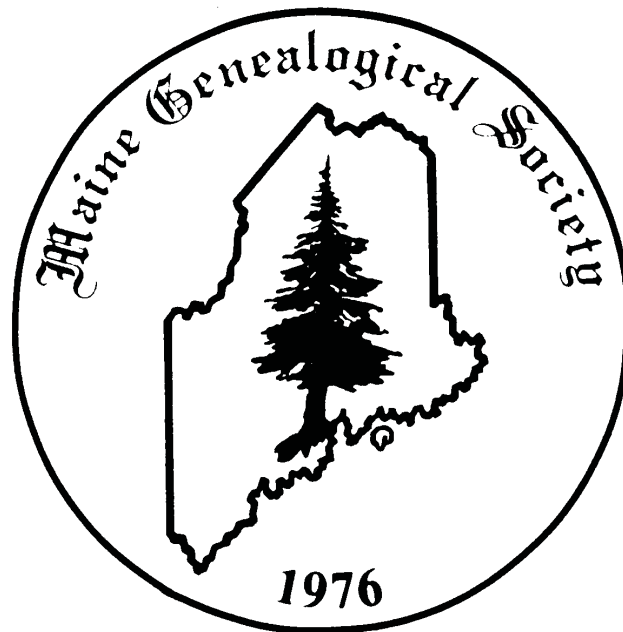


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EDITOR'S PAGE

One of the thrills of family research is finding the unexpected. With every generation that we add to our family tree, a whole new opportunity for research adventures opens up before us. Perhaps we gain a new surname that allows us to get back to an overseas origin. Perhaps we will find an illustrious (or notorious) ancestor or uncover a closely veiled family secret. We never know where the path will lead, but by simply following the clues in whatever direction they take us, these stories will inevitably come to light.

In Linda Bolen's article on Anna (Levensailor) Jenks, the research uncovered a fascinating woman, Olive Crume. As the second wife of Edwin, the youngest Jenks child, with whom she had no children, she plays only a secondary role in the article. But an entire book could be written on Olive's colorful life. Her 1895 marriage in Shasta County, California, to Edwin Jenks calls her Mrs. Olive Crume. Research revealed she was the widow of one Jesse Crume, whom she had married as Olive Harris only two years previously. According to a newspaper story, Crume, the owner of a mountainside roadhouse in Shasta County, had placed an advertisement in a "New York matrimonial paper." Olive, "a lady of the east," answered and soon they were married. Crume's death occasioned an acrimonious lawsuit filed by Olive's stepson, John Crume, against Edwin Jenks and Olive for ownership of the roadhouse and, losing the suit, they were forced to move. The marriage did not survive long after that and they were divorced in 1901.

The surprises kept coming. Crume, it turned out, was Olive's third husband. Born Olive Jane Andrus in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, on 15 May 1838, daughter of Orrin Clark and Angeline (Parsons) Andrus, she had married first Curtis Parkhurst Graves with whom she had four children and moved to Missouri. Her second marriage to Mr. Harris has not been proven, but she may have been the "O. J. Graves" who married Joseph Harris on 25 April 1889 in the east Tennessee county of Morgan (near Knoxville), which place would possibly qualify her being called "a lady of the east" when she answered Crume's matrimonial ad.

Olive's adventures continued. Upon her divorce from Edwin Jenks, she married in Chehalis County, Washington, her fifth husband, John Woods. That marriage ended two years later with the death of Woods, and in 1904 Olive married her sixth and last husband, John Steele, born in England.

Just prior to her marriage to Steele, Olive was charged with burglary and taken into custody. She was accused of breaking into the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes of Healdsburg, California, and stealing some silver spoons, silver forks, a jardiniere, some baby clothes, and adult lingerie. The outcome of the case has not been learned, but in 1910 Olive J. and John Steele were living together in Lake County, California. She died there in 1922, aged 84, having lived a long and certainly eventful life. (Sources for Olive's adventures, described above, can be found on an unusually well-documented tree at www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/4676294/person/120002576583/facts.)

—Joseph C. Anderson II, Editor

A FAMILY FOR ANNA (LEVENSAILOR) JENKS (1800–1891) OF CAMDEN, SEBEC, AND ATKINSON, MAINE

By Linda Bolen

Who was Anna Levensailor and where did she come from? Were it not for a clue in the 1800 census, her name and identity might have slipped into obscurity. Anna likely was a descendant of the immigrant Peter Liebenzöller who, in the spring of 1753, set off for New England from the municipality of Altendiez in the Hessen-Nassau region of Germany.¹ Subsequent generations of the Liebenzöller family (spellings include *Levensiller*, *Levenceller*, *Levensaler*, *Levensailor*) number among the early German-speaking settlers of Waldoboro, Maine, and nearby towns.² No probate, birth, or baptismal record identifying Anna's parents has been found.³ Nor does she appear in publications on the Levensailor family or on the settlers of the Waldoboro area.⁴

ANNA (LEVENSAILOR) JENKS OF PISCATAQUIS COUNTY

According to her gravestone, Anna was born on 24 December 1800.⁵ A resident of Sebec, Anna Levensailor married Jacob K. Jenks on 23 April 1823 in Atkinson, a town adjacent to Sebec in present-day Piscataquis County (intentions recorded at Atkinson and Sebec on 12 January 1823).⁶ As shown in the genealogical summary, nine children were born to Jacob and Anna between 1825 and 1841. The fourth child, Josiah Jenks, was born in 1831 and died in 1904.⁷ Created over a century after Anna's birth, Josiah's death record uniquely placed her birth in Camden, Maine.⁸

¹ Peter's wife, Appolonia (Bauer) Löbenseller, and his six children were named in Brigitte Burkett, *Emigrants from Baden and Württemberg in the Eighteenth Century* (Camden, Maine, 1996), 348. Peter's point of origin was identified in W. Whitaker and Gary T. Horlacher, *Broad Bay Pioneers* (Rockport, Maine, 1998), 78, 346.

² Walter Levensaler, *The Levensalers of Waldoboro, Maine* (Bowie, Md., 2000), 65.

³ Negative search results for Anna Levensailor, Levensaler, Lavensaler, etc.: Marlene A. Groves, comp., *Vital Records of Camden/Rockport, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2006); Isabel Morse Maresh, Elizabeth M. Mosher, Jacqueline Young Watts, transcrs., *Vital Records of Lincolnville, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1993); Lincolnville Historical Society, *Lincolnville, Maine, Births, Deaths, Marriages* (Lincolnville, 1985); and Lincoln Co. Probate, Vol. 9, 1798–1810 [DGS #7138996].

⁴ These include Levensaler, *Levensalers of Waldoboro* [note 2], and Whitaker and Horlacher, *Broad Bay Pioneers* [note 1]. The latter examined the German-speaking settlers who arrived in Waldoboro (formerly Broad Bay) between 1742 and 1753, with biographical sketches of each family.

⁵ Gravestone photo, Clark Cemetery, Atkinson Mills, findagrave.com #66662365.

⁶ Atkinson VRs, pp. 72, 73 [DGS #7592473, image 49]; Sebec VRs, p. 15 [DGS #7596900, image 10]. Atkinson and Sebec were set off from Penobscot to Piscataquis Co. when Piscataquis was created in 1838 (Stanley Bearce Attwood, *The Length and Breadth of Maine* [Orono, 1977], 220).

⁷ Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #4544481, image 3120].

⁸ The death records of Stephen, Jacob, Dorcas, Maria Jemima, Elizabeth, and Edwin Jenks do not identify the mother's place of birth; death records for Eleazer and Joan Jenks could not be

With Camden tentatively identified as Anna's birthplace, a survey could then identify local males sharing the *Levensailor* surname who might be related to Anna.⁹ Analysis of Lincoln and Hancock County land deeds, coupled with evidence found in census records, converge on Stephen and Jacob Levensailor. In 1800 both men were living near Camden, not far from present-day Lincolnville in Waldo County.¹⁰ Four others bearing the Levensaler surname who lived in the area—Adam, George, Godfrey, and John—were identified and ruled out as possibilities.

DOUBLE COUNTED IN DUCKTRAP AND CANAAN PLANTATION

In 1802 Ducktrap Plantation in Hancock County and Canaan Plantation in Lincoln County were incorporated into the new town of Lincolnville, Lincoln County.¹¹ Lincolnville is bounded by Camden to the south. In 1800 over a third of Ducktrap households, including the households of Stephen and Jacob Levensailor, were also counted in Canaan Plantation.¹²

Double-counting *can* help solve identity problems by exposing near real-time changes in a household, such as the addition of one or more children or the transition of a household member from one age category to another. In 1800 the census was to commence on 4 August and conclude nine months later.¹³ Observable changes occurring in households that were double-counted during this brief window would have been common.

located. Similarly, marriage records for Joan, Eleazer, Dorcas, Maria Jemima, Elizabeth, and Edwin do not identify the mother's place of birth; Stephen, Josiah, and Jacob never married. Documentation supporting these statements are found in the footnotes to the Genealogical Summary below.

⁹ Numerous online family trees name Stephen as the father of Anna Levensailor, born in 1800, but provide no supporting evidence. At ancestry.com alone, there are over twenty member trees resulting from an "exact" search for Anna Levensailor who was born in Maine in 1800.

¹⁰ The territory included in the towns of Lincolnville, Searsmont, Waldo, Northport, Belmont, and Morrill, once formed part of the Muscongus Patent, later known as the "Lincolnshire" and ultimately the "Waldo Patent," an area encompassing about thirty square miles, situated between the Penobscot and Muscongus rivers (Jasper Jacob Stahl, *History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro*, 2 vols. [Portland, 1956], 1:40–41). By 1734 General Samuel Waldo, a reputedly ambitious and unscrupulous politician, had amassed over 500,000 acres on the western shore of Penobscot Bay. He dedicated much of his life to developing the region, travelling to Europe on multiple occasions to attract settlers from the north of Ireland and present-day Germany (John Ellingsworth, "Brigadier-General Samuel Waldo," 14 Nov. 2017 [<https://johnellingsworth.com/brigadier-general-samuel-waldo/index.html>], paras. 10–13).

¹¹ Attwood, *Length and Breadth of Maine* [note 6], 180.

¹² 1800 U.S. Census, Canaan Plantation, Lincoln Co., Maine, pp. 550–54; Ducktrap, Hancock Co., Maine, pp. 151–61. Count by the author, comparing the 113 households counted in Ducktrap in 1800 with the 101 households counted in Canaan Plantation, over a third, or 48, of the Ducktrap households were also counted in Canaan Plantation. The prevalence of double-counting implies that families either moved from one community to the other while the census was in progress or, more likely, unclear plantation boundaries contributed to counting errors.

¹³ United States Census Bureau, *History* (www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/1800.html), "1800 Overview."

In 1800 Jacob Lavensaler, aged 26–44, was enumerated in Ducktrap Plantation with a female 16–25, a male 10–15, and two girls under 10.¹⁴ He was also recorded as Jacob Levenceller in Canaan Plantation. The Canaan Plantation household included Jacob, 26–44, a female in the same age bracket, and two girls under 10.¹⁵ The female was probably his wife, Hannah, whom Jacob married in 1795.¹⁶ The male, 10–15, seen living with Jacob in Ducktrap, was absent.

As the two girls under 10 in Jacob’s 1800 household were counted in both Ducktrap and Canaan Plantation, both were born likely by early August 1800. One girl may have been Mary D. Levenseller, born 15 July 1796, possibly in Lincolnville, although evidence linking Mary to Jacob is meager.¹⁷ Mary married Isaac “Bussel” [Buzzell] on 12 February 1824 in Lincolnville.¹⁸ The Buzzell’s second daughter, Hannah, born about 1836, may have been named for her presumed maternal grandmother,¹⁹ but Hannah was far too common a name to consider as evidence of any relationship. In 1874 Mary D. (Levensailor) Buzzell was buried in the Lincolnville Burying Ground, implying she never left the area.²⁰

The fate of the second girl in Jacob’s 1800 household is unknown. Family tradition asserts Jacob and Hannah Levenseller also had a son, Hezekiah, born in January 1801.²¹ If true, this would eliminate Anna as a daughter of Jacob and Hannah, as Anna could not have been born into this same family the previous month.

Jacob appeared for the last time in land records in 1803, when he and his wife, Hannah, sold a 43¾-acre lot in Lincolnville to Hezekiah French.²² This was the same lot that land speculator Henry Knox had sold Jacob two years previously.²³

¹⁴ Jacob Lavensaler household, 1800 U.S. Census, Ducktrap, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 153.

¹⁵ Jacob Levenceller household, 1800 U.S. Census, Canaan Plt., Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 552.

¹⁶ Mr. Jacob Levensailor and Miss Hannah Barter, intentions dated 25 July 1795, certificate dated 8 Aug. 1795 (Rockport, Maine, VRs, 1791–1821, n.p. [DGS #7596431, image 250]).

¹⁷ Gravestone photo, Center Lincolnville Burying Ground, findagrave.com #30126428. Mary d. 3 Oct. 1874, age 78y 2m 18d, giving her a calculated birth date of 15 July 1796. Also, Isaac J. Buzzell household, 1870 U.S. Census, Lincolnville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 187B; 1905 death record for John W. Buzzell, son of Isaac J. Buzzell and Mary J. Levenseller, mother’s birthplace Lincolnville, Maine (Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #4543986, image 507]).

¹⁸ Lincolnville VRs, n.p. [DGS #7595732, image 223].

¹⁹ Presumed daughter Hannah was aged 14 in Isaac J. Buzzell household, 1850 U.S. Census, Lincolnville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 219.

²⁰ Gravestone photo, Center Lincolnville Burying Ground, findagrave.com #30126428.

²¹ Isabel Maresh, “Hannah Barter of Lincolnville, Maine, US,” bulletin board message to General Genealogy Forum, www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/barter/96/, posted 14 June 2001. A Jacob Levenseller descendant and researcher, Maresh suggested Hezekiah was a son of Jacob and Hannah (Barter) Levenseller, b. 5 Jan. 1801, but did not provide evidence. Also, Isabel Morse Maresh, “Francis Hezekiah Levenseller, A Life of Community Service,” *Citizen* (28 June 2006), published privately. For corroborating evidence of Hezekiah’s birth year, 1880 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 424. The author is grateful to Ms. Maresh for providing a copy of this article.

²² Hancock Co. Deeds, 12:212. Owners of numerous unsupported online trees on Ancestry.com report that a John Jacob Lavensaler d. 8 Nov. 1808 in Lincolnville.

²³ Hancock Co. Deeds, 12:211. In 1801 Jacob’s neighbors included the Widow Pendleton, Major Phillip Ulmer, and Joseph Collam[er]. Jacob had the same neighbors in 1803.

In 1800 Stephen Levenceller, aged 16–25, was living in Canaan Plantation with a female in the same age category and two boys under 10.²⁴ He also appeared in 1800 in Ducktrap Plantation as Stephen Lavensaler. The Ducktrap Plantation household included Stephen, 16–25, a female 26–44, two boys under 10, and a *new* girl under 10, likely an infant.²⁵ The adult female was undoubtedly Stephen’s wife, Jemima, whom he had married in Camden in 1796.²⁶

Stephen is not seen in U.S. census records after 1800.²⁷ It would be reasonable to conclude that Anna, born in late December of that year, was the girl under ten who lived with Stephen in Ducktrap, but the evidence is not conclusive.

STEPHEN LEVENSAILOR IN CANAAN PLANTATION

Stephen Levensailor’s marriage record shows that he was living in New Canaan (another name for Canaan Plantation, now Lincolnville) when he and Jemima Young of Camden were married in 1796.²⁸ Jemima’s likely parents, Gideon and Jemima (Cilley) Young of Camden,²⁹ headed the only Young family in Camden in 1790, the household that year containing five males aged 16 and above and five females.³⁰

By early 1793, Ducktrap and New Canaan had become focal points of conflict between settlers and the land surveyors working for Major General Henry Knox.³¹ In 1785 Knox’s supporters had pushed a controversial bill through the Massachusetts General Court that would release about 576,000 acres situated on the western shore of Penobscot Bay to Knox and other heirs of Brigadier General Samuel Waldo.³² Waldo had acquired the tract roughly fifty years previously.³³ While some settlers initially resisted Knox’s claims to their land, most, including Stephen Levensailor, eventually paid the price asked for their homesteads.³⁴ The evidence lays out a plausible timeline.

²⁴ Stephen Levenceller household, 1800 U.S. Census, Canaan Plt., Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 553.

²⁵ Stephen Lavensaler household, 1800 U.S. Census, Ducktrap, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 159.

²⁶ “Mr Stephen Levensailor of Newcanaan and Miss Jemimah Young of Cambden” m. (int.) Camden, 18 Dec. 1795, certificate 2 Jan. 1796 (Camden VRs [DGS #7596431, image 250]).

²⁷ He was likely the Stephen “Leavensaller” who d. in May 1807, “middle aged” (Alfred Johnson, ed., *Vital Records of Belfast, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. [Portland, Maine, 1917–19], 2:579, citing Belfast Congregational Church record).

²⁸ See note 26.

²⁹ Gideon Young household, 1800 U.S. Census, Camden, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 557; Gideon Young and Jemima Cilley m. Kensington, N.H., 17 Feb. 1761 (New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947 [DGS #4243492, image 480]).

³⁰ Gideon Young household, 1790 U.S. Census, Camden, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 110. Proof of Jemima’s parentage will be described below.

³¹ Alan Taylor, “The Disciples of Samuel Ely: Settler Resistance Against Henry Knox on the Waldo Patent, 1785–1801,” *Maine History* 26, 2(1986):65–100, at 78, online at <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mainehistoryjournal/vol26/iss2/2>).

³² Taylor, “Disciples of Samuel Ely [note 31],” 66.

³³ Stahl, *History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro* [note 10], 1:43.

³⁴ Taylor, “Disciples of Samuel Ely [note 31],” 66–72.

STEVEN LEVENSAILOR TIMELINE, 1789–1807

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|---------------|---|
| 1789 | Stephen Levensailor settled on a 100-acre lot in New Canaan. ³⁵ |
| 2 Jan 1796 | Stephen Levensailor and Jemima Young married in Camden. ³⁶ |
| 13 Nov 1797 | Stephen Levensailor's New Canaan lot was surveyed. ³⁷ |
| 24 May 1800 | The lot surveyed in 1797 was "quieted" to Stephen Levensailor providing he pay \$100 with interest on or before 1 Oct. 1801. ³⁸ |
| 24 Dec 1800 | Probable daughter, Anna Levensailor, born in nearby Camden. ³⁹ |
| 1 Oct 1801 | Henry and Lucy Knox sold to Benjamin Cushing and John Simonton the lot Stephen Levensailor had referred to the "Honorable Commissioners appointed by the General Court and transferred by . . . Levensailor to . . . Cushing and Simonton." ⁴⁰ |
| 9 March 1802 | Benjamin Cushing and John Simonton quitclaimed the New Canaan 100-acre lot to Stephen Levensailor of Camden, yeoman. ⁴¹ |
| 15 March 1804 | Stephen and Jemima Levensailor of Lincolnville sold the New Canaan lot to Belcher Sylvester of Camden. ⁴² |
| May 1807 | Leaving no estate record, Stephen "Levensailor" died in May 1807. He was, according to notes, "middle-aged." ⁴³ |

These activities place Stephen and Jemima Levensailor in New Canaan, a short distance from Camden, in the months leading up to and following Anna's birth in December 1800.

JEMIMA (YOUNG) LEVENSAILOR OF MONTVILLE

On 24 February 1810, Jemima "Levensailor" of Montville, Maine, widow, sold "a parcel of land" in Montville to John Foster of Bristol, Maine, yeoman.⁴⁴ No deed recording her acquisition of the land has surfaced and Jemima had no known connection to any of the three men whose land bordered hers.

³⁵ Massachusetts Secretary of State, "Commissioners to Quiet Settlers on the Waldo Claim," Certificates of Agreement for Quieting Settlers, 1797–1800, Eastern Lands, Waldo Claim, MA microfilm no. EA5/83Y, vol. 1, no. 36 for Stephen Levensailor, document dated 25 Sept. 1797, Mass. State Archives, Boston.

