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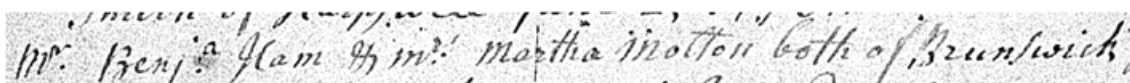
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EDITOR'S PAGE

It would be nice if everything we published were error-free, but I don't know anyone who can make that claim and keep a straight face. While recently conducting research for the Maine Families in 1790 series on the Benjamin Ham family of Bath, Maine, I discovered an error of my own. Benjamin's marriage intentions are recorded in the Brunswick vital records. While transcribing those records back in 2004, I read his wife's name as Martha "Motton." Motton is not a Maine surname, and some genealogists have assumed it was a simple misspelling of "Morton." In my own defense, I was working at the time with microfilm photocopies, and they were not as clear as the digitized images available today.



Pulling up the digitized record (DGS #7724775, image 279), I was able to enlarge Martha's name and see that her surname reads "Molton." The loop of the L can be faintly seen between the two upstrokes. Molton, more commonly spelled Moulton, is a prominent Maine family that traces itself back to Thomas Moulton, who was baptized in 1608 in Great Ormesby, Norfolk, England, settled in York by the mid-1650s, and had many descendants.

Once I realized that Martha was a Moulton, the floodgates opened up. The will of widow Martha Moulton of York, dated 5 August 1797, named her daughter Martha Ham (York County Probate #13727). Widow Martha's will led me back to her family record, that of Henry and Martha (Shaw) Moulton, whose daughter Martha, the future wife of Benjamin Ham, was born in York on 11 January 1735/6 ("Births of the Upper Parish in York," *The Maine Genealogist* 23 [2001]:172–73). As far as I know, no one else has uncovered the true identity of Benjamin Ham's wife, which would have been easy except for the misreading of the Brunswick marriage intention.

This example underscores the importance of taking a second look at our research conclusions, especially as technological advancements allow us greater access and visibility of the old records.

At the annual meeting of the American Society of Genealogists, held in Salt Lake City on October 15th, Priscilla Eaton, a Contributing Editor of *The Maine Genealogist* and well known to our readers, was elected the newest Fellow of the society (FASG). Membership in the society is limited to fifty Fellows and is based *solely* on the quality of the candidate's published scholarship. In Priscilla's case, she possesses an impressive portfolio exceeding forty articles in the major genealogical journals and two multi-generational compiled books treating important Maine families. This issue of *The Maine Genealogist* features two of her recent articles: the continuation of her groundbreaking examination of the Perkins family of Arundel and a lighter piece on the origin of a beloved Maine confection, along with its secret recipe.

—Joseph C. Anderson II, Editor

LETTIE (PHELPS) JONES OF LINCOLN, MAINE, HER HUSBAND, ANCESTORS, AND CHILDREN

By Michael F. Dwyer, FASG

A photo of four aging adults appeared in the *Portland Sunday Telegram* on 2 October 1949 with the caption:



Half Century Reunion—Better than that in fact, for the brother and three sisters who got together at the Bath home of Mrs. Ora Dauphin for the first time in 51 years. . . . Their parents were the late Mr. & Mrs. Nelson R. Jones, Lincoln.¹

Missing from the photo was their sister Mildred Finn who had died in 1942. What circumstances had separated these four surviving siblings—Vera Edgett of Passadumkeag, Ella Moffit of Lincoln, Ora Dauphin of Bath, and Asa Jones of Detroit, Michigan? The early death of their mother broke apart their family, and their father never remarried. Part one of this story begins with untangling their father's family. Two men named Nelson Jones were born the same year.

Several online family trees and computer-generated indexes confuse Nelson Otis Jones, born in Durham, Maine, 22 January 1857, son of Otis C., and Eunice (Libby) Jones,² with Nelson Robert Jones (1857–1926), born the same year, father of these children. Nelson O. Jones, aged 23, was listed with his parents in the 1880 census of Lisbon, Maine.³ He married first in Durham to Hannah B. Libby on 10 September 1887.⁴ Their marriage ended in a bitter divorce along with Jones being charged with arson.⁵ Following his divorce and acquittal from the arson charge, Nelson O. Jones

¹ *Portland Sunday Telegram and Sunday Press Herald*, 2 Oct. 1949, p. 22.

² Date of birth from his obituary, *Sun Journal* (Lewiston, Maine), 15 June 1940, p. 2.

³ Otis C. Jones household, 1880 U.S. Census, Lisbon, Androscoggin Co., Maine, E.D. 16, p. 363A.

