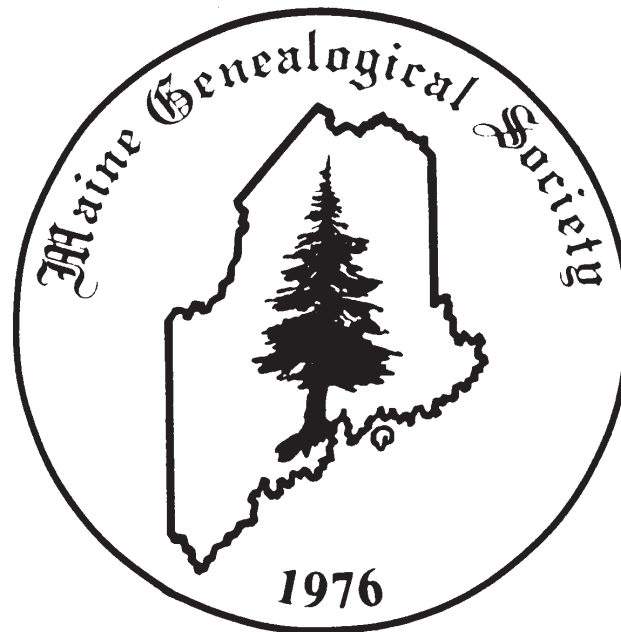


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EDITOR'S PAGE

Family researchers are fortunate when one considers the wealth of published material covering Maine's earliest settlers. All Maine deeds, probates, and court records through the end of the seventeenth century—with several of these collections extending well into the eighteenth century—are readily available to us in indexed compilations. Moreover, Noyes, Libby, and Davis, in their seminal *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire*, compiled concise genealogical sketches of all known seventeenth-century settlers to Maine using these records as well as many others found in repositories in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

It is quite unusual, therefore, to discover important new information on the earliest Mainers. Author Jeff Bissey, in this issue of *The Maine Genealogist*, has done just that. In his study of the family of Francis Martin, who came to the Casco Bay area as early as 1640, Bissey uses records in England and America to piece together Martin's origin in Plymouth, Devon, and his connection to Robert Trelawney, one of the original patentees of Richmond Island in Maine. This helps us to put into context the horrific crime committed by Martin's daughter a few years later, resulting in her execution by hanging in Boston.

In 2018 Contributing Editor Gregory S. Childs compiled the *Vital Records of Canton, Maine* as MGS Special Publication No. 82. In that book, he noted that a volume of marriages and intentions from 1848 to 1859 was missing from the microfilmed records and also missing at the Canton town office. Recently, Greg learned that the Canton Historical Society had acquired two volumes of abstracted records by Hiram A. Ellis (1829–1904), a former Justice of the Peace and selectman. Those volumes include all of the missing marriage records. They are copied here in our second article. Greg is currently completing a compilation of the vital records of Livermore and East Livermore (the latter town's vital records never having been filmed), and this new volume will be published by MGS in 2025.

Contributing Editor Priscilla Eaton offers a study of the family of Charles Henry Granger, a nineteenth-century artist from Saco, Maine. Granger was a true Renaissance man, being not only an exceptionally talented painter, but also a poet, composer, musician, and sculptor.

Identifying women can be especially challenging for genealogists and it often requires meticulous scrutiny of the records. In author Laurie Kearney's quest to identify Sarah Evans, wife of Joseph Wormwood of Wells (m. 1748), the solution was found in a single possessive adjective ("her") buried in a Massachusetts court petition. Sarah's life was one of hardship and grief, being raised in a garrison house on the Maine frontier during the Indian wars and losing three sons in the French & Indian War.

One of Sarah Evans's daughters married into the Nason family of Kittery. While the early Nasons were broadly treated in Everett G. Stackpole's *Old Kittery and Her Families*, the branch that Sarah's daughter married into was not documented, but was revealed to me in a 1769 deed and a 1771 court record. That research is described in the article on Joseph Nason Jr. in this issue.

—Joseph C. Anderson II, Editor

FRANCIS MARTIN OF PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND,
AND CASCO BAY, MAINE

An Unfortunate Father of a Still More Unfortunate Daughter

By Jeff D. Bissey, M.D.

In the second volume of his journals, John Winthrop related the following sad tale of Mary Martin, who was hanged in Boston, Massachusetts, on 18 March 1646/7 for killing her newborn daughter:¹

A merchant of Plymouth in England, (whose father had been mayor there,) called [*blank*] Martin, being fallen into decay, came to Casco Bay, and after some time, having occasion to return into England, he left behind him two daughters, . . . but took not that course for their safe bestowing in his absence, . . . the eldest of them, called Mary, twenty-two years of age, being in [the] house with one Mr. Mitton, a married man of Casco,² . . . he was taken with her, and soliciting her chastity, obtained his desire, and having divers times committed sin with her. . . . [S]he then removed to Boston, and put herself in service to Mrs. Bourne;³ and finding herself to be with child, and not able to bear the shame of it, she concealed it. . . . But, her time being come, she was delivered of a woman child in a back room by herself upon the 13 (10) (*December 13*) in the night, and the child was born alive, but she kneeled upon the head of it, till she thought it had been dead, and having laid it by, the child, being strong, recovered, and cried again. Then she took it again, and used violence to it till it was quite dead. Then she put it into her chest, and having cleansed the room, she went to bed, and arose again the next day about noon, and went about her business, and so continued till the nineteenth day, that her master and mistress went on shipboard to go for England. They being gone, and she removed to another house, a midwife in the town, having formerly suspected her, and now coming to her again, found she had been delivered of a child, which, upon examination, she confessed, but said it was still-born, and so she put it into the fire. But, search being made, it was found in her chest, and when she was brought before the jury, they caused her to touch the face of it, whereupon the blood came fresh into it. Whereupon she confessed the whole truth, and a surgeon, being called to

¹ James Kendall Hosmer, ed., *Winthrop's Journal: "History of New England," 1630–1649*, 2 vols. (New York, 1908), 2:317–18. In this edition replacing James E. Savage's out-of-print publication of the same title, Hosmer used Savage's translations of Winthrop's journals. Winthrop related this story in 1647.

² Michael Mitton was married to Elizabeth Cleeve (Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [Portland, Maine, 1928–39], 485).

³ This is likely the home of Jared Bourne of Boston and his second wife, whose name is not known. Jared Bourne's first wife, Mary, died in Boston on 30 May 1644. For a sketch on Jared Bourne, see Robert Charles Anderson, George F. Sanborn Jr., and Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635*, vol. 2: A–B (Boston, 1999), 360–63.

search the body of the child, found a fracture in the skull. Before she was condemned, she confessed, that she had prostituted her body to another also, one Sears. She behaved herself very penitently while she was in prison, and at her death, 18 (1,) (*March 18*) complaining much of the hardness of her heart.

William Willis in his 1865 *History of Portland* assigned Mary as the daughter of Richard Martin, an early settler of Casco Bay.⁴ The discovery of the papers of Robert Trelawny, however, and their subsequent publication in 1884, edited by James Phinney Baxter, disproved the relationship between Richard and Mary Martin with Baxter presenting strong evidence that Francis Martin was “the unfortunate father of the still more unfortunate Mary Martin.”⁵

On 1 December 1631, the President and Council of New England granted Robert Trelawny and William Goodyear, merchants of Plymouth, Devon, England, the patent for all the land in Maine between 40- and 48-degrees latitude, which primarily focused on Richmond Island, Cape Elizabeth, Casco Bay, and the associated region.⁶ A year later, Trelawny and Goodyear gave power of attorney to receive and oversee the patent to John Winter and Thomas Pomery. Winter formally took possession of the lands in Maine in July 1632 and managed its affairs primarily from Richmond Island, even after Trelawny’s death in early 1643/4,⁷ until his own death sometime after May 1645.⁸

Winter reported regularly to Trelawny, and his correspondence was among the papers published by Baxter. Passages in two of the letters were identified by Baxter as evidence that Francis Martin was the father of Mary Martin. In the first, dated 27 June 1640, Winter informed Trelawny that:⁹

Mr. Francis Martin is heare with us, & is not setled in any place as yett to remean. This next weeke I shall go up to Casco with him to seat him in som place their. I know not how he will live heare well, except he have brought money with him. He hath never a servant, & he Cannot worke himselfe, & heare is nothinge to be gotten with out hard labour.

⁴ William Willis, *The History of Portland, from 1632 to 1864* (Portland, 1865), 191.

⁵ James Phinney Baxter, ed. *Documentary History of the State of Maine, Containing the Trelawny Papers*, 3 vols. (Portland, Maine, 1884), 3:219.

⁶ The patent excluded the 1500 acres east of the “River of Black Point” [Nonesuch River] that had been granted by the Council to Capt. Thomas Cammock on 1 Nov. 1631. Cammock and Trelawny discussed a co-partnership for Maine but never formalized it. They apparently coexisted without major issues.

⁷ “Mr Robert Trelawny merchant of Plymouth was buried in the Chancell the 2^d of March” 1643/4 at St. Mary Woolchurch Haw in London, England (City of London, St. Mary, Woolchurch Haw, 1559–1665 [image of parish register entry, *London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538–1812*, ancestry.com]).

⁸ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1995), 3:2037.

⁹ Baxter, *Trelawny Papers* [note 5], 3:219.

Two years later, Martin was still in Maine along with his two children and was struggling severely. Winter's concern was obvious in his letter of 8 July 1642 received by Trelawny on 13 September 1642:¹⁰

Also herin goes inclosed a bill uppon Mr. John Martin [for] his unkell ffrancis Martin. Also he was with us 5 moneths, & spent uppon our provision & Cannot pay for any thinge. He is in a bad way for livinge heare with his two Children. He plants a litle Indian Corne, & that is all he hath to live upon. He hath neyther goat nor pig, nor a thinge els. He is old & Cannot labour, & his Children ar not brought up to worke, so I know not what shift he will make to live. If they Com in want your plantation must maintaine them, for heare is none els that Cann or will, being on your patten: therefore I pray advize with his Cossen, John Martin, what Course he may take for livinge. He hath never a man to worke for him, & hath [not] wherewithall to pay any man that will worke for him; & in this Country is no living with out hard labour.

Unfortunately, no further mention of Francis Martin or his children occurs in the remaining correspondence. Winter's last letter to Trelawny was dated only two weeks later on 19 July 1642. Any letters Trelawny may have written to Winter do not appear to be extant. In one of the first rumblings of what eventually led up to the English Civil War, Parliament had voted in early 1642 to expel Trelawny from the seat he held representing Plymouth and subsequently imprisoned him at Winchester House where he died two years later.

Given Trelawny's own troubles at home, why had Winter bothered to mention the travails of one man in Maine? Baxter surmised that Trelawny "must have been interested in him, as he naturally would have been in a brother merchant, the son of a friend and predecessor in the important office [Mayor of Plymouth] which he held, who had fallen into decay," as he had been described by Winthrop. Baxter identified that friend and former Plymouth Mayor as John Martin, but provided no further insight regarding John or Francis Martin.¹¹

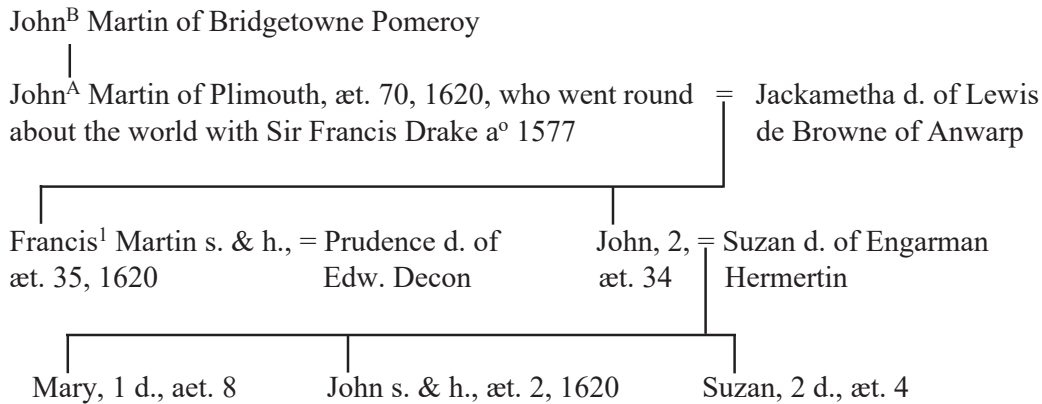
THE MARTINS OF PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND

The pedigree of the Martin family of Plymouth was listed in the 1620 Visitation of Devon and included three generations living (superscripts added by the author):¹²

¹⁰ Baxter, *Trelawny Papers* [note 5], 3:312–13.

¹¹ Baxter, *Trelawny Papers* [note 5], 3:xxiii–xxv, 1–17, 219, 312–13.

¹² Frederick T. Colby, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Devon in the Year 1620* (London, 1872), 180. The family's crest was confirmed "24 Q. Eliz.," i.e., 1581–82. The surname was spelled Martyn; parish and other English records cited in this article contain various spellings: Martyn, Martyne, Martayne, Martaine, Marten, Martin. Martin was the common spelling in America and will be maintained throughout the article for consistency. Francis Martin's name was usually spelled in England with the character "ff," which then represented today's capital F. Francis is used here throughout.



John^A Martin of Plymouth, aged 70, who was noted in the pedigree as having sailed “round about the world with Sir Francis Drake,” was made a freeman of the Borough of Plymouth in 1581 while Drake was Mayor.¹³ Martin himself was twice Mayor of Plymouth, first in 1602–3 and again in 1622–23.¹⁴ In addition, he is documented as one of the Overseers of the Poor¹⁵ and as a Justice of the Peace for the Borough of Plymouth.¹⁶ He married at least twice, first at Plymouth on 4 June 1582 to Joan —,¹⁷ who, contrary to what is shown in the 1620 Visitation pedigree, was the mother of Martin’s listed sons Francis and John (as well as another son Anthony who died young).¹⁸ The record of Joan Martin’s death has not been located. His second marriage, at Plymouth on 4 November 1604, was to Jakemenkae de Browne, widow of Engarman Hemerkyne.¹⁹ She was buried on 9 October 1623.²⁰ John Martin was buried on 10 March 1626/7.²¹ In his will dated 4 April 1624 and proved 2 June 1627, John Martin the elder of Plymouth, merchant, made bequests, in order, to his sons Francis Martin and John Martin, to John’s son John and his daughters Mary, Susan, and Jaicke, and to Francis’s daughters Grace,

¹³ Plymouth Borough Records, Black Book, 16th–17th c., f. 301v [DGS #4636875, image 313].

¹⁴ Plymouth Black Book [note 13], ff. 9v, 12r [images 33, 38]. Mayors served for one year, typically from May to May.

¹⁵ Plymouth Overseers Accounts, v. 358/108, 1611–1642, f. 68r [DGS #4636196, image 136].

¹⁶ Plymouth Overseers Accounts, v. 358/108 [note 15], f. 101v [image 214].

¹⁷ Baptisms, marriages, burials, v. 358/1, 1581–1618, f. 4 [DGS #4634280, image 5]. All baptisms, marriages, and burials in this article occurred at St. Andrew’s Church in Plymouth unless otherwise stated.

¹⁸ Plymouth Register, 1581–1618 [note 17], f. 25 [image 26].

¹⁹ Plymouth Register, 1581–1618 [note 17], f. 107 [image 108]. Jackamenkae’s first husband, Engarman Hemerkyne, was bur. Plymouth, 1 Feb. 1602/3 (*ibid.*, f. 97 [image 98]).

²⁰ Baptisms, marriages, burials, v. 358/2, 1618–1653, f. 28 [DGS #4634289, image 29]: “Jackamynt the wife of Mr. John Martayne.”

²¹ Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20], f. 64 [image 65].

Mary, and Prudence.²² John^A Martin the elder was clearly the former Mayor of Plymouth and father of [Francis] Martin at Casco Bay to whom John Winthrop referred in 1647.

Of the two sons of John^A Martin the elder, John Martin Jr. appears as the more successful. He was made freeman of Plymouth in 1609.²³ He appeared on the lists of those assessed for supporting the poor beginning in 1617.²⁴ Like his father, John Martin Jr. served as an Overseer of the Poor,²⁵ Justice of the Peace²⁶, and was Mayor of Plymouth in 1634–35,²⁷ succeeding Robert Trelawny, the Maine patent grantee, in the office.²⁸

John Martin Jr. married three times, all at St. Andrew's in Plymouth. His first wife was Susan Hemerkyne, daughter of Engarmar Hemerkyne and Jakamethe de Browne (who had married John Martin Jr.'s father in 1603), whom he married on 22 July 1610.²⁹ They had nine children, only three of whom were still living at the time of John Martin Jr.'s death. After Susan's death in July 1628,³⁰ he married on 25 November 1628 Joan (likely née Cooke) Glanvile/Glanvuvile,³¹ with whom he had only one child who died at 1½ years.³² "Joane wife of M^r John Martin" was buried 14 March 1632/3.³³ His last marriage answers the question as to why Robert Trelawny was particularly interested in Francis Martin, brother to John Martin Jr. On 28 November 1633, "M^r John Matryn & M^{rs} Margaret Trelawny" were married in Plymouth.³⁴ Margaret Trelawny, baptized 22 October 1602, was the daughter of Robert Trelawny Sr. and Elizabeth Mayne,³⁵ and the younger sister of Robert Trelawny Jr., the Maine patent grantee. Therefore, Robert Trelawny's (and John Winter's) interest in Francis Martin was not just because of a feeling for a fellow merchant; Francis Martin was the brother-in-law of Trelawny's sister. John Martin and Margaret Trelawny had three daughters born between 1634 and 1639: Eliza-

²² Will of John Martyn the elder, Plymouth, Devon, Merchant, PROB 11/152, Skynner 63 (1627) [image, ancestry.com].