³⁶ See note 26.

³⁷ Isabel Morse Maresh, Elizabeth M. Mosher, Jacqueline Young Watts, transcrs., *Vital Records of Lincolnville, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1993), 43.

³⁸ "Commissioners to Quiet Settlers on the Waldo Claim" [note 35], Stephen Levensailor, document dated 24 May 1800.

³⁹ See notes 5 and 7.

⁴⁰ Lincoln Co. Deeds, 48:177.

⁴¹ Lincoln Co. Deeds, 54:17.

⁴² Hancock Co. Deeds, 14:63–64.

⁴³ *Vital Records of Belfast, Maine* [note 27], 2:579, citing Belfast Congregational Church record.

⁴⁴ Lincoln Co., Deeds, 75:76. The land was bounded by land owned by Abel Hatch, Pearl Richards, and William Foster.

Mrs. Jemima Levensaler and Mr. Andrew “Peirson” [Parsons] were married in 1812 by Elder Ebenezer Hamblen of the town of Knox, Maine.⁴⁵ The couple’s son, Stephen L. Parsons, unquestionably named for Stephen Levensailor, was born in neighboring Montville on 28 May 1818.⁴⁶ Roughly two years later, Andrew “Pearsons” appeared in the Sebec census, heading a household of six, including a female over 45 who was likely Jemima.⁴⁷

ANNA’S NEIGHBORS

Anna Levensailor was also “of Sebec” when she married Jacob Jenks three years later in 1823.⁴⁸ In 1830 Jacob K. Jenks’s neighbors included Andrew Parsons, who lived next door, and Jacob Levensailor, who was possibly Anna’s brother or cousin.⁴⁹ Peter Levensailor, potentially another brother to Anna or a cousin, lived further afield, but still in Sebec.⁵⁰ A woman in her fifties, probably Jemima, was part of Andrew’s household.

John L. Phelps and a female—both in their twenties—lived six doors away.⁵¹ In October 1852, Nehemiah Richards recounted key details of Jemima’s life while writing to his son Almon about his new wife, Betsy (Levensailor) Phelps, and her family. Nehemiah and Betsy were married in 1852.⁵² Betsy was likely Anna Levensailor’s younger sister and probably the female, in her twenties, living in her first husband John L. Phelps’s 1830 household.

I believe I did not tell you who I married, but now I will, she was a cousin of mine, our mothers were sisters. Her name was Levensailor. Her father [Stephen Levensailor] died when she was but three or four years old[.] [A]fter that, her mother [Jemima] married a Parsons and lived ‘till three years ago, twenty-first last August. Mr. Parsons is living with his son Stephen in Massachusetts. Betsy was married in 1826 to John L. Phelps of Sebec. Mr. Phelps died July 31 1849[.] Betsy never had any family.⁵³

⁴⁵ Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Knox, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1996), 62, the full date of the marriage not given.

⁴⁶ Stephen L. Parsons death record, Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, 194:177 [image, americanancestors.org]. Stephen d. Brookfield, Mass., 24 Oct. 1866, aged 48y 4m 26d, yielding a calculated birthdate of 28 May 1818. The record names his parents and his birthplace of Montville.

⁴⁷ Andrew “Pearsons” household, 1820 U.S. Census, Sebec, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 42.

⁴⁸ Atkinson, Maine, VRs, p. 73 [DGS #7592473, image 49]. Note 6.

⁴⁹ Andrew Parsons household, 1830 U.S. Census, Sebec, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 285, line 6; Jacob K. Jenks, line 5; Jacob Levensailor, line 19.

⁵⁰ Peter Levensailor household, 1830 U.S. Census, Sebec, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 288.

⁵¹ John L. Phelps household, 1830 U.S. Census, Sebec, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 285, line 11.

⁵² Nehemiah Richards of Lincolnville m. Lincolnville, 6 May 1852, Miss [sic] Betsey Phelps of Atkinson (Maresh et al, *Vital Records of Lincolnville* [note 37], 271). For John’s death, gravestone photo, Sebec Corner Cemetery, Sebec, findagrave.com #79873933: John L. Phelps d. 31 July 1849.

⁵³ Glenna Smith and Martha Grant, “The Richards’ Papers: Episode #10—That Business,” *Fort Fairfield Review* (8 March 1995).

Statements in the letter are corroborated by other records:

- 1 According to the Lincolnville records, Nehemiah Richards was born 30 March 1792, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Young) Richards; his mother, Elizabeth, was the “daughter of Gideon and Jemima Young born in Nobleborough Nov. 14th 1762.”⁵⁴ With Nehemiah stating that Elizabeth and Jemima Young were sisters, and with Jemima being the only known Young who married a Levensailor, the letter supports that Betsy’s mother was Jemima (Young) Levensailor and therefore also a daughter of Gideon and Jemima (Cilley) Young.
- 2 Stephen Levensailor died in 1807 when Betsy was three-years old.⁵⁵
- 3 Jemima (Young) Levensailor married Andrew Parsons in 1812.⁵⁶
- 4 Jemima (Young) (Levensailor) Parsons died in August 1849, aged 75.⁵⁷
- 5 In 1860 Andrew Parsons was living with his son Stephen in Maine, not Massachusetts.⁵⁸
- 6 Betsy Levensailor married John L. Phelps of Sebec in 1826.⁵⁹
- 7 John Phelps died on 31 July 1849.⁶⁰

Nehemiah Richards, Jemima (Young) Levensailor’s implied son-in-law, certainly would have known Jemima and most likely also his second wife’s probable sister, Anna Levensailor.

ONOMASTIC CLUES

Onomastic clues also support placing Anna in Stephen and Jemima (Young) Levensailor’s family. Anna had nine children with Jacob Jenks; the first five were probably born in Sebec and the remainder in Atkinson.⁶¹ Anna’s first son, born in 1825, was named Stephen, possibly for her father.⁶² The couple’s third daughter, born in 1836, was named Maria Jemima Jenks, her middle name likely for Anna’s mother.⁶³

⁵⁴ Maresh et al, *Vital Records of Lincolnville* [note 37], 91, 124.

⁵⁵ For Stephen’s death, Johnson, *Vital Records of Belfast* [note 27], 2:579. For Betsy’s birth, gravestone photo, Youngtown Cemetery, Lincolnville, findagrave.com #38997269. Betsey d. 29 April 1888, aged 85y 3m 25d, yielding a calculated birthdate of 4 Jan. 1803.

⁵⁶ See note 45.

⁵⁷ 1850 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 559, Jemima Parsons entry.

⁵⁸ Stephen L. Parsons household, 1860 U.S. Census, Newfield, York Co., Maine, p. 648.

⁵⁹ Sebec VRs, p. 35 [DGS #7596900, image 20].

⁶⁰ Gravestone photo, Sebec Corner Cemetery, findagrave.com #79873933.

⁶¹ See the Genealogical Summary.

⁶² Gravestone photo, Clark Cemetery, Atkinson, findagrave.com #107892270. Stephen d. 26 Oct. 1853, aged 27y 10m 23d, thus b. [calc.] 3 Dec 1825. See the Genealogical Summary.

⁶³ “Jemma” Jenks, 13, was living in the J. K. Jenks household, 1850 U.S. Census, Atkinson, Piscataquis Co. Maine, p. 306; she was called Jemima M. Jenks of Atkinson on her 26 Sept. 1858 marriage record to Samuel Gowen of Bradford (Penobscot Co., Maine, Marriage Returns, 4:52 [DGS #8203747, image 58]); her 1911 death record gives her name as Maria Gowen and names her parents as Jacob Jenks, blacksmith, and Annie Knox [*sic*] (Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #5011605, image 233]). In most other records, her given name was recorded as Maria or Mariah.

CONCLUSION

Anna Levensailor lived a long, if unremarkable, life. The wife of a blacksmith turned farmer⁶⁴ and mother of nine, Anna's identity was only learned by examining lives linked to hers via geography and a common surname. A tick mark on the 1800 census record for Stephen Levensailor of Ducktrap Plantation corroborates Anna's birth year when compared with her death record. Competing candidates for Anna's parents living in Lincoln County during the early 1800s can be ruled out. Land transactions executed in Lincoln County place Stephen Levensailor in the right time and place to be Anna's father. A pre-Civil war family letter conveying family gossip from father to son features Anna's likely sister Betsy, producing information that correlates with relevant vital records. Andrew Parsons, Jacob Jenks, John Phelps, Jacob Levensailor, and Peter Levensailor remained in close proximity for years, implying long-standing family ties. The assembled evidence strengthened with onomastic clues points to Stephen and Jemima (Young) Levensailor as Anna's parents, Betsy and Jacob Levensailor as probable siblings, and Peter Levensailor as a possible sibling.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **STEPHEN LEVENSAILOR** was born circa 1775,⁶⁵ and died in May 1807, "middle aged."⁶⁶ He married in Camden, Maine, on 2 January 1796, **JEMIMA YOUNG**.⁶⁷ She was born circa 1774 (possibly in Nobleborough, Maine, where her probable sister Elizabeth was born, see discussion above), a likely daughter of Gideon and Jemima (Cilley) Young. She died 21 August 1849, probably in Atkinson, aged 75.⁶⁸ The 1800 census for Ducktrap Plantation indicates Stephen and Jemima had two boys and a girl by early 1801.⁶⁹

Jemima (Young) Levensailor married second in Knox, Maine, in 1812, **ANDREW PARSONS**.⁷⁰ He was born in Montville, Maine, 28 December 1788, son of Andrew

⁶⁴ Jacob Jenks was identified as a "blacksmith" on the death record of his daughter Maria Jemima Gowen (see note 63). He was a farmer on the 1850, 1860, and 1870 census rolls (J. K. Jenks [1850], Jacob K. Jenks [1860], Jacob R. Jenks [1870] household, 1850–70 U.S. Censuses, Atkinson, Piscataquis Co., Maine, pp. 306, 766, 15, respectively).

⁶⁵ Stephen Lavensaler household, 1800 U.S. Census, Ducktrap Plt., Hancock Co., Maine, p. 159, aged 16–25. The household included a female 16–25, two males under 10, and a female under 10. No birth or baptismal record was located for Stephen. Whitaker and Horlacher, *Broad Bay Pioneers* [note 1], 393, includes a son Stephen, b. 1775, as a son in the family of Johann Christophel Löber-Zöller. This source, which must always be used with great caution, includes no documentation for this claimed parentage.

⁶⁶ Johnson, *Vital Records of Belfast* [note 27], 2:579, citing Congregational Church record.

⁶⁷ Camden VRs [DGS #7596431, image 250], see note 26.

⁶⁸ 1850 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 559, entry for Jemima Parsons. See also Nehemiah Richards letter quoted above.

⁶⁹ Stephen Lavensaler household, 1800 U.S. Census, Ducktrap Plt., Hancock Co., Maine, p. 159.

⁷⁰ Mosher, *Vital Records of Knox* [note 45], 62, the full date of the marriage not given.

and Eleanor (Gammage) Parsons.⁷¹ He died after 1860 when he was living in Newfield, Maine.⁷²

Children of Stephen and Jemima (Young) Levensailor:

- i (poss.) PETER LEVENSAILOR, b. Lincolnville or Camden,⁷³ ca. 1796, d. Bowerbank, Maine, 12 Aug. 1878, aged 82y;⁷⁴ m. Sebec, 12 July 1821, BETSY LYFORD,⁷⁵ b. Maine,⁷⁶ [calc.] 8 March 1804, d. 21 Jan. 1890, aged 85y 10m 13d, and bur. with her husband in Sebec Village Cemetery.⁷⁷
- ii (prob.) JACOB LEVENSAILOR, b. Maine, 1798, d. 15 March 1870, aged 72y, and bur. in Town Cemetery, Atkinson Mills;⁷⁸ m. Montville, Maine, 23 Nov. 1826, MARTHA/PATTY PARSONS,⁷⁹ b. Montville, 24 March 1800, daughter of Andrew and Elenor (Gammage) Parsons (and sister of Andrew Parsons, 2nd husband of Jacob's proposed mother Jemima),⁸⁰ d. 5 May 1871, aged 71y, and bur. with Jacob in Town Cemetery, Atkinson Mills.⁸¹ Members of Jacob's family appear in the 1830 census in Sebec, and 1840, 1850, and 1860 censuses in Atkinson.⁸²
- 2 iii ANNA LEVENSAILOR, b. Camden, 24 Dec. 1800; m. JACOB K. JENKS.

⁷¹ Montville VRs, 1:220 [DGS #7595753, image 122]; Andrew Parsons m. Eleanor Gammage m. (int.) 1 Dec. 1785 (*Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. [Salem, Mass., 1923], 2:401).

⁷² Stephen L. Parsons household, 1860 U.S. Census, Newfield, York Co., Maine, p. 648. Stephen's household included himself, 42, a carpenter, his apparent wife Sarah, 40, and his father, Andrew Parsons, farmer, 72, b. Mass. [*sic*].

⁷³ Death records of two of Peter's sons, Peter (Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #5011827, image 3055]) and Silas (*ibid.* [DGS #4544494, image 2554]), cite Lincolnville as his birthplace. The death record of another son, Thomas (*ibid.* [DGS #4544494, image 2467]), cites Camden as his birthplace.

⁷⁴ Gravestone photo, Sebec Village Cemetery, Sebec, findagrave.com #101380691, age at death, 82 years, inscribed on stone; death notice, *Piscataquis Observer* (Dover, Maine), 22 Aug. 1878, p. 2: "DIED—In Bowerbank, Aug. 11 [*sic*], Peter "Levenseller," aged 84 years [*sic*]."

⁷⁵ Sebec VRs [DGS #7596900, image 19].

⁷⁶ Peter Levensailor household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bowerbank, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 780. Betsey Levensailor, aged 52, b. Maine, was living in Peter's household.

⁷⁷ Gravestone photo, Sebec Village Cemetery, findagrave.com #101380711. Citing no evidence, a Lyford genealogy claims Betsey was the daughter of James Lyford, who reportedly moved from Canterbury, N.H., to Sebec in 1806, following a brief stay in Canada (William Lewis Welch, *Francis Lyford of Boston and Exeter and Some of His Descendants* [Salem, Mass., 1902], 27–28).

⁷⁸ Gravestone photo, Town Cemetery, Atkinson Mills, findagrave.com #49708350, Jacob's death date and age barely legible on the stone; also, Maine VRs, 1670–1921, delayed returns for vital records 1670–1891, citing the inscription on this same gravestone [DGS #7031746, image 2374]; his birthplace of Maine from 1870 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 1, Jacob Levensailor.

⁷⁹ Montville VRs, 2:554 [DGS #7595753, image 500].

⁸⁰ Montville VRs [DGS #7595753, image 122], for "Patty" Parsons, daughter of Andrew Parsons and wife "Elenor."

⁸¹ Gravestone photo, Town Cemetery, Atkinson Mills, findagrave.com #49708350; also, Maine VRs, 1670–1921, delayed returns for vital records 1670–1891 [DGS #7031746, image 2378].

⁸² Jacob Levensailor household, 1830 U.S. Census, Sebec, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 285; 1840–60 U.S. Censuses Atkinson, Piscataquis Co., Maine, pp. 50 (1840), 305b (1850), 765 (1860). Documenting all these relationships are beyond the scope of this article.

- iv (prob.) BETSY LEVENSAILOR, b. [calc.] 4 Jan 1803, d. 29 April 1888, aged 85y 2m 25d, and bur. with her 2nd husband in Youngtown Cemetery, Lincolnville;⁸³ m. (1) (int.) Sebec, 24 Nov. 1826, JOHN L. PHELPS,⁸⁴ b. [calc.] 17 Jan. 1802, d. 31 July 1849, aged 47y 6m 14d, and bur. in Sebec Corner Cemetery;⁸⁵ m. (2) Lincolnville, 6 May 1852, NEHEMIAH RICHARDS as his 2nd wife,⁸⁶ b. 30 March 1792, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Young) Richards,⁸⁷ d. 19 April 1876, aged 84y 9d [*sic*], and bur. in Youngtown Cemetery, Lincolnville.⁸⁸

Children of Andrew and Jemima (Young) (Levensailor) Parsons, possibly others:

- a LUCINDA W. PARSONS, b. Montville, [calc.] 8 Feb. 1815, d. 13 April 1879, aged 64y 2m 5d, and bur. in Baldwin Cemetery, Princeton, Sherburne Co., Minn.;⁸⁹ m. (cert.) Sebec, 16 April 1829, JAMES LOVELL McCLURE,⁹⁰ b. Sebec, 1 Sept. 1810, son of James N. McClure,⁹¹ d. 1[?] Sept. 1886, aged 75y 16d, and bur. with his wife in Baldwin Cemetery.⁹²
- b STEPHEN L. PARSONS, b. Montville, Maine, 29 May 1817, d. Brookfield, Mass., 25 Oct. 1866, aged 48y 4m 26d, and bur. in Limington Village Cemetery, York Co., Maine;⁹³ m. Dracut, Mass., 7 Feb. 1849, SARAH A. TOWNE, both of Lawrence, Mass.,⁹⁴ b. Kennebunk, Maine, 23 March 1820, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Towne,⁹⁵ d. Limington, 7 Jan. 1906, aged 85y 10m 11d, and bur. with her husband in Limington Village Cemetery.⁹⁶ In 1860 Stephen L. Parsons, 42, house carpenter, and wife Sarah T., 40, were living in Newfield with 6 children.⁹⁷ In 1900

⁸³ Gravestone photo, Town Cemetery, Atkinson Mills, findagrave.com #49708350.

⁸⁴ Sebec VRs [DGS #7596900, image 12].

⁸⁵ Gravestone photo, Sebec Corner Cemetery, Sebec, findagrave.com #79873933.

⁸⁶ Maresh et al, *Vital Records of Lincolnville* [note 37], 271. In Nehemiah's letter to his son, he writes that he saw in a notice in the Camden Advertiser "not long since – 'married in Lincolnville, May 6 [1852], by Moses Young, Esq., Mr. Nehemiah Richards of Lincolnville to Mrs. Betsy H. Phelps of Atkinson'" (Smith and Grant, "The Richards' Papers" [note 53]).

⁸⁷ Maresh et al, *Vital Records of Lincolnville* [note 37], 91, 124.

⁸⁸ Gravestone photo, Youngtown Cemetery, Lincolnville, findagrave.com #38997295.

⁸⁹ Gravestone photo, Baldwin Cemetery, Princeton, Sherburne Co., Minn., findagrave.com #17019984. The inscription reads, in part, "Luciada [*sic*: Lucinda] W. McCleure."

⁹⁰ Sebec VRs, p. 28 [DGS #7596900, image 17], his name spelled James L. "McLeur."

⁹¹ Sebec VRs, p. 50 [DGS #7596900, image 28]; the name of his mother not given on the record.

⁹² Gravestone photo, Baldwin Cemetery, Princeton, Sherburne Co., Minn., findagrave.com #17020279, a hole in the stone partially obscurs his date of death.

⁹³ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 46], 194:177, giving full names of parents and place of birth; gravestone photo, findagrave.com #154747820, his stone giving his full dates of birth and death.

⁹⁴ *Vital Records of Dracut, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1907), 224, stating Stephen was a carpenter of Lawrence, Mass., and that Sarah was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Town.

⁹⁵ Gravestone photo, Limington Village Cemetery, findagrave.com #154747820, providing complete dates of birth and death.

⁹⁶ Death record, Maine VRs, 1892–1907 [DGS #4703851, image 3231], which names her parents as John Town and — Mitchell, and gives her place of birth; her parents m. Kennebunk, Maine, 7 Feb. 1808 (Joseph P. Thompson, "Records of the First Parish Church of Kennebunk" [MS, Maine Historical Society, Portland, call #MvK37], p. 72); gravestone photo, Limington Village Cemetery, findagrave.com #154747820.

⁹⁷ Stephen L. Parsons household, 1860 U.S. Census, Newfield, York Co., Maine, p. 648.

