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THE ROCKEFELLER LINE OF ROBERT CLYDE ROCKEFELLER

*Nine generations from Diell Rockefeller of Germantown, New York,
to the President of R. Rockefeller S.C.,
and the family kinship with John D. Rockefeller*

FAMILY
HISTORY
DOCUMENTED
GENERATIONS
A SHARED HERITAGE
A CONTINUING STORY

R. Rockefeller

PAST ROOTS
PRESENT PURPOSE
FUTURE HORIZONS

FROM
GERMANTOWN
TO HUDSON
THROUGH
GENERATIONS

Robert Clyde Rockefeller.

The name and the story

INTRODUCTORY NOTE FROM THE CEO AND MAJORITY SHAREHOLDER

As we have always done, I wish to reaffirm that R. Rockefeller S.C. is an entirely independent company. It has no corporate, financial, institutional or representative connection with the direct descendants of John D. Rockefeller, or with any company, foundation, trust or institution associated with them, all of whom we greatly admire and respect. R. Rockefeller S.C. is an independent and structured company with a global presence and currently operates without external investment capital. We publish this family tree solely to document the ancestry of our President and Co-Founder, Robert Clyde Rockefeller, and to present his personal family line accurately and transparently.

Valentino Loforese, CEO and Majority Shareholder, R. Rockefeller S.C.



Robert Clyde Rockefeller,
President of R. Rockefeller S.C.,
born at Hudson, New York, on 18
December 1973

Robert Clyde Rockefeller, President of R. Rockefeller S.C., was born at Hudson, New York, on 18 December 1973, in Columbia County, in the same stretch of the Hudson Valley where his family has lived since the 1730s.

He is a Rockefeller by birth, of the original Rockefeller line. His family belongs to the Germantown branch, founded by Diell Rockefeller, born Johann Theil Rockenfeller at Elscheid, near Neuwied in the Rhineland, in 1695. The Rockenfellers of Rockenfeld and Wied came to America with two settlers of the same family: Johann Peter, from whom John D. Rockefeller descends, and Diell, from whom Robert descends; the two lines were joined again by marriage in 1772. Diell settled at Germantown on the Hudson by 1735 and was naturalised by an act of the colony of New York on 16 December 1737. Nine generations follow one another from him to Robert: Diell, William, Hermannes, Philip Henry, Leonard, Ford, Clyde, Dean Russell and Robert Clyde; from William onwards, all born within a few miles of the river between Germantown and the city of Hudson.

This descent is not family lore. Every generation from Diell to Ford Rockefeller, born in 1879, is printed, with the ancestral line beside each name, in *The Transactions of the Rockefeller Family Association*, the genealogy the Rockefeller family itself published in 1910. The modern generations rest on public records: the New York State censuses, the federal Social Security index and the New York State birth record of Robert himself. The chart published on this page shows, in every box, the page of the 1910 genealogy or the record that documents it.

The Germantown branch is the same family as that of John D. Rockefeller, the founder of Standard Oil. John D.'s great grandmother, Christina Rockefeller, was Diell's granddaughter, and the family genealogy prints both branches side by side. On the documented line, Robert Clyde Rockefeller and John D. Rockefeller are third cousins, three times removed: a distant kinship, of the kind that hundreds of descendants of the early Palatine settlers of the Hudson Valley share with one another.

The name of the company is simply the name of its founder and President: what this story means, and what it does not mean, is said in the note at the top of this page.

What remains is a personal story, and it is told here as such: a family of the Hudson Valley that has kept its name, its records and its place for three centuries, and a President who carries that name as his own.

The Rockefeller Line of Robert Clyde Rockefeller

Nine generations from Diell Rockefeller of Germantown, New York, to the President of R. Rockefeller S.C., and the family kinship with John D. Rockefeller

EXECUTIVE CONCLUSION

The evidence collected and re-verified for this edition supports, with strong genealogical force, that Robert Clyde Rockefeller (born at Hudson, New York, on 18 December 1973) belongs to the historical Rockefeller branch of Germantown, Columbia County, New York, founded by the Palatine settler Diell Rockefeller (1695 to 1769). John D. Rockefeller descends from the same family through his great grandmother Christina, daughter of Diell's son Simon (1730 to 1795); Robert's line descends from Diell twice, through Diell's son William and, through the mother of Leonard Rockefeller, through the same Simon. On the documented generations Robert is a third cousin, three times removed, of the founder of Standard Oil through Simon, and a fourth cousin, three times removed, through William. Every generation from the Rhineland to Ford Rockefeller (born 1879) is printed with page numbers in the genealogy the family published in 1910, read here in the original; Clyde is placed in Ford's household by the censuses of 1925 and 1930, Dean by the federal Social Security index, Robert by a New York State birth record. Only the census pages for Clyde have not yet been seen as images, and that link is marked as such.

COMMON ANCESTORS	DEGREE OF KINSHIP	PRIMARY RECORD	GENERATIONS
Diell Rockefeller (1695 to 1769) and his son Simon (1730 to 1795), Germantown, Columbia County, New York	Third cousin of John D. Rockefeller, three times removed, through Simon; fourth cousin through William	New York State Certified Transcript of Birth (1973), on file with R. Rockefeller S.C.	Nine, from Elscheid in the Rhineland to Hudson, New York, between 1695 and 1973

CHRONOLOGY OF THE LINE

1695	1735	1772	1826
Diell (Johann Theil) Rockefeller is born at Elscheid, near Neuwied	Diell's twins are born at Germantown on the Hudson; he is naturalised in 1737	Christina, Diell's granddaughter, marries William, grandson of Johann Peter	Philip Henry Rockefeller marries Eliza Rockefeller: the two Diell lines join
1839	1879	1939	1973
John D. Rockefeller is born at Richford, New York	Ford Rockefeller is born, Germantown branch	Dean Russell Rockefeller is born at Hudson	Robert Clyde Rockefeller is born at Hudson

ABOUT THIS EDITION

This edition replaces the earlier reports. It was prepared on 30 August 2026 after a new verification of every source that could be reached online: the Transactions of the Rockefeller Family Association of 1910, read page by page in the Internet Archive copy, the Social Security NUMIDENT index, the New York State death index, the 1941 transcription of the Germantown Reformed Church cemetery, the 1878 county history and the public record pages of Ancestry. Every link is graded A, B or C according to the record that supports it, and nothing is presented as certain that is not.

