

## Evidence Analysis for Mary Jane Fields - Vital Facts and Parentage

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<b>BIRTH OF MARY JANE FIELDS</b>		
<b>Source</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
<b>S1. Birth registry entry for Mary Jane Fields</b>	Mary Jane was born 2 January 1854 Place of birth 14 Oswego, Boston, Massachusetts Father: John Fields, Birthplace: Ireland, occupation: waiter      Mother: Mary, birthplace: Ireland <b>Secondary information - ledger written by county clerk</b>	Evidence of Mary Jane's date of birth. Digital image appears to be accurate reflection of clerk's ledger. Top portion of page is damaged, but section of page providing data for individual records is clear and legible. <b>Direct evidence of date of birth of 2 January 1854 for Mary Jane Fields.</b>
Citation: Boston, Massachusetts "Births Registerd in the City of Boston", Vol. 83, p. 18, no. 771 (Mary Jane Field, 2 January 1854); database with digital images, "Massachusetts Births, 1841-1915", image 18, FamilySearch.org ( <a href="https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FXWS-J77">https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FXWS-J77</a> : accessed 18 January 2016), citing FHL microfilm 4,023,162.		
<b>S2. Marriage registry entry for Marriage of John Field &amp; Mary Delven</b>	Date of Marriage 14 May 1850, John Field, age 30, residence: Boston, Massachusetts, Birthplace: Ireland, Occupation: Laborer and Mary Delven, age 28, residence: Boston, Massachusetts, Birthplace: Ireland were married 14, May 1850 by Rev. Geo. F. Haskins, Catholic priest <b>Secondary information - information appears to have been provided by officiant Rev. Geo. F. Haskins, Catholic priest, perhaps up to 3 weeks after date of event</b>	Digital image appears to be accurate reflection of clerk's ledger. Top portion of page is damaged, and page number cannot be read, but page numbers exist on prior and subsequent images allowing an inference to be made of page number. Portion of left side of page is missing including month, but dates appear to be in chronological order and further down on the page the word "May" appears, so inference can be made that date of marriage occurred in April. Other than these missing section the portion of the page providing data for individual records is clear and legible. <b>Indirect evidence of the names of Mary Jane Fields parents</b>
Citation: Boston, Massachusetts "Marriages Registerd in the City of Boston", Vol. 47, p. 17 (Field-Delven, 14 April 1850); database with digital images, "Massachusetts Marriages 1841-1915", image 40, FamilySearch.org ( <a href="https://familysearch.org">https://familysearch.org</a> : accessed 18 January 2016), citing FHL microfilm 4,279,731.		
<b>S3. Copy of Sacramental Record of Marriage John Fields &amp; Mary Devlin</b>	St. John's (now St. Stephen's) Church, Boston, North End, Massachusetts, John Fields and Mary Devlin were married 14 April 1850 by Rev. George F. Haskins <b>Secondary information - transcription of original ledger</b>	Typed form from Archdiocese of Boston, dated Dec. 14, 2004, attached to pre-printed "Genealogical Research Response & Information Form" sent in response to request from Mary Roddy requesting sacramental marriage record for John Fields and Mary Devlin/Delven, and baptismal record for Mary Jane Field(s). Returned form indicates that no baptismal record was located in a search of St. James and St. Johns/St. Stephen's church records <b>Indirect evidence of names of Mary Jane Fields' parents</b>
Citation: Fields-Devlin marriage entry, 1850. Transcription issued 14 December 2004, Archdiocese of Boston Archives, Boston, Massachusetts from church records of St. John's (now St. Stephen's) Church, Boston, North End, Massachusetts. [Privately held by Mary Kircher Roddy, Seattle, Washington.]		