Sarah T. Parsons, 80, was living in Limington in the household of her son-in-law and daughter, John F. and Martha A. Moulton; the census entry stating that Sarah was the mother of 6 children, of whom only 2 were still living.⁹⁸

2 **ANNA LEVENSAILOR** was born in Camden, Maine, on 24 December 1800, and died, likely in Atkinson, Maine, on 11 July 1891.⁹⁹ As a resident of Sebec, she married in Atkinson on 10 April 1823, JACOB K. JENKS of Atkinson.¹⁰⁰ Jacob was born in New Hampshire in [calc.] June 1798, and died, likely in Atkinson, on 25 March 1876, aged 77 years, 9 months.¹⁰¹

Jacob and Anna were living in Sebec in 1830, but they were in Atkinson by 1840, where they apparently remained.¹⁰² In 1850 J. K. Jenks, farmer, 51, and Anna, 49, were living with their nine children: Stephen, 25, Joan, 22, E.W.S., 21, Josiah, 19, Jacob, 17, Dorcas, 15, Jemma, 13, Betsey, 11, and Edwin, 8.¹⁰³

On 19 January 1874, Jacob K. Jenks of Atkinson, aged 76 years, applied for a War of 1812 soldier's pension. He stated that in September 1814 he was drafted into Capt. Vincent Messervy's infantry company at Durham, New Hampshire, and was discharged at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on 15 December 1814, serving at Portsmouth and Rye, New Hampshire, as a private. The pension was rejected when Jacob did not follow up as requested with an amended statement of his service.¹⁰⁴

Children of Jacob K. and Anna (Levensailor) Jenks, all b. Maine.¹⁰⁵

- i STEPHEN C. JENKS, b. [calc.] 3 Dec. 1825, d. 26 Oct. 1853, aged 27y 10m 23d, and bur. in Clark Cemetery, Atkinson Mills, Maine, unmarried.¹⁰⁶
- ii JOAN/JOHANNA E. JENKS, b. 16 Sept. 1827, d. Sacramento Co., Calif., 2 Sept. 1867, and bur. there in Sacramento City Cemetery;¹⁰⁷ m. (1) Sebec, 16 May 1852,

⁹⁸ John F. Moulton household, 1900 U.S. Census, Limington, York Co., Maine, sheet 5A.

⁹⁹ Anna's birth and death dates are given on her gravestone (photo, Clark Cemetery, Atkinson Mills, findagrave.com #66662365). For Anna's birth place, see note 7.

¹⁰⁰ Atkinson, Maine, VRs, p. 73 [DGS #7592473, image 49].

¹⁰¹ Gravestone photo, Clark Cemetery, Atkinson Mills, findagrave.com #66662286.

¹⁰² Jacob K. Jenks household, 1830 U.S. Census, Sebec, Penobscot Co, Maine, p. 285; J. K. Jenks household, 1840 U.S. Census, Atkinson, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 50.

¹⁰³ J. K. Jenks household, 1850 U.S. Census, Atkinson, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 306a.

¹⁰⁴ War of 1812 pension application, SO-29506 [images, fold3.com]. The only Jenks family nearby where Jacob was drafted was that of Simeon Jenks of Dover in 1800 and 1810, his household including a male of Jacob's age (Simeon Jenks household, 1800 and 1810 U.S. Censuses, Dover, Strafford Co., N.H., pp. 232, 850, respectively). Simeon Jenks m. Barrington, N.H., 1 Sept. 1793, Elizabeth Wells, both of Dover (N.H. Marriage Records, 1637–1947 [DGS #4243057, image 57]). Extensive research conducted by the author, beyond the scope of this article, further supports the placement of Jacob K. Jenks in the family of Simeon and Elizabeth (Wells) Jenks.

¹⁰⁵ J. K. Jenks household, 1850 U.S. Census, Atkinson, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 306a.

¹⁰⁶ Gravestone photo, Clark Cemetery, Atkinson Mills, findagrave.com #107892270.

¹⁰⁷ Gravestone photo, Sacramento City Cemetery, Sacramento, findagrave.com #11580618, the monument giving her full dates of birth and death.

BENJAMIN MORRILL,¹⁰⁸ divorced in Sacramento Co., Calif., 9 April 1867.¹⁰⁹ He was b. Maine, 28 June 1828, son of Moses and Aberdale (Galbraith) Morrill, d. Little Rock, Thurston Co., Wash., 7 July 1918.¹¹⁰ Joan m. (2) Folsom, Sacramento Co., Calif., 8 June 1867, MOSES MERRILL DREW;¹¹¹ b. Grafton Co., N.H., 15 March 1830, son of Zaccheus and Nancy (Kimball) Drew,¹¹² d. Sacramento Co., Calif., 27 Oct 1911 and bur. with Joanna in Sacramento City Cemetery.¹¹³ In its judgment for Joanna E. Morrill against Benjamin Morrill for desertion on 9 April 1867, the Sacramento District Court noted that the “parties arrived [in] California 12 Sept. 1855 and lived in Folsom. Defendant left for Oregon Oct. 1864, then Washington Territory, Idaho and Montana Territory. Current whereabouts [are] unknown.”

- iii ELEAZER W. S. JENKS, b. ca. 1830, d. Weatherford, Parker Co., Texas, 8 Feb. 1883, in a well-blasting accident;¹¹⁴ m. (1) Alton, Maine, 17 Oct. 1855, RUTH MARIAN BROWN,¹¹⁵ b. Maine, ca. 1837;¹¹⁶ m. (2) Faribault, Rice Co., Minn., 26 Jan. 1873, MARGARET SARAH (BIRDSALL) WHEELER,¹¹⁷ b. Canada, 30 Aug. 1831, d. 21 July 1897, and bur. Wood Lake Methodist Cemetery, Wood Lake, Minn.¹¹⁸
- iv JOSIAH JENKS, b. Sebec, [calc.] 7 April 1831, d. Atkinson, 16 March 1904, aged 72y 11m 9d, unmarried.¹¹⁹
- v JACOB C. JENKS, b. [calc.] 25 Feb. 1833, d. 22 Nov. 1852, aged 19y 8m 28d, and bur. in Clark Cemetery, unmarried.¹²⁰
- vi DORCAS SNOW JENKS, b. Atkinson, 20 March 1835, d. Pleasanton, Alameda Co., Calif., 18 Oct. 1907, and bur. in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, Calif.;¹²¹ m.

¹⁰⁸ Piscataquis Co., Maine, Marriage records, 1839–1891, 1:93 [DGS #7724800, image 128].

¹⁰⁹ Root Cellar Sacramento Genealogical Society, comp., *Divorces, Sacramento County, California District Court 1850–1879, Index and Abstractions from Sacramento County District Court Records 1850–1879* (Sacramento, 2010), 51.

¹¹⁰ Death certificate (Washington State), 1907–1960 [DGS #7600467, image 1666].

¹¹¹ California, County Marriages, 1850–1952, 318 [DGS #4640202, image 333].

¹¹² “California, U.S., Pioneer and Immigrant Files, 1790–1950,” ancestry.com, Moses Merrill Drew.

¹¹³ Gravestone photo, Sacramento City Cemetery, findagrave.com #11580390. Also, “Moses Drew Answers to Death’s Call,” obituary, *Sacramento (California) Union*, 28 Oct. 1911, p. 1.

¹¹⁴ Parker Co., Texas, Probate files, E.W.S. Jenks packet, inventory, 10 March 1883; ancestry.com [Texas, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1883–1974 > Parker > Probate Packets, 163–246, 1881–1883, image 1594 of 1813]. Also, [Eleazer W.S.] Jenks, obituary, *Galveston (Texas) Weekly News*, 22 Feb. 1883, p. 5.

¹¹⁵ Charleston, Maine, VRs, p. 73 [DGS #7595349, image 188].

¹¹⁶ For birth year and place of birth, Marion Jenks household, 1880 U.S. Census, Minneapolis, Hennepin Co., Minn., E.D. 229, p. 41D.

¹¹⁷ Rice Co., Minn., Marriage Records, 1856–1916 [DGS #5192641, image 678]. For her maiden name, Daniel Birdsall household, 1880 U.S. Census, Blooming Grove, Waseca Co., Minn., p. 25C.

¹¹⁸ Gravestone photo, Wood Lake Methodist Cemetery, Wood Lake, Yellow Medicine Co., Minn., findagrave.com #151948344.

¹¹⁹ Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #4544481, image 3120], mother’s birthplace Camden.

¹²⁰ Gravestone photo, Clark Cemetery, Atkinson Mills, findagrave.com #107892084.

¹²¹ Birth and death dates and places from her death certificate, Alameda Co., Calif., #7–024184, in possession of the author, this record incorrectly giving her maiden name as Dorcas S. *Jenkins*; death notice, *Oakland Tribune*, 19 Oct. 1907, p. 23: “HALL—In Pleasanton, 18 Oct. 1907, Dorcas, wife of James R. Hall, mother of Charles H., St. Paul, Minn.; Ernest E. of Pleasanton; Fred J., of Oakland, George W. of Mansfield, Mass.; Mrs. Lena H. Evans, of Pleasanton; Mrs. Fred H. Fellows,

- Brewer, Maine, 27 Dec. 1857, JAMES ROBERT HALL,¹²² who served as a private in the 3rd Maine Light Artillery Battery as well as Co. E, 1st Maine Cavalry Regiment.¹²³ James was b. 26 July 1830 and d. Petaluma, Sonoma Co., Calif., 23 Feb. 1916, bur. with his wife in Mountain View Cemetery.¹²⁴
- vii MARIA JEMIMA JENKS, b. Atkinson, 1 Dec. 1836, d. 22 Nov. 1911, and bur. there in Hillside Cemetery, Bradford, Maine;¹²⁵ m. Charleston, Maine, 26 Sept. 1858, SAMUEL GOWEN,¹²⁶ b. Albion, Maine, 5 March 1826, son of Benjamin & Thusa H. (Broad) Gowen,¹²⁷ d. Bradford, 22 Feb. 1910, and bur. with his wife in Hillside Cemetery.¹²⁸ Samuel, who served as a private in Co. H, 31st Maine Volunteer Infantry, was honorably discharged on 16 June 1865 due to wounds received in battle at Petersburg, Va., in June 1864.¹²⁹
- viii ELIZABETH/BETSY JENKS, b. ca. June 1839, d. 29 Jan. 1862, aged 22y 7m, and bur. in Hillside Cemetery, Bradford;¹³⁰ m. (int.) Atkinson, 15 Feb 1859, ELIJAH S. SMITH of Charleston,¹³¹ b. Charleston, [calc.] 9 April 1838, son of John and Harriet (Mansell) Smith, d. Bradford, 21 Sept. 1919, aged 81y 5m 12d.¹³²
- ix EDWIN SNOW JENKS, b. Atkinson, May 1842,¹³³ d. Sacramento Co., Calif., 6 June 1914, and bur. there in Sacramento City Cemetery;¹³⁴ m. (1) Old Town, Maine, 11 March 1866, EMMA A. WALTON of Alton, Maine,¹³⁵ b. ca. 1845;¹³⁶ m. (2) Hatchet

of San Francisco, a native of Atkinson, Me., born 20 March 1835.” For burial, gravestone photo, Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, findagrave.com #66347400.

¹²² Brewer, Maine, VRs, 3:46 [DGS #7592505, image 412].

¹²³ For 3rd Maine Light Artillery Battery, “U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861–1865,” ancestry.com, James R. Hall. For Co. E., 1st Maine Cavalry Regiment, James R. Hall, 1890 Veterans Schedules of the U.S. Federal Census, Atkinson, Piscataquis Co., Maine.

¹²⁴ Gravestone photo, Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, findagrave.com #66346739, the stone including his full dates of birth and death.

¹²⁵ Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #5011605, image 233], place of birth: Atkinson, father: Jacob Jenks. Mother incorrectly identified as Annie “Knox” versus Annie “Levensailor.” For burial: gravestone photo, Hillside Cemetery, Bradford, findagrave #74274522.

¹²⁶ Penobscot Co. Marriage Returns, 4:52 [DGS #8203747, image 58], Samuel Gowen and Jemima M. Jenks, Bradford, Penobscot Co., Maine, 26 Sept. 1858.

¹²⁷ Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Albion, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1989), 475; his parents m. (int.) Albion, 13 Aug. 1825 (*ibid.*, 92).

¹²⁸ Death record, Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #5011605, image 225]; gravestone photo, Hillside Cemetery, Bradford, findagrave.com #74274969.

¹²⁹ Maine, Civil War Enlistment Papers, 1862–1865 [DGS #5732976, image 282]; Maine, Veterans Cemetery Records, 1676–1918 [DGS #5246539, image 2994]; “U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861–1865,” database, ancestry.com, Samuel Gowen.

¹³⁰ Gravestone photo, Hillside Cemetery, Bradford, findagrave.com #77708719.

¹³¹ Charleston VRs, p. 392 [DGS #7595349, image 195].

¹³² Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #5011873, image 266].

¹³³ Edwin S. Jinks household, 1900 U.S. Census, Sacramento River Twp., Shasta Co., Calif., E.D. 118, sheet 3b.

¹³⁴ Death certificate, Sacramento Co., Calif., in possession of the author; gravestone photo, Sacramento City Cemetery, findagrave.com #86565477.

¹³⁵ Old Town, Maine, VRs, n.p. [DGS #7595778, image 381].

¹³⁶ Emma Jenks household, 1870 U.S. Census, Alton, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 4B. Emma appears in the same household as her implied husband, Edwin Jenks.

Creek, Shasta Co., Calif., 4 Nov. 1895, as her 4th husband, OLIVE JANE (ANDRUS) (GRAVES) (HARRIS) CRUME,¹³⁷ b. Wilbraham, Mass., 15 May 1838, daughter of Orrin Clark and Angeline (Parsons) Andrus, d. Kelseyville, Lake Co., Calif., 13 Dec. 1922.¹³⁸ In the Civil War, Edwin served as a private in Co. I, 22nd Infantry, and as a corporal in Co. G, 2nd Maine Cavalry Regiment.¹³⁹ On 29 May 1901, Olive accused Edwin of deserting her and successfully sued for divorce in Shasta Co. Superior Court.¹⁴⁰ She would marry her 5th husband, John Woods, in 1901, and her 6th husband, John Steele, in 1904. With her 1st husband, Curtis Parkhurst Graves, she had 4 children. In 1910 Edwin Jenks, aged 68, was listed as a miner, living in Analy Township, Sonoma Co., Calif., his marital status given as widower.¹⁴¹

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¹³⁷ Shasta Co., Calif., Marriage Licenses, K:364 [DGS #4640196, image 590]. As Mrs. Olive J. Harris, she had m. Shasta Co., Calif., 13 Aug. 1893, Jesse Crume (Shasta Co., Calif., Marriage Licenses, K:193 [DGS #4640196, image 504]).

¹³⁸ All facts related to Olive's life and six marriages are described and well documented on the John Cluff Marchant Family Tree at ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/4676294/person/120002576583/facts).

¹³⁹ For birthplace, Maine, Civil War Enlistment Papers, 1862–1865 [DGS #5736091, image 426]. For 2nd wife's maiden name, Edwin S. Jenks (Cpl., Co. I, 22nd Me. Regt. Inf., Civil War), pension no. 774808, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications. . . , 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

¹⁴⁰ [Redding, Calif.] *Free Press*, 1 June 1901, front page. The newspaper story gave the background for the divorce petition. It stated that before Olive married Jesse Crume, Jesse and his first wife were the proprietors of the Stump roadhouse on Hatchet Creek mountain in Shasta County. "At length host Crume became a widower. . . . He wanted another wife and he saw his salvation in a New York matrimonial paper. He inserted a notice and in due time got in correspondence with a lady of the east [i.e., Olive]. She agreed to come to California and in a short time she became hostess of the Stump roadhouse. One day in 1894 Jesse Crume cheered his last guest and died. He had homesteaded the place and so the widow clung to it when the children by Crume's first wife fought for an interest in it. Mrs. Crume did not believe it good to live alone. One of her guests a year after Crume's death was Edwin F. Jenks. He had no destination in particular and no urgent business. He liked the place and he did not go away. Finally, he married the landlady and assured the permanency of his lodgings while beginning to divide the profits of the business instead of helping to swell them. Jenks lived easily. He came to Redding occasionally provided with money to allay his thirst. But he wearied of his happy home and just before he was to celebrate his wooden wedding he disappeared. He had not written to his wife and she would now be as free of his vows as she is of his presence."

¹⁴¹ Edwin S. Jenks household, 1910 U.S. Census, Analy Twp., Sonoma Co., Calif., E.D. 136, sheet 13a.

SIDETRACKED BY MELATIAH

Who Were the Parents of Rebecca Young, Wife of Samuel Knight of Portland, Maine?

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Samuel Knight was born in 1748 in Falmouth, Maine (in the part that would later become Portland), a son of Isaac and Hannah (Toppan) Knight.¹ When he died at the Portland almshouse on 24 January 1818 at age 70, he was called “one of the oldest inhabitants born in the town.”² In deeds, Samuel was described as “joiner” or “housewright,” both labels indicating he was a skilled carpenter.³

Samuel married in Falmouth on 20 June 1773 Rebecca Young.⁴ Rebecca, the wife of Samuel Knight, was described as being 49 years old when she died in December 1804, so she was born about 1755.⁵ No birth or baptismal record, however, could be found for her in Falmouth or in the surrounding area. Who then were Rebecca’s parents and where did her family come from?

The town of Portland was carved off from Falmouth and incorporated as Maine’s forty-sixth town on 4 July 1786.⁶ Like most towns in Maine, Portland’s original vital records probably included family records, in which births and deaths for a married couple and their children would have been listed together. At some point, however, in a new copying of the records, the family records were deconstructed, with the births copied into a separate book of births and the deaths copied into a separate book of deaths. Those are the records which exist today. The location of original family records from which they were apparently copied is unknown.

In the Portland births volume, Samuel Knight’s family is recorded as follows:⁷

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Children of Samuel and Rebecca Knight | |
| Rebecca Knight | [born] 1 Dec. 1777 |
| Molly Knight | 26 Nov 1779 |
| Thomas Knight | 29 Oct 1782 |
| Isaac Knight | 12 May 1785 |
| Toppan Knight | 24 Jany 1789 |
| Nathaniel Knight | 23 May 1792 |

¹ Marquis F. King, *Baptisms and Admission from the Records of the First Church in Falmouth, Now Portland, Maine* (Portland, 1898), 40; his parents m. 15 Jun 1736 per *Vital Records of Newburyport, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1911), 2:278

² Death notice, *Portland Gazette*, 3 Feb. 1818, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

³ For example, Cumberland Co. Deeds, 14:63, 78:171.

⁴ Judith Holbrook Kelley and Clayton Rand Adams, eds., *Marriage Returns of Cumberland County, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Rockport, Maine, 1998), 20.

⁵ Rebecca was buried in Portland’s Eastern Cemetery, aged 49 (William B. Jordan, Jr., *Burial Records 1717–1962 of the Eastern Cemetery, Portland, Maine* [Bowie, Md., 1987], 77).

⁶ Stanley Bearce Attwood, *The Length and Breadth of Maine* (Orono, Maine, 1977), 223.

⁷ Portland Births, 5:47 [DGS #8203748, image 252].

In the deaths volume, the family is recorded as shown here:⁸

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---------|
| Rebecca Knight, aged 49 years | d. 11 Dec. 1804, wife of Samuel Knight | |
| Tappan Knight, aged 18 years | d. 1 Feb. 1807, [son of] Samuel and Rebecca Knight | |
| Moses Knight, aged 35 years | d. 5 June 1809 | " |
| Nathaniel Knight, aged 18 years | d. 28 Nov. 1810 | " |
| Melatiah Young "in said family" | d. 22 Jan'y 1802 | unknown |

These death records include two individuals not found in the births:

1 Son *Moses Knight*, based on his age at death, was born about 1774 and was evidently the first child.

2 The death record of *Melatiah Young* "in said family" is more interesting. No age for Melatiah is given on the record and no death notice was published in the local Portland newspapers. Living in Samuel's family at the time of death, Melatiah must have been related to Samuel's wife, Rebecca Young—but how?