²³ Plymouth Black Book [note 13], f. 307v [image 325].

²⁴ Plymouth Overseers Accounts, v. 358/108 [note 15], f. 54v [image 79].

²⁵ Plymouth Overseers Accounts, v. 358/108 [note 15], f. 97v [image 192].

²⁶ Plymouth Overseers Accounts, v. 358/108 [note 15], f. 93v [image 186].

²⁷ Plymouth Overseers Accounts, v. 358/108 [note 15], f. 94v [image 188]; Plymouth Black Book [note 13], f. 13r [image 40].

²⁸ Plymouth Black Book [note 13], f. 13r [image 40].

²⁹ Plymouth Register, 1581–1618 [note 17], f. 151 [image 152].

³⁰ Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20], f. 78 [image 79].

³¹ Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20], f. 82 [image 83].

³² Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20], f. 99 [image 100].

³³ Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20], f. 116 [image 117]: "Joane wife Mr. John Martin."

³⁴ Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20], 122 [image 123]. The title "M^{rs}" was used here as an honorific, not as an indication of a former marriage.

³⁵ Plymouth Register, 1581–1618 [note 17], f. 95 [image 96].

beth, Grace, and Ann; the latter's baptism was recorded on the same date as her father John Martin's burial.³⁶

"M^r John Martyn" was buried at St. Andrew's 23 February 1638/9.³⁷ His will appears to have been written before the death of his second wife, Joan, as it names his "wife Johane" as a beneficiary along with his brothers-in-law John and Edward Cooke and sister-in-law Mary (née Cooke) Bransforth. The probate of the will on 15 March 1638/9 names Margaret Martin as administratrix of the will. Beyond those already mentioned, John Martin made bequests to his daughters Mary and Susan Martin and gave forty pounds to his brother Francis Martin.³⁸ In addition to his three daughters he had with Margaret Trelawny, evidence suggests that Martin had two additional children by Susan Hemerkyne, John Martin and Lydia Martin, still living at the time of he made his will and who were not named as beneficiaries. John, son of John Martin, was baptized February 1618/9,³⁹ and Lydia, daughter of John Martin, was baptized 7 September 1627.⁴⁰ While alive at the writing of the will, Lydia Martin died shortly before her father and was buried 24 October 1638 as "Liddia da: of John Martyn Se^r."⁴¹

If living, John Martin, son of John Martin Jr., would have been almost twenty years old at the death of his father. No compatible record of a burial for him is in the St. Andrew's register.⁴² As described earlier, in September 1642, John Winter sent Robert Trelawny "a bill upon John Martin [for] his Uncle Francis" and, later in the same letter, asked Trelawny to consult with [Francis's] cousin John Martin as to "what course he [Francis] may take to for living." During this period, cousin was used interchangeably for niece or nephew. Francis had no other living brothers attributed to him,⁴³ so it seems highly likely that John Martin, born 1618/9 to

³⁶ Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20], ff. 130, 150, 164 [images 131, 151, 165].

³⁷ Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20], f. 164 [image 165].

³⁸ Will of John Martyn of Plymouth, Devon, Merchant, PROB 11/179, Harvey 54 (1639) [image, ancestry.com].

³⁹ Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20], f. 1 [image 2]. Under "Baptismes Februarie" for 1618/9 is the entry "John y^e son of John Martayn Jr" [the edge of the page recording the day is lost but the entry is the last one for the month]. There were other John Martins baptized to other fathers after this record, making determination of the specific identity of subsequent events involving a John Martin challenging.

⁴⁰ Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20], f. 67 [image 68].

⁴¹ Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20], f. 161 [image 162].

⁴² There is a "John son of John Martayne not bap[tized]," buried 11 May 1625. The "not baptized" makes this very unlikely to be the John born 1618/9, as this term was usually used for newborns. Of note, Lydia Martin's burial entry names her as the daughter of John Martin Sr., strongly suggesting John Martin Jr. was living, aged 20½ years old.

⁴³ The St. Andrew's parish registers prior to 1581 are not extant. While it is possible that John Martin, father of Francis and John Martin, may have been married and had additional sons before 1581, lack of mention of any other sons or grandchildren in his 1627 will makes this unlikely.

Francis Martin's brother John, is the nephew/"cousin" of his "Uncle Francis" named by John Winter.

Some unpublished family trees have associated the naming of John Martin of Plymouth in Winter's letters to the John Martin who was named as living in Maine in a sworn deposition made by Thomas Beard and John Whit on 16 October 1645.⁴⁴ This John Martin married Hester Roberts,⁴⁵ and lived and was active in Dover, New Hampshire, until around 1667,⁴⁶ when he and his family moved to Piscataway, New Jersey, where he lived until his death in 1687.⁴⁷ Since no Plymouth records have been uncovered to confirm John Martin, son of John Martin Jr. of Plymouth, remained there or was still living after his father's 1638/9 death or after John Winter's 1642 reference to him, it is tempting to equate him with the John Martin found in Maine in 1645. No evidence, however, supports this claim, and the association remains purely speculative.

FRANCIS MARTIN OF PLYMOUTH ENGLAND AND CASCO BAY, MAINE

Compared to his brother John, Francis¹ Martin does not appear to have achieved the same degree of success. Surprisingly, there is no record of him ever being recognized as a freeman of Plymouth. He appeared once in April 1623 on the list of those assessed a monthly fee to support the poor⁴⁸ and the following year he was listed as being in arrears for most of his assessment.⁴⁹ He did support the work aiding the poor and sick afflicted by the plague that struck Plymouth in 1626, evidenced by the reimbursement of 13£ - 8½p to Francis Martin by Mayor Thomas Sherill for his charges and travel related to the relief effort.⁵⁰ Beyond these, nothing else is recorded regarding his community activities. Despite being the elder son of a prominent man of Plymouth, he was never a churchwarden, Overseer of the Poor, Mayor, or Justice of the Peace. This lack of advancement and recognition may underscore Winthrop's description of him as a merchant "fallen into decay."

Francis Martin did marry and had numerous children after the publication of the 1620 pedigree. The Parish registers of St. Andrew's church in Plymouth contain the following pertinent entries:⁵¹

⁴⁴ *Province and Court Records of Maine*, 6 vols. (Portland, 1928–1975), 1:94.

⁴⁵ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.* [note 2], 463.

⁴⁶ John Scales, *History of Dover, New Hampshire*, (Manchester, N.H., 1923), 235, 236, 239, 243, 247, 250.

⁴⁷ *New Jersey Calendar of Wills, Administrations, Etc.*, 13 vols. (Patterson or Trenton, 1901–1949), 1:308. The will of John Martin of Piscataway, dated 17 March 1687, names his wife Hester and makes four of his sons and sons-in-law executors.

⁴⁸ Plymouth Overseers Accounts, v. 358/108 [note 15], f. 75r [image 150].

⁴⁹ Plymouth Overseers Accounts, v. 358/108 [note 15], f. 76r [image 152].

⁵⁰ Plymouth Overseers Accounts, v. 358/108 [note 15], f. 83v (image 165).

⁵¹ Plymouth Register, 1581–1618 [note 17]; Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20].

Baptisms

11 Feb. 1602/3	Prudence d. of Edw. Deacon
16 Dec. 1621	Grace d. of Francis Martin
17 Sept. 1623	Mary d. of Francis Martin
4 Sept. 1625	Prudence d. of Francis Martin
14 Feb. 1626/7	John s. of Francis Martin
20 April 1628	Wilmouth d. of Francis Martin
5 Jan. 1630/1	Margerie d. of Francis Martin
14 April 1633	Thomasine d. of Mr. Francis Martin
7 Sept. 1635	Edward s. of Francis and Prudence Martin
18 Jan. 1636/7	Nic. s. of Francis and Prudence Martin
14 Feb. 1637/8	Moyses s. of Francis and Prudence Martin
29 March 1639	Humfreyes s. of Francis and Prudence Martin
14 June 1640	Arthur s. of Francis and Prudence Martin

Marriages⁵²

9 May 1596	Edward Deacon and Thomasine Keizer
10 Oct. 1619	Francis Martin and Priscilla [Prudence] Deacon ⁵³

Burials

5 Dec. 1619	Thomasine Deacon
13 Nov. 1628	Wilmouth d. of Francis Martin
10 July 1633	John s. of Francis Martin
15 July 1633	Grace d. of Francis Martin
23 June 1634	[Blank] da. Francis Martin
10 Sept. 1635	Edward s. Francis Martin
31 May 1639	Nic. s. of Francis Martin
10 Sept. 1640	Prudence wife of Francis Martin
6 Nov. 1643	Margerie d. Francis Martin

Francis Martin married Prudence Deacon, daughter of Edward Deacon and Thomasine Keizer/Keser. The burial of Edward Deacon is not found in the St. Andrews register, but he died sometime after his will dated 12 February 1616/7 and before its probate on 14 February 1618/9 and before his daughter's marriage to Francis Martin. He gave his daughter Prudence as a portion towards her marriage one-half of his tenement unto her husband when she married.⁵⁴ Thomasine Deacon died shortly after Prudence's marriage and in her will, dated 30 November

⁵² There were two marriages for a Francis Martin recorded at St. Andrews before Francis Martin married Pudence Deacon in 1619. On 17 Oct. 1603, Francis Martin married Rachel Clarke, and on 21 Oct. 1606, Francis Martin married Johane Daye. No deaths of a Rachel Martin nor Johane Martin are in the register nor any children associated with a Francis Martin prior to 1621. This suggests these may be for a different Francis Martin.

⁵³ This marriage entry naming Priscilla Deacon as the wife of Francis Martin appears to be a scribal error by the recorder. Edward Deacon did not have a daughter named Priscilla and all other records, including the will of her mother dated one month after the marriage, name her as Prudence.

⁵⁴ Will of Edward Deacon, PROB 11/133, Parker 16 (1619) [image, ancestry.com].

1619 and probated on 2 February 1619/20, she made bequests to her daughter Prudence Martin and her son-in-law Francis Martin, and named her son Edward Deacon and son-in-law Francis Martin as executors.⁵⁵ Thomas Fownes of Plymouth, a former Mayor of the town, had ties to the Deacon family and in his will of 15 June 1637, proved 13 June 1638, he made a large bequest of 120 pounds to Edward Deacon, the son of Edward Deacon deceased, in trust for the maintenance of his children and fifty pounds to Prudence Martin, daughter of Edward Deacon, deceased, wife of Francis Martin, in trust for the maintenance of her children and education of any of her daughters. Fownes also noted that Francis Martin was indebted to him for twenty pounds and that his will was to forgive the debt and his executors were to return the bond to Martin.⁵⁶ In his will proved in 1627, Francis's father, John Martin, had left Francis property in Plymouth.⁵⁷

Based on the June 1640 date of John Winter's report that Francis Martin had arrived at Richmond Island, Martin appears to have left Plymouth sometime after the death of his son, Nicholas, in May 1639 and before the birth of his son Arthur in June 1640 and the death of his wife Prudence in September 1640. Why he chose to attempt immigration to Maine at age 56 and while his wife was pregnant is unknown, though Winthrop's description suggests financial issues were a possible cause. It is unclear if he sailed back to Plymouth after his wife's death and then returned to Maine, or if he remained in New England despite her death. Winter's mention that Martin "was with us 5 months" in July 1642 could be interpreted in several ways. The most likely is that Martin and his two children came to Richmond Island from wherever they were living on Casco Bay for the five months, living on credit he expected his nephew to pay. It could also be surmised, however, that he had returned to England and come back to Maine in the early part of 1642 or before.

Winthrop wrote that Francis Martin departed Casco Bay back to England leaving his two daughters, one of whom, the eldest Mary, was subsequently employed by Mr. Michael Mitton of Casco Bay for at least three months, became pregnant, and delivered her child at the home of Mrs. Bourne in Boston in mid-December 1646. The timing of these events indicates the latest Francis Martin left Casco Bay was in December 1645. Given the typical sailing seasons of the time, it is likely he departed earlier. When and if he returned to Plymouth is uncertain. There is no direct record of him after 1639 in the Plymouth St. Andrew's parish registers nor do any of his children born in the decade prior to his wife Prudence's death appear after 1643.

⁵⁵ Will of Thomasyne Deacon of Plymouth, Devon, widow, PROB 11/135, Soame 64 (1620) [image, ancestry.com].

⁵⁶ Will of Thomas Fownes of Plymouth, Devon, Esquire, PROB 11/177, Lee 84 (1638) [image, ancestry.com].

⁵⁷ Will of John Martyn the elder [note 22].

THE DAUGHTERS LEFT BEHIND

Winter reported Francis Martin living in Maine with his two children in July 1642. John Winthrop clarified that Martin left behind two daughters when he returned to England. He reported the eldest of the two to be Mary Martin, 22 years old in early 1646. Francis Martin's firstborn daughter, Grace, died in 1633 at age 11, leaving his daughter Mary, baptized 17 September 1623, as his eldest child. Mary would have turned 23 years old in September 1645 matching the description given by Winthrop and identifying her as the unfortunate woman hanged in Boston in March 1646/7 for the murder of her baby.

The name of Francis Martin's second daughter left in Maine was not recorded but her identity can be inferred. Of his surviving daughters, only Prudence Martin, baptized 4 September 1625, is of sufficient age to have immigrated with her father and to have remained in Maine when he departed for the final time. It is possible a scholar of early Maine history might be aware of a Prudence who married in the appropriate time frame but, unlike for her sister Mary, no record of her employment, marriage, or death has yet been identified.⁵⁸

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY⁵⁹

1 **JOHN^A MARTIN** (*John^B*) was born circa 1550,⁶⁰ and was buried at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, 10 March 1626/7. The visitation reported him as the son of John^B Martin of Bridgetowne Pomeroy [today a part of the town of Totnes, Devon] who may have moved to Plymouth, as there was a John Martin elected Mayor of Plymouth in 1569–70.⁶¹ John^A Martin reportedly accompanied Sir Francis Drake on his 1577–80 circumnavigation of the globe. John Martin was made a freeman of Plymouth in 1581. He served twice as Mayor of Plymouth in 1602–3 and 1622–23. He served in various other offices for the Borough of Plymouth including Overseer of the Poor and Justice of the Peace.

He married at least twice, first at Plymouth on 4 June 1582 to JOAN —, who died sometime before John Martin's second marriage in 1603, who, contrary to what is shown in the 1620 visitation, was clearly the mother of his two children listed in the pedigree. He married second at Plymouth, 4 November 1604, JAKEMENKAE De BROWNE, buried 9 October 1623. She was the daughter of Louis

⁵⁸ A Prudence, who married the much younger (by 8–10 years) John Howell of Scarborough, Maine, sometime before 1666, was reported by Torrey, but the age difference casts doubt (Clarence Almon Torrey, [Baltimore, 2004], 393); *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 352.

⁵⁹ As noted earlier, all baptisms, marriages, and burials were recorded at St. Andrew's Church of Plymouth unless indicated otherwise. Also repetition of information previously presented, including citations for vital records, is minimized in the Genealogical Summary as much as possible.

⁶⁰ The 1620 visitation reported him as aged 70.

⁶¹ "List of Past Lord Mayors," www.plymouth.gov.uk/list-past-lord-mayors.

de Browne of Antwerp and the widow of Engarmar Hemerkyne, and whose daughter Susan Hemerkyne married John^A Martin's son John in 1610.

The will of John Martin the elder of Plymouth, merchant, dated 4 April 1624 and proved 2 June 1627, made bequests, in order, to his sons Francis Martin and John Martin, to John's son John and his daughters Mary, Susan, and Jaicke, and to Francis's daughters Grace, Mary, and Prudence. He made his sons Francis and John executors and also named Edward Cooke and Rowland Bransforth.⁶²

Children of John^A Martin and Joan (—), bp. St. Michael's church, Plymouth:⁶³

- 2 i FRANCIS¹ MARTIN, bp. 7 Sept. 1584, d. unk.; m. PRUDENCE DEACON.
- 3 ii JOHN MARTIN, bp. 7 Dec. 1585, bur. 23 Feb. 1638/9; m. (1) SUSAN HEMERKYNE, (2) JOAN (COOKE) GLANVILE, (3) MARGARET TRELAWNY.
- iii ANTHONY MARTIN, bp. 2 Nov. 1588, likely d. young.

2 **FRANCIS¹ MARTIN** (*John^A, John^B*) was baptized at St. Michael's church, Plymouth, 7 September 1584.⁶⁴ His place and date of death are unknown. Unlike his father and brother, Francis was minimally involved in the civic affairs of Plymouth. He was on the 1623 list of those assessed a monthly fee towards support of the poor and was noted as in arrears for this assessment the following year. He was reimbursed in 1627 for his expenses in supporting those afflicted by the plague that struck Plymouth in 1626.

