, Ruth Kessler, grew up in Madison, the daughter of Herman Kessler and Anna Vogel.

Nearly everything known about these families comes from Ruth's own memories, recorded by Tamsin in 2023. The chapter says where each detail comes from.

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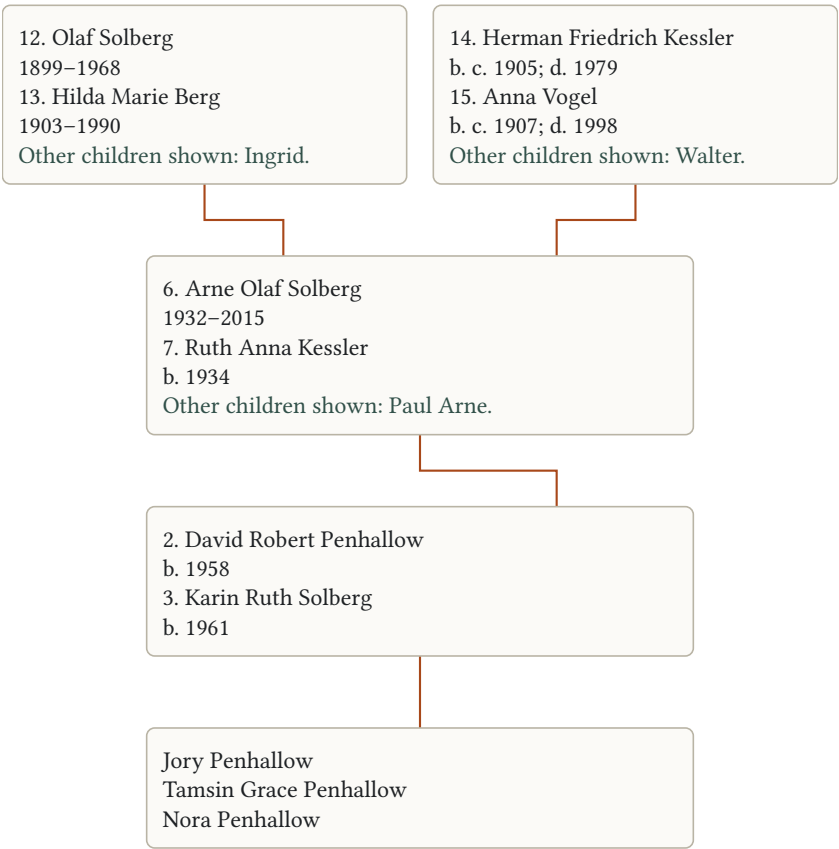


Chart 3: David Robert Penhallow and Karin Ruth Solberg.

The Solberg family of Minneapolis

Most of what is known about the Solberg family comes from two recordings made in March 2023, when Tamsin Penhallow asked her grandmother Ruth Anna Kessler (no. 7) about both sides of her family.⁶²

Ruth remembered that her husband's father, Olaf Solberg, was born in Minneapolis about 1899 to parents from Norway.⁶³ He drove a streetcar there for many years.⁶⁴ Olaf married Hilda Marie Berg in 1928.⁶⁵ Hilda was also born in Minneapolis.⁶⁶ Their son Arne was born on 3 February 1932, and their daughter Ingrid in 1935.^{67,68}

The names of Olaf's parents are not known, nor where in Norway they came from.⁶⁹ Ruth said that Olaf died in 1968 and Hilda in 1990, both in Minneapolis.^{70,71}

The Kessler family of Madison

Ruth's parents were Herman Friedrich Kessler and Anna Vogel. Ruth said her father was born on the east side of Madison.⁷² The couple married in Madison in 1929.⁷³

⁶²Sample record (fictional): oral history interview with Ruth Solberg, interview by Tamsin Penhallow, Madison, March 2023 — Recordings 1 and 2: Ruth's memories of the Kessler and Solberg families (*Family testimony*.)

⁶³Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 01:40: Arne's father, Olaf, was born in Minneapolis about 1899 to parents from Norway.

⁶⁴Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 02:30: Olaf drove a streetcar in Minneapolis for many years.

⁶⁵Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 04:00: Olaf and Hilda married in Minneapolis in 1928.

⁶⁶Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 03:40: Arne's mother, Hilda Berg, was born in Minneapolis in 1903.

⁶⁷Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 08:10: Arne was born in Minneapolis on 3 February 1932.

⁶⁸Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 05:00: Arne's sister Ingrid, born in 1935.

⁶⁹Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 01:40: Arne's father, Olaf, was born in Minneapolis about 1899 to parents from Norway.

⁷⁰Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 03:05: Olaf died in Minneapolis in 1968.

⁷¹Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 04:20: Hilda lived in Minneapolis until she died in 1990.

⁷²Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 03:00: her father was born in Madison, on the east side.