MELATIAH YOUNG

The name Melatiah (pronounced me-la-TY-ah) was biblical and similar in spelling and pronunciation to the more common name Pelatiah. In the Bible, Melatiah was one of the men, a Gibeonite, who assisted in building the walls of Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile of the Jews.⁹ He is only mentioned only one time.

Other than the death record shown above, Melatiah Young is not found in either the Portland or Falmouth vital records. The index to the Cumberland County land records includes no deeds executed under the name. Even so, Melatiah did own property in Falmouth. On 18 October 1775, Falmouth Neck was bombarded for nine hours by the British Navy under the command of Capt. Henry Mowat and much of the town was burned. In November 1776, a list of Falmouth residents who suffered losses from the bombardment was compiled by a committee of eight men. On the list of sufferers was Melatiah Young, whose losses were smaller than most, but included £76 in buildings, £6 in personal estate, and £2 in cartage, for a total loss of £84.¹⁰

To have owned such property in Falmouth in 1775, Melatiah must have been an adult, so at least age 21 and born no later than about 1754. With Rebecca's birth estimated at about 1755, it seemed likely that Melatiah was either her brother or father.

THE TWO MOSESES

The clue that ultimately led to unravelling the mystery of Melatiah's identity was found in a deed made between Samuel Knight and his oldest son, Moses. On 28 March 1804, Moses Knight of Portland, housewright, sold to "My Honored Father Samuel

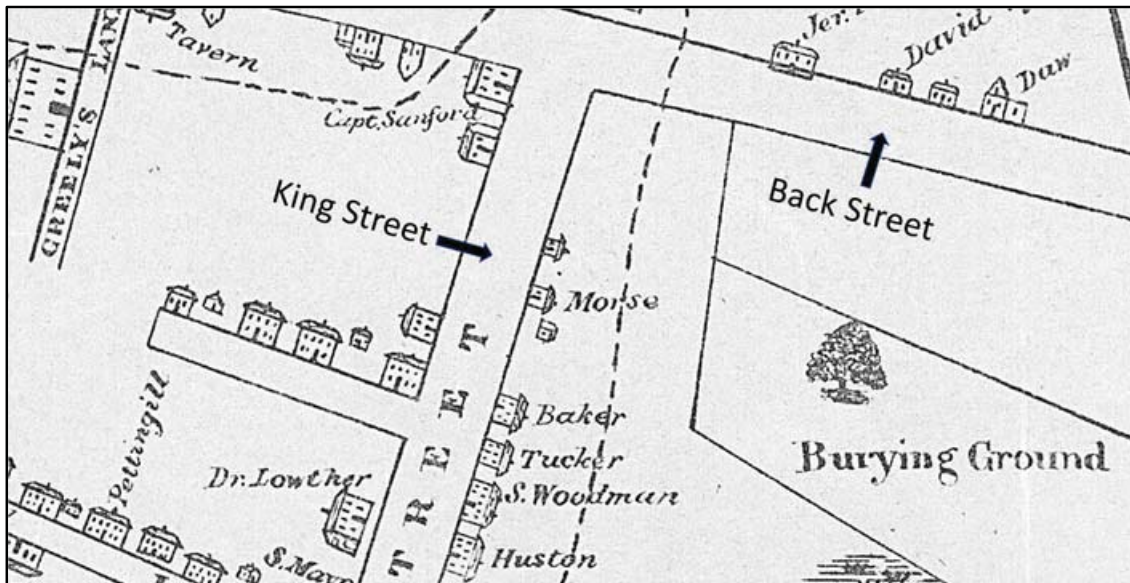
⁸ Portland Deaths, 4:153 [DGS #7595803, image 95].

⁹ Nehemiah 3:7.

¹⁰ James Phinney Baxter, *Documentary History of the State of Maine, Vol. XIV, Containing the Baxter Manuscripts* (Portland, 1910), 305.

Knight of Portland,” joiner, a small lot of land in Portland on the northeast side of King Street, with a house and an outhouse thereon standing. The property was described as bordering property owned by Josiah Baker. While his name was written simply “Moses Knight” in the body of the deed, he signed the deed as “Moses Y. Knight.”¹¹ Could his full name have been Moses Young Knight? To test this theory, a search was made for a Moses Young who was living before 1774 (when Moses Y. Knight was born) and for whom Moses Y. Knight might have been named. In fact, such a man was found very nearby.

On 28 September 1763, Moses Young of Falmouth, blacksmith, mortgaged a piece of land, it being “the half part of the land whereon I now dwell.” It was located in Falmouth “near the head of Kingstreet on the easterly side thereof,” and it bordered property owned by Jonathan Morse Jr.¹²



Falmouth Neck, as it was when destroyed by Mowatt, October 18th 1775¹³

A close-up of a portion of a 1775 map of Falmouth Neck shows the head of King Street (India Street today) running into Back Street (Congress Street today). On the east side of King Street, the map shows one property owned by “Morse” and another owned by “Baker.” With Moses Young’s land bordering Jonathan Morse Jr. in 1763 and with Moses Y. Knight’s land bordering Josiah Baker in 1804, it is clear that the two Moseses were dealing, forty years apart, either with the same property or with contiguous properties along King Street. Had Moses Y. Knight inherited his land from Moses Young?

¹¹ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 44:349.

¹² Cumberland Co. Deeds, 2:438.

¹³ Portion of a map held by The National Archives, RG 77: Records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers, NAID: 221021240, online at <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/221021240>.

THE PIECES COME TOGETHER

The index to the Cumberland County deeds lists a 1768 deed executed by Moses Young, seller, and Josiah Baker, buyer. As it turned out, it was Melatiah Young, not Moses, who was the seller, together with one Samuel Cobb. When the deed was read, the puzzle pieces all came together:

On 27 April 1768, Melatiah Young, widow, and Samuel Cobb, gentleman, both of Falmouth, “being executors to the estate of Moses Young late of Falmouth, deceased,” sold to Josiah Baker of Falmouth, caulker, to satisfy the deceased’s just debts, the southeast half of the house lot in Falmouth, near the head of King Street, on the east side thereof, “on which the said Melatiah now lives,” excepting the blacksmith’s shop standing thereon which the said Melatiah and Samuel reserve to themselves.¹⁴

Melatiah was a woman! With her husband, Moses Young, dying by 1768, Melatiah would live some thirty-five years as a propertied widow in Falmouth.

Six years later, on 21 October 1774, Samuel Cobb of Falmouth, gentleman,¹⁵ and Melatiah Young of Falmouth, widow, “executors of the last will and testament of Moses Young late of said Falmouth, blacksmith, deceased,” sold at public vendue to Samuel Freeman of Falmouth, merchant, “two thirds of the house and land now under the occupation of the said Melatiah, and which did belong to, and was occupied by the said deceased” on the northeast side of King Street.¹⁶ It took another ten years until Samuel Knight of Falmouth, joiner, purchased the same property back from Freeman on 18 May 1784, thus restoring it to the family.¹⁷

Armed with the knowledge that Melatiah was a woman, a search for the marriage of a Moses Young with a wife named Melatiah uncovered one such marriage in Harwich, Massachusetts. On 4 October 1750, Moses Young married Melatiah King.¹⁸ Melatiah, born in Harwich on 2 July 1732, was the daughter of John and Mary (Bangs) King.¹⁹ On 21 May 1758, the church in Brewster, Massachusetts, “dismissed Melatiah the wife of Moses Young to the 1st Ch[urc]h in Falmouth Casco Bay.”²⁰ This eliminated any doubt that the correct Melatiah had indeed been found.

In her later years, widow Melatiah Young lived with the family of her daughter Rebecca and son-in-law Samuel Knight, most probably in the same house on King Street that her husband had owned and that Melatiah sold in 1768 to pay debts on

¹⁴ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 3:250.

¹⁵ Samuel Cobb’s relationship to the family, if any, is unknown. Moses Young’s will apparently appointed him and Melatiah as executors, so he may have been simply a trusted friend of Moses.

¹⁶ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 8:321. Like the earlier deed executed in 1768, the index to the Cumberland County deeds listed the grantor as Moses Young, not the two executors who were the ones actually selling the property.

¹⁷ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 14:63.

¹⁸ “Harwich, Mass., Vital Records,” *Mayflower Descendant* 34(1937):25.

¹⁹ “Harwich, Mass., Vital Records,” *Mayflower Descendant* 7(1905):194.

²⁰ “Records of the First Parish in Brewster, Formerly the First Parish in Harwich, Mass.,” *Mayflower Descendant* 10(1908):251. The town of Brewster was formed from a part of Harwich.

her husband's estate, and that in 1785 her son-in-law Samuel Knight repurchased. Melatiah probably lived there with her daughter and grandchildren until she died in 1802, at the age of 69.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **MOSES YOUNG** was born in Harwich, Massachusetts, 30 March 1732, son of Thomas and Rebecca (Bangs) Young.²¹ He died, probably in Falmouth, Maine, after 29 September 1763, when he mortgaged his land at the head of King Street in Portland,²² and before 18 November 1766, when Widow Young was taxed in Falmouth.²³ He married in Harwich, 4 October 1750, his 2nd cousin, MELATIAH KING.²⁴ She was born in Harwich, 2 July 1732, daughter of John and Mary (Bangs) King,²⁵ and died in Portland, 22 January 1802.²⁶

Moses and Melatiah had moved to Falmouth by the spring of 1758 when Melatiah was dismissed from the church in Brewster, Massachusetts, and recommended to the church in Falmouth, Maine.²⁷ Moses was "of Falmouth," blacksmith, on 14 July 1758 when he purchased from Josiah Noyes of Falmouth "a certain house lott of land in said Falmouth bounded as follows Beginning at the Westerly Corner of Mr Jonathan Morse Jun^r house lott on the North Easterly side of King street."²⁸ This property would remain in the family for most of the next sixty years. On 15 April 1817, Samuel Knight sold it to his wife's nephew, Enoch Moody, for \$80.²⁹ Enoch Moody, with his brother William, then sold the property on 9 June 1817 to Henry Titcomb of Portland, merchant.³⁰

Children of Moses and Melatiah (King) Young:

- i THOMAS YOUNG, b. prob. Harwich, Mass., and bp. 1st Parish, Brewster, Mass., 15 April 1753.³¹ No further information.
- 2 ii REBECCA YOUNG, b. prob. Harwich, Mass., ca. 1755; m. SAMUEL KNIGHT.

²¹ "Harwich, Mass., Vital Records," *Mayflower Descendant* 13(1911):72; his parents m. Harwich, 11 Feb. 1730/1 (*ibid.*, 13[1911]:56).

²² Cumberland Co. Deeds, 2:438.

²³ King, *Records of the First Church in Falmouth* [note 1], 97. This volume includes some early tax records.

²⁴ "Harwich, Mass., Vital Records," *Mayflower Descendant* 34(1937):25.

²⁵ "Harwich, Mass., Vital Records," *Mayflower Descendant* 7(1905):194. Rebecca and Mary Bangs were first cousins, both granddaughters of Capt. Jonathan² Bangs of Eastham, Mass. (Dean Dudley, *History and Genealogy of the Bangs Family in America* [Montrose, Mass., 1896], 26, 31–33, 36).

²⁶ Portland Deaths, 4:153 [DGS #7595803, image 95].

²⁷ "Records of the First Parish in Brewster" [note 20].

²⁸ York Co. Deeds, 35:26.

²⁹ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 78:171.

³⁰ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 77:116.

³¹ "Records of the First Parish in Brewster," *Mayflower Descendant* 10(1908):131.

iii MARY/MOLLY YOUNG, b. ca. 1758, d. Portland, 5 Aug. 1799, in the 41st year of her age;³² m. Falmouth 11 Dec. 1783, WILLIAM MOODY,³³ b. 16 Feb. 1756, son of Enoch and his 2nd wife Ann (Weeks) Moody,³⁴ d. 16 Feb. 1821, and bur. with Molly.³⁵ William m. (2) Portland, 21 July 1804, Rachel Riggs, both of Portland.³⁶ On 10 Dec. 1778, Molly Young was a witness when Rebecca, wife of Samuel Knight of Falmouth, house joiner, relinquished her right of dower on a deed.³⁷ William and Molly had 4 children:³⁸ 1. *Nancy Moody*, b. 2 July 1784. 2. *Enoch Moody*, b. 10 Jan. 1787. 3. *William Moody*, b. 14 Oct. 1795. 4. *Harriet Moody*, b. 20 Dec. 1798.

2 **REBECCA YOUNG** was born probably in Harwich, Massachusetts, circa 1755, daughter of Moses and Melatiah (King) Young of Harwich and Falmouth, Maine. She died in Portland, 11 December 1804, aged 49.³⁹ She married in Falmouth, 20 June 1773, SAMUEL KNIGHT by Rev. Thomas Smith of the Falmouth First Parish Church.⁴⁰ Samuel was born in Falmouth in 1748, son of Isaac and Hannah (Toppan) Knight.⁴¹ He died at the Portland almshouse, 24 January 1818, aged 70, called “one of the oldest inhabitants born in the town.”⁴²

On 18 May 1785, Samuel Knight of Falmouth, joiner, acquired the property on King Street that had been owned originally by his in-laws, Moses and Melatiah Young.⁴³ On 15 September 1795, he mortgaged the property to his son Moses Y. Knight for £20, promising to pay back Moses within 3 years, which obligation he fulfilled and the mortgage was discharged.⁴⁴ In 1800 Samuel’s household in Portland included himself, aged 45+; 2 women also aged 45+ (prob wife Rebecca and mother-in-law Melatiah), and 5 male and 1 female children.⁴⁵ As Samuel Knight of Portland, housewright, he sold the King Street property on 15 April 1817 to Rebecca’s nephew, Enoch Moody of Portland. for \$80.⁴⁶ This is the last time he appeared in the Portland records. Nine months later, he died at the almshouse.

³² Gravestone photo, Eastern Cemetery, Portland, findagrave.com #57877419; death notice, *Portland Oriental Trumpet*, 7 Aug. 1799, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

³³ Kelley and Adams, eds., *Marriage Returns of Cumberland County* [note 4], 31.

³⁴ William Willis, *The History of Portland, From 1632 to 1864* (Portland, 1865), 821–22.

³⁵ Gravestone photo, Eastern Cemetery, Portland, findagrave.com #101663839, the stone giving his full dates of birth and death.

³⁶ Portland VRs, 3:164 [DGS #7595799, image 93].

³⁷ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 12:62.

³⁸ Portland VRs, 3:209 [DGS #7595799, image 117]; Willis only names 3 children, omitting Harriet (Willis, *The History of Portland* [note 34], 822).

³⁹ Portland Deaths, 4:153 [DGS #7595803, image 95].

⁴⁰ Kelley and Adams, eds., *Marriage Returns of Cumberland County* [note 4], 20.

⁴¹ King, *First Church in Falmouth* [note 1], 40; his parents m. 15 Jun 1736 per *Newburyport VRs* [note 1], 2:278.

⁴² Death notice, *Portland Gazette*, 3 Feb. 1818, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

⁴³ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 14:63.

⁴⁴ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 24:482.

⁴⁵ Samuel Knight household, 1800 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 270.

⁴⁶ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 78:171.

Children of Samuel and Rebecca (Young) Knight, b. and bp. Falmouth/Portland:⁴⁷

- i MOSES YOUNG KNIGHT, b. ca. 1774 and bp. 15 May 1774, d. Portland, 5 June 1809, aged 35;⁴⁸ m. Portland, 11 Jan. 1798, DORCAS BAILEY both of Portland,⁴⁹ bp. Falmouth, 21 July 1776, daughter of Hudson and Sarah (Yeaton) Bailey,⁵⁰ d. before 3 Feb. 1847 when not listed among her mother's surviving heirs.⁵¹ In 1802 Moses Knight of Portland published a notice that "Dorcas, wife of me the subscriber, has behaved in an unbecoming manner, and has left me and refuses to live with me," and he forbade all persons trusting her on his account.⁵² They must have reconciled as Moses, a ropemaker, and Dorcas sold to Dorcas's brother Hudson Bailey, 10 Aug. 1807, their right to land in Portland "conveyed by [her grandfather] Joseph Bailey to [her father] Hudson Bailey & descended from him to Dorcas."⁵³ Probable child: *Jane T. Knight*, b. Portland, ca. 1799, d. Boston, Mass., 19 Jan. 1877, aged 78, unmarried.⁵⁴
- ii REBECCA KNIGHT, b. 1 Dec. 1777 [*sic*: 1776] and bp. 3 Dec. 1776, d. Portland, 11 Jan. 1860, aged 83, and bur. in Eastern Cemetery;⁵⁵ m. Portland, 4 July 1799, JOSEPH STILSON both of Portland,⁵⁶ who apparently d. between 1810, when he was living in Portland, and 1820, when Rebecca headed her Portland household.⁵⁷ Two daughters:⁵⁸ 1. *Mary Young Stilson*, b. 16 July 1803. 2. *Jane Stilson*, b. 30 Sept. 1809.
- iii MARY/MOLLY KNIGHT, b. 26 Nov. 1779 and bp. 26 Dec. 1779, d. at the insane asylum in Concord, N.H., 21 Sept. 1850, aged 71;⁵⁹ m. Portland, 9 Aug. 1801, NATHANIEL BICKFORD,⁶⁰ b. Exeter, N.H., [calc.] March 1780,⁶¹ d. Epping, N.H., 28 Sept. 1863, aged 82y 6m.⁶² On 16 Feb. 1818, Nathaniel Bickford of Exeter, N.H., cordwainer, and Molly his wife sold to Henry Titcomb of Portland, merchant, their

⁴⁷ Portland Births, 5:47 [DGS #8203748, image 252]; Portland Deaths, 4:153 [DGS #7595803, image 95]; King, *First Church in Falmouth* [note 1], 40.

⁴⁸ Portland Deaths, 4:153 [DGS #7595803, image 95]

⁴⁹ Portland VRs, 3:47 [DGS #7595799, image 32].

⁵⁰ King, *First Church in Falmouth* [note 1], 28; her parents m. (int.) Falmouth, 1 Oct. 1775 (Revolutionary War Pension Application, #W24635).

⁵¹ Revolutionary War Pension Application, #W24635.

⁵² *Jenks' Portland Gazette*, 26 July 1802, p. 4 [image, genealogybank.com].

⁵³ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 61:452.

⁵⁴ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 61], 294:13. The record states her birthplace of Portland and her parents as Moses and Dorcas Knight, but it gives Moses's birthplace as Newburyport, Mass.

⁵⁵ Portland Deaths, 5:173 [DGS #7595803, image 394]; Jordan, *Eastern Cemetery Burial Records* [note 5], 133 (Rebecca Stillson, widow of Joseph).

⁵⁶ Portland VRs, 3:61 [DGS #7595799, image 39].

⁵⁷ Joseph Stilson household, 1810 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 58; Rebecca Stilson household, 1820 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 259.

⁵⁸ Portland Births, 5:47 [DGS #8203748, image 252].

⁵⁹ Scott Lee Chipman, *New England Vital Records from the Exeter News-Letter, 1847–1852* (Camden, Maine, 1994), 138, "wife of Mr. Nath'l Bickford of this town."

⁶⁰ Portland VRs, 3:162 [DGS #7595799, image 92].

⁶¹ His birthplace from the death record of his daughter, Mary F. Chase (Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, 1903/41:100 [image, americanancestors.org]).