PREPARED FOR R. ROCKEFELLER S.C.

THE TWO BRANCHES SIDE BY SIDE

Family tree: from Diell Rockefeller to Robert Clyde Rockefeller and to John D. Rockefeller

Each row is one generation. Boxes on the same row belong to the same generation, whatever the birth year.



WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE FOR EACH LINK



Primary vital record inspected directly



Government index or historical family genealogy



Modern genealogical database or index, still to be matched to a certificate

THE LINE, GENERATION BY GENERATION

Nine generations, each with the record that establishes it

The table reads from the founder downwards. Each generation is followed by the record that supports the link to the generation above and by a grade: A, a primary vital record inspected directly; B, a government index or a historical genealogy published by the family itself; C, a modern genealogical database or an index that has not yet been matched to a certificate in this pass.

GEN.	PERSON	DATES, PLACES AND FAMILY	RECORD SUPPORTING THE LINK	GRADE
I	Diell Rockefeller (Johann Theil Rockenfeller)	Born at Elscheid, near Neuwied, July 1695, son of Tonges (Anton) Rockenfeller; married Anna Gertrude Alsdorf of Bonefeld; children born at Bonefeld from 1724 (Simon, 15 January 1730) and at Germantown from 1735; naturalised by the New York act of 16 December 1737; died at Germantown in 1769.	Transactions vol. 1 (1910), Chapter V, pp. 148 to 151, read in the original; his will, p. 27.	B
II	William Rockefeller	Born at Germantown 6 October 1737, died 1786; married Margaret Bähr; eight children, among them Hermannes (baptised 22 February 1772). Brother of Simon, ancestor of both Christina and Eliza.	Transactions, p. 151 (no. 7 among Diell's children) and p. 152 (his entry, with his children).	B
III	Hermannes Rockefeller (Harmon, Herman)	Baptised at Germantown 22 February 1772, died 21 August 1820; married Catherine Clum (1779 to 15 November 1847). "Herman Rockefeller, farmer" in the town lists of 1811; the Reformed cemetery gives "Catharine, wife of Harmon, November 15, 1847, 68", the date printed in the book.	Transactions, p. 152 (no. 47) and p. 160 (his entry, Philip Henry among his children); Ellis (1878); cemetery transcription (1941).	B
IV	Philip Henry Rockefeller	Born at Germantown 29 December 1803, died there 2 January 1884. Married Elizabeth (Eliza) E. Rockefeller (1807 to 1886), no. 114: daughter of Simon (1777 to 1839) and Elizabeth Kuhn, granddaughter of Simon (1730 to 1795). Ten children, Leonard the second.	Transactions, p. 179 (no. 167, "Philip Henry Rockefeller (Hermannes, William, Diell)") and p. 157 (no. 29, Simon, with Eliza no. 114).	B
V	Leonard Rockefeller	Born at Germantown 13 October 1828, died there 22 April 1880. Married at Clermont 28 September 1859 Maria Matilda Cross (1837 to 1915). Nine children, the last Ford, born 22 June 1879. Stone: "Leonard, April 22, 1880, 50-6-9. Matilda M. Cross, wife".	Transactions, p. 179 (no. 428) and p. 207 (his entry, "Leonard Rockefeller (Philip H., Hermannes, William, Diell)", Ford among his children); cemetery (1941).	B
VI	Ford Rockefeller	Born at Germantown 22 June 1879, died at Hudson 16 August 1937 (certificate 48428). Married Maude S. Ham, born 1883. Children printed in 1910: Everett F. (1902), Mabel M. (1903), Wilson Charles (1907); later Clifford (1909) and Clyde (1918) in the census based records.	Transactions, p. 231 (no. 751, "Ford Rockefeller (Leonard, Philip H., Hermannes, William, Diell)"); New York State death index (1937); Ancestry record page with the censuses of 1880, 1900, 1915 and 1925 attached.	B
VII	Clyde R. Rockefeller	Born at Hudson 1918, died there 15 October 1962 aged 44. Wife Eunice Kisselburgh (Kisselberg in some records, 1920 to 1987). Sons Dean Russell (1939) and Donald Clyde (1940 to 1996), both born at Hudson.	Ancestry record page: parents Ford Rockefeller and Maude S. Ham, with the State census of 1925, the federal census of 1930 and the death index attached (images not yet inspected); New York State death index (1962); NUMIDENT for his sons.	B / C
VIII	Dean Russell Rockefeller (Dean R.)	Born at Hudson 10 September 1939, died 3 February 2007, last residence Hudson. Parents Clyde Rockefeller and Eunice Kisselburgh.	Social Security NUMIDENT index (National Archives release): two concordant entries, Dean R. and Dean Russell Rockefeller.	B
IX	Robert Clyde Rockefeller	Born at Hudson 18 December 1973. Father Dean R. Rockefeller, mother Betty H. Stover (Betty Helena Stover, 1947 to 1990, in the Ancestry family data).	New York State Certified Transcript of Birth, filed 20 December 1973 (on file, not published).	A

READING THE GRADES

Grades apply to the link, not to the person. Every generation from Diell to Ford is printed with its ancestral line in the family genealogy of 1910, and the chronology holds at every step.