<p><b>S4. Massachusetts State Census for 1855, Suffolk County, Boston Ward 10 for John Fields household</b> Original image copy</p>	<p>Household composed of John Field, age 40, waiter, born Ireland; Mary Field, age 35, born Ireland; Mary Jane Field, age 18 months, born Massachusetts <b>Informant not known</b></p>	<p>Census date of 10 July 1855 and an age for Mary Jane Fields of 18 months is consistent with a birth date of 2 January 1854. In the 5 years since the marriage in Source 2, John has aged 10 years and Mary has aged 7 years. <b>Direct evidence of age of Mary Jane Fields</b></p>
<p>Citation: "Massachusetts State Census, 1855," database with images, FamilySearch (<a href="https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KXKG-BNL">https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KXKG-BNL</a> : accessed 18 September 2016), Mary Jane Field in household of John Field, Ward 10, Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, United States, dwelling 195, family 1203; State Archives, Boston; FHL microfilm 953,960.</p>		
<p><b>S5. US Federal census 1860, Township No. 4, Amador County, California</b></p>	<p>Household composed of John Fields, age 60, laborer born Ireland; Mary Fields, age 40, born Ireland; Mary Jane Field, age 6 months, born Massachusetts <b>Informant not known</b></p>	<p>Enumeration date of 31 July 1860 and an age for Mary Jane Fields of 6 years is consistent with a birth date of 2 January 1854. In the 5 years since the 1855 census in Source 4, John has aged 20 years and Mary has aged 5 years. <b>Direct evidence of age of Mary Jane Fields</b></p>
<p>Citation: 1860 U.S. census, Amador County, California population schedule, Township No. 4, Sutter Creek post office p. 23 (penned), dwelling 267, family 258, John and Mary Fields digital image, Ancestry.com (<a href="http://www.ancestry.com">http://www.ancestry.com</a> : accessed 18 September 2016); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 55.</p>		
<p><b>S6. US Federal census 1870, Township No. 4, Amador County, California</b></p>	<p>Household composed of John Fields, age 66, laborer born Ireland; Mary Fields, age 48, born Ireland; Mary Jane Field, age 16 months, born Massachusetts <b>Informant not known</b></p>	<p>Enumeration date of 13 July 1870 and an age for Mary Jane Fields of 16 years is consistent with a birth date of 2 January 1854. In the 10 years since the 1860 census in Source 5, John has aged 6 years and Mary has aged 8 years. <b>Direct evidence of age of Mary Jane Fields</b></p>
<p>Citation: 1870 U.S. census, Amador County, California population schedule, Township No. 4, Amador City post office p. 8 (penned), dwelling 44, family 44, John and Mary Fields digital image, Ancestry.com (<a href="http://www.ancestry.com">http://www.ancestry.com</a> : accessed 18 September 2016); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 69.</p>		
<p><b>S7. US Federal census 1880, Village of Amador City, Amador County, California</b></p>	<p>Household composed of John Fields, age 72, hotel keeper, born Ireland; Mary Fields, age 63, born Ireland; Mary Jane Field, age 26 months, born Massachusetts <b>Informant not known</b></p>	<p>Enumeration date of 3 June 1880 and an age for Mary Jane Fields of 26 years is consistent with a birth date of 2 January 1854. In the 10 years since the 1870 census in Source 6, John has aged 6 years and Mary has aged 15 years. <b>Direct evidence of age of Mary Jane Fields</b></p>
<p>Citation: 1880 U.S. census, Amador County, California population schedule, Township No. 4, Amador City post office p. 10 (penned), dwelling 113, family 114, John and Mary Fields digital image, Ancestry.com (<a href="http://www.ancestry.com">http://www.ancestry.com</a> : accessed 18 September 2016); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 63, Family History Film: 1254063; Page: 67B; Enumeration District: 036; Image: 0137.</p>		
<p><b>S8. US Federal census 1900, Township Four, Amador County, California</b></p>	<p>Household composed of Jerry Hardy, age 47, born Dec 1852, Virginia; Mary J Hardy, age 45, born Jan 1855, Massachusetts; Ida J Hardy, age 9, born Sept 1890, California; Mary J Hardy, age 11, born Jun 1888, Californian, John Fields, age 98, born Oct 1801, Ireland <b>Informant not known</b></p>	<p>Birthdate for Mary Jane Fields Hardy of January 1855 differs from birth record by one year. In the 20 years since the 1870 census in Source 7, John has aged 19 years. <b>Direct evidence of age of Mary Jane Fields</b></p>
<p>Citation: 1900 U.S. census, Amador County, California population schedule, Township Four, enumeration district (ED) 8, p. 9-B, dwelling 204, family 204, Jerry Hardy digital image, Ancestry.com (<a href="http://www.ancestry.com">http://www.ancestry.com</a> : accessed 18 September 2016); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 84.</p>		