⁶² Bible record of his son William Sloan Bickford published in *Bickford Newsletter*, 15, No. 2 (Summer 2003):12. Nathaniel was possibly a son of Dennis Bickford, the only person of that surname enumerated in Exeter, N.H., in 1790, and whose household that year contained a male under 16 (Dennis Bickford household, 1790 U.S. Census, Exeter, Rockingham Co., N.H., p. 180).

right in a small lot of land in Portland, “being all the right & title therein which the said Molley as heir to her late GrandMother Young, the same being held in common and undivided with the heirs of Samuel Knight and W^m Moody,” the lot being located on the east side of King Street.⁶³ Issue.⁶⁴

- iv THOMAS KNIGHT, b. 29 Oct. 1782 and bp. 10 Nov. 1782. No further information.
- v ISAAC KNIGHT, b 12 May 1785 and bp. 10 June 1785, d Portland, 10 May 1846, aged 58y 5m, and bur. in Eastern Cemetery, Portland;⁶⁵ m. Portland, 17 Dec. 1808, ABIGAIL/NABBY CHAMBERLAIN,⁶⁶ b. ca. 1790,⁶⁷ d Portland, 4 Aug. 1857, aged 67, and bur. in Eastern Cemetery.⁶⁸ Isaac was a sea captain and notices of his activities often appeared in the “Shipping News” columns of the local Portland newspapers. On 23 Sept. 1834, a newspaper advertisement announced that “the fine new ship *Belvidere*, Isaac Knight, master,” was sailing for New Orleans on 30 Sept. and that persons with freight or passage should apply at the Portland pier.⁶⁹ In 1820 Isaac’s household in Portland included a male aged 10–15y and 2 males under 10.⁷⁰ By 1830 the household also included the three boys as well as a girl aged 5–9.⁷¹ In 1850 Nabby Knight, aged 60, headed her household in Portland which included her son Isaac Knight, 33, daughter Eliza A. Knight, 26, and several others.⁷² Five children, b. Portland:⁷³ 1. *Benjamin Knight*, b. 9 Feb. 1809. 2. *Henry Knight*, b. 7 July 1811. 3. *Eliza Ann Knight*, b. 1 Nov. 1813. 4. *Isaac Knight Jr.*, b. 17 July 1817. 5. *Eliza A. Knight*, b. 2 Dec. 1823.
- vi TOPPAN KNIGHT, b 24 Jan. 1789 and bp. 15 Feb. 1789, d 1 Feb. 1807, aged 18.⁷⁴
- vii NATHANIEL KNIGHT, b. 23 May 1792 and bp. 2 Nov. 1797, d. Portland, 29 Nov. 1810, aged 18.⁷⁵

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⁶³ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 79:431.

⁶⁴ Five persons in various age categories under 25 were living in Nathaniel’s household in 1830 (Nathaniel Bickford household, 1830 U.S. Census, Exeter, Rockingham Co., N.H., p. 194).

⁶⁵ Portland Deaths, 4:227 [DGS #7595803, image 180].

⁶⁶ Portland VRs, 3:176 [DGS #7595799, image 99].

⁶⁷ She was possibly a daughter of Aaron and his 2nd wife Bethiah (Pearson) (Gordon) Chamberlain, Aaron being the only person of that surname in Portland in 1790 (U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 203). Aaron had m. (1) Falmouth, 8 Nov. 1774, Elizabeth Waterhouse (Kelley and Adams, eds., *Marriage Returns of Cumberland County* [note 4], 23) and m. (2) (cert.) Fryeburg, 2 Aug. 1787, Mrs. Bethiah Gordon (Fryeburg VRs, p. 419 [DGS #7595549, image 229]). Bethiah Pearson had m. (1) Andover, Mass., 6 June 1782, William Gordon (*Vital Records of Andover, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. [Topsfield, Mass., 1910–12], 2:265).

⁶⁸ Death notice, *Portland Advertiser*, 11 Aug. 1857, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]; grave-stone photo, findagrave.com #101663155).

⁶⁹ *Portland Advertiser*, 23 Sept. 1834, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

⁷⁰ Isaac Knight household, 1820 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 228.

⁷¹ Isaac Knight household, 1830 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 417.

⁷² Nabby Knight household, 1850 U.S. Census, Portland Ward 3, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 91.

⁷³ Portland Births, 4:58–59 [DGS #8203748, image 38].

⁷⁴ Portland Deaths, 4:153 [DGS #7595803, image 95]

⁷⁵ Portland Deaths, 4:153 [DGS #7595803, image 95]

WHICH THOMAS PERKINS OF ARUNDEL,
SR., JR., 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, CAPT., ENSIGN, OR ESQ.?

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7 **JOHN⁵ PERKINS** (*Thomas*⁴⁻¹) was born say 1730, and died before 10 April 1769 when administration of the estate of John Perkins of Wells, mariner, was granted to Betsy Perkins of Wells, widow.⁴⁴² He may have married first MEHITABLE GOODWIN, as reported by Bradbury, and then married second, in Wells, 4 April 1765, ELIZABETH/BETTY/BETSY LITTLEFIELD.⁴⁴³ She was baptized in Wells, 24 January 1741/2, daughter of Pelatiah and Mehitable (Black) Littlefield.⁴⁴⁴ As the widow of her second husband, Dominicus Goodwin, she died in Berwick in August 1827, aged 85.⁴⁴⁵ Her marriage to Dominicus Goodwin took place in Wells on 19 November 1772.⁴⁴⁶ He was born in Berwick, 20 April 1741, son of Ichabod and Elizabeth (Scammon) Goodwin,⁴⁴⁷ and died there, 20 November 1807, aged 66 years, 7 months.⁴⁴⁸

On 25 March 1760, John's mother, Lydia Perkins of Arundel, widow, for £20 "paid to me by my son John Perkins," sold him a 19-acre parcel of upland and meadow in Wells at a place called Pond Marsh.⁴⁴⁹ On 2 January 1769, [John's brother] Thomas Perkins Jr. of Arundel, coaster, and Sarah his wife, for £53 paid by John Perkins of Wells, mariner, sold him a tract of upland and marsh bounding the Kennebunk River in Arundel.⁴⁵⁰

Bradbury notes that John married "Mehitable Goodwin," which may be the case, he choosing to name his daughter for his deceased first wife. It is also possible that Bradbury received some garbled information, as John and *Betty's* daughter was named Mehitable, and Betty married as her second husband, Dominicus *Goodwin*. None of the Goodwin families of Arundel had a known daughter named Mehitable. Bradbury noted that daughter Mehitable Perkins married General John Lord. The Lord family record in Berwick, cited below, indicates that Mehitable was the daughter of Capt. John Perkins of Wells.

⁴⁴² York Co. Probate Records, 12:54 [DGS #7600385, image 348]

⁴⁴³ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 50], 76.

⁴⁴⁴ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.," NEHGR 75(1921):119; Pelatiah Littlefield m. York, 9 Nov. 1731, Mehitable Black (Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs* [note 3], 120).

⁴⁴⁵ Old Fields Cemetery, South Berwick, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 3:2078.

⁴⁴⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 50], 79.

⁴⁴⁷ Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs* [note 148], 205, the family record including the maiden name of his mother.

⁴⁴⁸ Old Fields Cemetery, South Berwick, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 3:2078.

⁴⁴⁹ York Co. Deeds, 39:203.

⁴⁵⁰ York Co. Deeds, 41:198.

The inventory of John Perkins's estate includes a tract of land in Arundel purchased from [his brother] Thomas Perkins. In addition to a number of luxury items, John had half ownership in an eighty-ton sloop, the *Hitty*, perhaps named for his daughter.

Children of John⁵ and Betty (Littlefield) Perkins:

- i MEHITABLE⁶ PERKINS, b. 4 March 1766,⁴⁵¹ a date that is incompatible with her reported baptism in Wells on 2 March 1766.⁴⁵² She was named perhaps for John's deceased first wife, or for her maternal grandmother, Mehitable (Black) Littlefield. She m. Berwick, 29 Oct. 1785, General JOHN LORD of Berwick,⁴⁵³ b. 29 March 1765, son of Nathan and Esther (Perkins) Lord, d. 20 Feb. 1815, aged 50y.⁴⁵⁴ Their children included: *John Perkins Lord*, b. 29 Feb. 1786; *Samuel Lord*, b. 5 July 1788; *Susanna Lord*, b. 11 May 1790; *Nathan Lord*, b. 28 Nov. 1792; and *Augustus Lord*, b. 22 Jan. 1798.⁴⁵⁵
- ii JOHN PERKINS, bp. Wells, 1 Jan. 1769,⁴⁵⁶ the year of his father's death. He may have died before 12 Sept. 1773, when Betty baptized another son named John, son of second husband Dominicus Goodwin. Bradbury gives him no mention, and there is no record of John Perkins in Berwick.⁴⁵⁷

8 **THOMAS⁵ PERKINS** (*Thomas*⁴⁻¹) was born circa 1732 and died in Arundel, 8 November 1820, aged 88.⁴⁵⁸ He married say 1760, SARAH BAXTER, daughter of John and Sarah (Bailey) Baxter,⁴⁵⁹ who was born circa 1841 and died in Arundel, 26 December 1811, aged 70.⁴⁶⁰

Sarah Baxter was called "the youngest sister of the deceased" in the 10 July 1758 division of the estate of John Baxter of Arundel.⁴⁶¹ Thomas was called "Ensign" in the family record of 23 September 1773, which included the births of his first four children. On 2 January 1769, Thomas Perkins Jr. of Arundel, coaster, and Sarah his wife, for £53 paid by [his brother] John Perkins of Wells, mariner, sold him 40 acres of upland and marsh bounding the Kennebunk River in Arundel, it being part of the estate of "our father," John Baxter, late of Arundel.⁴⁶² On 5 January 1801, Thomas Perkins "first" of Arundel, and wife Sarah, for \$500 paid by his "son" John Perkins 3rd, sold him one-

⁴⁵¹ Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs* [note 148], 226. Her date of birth is included as part of a family record.

⁴⁵² "Wells First Church Records" [note 444], NEHGR 76(1922):181.

⁴⁵³ Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs* [note 148], 125.

⁴⁵⁴ Charles Chase Lord, *Descendants of Nathan Lord of Ancient Kittery, Maine* (Concord, N.H., 1912), 34. Their son Nathan was President of Dartmouth College from 1828–63.

⁴⁵⁵ Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs* [note 148], 226.

⁴⁵⁶ "Wells First Church Records" [note 444], NEHGR 76(1922):106.

⁴⁵⁷ Joseph C. Anderson II, *Records of the First and Second Churches of Berwick, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1999), 105.

⁴⁵⁸ Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972.

⁴⁵⁹ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 226.

⁴⁶⁰ Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972.

⁴⁶¹ York Co. Probate Records, 10:14 [DGS #7600384, image 355].

⁴⁶² York Co. Deeds, 41:198.

half of his dwelling house and the land on which it stands.⁴⁶³ On 19 May 1812, Thomas Perkins of Arundel, gentleman, with wife Sarah relinquishing her right of dower, sold three-quarters of an acre on the town road to [his son] Thomas Perkins 4th of Arundel, mariner.⁴⁶⁴ Thomas Perkins of Arundel, yeoman, prepared his will 28 September 1820. The will names his son John Perkins, who was to receive \$5; daughter Esther Perkins, who was to receive \$50; daughter Sally Blunt, who was to receive \$50; daughter Mary Bourne, who was to receive \$50; and grandson Oliver Bourne, sole executor, who was to receive all of Thomas's residual real and personal estate.⁴⁶⁵ Son John Perkins of York, mariner, contested the will, 28 February 1821, outlining seven reasons that the will should not be affirmed but, generally speaking, arguing that his father Thomas, who would have been about age 88, was not of sound mind when he signed the will, and that the terms and conditions were dictated by Oliver Bourne.⁴⁶⁶ The case was apparently settled, for what terms we do not know, as on 18 August 1821, at a session of the Supreme Judicial Court at Alfred, both parties consented to the decree of the Judge of Probate affirming the will.⁴⁶⁷

Children of Thomas⁵ and Sarah (Baxter) Perkins:⁴⁶⁸

- i ESTHER⁶ PERKINS, b. 29 Nov. 1761; m. Arundel, 28 Dec. 1780, THOMAS PERKINS 4th,⁴⁶⁹ son of Thomas and Susannah (Hovey) Perkins [see #3 in Thomas Perkins of Topsfield section, above (*The Maine Genealogist* 44[2022]:117–21)].
- ii LYDIA PERKINS, b. 20 Aug. 1765, d. Kennebunkport, 7 Sept. 1793, aged 28, and bur. in the Perkins Cemetery in Kennebunkport;⁴⁷⁰ m. Arundel, 13 July 1790, JOHN BLUNT.⁴⁷¹ John Blunt m. (2) Arundel, 15 March 1794, her widowed sister Sarah.⁴⁷² John Blunt was a shipbuilder who came from Portsmouth, N.H.⁴⁷³
- iii Capt. THOMAS PERKINS, b. 2 June 1768, d. bef. 16 March 1818 when his widow Susan was appointed to administer the estate of Thomas Perkins 3rd, of Arundel;⁴⁷⁴ m. Arundel, 28 Jan. 1790, as Thomas 5th, SUSANNA/SUSAN PERKINS,⁴⁷⁵ daughter of

⁴⁶³ York Co. Deeds, 67:171. The other half was included in the inventory of the estate of son Thomas 3rd.

⁴⁶⁴ York Co. Deeds, 87:122.

⁴⁶⁵ York Co. Probate Records, 29:110–11 [DGS #7600395, image 61].

⁴⁶⁶ York Co. Probate Records, #14981 [DGS #2294162, images 1354–55]. (A word of caution—the Perkins probate records do not fall in strict alphabetical order in familysearch.org).

⁴⁶⁷ York Co. Probate Records, #14981 [DGS #2294162, image 1334].

⁴⁶⁸ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 587 [DGS #7595726, image 358]. The family record includes the four children born before 1773: Esther, Lydia, Thomas, and Sarah. Bradbury lists: Esther, m. Thomas Perkins; Lydia, m. John Blunt; Thomas, m. Susan Perkins; Sarah, m. Benjamin Perkins and John Blunt; Mary, m. Samuel Bourne; and John, m. Sally Low (Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 270).

⁴⁶⁹ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):122.

⁴⁷⁰ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:971.

⁴⁷¹ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):124.

⁴⁷² Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 57 [DGS #7595726, image 350].

⁴⁷³ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 228.

⁴⁷⁴ York Co. Probate Records, #14980 [DGS #2294162, image 1318].

⁴⁷⁵ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):123.

Thomas and Susanna (Hovey) Perkins [see #2, child vi, in Thomas Perkins of Topsfield section, above (*The Maine Genealogist* 44[2022]:117)]. Mrs. Susan Perkins m. (2) Arundel, 23 Feb. 1819, James Perkins,⁴⁷⁶ son of James and Sarah (Hovey) Perkins [see #9, child i, below].

On 28 July 1812, Thomas Perkins 4th and wife Susanna, for \$2500 paid by Andrew Smith of Arundel, gentleman, mortgaged 50 acres in Arundel and the house, barn and buildings thereon, as well as another 33 acres.⁴⁷⁷ On 9 Aug. 1819, the balance of the estate of Thomas Perkins 3rd, \$435, was distributed, one half to the said Susan, widow of Thomas Perkins, and the other half to Thomas Perkins, the father and *sole heir* of the deceased. No other heirs are named.⁴⁷⁸ On 25 Sept. 1819, [2nd husband] James and Susan Perkins, administrator of the estate of Thomas Perkins 3rd, paid \$217 in full of all demands as per the administrator's account.⁴⁷⁹

- iv SARAH/SALLY PERKINS, b. 31 Oct. 1772; m. (1) BENJAMIN PERKINS, son of Ephraim and Huldah (Dorman) Perkins [see #5, child i, above (*The Maine Genealogist* 44[2022]:169)]; m. (2) Arundel, 11 March 1794, JOHN BLUNT.⁴⁸⁰ Benjamin and Sarah's children, Sally Burnham and Benjamin Perkins, were named in the 24 Oct. 1821 will of their paternal grandfather, Ephraim Perkins. Sarah Perkins had m. Arundel, 25 Dec 1814, Belford Burnham.⁴⁸¹ Benjamin Perkins m. Arundel 1 July 1819, Elizabeth Burnham.⁴⁸² Bradbury notes that John Blunt removed to Frenchman's Bay [Sullivan] about 1807.⁴⁸³
- v Capt. JOHN PERKINS, bp. Arundel, 16 April 1775,⁴⁸⁴ d. Jackson, N.H., 9 May 1848, 73y 1m, the inscription calling him Captain John, mariner;⁴⁸⁵ m. Arundel, 17 Jan. 1800, as John Perkins 3rd, SARAH/SALLY LOWE,⁴⁸⁶ bp. York, 21 Nov. 1779, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (—) Lowe.⁴⁸⁷ Sally was still living in 1850, aged 70, residing with her son Edward, as cited below.

John was called John Perkins 3rd when he and wife Sarah renewed the covenant at the Arundel church six months after their marriage, 3 July 1800.⁴⁸⁸ He was probably the Capt. John Perkins, master of the coasting sloop *Charles*, whose ship was run aground on the "Fishing Rocks," resulting in a significant loss to his cargo.⁴⁸⁹

⁴⁷⁶ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 524 [DGS #7595726, image 325].

⁴⁷⁷ York Co. Deeds, 87:121.

⁴⁷⁸ York Co. Probate Records, #14980 [DGS #2294162, image 1331].

⁴⁷⁹ York Co. Probate Records, #14980 [DGS #2294162, image 1322].

⁴⁸⁰ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):124.

⁴⁸¹ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):192.

⁴⁸² Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 524 [DGS #7595726, image 325].

⁴⁸³ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 228.

⁴⁸⁴ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):197.

⁴⁸⁵ Jackson Village Cemetery, Jackson [billiongraves.com, #5654916].

⁴⁸⁶ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 568 [DGS #7595726, image 349]. In the church records, Sally's surname of Lowe has been incorrectly listed or transcribed as Lord ("Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 108[1954]:189).

⁴⁸⁷ "First Parish, York: Baptisms 1750–1800," *York County Genealogical Society Journal*, 4, No. 3(1989):18.

⁴⁸⁸ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):275.

⁴⁸⁹ *Annals of the Time*, Kennebunk, 22 Nov. 1804, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

The 18 June 1812 will of Thomas Lowe of York, yeoman, names his wife Margaret and grandson Thomas Perkins, the son of his daughter Sally, to whom he left all the land he owned in Winchendon, Worcester Co. [Mass].⁴⁹⁰ At one point John resided in Ellsworth, as the personal estate of his brother Thomas Perkins includes an “account against John Perkins for cash sent to Ellsworth, Oct. 26, 1814.”⁴⁹¹ As noted below, Ellsworth was the birthplace of son Thomas. John Perkins was “of York,” mariner, 5 Oct. 1821, when Margaret Lowe of York, widow, conveyed to him her right to any land of the estate of her deceased husband, Thomas Lowe, in exchange for good and comfortable support during her natural life.⁴⁹² John then purchased from Edward Emerson of York, merchant, a lot of land in York with two dwelling houses formerly occupied by Thomas Lowe, which Emerson had purchased at public vendue, 7 June 1821, the same subject to right of dower by Margaret Lowe.⁴⁹³

By 1840 John and Sarah were living in Jackson, N.H.⁴⁹⁴ More than 30 years after John’s death, on 3 Nov. 1885, his son Thomas Perkins of Tamworth, N.H., asked that administration of John’s estate be granted to [his son] Chase B. Perkins. Thomas had sold Chase, for \$1, his right to any claim made under “what is known as the French Spoilation Clause by reason of the loss of vessels belonging to my late father Capt. John Perkins and my uncle Thomas Perkins taken by the French Government.” Thomas noted that his father died leaving a widow, 3 sons and 2 daughters [unnamed], and that he [Thomas] was the eldest of the sons. Chase’s claim was successful and he received the sum of \$724.⁴⁹⁵

Children of Capt. John and Sarah/Sally (Lowe) Perkins included:

- 1 *Suky-Maria/Susanna Perkins*, b. Arundel in 1800 according to her cemetery inscription, bp. Arundel, 8 Sept. 1802,⁴⁹⁶ d. York, 1889;⁴⁹⁷ m. [as Sukey] York, 12 July 1817, Joseph Lowe, both of York,⁴⁹⁸ b. 1781, d. York, 1839.⁴⁹⁹
- 2 (prob.) *Lydia Perkins*, b. ca. 1807, d. Ogden, N.Y., 1 April 1869, aged 61;⁵⁰⁰ m. (cert.) York, 23 Sept. 1824, Samuel Weare Jr.⁵⁰¹
- 3 *Thomas Perkins*, b. Ellsworth, [calc.] 30 March 1810, d. Tamworth, N.H., 5 March 1891, aged 80y 11m 5d;⁵⁰² m. Jackson, N.H., 8 April 1833, Susan C. Burnham,⁵⁰³

⁴⁹⁰ York Co. Probate Records, 26:513 [DGS #7600393, image 604].