TWO BRANCHES, ONE FAMILY

The intersection with John D. Rockefeller

Why the Germantown Rockefellers are not a family with the same surname, but the same family, joined by blood in Germany and, twice, by marriage in America.

The American Rockefellers descend from two Palatine settlers of the same Rhineland family from the villages around Neuwied: Johann Peter Rockenfeller, born at Wied in 1682, who arrived around 1723, was naturalised in New Jersey in 1730 and became a landholder at Amwell, and Diell, that is Johann Theil Rockenfeller, born at Elscheid in 1695, whose children were born at Bonefeld until 1732 and at Germantown on the Hudson from 1735. The German genealogy printed by the family in 1910 traces both men to the Rockenfellers of Rockenfeld and Wied; Ron Chernow's *Titan*, the standard biography of John D. Rockefeller, calls them cousins.

The branches were joined by marriage. At Germantown, on 3 June 1772, William Rockefeller (1750 to 1793), grandson of Johann Peter and a soldier of the Revolution, married Christina Rockefeller (baptised at Germantown on 27 October 1754), daughter of Simon Rockefeller (1730 to 1795) and granddaughter of Diell. Their son Godfrey, born at

Germantown on 24 September 1783, married Lucy Avery on 20 November 1806; Godfrey's son William Avery Rockefeller (born 1810) was the father of John Davison Rockefeller, born at Richford on 8 July 1839. The family genealogy prints the line "(Godfrey, William, Peter, Johann Peter)" beside William Avery's name.

Robert Clyde Rockefeller's line descends from Diell twice. Leonard Rockefeller (1828 to 1880), grandfather of Clyde, was the son of Philip Henry Rockefeller, printed as "(Hermannes, William, Diell)", and of Eliza Rockefeller, daughter of Simon Rockefeller (1777 to 1839) and granddaughter of the same Simon (1730 to 1795) whose daughter Christina became John D.'s great grandmother. Christina and the younger Simon were half sister and brother, born of Simon's two marriages. The closest documented common ancestor is therefore Simon Rockefeller, and behind him Diell himself.

THE DEGREE OF KINSHIP, COUNTED GENERATION BY GENERATION FROM SIMON ROCKEFELLER (1730 TO 1795)

GEN.	GERMANTOWN LINE (ROBERT)	LINE OF JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER	RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO
1	Simon (1777 to 1839)	Christina (1754 to 1800)	<i>half brother and sister</i>
2	Eliza (1807 to 1886)	Godfrey (1783 to 1857)	<i>first cousins</i>
3	Leonard (1828 to 1880)	William Avery (1810 to 1906)	<i>second cousins</i>
4	Ford (1879 to 1937)	John D. (1839 to 1937)	<i>third cousins</i>
5	Clyde (c. 1918 to 1962)		<i>third cousin, once removed</i>
6	Dean Russell (1939 to 2007)		<i>third cousin, twice removed</i>
7	Robert Clyde (born 1973)		<i>third cousin, three times removed</i>

Counted instead from Diell through his son William (1737 to 1786), the ancestor of Leonard's father, the same reckoning gives fourth cousins, three times removed.

HOW THE RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE STATED

Defensible wording for publication: "Robert Clyde Rockefeller belongs to the historical Rockefeller branch of Germantown, New York, founded by Diell Rockefeller, from whom John D. Rockefeller also descends; on the reconstructed line the two are third cousins, three times removed, through Simon Rockefeller (1730 to 1795), and fourth cousins, three times removed, through Diell's son William." The word "cousin" used in older family biographies is correct in its broad family sense; "first cousin" must not be used. Because Christina and the younger Simon were children of two different marriages, the closer tie is of the half blood, which changes nothing in the counting. In civil law counting the closer relationship is a collateral kinship of the eleventh degree (seven generations up from Robert to Simon, four down to John D.). A further, more distant tie runs through Johann Peter, Diell's cousin, from whom John D. descends in the male line.

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What was checked, link by link: the modern generations

Every source of the earlier report that could be reached online was reopened, and the chain was tested against records that do not depend on family trees: a federal index, the state death index, a cemetery transcription of 1941, a county history of 1878 and a page by page transcription of the family genealogy.

LINK	RECORD FOUND AND WHAT IT SHOWS	WEIGHT
Robert → Dean R.	New York State Certified Transcript of Birth, filed 20 December 1973; transcript issued 16 March 2012 under the signature of Guy Warner, Director of Vital Records. The form is the State short form and the signatory is among the Directors of Vital Records whose signature appears on New York transcripts.	A
Dean R. → Clyde and Eunice Kisselburgh	Social Security NUMIDENT index: two concordant entries (Dean R. and Dean Russell Rockefeller), born 10 September 1939 at Hudson, Columbia County, parents Clyde Rockefeller and Eunice Kisselburgh, died 3 February 2007, last residence Hudson. A brother, Donald Clyde (1940 to 1996), is recorded with the same parents.	B
Clyde → Ford and Maude S. Ham	Ancestry public record page for Clyde R. Rockefeller: born 1918 at Hudson, died 1962 at Hudson, parents Ford Rockefeller (1879 to 1937) and Maude S. Ham (born 1883), wife Eunice Kisselberg (1920 to 1987), son Donald C. (1940 to 1996); records attached: New York State census 1925, federal census 1930, city directories, New York State death index 1957 to 1968, Find a Grave index. New York State death index: died 15 October 1962 aged 44. The census pages themselves have not yet been inspected as images.	B / C
Ford → Leonard	Transactions vol. 1 (1910), p. 231, no. 751, read in the original: "Ford Rockefeller (Leonard, Philip H., Hermannes, William, Diell), born in Germantown, N.Y., June 22, 1879. He married Maude S. Ham, born in 1883. Children: Everett F. b. Apr. 13, 1902; Mabel M. b. Nov. 18, 1903; Wilson Charles b. May 4, 1907"; and p. 207, no. 428, Leonard's entry listing "+751 Ford b. June 22, 1879" as his last child. New York State death index: Ford died 16 August 1937 at Hudson (certificate 48428). Cemetery: "Leonard, April 22, 1880, 50-6-9. Matilda M. Cross, wife, 1838-1915".	B