He was recorded by John Winter as being in New England at Richmond Island, Maine, on 27 June 1640 and was reportedly going to live somewhere on Casco Bay. He was again recorded by John Winter in Maine along with his two children as of 13 September 1642. John Winthrop in his journal in 1647 described Francis Martin as a merchant of Plymouth, "fallen into decay," who had come to Casco Bay and then returned to England leaving his two daughters behind. Winthrop reported that Martin's elder daughter, Mary, became pregnant by a married man, fled to Boston where she gave birth on 13 December 1646, and distraught killed her baby for which she was convicted and then hanged on 18 March 1646/7. No further report of Francis Martin in New England or in England has been found.

Francis Martin married at St. Andrew's church, Plymouth, 10 October 1619, PRUDENCE DEACON. She was baptized at St. Andrew's, 11 February 1602/3, and was buried there, 16 September 1640, daughter of Edward and Thomasine (Keizer/Keser) Deacon. Edward Deacon in his will, dated 12 February 1616/7 and proved 14 February 1618/9, gave his daughter Prudence as a portion towards her marriage one-half of his tenement unto her husband when she married. In her will of 30 November 1619 and proved 2 February 1619/20, Thomasine Deacon made

⁶² Cooke and Bransforth were the brother and brother-in-law of Joan/Johane Cooke, who is likely the Joan Glanvile who m. John Martin Jr. in 1628. See below.

⁶³ Plymouth Register, 1581–1618 [note 17]; Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20].

⁶⁴ The 1620 visitation reported him as aged 36.

bequests to her daughter Prudence Martin and her son-in-law Francis Martin, and named her son Edward Deacon and son-in-law Francis Martin as executors. Prudence Martin, daughter of Edward Deacon deceased, and her husband Francis Martin were named in the will of Thomas Fownes of Plymouth, dated 15 June 1637 and proved 13 June 1638. Fownes made a large bequest of fifty pounds to Prudence Martin in trust for the maintenance of her children and education of any of her daughters. Fownes also forgave Francis Martin's debt to him of twenty pounds and instructed his executors to return the bond to Martin.

Children of Francis¹ Martin and Prudence (Deacon), all baptisms and burials at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, unless noted:⁶⁵

- i GRACE MARTIN, bp. 16 Dec. 1621, bur. 15 July 1633. She was named in her grandfather John Martin's 1627 will.
- 4 ii MARY² MARTIN, bp. 17 Sept. 1623, executed, Boston, Mass., 18 March 1646/7. She was named in her grandfather John Martin's 1627 will.
- iii PRUDENCE² MARTIN, bp. 4 Sept. 1625; d. unk. She was named in her grandfather John Martin's 1627 will. Prudence is very likely the second daughter of Francis Martin who was with him in Maine in Sept. 1642. No further record.
- iv JOHN MARTIN, bp. 14 Feb. 1626/7, bur. 10 July 1633.
- v WILMOUTH MARTIN, bp. 20 April 1628, bur. 13 Nov. 1628.
- vi THOMASINE MARTIN, bp. 14 April 1633, likely the unnamed daughter of Francis Martin bur. 23 June 1634.
- vii EDWARD MARTIN, bp. 7 Sept. 1635, bur. 10 Sept. 1635.
- viii NICHOLAS MARTIN, bp. 18 Jan. 1636/7, bur. 31 May 1639.
- ix MOYSES MARTIN, bp. 14 Feb. 1637/8, d. unk. No further record.
- x HUMFREY MARTIN, bp. 29 Mar. 1639, d. unk. No further record.
- xi ARTHUR MARTIN, bp. 14 June 1640, d. unk. No further record.

3 **JOHN MARTIN** (*John^A, John^B*) was baptized at St. Michael's church, Plymouth, 7 December 1585.⁶⁶ He was buried at St. Andrew's church, Plymouth, 23 February 1638/9. He was a merchant in Plymouth and was made freeman there in 1609. He appeared on the lists of those assessed for supporting the poor beginning in 1617. He served as an Overseer of the Poor, Justice of the Peace, and was Mayor of Plymouth in 1634–35. In the years before his father's death, he was listed in records as John Martin Jr. He and his brother Francis were beneficiaries and executors of their father's will proved in 1627.

John Martin married at Plymouth three times and had children with each wife. He married first, 22 July 1610, SUSAN HEMERKYNE, who was buried at Plymouth, 24 July 1628, daughter of Engarmar and Jakemenkae (de Browne) Hemerkyne. Susan Hemerkyne's mother married John Martin's father after the death of her first husband. He married second, 25 November 1628, JOAN (COOKE)

⁶⁵ Plymouth Register, 1581–1618 [note 17]; Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20].

⁶⁶ The 1620 visitation reported him as aged 35.

GLANVILLE,⁶⁷ possibly the Joan daughter of William Cooke baptized 16 April 1591. She was buried 14 March 1632/3. John Martin married last, 28 November 1633, MARGARET TRELAWNY. She was baptized, 22 October 1602, daughter of Robert Sr. and Elizabeth (Mayne) Trelawny, and was buried 1 January 1649/50 as Mrs. Margaret Martin, widow. She survived him.

His undated will, probated 15 March 1638/9, appears to have been written before the death of his second wife, Joan, as it names his “wife Johane” as a beneficiary along with his presumed brothers-in-law John and Edward Cooke and sister-in-law Mary (née Cooke) Bransforth, wife of Rowland Bransforth. At probate Margaret Martin was named as administratrix of the will. In his will, John Martin also made bequests to his daughters Mary and Susan Martin and gave forty pounds to his brother Francis Martin. Robert Trelawny, in a codicil dated 23 February 1643/4 to his will dated 24 August 1643, and proved 19 November 1644, directed his executors to pay the £2200 he held, “being the portions of the daughters of my Sister Margaret Martin, widow,” to them or their mother before any other of his legacies were disbursed.⁶⁸

Children of John Martin and his 1st wife, Susan (Hemerkyne), all baptisms, marriages, and burials at Plymouth unless noted:⁶⁹

- i MARY MARTIN, bp. 9 Feb. 1611/2, likely the “Mary da. Mr. John Martin” bur. 26 Dec 1647. The 1620 visitation reported her as aged 8. She was named in her grandfather John Martin’s 1627 will and in her father’s 1638/9 will.
- ii GRACE MARTIN, bp. 24 Apr. 1614, bur. 1 April 1617.
- iii SUSAN MARTIN, bp. 21 July 1616, d. unk.; m. 5 June 1641, JOSHUA HAVELL, bp. 15 Nov. 1605, son of Joshua Havell. The 1620 visitation reported her as aged 4. She was named in her grandfather John Martin’s 1627 will and in her father’s 1638/9 will.
No record after the burial of their 1st child.
1 *Joshua Havell*, bur. 14 Sep. 1642 as Joshua s. Joshua Havell.
- iv JOHN MARTIN, bp. Feb. 1618/9, d. unk. The 1620 visitation reported him as aged 2. He was named in his grandfather John Martin’s 1627 will. He is likely the John Martin John Winter referenced to Robert Trelawny in Sept. 1642 when he sent a bill upon John Martin for his Uncle Francis Martin’s charges in Maine and whom he asked Trelawny to consult about the future care of Francis Martin. No further record.
- v FRANCIS MARTIN, bp. 14 Jan 1620/1, bur. 6 May 1623.
- vi JACKEMYNT MARTIN, bp. 26 May 1622, bur. 21 Aug. 1628. She was named in her grandfather John Martin’s 1627 will
- vii RICHARD MARTIN, bp. 20 June 1624, bur. 24 Oct. 1624.

⁶⁷ The marriage record for John Martin and Joan has a challenging spelling for Joan’s surname. It appears to read *Glavuvile* or *Glanvuvile*. No similar names exist in the register.

⁶⁸ The Will of Robert Trelawny of Plymouth, Devon, gent., PROB 11/192, Rivers 6 (1644–1645) [image, ancestry.com].

⁶⁹ Plymouth Register, 1581–1618 [note 17]; Plymouth Register, 1618–1653 [note 20].

viii ELIZABETH MARTIN, bp. 26 Sep. 1625, d. unk. She was not named in her grandfather John Martin's will dated 1624, probated 1627. No further record.

ix LYDIA MARTIN, bp, 7 Sept. 1627, bur. 24 Oct. 1638.

Child of John Martin and his 2nd wife, Joan (Cooke) (Glanville):

x GILES MARTIN, bp. 12 June 1629, bur. 3 Jan. 1630/1.

Children of John Martin and his 3rd wife, Margaret (Trelawny):

xi ELIZABETH MARTIN, bp. 9 Nov. 1634. No further record.

xii GRACE MARTIN, bp. 28 May. 1637. No further record.

xiii ANN MARTIN, bp. 23 Feb. 1638/9. No further record.

3 **MARY² MARTIN** (*Francis¹, John^A, John^B*) was baptized at St. Andrew's church, Plymouth, 17 September 1623. She was executed in Boston, Massachusetts, 18 March 1646/7. She was one of the two children reported by John Winter in September 1642 to be with their father, Francis Martin, in Maine. John Winthrop reported that she was left in Maine by her father without provision for her maintenance, became pregnant by a married man, Michael Mitton, fled to Boston where she gave birth on 13 December 1646, and, distraught, killed her baby for which she was convicted and then hanged on 18 March 1646/7.

Child of Mary² Martin and Michael Mitton:

i [female child] MARTIN, b. Boston, Mass., 13 Dec. 1646, murdered by her mother on the same day.

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MORE CANTON, MAINE, MARRIAGE INTENTIONS AND MARRIAGES

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Since the publication of *Vital Records of Canton, Maine*, in 2018,¹ the Canton Historical Society has continued to expand its collection of historical documents and items related to the town's past. Among the recent accessions of the Society are two volumes of abstracted records, compiled by Hiram A. Ellis (born at Canton in 1826; died at Rumford Falls in 1904), a Justice of the Peace who served as a Selectman of Canton for several years. In one of the volumes, dated October 1885, Ellis abstracted the proprietors' records of Phipps Canada, the original land grant from which the town of Jay, Maine, was incorporated in 1795, along with various memoranda from the tax assessors' records of the town of Jay after incorporation. The other volume, undated but likely compiled in around 1883, contains abstracts of the town records of Canton, which was set off from Jay in 1821, spanning the years 1821 to 1882, accompanied by an every-name index. Ellis's two volumes of abstracts have been digitized and can be viewed at Maine State Library's *Digital Maine Repository* website.²

Ellis's volume of Canton abstracts is of particular interest to genealogical researchers. At the time *Vital Records of Canton, Maine* was published, the original town volume of marriage intentions and marriage records from the years 1848 to 1859 had not been found, and it evidently is still missing. In his volume of Canton town record abstracts, however, Ellis included all marriage intentions and marriage records included in the original books. These abstracts therefore serve as a welcome substitute for the original records, and all marriage intentions and marriages from 1848 to 1859, which were not included in *Vital Records of Canton, Maine*, are transcribed below.

As with all Maine Genealogical Society town and vital records transcriptions, spelling is rendered as in the original, with all transcriber remarks and notes presented in italicized text within brackets.

¹ Gregory S. Childs, *Vital Records of Canton, Maine*, Maine Genealogical Society Special Publication No. 82 (Waterville, Maine, 2018).

² Hiram A. Ellis, "Extracts & Memoranda from Proprietors Records of Phips Canada and from Assessors Records of the Town of Jay" (manuscript, 1885), and "Abstract of Canton Records from 1821 to 1882 inclusive, with Index" (undated manuscript), Canton Historical Society, PDF files at *DigitalMaine Repository* (digitalmaine.com/canton_books).

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Record of Intentions of Marriage Continued³

[Intentions from 2 March 1847 to 24 Dec. 1847 on this page are included in Vital Records of Canton, Maine, and not transcribed here.]

1848

Feb. 16	Jesse L. Nelson of Canton & Elizabeth B. Haskell of Peru
Mch. [March] 15	Harrison Harvey of Dixfield & Eliza C. Bennett of Canton
Apr. 24	Thomas S. Harlow of Canton & Jennette Carver of Leeds
May 31	E. C. Dillingham of Dixfield & Costella Jones of Canton
June 14	Atwood Ames of Canton & Sophia R. Crockett of Hartford
Aug. 20	Hartson B. Leach of Canton & Nancy J. Robbins of Livermore
Sept. 8	Silas D. Reynolds of Canton & Esther S. Phillips of Livermore
Oct. 1	John B. Kelsey & Roxanna Childs both of Canton
Nov. 1 ⁴	William W. Whitney of Carthage & Mary Ann Whitney of Canton
Nov. 1	Simeon Brett Jr of Canton & Julia Ann Mitchell of Hartford
Nov. 18	Albert Harvey of Dixfield & Satira Eastman of Canton
Dec. 9	Nath ^l Mayberry of Canton & Annourille C. Stockbridge of Dixfield
Dec. 22	Artson K. Pratt of Canton & Eliza H. Ridley of Jay

1849

Jan. 5	Hiram A. Ellis & Ruth A. C. Wilson both of Canton
Jan. 8	Alvin Robinson & Julia A. Allen both of Canton
Jan. 13	Charles E. Strout & Caroline B. Decoster both of Canton
Feb. 5	Nath ^l Blackwell & Betsey Williams both of Canton [<i>bracketed with note on next line: "above made void"</i>]
Feb. 18	Daniel B. Austin of Canton & Viola S. Harlow of Mexico

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Record of Intentions of Marriage Continued

1849

Mch. 6	Nath ^l Blackwell & Betsey Williams both of Canton
Mch. 21	Richard McCollester & Philena H. Ludden both of Canton
Mch. 22	James Harrison Blanchard of Wilton & Harriet C. Ludden both of Canton [<i>sic</i>]
June 7	Holmes T. Peterson of East Livermore & Lydia L. Childs of Canton

³ To avoid repetition, Ellis abbreviated the town of Canton as "C" in most entries. The name of the town is written in full here for clarity.

⁴ A second digit after the '1' is overwritten with another number and illegible.

- Aug. 14 Elbridge G. Harlow of Canton & Helen F. Randall of Dixfield
[*followed by note on next line: "never married"*]
- Aug. 20 Nath^l T. Shaw of Buckfield & Amanda B. Holland of Canton
- Oct. 6 Samuel W. Hatch & Maria Shackley both of Canton
- Oct. 26 Daniel P. Gray of Boston, Mass. & Flora Ludden of Canton
- Oct. 30 George F. Dudley of Milford, Me. & Rebecca T. Daly of Canton
- Dec. 11 Daniel Foster Jr of Canton & Mrs. Ruth Colley of Vienna
- Dec. 19 Elias A. Mower of Corrinna & Rhoda M. Harlow of Canton
- Dec. 27 Ira Thorne of Canton & Louisa H. Harlow of Peru

1850

- Mch. 2 Zibeon Brett of No. Bridgwater, Mass. & Mrs. Nancy S. Ellis
of Canton
- Sept. 15 Samuel White of Dixfield & Paulina Childs of Canton
- Sept. 15 Granville Childs & Amity M. Holland both of Canton
- Sept. 23 Ebenezer Harlow 2^d of Canton & Rosetta B. [*her surname
overwritten and illegible*] of Jay⁵
- Oct. 27 Luther H. Ludden of Canton & Arvilla H. Waite of Dixfield
- Nov. 24 William Childs Jr of Canton & Mary C. Chipman of Poland

1851

- Mch. 7 James B. Russell & Parnell Decoster both of Canton
- Apr. 12 Albert A. Mitchell & Susan E. Jones both of Canton
- Apr. 26 Everett Goding of Palmyra & Margaret C. Allen of Canton
- May 6 Calvin S. Brown & Harriet Ann Ellis both of Canton
- May 7 Uriah Proctor of Canton & Mrs. Betsey A. Smith of Fayette
- May 24 Charles A. Berry of Topsham & Abigail Read of Canton
- Sept. 14 Joseph C. Bennett & Sarah G. Ludden both of Canton
- Sept. 23 Thomas T. Coombs of N. Gloucester & Abigail B. Jones of
Canton
- Sept. 27 Hiram C. Mitchell & Joanna Beard both of Canton
- Oct. 18 Seth Babb & Dolly K. Peabody both of Canton
- Nov. 8 Nelson Rose of Leeds & Britannia E. Proctor of Canton

1851

- Dec. 13 Samuel Lucus & Almira B. Decoster both of Canton

⁵ Ebenezer Harlow "the second" of Canton and Miss Rosetta B. Barber of Jay published a marriage intention in Jay on 21 Sept. 1850 and m. there 20 Oct. 1850 (Jay, Maine, Marriage Intentions & Marriages, 1847–1872, unpaginated [DGS #7763761, image 618]).