⁴ Carol Prescott McCoy, *Vital Records of Durham, Maine* (Waterville, Maine, 2018), 285.

⁵ "Over Seven Dead Bodies," *Sun-Journal* (Lewiston, Maine), 18 April 1894, p. 7.

married Lillian (Hawks) Litchfield in Bowdoinham on 26 May 1894.⁶ Nelson's marriage to Lillian lasted until his death in 1940.⁷

Two censuses of Lincoln, Maine, 1900 and 1910, cite Nelson R. Jones's birthplace as Maine.⁸ By then, as a widower boarding with other families in Lincoln, Maine, it is likely that someone else in the household disclosed the information to the census taker. Documenting the early years of Nelson R. Jones within the context of his parents and siblings verifies New Brunswick as his birthplace.

JOSEPH JONES FAMILY OF LINCOLN

In the 1860 census of Calais, Maine, Robert N. Jones [first and middle names reversed], age 3, born New Brunswick, is found with his parents in this household:

Joseph Jones, 33, mill laborer, born New Brunswick
 Elizabeth Jones, age 31, born Ireland
 Oliver Jones, 13, born New Brunswick
 Josephene Jones, 10, born Maine
 John Jones, 6, born Maine
 Robert N. Jones, 3, born New Brunswick
 Thomas Jones, 21, mill laborer, born New Brunswick
 Adeline Hobbs, 22, born New Brunswick
 James C. Hobbs, 3/12, born Maine
 Catherine Jones, 57, born Maine.⁹

Joseph and Eliza Jones had been counted in the 1850 census of Calais, Maine, with eldest son, Oliver, age 2, born in New Brunswick.¹⁰ Joseph's parents, James Jones, 64, born in New Brunswick, Catherine G. Jones, 44, born in Maine, and six of their children lived in nearby Marion, Maine.¹¹ A twenty-year disparity in the ages of this couple suggests that Catherine may have been James's second wife. The earlier history of the Jones family in New Brunswick has not yet been discovered.

In June 1863, Joseph D. Jones, aged 38, registered for the Civil War draft in Springfield, Maine.¹² By 1870 Joseph and Eliza Jones had settled in Lincoln with

⁶ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4544483, image 983].

⁷ Obituary, *Sun Journal* (Lewiston, Maine), 15 June 1940, p. 2.

⁸ Ella Dolley household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 114, p. 6; Charles Gifford household, 1910 U.S. Census, same location, E.D. 181, p. 14B.

⁹ Joseph Jones household, 1860 U.S. Census, Calais, Washington Co., Maine, p. 107. While this household includes Joseph's brother Thomas and mother, Catherine, the identity of Adeline Hobbs has not been determined.

¹⁰ Joseph Jones household, 1850 U.S. Census, Calais, Washington Co., Maine, p. 152B.

¹¹ James Jones household, 1850 U.S. Census, Marion, Washington Co., Maine, p. 89A. The town of Marion was disincorporated in 1939. The death record of Joseph D. Jones, aged 72, who d. in Lincoln, Maine, 29 June 1898, names his parents as James Jones, b. England, and Catherine Garnet (Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4544483, image 1536]).

¹² U.S. Civil War Draft Registration records, 1863–1865, image, ancestry.com.

their eight children.¹³ Only five children remained with their parents in the 1880 census, including Oliver and Nelson, their birthplaces incorrectly recorded as Maine.¹⁴

Nelson R. Jones married Lettie Phelps in Carroll, Maine, on 13 November 1886.¹⁵ They lived in Lincoln where she gave birth to six children over the next ten years.

JONAS PHELPS JR. FAMILY OF CARROLL

In contrast to the Jones family with their recent roots in New Brunswick, Lettie Phelps's family had lived in Maine for two generations. Lettie was born more than two decades after marriage of her parents, Jonas Phelps Jr. and Ellen Hayes.¹⁶ They appear as a young married couple in the 1850 census of Carroll, Maine, with two sons John H., age 2, and James R. Phelps, age 5/12.¹⁷ Twenty years later, in the 1870 census of No. 7, Washington County [today Baileyville], Lettie appears as a "not named" male in her parents' household:

Jonas Phelps, 48, farmer, b. Maine
 Ellen, 41, b. New Brunswick
 Martha, 17, b. Maine
 Sarah, 15, b. Maine
 Albert, 12, b. Maine
 Mary, 10, b. Maine
 Susan, 8, b. Maine
 "not named" [male], 1, b. Maine¹⁸