CHRONOLOGICAL CONSISTENCY: AGE OF EACH FATHER AT THE BIRTH OF THE NEXT GENERATION

GENERATION	BORN	FATHER AND HIS AGE	PLACE
Hermannes	1772	William (1737), 34	Germantown
Philip Henry	1803	Hermannes (1772), 31	Germantown
Simon the younger	1777	Simon (1730), 47	Germantown
Eliza Betze E.	1807	Simon (1777), 30	Germantown
Leonard	1828	Philip Henry (1803), 24	Germantown
Ford	1879	Leonard (1828), 50	Germantown
Clyde	c. 1918	Ford (1879), about 39	Hudson area
Dean Russell	1939	Clyde (c. 1918), about 21	Hudson
Robert Clyde	1973	Dean Russell (1939), 34	Hudson

Leonard's 50 is the only high value: Ford was born ten months before his father's death in April 1880. Every other interval is ordinary.

NAMES THAT RECUR

Family names return across the generations, as in the Palatine custom: Clyde reappears in Donald Clyde (1940) and Robert Clyde (1973); Ford in Everett Ford, Ford's eldest son; Matilda, Leonard's wife, in Maybel Matilda (1903); Harmon, Leonard's brother (born 1838), repeats his grandfather Hermannes; Philip S., Simon S. and Philip H. carry their fathers' initials.

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What was checked, link by link: the Germantown generations and the intersection

The printed entries below are quoted from the *Transactions of the Rockefeller Family Association*, vol. 1 (1910). The names in parentheses after each person give the ancestral line back to the founder.

LINK	RECORD FOUND AND WHAT IT SHOWS	WEIGHT
Leonard → Philip Henry → Hermannes → William → Diell	Transactions vol. 1, read in the original. P. 207, no. 428: "Leonard Rockefeller (Philip H., Hermannes, William, Diell), born in Germantown, N.Y., October 13, 1828; died in Germantown, N.Y., April 22, 1880. In Clermont, N.Y., September 28, 1859, he married Maria Matilda Cross". P. 179, no. 167: "Philip Henry Rockefeller (Hermannes, William, Diell), born December 29, 1803; died January 2, 1884", married Elizabeth E. Rockefeller (no. 114). P. 160, no. 47: Hermannes, baptised 22 February 1772, died 21 August 1820, married Catherine Clum (1779 to 15 November 1847). P. 152, no. 7: William, born 6 October 1737, died 1786, married Margaret Bähr. P. 150: Diell, died 1769. The cemetery stones of Leonard (1880), of Harmon (1820) and of "Catharine, wife of Harmon" (15 November 1847) match the printed dates.	B
Eliza → Simon (1777) → Simon (1730) → Diell	Same volume. P. 157, no. 29: "Simon Rockefeller (Simon, Diell), born in Germantown, N.Y., May 17, 1777; died March 17, 1839. He married Elizabeth Kuhn (now Coon)", baptised 1778, died 4 March 1836; children include "+114 Eliza Betze b. Nov. 28, 1807". P. 151, no. 2: Simon, born in Germany in 1730, died at Germantown in 1795, married first Anna Bahr, second Eva Blass; Christina (no. 20) by the first wife, Simon (no. 29) by the second. The Reformed cemetery confirms "Simon, March 17, 1839, 61 y. 10 m." and "Elizabeth, wife of Simon", died 1836 in her 59th year.	B
The two settlers; Christina • William (1750); John D.	Same volume, pp. 148 to 149 (German genealogy by Johann Hübner): Johann Peter Rockenfeller born at Wied in November 1682, son of Johann; Johann Theil (Diell) born at Elscheid in July 1695, son of Tonges (Anton) and grandson of Johann Wilhelm; Diell's children born at Bonefeld, Simon on 15 January 1730. P. 150: Johann Peter and two sons naturalised in New Jersey on 6 July 1730; "Dull Roehenfeller" naturalised by the New York act of 16 December 1737. P. 241: Johann Peter died at Amwell, N.J., between 6 December 1763 (his will) and 16 August 1766 (its proving). P. 244: "William Rockefeller (Peter, Johann Peter), born in Amwell, N.J., in 1750. In Germantown, N.Y., June 3, he married Christina Rockefeller (Simon, Diell)", baptised 27 October 1754; children include "77 Godfrey b. Sept. 24, 1783". P. 254, no. 77: Godfrey born at Germantown, N.Y., 24 September 1783, died 28 September 1857, married 20 November 1806 Lucy Avery. P. 278, no. 255: "William Avery Rockefeller (Godfrey, William, Peter, Johann Peter), born November 13, 1810", children "+554 John Davison b. Richford, N.Y., July 8, 1839".	B