⁴⁹¹ York Co. Probate Records, #14980 [DGS #2294162, image 1309].

⁴⁹² York Co. Deeds, 108:213.

⁴⁹³ York Co. Deeds, 108:214.

⁴⁹⁴ John Perkins household, 1840 U.S. Census, Jackson, Coos Co., N.H., p. 220.

⁴⁹⁵ Carroll County, N.H., Probate Records, #4031A [DGS #106449, images 1492–1502]. Case #4031A has been appended to Case #4031, that of another John Perkins of Jackson, N.H.

⁴⁹⁶ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):57.

⁴⁹⁷ Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs* [note 3], 543.

⁴⁹⁸ Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs* [note 3], 207.

⁴⁹⁹ Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs* [note 3], 543.

⁵⁰⁰ Fairfield Cemetery, Spencerport, N.Y., findagrave.com #1199938401.

⁵⁰¹ Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs* [note 3], 220. The marriage notice which appeared in the *Portland Eastern Argus* (30 Sept. 1824, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]) called Lydia the daughter of Capt. John Perkins. In 1855 Samuel Weare, 52, and wife Lydia, 50, both b. Maine, were farming in Ogden, N.Y. (1855 N.Y. State Census, Ogden, Monroe Co., n.p.).

⁵⁰² N.H. Death Records, 1654–1947 [DGS #4243770, image 649]. The record names his parents as John Perkins and Sarah Lowe.

⁵⁰³ N.H. Marriage Records, 1637–1947 [DGS #4243214, image 1035].

b. 1813, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Chase) Burnham, d. Tamworth, N.H., 1891.⁵⁰⁴

4 (poss.) son *Perkins*, m. Maria —, b. ca. 1810, as at age 40 she was living with [brother-in-law] Edward and [mother-in-law] Sally Perkins in Jackson, N.H., in 1850 as cited below, apparently the mother of two Perkins sons.⁵⁰⁵

5 *Edward A. Perkins*, b. York, [calc.] 22 June 1822, d. Bartlett, N.H., 3 Feb. 1912, age 89y 7m 11d.⁵⁰⁶ In 1850 Edward A., aged 28, a farmer, b. Maine, was living in Jackson, N.H., his household including his mother Sally, 70, Maria, 40, who was possibly a sister-in-law, and Maria's children, Frederick, 10, and William, 9, all b. Maine.⁵⁰⁷ Edward was called "single" when he was enumerated at age 87, a boarder in Bartlett, N.H.⁵⁰⁸

vi MARY PERKINS, b. [calc.] Sept. 1777, d. Kennebunkport, 18 March 1864, aged 86y 6m;⁵⁰⁹ m. Arundel, 20 Nov. 1794, SAMUEL BOURNE of Wells,⁵¹⁰ bp. Wells, 27 April 1766, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Sewall) Bourne,⁵¹¹ d. Kennebunkport, 8 Sept. 1851, aged 85.⁵¹² Samuel was a ship carpenter who moved from Wells to Kennebunk in 1791.⁵¹³ Their son Oliver was named executor of his grandfather's will, a will contested by his uncle, John Perkins.

9 **Captain JAMES⁵ PERKINS** (*Thomas⁴⁻¹*) was born circa 1743 and died in Kennebunkport, 9 November 1825, aged 82.⁵¹⁴ He married (1) say 1767, SARAH/ SALLY HOVEY. She was born in 1748, daughter of Rev. John and Susanna (Swett) Hovey,⁵¹⁵ and died before 31 August 1797 when her husband remarried. Captain James married (2) Pepperellborough, 31 August 1797, widow HANNAH (JORDAN) COIT of Pepperellborough,⁵¹⁶ born Saco, 5 April 1758, the daughter of Tristram and Hannah (Goodwin) Jordan,⁵¹⁷ died Kennebunkport, 4 September 1839, aged 81.⁵¹⁸ Hannah had mar-

⁵⁰⁴ Riverside Cemetery, Tamworth, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #184220.

⁵⁰⁵ She may have been a sister-in-law, or perhaps her surname of Perkins was an error on the part of the census taker.

⁵⁰⁶ N.H. Death Records, 1654–1947 [DGS #4243185, image 1550]. The record names his parents as Capt. John Perkins and Sally Lowe.

⁵⁰⁷ Edward A. Perkins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Jackson, Coos Co., N.H., p. 5.

⁵⁰⁸ Loring R. Cox household, 1910 U.S. Census, Bartlett, Carroll Co., N.H., sheet 9A.

⁵⁰⁹ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:971.

⁵¹⁰ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):188.

⁵¹¹ "Wells First Church Records" [note 444], NEHGR 76(1922):105; Benjamin Bourne m. (int.) Wells, 15 March 1765, Hannah Sewall per Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 50], 56.

⁵¹² Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:971.

⁵¹³ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 228.

⁵¹⁴ Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972.

⁵¹⁵ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 251. Mr. John Hovey m. York, 12 June 1736, Susanna Swett, both of York (Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs* [note 3], 123).

⁵¹⁶ *Pepperellborough and Saco VRs* [note 396], 305; Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 575 [DGS #7595726, image 351]. In the Pepperellborough Church records, he is called Captain James Perkins of Arundel, and she is called Widow Hannah Coit of Pepperellborough.

⁵¹⁷ George Thomas Little, *Genealogical and Family History of Maine*, 4 vols. (New York, N.Y., 1909), 1:123.

⁵¹⁸ Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972.

ried (1) Pepperellborough, 26 February 1775, Solomon Coit.⁵¹⁹ Solomon died after 18 February 1787, when their daughter Sally Goodwin Coit was baptized, and before 8 June 1788, when Solomon, the son of widow Hannah Coit was baptized.⁵²⁰

Captain James and his son James were credited with saving the lives of six [of seven] people whose canoe had overturned in the icy Kennebunk River, 13 December 1800.⁵²¹ James Perkins of Kennebunkport, gentleman, prepared his will 4 November 1825, five days before his death. The will names his wife Hannah; sons James Perkins Jr., Thomas, and John; the legal heirs of son Ebenezer Perkins, deceased; daughters Ruth Perkins, Lydia Stone, Lucy Perkins, and Mary Perkins; and sons Joshua and Tristram Perkins, who were named executors.⁵²²

Children of James⁵ and his 1st wife, Sarah (Hovey) Perkins, b. Arundel:⁵²³

- i Capt. JAMES⁶ PERKINS, b. ca. 1768, d. Kennebunkport, 14 July 1845, aged 77;⁵²⁴ m. (1) Arundel, 18 Aug. 1791, SARAH PERKINS,⁵²⁵ bp. Arundel, 26 July 1772, daughter of Thomas and Susannah (Hovey) Perkins [see #2, child viii, above (*The Maine Genealogist* 44[2022]:117)].⁵²⁶ James m. (2) Arundel, 23 Feb. 1819, her sister, Mrs. SUSAN (PERKINS) PERKINS,⁵²⁷ b. ca. 1768, d. Kennebunkport, 10 Feb. 1849, age 81y.⁵²⁸ Susan had m. (1) Arundel, 28 Jan. 1790, Capt. Thomas Perkins,⁵²⁹ the son of Thomas and Sarah (Baxter) Perkins [see #8, child iii, above]. The 8 Nov. 1844 will of James Perkins of Kennebunkport, Esq., names his daughter Sarah Ann Gould, wife of Alexander Gould of Kennebunkport, master mariner, who was to receive all his real and personal estate and pay legacies to the others. These included Sarah Ann Perkins, widow of son Joseph Perkins [\$20]; son Frederick Perkins [\$5]; and son James Perkins Jr., who was to be supported in a comfortable manner, “meaning that the said James Jr. shall have a home with s[ai]d Sarah Ann Gould, the same as he now has with me his father.” Alexander Gould was named as executor.⁵³⁰

Children of James and Sarah (Perkins) Perkins, b. Arundel, birth order uncertain, included:

- 1 *Henry Perkins*, b. ca. 1799, d. Havana, Cuba, 3 Jan. 1820, aged 21, “greatly lamented.”⁵³¹

⁵¹⁹ *Pepperellborough and Saco VRs* [note 396], 295.

⁵²⁰ *Pepperellborough and Saco VRs* [note 396], 282, 283.

⁵²¹ *Kennebec Gazette*, Hallowell, 10 April 1801, p. 2 [image, genealogybank.com].

⁵²² York Co. Probate Records, #1460 [DGS #7315189, image 1460].

⁵²³ Baptisms in Arundel did not begin being recorded until 1771, after which baptisms appear for eight children.

⁵²⁴ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972.

⁵²⁵ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):124.

⁵²⁶ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):196.

⁵²⁷ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 524 [DGS #7595726, image 325].

⁵²⁸ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972.

⁵²⁹ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):123.

⁵³⁰ York Co. Probate Records, 57:91 [DGS #7600405, image 380] It is odd that he does not mention wife Susan, who survived him.

⁵³¹ *Weekly Visiter*, Kennebunk, 26 Feb. 1820, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

- 2 *James Perkins*, b. ca. 1801, as in 1850, James, aged 49, was residing with the family of his sister, Sarah Ann Gould, no occupation listed.⁵³²
 - 3 *George Perkins*, b. ca. 1804, d. 26 Jan. 1823, aged 19.⁵³³
 - 4 (prob.) *Susan Perkins*, b. ca. 1808, d. 14 June 1838, aged 30.⁵³⁴
 - 5 *Sarah Ann Perkins*, b. [calc.] 25 March 1809, d. Kennebunkport, 9 May 1901, aged 92y 1m 14d;⁵³⁵ m. (int.) Kennebunkport, 19 July 1834, Alexander Gould,⁵³⁶ b. ca. 1803, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Miller) Gould,⁵³⁷ d. 14 Oct. 1880, aged 77.⁵³⁸
 - 6 *Lucinda Perkins*, b. ca. 1812, d. 20 March 1834, aged 22.⁵³⁹
 - 7 *Emily Perkins*, b. ca. 1814, d. 22 June 1833, aged 19.⁵⁴⁰
 - 8 (prob.) *Almira Perkins*, b. ca. 1816, d. 15 Jan. 1838, aged 22.⁵⁴¹
 - 9 *Joseph Perkins*, d. bef. 8 Nov. 1844 when he was called deceased in his father's will; m. Sarah Ann —.
 - 10 *Frederick Perkins*, named in his father's will of 8 Nov. 1844.
- ii THOMAS PERKINS, b. say 1770 [a twin per Bradbury], d. after 23 April 1849 when he prepared his very brief will, and before 6 Aug. 1849 when it was probated.⁵⁴² He would rightfully have been called Thomas Perkins 6th when he married, Arundel, 11 July 1794, EUNICE MILLER,⁵⁴³ b. ca. 1774, bp. Arundel, 11 May 1777, daughter of Lemuel and Anna (Burbank) Miller,⁵⁴⁴ d. Kennebunkport, shortly before 2 Feb. 1835, age 61y, when notice of her death appeared in a Portland newspaper;⁵⁴⁵ on 3 Oct. 1842 Eunice Perkins was called deceased in the will of her father Lemuel Miller.⁵⁴⁶ The 11

⁵³² Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:970. Her inscription calls her the daughter of Capt. James Perkins.

⁵³³ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972; his inscription calls him the son of James Jr. and Sarah Perkins.

⁵³⁴ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972. She is buried in the same plot as Capt. James Perkins.

⁵³⁵ Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:915; Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [DGS #4544462, image 414].

⁵³⁶ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 32 [DGS #7595726, image 474].

⁵³⁷ Alexander Gould m. Arundel, 27 Nov. 1800, Elizabeth Miller per “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):190.

⁵³⁸ Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:915.

⁵³⁹ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972. Her inscription calls her the daughter Capt. James Perkins.

⁵⁴⁰ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972. Her inscription calls her the daughter of Capt. James Perkins.

⁵⁴¹ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972. The notice in the *Maine Democrat* (Saco, 7 Feb. 1838, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]) calls her the daughter of Capt. James Perkins.

⁵⁴² York Co. Probate Records, 64:10 [DGS #7600413, image 10].

⁵⁴³ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):188.

⁵⁴⁴ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):198; Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 263.

⁵⁴⁵ *Jeffersonian*, Portland, 2 Feb. 1835, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]. She is called the wife of Thomas Perkins.

⁵⁴⁶ York Co. Probate Records, 53:118 [DGS #7600407, image 437]. The will mentions Eunice's heirs but does not name them.

Aug. 1843 will of Anna Miller of Kennebunkport, widow, names “the children of my daughter Eunice Perkins, viz Miranda Averill, Hannah Laman [Leman], Betsy Thompson, Asa Perkins, William Perkins, and Harriet Perkins to whom she left nothing, as what was “necessary having been done for them by my husband in his lifetime.”⁵⁴⁷ The 23 April 1849 will of Thomas Perkins of Kennebunkport, yeoman, names only his daughter Miranda Averill.

Children of Thomas and Eunice (Miller) Perkins, b. Arundel, birth order uncertain:

- 1 *Miranda Perkins*, b. ca. 1798, d. Kennebunkport, 1 Nov. 1884, aged 86;⁵⁴⁸ m. Kennebunkport, 16 May 1843, James Averill,⁵⁴⁹ b. ca. 1798, d. Kennebunkport, 15 Jan. 1877.⁵⁵⁰
- 2 *Asa Perkins*, b. ca. 1800, as in 1880, Asa Perkins, aged 80, marital status single, identified as “uncle,” was living in Kennebunkport in a household headed by his niece, Susan Averill.⁵⁵¹
- 3 (poss.) *Thomas Perkins*, b. ca. 1804, froze to death in Dover, Maine, aged 18 to 20.⁵⁵²
- 4 *Hannah Perkins*, b. 1799–1813,⁵⁵³ say 1807, d. Boston, 13 Aug. 1883, aged 70 [sic];⁵⁵⁴ m. say 1842, Charles M. Laman/Leman, b. Sweden, ca. 1801, d. Charlestown, Mass., 11 May 1861, aged 60.⁵⁵⁵
- 5 *William Perkins*, perhaps the same who was living next door to James Averill in 1850, b. ca. 1811, aged 39, a farmer, living with wife Ellen, 41, and no children in the household.⁵⁵⁶
- 6 *Betsy/Eliza Perkins*, b. ca. 1813, d. Sanbornton, N.H., 22 Oct. 1845, aged 32;⁵⁵⁷ m. Roxbury, Mass., 8 Oct. 1833, Andrew Crockett Thompson,⁵⁵⁸ b. ca. 1809, d. Andover, N.H., 26 Feb. 1893, aged 88.⁵⁵⁹

⁵⁴⁷ York Co. Probate Records, 54:263–64 [DGS #7600408, image 145].

⁵⁴⁸ Kennebunkport VRs, Births & Deaths, 1822–92, p. 73 [DGS #7595727, image 443].

⁵⁴⁹ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 27 [DGS #7595727, image 528].

⁵⁵⁰ Arundel Cemetery, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #163450958.

⁵⁵¹ Susan Averill household, 1880 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 309.

⁵⁵² *Weekly Eastern Argus*, Portland, 10 Feb. 1824, p. 1 [image, genealogybank.com]. Thomas Perkins Jr. of Kennebunk froze to death in Dover, Maine, aged 18 to 20 years.

⁵⁵³ Hannah was aged 52 in 1850, 48 in 1855, and 70 in 1883.

⁵⁵⁴ Mass. Vital Records, 1841–1910, 348:227 [image, americanancestors.com]. The record gives her place of birth as Kennebunkport and names her parents as Eunice (—) Perkins; Mass. Town Clerk Records, 1626–2001 [DGS #4274656, image 533]. The record notes she was the widow of Charles Leman.

⁵⁵⁵ Mass. Vital Records, 1841–1910, 148:84 [image, americanancestors.com]. In 1850 Charles Leman, aged 36 [sic], b. Sweden, an upholsterer, and wife Hannah, 52, b. Maine, were living in Boston with their four children (Chs. L. Leman household, 1850 U.S. Census, Boston, Ward 2, Suffolk Co., Mass., p. 139).

⁵⁵⁶ William Perkins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 117.

⁵⁵⁷ Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, N.H., gravestone photo, findagrave.com #131360186.

⁵⁵⁸ *Roxbury, Massachusetts, Vital Records to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols., (Salem, Mass., 1925–26), 2:393.

⁵⁵⁹ Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, N.H., gravestone photo, findagrave.com #131360154. Their son, Thomas Perkins Thompson was b. Franklin, N.H., 13 Aug. 1836, the record naming his mother as Eliza Perkins, aged 23, b. Kennebunkport, Maine (N.H. Birth Records, Early to 1900 [DGS #4244316, image 460]).

7 *Harriet Perkins*, named in her grandmother's will in 1843, apparently unmarried.

One Harriet Perkins d. Kennebunkport, 29 Aug. 1846, aged 28.⁵⁶⁰

- iii JOHN PERKINS, b. say 1770 [a twin per Bradbury], and still living in 1825 when he was named third among the sons in his father's will, likely d. before 1840 when no John Perkins household was enumerated in Kennebunkport, and before 1850 when his wife, Abigail, at age 70, was living in Kennebunkport with their son Wheelwright. John would rightfully have been called John *Jr.* when he m. Arundel, 12 Oct. 1797, ABIGAIL (STEVENS) HILL.⁵⁶¹ Abigail Stevens of Arundel had m. (1) (int.) Wells, Benjamin Hill Jr. of Wells.⁵⁶² This marriage was apparently short in duration, as Bradbury gives it no mention, and notes that Abigail *Stevens* married John Perkins, a marriage for which no record was discovered. Abigail Stevens was b. ca. 1780, daughter of Wheelwright and Phebe (Smith) Stevens.⁵⁶³ In 1850 Abigail, aged 70, was living in Kennebunkport with the family of her son Wheelwright, 42, a caulker, his wife Betsy, 34, and their four children.⁵⁶⁴ Wheelwright had m. (int.) Kennebunkport, 7 July 1839, Betsy Hutchins.⁵⁶⁵ Next door to Abigail and Wheelwright in 1850 was John Perkins, perhaps another son. John was b. ca. Sept. 1813, d. Kennebunkport, 25 Dec. 1887, aged 74y 3m;⁵⁶⁶ m. (int.) Kennebunkport, 24 Oct. 1840, Mary Eliza Tuman.⁵⁶⁷
- iv Capt. EBENEZER PERKINS, bp. Arundel, 15 Sept. 1771,⁵⁶⁸ d. Arundel, 13 April 1821;⁵⁶⁹ m. Arundel, (cert.) 21 Aug. 1793, EUNICE HOVEY,⁵⁷⁰ b. Arundel, 9 Nov. 1775, daughter of Ebenezer and Eunice (Wiswall) Hovey,⁵⁷¹ d. Kennebunkport, 7 April 1856, aged 81.⁵⁷² Ebenezer Perkins, of Arundel, mariner, was appointed 30 Dec. 1793 to administer the estate of Ebenezer Hovey of Arundel, and gave bond of £500 with sureties Abner Perkins and James Perkins.⁵⁷³ Ebenezer and wife Eunice renewed the covenant at the Arundel church, 12 Nov. 1797.⁵⁷⁴ On 4 July 1817, Ebenezer Perkins of Arundel offered a one cent reward for the return of his runaway apprentice, Jacob A. Lee, aged 18.⁵⁷⁵ The 9 April 1821 will of Ebenezer Perkins of Kennebunkport, mariner, names his wife Eunice; daughters Eunice, Clarissa, Harriet, Julia Maria, Arrabelle, and Lavinia; and sons Ebenezer Hovey, John Hovey, Cyrus, and Octavus. The will was

⁵⁶⁰ *Portland Weekly Advertiser*, 8 Sept. 1846, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

⁵⁶¹ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 569 [DGS #7595726, image 349].

⁵⁶² Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 50], 115.

⁵⁶³ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 276.

⁵⁶⁴ Wheelwright Perkins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 117.

⁵⁶⁵ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 46 [DGS #7595726, image 481].

⁵⁶⁶ Kennebunkport VRs, Births & Deaths, 1822–92, p. 74 [DGS #7595726, image 445].