⁷³Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 04:15: her parents married in Madison in 1929.

The 1940 census found the family in Madison.⁷⁴ Herman, aged thirty-four, was a cooper making barrels for a brewery.⁷⁵ At home were Anna, thirty-two, their son Walter, nine, and Ruth, six.^{76,77,78} The census gives Wisconsin as the birthplace of both Herman and Anna.⁷⁹ The names of Herman's parents are not known.

Anna's apple kuchen passed from mother to daughter. Ruth later gave the recipe to Joan Penhallow, who typed it into her 1995 booklet.⁸⁰ Herman died in 1979, and Anna in 1998, aged ninety-one.^{81,82} Ruth's brother Walter died in 2010.⁸³

Arne and Ruth

Arne came to Madison to study engineering and stayed to work for the state highway department.⁸⁴ He and Ruth married in Madison on 22 June 1957.⁸⁵ Their daughter Karin Ruth Solberg (no. 3) was born in 1961, and their son Paul in 1963.^{86,87}

⁷⁴Sample record (fictional): United States census of 1940, Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, population schedule — Sample sheet 7B, line 41: Herman Kessler, 34, head, born Wisconsin (*Primary record*.)

⁷⁵1940 census, Madison (fictional) — Sample sheet 7B, line 41, occupation columns: cooper, brewery.

⁷⁶1940 census, Madison (fictional) — Sample sheet 7B, line 42: Anna Kessler, 32, wife, born Wisconsin.

⁷⁷1940 census, Madison (fictional) — Sample sheet 7B, line 43: Walter Kessler, 9, son.

⁷⁸1940 census, Madison (fictional) — Sample sheet 7B, line 44: Ruth Kessler, 6, daughter.

⁷⁹1940 census, Madison (fictional) — Sample sheet 7B, line 42: Anna Kessler, 32, wife, born Wisconsin.

⁸⁰Joan's Kitchen (1995, fictional) — p. 4: Anna Kessler's Apple Kuchen, from Ruth, who had it from her mother.

⁸¹Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 05:10: her father died in 1979.

⁸²Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 06:00: her mother died in 1998, aged ninety-one.

⁸³Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 06:45: her brother Walter died in 2010.

⁸⁴Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 09:30: Arne came to Madison to study engineering and worked for the state highway department.

⁸⁵Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 10:00: Ruth and Arne married in Madison on 22 June 1957.

⁸⁶Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her mother, Karin, born in Madison in 1961.

⁸⁷Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Uncle Paul, born in Madison in 1963.

Arne died in Madison in 2015.⁸⁸ The recordings Ruth made with Tamsin eight years later are the main source for this chapter, and almost every date in it rests on her memory.⁸⁹

⁸⁸Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Grandpa Arne died in Madison in 2015.

⁸⁹Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recordings 1 and 2: Ruth's memories of the Kessler and Solberg families.

Chapter 3. The Present Generation

Jory, Tamsin and Nora

Jory, Tamsin and Nora Penhallow are the children of David Robert Penhallow (no. 2) and Karin Ruth Solberg (no. 3) of Madison. David, the son of Robert and Joan Penhallow, was born in Madison in 1958.⁹⁰ Karin, the daughter of Arne and Ruth Solberg, was born there in 1961.⁹¹ They married in Madison in 1993.⁹²

Their son Jory was born in 1996, and their daughter Tamsin in 1999.^{93,94} Nora was born in 2003 and joined the family by adoption the next year.^{95,96} She is the youngest of the three.

Tamsin married Erik Lund in Madison in 2025.⁹⁷ Erik was born in Minneapolis in 1997.⁹⁸ His own family is not part of this book.

On their father's side, Jory, Tamsin and Nora are the fifth generation of the family in Wisconsin. Their great-great-grandparents, John and Elizabeth Penhallow, arrived from Cornwall in 1868 and settled at Mineral Point.⁹⁹ On their mother's side, the family came to Madison when their grandfather Arne Solberg moved there from Minneapolis to study engineering.¹⁰⁰

⁹⁰Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her father, David, born in Madison in 1958.

⁹¹Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her mother, Karin, born in Madison in 1961.

⁹²Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her parents married in Madison in 1993.

⁹³Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her brother Jory, born in Madison in 1996.

⁹⁴Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — born in Madison in 1999.

⁹⁵Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her sister Nora, born in 2003.

⁹⁶Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Nora joined the family by adoption in 2004.

⁹⁷Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — she and Erik married in Madison in 2025.

⁹⁸Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her husband, Erik, born in Minneapolis in 1997.

⁹⁹Passenger list, New York, 14 May 1868 (fictional) — Sheet 3, lines 21–23: John Penhallow, 23, miner; Elizabeth, 21; Richard, 8 months; destination Wisconsin.

