

The Gracies Are Phoenicians



Got you caught in that tri-angle, boy!

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These are just my personal opinions, based on private research of public information anyone can find online.

I recently wrote a bit about the Hos of Hong Kong, which sent me in all directions, most fruitfully (and surprisingly) into Bruce Lee's genealogy, as well as his wife Linda's. Among Linda's ancestors are the **Rolls** (of Rolls-Royce fame), as well as the **Bentleys**. I didn't follow up on the Bentley-lead, but notably, both names are associated with super-high-end luxury cars.

I immediately associated Rolls/Royce with the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu dynastic mega-family, the **Gracies**. This is relevant, as the Gracies of Brazil *first learned* the martial art in its traditional form from Japanese immigrant **Mitsuyo Maeda**. I'm highlighting that so I remember to look closer at him.

I pointed out in my last article that **Helio Gracie**, one of Maeda's original Brazilian students and one of the progenitors of the Gracie BJJ dynasty, explicitly stated that he wanted to father a lot of sons to be BJJ champions, while among them are a ton of boys with "R" names, **including Rolls and Royce**.

I thought that significant, as Gracie champion Rickson was on Navy SEAL "Jocko" Willink's [propaganda-podcast](#) not just sharing all of this information, but confirming Jocko's reference to a Gracie ancestor being a Confederate Brigadier General during the US Civil War. Specifically, Archibald Gracie III, who it turns out was also from a wealthy New York family with interests in textile trade, and who after his service in the military joined his father's firm before becoming president of a bank.

To sum that all up before taking a deep dive here -- all presented in sequence as I uncover it, -- I thought the Gracies worth looking at more closely because if they're bankers, textile merchants, military, and are naming kids after Rolls and Royce... and if Linda's got connections to the same crowd (and relations to the Rolls specifically) -- I'm guessing there's a lot more to the Gracies than meets the eye.

I'm also guessing Linda and Rickson are cousins.

I think anywhere is a good place to start, so I'll come back to Archie the 3rd and [his Wikipedia page](#). He supposedly died during the Siege of Petersburg. He studied in Germany at the University of Heidelberg for 5 years, so I'm guessing there's a German-Jewish connection. Went to West Point while Robert E. Lee was in charge. There's a cute little story about how Archie III came to Lee's attention: he stepped on a fellow cadet Wharton J. Green's shoe, which led to a fight. Gracie got his ass whupped, neither would rat the other out for fighting, and while General Lee was impressed by the boys' probity, Green and Gracie were soon fast friends.

Sounds like a story about Honest Abe, or George Washington and his cherry tree: "I cannot tell a lie." Ironic now that we know they cannot tell the truth about anything. [Wharton Jackson Green](#) was the son of Thomas Jefferson Green, politician, whose great-uncle was Nathaniel Macon, second cousin of George Washington's wife (**Martha Dandridge Washington**), great grandson of Col. Gideon Macon, French Huguenot, and related to the Hayes through his wife. Wharton's daughter "married **wealthy industrialist** Pembroke Jones of Wilmington, NC, in 1884."

Hey, check [this](#) out. Archie III's son, Archie IV, was a "writer, soldier, amateur historian, **real estate investor**, and survivor of the sinking RMS *Titanic*." He wrote a book about it: *The Truth about the Titanic*. (haw, haw. well, there's your answer.) Archie IV sells himself as a hero, shepherding survivors into boats, and testifies to the devotion of Isidor and Ida Straus, hapless victims of the senseless tragedy.

Isidor Straus

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Isidor Straus (February 6, 1845 – April 15, 1912) was a Bavarian-born American Jewish businessman, politician and co-owner of *Macy's department store* with his brother *Nathan*. He also served for just over a year as a member of the *United States House of Representatives*.^[2] He died with his wife, *Ida*, in the sinking of the passenger ship *RMS Titanic*.