⁵⁶⁷ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 56 [DGS #7595726, image 483].

⁵⁶⁸ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):195.

⁵⁶⁹ Arundel Cemetery, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 1:101. The *Kennebunk Weekly Visiter* (21 April 1821, p. 3 [genealogybank.com]) noted that he died in Arundel at age 49.

⁵⁷⁰ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 576 [DGS #7595726, image 351].

⁵⁷¹ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 580 [DGS #7595726, image 355]; Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 251.

⁵⁷² Arundel Cemetery, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 1:101.

⁵⁷³ York Co. Probate Records, 16:418 [DGS #7600388, image 216].

⁵⁷⁴ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):275.

⁵⁷⁵ *Weekly Visiter*, Kennebunk, 5 July 1817, p. 4 [image, genealogybank.com].

probated 14 May 1821.⁵⁷⁶ On 7 April 1833, Eunice Perkins of Kennebunkport, widow, for \$300 paid by John Perkins Jr., mariner, sold him all her right to the premises “which he now occupies.”⁵⁷⁷ In 1850 Eunice Perkins, aged 72, was living in Kennebunkport with her daughter Arabella, 41.⁵⁷⁸ Eunice prepared her own will 3 Oct. 1845, leaving her daughter Arabella the house, barn, and land. The will also names her other children, John H[ovey], Eunice, Clarissa, and Edward O[ctavus]. To the others, she left cash, as well as a share of “whatever may accrue to me from my share of an old French claim, so called, whenever it is received.”⁵⁷⁹ The 12 April 1855 will of John Hovey of Kennebunk names his “sister, Eunice Perkins,” to whom he left 2/5 of his estate, and the residue to her two sons.⁵⁸⁰ Ebenezer and Eunice had four sons who died in foreign ports or at sea, two in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, one in Kronstadt, Russia, and one who sailed from New Orleans and never returned.

Children of John and Eunice (Hovey) Perkins included:

- 1 *Eunice Perkins*, bp. Arundel, 12 Nov. 1797,⁵⁸¹ d. Biddeford, 12 Sept. 1850, aged 56,⁵⁸² m. (int.) Arundel, 14 Jan. 1816, John Perkins,⁵⁸³ son of Thomas and Esther (Perkins) Perkins [see #3, child i, above (*The Maine Genealogist* 44[2022]: 118)].
- 2 *Ebenezer Hovey Perkins*, bp. Arundel, 2 Sept. 1801,⁵⁸⁴ d. “Portau-Prince” [Haiti], 8 Jan. 1823, aged 23.⁵⁸⁵
- 3 *Clarissa H. Perkins*, bp. Arundel, 15 Sept. 1802,⁵⁸⁶ m. (cert.) Kennebunkport, 19 Feb. 1842, Samuel S. Jordan of Saco.⁵⁸⁷
- 4 *Seth Perkins*, b. ca. 1802, bp. Arundel, 23 May 1805,⁵⁸⁸ d. “Portau-Prince” [Haiti], 8 Oct. 1820, aged 18.⁵⁸⁹
- 5 *John Hovey Perkins*,⁵⁹⁰ b. ca. 1804, bp. Arundel, 23 May 1805, d. Cronstadt, Russia, 11 July 1859, aged 55,⁵⁹¹ m. Kennebunkport, 9 Oct. 1832, Clarissa H. Haley.⁵⁹²

⁵⁷⁶ York Co. Probate Records, 29:402 [DGS #7600395, image 213]

⁵⁷⁷ York Co. Deeds, 145:64. The deed was witnessed by her daughter Clarissa.

⁵⁷⁸ Eunice Perkins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 140.

⁵⁷⁹ York Co. Probate Records, 75:223 [DGS #7600419, image 118]. This is likely a reference to the French Spoliation Claims involving reimbursement for the loss of vessels.

⁵⁸⁰ York Co. Probate Records, 75:5 [DGS #7600419, image 7].

⁵⁸¹ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):55.

⁵⁸² Woodlawn Cemetery, Biddeford, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #6448891.

⁵⁸³ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 545 [DGS #7595726, image 336].

⁵⁸⁴ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):57.

⁵⁸⁵ Arundel Cemetery, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #63237798. Eben Hovey shares a memorial stone with brothers Seth, Cyrus, and John Hovey, all identified as sons of Ebenezer and Eunice Perkins.

⁵⁸⁶ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):56.

⁵⁸⁷ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 54 [DGS #7595726, image 485].

⁵⁸⁸ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):57.

⁵⁸⁹ Arundel Cemetery, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #63237688.

⁵⁹⁰ Hovey Perkins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 135. Hovey was 46, Clarissa was 42, and there were four children in the household.

⁵⁹¹ Arundel Cemetery, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #63238265.

⁵⁹² Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 19 [DGS #7595726, image 524].

- 6 *Harriet Perkins*, b. ca. 1807, bp. Arundel, 22 Nov. 1813,⁵⁹³ d. Kennebunkport, 18 April 1826, aged 19.⁵⁹⁴
- 7 *Cyrus Perkins*, bp. Arundel, 22 Nov. 1813, a master mariner, who sailed from New Orleans 4 Feb. 1841, aged 31, and was not heard from again.⁵⁹⁵
- 8 *Julia Maria Perkins*, b. ca. 1812, d. Kennebunkport, 4 July 1836, aged 24.⁵⁹⁶
- 9 *Arabella Perkins*, b. [calc.] July 1813, d. Saco, 19 Sept. 1894, aged 81y 2m.⁵⁹⁷
- 10 *Edward Octavus Perkins*. His mother's will included a codicil, noting that whereas she had since made provision for her son Edward O. Perkins in another manner, she revoked the legacy to him outlined in her will.
- 11 *Lavinia Perkins*, b. ca. 1820, d. Kennebunkport, 7 Jan. 1844, aged 24,⁵⁹⁸ m. (cert.) Kennebunkport, 22 May 1841, Seth Scammon.⁵⁹⁹
- v JOSHUA PERKINS, bp. Arundel, 26 March, 1775, d. at sea, before 24 Oct. 1799, when another son named Joshua was born.
- vi RUTH PERKINS, b. ca. 1780, still unmarried in 1825 when named in her father's will, and probably the Miss Ruth Perkins who d. Kennebunkport, 28 Feb. 1847, aged 67 and buried next to her sister, Miss Lucy Perkins.⁶⁰⁰
- vii ANDREW PERKINS, bp. Arundel 27 Oct. 1782.⁶⁰¹ He was not named in his father's will of 4 Nov. 1825, and probably d. young, as Bradbury gives him no mention.
- viii LYDIA PERKINS, bp. Arundel, 27 June 1784,⁶⁰² d. Kennebunk, 10 Feb. 1838, aged 54,⁶⁰³ m. Arundel, 14 Dec. 1818, Capt. JAMES STONE,⁶⁰⁴ b. ca. 1773, son of Israel and Sarah (Perkins) Stone,⁶⁰⁵ d. Kennebunk, 16 May 1838, aged 65.⁶⁰⁶

⁵⁹³ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):60. Harriet and Cyrus were baptized the same day.

⁵⁹⁴ Arundel Cemetery, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 1:101.

⁵⁹⁵ Arundel Cemetery, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #63238020. Cyrus was master of the brig *Vernon* which sailed from New Orleans 4 Feb. 1841 and was not heard from again (*Portland Weekly Advertiser*, 15 June 1841, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]). Cyrus's probate record notes that he never married. His brother-in-law, Seth Scammon, petitioned 7 March 1842 to administer his estate, with the consent of Cyrus's mother, brother John Perkins [husband of Eunice], Arabella Perkins, Samuel S. Jordan, and Seth Scammon of Saco, husbands of Clarissa and Lavinia, also noting that other heirs, John H. Perkins and Edward O. Perkins, were absent at sea (York Co. Probate Records, #14834 [DGS #2293774, image 523]).

⁵⁹⁶ Arundel Cemetery, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #63374249.

⁵⁹⁷ Arundel Cemetery, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #63238490.

⁵⁹⁸ Arundel Cemetery, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #63374249. The inscription notes that Lavinia is buried with her infant son. Her death notice calls her the youngest daughter of the late Capt. Ebenezer Perkins (*Portland Weekly Advertiser*, 16 Jan. 1844, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]).

⁵⁹⁹ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 52 [DGS #7595726, image 484].

⁶⁰⁰ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:971.

⁶⁰¹ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):201.

⁶⁰² "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):201.

⁶⁰³ Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:942.

⁶⁰⁴ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 524 [DGS #7595726, image 325].

⁶⁰⁵ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 277.

⁶⁰⁶ Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:942.

- ix LUCY PERKINS, bp. Arundel, 16 April 1786,⁶⁰⁷ still unmarried in 1825 when named in her father's will, and probably the Miss Lucy Perkins who d. Kennebunkport, 27 Nov. 1834, aged 47, buried next to Miss Ruth Perkins.⁶⁰⁸

Children of James⁵ and his 2nd wife, Hannah (Jordan) (Coit) Perkins:

- x Capt. JOSHUA⁶ PERKINS, bp. Arundel, 24 Oct. 1799,⁶⁰⁹ d. prob. Lancaster, Ind., bef. 1880, when his 2nd wife, Rebecca, was head of household; m. (1) Saco, 25 Jan. 1826, ELIZABETH JORDAN,⁶¹⁰ b. Pepperellborough, 21 Sept. 1801, daughter of Tristram and Sarah (Scammon) Jordan,⁶¹¹ d. Saco, 10 Nov. 1874, aged 73.⁶¹² No record of a divorce was discovered, but Joshua m. (2) (lic.) Wells Co., Ind., 24 Feb. 1858, REBECCA PARK, b. Ireland, ca. 1837.⁶¹³ A Portland newspaper reported 7 March 1837 that the ship *Neva* of Kennebunk, Capt. Joshua Perkins, was totally lost in a gale on Money Key, Berry Island [Florida], with the crew and part of the cargo saved.⁶¹⁴ On 25 March 1850, Elizabeth V. Perkins advertised the sale of a house in Kennebunkport, as well as two house lots on Maine Street within a quarter mile of three churches.⁶¹⁵ In 1850 Joshua, aged 49, a mariner, was living in Kennebunkport with his son Henry C., aged 16.⁶¹⁶ In 1860 Joshua, aged 61, a sawyer, born Maine, was in Lancaster, Ind., with new wife Rebecca, 23, and son Lyman B., 1.⁶¹⁷ Joshua was still living in 1870, aged 71, a "sailer," his household including wife Rebecca, 36, and sons Lyman B., 11, and James E. P., 7.⁶¹⁸ Meanwhile, back in Saco, Elizabeth Perkins, aged 69, an insane person, was living in the home of Nathaniel and Rebecca Billings.⁶¹⁹

Children of Joshua and his 1st wife, Elizabeth (Jordan) Perkins:

- 1 *Sarah Elizabeth Perkins*, b. 19 Feb. 1829, d. 13 Sept. 1835, aged 6.⁶²⁰
- 2 *Henry Chase Perkins*, b. ca. 1835, d. Denver, Colo., 31 March 1901;⁶²¹ m. say 1865, Lydia Sammis.⁶²²

Children of Joshua and his 2nd wife, Rebecca (Park) Perkins:

⁶⁰⁷ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):270.

⁶⁰⁸ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:971.

⁶⁰⁹ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):56.

⁶¹⁰ *Pepperellborough and Saco VRs* [note 396], 62, 64. Joshua was "of Kennebunk Port."

⁶¹¹ *Pepperellborough and Saco VRs* [note 396], 117, 302; Tristram Jordan Jr. m. Pepperellborough, 18 Jan. 1791, Sarah Scammon.

⁶¹² Saco VRs, Deaths, 1867–92, p. 11 [DGS #7596918, image 667].

⁶¹³ Wells Co., Ind., Marriages, B:277 [DGS #7578245, image 434].

⁶¹⁴ *Portland Weekly Advertiser*, 7 March 1837, p. 3 [image genealogybank.com].

⁶¹⁵ *Portland Weekly Advertiser*, 16 April 1850, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

⁶¹⁶ Joshua Perkins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 136.

⁶¹⁷ Joshua Perkins household, 1860 U.S. Census, Lancaster, Wells Co., Ind., p. 863.

⁶¹⁸ Joshua Perkins household, 1870 U.S. Census, Lancaster, Wells Co., Ind., p. 101.

⁶¹⁹ Nathaniel Billings household, 1870 U.S. Census, Saco, York Co., Maine, p. 591.

⁶²⁰ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972. The inscription identifies her as the daughter of Capt. Joshua and Mrs. Elizabeth V; *Maine Democrat*, Saco, 30 Sept. 1835, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

⁶²¹ Obituary, *The Denver Post*, 1 April 1901, p. 9 [image, genealogybank.com].

⁶²² The 22 Oct. 1931 Manhattan death record of Wallace T. Perkins names his parents as Henry Perkins and Lydia Sammus (New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795–1949 [database, familysearch.org]).

- 3 *Lyman B. Perkins*, b. 28 March 1858, d. Cleveland, Ohio, 21 May 1922, aged 64;⁶²³ m. (1) (lic.) Wayne, Ind., 5 April 1883, Minnie C. Hawkins;⁶²⁴ m. (2) Cayahoga Co., Ohio, 15 Oct. 1907 Mary (Akers) (Fogg) Anten.⁶²⁵
- 4 *James E. Perkins*, b. ca. 1863; m. Red Cloud, Nebr., 20 Aug. 1888, Ida I. Kidd.⁶²⁶
- 5 *Tristram Matthew Perkins*, b. ca. 1871,⁶²⁷ d. Allen Co., Ind., 3 Nov. 1947;⁶²⁸ m. (lic.) Wells, Ind., 9 Nov. 1895, Mary A. Smith.⁶²⁹
- xi TRISTRAM JORDAN PERKINS, b. [calc.] April 1801, bp. Arundel, 1 Sept. 1802,⁶³⁰ d. Kennebunkport, 13 Dec. 1880, aged 79y 8m.⁶³¹ There is no indication that he ever married. In 1850 Tristram, aged 49, was living alone.⁶³² Tristram added a codicil to his will, 1 Oct. 1879, bequeathing to his nephew Henry C. Perkins, the son of his brother Joshua, the residual of his estate.⁶³³
- xii MARY PERKINS, b. ca. 1806, bp. Arundel, 7 Sept. 1815;⁶³⁴ m. (int.) Kennebunkport, 8 July 1847, Charles Sedgewick Jordan,⁶³⁵ b. Biddeford, 10 Aug. 1802, son of Ralph Tristram and Mary (Fernald) Jordan.⁶³⁶ In 1860 Charles S., 57, and wife Mary, 54, were farming in Biddeford, their household including Charles's mother, Mary, 94.⁶³⁷

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⁶²³ Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953 [DGS #4025266, image 1622].

⁶²⁴ Indiana Marriages, 1811–2019 [DGS #7030221, image 312].

⁶²⁵ Ohio County Marriages, 1789–2016 [DGS #4016965, image 585].

⁶²⁶ Nebraska Marriages, 1855–1995, database, familysearch.org.

⁶²⁷ In 1880, Rebecca Perkins's household included three sons, Lyman, B., 21, a miller; James E., 17; and Matthew T., 9 (1880 U.S. Census, Murray, Wells Co., Ind., p. 52).

⁶²⁸ Fairview Cemetery, Blufton, Wells Co., Ind., gravestone photo, findagrave.com #71694316.

⁶²⁹ Ind. Marriages, 1811–2019 [DGS #7578247, image 996]; the groom is called "Christian" in error.

⁶³⁰ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):57.

⁶³¹ Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, York Co. Inscriptions [note 39], 2:972.

⁶³² Tristram J. Perkins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 136.

⁶³³ York Co. Probate Records, #14985 [DGS #2294162, image 1386].

⁶³⁴ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):60.

⁶³⁵ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 67 [DGS #7595726, image 491].

⁶³⁶ Beatty, *Vital Records of Biddeford* [note 3], 153. Capt. Ralph T. Jordan m. (int.) Biddeford, 4 July 1789, Mary Fernald (ibid., 124).

⁶³⁷ Chas. S. Jordan household, 1860 U.S. Census, Biddeford, York Co., Maine, p. 370.

UPDATES TO THE GENEALOGY OF EDWARD¹ GODFREY, GOVERNOR OF MAINE IN 1650 AND 1651

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Edward¹ Godfrey immigrated to New England in 1630 and settled in York, Maine, by 1633.¹ He was chosen governor of Maine in 1650 and 1651.² Edward had a son named Oliver who was married by 20 January 1648/9,³ and thus was born by 1627 (assuming at least age 21 at marriage). The following presents corrections and additions to the family of this immigrant.

In 1931 Charles Edward Banks published a sketch of Edward Godfrey and stated that this immigrant married, as his first wife, Elizabeth, daughter of William Oliver of Seal, co. Kent. He gave as evidence for this marriage the 1634 will of Elizabeth's father which was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. Banks mentioned that William bequeathed personal property to his daughter Elizabeth and "her children except money in her husbands hands," but did not name her husband.⁴ As Banks only abstracted a portion of the will, a review of the entire will was performed.

The will of "William Oliver of ffaulke w[i]thin the parishe of Seale in the County of Kent y[e]oman" dated 16 September 1634 and proved 17 June 1635 made a bequest "vnto my daughter Elizabeth Oliver all my houshold stufte and other goods (except ready money w[hi]ch shalbe in her husbands house at the tyme of my death." His will also appointed "my two sonnes in lawe Henry Deane and Rob[er]te Oliver" as overseers.⁵

The wording of the above bequest to his daughter suggests that she either married a man with the surname of Oliver or her maiden name was inadvertently recorded as her married surname. Since William had a son-in-law named Robert Oliver, a search was made for a possible marriage between an Elizabeth Oliver and a Robert Oliver in or near the parish of Seal. Such a marriage was found in the parish of Brasted, co. Kent, about seven miles west of Seal, on 21 April 1623.⁶ As William Oliver's daughter Elizabeth was still married to Robert Oliver in 1634, she could not be the first wife of the immigrant.

¹ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1995), 2:778–83 (Edward Godfrey), at 778.

² *Province and Court Records of Maine*, 6 vols. (Portland, Maine, 1928–1975), 1:144, 166.

³ Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins* [note 1], 2:781.

⁴ Charles Edward Banks, *History of York, Maine, . . . Volume I* (Boston, 1931), 41–52, at 46–47.

⁵ Prerogative Court of Canterbury, registered wills, vol. 168 ("Sadler"), quire 59 (The National Archives, U.K., PROB 11/168/283) [images in "England & Wales, Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384–1858," ancestry.com].

⁶ St. Martin, Brasted, co. Kent, parish register, 1557–1642 (Kent History and Library Centre, P42/1/A/1) [image 33 of 56 in Kent County Council, Parish Register Browse, findmypast.co/uk].

It is stated that Edward Godfrey died in Ludgate prison in London on 28 February 1663/4 “of old age.”⁷ The burial record for this immigrant in the parish register of St. Martin Ludgate is recorded as “Edward Godfrey a prison[e]r of Ludgate died of old age buried ffeb. xxiiij [1663/4].”⁸ As he was buried on the 24th, he could not have died on the 28th.

Finally, as Edward Godfrey’s son Oliver married Mary Smith by 20 January 1648/9, the marriage recorded in the parish of St. Bartholomew the Less, London, on 9 July 1646 as “Oliver Godfrey & Mary Smith”⁹ is almost certainly for the immigrant’s son.

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⁷ Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (Portland, Maine, 1928–39), 268.

⁸ St. Martin Ludgate, London, parish register, 1558–1719 (London Metropolitan Archives, P69/MTN1/A/002/MS10213) [image 301 of 386 in “London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538–1812” (Borough: City of London), ancestry.com].

⁹ St. Bartholomew the Less, London, parish register, 1646–1671 (Barts Health Archives, St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, London, SBHSBL/PR/1/2) [DGS #4205858, image 317].

LINCOLN COUNTY, MAINE, WILL ABSTRACTS 1800–1830

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209. JOSHUA BAILEY of Woolwich, yeoman [LCP 20:396]

Being under indisposition of body

To my wife Elizabeth Bayley, the south part of the improvement or produce of my farm and stock and all of my h/h furniture during her natural life, and then to be the property of my exec.