THE PRINTED CHAIN: ENTRY NUMBERS AND ANCESTRAL LINES AS THEY APPEAR IN THE 1910 GENEALOGY

NO.	PRINTED ENTRY (THE NAMES IN PARENTHESES ARE THE ANCESTRAL LINE)	PAGE
7	William Rockefeller (Diell), b. in Germantown, N.Y., Oct. 6, 1737; d. 1786; m. Margaret Bähr. Children include +47 Hermannes, bt. Feb. 22, 1772	152
47	Hermannes Rockefeller (William, Diell), bt. Feb. 22, 1772; d. Aug. 21, 1820; m. Catherine Clum, b. 1779, d. Nov. 15, 1847	160
167	Philip Henry Rockefeller (Hermannes, William, Diell), born Dec. 29, 1803; died Jan. 2, 1884; m. Elizabeth E. Rockefeller (see no. 114). Children include +428 Leonard, b. Oct. 13, 1828	179
428	Leonard Rockefeller (Philip H., Hermannes, William, Diell), born Oct. 13, 1828; died Apr. 22, 1880; m. in Clermont, Sept. 28, 1859, Maria Matilda Cross. Children end with +751 Ford, b. June 22, 1879	207
751	Ford Rockefeller (Leonard, Philip H., Hermannes, William, Diell), born in Germantown, N.Y., June 22, 1879. He married Maude S. Ham, born in 1883. Children: Everett F. 1902, Mabel M. 1903, Wilson Charles 1907	231
2	Simon Rockefeller (Diell), born in Germany in 1730; died in Germantown in 1795; m. 1st Anna Bahr, 2d Eva Blass. Children: +20 Christina, bt. Oct. 27, 1754 (1st wife); +29 Simon, b. May 17, 1777 (2d wife)	151
29	Simon Rockefeller (Simon, Diell), born May 17, 1777; died March 17, 1839; m. Elizabeth Kuhn. Children include +114 Eliza Betze, b. Nov. 28, 1807, wife of no. 167	157
JP	William Rockefeller (Peter, Johann Peter), born in Amwell, N.J., in 1750; in Germantown, N.Y., June 3, he married Christina Rockefeller (Simon, Diell). Children include 77 Godfrey, b. in Germantown, N.Y., Sept. 24, 1783 (own entry, p. 254; d. Sept. 28, 1857; m. 1806 Lucy Avery)	244
255	William Avery Rockefeller (Godfrey, William, Peter, Johann Peter), born Nov. 13, 1810; m. Eliza Davison. Children include +554 John Davison, b. in Richford, N.Y., July 8, 1839	278

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Dates corrected, open points and outcome

DATES FOUND IN EARLIER DRAFTS AND DATABASES THAT THE RECORDS CONTRADICT

PERSON	EARLIER DRAFTS	DOCUMENTED
Diell Rockefeller	1700 to 1776	born July 1695, died 1769 (Transactions pp. 149 to 150; will, p. 27)
William, son of Diell	1737 to 1804	6 Oct 1737 to 1786 (Transactions p. 152)
Philip H.	1794 to 1867	29 Dec 1803 to 2 Jan 1884 (Transactions p. 179)
Leonard	1818 to 1875	13 Oct 1828 to 22 Apr 1880 (Transactions p. 207; stone)
Dean Russell	1941 to 2012	10 Sep 1939 to 3 Feb 2007 (NUMIDENT)
Johann Peter	1691 to 1772	born Wied, Nov 1682; died Amwell between 1763 and 1766 (Transactions pp. 149, 241)
William, husband of Christina	1789 to 1864	1750 to 1793 (Transactions p. 244; Geneanet)
Christina	1768 to 1849	baptised 1754, died 1800
Godfrey	1822 to 1904	born Germantown 24 Sep 1783, died 28 Sep 1857 (Transactions pp. 244, 254)
William Avery	1839 to 1922	13 Nov 1810 to 11 May 1906
Hermannes	1764 to 1847	baptised 22 Feb 1772, died 21 Aug 1820 (Transactions p. 160)
Everett Ford	1903 to 1960	13 Apr 1902 to Oct 1969 (Transactions p. 231; death index)
Wilson Ham	1908 to 1966	Wilson Charles, born 4 May 1907 (Transactions p. 231)
Eunice Kisselburgh	1919 to 1998	1920 to 1987 (Ancestry family data)
Betty H. Stover	born 1941	1947 to 1990 (Ancestry family data)

A father cannot be born after his son. With the earlier dates Leonard would have died four years before Ford's birth and William Avery would share John D.'s birth year; the documented dates remove every such impossibility. "Theodorus" for Diell is unsupported: the family genealogy identifies him as Johann Theil.

OPEN POINTS THAT WOULD TURN THE RECONSTRUCTION INTO A CERTIFIED LINE

1. The images of the New York State census of 1925 and of the federal census of 1930 for the household of Ford and Maude Rockefeller at Germantown or Hudson, which list Clyde as their son (free on FamilySearch; attached to Clyde's Ancestry record page).
2. Clyde Rockefeller's birth record of 1918: New York State releases birth records older than 75 years for genealogical purposes.
3. The Transactions, vol. 3 (1926), where the children of Ford born after 1910 should be printed (searchable on Ancestry, collection 14199).

OUTCOME OF THE PASS

No record reached contradicts the chain. The family's printed genealogy of 1910, read in the original, carries every generation from the Rhineland to Ford Rockefeller with its ancestral line beside each name; the census records attached to Clyde's record page, the federal index for Dean and the birth record for Robert carry the rest. The only link not yet seen as an image is Clyde to Ford.