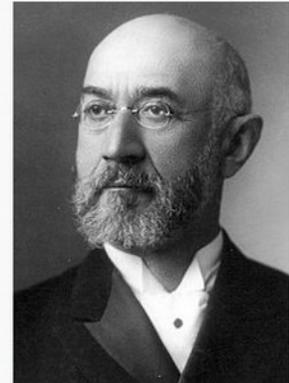
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Early life [edit]

Straus was born into a Jewish family in *Otterberg* in the former *Palatinate*, then ruled by the *Kingdom of Bavaria*. He was the first of five children of *Lazarus Straus* (1809–1898) and his second wife and first cousin, *Sara Straus* (1823–1876).^[3] His siblings were *Hermine* (1846–1922), *Nathan* (1848–1931), *Jakob Otto* (1849–1851) and *Oscar Solomon Straus* (1850–1926). In 1854 he and his family immigrated to the United States, following his father, *Lazarus*, who immigrated two years before. They settled first in *Columbus, Georgia*, and then lived in *Talbotton, Georgia*, where their house still exists today. He was supposed to go to the *United States Military Academy* at *West Point* when the outbreak of the *American Civil War* prevented

Isidor Straus



Member of the
U.S. House of Representatives
from New York's 15th district

In office
January 30, 1894 – March 3, 1895

Preceded by *Ashbel P. Fitch*

Succeeded by *Philip B. Low*^[1]

Personal details

Born February 6, 1845

Bavarian-born Jewish businessman, politician, and co-owner of mega-department-store, Macy's. Was going to go to West Point and became a Confederate officer, so -- there's his connection to the Gracies, as we saw Archie III was a Confederate Brigadier General and attended West Point.

Archie IV (like his father and grandfather) was the namesake of *Archibald Gracie*, "a Scottish-born shipping magnate and early American businessman and merchant in New York City and Virginia whose spacious home, **Gracie Mansion, now serves as the residence of the Mayor of New York City.**" Miles has pointed out the Phoenician-Scottish link already, and, what, the Mayors of New York were bequeathed the Gracie Mansion as their "White House"? That reminds me of **Sharon Lee Farrell**, who I mentioned in my other paper was selling the "Bruce Lee is a champion dick-slinger" story: she married a **De Blasio**, and that name is associated with the Mayorship of New York, via **Bill De Blasio**.

Another quick note before looking at the first Archie. According to that historical NYT article, Archie IV, while supposedly on the *Titanic*, "spent much of the voyage chaperoning various unaccompanied women," including "writer Mrs. Helen *Churchill* Candee." She's got the kinds of connections you'd expect if you look at *her Wikipedia page* (early feminist, interior decorator to **Henry Stimson** and **Theodore Roosevelt**, friends with **President Taft's** wife etc., etc.), so – Gracies are in that mix, too.

Back to Archie I's Wikipedia page. "Archibald Gracie was born June 25, 1755 in **Dumfries, Scotland**. He was the son of a weaver named **William Gracie**. In 1776, Gracie moved to Liverpool and clerked for a London shipping firm. **He used his earnings to purchase a part interest in a merchant ship.**" He became a tobacco exporter, and was a business partner of **Alexander Hamilton** and friend of **John Jay**.

Also, director of New York's earliest savings bank, New York Bank for Savings; VP of N.Y. Insurance Co.; director of US Bank and Bank of America; VP of the N.Y. Chamber of Commerce; 18th president of St. Andrew's Society of N.Y., serving from 1818 to 1823 (reaching, maybe, but **18** and two 3's for **33** -- the usual number-signals).

What's [St. Andrew's Society](#)?

"The Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York is the **oldest charitable institution ["charitable"]** in the state of New York and is focused on helping Scots in the New York community. The organization was founded in 1756 by Scottish founders in New York City who were **looking to "relieve the distressed."** Past presidents of the society include Philip Livingston (the first president), William Alexander (the "Earl of Stirling"), Andrew Carnegie, Ward Melville, and the Rev. Dr. David H. C. Read. Past members include Alexander Hamilton, Lewis Morris, the Rev. John Witherspoon (**Reese's uncle?**), and John Stewart Kennedy."