To my sons Josiah Bayley, Daniel Bayler and Zeri Bayley, \$55 each, being in full of their portions.

To the heirs of my son Samuel Bayley deceased, \$55, being in full of their portions.

To my son Amos Bayley, \$27.50, being in full of his portion.

To my 3 daughters Mary Hutchers [*sic*], Sarah Rickerds, Jeney Linzey and to my wife’s daughter Elizabeth McMurfy, \$27.50 to each, to divide among them the whole of my h/h furniture, being in full of each of their portions of my estate.

All the rest and residue of my RE and PE I give to my son Joshua Bayley Jun^r

Appt my son Joshua sole exec.

Dated: 6 March 1797

Signed with his signature (“Joshua Bayley”)

Codicil:

I Joshua Bailey of Woolwich, yeoman, make this codicil to my LW&T
To my son Amos Bailey, \$27.50, but not having heard of or from him for many
years and believing him to be dead, I will that the sum of \$27.50 given to my son
Amos be disposed of in the following manner: one half, \$13.75, to be paid to my
son Josiah Bayley and the other half, \$13.75, to my daughter Mary Hutchins.

Codicil dated 13 May 1816

Codicil signed with his signature (“Joshua Bayley”)

Codicil witnesses: Eben^r Delano, George S. Delano, John Doyle

In probate: 11 Sept. 1819

210. EBENEZER COLBY of Edgecomb [LCP 20:399]

Being weak in body

To my wife Elizabeth Colby, all my RE and PE during while she remains a widow,
and after her decease or marriage I will that my estate be divided among my heirs.

Appt my wife Elizabeth Colby sole exec.

Dated: 15 April 1819

Signed with his signature (“Ebenezer Colby”)

Witnesses: Rufus Sewall, Stephen Merrill, Simon Cromwell

In Probate: 11 Sept. 1819

211. JANE GIVEN of Bristol, widow [LCP 20:410]

[No statement of health]

To Hannah Miller wife of Thomas Miller of Bristol, who is my daughter, all my RE
and PE which was the estate of my late son Robert Given; also, all the RE and
PE to which I am entitled which was the estate of my late son Alexander Given;
also, all the RE and PE of which I shall die possessed.

As to my daughter Jane Cox and my grandchildren John Nickels Jr., Alexander
Nickels, Thomas Nickels, John McLane, Robert McLean, Betsey Todd, Sally
McLane, and Hannah McLane, I do not neglect them through forgetfulness, but
because I think what worldly goods I posses is due to my daughter Hannah Millar
for her great trouble, care & expense on my account and affectionate and dutiful
conduct towards me which I have been suffering under many infirmities of body
for years past.

Appt Thomas Millar my sole exec.

Dated: 22 Dec. 1812

Signed with her signature (“Jane Given”)

Witnesses: George Reed, Ebenezer Wells, Isaac Bearse

In probate: 11 Sept. 1819

212. ASA PALMER of Bath, gentleman [LCP 20:452]

Being weak in body

To my grandchildren, being the children of William P. Ledyard and my daughter
Mercy, the sums following.

To my grandson William Ledyard, \$200.

To my granddaughters Julia A. Ledyard, Harriet Ledyard, Caroline L. Ledyard, and Mercy Ledyard, \$200 each, to be paid as they severally come to age of 21.

To my son Asa Palmer Jr., all my RE in Bath and Bowdoinham; also, all my PE.

Appt my son Asa Palmer Jr. sole exec.

Dated: 3 Sept. 1818

Signed with his signature ("Asa Palmer")

Witnesses: William Torrey, Nathan Ames, Nath^l Groton

In probate: 10 March 1820

213. DANIEL CAMERON of Boothbay, yeoman [LCP 22:1]

Being weak in body

To my wife Elener, one half of my dwelling house and one half of my homestead farm, 1 cow and 1 ox, together with all my h/h furniture.

To my eldest son John Cameron, a \$121 note which I now hold against him.

To my second son William Cameron, a \$129 note which I hold against him

To my third son Daniel Cameron, one half of my homestead farm, one half of my dwelling house, 1 ox, 1 cow, 2 calves, and all farming utensils. I further give him the undivided third part of a lot of land in Boothbay and being the third of the lot deeded to me and my sons John and William by John Langdon of Wiscasset. I further will that my son Daniel have one quarter part of the boat Jefferson; and after the decease of my wife Eleanor the other half of my homestead.

To my dau Jane Cameron, \$200.

I further give to my eldest son John, one quarter part of the boat Jefferson together with her tackle.

To my son William Swinty, \$5.

To my son Daniel, the rest and residue of my PE.

Appt John McClintock Esq. sole exec.

Dated: 10 Oct. 1819

Signed with his mark ("X")

Witnesses: John McClintock, Thomas Pierce, David Pearce

In probate: 5 Jan. 1820

214. WILLIAM CLIFFORD Jun^r of Edgecomb, mariner [LCP 22:3]

[No statement of health]

To each of my children, viz: William, Samuel, Rebecca, Woodbridge, John, and Susan, and if another child should be born hereafter, it is considered will have a share with the above named children, 3 shares in Wiscasset Bank stock agreeable to a certificate of said bank number 4, and also 3 notes of hand signed by Thomas Boyd and others, \$500 each amounting in the whole to \$1500.

The remainder of my estate I choose to have it settled by administration as the law directs and that all the said children have an equal share, except that the daughters have but half a share of the RE.

Appt John Sherman of Edgecomb exer

Dated: 15 Sept. 1819

Signed with his signature ("William Clifford jun^r")

Witnesses: Moses Davis, Andrew Clifford, Hannah Worcester
In probate: 5 Jan. 1820

215. NATHAN TOBIE of Montville, yeoman [LCP 22:5]

[No statement of health]

To my wife Eleanor Tobie, all my homestead farm lying in Montville, together with all my other freehold estate.

To my eldest son Nathan Tobie, \$30.

To my eldest daughter Louis Tobie, \$10.

To my second son Joseph Tobie, \$30.

To my second daughter, Eleanor Tobie, \$10.

To my third daughter Lavinia Tobie, \$10.

To my third son John Tobie, \$10.

To my fourth daughter Mary Tobie, \$10.

To my fourth son David Tobie, \$10.

To my fifth son Jonathan Tobie, \$10.

To my sixth son Ira Tobie, \$10.

To my youngest daughter Belinda Tobie, \$10.

To my wife Eleanor Tobie, all the rest and residue of my PE.

Appt my wife Eleanor Tobie sole exec.

Dated: 29 Dec. 1818

Signed with his signature (“Nathan Tobie”)

Witnesses: Joseph Chandler, Benj^a Clifford, Humphrey Edgecomb

In probate: 18 Jan. 1820

216. SAMUEL PAYSON of Hope [LCP 22:6]

Being of an advanced age

Whereas my son Noyes Payson to whom I intended on certain conditions to convey one half of my farm on which I now live, which conditions have never been performed, and that I may more effectually provide for my support and maintenance in my very feeble state and in the many infirmities of my advanced age, and of my wife Ann during my natural life and that I may enable him to provide for his family and to extricate himself from his embarrassments, I give to my grandchildren and children of my son Noyes viz: Erastus Foote, Cordelia Dodridge, Carter Noyes, Washburn Prince, Elbridge Gerry, Merrill Whitmore, Darius Augustus, and such other lawful heirs which my son Noyes may hereafter have, all my RE lying in Hope, being the same which has reverted to me and on which I now live, that they share equally of my estate at the decease of my son Noyes.

And being desirous to provide for the education and maintenance of my grandchildren, I give all the rents and profits of said premises above what I may want for my own support and burial to my grandchildren; that my son Noyes shall occupy the premises during his natural life, that he shall dispose of the aforesaid rents and profits in any way which he deems proper for his, his wife and their support.

To Polly, the wife of my son Noyes, the use and improvement of one third of all my RE during her natural life.

Appt my son Noyes Payson sole exec.

Dated: 6 Feb. 1819

Signed with his signature ("Sam^l Payson")

Witnesses: Fergus McLane, John Fairbanks, John Bulfinch

In probate: 18 Jan. 1820

217. JONATHAN A. TUPPER of Dresden [LCP 22:28]

[No statement of health]

To my wife Mary Ann Tupper, all my farm on Swan Island in Dresden with all the buildings thereon.

To my 2 daughters Cordelia Tupper and Elizabeth Tupper, \$5 apiece.

To my wife May Ann Tupper, all the rest and residue of my PE.

Appt my wife Mary Ann Tupper sole exec.

Dated: 24 Oct. 1816

Signed with his signature ("Jonathan A. Tupper")

Witnesses: Barzillas White, Cordelia White, Calvin White

Addendum: I hereby give unto Allen Tupper my only son, \$5.

Addendum dated: 5 Oct. 1819

Addendum witness: John Q. Wynhap

In probate: 5 Jan. 1820

218. JACOB WADE of Union, gentleman [LCP 22:37]

Being sick of body

To my wife Lattice Wade, 1 cow, 1 bed, 1 case of drawers and 6 chairs; also the linen and other furniture bearing the initials of her maiden name, it being property which she brought to me.

The remainder of my RE and PE to be divided among my children, to wit: Rowland Wade, Leonard Wade, Philip Wade, Levi Wade, Lydia Paul, and the heirs of Jane Kean, each son to have equal shares except the h/h furniture and the cow above named, and Lydia Paul should have my desk with one half of my h/h furniture and of my other estate one half as much as the share of one son and that the heirs of Jane Keene should have one half of my h/h furniture (my desk excepted) and of my other estate one half as much as one son.

Appt my son Leonard Wade of Union sole exec.

Dated: 4 May 1819

Signed with his signature ("Jacob Wade")

Witnesses: John W. Lindley, Benjamin Litchfield, Barnibus Simmons

In probate: 18 Jan. 1820

219. JOSHUA WEBBER of Bristol, yeoman [LCP 22:116]

Being weak in body

To my wife, my homestead in Bristol lying on the NE side of my mill stream and also my grist mill standing on said stream and one half of the sawmill standing on said stream, to have and to hold until my youngest son Samuel M. Webber

shall arrive to age 21, and then the above described premises is to be held by said Samuel and my son Joshua (the next youngest son) in equal shares.

To my 2 sons above named an island in Miscongus Pond containing about 9 acres. My landing at Miscongus Harbour I give to my seven children viz: Mary, Benjamin, Charles, Sarah, Thomas, Joshua and Samuel, as tenants in common.

To my son Charles Webber, one undivided moiety of my McCurdy lot in Bristol cornering on McCurdy's Pond on condition that Charles does support, provide for, and maintain my daughter Mary in a decent manner during her life, and in case of Mary's decease see her decently interred; also, the other moiety of my McCurdy lot on condition that Charles pays to my daughter Sarah \$200 in 11 years from this date.

To my wife, my part of the schooner Industry, being five sixteenth parts of the same while she remains my widow. In case of her marriage or death, I give the same to my three youngest sons Thomas M., Joshua, and Samuel M. in equal shares.

I give all my h/h furniture, beds, and bedding to the disposal of my wife.

To my wife, all my neat stock except the larger yoke of cattle on the farm which now belongs to my son Charles, and except one cow to Sarah, also except 3 ewe sheep and 3 lambs, which I give to my daughter Sarah.

As to my farming tools, I will that they be kept on the homestead to be used by whomever occupies the premises.

I give all my wearing apparel to be at the disposal of my wife Elisabeth.

Appt my wife Elisabeth Webber sole exec.

Dated: 12 Oct. 1819

Signed with his signature ("Joshua Webber")

Witnesses: John Farrow, Sarah Weston, Sullivan Hardy

Codicil:

I will that my 3rd son Thomas M. shall have an equal share of my half of the sawmill and the whole of the grist mill with my 2 youngest sons Joshua and Samuel M., and that Thomas shall possess the same when he shall arrive to age 21, the gift to my wife until my son Samuel shall be 21 notwithstanding.

In regard to my five sixteenths of my schooner Industry, I now contemplate that an eighth part of the same will shortly be sold for the payment of my debts, then there will remain but three sixteenths for them to take in equal shares.

Codicil dated: 13 Oct. 1819

Codicil signed with his signature ("Joshua Webber")

Codicil witnesses: John Farrow, Sarah Weston, Sullivan Hardy

In probate: 9 May 1820

220. JOHN TROTT of Woolwich [LCP 22:119]

[No statement of health]

To my wife Pheaby, the income of one third part of the income of my RE.

To my eldest daughter Sarah Carlton, \$100 to be paid by my son David Trott.

To my eldest son John Trott Jun^r, \$100 to be paid as above.

To my 2nd son George Trott, \$100 in land which I have this day given him by deed.

To my daughter Ann Trott, \$50 to be paid by my son David Trott.

To my daughter Marey Lancaster, \$50.
 To my daughter Martha Trott, \$50.
 To my son David Trott, all the RE together with all the farming tools.
 All the PE remaining undivided to be equally divided among all my children.
 Appt my son David Trott sole exec.
 Dated: 26 March 1819
 Signed with his signature ("John Trott")
 Witnesses: Richard Harnden, George Lilly Ju^r, Nathan Webb
 In probate: 3 May 1820

221. DAVID WEBBER of Edgecomb, yeoman [LCP 22:121]

[No statement of health]

To my wife Ellis Webber, the whole of my RE and PE during her natural life.
 To my son Isaac Webber, at the decease of my wife Ellis Webber, all my RE.
 At the decease of my wife Ellis, the PE is to be divided among my daughters Lucy, Jain [*sic*], Abigail, Nancy, and Ellis.
 To the heirs of my son David deceased, \$1.
 To my son Joseph, \$1.
 To my son Israel, \$1.
 To the heirs of my daughter Polly deceased, \$1.
 To the heirs of my daughter Sally deceased, \$1.
 The said David, Joseph, Israel, Polly, and Sally have received their legacies.
 Appt my wife sole exec
 Dated: 8 June 1819
 Signed with his signature ("David Webber")
 Witnesses: Tho^s Cunningham, Eleazer Sherman Jr., Jonathan Merry
 In probate: 9 March 1820 and continued to 3 May following

222. JOHN GIVEN of Topsham [LCP 22:223]

[No statement of health]

To my wife Mary Given, one third of all my RE and PE during her natural life, and at her death to my 2 sons Samuel and John Given.
 To my son Samuel Given, 62½ acres of land and 6 acres of fresh meadow with one half of my share of the sawmill and grist mill; likewise, one half of the house and barn exclusive of the one third part, and one half of two thirds of my PE.
 To my son John Given Jr, 62½ acres of land and 6 acres of fresh meadow with one half of my share of the sawmill and grist mill; likewise one half of the house and barn exclusive of one third part, and one half of two thirds of my PE.
 To my son William Given's heirs, \$100.
 To my daughter Mary Coombs, \$40.
 To my daughter Jane Eaton, \$1.
 To my daughter Hannah Given, \$40.
 To my daughter Anne Curtice, \$40.
 To my daughter Sarah Eaton, \$1.
 To my daughter Susannah Foot, \$40.

To my daughter Margaret Given, \$40.

To my daughter Silence Poor, \$40.

Appt my wife Mary Given sole exec.

Dated: 4 Sept. 1819

Signed with his signature (“John Given”)

Witnesses: Daniel Given, Jacob Graves, Levi Graves

In probate: 11 March 1820

223. JAMES FULTON of Topsham, yeoman [LCP 22:225]

[No statement of health]

To my wife Mary, the use of the western room in the house and the chamber above it; also, the use of one half of all my RE and all my PE during her life.

To my only son James, half of my homestead farm with half of all the buildings and farming utensils; also, all that I have given for the use of his mother; also, one sixteenth of a double sawmill on Cathance river, my writing desk, a kitchen table, weaver’s loom, a bed and bedding, half of all the stock and the other half at our decease; also, that tract of meadow that I purchased of David Robinson.

To my daughters Katherine, Margaret, and Anna now the wives of Thomas Patten, Stephen Minot, and widow of Charles Mustard, the land originally belonging to the estate of my father fronting on the bay and extending west between land owned by my brother John’s heirs and James Sampson and 2 parcels of meadow on Muddy River which I bought of Mathew Patten and William Thorn equally divided. I also give them all the h/h furniture at the decease of their mother.

To my grandsons James Patten, James Minot, and James Mustard, 2 shares each in the bridge crossing Androscoggin River between Topsham and Brunswick.

Appt my son James sole exec.

Dated: Topsham, 23 Sept. 1812

Witnesses: Robert Staple, Sarah Fulton, John Rogers Jr.

In probate: 28 Aug. 1820

224. PELATIAH HALEY of Topsham, gentleman [LCP 22:227]

[No statement of health]

To my wife Elisabeth, while she remains a widow, the use of half of my old dwelling house and one third of my homestead lot of land, and one quarter of a corn mill on Androscoggin River in Topsham, with one third of my real stock and farming utensils. I direct my sons John and Pelatiah, that if the provision aforesaid made for their mother be insufficient for her comfortable maintenance, they shall furnish her with all necessary and convenient lodging, diet, and clothing.

To my daughters Susannah Thompson, Elizabeth Whitehouse, and Mary Alexander, \$50 each.

To my son John, that half of my homestead lots of land that lies contiguous to Capt. Acter Patten’s land with the new house on the same standing.

To my son Pelatiah, the other half of my homestead lots with the house and barn.

To my sons John and Pelatiah, all the rest and residue of my RE and PE.

Appt John and Pelatiah joint execs.

Dated: 23 Jan. 1801

Signes with his signature ("Pelatiah Haly")

Witnesses: Joseph Haly, Humphry Purinton, Benjamin Hasey

In probate: 28 Aug. 1820

225. SAMUEL TUCKER Sr. of Wiltshire in England but now of Palermo in the County of Lincoln, yeoman [LCP 22:248]

[No statement of health]

To my niece Elizabeth Joy, 1 pair of drawers, 2 pair of blankets, 2 pair of sheets, and \$20 to be paid out of my capital stock in the Hallowell and Augusta Bank, 1 sleigh and harness.

To my grand nephew John C. Tucker, 2 shares of my property in the Hallowell and Augusta Bank, 1 tent bedstead, 1 mattress, 1 feather bed, 1 bolster, 2 pillows, and all my books.

To my grand nephew Samuel G. Tucker, 2 shares of my property in the Hallowell and Augusta Bank, 1 flock bed, 1 bolster, and in case of the death of one or both before they come of age, the share and other articles to belong to the parents.

To my nephew Samuel Tucker, the remainder of all my property whatever, with 1 barn, 1 woodhouse, 1 shed, and all my wearing apparel.

Appt Joseph Foy, Samuel Tucker, and John Foy all of Palermo sole execs.

Dated: 15 Feb. 1820

Signed with his signature ("Samuel Tucker")

Witnesses: John Clark, Andrew McCobb, William Francis

In probate: 9 Sept. 1820

226. WILLIAM YOUNG of Cushing, mariner [LCP 22:324]

[No statement of health]

To my daughter Margaret, 1 bed, bedstead & bedding.

To my daughter Mary, 1 bed, bedstead & bedding, and 1 heifer 2 years old.

To my daughte Rebecca, 1 bed, bedstead & bedding.

To my daughter Elisabeth, 1 heifer 2 years old to be delivered in 2 years.

To my daughter Harriot, 1 heifer 2 years old to be delivered in 3 years.

To my daughter Jane, 1 heifer 2 years old to be delivered in 4 years.

To my daughter Susan, 1 heifer 2 years old to be delivered in 5 years.

To my son Marius, 1 yoke of steer 3 years old to be delivered in 6 years.

To my son John, all the residue of my PE; also 100 acres by Meduncook River with the house I now live in, reserving the NE room for my daughters to live in, with part of the chamber for them to weave in as long as they remain unmarried; also, to my son John one quarter of a sawmill on Maple-Juice stream.

Appt my son John Young sole exec.

Dated: 25 Dec. 1821

Signed with his signature ("William Young")

Witnesses: Edward Killeran, Sally Young, Samuel Elwell

In probate: 30 May 1822

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