1852

January 30	William A. Goddard of Lynn & Abigail F. Bisbee of Canton
Mch. 6	Charles W. Berry of Canton & Mercy M. Leavitt of Turner
Mch. 15	Isaac Chase & Angelia Shackley of Canton
Mch. 24	Tobias Ricker of Buckfield & Mrs. Abigail Ellis of Canton
Apr. 7	William G. Gammon & Martha L. Howard both of Canton
Apr. 14	John H. Ellis of Canton & Emaline R. Leach of Hartford
May 1	Washington Treat of Canton & Sarah A. Howland of Topsham
June 19	Roscoe A. Proctor & Betsey R. Smith both of Canton
Oct. 8	Stephen P. Adkins & Mary A. Delano both of Canton
Nov. 4	John Marston & Meribah Shackley both of Canton

1853

Jan. 5	William Foye & Mary Bisbee both of Canton
Jan. 8	Lorenzo D. Allen of Canton & Mary Webster of Livermore
Feb. 1	Calvin Simmons & Cynthia G. West both of Canton
Feb. 11	Charles Alden of Canton & Susan E. Peterson of Livermore
Feb. 17	Ansel A. Gammon of Canton & Emaline Bryant of Hartford
Feb. 19	Samuel Simmons & Marcia M. Sylvester both of Canton
Mch. 15	Zebulon Goding of Livermore & Mrs. Syrena Kibrreth [<i>sic</i> , "Kilbrith" in <i>Livermore marriage intention</i>] ⁶ of Canton
Mch. 18	James D. Gammon of Canton & Mary Robinson of Sumner Hartford
Mch. 19	Robt. P. Briggs & Susan Bisbee both of Canton
Apr. 18	Enoch H. Hines & E. Olivia Harlow both of Canton
Aug. 29	Oren Reynolds of Canton & Martha Walker of Peru
Sept. 11	Daniel W. Tyler of China & Dolly K. Bisbee of Canton
Sept. 25	Charles H. Childs & Sarah H. Briggs both of Canton
Oct. 4	Ephraim Childs Jr & Brittannia B. Harlow both of Canton
Oct. 21	Orison Gammon of Canton & Maxilana N. Ford of Peru
Oct. 27	Albert Barker of Canton & Susan J. Trask of Leeds
Nov. 16	Warren Ward of New York, N.Y. & Mary E. Austin of Can- ton

1854

Mch. 4	Samuel P. Merrill of Andover & Eunice W. Bisbee of Canton
Mch. 21	John C. Dearborn of Canton & Amanda M. Fullar of Hartford

⁶ Livermore, Maine, Marriage Intentions & Marriages, 3:n.p. [DGS #7834679, image 512].

- Apr. 8 Ephraim Russell of Hartford [*sic*, “Ephraim Russell Jr” in *Hartford marriage intention*]⁷ & Mrs. Jennett A. Hersey of Canton
- July 3^d Calvin S. Rose of Leeds [*sic*, “Calvin M. Rose” in *Leeds marriage intention*]⁸ & Annourille Proctor of Canton
- July 22 Leonidas Buck & Sophila H. Newman both of Canton

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Intentions of Marriage (Canton) Continued

1854

- Sept. 2 Gideon Ellis Jr & Rosalthe Barrows both of Canton
- Sept. 5 Benjamin F. Adkins & Hannah P. Daily both of Canton
- Nov. 15 Emerson Pitts & Abigail F. (Brett) Read both of Canton
- Dec. 25 Hardin L. Watts of Wales & Mary H. Treat of Canton

1855

- Jan. 16 Ansel G. Staples of Canton & Rosannah Woodsum of Peru
- Jan. 20 John Gilcrease & Achsah Smith both of Canton
- Jan. 27 Uriah A. Proctor & Clara T. Dearborn both of Canton
- Mch. 7 Thomas Reynolds & Sybel B. Howe both of Canton
- Mch. 23 Joshua L. Glover [*sic*, “Joshua S. Glover” in *marriage record*] of Sumner & Eliza Reynolds of Canton
- Apr. 14 Lewis C. Bisbee & Martha B. Staples both of Canton
- May 26 Otis Hayford Jr & Amanda M. F. Phinney both of Canton
- June 23 William E. Adkins & Betsey A. C. Barker both of Canton
- July 18 Stephen Foye of Hartford & Sarah K. Conant of Canton
- July 28 Rufus Timberlake of Livermore & Susan Stevens of Canton
- Aug. 19 Robt. Swett & Luzerne W. Jones both of Canton
- Sept. 15 Albert Hayford & Rebeca Thompson both of Canton
- Oct. 14 David Barker Jr & Mary A. Daily both of Canton
- Dec. 1 Granville A. Harlow & Amanda F. Childs both of Canton
- Dec. 12 Stephen S. Packard & Almira C. Gammon both of Canton

1856

- Jan. 1 Thaxter Russell of North Yarmouth & Abigail Howard of Canton
- Jan. 27 Josiah Moores of Livermore & Delphina Reynolds of Canton
- Mch. 4 Daniel Reynolds [“Jr” *added in superscript*] of Canton & Louisa A. Babb of Peru
- Mch. 14 Rutillius Coolidge & Mrs. Lovisa J. Coolidge both of Canton

⁷ Hartford, Maine, Marriage Intentions & Marriages, 1835–1881, p. 63, marriage intention #287 [DGS #7595715, image 202].

⁸ Leeds, Maine, Marriage Intentions & Marriages, 1802–1869, p. 96 [DGS #7595728, image 60].

Mch. 24	George Paine of Jay & Fanny M. Strout of Canton
Apr. 17	Samuel C. Jones & Mahala J. Beals both of Canton
Apr. 24	Charles H. Flagg & Lydia M. Cox both of Canton
Apr. 26	Thaddeus C. Andrews & Julia M. Blackwell both of Canton
Apr. 27	John H. Cox of Carthage & Cordelia Flagg of Canton
May 10	William H. Howard & Mary Ellen Walker both of Canton
June 7	Horatio N. Campbell & Lydia Pomeroy both of Canton
June 27	Leonard Averill of Temple & Susan F. Foster of Canton
Aug. 19	Simon M. Coolidge of Jay & Sarah A. Foster of Canton
Sept. 14	William Childs of Canton & Henrietta D. Buck of Buckfield
Oct. 19	Roscoe G. Ellis & Hannah L. Bates both of Canton
Nov. 19	William Cox of Jay & Harriet S. Flagg of Canton
Dec. 21	Eliab Bisbee of Buckfield & Thirsa Dearborn of Canton

1857

Jan. 1	Timothy Chandler of Minot & Joanna Beard of Canton ⁹
June 8	Byron C. Waite [“of Dixfield” <i>inserted in superscript</i>] & Louisa Treat both of Canton
June 20	Origin Barker & Hannah B. Ludden both of Canton
June 9	Thaddeus F. White & Augusta Ford both of Canton

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Intentions of Marriage Continued

Where both were of Canton I have omitted the town as also after the name of one of Canton to save space. [*signed*] Ellis

1857

Nov. 5	Augustus Parsons of Manchester & Hannah French
Nov. 21	Harvey Ripley & Jane Marston
Dec. 25	William J. Coolidge of Jay & Mary E. Foster

1858

Jan. 9	Charles A. Waite of Dixfield & Lucy F. Treat
Apr. 10	John C. French & Martha A. Fisher of Livermore
Apr. 10	Stephen E. Griffith of Dixfield & Vesta A. Reynolds
Apr. 13	Charles E. Gammon & Matilda T. Brown
July 13	Nathaniel Blackwell of Livermore [&] Rosannah Flagg [<i>followed by note on next line: “never married”</i>]
July 19	Nathaniel Blackwell (above) & Louis [<i>sic, probably “Lois”</i>] G. West of Canton

⁹ “Mrs.” Joanna Baird in Minot marriage intention (Minot, Maine, Vital Records, 2:27 [DGS #7595748, image 415]).

Aug. 26	Orville K. Trask of Canton & Sophia M. Smith of Livermore [sic, “of East Livermore” in <i>East Livermore marriage intention</i>] ¹⁰
Sept. 8	Stephen L. Cushman & Hannah B. Allen
Sept. 25	A. A. Mitchell & Olive F. Brown
Nov. 16	Joseph R. Thompson of Dunkirk, N.Y. [&] Ellen B. Fullar
Nov. 18	William K. Ripley Jr & Cornelia H. Ames
Nov. 19	Daniel B. Dearborn & Celestia J. Lowe of Buckfield
Dec. 3	Albert K. Foster & Mary D. Conant
Dec. 10	Elbridge G. Harlow & Rosella Stanley of Dixfield
Dec. 24	Orlando A. Hayford & Esther B. Hayford Staples

1859

Jan. 3	Actor P. Thompson & Martha R. Marston
Jan. 18	William Thompson & Lucy Tillson of Rockland
Jan. 24	Samuel C. Norcross of Dixfield & Zilpha H. Leonard
Feb. 1	J. S. Davie of Hebron & Sarah D. Brown
May 24	Lorenzo D. Marston & Adeline M. Packard
July 13	Albion Thorne & Clara M. Bolster of Dixfield ¹¹

[*the remaining marriage intentions on this page are included in Vital Records of Canton, Maine and not transcribed here*]

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[*Marriage intentions 1860–1876; included in Vital Records of Canton, Maine*]

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Record of Marriages, continued from Page 50

[*marriages from 18 May 1845 to 13 January 1848 on this page are included in Vital Records of Canton, Maine and not transcribed here*]

Oct. 24, 1848	John B. Kelsey & Roxanna Childs both of Canton by Cornelius Holland, JP
Dec. 3, [1848]	Albert Harvey of Dixfield & Satira Eastman of Canton by Cornelius Holland, JP
Mch. 23, 1849	Nath ^l Blackwell & Betsey Williams both of Canton by Cornelius Holland, JP
Dec. 3, 1846	Hiram H. Cook of Jay & Eliza Flagg of Canton by J. M. Holland, JP

¹⁰ East Livermore, Maine, Marriage Intentions & Marriages, 1844–1893, p. 66, original documents, Livermore Falls, Maine, Town Office.

¹¹ This appears to be an erroneous entry; Albion Thorne and Clara M. Bolster published a marriage intention in Canton on 13 July “1868” (*Vital Records of Canton, Maine* [note 1], 159).

- Apr. 14, 1848 Harrison Harvey of Dixfield & Eliza C. Bennett of Canton by Jefferson Coolidge, JP
- Apr. 5, 1849 Richard McCollister & Philena Ludden both of Canton by Jefferson Coolidge, JP
- Feb. 4, 1849 Alvin Robinson & Julia A. Allen both of Canton by Alvarado Hayford, JP
- Jan. 1, 1850 Ira Thorne of Canton & Louisa H. Harlow of Peru by Robt. Blacker, M[inister] of the Gospel
- Feb. 19, 1850 Elias A. Mower of Corrinna & Rhoda M. Harlow of Canton by James Rollins
- Nov. 18, 1849 George F. Dudley of Milford, Me. & Rebecca Daily of Canton by Cornelius Holland, JP
- Mch. 23, 1851 James B. Russell & Parnel Decoster both of Canton by Alvarado Hayford, JP
- [no date] Stillman N. Goding of Livermore & Amanda H. Childs of Canton by William Thompson, JP¹²

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Record of Marriages, continued from p. 66

- Feb. 7, 1848 Geo. H. Davis of Danville & Caroline P. Glass of Hartford by William Thompson, JP
- June 25, 1848 Enos C. Dillingham of Dixfield & Costella Jones of Canton by William Thompson, JP
- Nov. 15, 1849 Daniel P. Gray of Boston, Mass. & Flora Ludden of Canton by William Thompson, JP
- Oct. 15, 1851 Thomas T. Coombs of New Gloucester & Abigail B. Jones of Canton by Alvarado Hayford, JP
- Dec. 2, [1851] Nelson Rose of Leeds & Emaline B. Proctor of Canton by Alvarado Hayford, JP
- Apr. 27, 1851 A. A. Mitchell & Susan E. Jones both of Canton by E. G. Harlow, JP¹³
- Oct. 12, [1851] Hiram C. Mitchell & Joanna Beard both of Canton by E. G. Harlow, JP
- Nov. 2, 1851 Seth Babb & Dolly K. Peabody both of Canton by Wm. Thompson, JP

¹² "Stilman" N. Goding and Miss Amand [sic] H. Child m. Canton, 3 Jan. 1847; see Rev. Donald L. McAllister and Lucille E. Naas, ed., *Marriage Returns of Oxford County, Maine, Prior to 1892*, Maine Genealogical Society Special Publication No. 16 (Camden, Maine, 1993), 81.

¹³ Mr. A. A. Mitchell, "Harnessmaker," and "Susanah" E. Jones in original marriage return contained in a small envelope of eight original marriage return slips held by the Canton Historical Society.

- Oct. 1st, 1851 Joseph C. Bennett & Sarah G. Ludden both of Canton by Jefferson Coolidge, JP
- Apr. 25, 1852 William G. Gammon & Martha L. Howard both of Canton by E. G. Harlow, JP
- June 20, 1852 Roscoe A. Proctor & Betsey R. Smith both of Canton by Ebenezer Harlow, JP
- [no date] Isaac Chase & Angelia Shackley both of Canton by M. Lawrence, Preacher¹⁴
- Oct. 10, 1852 Stephen P. Adkins & Mary A. Delano both of Canton by E. G. Harlow, JP
- Jan. 6th, 1853 William Foye & Mary Bisbee both of Canton by John M. Deshon, JP
- May 16, 1852 William A. Goddard of Lynn & Abigail F. Bisbee of Canton by William Thompson, JP
- Feb. 20, 1853 Calvin Simmons & Cynthia G. West both of Canton by E. G. Harlow, JP
- Feb. 26, 1853 Josiah Dunbar of Bridgewater, Mass. [*sic*, “Josiah Dunbar Jr of N. Bridgewater, Mass.” in *Minot marriage intention*]¹⁵ & Sophia E. Gurney of Minot, Me., by John M. Deshon, JP
- Jan. 27, 1853 Lorenzo D. Allen of Canton & Mary Webster of Livermore by Alvarado Hayford, JP
- Apr. 25, 1853 John H. Ellis of Canton & Emaline R. Leach of Hartford by Cornelius Holland, JP¹⁶
- Apr. 24, [1853] Enoch H. Hines & E. Olivia Harlow both of Canton by Cornelius Holland, JP

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Record of Marriages, Continued

- Sept. 25, 1853 Charles H. Childs & Sarah H. Briggs both of Canton by J. M. Deshon, JP
- Dec. 4, 1853 John Williams of Turner & Nancy F. ~~Williams~~ Delano of Canton [*sic*, “of Wilton” in *Turner marriage intention*]¹⁷ by George Bates, M[inister] of the Gospel

¹⁴ “Isac” [*sic*] Chase and Miss Angelia Shackley were married on 11 April 1852 according to original marriage return [see note 13].

¹⁵ Minot, Maine, Vital Records, 2:7 [DGS #7595748, image 405].

¹⁶ John H. Ellis and Emaline R. Leach published a marriage intention in Canton on 14 April “1852.” The year indicated in this marriage record is likely incorrect.

¹⁷ Turner, Maine, Marriage Intentions, 1840–1877, unpaginated [DGS #7596922, image 81].

- Jan. 3, 1854 Josiah L. Newman of Carthage [*sic*, “Isaiah L. Newman” in *Turner marriage intention*]¹⁸ & Mary J. Copeland of Turner by George Bates, M[inister] of the Gospel
- Feb. 4, [1854] Welcome Beals & Lucy Murrey both of Turner by George Bates, M[inister] of the Gospel¹⁹
- Nov. 17, 1854 Warren Ward of New York, N.Y. & Mary E. Austin of Canton by George Bates, above²⁰
- Mch. 5, 1854 Robt. P. Briggs & Susan Bisbee both of Canton by Cyrus Thompson, JP²¹
- Mch. 5, [1854] Samuel P. Merrill of Andover & Eunice W. Bisbee of Canton by Cyrus Thompson, JP
- Oct. 4, 1854 Ephraim Childs Jr & Britannia B. Harlow both of Canton by Ebenezer Harlow, JP²²
- Jan. 25, 1855 John Gilcrease & Achsah Smith both of Canton by John M. Deshon, JP
- Mch. 4, 1855 Joshua S. Glover of ~~Hartford~~ Sumner [&] Eliza Reynolds of Canton by Jacob Lovejoy, JP
- Apr. 15, 1855 Lewis C. Bisbee & Martha B. Staples both of Canton by Daniel S. Tracey, JP
- July 22, 1854 Leonidas Buck & Sophila H. Newman both of Canton by C. Holland, JP
- May 27, 1855 Otis Hayford [*“Jr” added in superscript*] ~~of Canton~~ [&] Amanda M. F. Phinney both of Canton by D. S. Tracey, JP
- July 4, 1855 William E. Adkins & Betsey A. C. Barker both of Canton by D. S. Tracey, JP
- Aug. 19, 1855 Robt. Swett & Luzerne W. Jones both of Canton by D. S. Tracey, JP
- Oct. 22, 1854 Clark Record of Buckfield & Henrietta M. Bunker of Carthage by Cyrus Thompson, JP
- Nov. 19, 1854 Emerson Pitts & Abigail F. Read both of Canton by Cyrus Thompson, JP
- Aug. 26, 1855 Elias N. Delano & Rosalin Berry both of Hartford by Cyrus Thompson, JP

¹⁸ Turner, Maine, Marriage Intentions, 1840–1877, unpaginated [DGS #7596922, image 81].