Jonas Phelps and family returned to Carroll, Maine, by 1880, where their household included wife Ellen, 51, and daughters, Mary E., 20, Susan, 18, and Lettie, 11.¹⁹ In 1900 Jonas, 78, and Ellen, 76, were living in Bradley, Maine, apparently with no children in the vicinity. Of their thirteen children, only six were living.²⁰

JONAS PHELPS SR. AND WIFE FANNY

Jonas Phelps died in Carroll, Maine, on 14 June 1907 and his death record names his parents as Moses L. Phelps and Olive Austin.²¹ The death record of Jonas's brother Ambrose Phelps, who died in Lincoln, Maine, on 28 October 1905, names his parents as James Phelps and F. Austin. Both records err in naming the parents. Jonas's enumeration in the 1850 through 1900 U.S. Censuses consistently record his

¹³ Joseph Jones household, 1870 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 554, p. 179A.

¹⁴ Joseph D. Jones household, 1880 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 46, p. 456A.

¹⁵ Penobscot Co. Marriage Returns, 7:283 [DGS #7834698, image 572].

¹⁶ Ellen's maiden name of Hayes from the death record of Lettie R. Jones (Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4544483, image 1538], her name given as "Lottie B. Jones.")

¹⁷ Jonas Phelps household, 1850 U.S. Census, Carroll, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 406C.

¹⁸ Jonas Phelps household, 1870 U.S. Census, Township 7, Washington Co., Maine, p. 575.

¹⁹ Jonas Phelps household, 1880 U.S. Census, Carroll, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 42, p. 406C.

²⁰ Jonas Phelps household, 1900 U.S. Census, Bradley, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 85, p. 4.

²¹ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4703855, image 1601].

birthplace as Maine, circa 1822. Brothers Jonas and Ambrose Phelps match to this family record in Springfield, Maine:

Phelps Jonas born July 22^d 1794
 Phelps Fanny June 30th 1796
 Phelps Rozillia April 10th 1819
 Phelps Mary Oct 8th 1820
 Phelps Ambrose Augst 28th 1824
 Phelps Jonas Jr. Augst 29 1822
 Phelps Cordelia Augst 5th 1826
 Phelps Nancy March 31st 1828
 Phelps Lucinda July 22^d 1829
 Phelps Elbridge March 11th 1833²²

More than a hundred online trees identify, without evidence, Fanny, the wife of Jonas Phelps Sr., as Fanny *Starbird*, daughter of John and Sarah (Tobey) Starbird. *The History of Paris, Maine* includes a summary of John Starbird's children and no daughter named Fanny is among them.²³ Given the repetition of Fanny's surname as Austin in the two Phelps death records, she is undoubtedly the Fanny *Austen* who married John [*sic*] Phelps in Washington, Maine, on 2 July 1818, both residents of Palermo.²⁴ Soon after, they moved about sixty miles north to the town of Exeter, Maine.

Jonas Phelps headed a household of four in Exeter at the time of the 1820 census.²⁵ He has not been located in 1830, nor in the 1837 Maine Surplus Revenue census.²⁶ In 1840 Jonas Phelps's household of thirteen was counted in Township 6 [Carroll], in Penobscot County.²⁷ Two additional children were born to Jonas and Fanny after the entry was made in the Springfield records: Vesta Phelps, aged 14 in 1850, and Moses L. Phelps, aged 12, with the census that year citing Jonas Phelps's birthplace as London, England.²⁸

Jonas and Fanny's household shrunk over time due to the departure of children. They remained in Springfield over the next two decades, but in 1880 Jonas M. Phelps, widower, aged 86, lived in Winn with the family of son-in-law Prince Dunifer.²⁹

²² Vital Records of Springfield, Maine, p. 73 [DGS #7596910, image 43].

²³ William Berry Lapham and Silas P. Maxim, *History of Paris, Maine, from Its Settlement to 1880* (Paris, Maine, 1884), 728.

²⁴ Vital Records of Washington, Maine, 1811–1891, n.p. [DGS #7596933, image 10].

²⁵ Jonas Phelps household, 1820 U.S. Census, Exeter, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 21.

²⁶ If Jonas Phelps had not been naturalized as a U.S. citizen, he would not have been counted in the 1837 census. For more information on this census, see "The 1837 Maine Surplus Revenue Census," www.maineancestry.net/1837_census_search.asp.

²⁷ Jonas Phelps household, 1840 U.S. Census, Township 6, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 288.

²⁸ Jonas Phelps household, 1850 U.S. Census, Springfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, pp. 324B–325A.

²⁹ Jonas Phelps household, 1860 U.S. Census, Springfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 447; 1870, same location, recorded as James Phelps, p. 419B; Prince Dunifer household, 1880 U.S. Census, Winn, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 40, p. 379C.