¹⁰⁰Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 09:30: Arne came to Madison

Tamsin gathered the records behind this history. In 2023 she recorded her grandmother Ruth's memories of the Solberg and Kessler families, which are the main source for the second chapter.¹⁰¹

Three family papers connect the generations. The first is the Bible register that Edith Penhallow began when she married in 1907.¹⁰² The second is the letter she wrote at Easter 1944 to her son Robert, who was serving overseas.¹⁰³ The third is the recipe booklet Joan Penhallow typed for Christmas 1995, with dishes from both sides of the family.¹⁰⁴

On their father's side, the first chapter followed the families of Robert John Penhallow (no. 4) and Joan Margaret Treloar (no. 5), back to a tin miner's baptism at St Just. On their mother's side, the second chapter followed the families of Arne Olaf Solberg (no. 6) and Ruth Anna Kessler (no. 7) in Minneapolis and Madison.

to study engineering and worked for the state highway department.

¹⁰¹Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, opening: Tamsin introduces the interview with her grandmother Ruth.

¹⁰²Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Marriages page: William Henry Penhallow and Edith May Rowe, June 12, 1907.

¹⁰³Edith Penhallow to Robert, 9 April 1944 (fictional) — Single sheet, signed Mother: written from Dodgeville to her son Robert, Easter Sunday, 9 April 1944.

¹⁰⁴Joan's Kitchen (1995, fictional) — Cover: typed by Joan Penhallow, Madison, Christmas 1995.

PART II

The Genealogical Register

Register: Penhallow and Treloar — From St Just to the Lead Region

Numbers are ahnentafel numbers: a person's father is twice their number; their mother, twice plus one. Tamsin is no. 1. Footnotes identify evidence attached to particular facts. Unnumbered family continuations follow recorded descendants; they do not change the ancestor numbers or imply complete child lists. Additional references are grouped by entry in Sources for the Register.

16. JOHN PENHALLOW

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 41.

JOHN PENHALLOW was born at St Just in Penwith, Cornwall, England, about 1845¹⁰⁵ and was baptized at St Just in Penwith, Cornwall, England, 6 April 1845¹⁰⁶ and died at Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, 3 March 1912¹⁰⁷. Burial was recorded at Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, 6 March 1912.¹⁰⁸

He married at Penzance, Cornwall, England, 9 October 1866, **ELIZABETH ANN TREMBATH** [no. 17].¹⁰⁹

¹⁰⁵Penhallow–Trembath marriage entry, Penzance, 1866 (fictional) — Entry no. 47: John Penhallow, aged 21, bachelor, of St Just.

¹⁰⁶St Just baptisms, 1840–1850 (fictional) — p. 31, entry 244: John, son of Richard Penhallow, miner, and Grace his wife, of Trewellard.

¹⁰⁷Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: died at his home on Shake Rag street on Sunday morning, March 3, in his sixty-seventh year.

¹⁰⁸Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: funeral from the Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon; burial in the city cemetery.

¹⁰⁹Penhallow–Trembath marriage entry, Penzance, 1866 (fictional) — Entry no. 47: married at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel after certificate; witnesses Richard Penhallow and Mary Trembath; the bride signed with her mark.

Children of John and Elizabeth Ann (Trembath) Penhallow:

- i. RICHARD JOHN PENHALLOW, b. 2 Sept. 1867¹¹⁰; d. 1868^{111,112}. *Sources: page 41.*
- ii. MARY JANE PENHALLOW, b. ca. 1870¹¹³; d. 1950¹¹⁴. *Sources: page 42.*
- 8 iii. WILLIAM HENRY PENHALLOW, b. 14 Feb. 1878.

17. ELIZABETH ANN TREMBATH

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 42.

ELIZABETH ANN TREMBATH was born at Camborne, Cornwall, England, about 1847^{115,116} and died at Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, 21 January 1923¹¹⁷.

8. WILLIAM HENRY PENHALLOW

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 42.

WILLIAM HENRY PENHALLOW was born at Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, 14 February 1878^{118,119} and died at Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, 18 January 1951¹²⁰.

He married at Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, 12 June 1907,

EDITH MAY ROWE [no. 9].^{121,122}

Children of William Henry and Edith May (Rowe) Penhallow:

- i. LILIAN GRACE PENHALLOW, b. 2 Oct. 1908¹²³; d. 1999¹²⁴. *Sources: page 42.*
- ii. HAROLD JAMES PENHALLOW, b. 15 March 1910¹²⁵; d. 24 Oct. 1918¹²⁶.
- 4 iii. ROBERT JOHN PENHALLOW, b. 12 March 1921.

¹¹⁰“St Just Families in the Wisconsin Lead District” (fictional) — p. 114: Richard John, born at Penzance, 2 September 1867.

¹¹¹“St Just Families in the Wisconsin Lead District” (fictional) — p. 114: died at Mineral Point in 1868.