¹⁹ The date of this marriage record is likely incorrect: “Wellcome” Beals and Miss Lucy Murray published a marriage intention in Turner on “13” Feb. 1854; see Turner, Maine, Marriage Intentions, 1840–1877, unpaginated [DGS #7596922, image 81].

²⁰ Warren Ward and Mary E. Austin published a marriage intention in Canton on 16 Nov. “1853.” The year indicated in this marriage record is likely incorrect.

²¹ Robert P. Briggs and Miss Susan Bisbee were married at Canton on “20 March 1853” according to original marriage return [see note 13].

²² Ephraim Childs Jr and Britannia B. Harlow published a marriage intention in Canton on 4 Oct. “1853.” The year indicated in this marriage record is likely incorrect.

- Oct. 8, 1854 Cyrus H. Doten & Lucy E. Leeds both of Hartford by E. G. Harlow, JP
- Oct. 31, [1854] David Barker Jr & Mary A. Daly both of Canton by E. G. Harlow, JP²³
- July 22, 1855 Stephen Foye of Hartford & Sarah K. Conant of Canton by John Hersey, JP
- Apr. 27, 1856 John H. Cox of Carthage & Cordelia Flagg of Canton by John Hersey, JP
- [Apr. 27, 1856] Charles H. Flagg of Canton & Lydia M. Cox of Canton by John Hersey, JP

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Record of Marriages Continued

- Mch. 21, 1854 John C. Dearborn of Canton & Amanda M. Fullar of Hartford by Benjamin Dearborn, JP
- Jan. 27, 1855 Uriah A. Proctor & Clarrissa T. Dearborn both of Canton by Benjamin Dearborn, JP
- Sept. 15, 1856 William Childs of Canton & Henrietta D. Buck of Buckfield by Ebenezer Harlow, JP
- Jan. 1, 1857 Timothy Chandler of Minot & Joanna Beard of Canton by D. S. Tracey, JP²⁴
- Jan. 1, [1857] Eliab S. Bisbee of Sumner [*sic*, “Elisha S. Bisbee” in *Hartford marriage intention*]²⁵ & Martha J. Parsons of Hartford by D. S. Tracey, JP
- Apr. 17, 1856 Samuel C. Jones & Mahala J. Beals both of Canton by D. S. Tracey, JP
- May 11, 1857 William H. Howard & Mary Ellen Walker both of Canton by D. S. Tracey, JP²⁶
- July 6, 1856 Jonathan Holmes Jr & Martha R. Curtis both of Hartford [*sic*, “Martha R. Corliss” in *Hartford marriage intention*] by D. S. Tracey, JP²⁷
- June 10, 1856 Horatio N. Campbell & Lydia Pomeroy both of Canton by John Hersey, JP

²³ David Barker Jr and Mary A. Daily published a marriage intention in Canton on 14 Oct. “1855.” The year indicated in this marriage record is likely incorrect.

²⁴ “Mrs.” Joanna Baird in Minot marriage intention [see note 9].

²⁵ Hartford, Maine, Marriage Intentions & Marriages, 1835–1881, p. 79 (struck through), marriage intention #343 [DGS #7595715, image 209].

²⁶ William H. Howard and Mary Ellen Walker published a marriage intention in Canton on 10 May “1856.” The year indicated in this marriage record is likely incorrect.

²⁷ Hartford, Maine, Marriage Intentions & Marriages, 1835–1881, p. 75, marriage intention #336 [DGS #7595715, image 209]. Their marriage intention was published in Hartford on “26” July 1856; the day indicated in this marriage record is likely incorrect.

- July 5, 1857 Origin Barker & Hannah B. Ludden both of Canton by Hiram A. Ellis, JP
- Oct. 6, 1857 Alpheus Packard & Francelia E. Brett both of Canton at Dover N.H., by B. F. Parsons, Pastor etc.
- Nov. 20, 1856 William H. Keith of Auburn & Serena H. Walker of Canton by Austin Wheeler, MG
- Nov. 21, 1856 Algernon S. Knox & Victoria Baily both of Peru by Austin Wheeler, MG
- Dec. 22, 1856 Amos L. Harlow & Ann D. Wormell both of Peru by Austin Wheeler, MG
- Nov. 12, 1857 George O. Foye of Canton & Helen M. Griffith of Meddybemps by G. H. Pinkham, Pastor of Shelburne, N.H.
- Mch. 4, 1858 William J. Coolidge of Jay & Mary E. Foster of Canton [by] Rev. John Foster
- Dec. 25, 1858 Albt. K. Foster & Mary D. Conant both of Canton by D. S. Tracey, JP
- Dec. 30, 1857 Harvey Ripley of Hartford & Jane Marston of Canton by Saml. S. Wyman, Licensed to Marry
- May 2, 1858 Charles Bearce & Mrs. Ann B. Conant both of Hartford by Austin Wheeler, MG
- Sept. 14, [1858] Stephen L. Cushman & Hannah B. Allen both of Canton by Austin Wheeler, MG

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CHARLES HENRY GRANGER, RESIDENT ARTIST OF SACO, MAINE

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Painter, poet, linguist, music teacher, sculptor, draftsman, art teacher, piano tuner, church choir instructor: Charles Henry Granger of Saco, Maine, strove to make a living in the arts.

Charles was born in Saco, 13 June 1812, son of Daniel and Mary (Jordan) Granger.¹ He initially intended a career in the military, but due to a problem with his eyes, Charles's tenure at West Point was a short one. He returned to Saco where he began to teach himself to play the piano and to draw and paint. His seclusion was considered eccentric by the Saco townspeople, but there was some recognition of his talent, as in 1835 he was commissioned by the town to make decorative inscriptions and transparencies. This commission perhaps gave him the necessary means to travel to New York City where he completed his first known painting. His early paintings include primitive portraits of relatives and landscape drawings and watercolors of the Saco area. His figural repertoire included a number of Saco residents.

Following his marriage to Mary Eaton of Kennebunkport in the summer of 1839, Charles left on a three-year trip to seek further instruction in painting and establish contacts with artists and clients, his travels taking him to Portsmouth, Newburyport, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. He received some portrait commissions and painted miniatures and landscapes.

By March 1840, his fortunes had failed and he went to Hagerstown, Maryland, where he engaged in new endeavors to support himself and his wife in Maine. In addition to painting, he taught art, tuned pianos, led a church choir, trained a band, and made banners for the 1840 presidential election.

In the fall of 1842, he returned to Saco, and tried to make a living as a painter, but commissions in rural Maine were relatively few. He was commissioned by the town of Saco to paint portraits to be hung in the newly built town hall, one of Judge Ether Shepley of Saco, one of Abraham Lincoln, and one of George Washington. He was commissioned by the state of Maine to copy the Gilbert Stuart portrait of General Henry Knox. Charles turned to teaching and a variety of odd jobs to support his family. In 1866 he helped found the York Institute, a society of natural history.²

¹ *Records of the Town of Pepperellborough, Now the City of Saco, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1998), 98; his mother's maiden name from her death record at Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #4544462, image 2812].

² From the artist's biography as published in the National Gallery of Art Systematic Catalogue [www.nga.gov].

James N. Granger, in his book on the Granger family published in 1893, the year of Charles's death, notes: "As a portrait painter, [Charles Henry Granger] has excelled, and many fine examples of his work are to be found in Maine. Mr. Granger is a man of strict integrity, retiring disposition, and delicate sensibilities. He is essentially a gentleman of the now rare 'old school.'"³

Charles seldom signed or dated his work. An inventory in the Kettelle biography includes only forty-one identifiable works,⁴ whereas an account in one of his sketchbooks states that between 1832 and 1845 he executed as many as 250 oil paintings. York county residents may want to check their attics.



The Old Congregational Church in Saco
by Charles Henry Granger
Lithograph, 1860

³ James N. Granger, *Launcelot Granger of Newburyport, Massachusetts* (Hartford, Conn., 1893), 229.

⁴ For more on the life and art of Charles Henry Granger, see Martha Chadbourne Kettelle, *Aloft on Butterflies Wings: The Story of the Artist Charles Henry Granger* (Paoli, Pa., 1976). This biography was written by the granddaughter of Mary Abby (Fabyan) Chadbourne, daughter of Samuel and Olive M. (Eaton) Fabyan and niece of Charles's wife, Mary Eaton.

THE DANIEL GRANGER FAMILY

DANIEL⁵ GRANGER (*Jacob⁴, Samuel³, John², Launcelot¹*) was born in Andover, Massachusetts, 2 March 1762, the son of Jacob and Sarah (Farnham) Granger.⁵ He died in Eastport, Maine, 16 January 1853, aged 90 years, 10 months, 14 days.⁶

He married, 8 April 1792, **MARY/POLLY JORDAN**.⁷ She was born in Saco, Maine, in April 1772, and baptized there 30 August 1772, daughter of Colonel Tristram and Hannah (Goodwin) Jordan of South Berwick.⁸ She died in Eastport, 17 June 1848, aged 75.⁹

A letter written by his son Charles Henry Granger relates:

When the Revolution commenced in April, 1775, my father [Daniel] was 13 years old. In Dec. following he joined the army as a drummer boy in Col. Poor's regiment. In 1777, he was at Still-water, N.Y., in Gen Rickett's Division, and was at the taking of Burgoyne, and assisted in guarding troops to Cambridge, Mass. In 1778, was in Col. Wadsworth's Regiment in Rhode Island. I have often heard him say he was in the retreat on Long Island. In 1780 he was stationed at West Point, N.Y., and on taking of Maj. Andre he was one of the guards over him from the Point up to the guard-house. When I went to West Point as a cadet in 1829, my father went with me, and took me over the whole ground and related many interesting incidents, with regard to Gen. Washington, Arnold and other officers at that time. He settled in Saco in 1786, lived there 53 years, as schoolteacher, merchant, and collector of customs, an office which he held until 1829."¹⁰

In his youth, Daniel taught school in Rochester and Dover, New Hampshire, and Berwick, Maine. In 1804 he was commissioned as a Justice of the Peace and conducted many Saco marriages.¹¹ In his old age, he and his wife moved to Eastport to reside with their son Daniel Tristram Granger. His name appears on a

⁵ *Vital Records of Andover, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Topsfield, Mass., 1910–12), 1:179; Jacob Granger m. (int.) 16 April 1757, Sarah Farnham (*ibid.*, 2:155).

⁶ Kenneth L. Willey, *Vital Records from the Eastport Sentinel of Eastport, Maine, 1818–1900* (Camden, Maine, 1996), 124, citing issue of 18 Jan. 1853.

⁷ Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 126. The location of the marriage and a primary record supporting the date are not found.

⁸ Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 126; Tristram Jordan m. Berwick, 23 Nov. 1749, Hannah Goodwin (John Eldridge Frost and Joseph Crook Anderson II, *Vital Records of Berwick, South Berwick, and North Berwick, Maine* [Rockport, Maine, 1993], 192); *Pepperellborough Records* [note 1], p. 270.

⁹ Maine Deaths and Burials, 1841–1910 [DGS #7594942, image 4573]; Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 126; death notice, *Gospel Banner* (Augusta, Maine), 29 Jul 1848, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]. Issues of the *Eastport Sentinel* covering the time of Mary's death were not found by Willey [note 6].

¹⁰ Rev. Robert Jordan, *The Jordan Memorial* (Boston, Mass., 1882), 189–90. A much more detailed account of Daniel's extensive Revolutionary War service can be found in his pension application (Revolutionary War Pensions, #S17452).

¹¹ Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 126.

1 June 1840 roster of Revolutionary War soldiers, aged 78, a resident of Eastport.¹² In 1850 Daniel, aged 89, was living with his son Daniel Tristram Granger, [just to be consistent] 42, a lawyer, his wife Anna M., 33, and their four children: Ann, Reed, Frank, and Harriet.¹³ Daniel is buried in Hillside Cemetery in Eastport. His inscription reads: Daniel Granger / Drummer / Col. Wadsworth's Regt / Revolutionary War / 1762–1845 [*sic*].¹⁴

Children of Daniel⁵ and Mary (Jordan) Granger, all b. Pepperellborough/Saco:¹⁵

- i GEORGE FARNHAM⁶ GRANGER, b. 16 Nov. 1792, d. Saco, 15 Oct. 1794.¹⁶
- ii SARAH/SALLY FARNHAM GRANGER, b. 16 Aug. 1795, d. Calais, Maine, 22 July 1861, aged 67;¹⁷ m. Saco, 21 Oct. 1817, ANDREW SCAMMON,¹⁸ b. Pepperellborough, 14 Jan. 1793, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Jordan) Scammon,¹⁹ apparently d. bef. 1850. In 1850, Sarah Scammon, aged 52, was living in Calais with the family of her sister, Harriet (Granger) Granger.²⁰ No children.
- iii HARRIET JORDAN GRANGER, b. 26 Aug. 1798, d. Calais, Maine, 6 May 1865, aged 66y 6m [*sic*];²¹ m. Saco, 2 May 1822, JOSEPH GRANGER,²² b. Newburyport, Mass., 25 Sept. 1797, son of Joseph and Sarah (Tyler) Granger,²³ d. Calais, 22 July 1880.²⁴ He m. (2) Harriet's sister Mary Hannah Goodwin Granger, below. Joseph and Harriet resided in Calais where Joseph, like his brother-in-law, Daniel Granger, was a lawyer. Their 1850 household included Joseph, b. Mass., a lawyer, wife Harriet, 50, their two children George F., 13, and William A., 10, as well as

¹² *A Census for Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services* (Washington, 1841), 14.

¹³ D. T. Granger household, 1850 U.S. Census, Eastport, Washington Co., Maine, p. 260.

¹⁴ Hillside Cemetery, Eastport, Maine [gravestone photo., findagrave.com, #44687983].

¹⁵ The births of all except George are recorded in *Pepperellborough Records* [note 1], 98, 115, 139; George's birth is from Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 126. With the nearly nine-year spread between the births of Harriet Jordan and Daniel Tristram Granger, it is possible there were other children who died young.

¹⁶ *Pepperellborough Records* [note 1], 213, "son of Danl Grainger and Mary Grainger his wife."

¹⁷ Sharon Howland, *Vital Records of Calais, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Rockport, Maine, 1998), 178; Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 126, gives d. 20 Aug. 1862.

¹⁸ *Pepperellborough Records* [note 1], 45.

¹⁹ *Pepperellborough Records* [note 1], 117–18; Nathaniel Scammon m. Pepperellborough, 19 Jan. 1775, Sarah Jordan (*ibid.*, 295).

²⁰ Joseph Granger household, 1850 U.S. Census, Calais, Washington Co., Maine, p. 43.

²¹ Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 126; Willey, *Eastport Sentinel* [note 6], 212, citing issue of 17 May 1865.

²² *Pepperellborough Records* [note 1], 55.

²³ *Vital Records of Newburyport, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1911), 1:163; Joseph Granger m. 20 Jan. 1794, Sarah Tyler (*ibid.*, 2:194).

²⁴ Obituary notice, *Portland Daily Press*, 23 July 1880, p. 2 [image, genealogybank.com]: "Hon. Joseph Granger died this morning. . . . He was admitted to the bar in 1830 and the same year he moved to Calais, where he has since lived. . . . He has served in both branches of the Legislature and as mayor of Calais."

Harriet's two sisters, Sarah Scammon, 52, and Mary H. Granger, 40.²⁵ Harriet's two sisters were still living there in 1860.²⁶ Joseph and Harriet Granger had 4 children.²⁷

- iv DANIEL TRISTRAM GRANGER, b. 18 July 1807, d. Eastport, 27 Dec. 1854;²⁸ m. Eastport, 22 May 1836, ANNA MARIA BARTLETT,²⁹ b. Eastport, 14 April 1816, daughter of Jonathan and Hannah P. (DeWolf) Bartlett,³⁰ d. Manhattan, N.Y., 31 March 1893, aged 76 years.³¹ Daniel graduated from Bowdoin College in 1826, studied law in the office of Judge Ether Shepley of Saco, and was admitted to the bar in 1829. The family later moved to Eastport where Daniel practiced law in partnership with Frederick Hobbs. In 1854 he was appointed a judge in the supreme bench of Maine, but declined due to failing health. He died later the same year. 6 children.³²
- v MARY HANNAH GOODWIN GRANGER, b. 16 Nov. 1809, d. Calais, 28 May 1890;³³ m. Calais, 17 Dec. 1866, her older sister Harriet's widower, JOSEPH GRANGER.³⁴ In 1880, Joseph, aged 83, a lawyer, was still residing in Calais, his household including: [his 2nd] wife Mary, 69; daughter-in-law Annie C. Granger, 33; granddaughter Carrie A. Granger, 5; and grandson William F. Granger, 8.³⁵
- + vii CHARLES HENRY GRANGER, b. 13 July 1812; m. MARY A. EATON (see below).

²⁵ Joseph Granger household, 1850 U.S. Census, Calais, Washington Co., Maine, p. 43. This census return did not give Joseph's age.

²⁶ Joseph Granger household, 1860 U.S. Census, Calais, Washington Co., Maine, p. 179.

²⁷ Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 230.