SOURCES AND THEIR WEIGHT

Every source used, with what it establishes and its status in this edition

SOURCE	NATURE	WHAT IT ESTABLISHES	STATUS
New York State Certified Transcript of Birth, Robert Clyde Rockefeller	Primary vital record	Birth on 18 December 1973 at Hudson; parents Dean R. Rockefeller and Betty H. Stover	Inspected; kept on file, not published
Social Security NUMIDENT index (National Archives release), via SortedByName	Federal index of applications and claims	Dean Russell Rockefeller: birth 1939 at Hudson, parents Clyde and Eunice Kisselburgh, death 2007	Re-verified 30 August 2026
New York State death index, via SortedByName and Archives.com	State index	Deaths of Ford (1937), Leonard C. (1939), Clyde (1962) and of a Philip H. (1893)	Re-verified 30 August 2026
Germantown Reformed Church Cemetery inscriptions, compiled by Minnie Cohen, September 1941 (USGenNet, Columbia County)	Cemetery transcription	Leonard (died 1880) and Matilda M. Cross; Simon (died 1839) and his wife; Harman (died 1820); Harmon (died 1899) and Sarah E. Cross	Re-verified 30 August 2026
Ellis, History of Columbia County, New York (1878), Germantown chapter (USGenNet)	County history	Rockefellers in the town offices from 1808; "Herman Rockefeller, farmer" in 1811; the paternal initial custom	Re-verified 30 August 2026
The Transactions of the Rockefeller Family Association, vol. 1 (1910), Knickerbocker Press, ed. Henry Oscar Rockefeller; Internet Archive copy from the University of Wisconsin	Historical family genealogy	German genealogy (pp. 148 to 149); Diell, William, Hermannes, Philip Henry, Leonard, Ford (pp. 150 to 152, 157, 160, 179, 207, 231); Christina, William, Godfrey, William Avery, John D. (pp. 244, 278)	Read in the original, page by page, 30 August 2026
Coon family genealogy (RootsWeb freepages), transcribing the Transactions with page references	Transcription of the historical genealogy	Used to locate the printed entries; agrees with the original pages	Verified 30 August 2026
Ancestry public record pages for Ford, Clyde R. and Dean Rockefeller	Aggregated family data with attached records	Clyde as son of Ford and Maude S. Ham (censuses of 1925 and 1930 attached); Ford's parents and censuses of 1880 to 1925; Dean's wife Betty Helena Stover	Verified 30 August 2026; census images not yet inspected
Transactions, vol. 3 (1926), "American Genealogy, Diell Rockefeller"	Historical family genealogy	Later material on the Diell branch, where Ford's later children should appear	Catalogued in the earlier research; not yet read
Ron Chernow, Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller, Sr. (1998)	Authoritative biography	Johann Peter and Diell as cousins; Diell at Germantown; the marriage of Christina and William	Cited through two independent secondary sources
Geneanet, family tree of Tim Dowling	Secondary genealogy	Diell's children; Christina's parents and marriage; William (1750 to 1793) and his father; Godfrey	Re-verified 30 August 2026
Ancestry, record of Maybel Matilda Rockefeller (born 1903)	Secondary genealogy	Ford Rockefeller and Maude S. Ham as a couple at Germantown	Earlier research; not re-opened
Earlier biography of Robert Clyde Rockefeller; guidance on New York State transcripts (Foreign Documents Express)	Family declaration; reference	Dean Russell as father, Clyde as grandfather, Germantown origin; Guy Warner among the signing Directors of Vital Records	Consistent with every record above

NATURE OF THIS REPORT

This is a documentary and genealogical research synthesis, not a certification issued by a public archive. Conclusions are graded by the quality of the record behind them, and links carried only by secondary databases are expressly distinguished from those carried by primary records.

AFTER THE ANALYSIS

What the studies established

Robert Clyde Rockefeller belongs to the historical Rockefeller branch of Germantown, Columbia County, New York, founded by Diell Rockefeller (1695 to 1769). Every generation from Diell to Ford Rockefeller (born 1879) is printed with its ancestral line in the genealogy the family published in 1910, read here in the original; Clyde is placed in Ford's household by the censuses of 1925 and 1930, Dean Russell by the federal Social Security index, Robert by a New York State birth record. John D. Rockefeller descends from the same family through his great grandmother Christina, and on the documented line the two men are third cousins, three times removed. Every date in this report is traceable to a page or a record, and the one link not yet seen as an image is marked as such.

THE DEGREE OF KINSHIP

The degree of kinship is fixed by the documents: through Simon Rockefeller (1730 to 1795), Diell's son, Robert Clyde Rockefeller and John D. Rockefeller are third cousins, three times removed; through Diell and his son William the two lines meet a second time, as fourth cousins, three times removed. The tables of this report give, for every generation, the record that supports it and its grade of evidence, and the family tree shows the two branches side by side.

The statement of the company is made once, in the note from the CEO and Majority Shareholder on the first page of this report.

USE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This report may be quoted with the wording of the note on the first page. The sources it cites are public: the 1910 genealogy is in the public domain and freely consultable, and the indexes and cemetery transcriptions are public records. The birth record of Robert Clyde Rockefeller is kept on file by the company and is not published.

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Addendum to the verified edition

Sources read after 30 August 2026: the second volume of the Transactions of the Rockefeller Family Association (1915), the Germantown chapter of Ellis's county history (1878) in full, the State's roll of the Revolution (1904), the National Register of Historic Places and the German parish archives. Nothing below changes the chain of nine generations set out in the pages above; it adds the houses, the offices and the records behind the names, and marks two points that remain open.