Archie I married an Esther "Hetitia" **Rogers**, daughter of Nehemiah **Rogers** and Elizabeth **Fitch**. Looks like those Fitches were founders of Connecticut. My last paper found Bruce Lee's wife Linda's family is linked to Connecticut, so that's notable. Archie's daughter Eliza married Charles **King** (1789-1867), president of **Columbia University**. We saw in my last paper that architect Minoru Yamasaki, who designed the World Trade Center and Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, VA, attended Linda's spooky Garfield H.S. in Washington State, and moonlighted as a drawing-teacher at Columbia. His daughter Sarah married James **Gore King** (1791-1853), who I'm guessing is related to Al Gore, and whose [Wiki page](#) says he's got descendants who are **Van Rensselaers**. A great-great-granddaughter (Ellin **Travers [like Peter?]** Mackay) married Irving Berlin. A great-great-grandchild, Wolcott Gibbs, was a direct descendant of US President **Martin Van Buren**.

Wolcott Gibbs was a writer, playwright, etc. I think the Wolcotts are another big family, and Gibbs makes me think of the Bee-Gees.

He's named after his forbear, [Oliver Wolcott Gibbs](#), who also attended **Columbia** and his Wolcott relatives are Founding Fathers and governors of **Connecticut**.

[**Update 9 January 2023**. I came back to this paper after reading Miles' updates to my Bruce Lee paper, and Lio's new Bruce Lee paper. Specifically, Miles dwelled on (and delved into) Bruce Lee's Jewish ancestor, Charles Maurice Henry Bosman, whose business worked with the "British-owned trading conglomerate Jardine, Matheson, and Co." I did the briefest of looks into the founding [Matheson's](#) genealogy. I noticed his mother and his wife were both **Mackays**. You'll know that I noted above that Archibald Gracie I's great-great-granddaughter was a Mackay and married Jewish Irving Berlin. **The founder of Whole Foods is a Mackey, and a union buster.**

This prompted me to return to Archie I's Wikipedia page just now, which has changed since I wrote this paper: no more references to Wolcotts or Mackays. But...

Descendants [edit]

Gracie's grandson, [Archibald Gracie III](#) (1832–1864), a general in the [Confederate Army](#), was killed at the [Siege of Petersburg](#) during the [American Civil War](#). Another grandson, and Archibald Gracie III's younger brother, [James King Gracie](#) (1840–1903), was married to [Anna Louisa Bulloch](#) (1833–1893), daughter of [James Stephens Bulloch](#) (1793–1849) and the sister of [Martha Bulloch](#) (1835–1884), who married [Theodore Roosevelt, Sr.](#) (1831–1878).^{[10][11]}

His granddaughter, [Emily Sophia King](#) (1823–1853), married [Stephen Van Rensselaer Paterson](#) (1817–1872),^[12] grandson of [William Paterson](#) (1745–1806), a U.S. [Senator](#), [Governor of New Jersey](#) and [Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States](#).^[13]

Gracie's great-grandson, [Archibald Gracie IV](#) (1858–1912), was a military officer and writer who survived the sinking of the [RMS Titanic](#) in 1912. Coincidentally, one of Gracie IV's fellow travellers on the *Titanic* was [John Jacob Astor IV](#), great-grandson of frequent Gracie Mansion visitor, and personal friend of Gracie I, [John Jacob Astor](#).^[14]

...interestingly, now Archie I's descendants include **Bullochs** (whom we saw linked to Bruce Lee via wife Linda's ancestors) and who are linked to **Roosevelts**, while Archie IV is now not just linked to Churchills and Isidor Strauss via the Titanic-hoax, but also to the **Astor** family: John Jacob Astor IV was a **fellow traveller** (!) on the *Titanic*, as well as a family friend, across generations, of the New York Gracies.]

To the point, "The UFC was founded by businessman Art Davie and Brazilian martial artist Rorion Gracie, and the first event was held in 1993 at the McNichols Sports Arena in Denver, Colorado."