²⁸ Maine Deaths and Burials, 1841–1910 [DGS #7594942, image 4553]; death notice, *Portland Advertiser*, 2 Jan. 1855, p. 2 [image, genealogybank.com]: “Daniel T. Granger, Esq., of Eastport was found dead in his office on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Granger was a lawyer of distinction, and last winter was appointed by Gov. Crosby as Judge of the Supreme Court, but declined the appointment.”

²⁹ Maine Marriages, 1771–1907 [DGS #7594942, image 1784], which record (a typed copy of the original) erroneously calls him “Earl” T. Granger; he was listed as “Mr. Daniel Granter” on his marriage notice to Miss Ann Maria Bartlett in the *Jeffersonian* (Portland, Maine), issue of 13 June 1836, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]; the 9 Dec. 1913 death record of 66-year-old Frank Dewolfe Granger of Somerville, Mass., names his parents as Daniel T. Granger and Anna Marie Bartlett (Mass. VRs, 1911–1915, 1913/91:10 [images, americanancestors.org]).

³⁰ Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900 [DGS #7594942, image 175]; Jonathan Bartlett m. Kings Co., N.S., 27 Aug. 1808, Hannah DeWolf (Nova Scotia Church Records, 1720–2001, Cornwallis Square, Kings Co., N.S. [DGS #5190405, image 209]).

³¹ New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795–1949 [database, familysearch.org]. The record names her parents as Matthew [*sic*] Bartlett (b. Plymouth, Mass.) and (—) DeWolf, and notes that she was a widow and had been a resident of New York for ten years.

³² Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 227–28.

³³ Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 126.

³⁴ Howland, *Calais VRs* [note 17], 422.

³⁵ Joseph Granger household, 1880 U.S. Census, Calais, Washington Co., Maine, p. 40.

THE JOSHUA EATON FAMILY

JOSHUA⁷ EATON (*Joshua*⁶⁻⁵, *William*⁴, *John*³⁻¹) was born in Wells, Maine, 23 August 1781, son of Joshua and Lucy (Maxwell) Eaton.³⁶ He died after 1850 when he appeared in the census,³⁷ and possibly on 4 April 1852, and certainly before 1860 when his widow, Susan Eaton, was living in Wells.³⁸

He married first, Biddeford, Maine, 9 March 1805, MEHITABLE/HITTY BICKFORD of Biddeford.³⁹ She was born in Biddeford, 29 March 1785,⁴⁰ possibly the daughter of Pierce and Olive (Milbury) Bickford.⁴¹ She died before 27 October 1838, when her husband published intentions to remarry.

Joshua married second, (int.) Wells, 27 October 1838, SUSANNAH/SUSAN (CHICK) HATCH of Wells.⁴² She was born in Wells, 22 September 1796, daughter of Thomas and Polly/Molly (Grant) Chick.⁴³ She died in Wells, 30 April 1869, aged 71 years, 7 months.⁴⁴ Susannah had married first in Wells, 30 December 1816, George Hatch,⁴⁵ who died in Wells, 8 November 1823, aged 31 years.⁴⁶ George and Susannah Hatch had four children, born in Wells from 1816 to 1823.⁴⁷ In 1860 Susan Eaton, aged 63, was living in Wells with her daughter, Zibia Hatch,

³⁶ Hope Moody Shelley, *Vital Records of Wells, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 2005), 218; Joshua Eaton m. Wells, 1 [no month] 1770, Lucy Maxwell (*ibid.*, 78, the marriage recorded between other marriages that took place in July and Oct. 1770). Bradbury errs in calling Joshua the son of Eld. Joseph Eaton (Charles Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, [Kennebunk, Maine, 1837], 242).

³⁷ Joshua Eaton household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 129. Joshua, aged 69, a farmer, was living with 2nd wife Susan, 53, stepdaughter Pamela Hatch, 29, and 11 y old George Littlefield.

³⁸ Susan Eaton household, 1860 U.S. Census, Wells, York Co., Maine, p. 986. The Granger genealogy gives Joshua's date of death as 21 May 1838, and his wife Mehitable's as 4 April 1852. It may be the case that the two death dates have been reversed (Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 228). No probate record was discovered.

³⁹ John D. Beatty, *Vital Records of Biddeford, Maine* (Camden, Maine, 1998), 161. The bride's name is incorrectly transcribed as "Kittey."

⁴⁰ Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 228.

⁴¹ Pierce Bickford m. Biddeford, 15 Dec. 1774, Olive Milberry (Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 39], 114). Joshua and Mehitable Eaton named twin daughters Lucy Maxwell Eaton and Olive M[ilberry] Eaton for their two grandmothers. It was likely it was Mehitable's brother Daniel Bickford who resided next door to Joshua Eaton in Kennebunkport in 1850. Daniel [b. ca. 1782] is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Biddeford with likely brothers Eliakim [b. 1789] and Isaac [b. 1795] (gravestone photos, findagrave.com, #s 110397404, 81109357, 110397387).

⁴² Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 36], 306. Joshua was of "Kennebunk Port" at the time of his marriage.

⁴³ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 36], 226; Thomas Chick m. Wells, 10 Feb. 1789, Polly Grant (*ibid.*, 86).

⁴⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 36], 505.

⁴⁵ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 36], 270.

⁴⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 36], 286.

⁴⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 36], 256 & 383. These included Thomas, Mary, Pamela, and Zibiah.

aged 37.⁴⁸ Susan is buried with her first husband, George Hatch, in the Hatch Burial Lot in Highpine.⁴⁹

In his *History of Kennebunk Port*, Bradbury notes that Joshua came to Kennebunkport in 1805.⁵⁰ Joshua, along with his mother Lucy, and siblings Forest, Jabez, Phebe, and Noah, is named in the 10 February 1816 will of his father, Joshua Eaton of Wells, yeoman.⁵¹ Joshua and Mehitable Eaton had eleven children, including two sets of twins. In 1850 Joshua, aged 69, a farmer, was living in Kennebunkport with his second wife, Susan, 53, his stepdaughter Pamela/Permelia Hatch, 29,⁵² and George W. Littlefield, 11. Living next door was his son, Joshua, 28, a blacksmith, and his wife Elizabeth, 24. The next household enumerated was that of Daniel Bickford, 67, likely the brother of his deceased wife, Mehitable.⁵³

Children of Joshua⁷ and Mehitable (Bickford) Eaton:⁵⁴

- i ERASTUS⁸ EATON, b. ca. 1806, d. Boston, Mass., Oct. 1841, “found dead in the dock near Lincoln’s wharf. . . . Eaton has sailed for three years past with Capt. Wm. S. Loud, in the schooner *Jane*, of Portland. He left Capt. Loud’s vessel at Providence, a fortnight since, and said he was coming to Boston to purchase a vessel. Since that time he has not been seen by his friends, until found drowned.”⁵⁵ On 9 Nov. 1841, Joshua Eaton of Kennebunkport wrote to the Judge of Probate for Penobscot Co. “that his son Erastus Eaton died at Boston . . . during the month of October [1841], intestate, never having been married, and leaving no heirs but your petitioner, the said Joshua Eaton; that at the time of [his] death . . . his usual place of abode and dwelling place was in Orrington.”⁵⁶
- ii LUCY MAXWELL EATON, twin, b. 12 June 1808, d. Old Town, Maine, 15 Jan. 1847, aged 38y;⁵⁷ m. Kennebunk, 4 Feb. 1836, HENRY RICHARDSON of Orono, Maine,⁵⁸ b. Jefferson, Maine, 25 Jan. 1809, son of Justus and Janet (Bond)

⁴⁸ Susan Eaton household, 1860 U.S. Census, Wells, York Co., Maine, p. 2.

⁴⁹ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #148749138.

⁵⁰ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port* [note 36], 242.

⁵¹ York Co. Probate Records, 44:3.

⁵² Permelia, daughter of George and Susan Hatch, d. 13 May 1853, aged 32 years, and is buried with her parents in the Hatch Burial Lot in Highpine (gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #148749235).

⁵³ Joshua Eaton household, Joshua Eaton Jr. household, Daniel Bickford, household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 42.

⁵⁴ William H. Eaton and Philip E. Converse, *An Eight Generation Genealogy of the Eatons of Salisbury and Haverhill, Massachusetts* (Westminster, Md., 2004), 260. The source for these eleven children likely involved personal correspondence between the original author, William H. Eaton, and family members, as the births are not recorded elsewhere.

⁵⁵ Death notice.

⁵⁶ Penobscot Co. Probate Records, Erastus Eaton, 1841 [DGS #4116154, image 427].

⁵⁷ Ruth Gray, ed., *Vital Records of Old Town, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1997), 46. Lucy (Eaton) Richardson is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Old Town (gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #123989529).

⁵⁸ Joseph P. Thompson, “Records of the First Parish Church of Kennebunk” (manuscript, Maine Hist. Soc., Portland, call #MvK37), 153.

- Richardson,⁵⁹ d. Old Town, 9 March 1868, aged 59y 1m 15d, and bur. in Forest Hill Cemetery, Orono.⁶⁰ Henry m. (2) Lucy's sister Salome Eaton, below. Lucy was likely named for her paternal grandmother. 3 children.⁶¹
- iii OLIVE M[ILBURY?] EATON, twin, b. 12 June 1808, d. Hollis, Maine, 4 March 1888;⁶² m. Scarboro, Maine, 15 Dec. 1827, SAMUEL FABYAN,⁶³ b. Scarborough, 30 Dec. 1808, son of Joshua and Mary (Downing) Fabyan,⁶⁴ d. Hollis, Maine, 1 Dec. 1882.⁶⁵ Olive was likely named for her maternal grandmother. In 1850, Samuel, aged 44 [*sic*], and wife Olive, 44 [*sic*], were living in Hollis, their household including: Joshua, 19; Mary, 15; Georgianna, 9; Charles, 7; and Olive Ann, 4.⁶⁶ The 1860 census included their youngest daughter, Sarah E., 8.⁶⁷
 - + iv MARY A. EATON, b. 18 Dec. 1811; m. CHARLES HENRY GRANGER (see below for more information).
 - v SALOME EATON, b. [calc.] 28 Sept. 1813, d. Old Town, 19 Jan. 1870, aged 56y 3m 21d;⁶⁸ m. Old Town, 1 Oct. 1848, her sister Lucy's widower, HENRY RICHARDSON.⁶⁹ In 1860 Henry, aged 51, a merchant, and his wife Salome, 44, were residing in Old Town with his and Lucy's son Abbot Richardson, 17, and a domestic servant.⁷⁰ No children.
 - vi JAMES A. EATON, b. 1815. No further information.⁷¹
 - vii GEORGE M. EATON, b. 1817. George may have been a sailor. One George M. Eaton, aged 23, appears on the 1838 ship's manifest of the *Royal William*.⁷² George could not be identified in the 1850 census.
 - viii MEHITABLE EATON, b. 1820. She was possibly the same Mehitable Eaton, aged 40, b. Maine, who in 1860 was residing in South Berwick, where she was employed as an "operative in mill."⁷³

⁵⁹ Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Jefferson, Maine* (Waterville, Maine, 2021), 66.

⁶⁰ *Old Town VRs* [note 57], 355.

⁶¹ *Old Town VRs* [note 57], 46.

⁶² Gravestone photo, Hillcrest Cemetery, Hollis, findagrave.com, #137914766). The inscription provides her date of birth.

⁶³ James H. Wick, *Vital Records of Scarborough, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2011), 284. It is noted that the bride was from Kennebunkport.

⁶⁴ Wick, *Scarborough VRs* [note 63], 198.

⁶⁵ Gravestone photo, Hillcrest Cemetery, Hollis, findagrave.com, #137914748.

⁶⁶ Sam^l Faydran [*sic*] household, 1850 U.S. Census, Hollis, York Co., Maine, p. 100.

⁶⁷ Sam^l Fabyan household, 1860 U.S. Census, Hollis, York Co., Maine, p. 578.

⁶⁸ Gravestone photo, Forest Hill Cemetery, Old Town, findagrave.com, #59313218.

⁶⁹ *Old Town VRs* [note 57], 130.

⁷⁰ Henry Richardson household, 1860 U.S. Census, Old Town, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 264.

⁷¹ He was not the Col. James O. Eaton of Old Town, who d. 23 Oct. 1841, aged 24y 7m ("Deaths in Bangor," *Bangor Historical Magazine* 4[1888–89]:38). That was the James Osgood Eaton, b. Bucksport, Maine, 2 March 1817, son Enoch and Fanny (Abbot) Eaton (Patricia Adams, *Vital Records of Bucksport, Maine* [Rockland, Maine, 2007], 94).

⁷² New York Passenger Lists, 1820–1920 [DGS #4678296, image 191].

⁷³ Robert Fernald household, 1860 U.S. Census, So. Berwick, York Co., Maine, p. 802.

- ix JOSHUA EATON, b. ca. Dec. 1822, d. Kennebunkport, 12 March 1899, aged 76y 3m;⁷⁴ m. (int.) Biddeford, 9 Aug. 1845, ELIZABETH ANN LIBBY,⁷⁵ b. Biddeford, 25 May 1826, daughter of John and Mary Ann (Carter) Libby,⁷⁶ d. North Kennebunkport, 22 Feb. 1906, aged 79y 8m 27d.⁷⁷ In 1860 Joshua, aged 37, a farmer, and wife Elizabeth, 34, were living in Kennebunkport, their household including: Ann M., 8; Edward, 5; and Henry R., 4.⁷⁸ In 1900 Elizabeth reported that she was the mother of 8 children, 4 of whom were still living.⁷⁹
- x SARAH S. EATON [twin?], b. 14 May 1825, d. Boston, Mass., 27 Sept. 1908, aged 83y 3m 13d;⁸⁰ m. (int.) Biddeford, 25 Oct. 1845, JAMES A. JOHNSON,⁸¹ b. [calc.] Parsonsfield, 8 Jan. 1820, son of William and Lydia (Elliot) Johnson, d. Boston, 18 June 1905, age 85y 5m 10d.⁸² In 1850 James A., aged 31, a carpenter, and wife Sarah S., 24, were living in Biddeford, their household including daughter Emily F., 1.⁸³ They were living in Auburn, Maine, in 1880, and in Winthrop, Mass., in 1900, when Sarah was described as the mother of 4 children, 2 of whom were still living.⁸⁴ Sarah and James are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Biddeford.⁸⁵
- xii ISAAC B[ICKFORD?] EATON, said to be a twin of Sarah S., b. May 1825, but if he was the same who married in Biddeford, he was perhaps a bit younger, b. ca. 1828. One Isaac B. Eaton m. Biddeford, 9 May 1854, ELIZA S. LORING of North Yarmouth,⁸⁶ daughter of Reuben and Almira (Walker) Loring, d. Pownal, Maine, 8 Jan. 1913, aged 80y 2m 29d.⁸⁷ In 1865, Isaac B., aged 37, b. Maine, a broker, and wife Eliza S., 32, b. Maine, were living in Newton, Mass., along with

⁷⁴ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [DGS #4544447, image 3158]. The record names his parents as Joshua Eaton, b. Wells, and Mehitable Bickford, b. Biddeford.

⁷⁵ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 39], 393.

⁷⁶ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 39], 248. John Libby m. Parsonsfield, 25 Sept. 1825, Mary Ann Carter (Parsonsfield Town Records and Vital Statistics, 1774–1823, p. 166 [DGS #7596426, image 293]).

⁷⁷ Maine Vital Records, 1841–1910, 1908/17:119 [image, americanancestors.org]. The record names her parents as John Libby, and Mary Ann Carter, both b. Saco.

⁷⁸ Joshua Eaton household, 1860 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 63.

⁷⁹ Elizabeth Eaton household, 1900 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, sheet 2B.

⁸⁰ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 1908/17:119 [images, americanancestors.org]. The record gives her place of birth as Kennebunk, names her husband as James A. Johnson, but errs in naming her father as “Josiah” Eaton.

⁸¹ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 39], 394.

⁸² Maine Vital Records, 1841–1910, 1905/14:332 [image, americanancestors.org]. The death record names his parents and notes that he was b. Parsonsfield.

⁸³ James A. Johnson household, 1850 U.S. Census, Biddeford, York Co., Maine, pp. 53–54.

⁸⁴ J. A. Johnson household, 1880 U.S. Census, Auburn, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 95A; James A. Johnson household, 1900 U.S. Census, Winthrop, Suffolk Co., Mass., E.D. 1578, sheet 295A.

⁸⁵ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #167051643. The inscription provides dates of birth for both James and Sarah and the names and dates of three of their children.

⁸⁶ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 39], 450.