1. DIELL ROCKEFELLER: THE FULLER ACCOUNT OF 1915

The second volume of the Transactions (1910 to 1914, printed in 1915), not used in the earlier editions, gives Diell's life in more detail (p. 76). In 1723 he married Anna Gertrude Alsdorf of Bonefeld. Their children born in Germany were Catherine, Eva Catherine, Christian, Simon and Peter, the last on 6 April 1732; the family came to America between April 1732 and October 1735, in 1733 according to the same volume (p. 13), and the twins Gertrude and Maria were born at Germantown on 20 October 1735 (vol. I, p. 151). Diell rented land at first and bought his own parcels in 1741; he kept a blacksmith's shop and built a grist mill on the brook. The children born at Germantown were Anna Gertrude, William, Maria, Diell, Eva, Margareth and Philip. His will was written on 9 September 1768 and proved on 13 June 1770, and his sons Simon, Diell and Philip qualified as executors on 26 April 1770: he died, therefore, between September 1768 and April 1770, and the "1769" of the first volume is a bracket rather than a date. The visitors of 1914 were told that he lies in the Reformed Church cemetery, south of the road east of the village (p. 104).

2. TWO HOUSES THAT STILL SPEAK: WILLIAM'S FARM AND SIMON'S TAVERN

The same volume prints the account of a visit made in 1914 to the homes of the first Rockefellers (p. 103). The house of William Rockefeller, Diell's son and the ancestor of this line, stood on a farm half a mile south of the village: "four generations of his descendants were born there", and the farm "has always been in the possession of his descendants and is held by them today". The volume names no one; the four generations of this line born at Germantown are Hermannes (1772), Philip Henry (1803), Leonard (1828) and Ford (1879).

One mile east stood the house of Simon Rockefeller (1730 to 1795), the common ancestor of Robert Clyde Rockefeller and John D. Rockefeller: "a long house having a piazza extending along its whole front", where "three generations were born" and where, the same page says, William Rockefeller, grandson of Johann Peter of Amwell, married Christina, daughter of Simon. That house stands today. Built in 1755, it was entered in the National Register of Historic Places on 21 May 2009 as the Simeon Rockefeller House (reference 09000479) and is known locally as the Rockefeller Tavern. Ellis's county history of 1878 records that Simon Rockefeller "kept a tavern in the east part of the town, where his son Simon still lives at an advanced age" (p. 363): the tavern keeper of that page is the younger Simon (1777 to 1839), the father of Eliza, and the son still living there in 1878 is Simon S., born 24 July 1804 (vol. I, p. 157). Ellis calls the east of the town "the Rockefeller neighborhood", settled by the Rockefellers with the Staats, Fingar, Lasher, Philip and Dick families, "those old historic Palatine names" (p. 367).

3. SIMON ROCKEFELLER (1777 TO 1839), THE FATHER OF ELIZA, IN PUBLIC LIFE

The Germantown chapter of Ellis (pp. 362 to 368) and the county civil list (pp. 89 and 92 to 93) give the younger Simon a public career that the family genealogy does not mention. The town meetings of 1808 and 1810 were held at his house, and his house is a landmark in the road descriptions of 1810; he was town clerk in 1811 and school commissioner in 1813; he was justice of the peace for Germantown from 1815 to 1820 in the county lists, and again in 1823, 1827 and 1833, in the last year beside his son Simon S. In the list of Members of Assembly Ellis prints, for 1827, "Jacob P. Mesick, Isaac Mills, Simon Rockefeller", and the civil list of the State confirms Simon Rockefeller among the three members for Columbia County in the 50th Legislature, elected on 6 to 8 November 1826 and sitting from 2 January to 17 April and from 11 September to 4 December 1827. No other adult Simon Rockefeller appears in the civil lists of the county, and his son was twenty-two: the identification is highly probable, and can be closed with the Journal of the Assembly of 1827, which records the town of each member. Grade B for the town offices; B with that reservation for the Assembly.

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4. LEONARD'S HOUSEHOLD: TWO DATES FROM 1915

The additions and corrections of the second volume (p. 194) print: "(No. 428) Maria Matilda Cross, wife of Leonard Rockefeller, died in Germantown, N.Y., February 27, 1915", which completes the "1915" of the pages above; and "(No. 421) Philip Henry Rockefeller, died in Germantown, N.Y., September 7, 1911": Leonard's brother, the Philip H. (1842 to 1911) of the cemetery transcription, buried with his wife Amarintha Hallenbeck (1850 to 1927). Ellis lists him as "P. H. Rockefeller, Jr", supervisor of Germantown in 1858, and a P. H. Rockefeller as town clerk in 1861 and supervisor in 1872, 1875, 1876 and 1878, without always separating father and son. A line of the same page about a Clarence born in 1864 belongs to another family and does not change the children of Leonard.

5. THE WILL OF SIMON ROCKEFELLER (1730 TO 1795)

The second volume transcribes the will (p. 91), recorded on 14 December 1795 in Book A, p. 317. It names his wife Eve, that is Eva Blass; his sons Simon and Philip as executors; a stepson, Jacob Heiser, son of his wife's first husband; a grandson Philip, son of his deceased daughter Lena; Gert and Elizabeth Rockefeller; and the witnesses Henry Dich, Philip Staats and John Dich. The will confirms the second marriage and the son Simon of this line; it does not name Christina, who was alive until 1800. Her parentage rests, as before, on the first volume (pp. 151 and 244) and on the second (p. 103).

