

The donor is Heidi Noga who lives in Alameda. The dress was part of the estate of husband (Glenn) Grandmother Florence Brampton Francis. The Brampton family lived at 2024 Pacific Avenue. There are photocopies of some early family photos. Donors did not respond to repeated inquiries for scanning or interviews. She (Heidi) is a teacher in San Leandro and is never home on weekdays.

Donors indicated that they thought the dress belonged to Florence Brampton Francis. However, the dress looks much older than 1914, her wedding date. We concluded that it had been worn by Kate, her mother. The style does not fit with the styles of 1877 when she was married. A similar dress is visible in one of the photos. Probably was not a wedding dress, but remembered that way.

This is what I know of the family:

Frederick H. Brampton (London, England) [b1853, m1877, d1992], [Butcher in SF] then a policeman in Alameda. + Kate Moynihan [housewife "keeping house"] (Ireland)[b1856, b1853 d 1937 3.22 emigrated in 1872 (4?). died at age 83 d9/12/1992 in SF resident at house #5171/2 1880 census, 1900 Lived in Alameda.

Children:

Louisa Rose Brampton [b1878, d1965] + Patrick N. Herlihy (SFPD)

Edith Adelaide Brampton [b1882, d?] + Fred Beckman (family-owned store at Pacific & Chestnut)

Albert W. Brampton (plumber) [b1889, d1973] + Rose Clara Skowram

Florence Elizabeth Frances (nee Brampton) [b1891, d1992] attended Haight School and Alameda High then Healds business school. She was a secretary at Sherman and Clay Music Co in Alameda + William R. Francis (Railroad Expressmen) or city engineering department worker. Lived on Pacific Ave, Alameda m. Feb. 24, 1914

Children: Warren, Robert, Dorothy (Noga)

Census 1900 2024 Pacific, Alameda Fred H Brampton, head (47)- Police Officer Born in England

Kate M, Wife (42) – Blank born in Ireland
Louise (22) – school teacher, born in CA. all
Edith (17) – at school
Albert (11)- at school
Florence (8)- at school

Census 1910 2024 Pacific, Alameda Fred H Brampton, head (57)- Butcher

Kate, Wife (52)- none
Louisa, daughter (30)- Teacher
Edith, daughter (25)- Bookkeeper

1912 found in an Oakland directory Fred widow. Polk-Husted Directory Company Oakland Berkeley, Alameda.

1913 found in an Oakland directory Fred widow. Polk-Husted Directory Company Oakland Berkeley, Alameda.

Albert, Son (21)- Salesman

1914 found in an Oakland directory Fred widow. Polk-Husted Directory Company Oakland Berkeley, Alameda.

1915 found in an Oakland directory Fred widow. Polk-Husted Directory Company Oakland Berkeley, Alameda.

1916 found in an Oakland directory Fred widow. Polk-Husted Directory Company Oakland Berkeley, Alameda.

Florence, Daughter (18)- College

1917 found in an Oakland directory Fred widow. Polk-Husted Directory Company Oakland Berkeley, Alameda.

1918 found in an Oakland directory Fred widow. Polk-Husted Directory Company Oakland Berkeley, Alameda.

Census 1920 2528 Noble Alameda: Albert W, head 30

Rose, Wife (25)

Katherine, Mother (64)

1925 lived at 1424 5th Alameda, Albert, Rose (v-pres-sec), "Catherine." (Kronke-Brampton Co.)

1926 lived at 1424 5th Alameda, Albert, Rose, Katherine. (Kronke-Brampton Co.)

1927 lived at 1424 5th Alameda, Albert, Rose, "Catherine." (Kronke-Brampton Co.)

1928 lived at 1424 5th Alameda, Albert, Rose, Katherine. (Kronke-Brampton Co.)

Voter Rolls 1928- Republican

Census 1930 1725 Paru, Alameda: William Francis, head (46)- Salesmen of washing machines

Florence, Wife (35)

Warren B, Son (15)

Robert, Son (8)

Dorothy, Son (6)

1937 found in Oakland directory Fred Wid. Polk- Husted Directory Company Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, lives at 1911 Pacific, Rose and Albert live at 1424 5th.

Census 1940 1989 Stanton, Alameda: William Francis, head (56)- 8 years of school- Carpenter-building

Florence, Wife (46)- H4 (highschool 4)

Robert, Son (18) C1 (college 1)

Dorothy K, Daughter (16) – H3 (highschool 3)

This is how the story goes so far: Frederick and Kate Brampton lived in San Francisco together. Kate was born in Ireland, and Fred was in England. According to the census records, Fred was born in 1853 and was a butcher first in San Francisco, then in Alameda. His wife Kate was born in Ireland in 1856, she is a "keeper of house." This census was from 1880 and indicates they were 24 and 26 respectively. They were married in 1877, three years before this census was

taken. So, we don't know if they were married in Great Britain or the US. We also don't know what year they emigrated.

By the year 1900, they had moved to Alameda. They lived at 2024 Pacific Avenue and had four children. One of the children was Florence (nee Brampton). She married William Francis in 1914. They also stayed in Alameda, first living on Paru, then moving to Stanton Street. They had three children, Warren, Robert, and Dorothy. Florence lived until 100 years old in Alameda.

Dorothy married William Noga lived in San Leandro and gave birth to two sons, Glenn and Stephen, and one daughter, Kathleen. Glenn and Heidi currently live in Alameda. Florence was his grandmother.