<b>S9. Mary J. Hardy death certificate</b> <b>Original Image copy</b>	Mary J. Hardy was born 1 January 1854 in Boston, Massachusetts. She was the widow of Jerry Hardy. Her father was John Fields, born in Ireland and her mother was Mary Devlin, born in Ireland. Informant was Ida Hardy of 1382 Page St., San Francisco. <b>The birthdate is secondary information</b>	Direct information provides the same birthdate as shown on Source 1, Mary Jane's birth certificate. Informant, Ida Hardy, is daughter of Mary Jane Fields Hardy <b>Direct evidence of age of Mary Jane Fields</b>
Citation: State of California Department of Public Health, Standard Certificate of Death, City and County of San Francisco, Local Registered No. 8414 [1930], Mary J. Hardy; San Francisco Department of Public Health.		
<b>Conclusion: Mary Jane was born 1 January 1854 in Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts</b>		
<b>MARRIAGE OF MARY JANE FIELDS AND JEREMIAH HARDY</b>		
<b>Source</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
<b>S10. Marriage License and Certificate - Jeremiah Hardy and Mary J. Field photocopy of original</b>	Filed for Record at request of Wm. Maloney, 2 January 1888 at 14 minutes past 9 o'clock a.m. and recorded in book "C" of marriage certificates on page 17 of records of Amador County. Signed by County Recorder. License issued 11 June 1887 in Amador County for the marriage of Jeremiah Hardy, native of Virginia, aged 34 years, resident of Amador City, Amador, California and Miss Mary J. Field, native of Massachusetts, aged 29 years, resident of Amador City, Amador, California. Marriage performed by Wm. Maloney, Catholic Rector, 12 June 1887 in Amador City. Witnesses were Mary Field, the mother, and John Field, the father, both residents of Amador City, Amador, California Information is primary as the certificate was completed at the time of the event.	According to the preprinted text on the Marriage License and Certificate, the license and Certificate must be filed in the office of the County Recorder of Amador County withing thirty days after performing the ceremony. The marriage was performed 12 June 1887, but the record was not filed until 2 January 1888. It appears that the County Recorder, L. J. Fontenrose accepted the late filing as his signature appears on the license issued 11 June 1887 and on the record filing on 2 January 1888. Researcher aquired document from Amador County Archives, item 7517.903. It is a photocopy of the original document. Original document bore a seal. <b>Provides Direct evidence, giving the date and place of the marriage</b>
Citation: Amador County, California Marriage License and Certificate, Hardy-Field 1887; Amador County Recorder, Jackson.		
<b>S8. US Federal census 1900, Township Four, Amador County, California</b>	Household includes Jerry Hardy, age 47, born Dec 1852, Virginia; Mary J Hardy, age 45, born Jan 1855, Massachusetts Couple has been married 13 years. <b>Informant not known</b>	Jerry and Mary were enumerated on 11 June 1900 and claim to be married 13 years, inferring a marriage date of 1887. <b>Direct evidence of marriage date</b>
Citation: 1900 U.S. census, Amador County, California population schedule, Township Four, enumeration district (ED) 8, p. 9-B, dwelling 204, family 204, Jerry Hardy digital image, Ancestry.com ( <a href="http://www.ancestry.com">http://www.ancestry.com</a> : accessed 18 September 2016); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 84.		
<b>Conclusion: Based on the above evidence, Mary Jane was married 12 June 1887 in Amador, Amador, California. Additional research using the Catholic church records in Amador could be performed to verify this conclusion</b>		

## DEATH OF MARY JANE FIELDS HARDY

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<b>S9. Mary J. Hardy death certificate</b> Original Image copy	Mary J. Hardy died 30 September 1930. Informant was Ida Hardy of 1382 Page St., San Francisco. <b>Death date is primary information</b>	<b>Direct information provides death date.</b> Physician signed the certificate. Raised seal on certificate indicates its authenticity.
Citation: State of California Department of Public Health, Standard Certificate of Death, City and County of San Francisco, Local Registered No. 8414 [1930], Mary J. Hardy; San Francisco Department of Public Health.		
<b>S10. Grave Marker for Mary Fields and Mary J. Hardy in Catholic Cemetery, Sutter Creek, California</b>	Inscription on one face of four-sided marker reads "Mary, Beloved wife of John Fields..."and name at bottom of this side is "FIELDS." Inscription on second face reads "Mary J. Hardy Died Sept. 30, 1930 Age 76 yrs" <b>Grave marker is secondary information for date of death because I don't know who ordered the carving nor when it was done.</b>	<b>Direct evidence of the date of death of Mary J. Hardy.</b>
Citation: Sutter Creek Catholic Cemetery (Sutter Creek, Amador County, California), Fields marker; personally read 2016		
<b>Conclusion: Based on the above evidence, Mary Jane died 30 September 1930 in San Francisco, San Francisco, California.</b>		
<b>PARENTAGE OF MARY JANE FIELDS HARDY</b>		
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<b>S1. Birth registry entry for Mary Jane Fields</b>	Mary Jane was born 2 January 1854 Place of birth 14 Oswego, Boston, Massachusetts Father: John Fields, Birthplace: Ireland, occupation: waiter      Mother: Mary, birthplace: Ireland <b>Secondary information - ledger written by county clerk</b>	Evidence of names of Mary Jane's parents. Digital image appears to be accurate reflection of clerk's ledger. Top portion of page is damaged, but section of page providing data for individual records is clear and legible. <b>Direct evidence of John Fields and Mary as parents for Mary Jane Fields.</b>
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<p>Analysis: S2 civil record of marriage identifies Mary's surname as Delven and John's as Field, while S3 Copy of Sacramental Record identifies Mary's surname as Devlin and John's as Fields. The town clerk for the civil record appears to have recorded several marriages performed by Rev. Geo. F. Haskins at one time, sometime after 5 May 1850. The church records are more likely to have been recorded closer to the date of marriage by the priest performing the marriage who would have likely known the correct names of the parties.</p>		
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Citation: Sutter Creek Catholic Cemetery (Sutter Creek, Amador County, California), Fields marker; personally read 2016		
<b>Conclusion: There is a conflict with the surnames. The civil marriage record shows Field and Delven, but the sacramental marriage record and the death certificate show Fields and Devlin. Based on the above evidence, I conclude that Mary Jane's parents are John Fields and Mary Devlin.</b>		