⁸⁷ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1920 [DGS #5011592, image 3768]. The record calls her the wife of Isaac Eaton and the daughter of Reuben and Almira (Walker) Loring.

their son George L. Eaton, 7.⁸⁸ Isaac and Eliza may have separated, as in 1870, Eliza Eaton, aged 35, and son George, 12, were living in North Yarmouth with her parents, Reuben and Almira Loring.⁸⁹ Isaac B. Eaton, d. Manhattan, N.Y., 7 Dec. 1902, aged 74 years, his place of birth given as Saco, Maine.⁹⁰

THE CHARLES HENRY GRANGER FAMILY

CHARLES HENRY⁶ GRANGER (*Daniel⁵, Jacob⁴, Samuel³, John², Launcelot¹*) was born in Saco, 13 June 1812, son of Daniel and Mary (Jordan) Granger (above). He died in Saco, 5 September 1893, aged 81 years, 3 months.⁹¹

He married in Kennebunkport, 8 or 11 July 1839, MARY A. EATON.⁹² Mary was born in Kennebunkport, 18 December 1811, the daughter of Joshua and Mehitabel (Bickford) Eaton (above). She died in Saco, 2 April 1889, aged 77 years, 4 months.⁹³

In 1850 Charles H. Granger, aged 38, an artist, was living in Saco with wife Mary A., 39, and three children: Angelica K., 7; Amelia W., 6; and Charles H., 4.⁹⁴ In 1860, the household included the same three children: Angelica, aged 17; Amelia, 16; and Charles H., 14.⁹⁵ Charles H. [Father], Mary A. [Mother], and their daughter Angelica K., are buried together in Laurel Hill Cemetery in Saco.⁹⁶

Children of Charles Henry and Mary A. (Eaton) Granger:⁹⁷

- i ANGELICA/ANGIE KAUFFMAN⁷ GRANGER, b. Saco, 30 Oct. 1843, d. Saco, 31 Dec. 1917, aged 74y 2m 1d.⁹⁸ In 1900 Angie K. Granger, an artist, was head of household in Saco.⁹⁹ Her death record notes that she was found dead in her home and probably died of heart failure.¹⁰⁰
- ii AMELIA/NELLY WELBY GRANGER, b. Boston, Mass., 18 Feb. 1845, d. Springfield, Mass., 7 April 1871, aged 26y 1m 20d, of congestion of the brain;¹⁰¹ m.

⁸⁸ Isaac B. Eaton household, 1865 Mass. State Census, Newton, Middlesex Co., p. 69.

⁸⁹ Reuben Loring household, 1870 U.S. Census, North Yarmouth, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 6.

⁹⁰ New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795–1949 [images, familysearch.org].

⁹¹ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [DGS #4544462, image 2812]. The record names his parents as Daniel Granger and Mary Jordan.

⁹² Kennebunkport VRs, 4:61 [DGS #7595726, image 545], 5:1 [ibid., image 552]. The marriage is recorded twice, with the two different dates.

⁹³ Saco VRs, Deaths, 1888–89, p. 38 [DGS #7596918, image 682].

⁹⁴ Charles H. Granger household, 1850 U.S. Census, Saco, York Co., Maine, p. 315.

⁹⁵ Charles H. Granger household, 1860 U.S. Census, Saco, York Co., Maine, p. 822.

⁹⁶ Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: York County*, 4 vols. (Camden, Maine, 1995), 2:1548.

⁹⁷ Their births from Granger, *Launcelot Granger* [note 3], 229.

⁹⁸ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [DGS #5011605, image 1122].

⁹⁹ Angie K. Granger household, 1900 U.S. Census, Saco, York Co., Maine, E.D. 250, p. 2B.

¹⁰⁰ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [images, familysearch.org].

¹⁰¹ Mass. VRs., 1841–1910, 239:36 [image, americanancestors.org]. The death record names her parents as Charles H. Granger, b. Saco, and Mary A. Granger, b. Kennebunkport.

Springfield, Mass., 4 June 1870, FRANKLIN BURT COOK, aged 35,¹⁰² b. Chester, Mass., 16 March 1835, son of John J. and Lucy S. (Taylor) Cook,¹⁰³ d. 16 Feb. 1914 and bur. in Norwich Bridge Cemetery, Hinsdale, Mass.¹⁰⁴ Amelia died less than a year after her marriage. Her husband, a grocer in Hinsdale, never remarried.

- iii CHARLES HENRY GRANGER, b. Saco, 26 Jan. 1847, d. City Point, Va., 16 Feb. 1865. On 31 Aug. 1864, at the age of 18, Charles Henry Granger Jr., a clerk, for a “sufficient consideration” agreed to serve in the Union army for one year as a substitute for George F. Calef, also of Saco.¹⁰⁵ Charles served as a private in Company K of the legendary 20th Maine Infantry,¹⁰⁶ joining them the month following their heroics at Gettysburg. He died of wounds suffered at Hatcher’s Run, less than 6m after his enlistment.¹⁰⁷ His parents were named as dependents in his pension file.¹⁰⁸

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¹⁰² Mass. VRs., 1841–1910, 227:43 [image, americanancestors.org].

¹⁰³ *Vital Records of Chester, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1911) 30; John J. Cook m. Chester, June 1834, Lucy S. Taylor (*ibid.*, 133).

¹⁰⁴ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #122182998.

¹⁰⁵ Maine, Civil War Enlistment Papers, 1862–1865, Army Substitutes [DGS #5734850, image 539]. George F. Calef was the son of a Saco banker. He was b. Saco, 1 June 1829, the son of Josiah and Sarah P. Calef (*Pepperellborough Records* [note 1], 91). George married, had children, and lived to be 62 years old. He died in Saco in 1891 (*York County Inscriptions* [note 96], 3:1640, Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco).

¹⁰⁶ U.S. Civil War Soldier’s Index, 1861–1865 [database, familysearch.org].

¹⁰⁷ Maine, Veteran’s Cemetery Records, 1676–1918 [DGS #5246539, image 3068].

¹⁰⁸ U.S. General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934 [DGS #5080272, image 120].

IDENTIFYING SARAH, WIFE OF JOSEPH WORMWOOD OF WELLS, MAINE

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On 18 April 1748, Joseph Wormwood of Wells, Maine, filed intentions to marry Sarah Evans, also of Wells.¹ We do not know when Joseph was born, but he was undoubtedly a son of Thomas and Jane (Cole) Wormwood, who were the only couple of that surname in Wells in the early eighteenth century.² Other children of Thomas and Jane include sons William, Thomas, Benjamin, and John Wormwood, and daughters Mary, Elizabeth, and Abigail Wormwood.³ On 25 March 1748, Thomas Wormwood Jr., Joseph Wormwood, and Benjamin Wormwood, husbandmen, jointly purchased from Shadrach Watson of Arundel forty acres of land in Wells.⁴ On April 1762, Joseph Wormwood of Wells, yeoman, sold to Thomas Wormwood and Benjamin Wormwood jointly fourteen acres in Wells,⁵ these transactions supporting that they were siblings.

Joseph Wormwood first appears in the records as a laborer in January 1738/9, when he was being sued for debt, the plea dated October 1738.⁶ In 1746, while serving in King George's War, Joseph Wormwood was on a ship heading toward

¹ Hope Moody Shelley, ed., *Vital Records of Wells, Maine, 1619–1950* (Rockport, Maine, 2005), 27.

² Joseph's parentage is confirmed in two authoritative works: Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (Portland, Maine, 1928–39), 772, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *The Ancestry of Annis Spear 1775–1858 of Litchfield, Maine* (Portland, 1945), 114–15. Thomas Wormwood and Jane Cole were brought before the Court of General Sessions of York Co. on 4 Oct. 1706 “for committing the act of fornication”; they were married by the time of the court session of 7 Jan. 1706/7 when they were sentenced to receive “seaven stripes apiece on their Naked backs at the post” and pay court fees of 5 shillings apiece (Charles Thornton Libby et al., eds., *Province and Court Records of Maine*, 6 vols. [Portland, 1928–1975], 4:331, 333).

³ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.* [note 2], 772. In June 1772, John Wormwood, aged about 50, deposed that when he was about 16 or 17, “he and his brother Benjamin worked with their brother Thomas Wormwood and cut and halled a considerable number of rock maple loges of the Intervale on the north east side of Mousam River” (Suffolk Co., Mass., Court Files and Early Records, 1629–1799, vol. 865, York Co., 1734–1776, p. 43 [DGS #8296172, image 319]). On 24 Feb. 1743/4, Thomas Wormwood of Wells, yeoman, deeded to his well-beloved son Thomas Wormwood of Wells several pieces of land along Mousam River, provided “that my said son Thomas Wormwood be always giving to me the said Thomas Wormwood and Jean Wormwood my wife an honourable & comfortable maintenance . . . during our natural lives” (York Co. Deeds, 24:118). Son William was killed by Indians in 1724 (Edward E. Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk from Its Earliest Settlement to 1820* [Portland, 1875], 318–19).

⁴ York Co. Deeds, 27:96.

⁵ York Co. Deeds, 37:64.

⁶ York Court of Common Pleas, Joseph Wormwood v. Robert Cleves, Jan. 1738/9 Term, box 77, 11-246, #12 [DGS #5734873, image 77].

Nova Scotia, when a brutal blizzard struck. The ship, on which the soldiers from Maine were aboard, sank. Many perished, but Wormwood and three others swam to safety, washing up on the shores on Mount Desert Isle. The four men experienced extreme hardship, they had no shelter and little food, but they managed eventually to build a small boat which carried them back to civilization.⁷

Joseph was married in 1748 and two years later he was listed among the petitioners for the incorporation of the Second Parish of Wells, now Kennebunk.⁸ Joseph and Sarah became the parents of three children: *Sarah Wormwood*, baptized 29 April 1750; *Jemima Wormwood*, baptized 17 November 1751; and *Joseph Wormwood*, baptized in September 1755.⁹ Joseph Sr. died sometime after 1774, when he was taxed in Kennebunk.¹⁰

Together, these few facts illustrate Joseph Wormwood's life, but they do not identify Sarah Evans, his wife. The Evans family was living in York County, Maine, and Strafford County, New Hampshire, records as early as the mid-1600s. One member of the family, Edward Evans, married Dorcas Bussell/Buzzell, whose mother was a Wormwood, and they lived in Kittery, Maine, and Dover, New Hampshire.¹¹ They had four children whose births are recorded in Dover—*Eleanor Evans*, 1700; *Edward Evans*, 1702; *Rachel Evans*, 1703; and *Joseph Evans*, 1704¹²—as well as a likely daughter *Hannah Evans* who married in 1738 Thomas Wormwood of Wells, Joseph's brother.¹³ Edward and Dorcas apparently did not have a daughter Sarah. Their son Edward Evans, however, married Sarah Larrabee, their marriage intentions recorded in Wells, 9 September 1727.¹⁴ Edward and Sarah (Larrabee) Evans settled in the part of Wells that became Kennebunk, not far from the home of Thomas Wormwood.

Edward Evans (Jr.) was a cooper,¹⁵ and his house was one of five homes inside the Larrabee Garrison. Built between 1714 and 1727 by William Larrabee and his

⁷ Bourne, *History of Wells* [note 3], 385–86.

⁸ Bourne, *History of Wells* [note 3], 394–95.

⁹ “Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR], 75[1921]:122; Jon R. Stone, ed., “Vital Records of the Second Church of Wells (Kennebunk), Maine,” *The Maine Genealogist*, 42(2020):14, 17.

¹⁰ George A. Gilpatric, *The Village of Kennebunk, Maine* (Kennebunk, 1935), 61.

¹¹ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.* [note 2], 224. Proving that Edward Evans's wife was a Bussell, on 4 Nov. 1726, John Bussell and Edward Evenius [*sic*] sold to “our loving cousin Mary Bussell” of Arundel “all and singular our parts of the grant that was granted to our father Simon Bussell upon Kennebunk River” (York Co. Deeds, 15:165). Edward signed his surname as “Evns.”

¹² *Collections of the Dover, N.H., Historical Society, Vol. 1* (Dover, 1894), 3.

¹³ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.* [note 2], 224. Some sources claim there was also a son Caleb Evans, but proof has not been located.

¹⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 1], 12.

¹⁵ See for example York Co. Deeds, 19:317.

son Stephen, the garrison offered protection for not only the families who lived inside of the garrison but also for the families who lived nearby.¹⁶

Between 1731 and 1744, Evans and his wife brought their five infant sons to the Wells Church to be baptized: *William Evans*, baptized 17 October 1731; *Abner Evans*, baptized 28 December 1735, d. in infancy; *Abner Evans*, baptized 31 September 1739; *John Evans*, baptized 27 May 1743, and *Jacob Evans*, baptized 10 July 1744.¹⁷ In 1737 Edward Evans was prosecuted for not attending public worship, probably owing to the fact that the Evans home was some seven miles from the Wells Church.¹⁸ Also, Edward Evans's name appears on a 1745 list of Wells men who served at Louisbourg.¹⁹ After that time, Edward Evans drops out of the histories and records of Kennebunk. By looking for information on his sons, however, the story of Sarah Wormwood can be found.

During the French and Indian Wars, three of the Evans brothers, William, Abner, and John, served as volunteers from Kennebunk. They were stationed at Fort Edward on the Hudson, and were part of a guard of thirty men who were sent with supplies to Fort William Henry at the head of Lake George. The guard was overpowered at a place called Bloody Cove on Lake George by a large group of Indians, and all in the guard were killed except for one soldier who escaped and reached Fort William Henry.²⁰ The three Evans brothers were among those who did not survive.

In 1760, Joseph and Sarah Wormwood petitioned the Massachusetts Court:

A Petition of Joseph and Sarah Wormwood; setting forth, That her son William Evans who was killed the last year at Lake George, had been the preceeding year likewise in his Majesty's Service in the Pay of the Province and continued therein till the latter end of November, at which time he was as he apprehended regularly dismissed, but being returned as a Deserter they cannot receive his Wages without the Aid of this Court, And praying relief . . .²¹

On 14 June 1760, the Court ruled in favor of Joseph and Sarah Wormwood, ordering that the "Sum of ten pounds five Shillings and ten pence be paid out of the public Treasury to the Pet(itioners) in full consideration for the Wages of William Eavans [*sic*] within named."²²

¹⁶ Bourne, *History of Wells* [note 3], 316–18. A drawing of the Larrabee garrison is found on p. 317.

¹⁷ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Me." [note 9], NEHGR 75(1921):106–11.

¹⁸ Bourne, *History of Wells* [note 3], 363.

¹⁹ Bourne, *History of Wells* [note 3], 371.

²⁰ Daniel Remich, *History of Kennebunk from Its Earliest Settlement to 1890* (n.p., 1911), 137; Bourne, *History of Wells* [note 3], 435.

²¹ *The Acts and Resolves, Public and Private, of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: to Which Are Prefixed the Charters of the Province with Historical and Explanatory Notes, and an Appendix*, Vol. XVI (Boston, 1909), 391.

²² *Acts and Resolves of Mass. Bay*, Vol. XVI [note 21], 391.

The key phrase of the petition, “her son William Evans,” indicates that William Evans was Sarah’s son. This proves that Sarah Evans, who married Joseph Wormwood in 1748, was indeed Sarah Larrabee and the former wife of Edward Evans.

Sarah Larrabee was baptized at the Wells church, 14 June 1713, along with her brother Stephen and sister Esther, the children of William and Katherine (Ford) (Adams) Larrabee.²³ This explains why the newlyweds Edward and Sarah Evans had a house inside Larrabee Garrison, she being the daughter of the man who built it. Upon her father’s death in 1727, Sarah inherited a cow, a calf, six pounds, and forty acres of land.²⁴ This land was originally an eighty-acre lot, which was divided between Sarah and her sister Esther Larrabee. In November 1729, Edward Evans purchased Esther’s forty acres.²⁵ The land was located in Wells (now Kennebunk) on the northeast side of the Mousam River. Sarah and her second husband, Joseph Wormwood, sold this land on 22 September 1757 to Samuel Emmons of Wells.²⁶

The life of Sarah (Larrabee) (Evans) Wormwood is told through the lives of the men in her life: her father, William, who had her baptized and allowed her to live inside his garrison; her first husband, Edward Evans; and her second husband, Joseph Wormwood. We know she had eight children baptized. It is interesting to think that it was through her ill-fated Evans sons that we discover Sarah’s true identity, which can be further proven through York County deeds, as it is her husbands who are listed as buying and selling the land she inherited from her father. If her sons had not been killed, we would never have known who Sarah Wormwood was. Historians and genealogists would have Sarah Larrabee, wife of Edward Evans, and Sarah Evans, wife of Joseph Wormwood, as two different people, but it is through careful researching of primary sources that we know she was a singular person, who faced a life of many hardships.

²³ “Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.” [note 9], NEHGR 75(1921):47. Her parents m. Wells, 14 Oct. 1706 (Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 1], 2. Sarah’s mother, Katherine Ford, had m. (1) Charlestown, Mass., 5 Jan. 1696/7, James Adams, who became an original member of the Wells church in 1701 (*Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.* [note 2], 59). James and Katherine had six children b. 1697–1705, two of whom died when the family was attacked by Indians in Wells in 1703 (*ibid.*). The remaining family was carried by the Indians to Canada, where several other of their children died and where James was still living in Montreal, 2 June 1706. The Adamses were among the 44 prisoners exchanged for French prisoners and who sailed for Boston on 1 Aug. 1706. James apparently died on the voyage home or soon afterwards. For a gripping account of the family’s suffering in Wells and Canada, see Emma Lewis Coleman, *New England Captives Carried to Canada, Between 1677 and 1760, During the French and Indian Wars*, 2 vols. (Portland, Maine, 1925), 1:398–401. Katherine returned to Wells, married William Larrabee, and with him had three more children including her daughter Sarah.

²⁴ Will of William Larraby, dated 25 April 1727, probated 8 Aug. 1727, York Co. Probate Records, #11188 [DGS #7315395, image 104].

