Gilmanton woman, 98, meets her great-great-grandson

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Hazel Fletcher with her great-great-grandson, John Jr.

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GILMANTON, N.H. —

A Gilmanton woman was delighted to meet her first great-great-grandchild earlier this week.

John Huckins Jr. was born Tuesday to mother Alyssa and father John, who is the great-grandson of Hazel Fletcher, 98.

John Jr. is Hazel's first great-great-grandchild.

John Jr.'s father told News 9 the family is "very happy" to have five generations alive at the same time.

Huckins said Hazel is in great health and is active. She enjoys walking and stacking wood.



John Huckins
John Jr. with his great-grandfather, Richard.

"There (was) no doubt in my mind that she would make it until his birth and probably much longer," Huckins said.

According to a 2006 New York Times article, a researcher has estimated that by 2030, more than 70 percent of 8-year-olds will likely have a living great-grandparent.

Hazel, of course, is a great-great-grandparent, which is very rare.

The most generations alive in a single family in world history is seven, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.