¹¹²Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: a son, Richard, died in infancy.

¹¹³1880 census, Mineral Point (fictional) — Sample sheet 12, line 6: Mary J. Penhallow, 9, daughter, at school, born Wisconsin.

¹¹⁴Rowe family online tree (fictional) — Profile of Mary Jane Penhallow: died 1950, Madison; no sources attached.

¹¹⁵“St Just Families in the Wisconsin Lead District” (fictional) — p. 113: Elizabeth Ann, daughter of James Trembath, copper miner, baptized at Camborne in 1847.

¹¹⁶Penhallow–Trembath marriage entry, Penzance, 1866 (fictional) — Entry no. 47: Elizabeth Ann Trembath, aged 19, spinster, of Penzance; father James Trembath (deceased), copper miner.

¹¹⁷Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Deaths page: Mother Penhallow (Elizabeth) died Jan. 21, 1923, at Mineral Point.

¹¹⁸Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Births page: William Henry Penhallow, born Feb. 14, 1878, Mineral Point.

¹¹⁹1880 census, Mineral Point (fictional) — Sample sheet 12, line 7: William H. Penhallow, 2, son, born Wisconsin.

¹²⁰Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Deaths page: Will died Jan. 18, 1951, at home.

¹²¹Iowa County marriage register (fictional) — Vol. 9, p. 88: William H. Penhallow, 29, miner, and Edith May Rowe, 21, married at Mineral Point, 12 June 1907.

¹²²Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Marriages page: William Henry Penhallow and Edith May Rowe, June 12, 1907.

¹²³Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Births page: Lilian Grace, born Oct. 2, 1908.

9. EDITH MAY ROWE

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 42.

EDITH MAY ROWE was born at Rowe's Diggings, Wisconsin, USA, 30 May 1886^{127,128} and died at Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, 2 August 1964¹²⁹.

10. THOMAS HENRY TRELOAR

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 43.

THOMAS HENRY TRELOAR was born at Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, 9 August 1898¹³⁰ and died at Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, in 1966¹³¹.

He married about 1922, **MARY** [no. 11].¹³²

Children of Thomas Henry and Mary Treloar:

- i. FRANK TRELOAR, b. ca. 1923¹³³, d. 1987¹³⁴.
- 5 ii. JOAN MARGARET TRELOAR, b. 19 Jan. 1925.

11. MARY

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 43.

MARY was born about 1900¹³⁵ and died at Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, in 1971¹³⁶.

4. ROBERT JOHN PENHALLOW

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 43.

ROBERT JOHN PENHALLOW was born at Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, 12 March 1921¹³⁷ and died at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, 4 November 2004¹³⁸.

¹²⁴Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — great-aunt Lilian died in Madison in 1999.

¹²⁵Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Births page: Harold James, born March 15, 1910.

¹²⁶Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Deaths page: our Harold, Oct. 24, 1918, of the influenza, aged 8 years.

¹²⁷Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Births page: Edith May Rowe, born May 30, 1886, at Rowe's Diggings.

¹²⁸Iowa County marriage register (fictional) — Vol. 9, p. 88: bride Edith May Rowe, aged 21, born at Rowe's Diggings.

¹²⁹Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Deaths page, in another hand: Mother died Aug. 2, 1964.

¹³⁰Typed Treloar family list (fictional) — Line 3: Thos. Henry Treloar b. Aug. 9, 1898, Mineral Point.

¹³¹Typed Treloar family list (fictional) — Line 3, added in pencil: d. 1966.

¹³²Typed Treloar family list (fictional) — Line 4: m. 1922.

¹³³1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Mineral Point city, sample sheet 9B, line 33: Frank Treloar, 7, son, born Wisconsin.

¹³⁴Typed Treloar family list (fictional) — Line 5, added in pencil: d. 1987.

¹³⁵Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Grandma Joan's mother, Mary, was born about 1900; her maiden name is not known in the family.

¹³⁶Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Mary Treloar died at Mineral Point in 1971.

¹³⁷Penhallow family Bible (fictional) — Births page: Robert John, born March 12, 1921.

¹³⁸Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Grandpa Bob died in Madison on 4 November 2004.

He married at Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, 14 June 1947,

JOAN MARGARET TRELOAR [no. 5].¹³⁹

Children of Robert John and Joan Margaret (Treloar) Penhallow:

- i. CAROL ANN PENHALLOW, b. 1950¹⁴⁰.
- 2 ii. DAVID ROBERT PENHALLOW, b. 1958.

5. JOAN MARGARET TRELOAR

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 43.

JOAN MARGARET TRELOAR was born at Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin, USA, 19 January 1925^{141,142} and died at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, in 2019¹⁴³.

2. DAVID ROBERT PENHALLOW

Narrative: Part I.

