

LOOKING BACK TO SEE THE FUTURE

What will you look like when you get older?

Imagine if you could see NOW what you will look like as you age. The younger generations of the Hamel and Landry families of Rhode Island have the opportunity to find out.

For centuries families have spent countless hours tracking down their ancestral lineage to end up with long list of strange names, birth and death dates, and foreign places with lines and bars hoping they lead directly to you. Over the last 100 years, the development of family photography, the proliferation of family photos, and the technology to preserve old images now allow us to see what some of these faceless names on a family tree look like. Family photos also allow us to peak into the lives of our ancestors and relatives by

examining their surroundings, body language, clothing, possessions, and family activities and culture.

The sections, **Mothers & Daughters** and **Fathers & Sons**, document the photo lineage of five generations of members of the Hamel and Landry families of Warren and West Warwick, Rhode Island. This genealogical photo history presents comparisons of photos of relatives at different stages of their lives. For example, a female offspring is able to see

what five generations of female ancestors looked like when they were at different stages of their lives: babies, children, young adults, middle aged, and senior citizen. The first two pages of each section present a photo summary of both male and female members of each family followed by pages consisting of photo collections documenting the life of individual family members during their lifespan.



Five generations of Landry women: Williamine (Brouseau) Lachance in the 1920s, Elmire (Lachance) Landry in the 1930s, Yvonne (Landry) Hamel in the 1920s, Pauline (Hamel) Thompson in 1962, and Suzanne (Babcock) Kirkhart in 2005



Five generations of Hamel men: Joseph Wilfred Hamel around 1906, Wilfred Joseph Hamel in 1923, George Leo Hamel around 1953, Stephen Hamel in the 1980s, and Steven Hamel Jr. around 2004

The younger and future family members now have the opportunity to take a look back in time to see what they may look like in the future.