Never heard of Art before, but I'm guessing Jewish.



"Business executive and entrepreneur." Oh! And born in 47, too.

Anyway, how did the UFC come out of nowhere, and its idea is not just to pit "pure styles" against each other to see which would reign supreme (Sumo vs. Boxing vs. Wrestling vs. Karate, etc.), but the guy *who wins it all...* is Royce Gracie, Rorion's little brother?

And then, this not only spawns the multi-multi-billion-dollar UFC business we have today, but *boy* did it blow up the Gracie name, spreading BJJ all over the WORLD? And with that,

you got lots of Gracie BJJ academies with thousands of students, all paying their membership dues, buying gear and merch, as well as paying to participate in global BJJ tournaments.

That's pretty fortuitous, wouldn't you say? A nice "return on the investment," so to speak.

Note that on the [Wikipedia page for the 1st UFC](#), it's stated that Davie and Gracie wanted the event to "look brutal on television" – the initial idea was to make money marketing the events for VHS tape sales – so **they enlisted the help of Hollywood director John Milius** (think *Conan the Barbarian*), student of the Gracies, for help in the "cinematic" aspect, so to speak. Wikipedia says Milius is Jewish. Didn't know that. Also, Jocko Willink was an early student of Rickson's as well – back in the 90s when they first came to the US from Brazil.

So the Gracies, who we've already linked to at least one fraud (the *Titanic*) and probably another (Civil War shenanigans), wouldn't be "out of the pocket" to be involved in a large-scale shady business venture or two, would they?

It seems to me the three interesting, possibly fruitful, lines to follow would be: one, Archie I's line (I want to find a connection to the Rolls, Royces, or both); two, the Brazilian Gracies (same reasons); and three, Mitsuyo Maeda's. I wonder if he's tied into the Families, especially since there are already interesting links between Japan/Hong Kong/Phoenicians.

Gracie Family	
Current region	Brazil, Scotland, United States
Place of origin	Scotland, Belém, Pará, Brazil
Members	Carley Gracie · Carlos Gracie · Carlos Gracie Jr. · Crolin Gracie · Lyra Gracie · Kyvia Gracie · Rulivan Gracie · Yohan Gracie · Larin Gracie · Kiana Gracie · Alana Gracie · Keagan Gracie · Keyvan Gracie · Carlson Gracie · Clark Gracie · Charles Gracie · Cesar Gracie · Daniel Gracie · George Gracie · Gastão Gracie · Gastão Gracie jr · Hélio Gracie · Igor Gracie · Jenifer Gracie · Kharianna Gracie · Kron Gracie · Kroyler Gracie · Kyra Gracie · Frederico Gracie · Neiman Gracie · Oswaldo Gracie · Ralek Gracie · Ralph Gracie · Relson Gracie · Renner Gracie · Renzo Gracie · Reyson Gracie · Rickson Gracie · Rillion Gracie · Riury Gracie · Robin Gracie · Robson Gracie · Rodrigo Gracie · Roger Gracie · Rolles Gracie · Rolls Gracie · Ronis Gracie · Rorion Gracie · Royce Gracie · Royler Gracie · Ryan Gracie · Ryron Gracie · Victoria Gracie

I *told* you those brothers were trying to beget a dynasty, and -- there you go. They got busy. Rickson told Jocko that, actually, he's the son of the Afro-Brazilian housemaid (I believe him -- you can see it in his face and complexion), because Helio's first wife or something couldn't conceive, or conceive enough, and he wasn't going to let *that* stop his ambitions. Sounds a lot like the Hotungs/Bosmans, with all their mistresses and prolific progeny in Hong Kong. Also sounds like megalomania to me.

Anyway, Wikipedia says, "**Gastão Gracie** from Rio de Janeiro, the **grandson of George Gracie through his son Pedro married Cesarina Pessoa Vasconcellos**, the **daughter of a wealthy Ceará family**, in 1901 and decided to settle in Belém do Pará."