DAVID ROBERT PENHALLOW was born at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, in 1958¹⁴⁴.

He married at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, in 1993, **KARIN RUTH SOLBERG** [no. 3].¹⁴⁵

Children of David Robert and Karin Ruth (Solberg) Penhallow:

- i. JORY PENHALLOW, b. 1996¹⁴⁶.
- 1 ii. TAMSIN GRACE PENHALLOW, b. 1999.
- iii. NORA PENHALLOW, adopted; b. 2003¹⁴⁷. *Sources: page 43.*

¹³⁹Iowa County marriage register (fictional) — Vol. 21, p. 140: Robert John Penhallow, 26, and Joan Margaret Treloar, 22, married at Mineral Point, 14 June 1947.

¹⁴⁰Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Aunt Carol, born in Madison in 1950.

¹⁴¹Typed Treloar family list (fictional) — Line 6: Joan Margaret b. Jan. 19, 1925.

¹⁴²1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Mineral Point city, sample sheet 9B, line 34: Joan Treloar, 5, daughter, born Wisconsin.

¹⁴³Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Grandma Joan died in Madison in 2019.

¹⁴⁴Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her father, David, born in Madison in 1958.

¹⁴⁵Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her parents married in Madison in 1993.

¹⁴⁶Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her brother Jory, born in Madison in 1996.

¹⁴⁷Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her sister Nora, born in 2003.

Register: Solberg and Kessler — Minneapolis and Madison

12. OLAF SOLBERG

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 43.

OLAF SOLBERG was born at Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, USA, in 1899¹⁴⁸ and died at Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, USA, in 1968¹⁴⁹.

He married at Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, USA, in 1928,

HILDA MARIE BERG [no. 13].¹⁵⁰

Children of Olaf and Hilda Marie (Berg) Solberg:

- 6 i. ARNE OLAF SOLBERG, b. 3 Feb. 1932.
- ii. INGRID SOLBERG, b. 1935¹⁵¹; d. 2021¹⁵².

13. HILDA MARIE BERG

Narrative: Part I.

HILDA MARIE BERG was born at Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, USA, in 1903¹⁵³ and died at Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, USA, in 1990¹⁵⁴.

¹⁴⁸Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 01:40: Arne's father, Olaf, was born in Minneapolis about 1899 to parents from Norway.

¹⁴⁹Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 03:05: Olaf died in Minneapolis in 1968.

¹⁵⁰Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 04:00: Olaf and Hilda married in Minneapolis in 1928.

¹⁵¹Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 05:00: Arne's sister Ingrid, born in 1935.

¹⁵²Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 05:20: Ingrid died two years before the interview.

¹⁵³Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 03:40: Arne's mother, Hilda Berg, was born in Minneapolis in 1903.

¹⁵⁴Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 04:20: Hilda lived in Minneapolis until she died in 1990.

14. HERMAN FRIEDRICH KESSLER

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 44.

HERMAN FRIEDRICH KESSLER was born at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, about 1905^{155,156} and died at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, in 1979¹⁵⁷.

He married at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, in 1929, **ANNA VOGEL** [no. 15].¹⁵⁸

Children of Herman Friedrich and Anna (Vogel) Kessler:

- i. WALTER KESSLER, b. ca. 1931¹⁵⁹; d. 2010¹⁶⁰.
- 7 ii. RUTH ANNA KESSLER, b. 1934.

15. ANNA VOGEL

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 44.

ANNA VOGEL was born at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, about 1907¹⁶¹ and died at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, in 1998¹⁶².

6. ARNE OLAF SOLBERG

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 44.

ARNE OLAF SOLBERG was born at Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, USA, 3 February 1932¹⁶³ and died at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, in 2015¹⁶⁴.

He married at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, 22 June 1957, **RUTH ANNA KESSLER** [no. 7].¹⁶⁵

Children of Arne Olaf and Ruth Anna (Kessler) Solberg:

- 3 i. KARIN RUTH SOLBERG, b. 1961.
- ii. PAUL ARNE SOLBERG, b. 1963¹⁶⁶.

¹⁵⁵1940 census, Madison (fictional) — Sample sheet 7B, line 41: Herman Kessler, 34, head, born Wisconsin.

¹⁵⁶Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 03:00: her father was born in Madison, on the east side.

¹⁵⁷Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 05:10: her father died in 1979.

¹⁵⁸Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 04:15: her parents married in Madison in 1929.

¹⁵⁹1940 census, Madison (fictional) — Sample sheet 7B, line 43: Walter Kessler, 9, son.

¹⁶⁰Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 06:45: her brother Walter died in 2010.

¹⁶¹1940 census, Madison (fictional) — Sample sheet 7B, line 42: Anna Kessler, 32, wife, born Wisconsin.

¹⁶²Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 06:00: her mother died in 1998, aged ninety-one.