JONES CHILDREN SEPARATED

Lettie Jones's death from tuberculosis in January 1898 plunged the family into crisis. Her youngest child, Lucy, was only a year-and-a-half old. With Lettie's surviving Phelps's siblings widely dispersed, the Jones children were placed into various households in Lincoln, as the 1900 census documents:

Ora E. Jones, aged 10, boarded with the family of Wentworth Staples of Lincoln in 1900.³⁰

Asa H. Jones, aged 12, and **Mildred M. Jones**, aged 9, lived with their uncle Oliver E. Jones in Lincoln. Their household included Oliver's mother, Eliza Jones, aged 71, his brother Allen Jones, 35, and his new wife, Fannie, 17.³¹

Ella Jones, aged 7, boarded with the family of Henry H. Lindsay.³² In 1910 Ella Jones, aged 17, "adopted daughter," appears in an out-of-household entry on a supplemental page in the census.³³ Her entry links back to the household of Lucy Lindsay, the widow of Henry Lindsay,³⁴ thus the same family with whom Ella boarded in 1900.

Lettie's youngest daughter, **Lucy**, now known as **Vera**, was adopted by Harry and Flora (Haskell) **McDuff** of Passadumkeag who had no children of their own. In the 1900 census, Vera L. McDuff, aged 3, is listed as the McDuffs' daughter, whereas in 1910 Vera is listed as an adopted daughter.³⁵ Henceforth, in all public records, Vera claimed the McDuffs as her adoptive parents. Flora (Haskell) McDuff married as her 2nd husband, Rev. Forrest Freese. Flora's obituary of 6 Feb. 1946 lists Mrs. Vera Edgett of Passadumkeag as her daughter.³⁶

Vera (McDuff) Edgett certainly possessed a knowledge of her Jones siblings, as evidenced when she and her husband, Guy Edgett, adopted her sister Mildred Jones's four-year-old son, John Edward Jones, on 19 April 1919.³⁷

For the rest of his life, their father, Nelson R. Jones, never headed an independent household. The only instance of any of his children sharing a roof with him comes from the 1910 census when Mildred Jones, aged 19, is listed as a fellow boarder with Nelson R. Jones, aged 50 [*sic*], in the household of Charles H. Gifford.³⁸ Nelson continued to board with the Giffords, making his living from odd jobs.³⁹ He died 30 July 1926 at age 69 in Lincoln, from "chronic alcoholism."⁴⁰

³⁰ Wentworth Staples household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Maine, E.D. 114, p. 3.

³¹ Oliver E. Jones household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 144, p. 18.

³² Henry Lindsay household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot, Maine, E.D. 114, p. 4.

³³ 1910 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 181, p. 12A.

³⁴ Lucy Lindsay household, 1910 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 181, p. 10A.

³⁵ Harry McDuff household, U.S. Census, Passadumkeag, Penobscot Co., Maine, 1900, E.D. 99, p. 16; 1910, E.D. 166, p. 11A.

³⁶ "Flora T. Freese," *The Bangor Daily News*, 6 Feb. 1946, p. 13.

³⁷ John E. Jones's father, John E. Loftus, d. Bangor, Maine, 6 Feb. 1917, aged 32 (Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #5011829, image 3491]), image 1905) and John Edward Jones was adopted by Guy Harrison and Vera Edgett on 19 April 1919 (adoption decree, copy in author's possession). All subsequent records cite Guy and Vera Edgett as his parents.

³⁸ Charles Gifford household, 1910 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 181, p. 14B.

³⁹ Charles Gifford household, 1920 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 111, p. 9A.

⁴⁰ Death certificate, Town of Lincoln, informant: Mrs. Robert Finn.

What began as a quest to explore the story behind a “Half Century Reunion” also uncovered the correct identity of Lettie (Phelps) Jones’s long misidentified grandmother—Fanny Austin. Though Fanny’s parentage has not yet been solved, it holds the key to identifying earlier generations of Maine ancestors waiting to be claimed.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **JONAS PHELPS** was born in London, England, 22 July 1794, and died after the 1880 census. He married in Washington, Maine, 2 July 1818, **FANNY AUSTIN**. She was born in Maine, 30 June 1796, and died after the 1870 census.