6. THE ROCKEFELLERS OF THE TENTH REGIMENT: AN OPEN POINT

New York in the Revolution as Colony and State (Albany, 1904), the compilation of the State Comptroller's rolls, prints at p. 117 the Tenth Regiment of the Albany County Militia, Colonel Morris Graham, the regiment of Livingston Manor and Germantown: Adjutant Philip Rockefeller, Captains Diell Rockefeller and Dirck Rockefeller, Lieutenant William Rockefeller; at p. 118, among the enlisted men, Diell Rockefeller, Jr., and Simeon Rockefeller; at p. 232, among the land bounty rights, William and Simon Rockefeller. Two Williams of military age lived at Germantown: Diell's son William (1737 to 1786), of this line, and William (1750 to 1793), the husband of Christina, whom family accounts place in Captain Diell Rockefeller's company. The genealogy of 1910 does not say which William held the lieutenantancy, and the point stays open until the original rolls in the New York State Archives are read.

7. THE CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTION OF 1941 AGAINST THE PRINTED DATES

The typescript of the Germantown Reformed Church cemetery, compiled in September 1941, was read again in full. It confirms Simon of 1777 to the day and Catharine, wife of Harmon, to the day; on four stones it differs slightly from the family genealogy. This edition keeps the printed dates; a photograph of each stone would settle the differences. The typescript circulates in two online copies, which name the compiler as Minnie Cohen and as Minnie Cowen; the Boston Public Library catalogues the original.

PERSON	PRINTED IN THE TRANSACTIONS (1910)	TYPESCRIPT OF 1941
Leonard	born 13 October 1828, died 22 April 1880 (p. 207)	"Leonard, 22 Apr 1880, 50-6-9": the age implies 1829
Maria Matilda Cross	1837 to 1915 (p. 207; vol. II, p. 194)	"Matilda M. Cross, wife, 1838-1915"
Hermannes	died 21 August 1820 (p. 160)	"Harman, 31 Aug 1820 (rest of stone buried)"
Philip Henry	29 December 1803 to 2 January 1884 (p. 179)	"Philip H., 2 Jan 1884, 60 yrs, 3 dys": an error for 80
Simon (1777)	17 May 1777 to 17 March 1839 (p. 157)	"Simon, 17 Mar 1839, 61 yrs, 10 mos": exact to the day
Elizabeth Kuhn	died 4 March 1836 (p. 157)	"Elizabeth, wife of Simon, 4 May 1836, 59th yr"

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8. THE GERMAN RECORDS

The register of the Reformed parish of Rengsdorf for 1694 to 1720 (baptisms, marriages and burials), which served Ehlscheid, the Elscheid of the genealogy, and Bonefeld, is held by the Archiv der Evangelischen Kirche im Rheinland under signature 152/2 and is not yet digitised on Archion; Diell's baptism of July 1695 should be there. The FamilySearch catalogue lists a Familienbuch of the same parish for 1677 to 1902, and Henry Z. Jones, *More Palatine Families* (1991), covers the immigrants of 1717 to 1776 and their European origins. None of the three has been read for this edition.

9. FURTHER LEADS FOR THE LINK CLYDE TO FORD

1. The federal census of 1950, free at the National Archives and indexed by machine: in Columbia County the readings "Rachefeller Claude" and "Rockefeller Donal" in enumeration district 11-22, "Rochefeller Everette" in 11-31, "Rockafeller Clifford" with a Betty in 11-40 and "Rockefeller Mabelle" in 11-46 may be Clyde, Donald, Everett, Clifford and Mabel; the images, not the readings, must be checked.
2. The New York State birth index 1881 to 1942 (Reclaim the Records; indexed on Ancestry and MyHeritage) for Clyde's exact date and certificate number.
3. Clyde's death certificate of 1962, now obtainable from the State Department of Health for genealogical purposes, which names his parents and would carry the link to grade A.
4. The obituaries of Maria Matilda (March 1915), Ford (August 1937), Clyde (October 1962) and Dean (February 2007) in the Hudson newspapers, on NYS Historic Newspapers and Fulton History; and volume III of the Transactions, in full view on HathiTrust (wu.89082457581).

OUTCOME OF THE ADDENDUM

No record read for this addendum contradicts the chain of the verified edition. The second volume of the family genealogy adds the exact death of Leonard's wife (27 February 1915) and the death of his brother (7 September 1911), the fuller life of Diell and the will of Simon (1730 to 1795); the county history of 1878 and the civil list of the State add the public career of Simon (1777 to 1839), the father of Eliza; the National Register records the house of the common ancestor, built in 1755 and still standing. Two points are left open and marked as such: which Simon sat in the Assembly of 1827, and which William was lieutenant of the Tenth Regiment. The link Clyde to Ford keeps its grade B/C until one of the records listed under 9 is seen.

SOURCES ADDED IN THIS ADDENDUM

The Transactions of the Rockefeller Family Association, vol. II, 1910 to 1914 (New York, 1915), pp. 13, 76, 91, 103 to 104 and 194, read in the Internet Archive copy (transactionsrocoirrockgoog). Franklin Ellis, *History of Columbia County, New York* (Philadelphia, 1878), pp. 72, 89, 92 to 93 and 362 to 368 (historyofcumbiooever). *New York in the Revolution as Colony and State*, vol. I (Albany, 1904), pp. 117 to 118 and 232 (newyorkinrevolutoinewyuoft). National Register of Historic Places, reference 09000479, Simeon Rockefeller House, listed 21 May 2009; nomination held by the National Archives (catalogue 75317063). Civil list of the State of New York, 50th Legislature. Gravestone Inscriptions of the Germantown Reformed Church Cemetery, typescript, September 1941 (USGenNet and Dunham Wilcox copies). Archiv der Evangelischen Kirche im Rheinland, Rengsdorf, Kirchenbuch 1694 to 1720, signature 152/2, via Archion. National Archives, 1950 census, Columbia County, New York.