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Partial Genealogy of the Watsons (of Illinois)

**Main Political Affiliation:** 

1763-83

1789-1823 Republican

National Republican 1824-33

1834-53 Whig

1854-Republican & Democrat

> **Dudley Crafts Watson** (1885-1972)

(helped raised actor George Orson Welles, 1915-85,

son of his cousin Beatrice Ives, 1882-1924)

4 Children

= Laura Hale

(1886-at least 1930)

1700

1800

1850

1900

1950

(1794-1874); (Baptist minister/confectioner) (born Sussex co. New Jersey); (moved to Lexington, Kentucky, 1817, then Nashville, Tennessee, 1818, then St. Louis, Missouri, 1834, then Springfield, Sangamon co. Illinois, 1836) (used soda water fountain to combat drinking alcohol) Maria Cape (Humerickhouse) = = Sarah Wiley (Mottashed) of NY (1790s?-1834) (1806-at least 1874)

Rev. William Weldon Watson

4 Others Benjamin A. Watson (1818-1901); (confectioner/hotel owner) (born Nashville, Tennessee); (moved to St. Louis, Missouri, 1834, then Springfield, Sangamon co. IL, 1836)); (moved to Perry, Pike co. IL); (friend of Abraham Lincoln)

= Emily R. Planck of IL

(1828-1871) 7 Others William Weldon Watson (1847-1913); (hotel owner/real estate agent)

(born Springfield, Sangamon co. IL); (moved to Lake Geneva, Walworth co. Wisconsin, 1880, then Chicago, Cook co. IL, 1900)

= Augusta Crafts Tolman of ME (1852-1927)

4 Others Thomas Tolman Watson (1875-at least 1920); (Rep)

(born IL); (moved to St. Louis co. Minnesota; bookkeeper Mesabi Range iron ore operation); moved back to Chicago IL; stock & bond broker)

= Nellie Dewey Ford of WI (born WI); (professor, Chicago Art Institute, 1908-13, 1925-) (1875-at least 1930); (Dem) (director, Milwaukee WI Art Institute, 1914-24)

James Dewey Watson I 4 Others (1898-1988)

(born MN); (moved to Chicago IL); (manager, credit collection.); (IL National Guard, 1919-20)

= Margaret Jean Mitchell (1899-1956); (Dem) (parents from Glasgow, Scotland/Indiana)

1 Daughter Dr. James Dewey Watson II (1928-); (PhD/zoology)

(born Chicago, Cook co. IL); (moved to Massachusetts); (Harvard University biological labs, 1956-76)

(Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine, 1862, with Francis Crick & Maurice Wilkins; 1953 discovery of double helix molecular structure of nucleic acides or DNA) (director, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Long Island, New York, 1968-2007; president, 1994-2004; chancellor, 2004-07)

(Director, Human Genome Project, 1989-92; resigned in opposition to patents on gene sequences)

(caused controversy, 2007 with comments implying blacks were genetically less intelligence than whites) = Elizabeth Lewis

(1948-)

2 Sons