¹⁶³Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 08:10: Arne was born in Minneapolis on 3 February 1932.

¹⁶⁴Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Grandpa Arne died in Madison in 2015.

¹⁶⁵Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 10:00: Ruth and Arne married in Madison on 22 June 1957.

¹⁶⁶Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Uncle Paul, born in Madison in 1963.

7. RUTH ANNA KESSLER

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 44.

RUTH ANNA KESSLER was born at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, in 1934¹⁶⁷.

3. KARIN RUTH SOLBERG

Narrative: Part I.

KARIN RUTH SOLBERG was born at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, in 1961¹⁶⁸.

¹⁶⁷Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 02:15: Ruth was born in Madison in 1934.

¹⁶⁸Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her mother, Karin, born in Madison in 1961.

Register: The Present Generation

1. TAMSIN GRACE PENHALLOW

Narrative: Part I. Additional references: page 44.

TAMSIN GRACE PENHALLOW was born at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, in 1999¹⁶⁹.

She married at Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, USA, in 2025, **ERIK LUND**.¹⁷⁰

ERIK LUND was born at Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, USA, in 1997¹⁷¹.

¹⁶⁹Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — born in Madison in 1999.

¹⁷⁰Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — she and Erik married in Madison in 2025.

¹⁷¹Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — her husband, Erik, born in Minneapolis in 1997.

Open Questions

This chapter gathers the questions not yet answered about names, dates and family ties. Each entry says what is known, what is still unclear, and what kind of record might help. If you know something about any of them, or have letters, photographs or papers that might bear on them, please tell Tamsin.

Penhallow and Treloar

John Penhallow's baptism names his parents as Richard and Grace Penhallow of Trewellard.¹⁷² No second record has yet confirmed them, so they are not entered as ancestors. A search of the St Just burials up to 1868 did not find Richard, so he may have outlived John's departure.

The family's arrival in America is dated two ways. The county album says they came in 1867, while the passenger list and John's obituary say 1868.^{173,174} The album was written long after the event, so this book follows 1868.

Elizabeth's birthplace, Camborne, comes from a journal article that does not cite the register entry it used.¹⁷⁵ Her baptism in the Camborne registers would settle it.

Edith Rowe's birthplace, Rowe's Diggings, has not been found on any map or in any gazetteer.¹⁷⁶ It may have been a local name for a mining camp.

¹⁷²St Just baptisms, 1840–1850 (fictional) — p. 31, entry 244: John, son of Richard Penhallow, miner, and Grace his wife, of Trewellard.

¹⁷³Men of the Lead Region (1904, fictional) — pp. 211–212: sketch of John Penhallow, giving his arrival in America as 1867.

¹⁷⁴Passenger list, New York, 14 May 1868 (fictional) — Sheet 3, lines 21–23: John Penhallow, 23, miner; Elizabeth, 21; Richard, 8 months; destination Wisconsin.

¹⁷⁵“St Just Families in the Wisconsin Lead District” (fictional) — p. 113: Elizabeth Ann, daughter of James Trembath, copper miner, baptized at Camborne in 1847.

¹⁷⁶Iowa County marriage register (fictional) — Vol. 9, p. 88: bride Edith May Rowe, aged 21,

An online tree names her parents as Samuel Rowe and Jane Hocking, but it gives no sources.¹⁷⁷

Mary Treloar's maiden name is unknown.¹⁷⁸ Her marriage record, or the full census entry for the Treloar household, could name her parents. The typed Treloar list that supplies several dates has no known author.¹⁷⁹

Solberg and Kessler

Almost everything known about the Solbergs comes from Ruth Solberg's memories.¹⁸⁰ Olaf's birth record or an early Minneapolis census could name his parents and show where in Norway they came from.

Herman Kessler's parents are not yet identified.¹⁸¹ Ruth believed they came from Germany, but no record seen so far says so.

born at Rowe's Diggings.

¹⁷⁷Rowe family online tree (fictional) — Profile of Edith May Rowe: parents given as Samuel Rowe and Jane Hocking, with no sources attached.

¹⁷⁸Typed Treloar family list (fictional) — Line 4: Mary, his wife; no surname given.

¹⁷⁹Typed Treloar family list (fictional) — Line 3: Thos. Henry Treloar b. Aug. 9, 1898, Mineral Point.

¹⁸⁰Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 01:40: Arne's father, Olaf, was born in Minneapolis about 1899 to parents from Norway.

¹⁸¹1940 census, Madison (fictional) — Sample sheet 7B, line 41: Herman Kessler, 34, head, born Wisconsin.

Afterword

There is more to learn about these families. **Open Questions** lists what is not yet known or not yet certain. A new record may add a person, settle a disagreement or change a story told here.