Wikipedia also notes, "In 1916, the **Italian Argentine Queirolo Brothers staged circus shows there and presented Mitsuyo Maeda**, a Japanese judoka and prize fighter. Gastão Gracie also was responsible for helping Maeda establishing a Japanese community in Brazil."

There's more to go on with [the Vasconcelos](#), who have a coat of arms! Looks violent, and Phoenician.



Apparently, they date to the 12th century, and have some interesting titles:

Country [Portugal](#)

Founded 12th century

Titles

- Archbishop of Goa (non hereditary)
- Cardinal (non hereditary)
- Grand Master of the Knights Hospitaller (non hereditary)
- Marquis of Castelo Melhor
- Marquis of Reriz
- Marquis of Monserrate
- [Count of Castelo Melhor](#)
- [Count of Vila Real](#)
- Count of Torres Novas
- Viscount of Monserrate
- Viscount of Almeida and Vasconcelos
- Baron of Albufeira
- Baron of São Pedro
- Baron of Vasconcelos
- Baron of Itaipava
- [Majorat of Mateus](#)

Estate(s) [Mateus Palace](#)

OK, so: big time Portuguese nobility. This is Helio Gracie's grandmom's family. Before tracing Archibald Gracie I back, I'm curious about [Gastão Gracie of Brazil](#).

Son of Pedro **MacNichols** Gracie, and -- check THIS out:

Pedro Mac Nichols Gracie

Birthdate: October 18, 1834
Birthplace: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Death: February 13, 1921 (86)
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Place of Burial: Brasil
Immediate Family: Son of [George Gracie, I](#) and [Maria Antonia Antonia de Malheiros](#)
Husband of [Maria Carolina C Martins Pinheiro](#)
Father of [Samuel Gracie](#); [Maria Carolina Pinheiro Gracie](#); [Alberto Gracie](#); [Pedro Gracie, Filho](#); [Alice Gracie](#) and 10 others
Brother of [Ignacia Maria Gracie](#); [Diogo Mac Kinnel Gracie](#); [Thomazia Graham Gracie](#) and [George Gracie](#)



Born October (Octo=8) 18 . What are the odds? We saw Helio was born October 1st and his mom died October 1st. [His dad, George Gracie I](#), was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, 4 August 1801, died November 22 (11+22=33) in Rio de Janeiro. So I'm guessing he was the first Gracie in Brazil. He's the son of **James Gracie**, born/lived circa 1736-1796? That's where Geni stops. His wife is listed as **Jane Patterson**.

I tried searching for "James Gracie wiki," and nothing came up... except for [this](#). **James Steele Gracey** of Newton, Massachusetts (1927-2020), **admiral of the US Coast Guard**. Given the military/naval connection, I wouldn't be surprised if these Gracys were related, too. May be a link to Puritan shenanigans, too.

Anyway, this [may be our James](#).

"Born before 13 May 1770 [**timing is right**] in Morton by Thornhill, Dumfries, Scotland."

He's also listed as brother of **Archibald Gracie**! Both are listed as sons of Thomas Gracie and Margaret Tod (**what, like Mary Todd Lincoln?**). Let's see what Geni gives us on Archibald Gracie I -- is he the brother of James and son of Thomas and Margaret?

OK, no. I covered Archie I above. This genealogy gets to be a lot to remember. [Here's Archie I](#).

Born in Dumfries, Scotland, died in NYC, 25 June 1755 to 11 April 1829. That's the first Gracie in the US, I presume. The [Wiki page on the Gracies](#) says, "The Gracie Family ... are a prominent martial arts family originally from Belém, state of Pará, Brazil whose ancestors came from Paisley, Scotland."

If you visit [that Wiki page](#), it notes the region "was a centre of the weaving industry," and that "Paisley Abbey was much favoured by the Bruce and Stewart royal families." Well, it turns out there's a Wikipedia page about the [Japanese presence in Brazil](#), and the immigration was apparently larger-scale than I thought.