²⁵ York Co. Deeds, 16:253. On 1 Nov. 1729, Edward Evans of Dover, N.H., purchased the land from Alexander Bulman of York. The deed indicates that Bulman had previously bought the land from Esther Larraby, it being the same that was given to her by her father in his will.

²⁶ York Co. Deeds, 65:15.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY²⁷

SARAH LARRABEE was born say 1710²⁸ and was baptized at the First Church of Wells, 14 June 1713 (as the second listed of three siblings baptized that day), daughter of William and Katherine (Adams) Larrabee. Her date of death has not been found.

Sarah married first EDWARD EVANS, the intentions dated Wells, 9 September 1727. Edward was born in Dover, New Hampshire, 23 October 1702, son of Edward and Dorcas (Bussell/Buzzell) Evans. He died after 1745, when he was serving at Louisbourg, and before early 1748 when Sarah remarried.

Sarah married second JOSEPH WORMWOOD, their marriage intentions dated Wells, 18 April 1748. He was the son of Thomas and Jane (Cole) Wormwood of Wells, his birth date is unknown, but he was likely close to the same age as Sarah.²⁹ He died sometime after 1774 when he was taxed in Kennebunk.

Children (EVANS) of Sarah (Larrabee) and her 1st husband, Edward Evans, bp. 1st Church of Wells:

- i WILLIAM EVANS, bp. 17 Oct. 1731, killed near Lake George ca. 1759 during the French and Indian Wars.
- ii ABNER EVANS, bp. 28 Dec. 1735, d. young.
- iii ABNER EVANS, bp. 31 Sept. 1739, killed near Lake George ca. 1759 during the French and Indian Wars.
- iv JOHN EVANS, bp. 27 May 1743, killed near Lake George ca. 1759 during the French and Indian Wars.
- v JACOB EVANS, bp. 10 July 1744.

Children (WORMWOOD) of Sarah (Larrabee) (Evans) and her 2nd husband Joseph Wormwood, the first bp. 1st Church of Wells, the last two bp. 1st Church of Kennebunk:

- vi SARAH WORMWOOD, bp. 29 April 1750, living in York and described as “widow and relict of Shubal Nason of York” on 19 Nov. 1798, when she deeded land in York that she had originally purchased in 1784;³⁰ m. (int.) Wells, 16 March 1771, SHUBAEL NASON.³¹ She eventually married him, but she was still a singlewoman more than a year later, on 8 July 1772, when Shubael Nason “of Kittery now resident in York,” laborer, sold 50 acres in Berwick to Sarah Wormwood of Wells, singlewoman.³² Shubael Nason was b. ca. 1749–50, son of Jonathan Jr.

²⁷ Facts cited earlier in this article are not recited in the Genealogical Summary.

²⁸ A birth date in 1710 would make her 45 at the baptism of her last child and 17 at her first marriage in 1727.

²⁹ Joseph’s parents were married probably in late 1706, close to the birth of their first child, for whom they were charged with fornication. Joseph was sued for a debt in 1738 and, assuming he was at least 21 at that time, he was born no later than 1717.

³⁰ Sarah Nason to Lemuel Woodward, York Co. Deeds, 62:221.

³¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 1], 69, he “of Kittery”; he was “of York” on the same date on marriage intentions recorded in that town (Lester MacKenzie Bragdon and John Eldridge Frost, *Vital Records of York, Maine* [Camden, Maine, 1992], 153).

³² York Co. Deeds, 42:102.

and Elizabeth (—) Nason of Kittery,³³ and d. 15 May 1778 while serving in the Revolutionary War.³⁴ On 9 July 1771, Sarah Wormwood of Wells, singlewoman and spinster, testified that “Shubal Nason of York, labourer, on the 9th day of March 1771 at Wells and on one other day before that time there had carnal knowledge of her body whereby she is now big with child which child when born will be a bastard, wherefore your complainant prays that process may issue against said Shubal.”³⁵ Unable to procure a surety for the £80 bond required, Shubael was committed to jail 29 July 1771. On 2 Aug. 1771, the bond was raised by Elizabeth Nason of Kittery, widow, Jonathan Nason of Kittery, labourer, Abiah Nason of Kittery, singlewoman, and Abel Thompson of York, yeoman.³⁶ No record is found, but Sarah and Shubael must have married by 16 Oct. 1774 when sons Joel and Stephen “of Shubael & Sarah Nasson” were baptized at the York 1st Parish Church.³⁷ A 3rd child, Elizabeth, was baptized there, 9 June 1778, to “Sarah Nason, Widow,” a little over 3 weeks after Shubael’s death.³⁸

vii JEMIMA WORMWOOD, bp. 17 Nov. 1751.³⁹

viii JOSEPH WORMWOOD, bp. Sept. 1755.

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³³ York Co. Deeds, 42:102. The Berwick land that Shubael sold to Sarah Wormwood, singlewoman, in 1777 was described as “formerly belonging to my father Jonathan Nason dec^d, intestate, the same lays in common and undivided with my brother Josiah Nason who with me purchased out the rest of the heirs.” This earlier transaction among the heirs occurred on 8 Jan. 1767, when Abiar Nason and Ada Nason of Kittery, singlewomen and spinsters, and Jonathan Nason of Kittery, labourer, sold to Shubael Nason and Josiah Nason of Kittery their rights in the land which “did formerly belong to our hon^d father Jonathan Nason of Kittery, cordwainer, late dec^d, intestate” (York Co. Deeds, 40:217).

³⁴ “Fold3, *US, Numbered Records Books Concerning Military Operations and Service, Pay and Settlement of Accounts, and Supplies in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775-1790*, Officers and Enlisted Men, vol. 3: List of Massachusetts Troops, 1776–1780, p. 308 [handwritten] [image, fold3.com]. Shubael Nason served several enlistments from 24 Jan. 1777 to 1 May 1778 when he was “reported died.” In a certificate dated York, 27 Feb. 1777, he was described as age 27, 5 foot 6 inches tall, light complexioned, and a resident of York. In a return dated 25 Jan. 1778, he was “sick in hospital” (*Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908), 11:294).

³⁵ York Co. Court of Common Pleas, Oct. 1771 session, #58 [DGS #5736792, image 429]. It is interesting to note that Sarah and Shubael filed marriage intentions one week after their alleged liaison, even though the marriage did not occur until much later.

³⁶ York Co. Court of Common Pleas, Oct. 1771 session, #58 [DGS #5736792, image 427]. Elizabeth Nason, widow, was undoubtedly Shubael’s mother.

³⁷ John E. Frost, comp., “First Parish, York: Baptisms 1750–1800,” *York County Genealogical Society Journal* [YCGSJ] 4, No. 4[1989]:14.

³⁸ “First Parish, York: Baptisms” [note 37], YCGSJ 4, No. 4[1989]:14.

³⁹ She is said to be Jemima, wife of Joseph Swett of Waterboro, but chronology makes that unlikely. Jemima Swett had three adult sons (i.e., aged 21 or older) who deeded with her in 1787. The sons would all have been born by 1766, a scenario that is not reasonable for a mother born ca. 1751. For more on Joseph Swett, see Everett S. Stackpole, *Swett Genealogy: Descendants of John Swett of Newbury, Mass.* (Lewiston, Maine, 1913), 30–31.

THE FAMILY OF JONATHAN NASON JR. OF KITTERY, MAINE

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While researching our family history, we often find information that allows us to make breakthroughs in other families. Such was the case in the preceding article on Sarah, wife of Joseph Wormwood of Wells. Research into Sarah's daughter Sarah, who married Shubael Nason, revealed that Shubael was a son of Jeremiah Nason Jr. of Kittery. While many of the early Nason families of Kittery have been documented, that of Jeremiah Nason Jr. until now has been a mystery.¹ The following is an account of Jeremiah's family made possible by this new information.

JONATHAN NASON [Jr.] was born in Kittery, 7 November 1710, a son of Jonathan and Ada (Morrell) Nason.² He died before 8 January 1767, when his children deeded their rights in the land which "did formerly belong to our hon^d father Jonathan Nason of Kittery, cordwainer, late dec^d, intestate."³

His wife was undoubtedly ELIZABETH —. As a widow in 1771, Elizabeth helped her son Shubael Nason raise the bond necessary to release him from jail.⁴ Elizabeth's dates of birth and death and her birth family are not known.⁵

¹ Jonathan Jr.'s birth as a son of Jonathan and Ada (Morrell) Nason was listed in Everett S. Stackpole, *Old Kittery and Her Families* (Lewiston, Maine, 1903), 627, but nothing further was given about him other than he was living in 1745 when named in his father's will.

² Family record of Jonathan Nason [Sr.] (Joseph Crook Anderson II and Lois Ware Thurston, *Vital Records of Kittery, Maine, to the Year 1892* [Camden, Maine, 1991], 18). The record gives Jonathan's wife as "Edah [*sic*: Ada] daughter of John Morrell [m.] April 27:1702."

³ York Co. Deeds, 40:217.

⁴ York Co. Court of Common Pleas, Oct. 1771 session, #58 [DGS #5736792, image 427]. Shubael was accused by his future wife, Elizabeth Wormwood, of fathering her "bastard" child (see preceding article).

⁵ An intriguing possibility is that Elizabeth was the daughter of Josiah and Mary (Abbot) Goodridge of Berwick. In his will dated 13 Feb. 1759, Josiah Goodridge named "my daughter Elizabeth Nason" (York Co. Probate Records, 12:148). Several accounts of Josiah Goodridge's family have been published, but none identify Elizabeth's husband (for example, see Robert E. and Barbara W. Gee, "Descendants of Josiah Goodridge of Berwick, Maine," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 152[1998]:199–200, and Merton Taylor Goodrich, "Errors Erased—The Family History of Josiah Goodridge of Berwick, Maine," *The American Genealogist* 13[1936]:212–17). The Gees in their article speculated that Elizabeth Goodridge "probably m. Noah Nason" of Biddeford, but without providing any evidence at all other than the fact that Noah's wife was named Elizabeth. Jonathan Nason and his wife, Elizabeth, likely married about the mid-1730s, a period in which most Berwick marriages and intentions have not survived and possibly explaining the lack of a surviving marriage record for them. From his father's will, Jonathan Nason received land and property in Berwick and likely spent time there. Notably, Jonathan and Elizabeth named a son Josiah, a name not seen previously in the Nason family, and perhaps to honor her father Josiah Goodridge.

In April 1738, Jonathan Nason Jr., cordwainer, was sued by Joshua Rankin of York for an £8 debt.⁶ In his father's will, dated 4 November 1745, Jonathan received twenty acres of land in Berwick, five pounds in money, and "all my estate in Berwick of whatever Kind."⁷ On 9 June 1747, Jonathan Nason of Kittery, "cordwinder," sold to Peter Morrell of Berwick twenty acres of land on the northeast side of Great Works River.⁸ Two years later, he sold to Benjamin Stacy of Kittery another twenty acres in the Kittery Commons area of Berwick.⁹

A deed dated 8 January 1769 identifies Jonathan's children:

We **Abiar Nason**, **Ada Nason** of Kittery in the County of York, Singlewomen & spinsters, and **Jonathan Nason** of the same Kittery, labourer, in consideration of seven pounds & four shillings lawful money to us in hand paid before the delivery herof by **Shubal Nason** and **Josiah Nason** of Kittery, labourers, [have sold] unto them the said Shubal and Josiah . . . all our parts and rights in a certain lot of land containing one hundred acres lying in the Township of Berwick . . . in the Division of Kittery Prop^{ts} common lands and is viz Num^r forty two in the first Check, which said lot of land did formerly belong to our Hon^d Father Jonathan Nason of Kittery aforesaid, cordwainer, late dece^d, intestate. [*Mary Nason, wife of Jonathan, relinquished dower.*]¹⁰

On 2 August 1771, Elizabeth Nason of Kittery, widow, Jonathan Nason of Kittery, labourer, Abiah Nason of Kittery, singlewoman, and Able [*sic*: Abel] Thompson of York, yeoman, were appointed sureties for Shubal Nason of Kittery, yeoman, in his court case for fathering a child with Sarah Wormwood, singlewoman.¹¹

Children of Jonathan Jr. and Elizabeth (—) Nason, prob. all b. Kittery if they were at least age 21 when they deeded in 1769, order of birth unknown:

- i JONATHAN NASON, b. ca. 1737–38, d. Eliot, 18 March 1831, aged 93;¹² m. MARY —, b. ca. 1737, living in 1820.¹³ Jonathan was a Revolutionary War soldier and pensioner, enlisting for 8 months in May 1775 under Capt. Samuel Leighton, in Col. James Scamman's regiment and then serving another 12 months under Capt. Samuel Derby in Col. James Prescott's regiment. In 1820 he stated that he was a day laborer, that neither he nor his wife were able to work, and that he had no real or personal estate.¹⁴

⁶ York Co. Court of Common Pleas, April 1738 Term, 11-158 [DGS #5734870, image 328].

⁷ York Co. Probate Records, #13943 [DGS #7315180, images 923–24].

⁸ York Co. Deeds, 27:154.

⁹ York Co. Deeds, 26:329.

¹⁰ York Co. Deeds, 40:217.

¹¹ York Co. Court of Common Pleas, Oct. 1771 session, #58 [DGS #5736792, image 427]. Elizabeth Nason, widow, was undoubtedly Shubael's mother. No family connection has been identified between Abel Thompson and the Nasons.

¹² He was aged 82 on 4 July 1820 (Revolutionary War Pension #S37268).

¹³ She was aged 83 on 4 July 1820 (Revolutionary War Pension #S37268). No marriage record for them found.

¹⁴ Revolutionary War Pension #S37268.

- ii ABIAH NASON, a singlewoman on 2 Aug. 1771.¹⁵ In a probate schedule dated York, 15 July 1793, “Shubal Nason & Abiah Nason” were named as owing 12s. 9d. from a note due to Johnson Moulton of York originally dated 15 Oct. 1771.¹⁶
- iii SHUBAEL NASON, d. 15 May 1778 while serving in the Revolutionary War;¹⁷ m. in the period 1772–74 SARAH WORMWOOD daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Larrabee) (Evans) Wormwood (see preceding article).
- iv JOSIAH NASON, living in Alfred, Maine 10 Feb. 1817, when his 142-acre farm was to be auctioned in a sheriff’s sale,¹⁸ and prob. deceased by 1820 when not found in the census;¹⁹ m. York, 11 Feb. 1772, SARAH FROST of York.²⁰ Josiah had purchased his 142-acre farm in Sanford [later Alfred] on 16 April 1792 from Nathaniel Conant of Sanford.²¹ He described himself as Josiah Nason of Alfred, husbandman, on 7 April 1809, when he sold to his son Josiah Nason Jr. 72 acres of land in Alfred.
- v ADA NASON, described as a singlewoman 8 Jan. 1769; probably the Ada Nason who m. Kittery, 5 Jan. 1775, JOSEPH NORTON,²² bp. Kittery, 29 July 1753, son of John Jr. and Mary (Young) Norton.²³ On 16 Feb. 1781, Joseph Norton of York, husbandman, quitclaimed to “John Norton of Kittery my brother” his right in the real estate of “my father John Norton and grandfather John Norton both dec^d” in Kittery”; Joseph’s wife, “Eade” [*sic*: Ada], released dower.²⁴ In 1820 Joseph Norton, aged 45+, was living in York with 2 females also aged 45+.²⁵

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¹⁵ York Co. Court of Common Pleas, Oct. 1771 session, #58 [DGS #5736792, image 427].

¹⁶ Johnson Moulton estate, York Co. Probate Records, #13712 [DGS #7315177, image 1202].

¹⁷ “Fold3, *US, Numbered Records Books Concerning Military Operations and Service, Pay and Settlement of Accounts, and Supplies in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775-1790*, Officers and Enlisted Men, vol. 3: List of Massachusetts Troops, 1776–1780, p. 308 [handwritten] [image, fold3.com].

¹⁸ [Kennebunk, Maine] *Weekly Visitor*, 8 March 1817, p. 1 [image, genealogybank.com].

¹⁹ The Josiah Nason in Alfred in 1820 was likely Josiah Jr., as he was under age 45 (Josiah Nason household, 1820 U.S. Census, Alfred, York Co., Maine, p. 559).

²⁰ Lester MacKenzie Bragdon and John Eldridge Frost, *Vital Records of York, Maine* (Camden, Maine, 1992), 154, 358.

²¹ York Co. Deeds, 84:270.

²² Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs* [note **Error! Bookmark not defined.**], 155. By adding question marks after their names, Stackpole tentatively assigned five unplaced Nasons to the family Azariah and Abigail (Staples) Nason (Stackpole, *Old Kittery* [note 1], 629; Azariah was a brother of Jonathan Nason Jr.). These five included Ada(h) Nason who married Joseph Norton. No evidence is found to support that Ada belongs in Azariah’s family, and it appears to have been merely a guess on Stackpole’s part. Jonathan’s daughter Ada was living and unmarried in 1771 and is a prime candidate to have married in 1775.

²³ “Parish Records of the First Church and Society of Kittery, Maine, 1714 to 1791,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 151(1997):445.

²⁴ York Co. Deeds, 46:149.

²⁵ Joseph Norton household, 1820 U.S. Census, York, York Co., Maine, p. 585.

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