Please share what you have. A photograph with names on the back, a letter, a remembered address or a correction to a familiar story can all help. If you can, say where it came from and who named the people in it. Keep the original; a scan or a photograph of it can join the family collection.

The Penhallows are a sample family, made up to show how Flyleaf works. A real family's book would end with thanks to the relatives who shared their records and memories.

Sources for the Register

These references provide additional information about the people in the register. They follow the same family order and entry numbers. Evidence attached to particular facts appears in the register's footnotes; inclusion here does not establish every fact in an entry.

Penhallow and Treloar — From St Just to the Lead Region

16. JOHN PENHALLOW

Register entry: page 27.

Penhallow–Trembath marriage entry, Penzance, 1866 (fictional) — Entry no. 47: rank or profession, Tin Miner; residence, St Just.

Passenger list, New York, 14 May 1868 (fictional) — Sheet 3, lines 21–23: John Penhallow, 23, miner; Elizabeth, 21; Richard, 8 months; destination Wisconsin.

Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: in the spring of 1868 they came to America with their infant son, reaching Mineral Point in June.

1880 census, Mineral Point (fictional) — Sample sheet 12, line 4: John Penhallow, 35, head, miner, born England.

Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: for more than thirty years he worked in the lead and zinc mines about the city, and afterward at the zinc works.

“St Just Families in the Wisconsin Lead District” (fictional) — pp. 112–114: the Penhallow family of St Just and Mineral Point.

Men of the Lead Region (1904, fictional) — pp. 211–212: sketch of John Penhallow, giving his arrival in America as 1867.

Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: a faithful member of the Methodist church and for many years a class leader.

under 16. RICHARD JOHN PENHALLOW

Register entry: page 28.

Passenger list, New York, 14 May 1868 (fictional) — Sheet 3, line 23: Richard Penhallow, 8 months, son.

under 16. MARY JANE PENHALLOW

Register entry: page 28.

Men of the Lead Region (1904, fictional) — p. 212: his daughter, Miss Mary Jane Penhallow, a teacher in the Madison schools.

Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: a daughter, Miss Mary Jane Penhallow, of Madison.

17. ELIZABETH ANN TREMBATH

Register entry: page 28.

Passenger list, New York, 14 May 1868 (fictional) — Sheet 3, line 22: Elizabeth Penhallow, 21, wife.

1880 census, Mineral Point (fictional) — Sample sheet 12, line 5: Elizabeth Penhallow, 32, wife, keeping house, born England.

Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: he leaves his wife.

8. WILLIAM HENRY PENHALLOW

Register entry: page 28.

Men of the Lead Region (1904, fictional) — p. 212: his son William is a miner in the zinc diggings near the city.

1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Dodgeville township, sample sheet 4A, line 12: William H. Penhallow, 52, head, owns farm.

1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Dodgeville township, sample sheet 4A, line 12, occupation columns: farmer, general farm.

Iowa County Lantern, John Penhallow obituary, 1912 (fictional) — Column notice: a son, William H. Penhallow, of Dodgeville.

under 8. LILIAN GRACE PENHALLOW

Register entry: page 28.

1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Dodgeville township, sample sheet 4A, line 14: Lilian G. Penhallow, 21, daughter, teacher, public school.

Edith Penhallow to Robert, 9 April 1944 (fictional) — Letter of 9 April 1944: Lilian came home from Madison for Easter.

9. EDITH MAY ROWE

Register entry: page 29.

1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Dodgeville township, sample sheet 4A, line 13: Edith M. Penhallow, 43, wife.

Rowe family online tree (fictional) — Profile of Edith May Rowe: parents given as Samuel Rowe and Jane Hocking, with no sources attached.

Edith Penhallow to Robert, 9 April 1944 (fictional) — Single sheet, signed Mother: written from Dodgeville to her son Robert, Easter Sunday, 9 April 1944.

10. THOMAS HENRY TRELOAR*Register entry: page 29.*

1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Mineral Point city, sample sheet 9B, line 30: Thomas H. Treloar, 31, head, rents.

1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Mineral Point city, sample sheet 9B, line 30, occupation columns: laborer, zinc works.

11. MARY*Register entry: page 29.*

Joan's Kitchen (1995, fictional) — p. 3, Heavy Cake: Mother made this every Saturday in Mineral Point.

Typed Treloar family list (fictional) — Line 4: Mary, his wife; no surname given.

4. ROBERT JOHN PENHALLOW*Register entry: page 29.*

1930 census, Iowa County (fictional) — Dodgeville township, sample sheet 4A, line 15: Robert J. Penhallow, 9, son, at school.

Army enlistment record, Robert J. Penhallow, 1942 (fictional) — Enlisted 15 October 1942 at Madison, Wisconsin; born 1921 in Wisconsin; civil occupation, farm hand.

Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Grandpa Bob served in England and France and came home in 1945.

Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Grandpa Bob worked as a machinist in Madison until he retired.

Edith Penhallow to Robert, 9 April 1944 (fictional) — Letter of 9 April 1944, addressed to Robert: he was near the sea in the old country.

5. JOAN MARGARET TRELOAR*Register entry: page 30.*

Joan's Kitchen (1995, fictional) — Cover: typed by Joan Penhallow, Madison, Christmas 1995.

Edith Penhallow to Robert, 9 April 1944 (fictional) — Letter of 9 April 1944: Joan Treloar stopped by with a pasty and asked after Robert.

under 2. NORA PENHALLOW*Register entry: page 30.*

Tamsin Penhallow (fictional) — Nora joined the family by adoption in 2004.

Solberg and Kessler — Minneapolis and Madison**12. OLAF SOLBERG***Register entry: page 31.*

Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 2, about 02:30: Olaf drove a streetcar in Minneapolis for many years.

14. HERMAN FRIEDRICH KESSLER

Register entry: page 32.

1940 census, Madison (fictional) — Sample sheet 7B, line 41, occupation columns: cooper, brewery.

15. ANNA VOGEL

Register entry: page 32.

Joan's Kitchen (1995, fictional) — p. 4: Anna Kessler's Apple Kuchen, from Ruth, who had it from her mother.

6. ARNE OLAF SOLBERG

Register entry: page 32.

Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, about 09:30: Arne came to Madison to study engineering and worked for the state highway department.

7. RUTH ANNA KESSLER

Register entry: page 33.

1940 census, Madison (fictional) — Sample sheet 7B, line 44: Ruth Kessler, 6, daughter.

Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recordings 1 and 2: Ruth's memories of the Kessler and Solberg families.

The Present Generation

1. TAMSIN GRACE PENHALLOW

Register entry: page 35.

Ruth Solberg interview, 2023 (fictional) — Recording 1, opening: Tamsin introduces the interview with her grandmother Ruth.

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Collaborative databases and leads

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Other sources

- Sample record (fictional): undated typed list of Treloar family names and dates, photocopy found among Joan Penhallow's papers

Ahnentafel of Tamsin Grace Penhallow

The table includes provisional and disputed dates. See the Register entries and Open Questions for the evidence and alternatives.

no.	person	born	died
1	Tamsin Grace Penhallow	1999	
2	David Robert Penhallow	1958	
3	Karin Ruth Solberg	1961	
4	Robert John Penhallow	12 March 1921	4 November 2004
5	Joan Margaret Treloar	19 January 1925	2019
6	Arne Olaf Solberg	3 February 1932	2015
7	Ruth Anna Kessler	1934	
8	William Henry Penhallow	14 February 1878	18 January 1951
9	Edith May Rowe	30 May 1886	2 August 1964
10	Thomas Henry Treloar	9 August 1898	1966
11	Mary	about 1900	1971
12	Olaf Solberg	1899	1968
13	Hilda Marie Berg	1903	1990
14	Herman Friedrich Kessler	about 1905	1979
15	Anna Vogel	about 1907	1998
16	John Penhallow	about 1845	3 March 1912
17	Elizabeth Ann Trembath	about 1847	21 January 1923
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no.	person	born	died
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Blank lines mark ancestors not yet identified — the research frontier.

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Surname not recorded

Mary — 11

B

Berg, Hilda Marie — 13

K

Kessler, Anna (Vogel) — 15

Kessler, Herman Friedrich — 14

Kessler, Ruth Anna — 7

Kessler, Walter — under 14

L

Lund, Erik — under 1

Lund, Tamsin Grace (Penhallow) — 1

P

Penhallow, Carol Ann — under 4

Penhallow, David Robert — 2

Penhallow, Edith May (Rowe) — 9

Penhallow, Elizabeth Ann (Trembath) — 17

Penhallow, Harold James — under 8

Penhallow, Joan Margaret (Treloar) — 5

Penhallow, John — 16

Penhallow, Jory — under 2

Penhallow, Karin Ruth (Solberg) — 3

Penhallow, Lilian Grace — under 8

Penhallow, Mary Jane — under 16

Penhallow, Nora — under 2

Penhallow, Richard John — under 16

Penhallow, Robert John — 4

Penhallow, Tamsin Grace — 1

Penhallow, William Henry — 8

R

Rowe, Edith May — 9

S

Solberg, Arne Olaf — 6

Solberg, Hilda Marie (Berg) — 13

Solberg, Ingrid — under 12

Solberg, Karin Ruth — 3

Solberg, Olaf — 12

Solberg, Paul Arne — under 6

Solberg, Ruth Anna (Kessler) — 7

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Treloar, Joan Margaret — 5

Treloar, Mary — 11

Treloar, Thomas Henry — 10

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Vogel, Anna — 15