Children of Jonas and Fanny (Austin) Phelps, recorded in Springfield, Maine:

- i **ROSILLA/ROZILLA PHELPS**, b. 10 April 1819, d. Springfield, 29 March 1869;⁴¹ m. (int.) Springfield, 4 March 1843, **SUMNER ELLIS**.⁴²
- ii **MARY PHELPS**, b. 8 Oct. 1820, d. after the 1870 census;⁴³ m. Springfield, Maine, 16 Dec. 1837, **OTIS GLIDDEN**.⁴⁴
- 2 iii **JONAS PHELPS Jr.**, b. 29 Aug. 1822; m. **ELLEN HAYES**.
- iv **AMBROSE PHELPS**, b. 28 Aug. 1824, d. Lincoln, Maine, 28 Oct. 1905, aged 84 [*sic*],⁴⁵ m. Enfield, Maine, 11 Nov. 1865, **DOLLY (PREBLE) HASKELL**.⁴⁶
- v **CORDELIA PHELPS**, b. 5 Aug. 1826, d. after 1860;⁴⁷ m. (1) (cert.) Old Town, Maine, 22 Aug. 1846, **JAMES AUSTIN**;⁴⁸ m (2) ca. 1858, **JONAS [F?]ENDERSON**.⁴⁹
- vi **NANCY PHELPS**, b. 31 March 1828, d. Manito Springs, El Paso Co., Colo., 29 Nov. 1904;⁵⁰ m. Lincoln, Maine, 18 Aug. 1850, **LEANDER GAGE MERRILL**.⁵¹

⁴¹ Gravestone photo, Lee Lane Cemetery, Springfield, findagrave.com #772725070.

⁴² Springfield VRs [note 22], image 64.

⁴³ Otis Glidden household, 1870 U.S. Census, Plantation 2, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 470B.

⁴⁴ Springfield VRs [note 22], image 60.

⁴⁵ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4703855, image 1583].

⁴⁶ Penobscot Co. Marriage Returns, 5:187 [DGS #8203747, image 354]; Dolly had m. (1) Enfield, 18 April 1857, Abner Haskell (*ibid.*, 4:63 [DGS #8203747, image 63]), who d. in the Civil War in 1863. She and Ambrose Phelps were divorced in 1903 for “utter desertion” (Maine Divorce Returns, 6:35, at mainegenealogy.net).

⁴⁷ Jonas “Penderson” household, 1860 U.S. Census, Brillion, Calumet Co., Wisc., p. 871.

⁴⁸ Ruth Gray, *Vital Records of Old Town, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1996), 84.

⁴⁹ Jonas “Penderson” household, 1860 U.S. Census, Brillion, Calumet Co., Wisc., p. 871. The census reads “Penderson” and indicates Joshua was born in Maine, but Penderson was not a Maine name. On the same census page, a few entries removed, were the households of a Wallace Fenderson, aged 78, and next door to Wallace a James Fenderson, aged 53, both men born in Maine. It seems likely that Joshua was also a Fenderson and probably closely related to Wallace and James. In Maine the name was originally written Finlayson or Fenlason.

⁵⁰ Nancy Merrill, Wisconsin, U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 1800–1987, images, ancestry.com. A wealthy widow at the time of her death, Nancy Merrill left a detailed will, naming her brother M. L. Phelps as executor.

⁵¹ Lincoln VRs, card index [DGS #7594941, image 11843], her name recorded as “Phillips.”

- vii LUCINDA PHELPS, b. 22 July 1829, d. after 1900;⁵² m. ca. 1851, JAMES GLIDDEN.⁵³
- viii ELBRIDGE PHELPS, b. 11 March 1833, d. after the 1860 census, when he was described as a pauper in his father's household.⁵⁴
- ix VESTA PHELPS, b. [calc.] Oct. 1835, d. Winn, Maine, 30 March 1903, age 67y 5m;⁵⁵ m. ca. 1856, PRINCE DUNIFER.⁵⁶
- x MOSES LYMAN PHELPS, b. [calc.] 3 June 1837, d. Boise, Idaho, 13 May 1919;⁵⁷ m. (1) ca. 1860, EMELINE BRAMERR, divorced;⁵⁸ m. (2) Hall Co., Nebr., 25 June 1882, KITTIE GROVER.⁵⁹ News of his death made the front page of the newspaper in Shelton, Nebr. Among his accomplishments before moving to Iowa in 1906 was owning a lumber yard as well as dealing in real estate and insurance.⁶⁰

2 **JONAS PHELPS** was born on 29 August 1822, son of Jonas and Fanny (Austin) Phelps, and died in Carroll, Maine, 14 June 1907, aged 85 years, 8 months, 15 days.⁶¹ He married circa 1846, ELLEN HAYES, born 9 March 1827, daughter of James and Ellen (Harrington) Hayes, and died at the home of her daughter Martha Ladow in Fostoria, Ohio, on 5 February 1909.⁶² She is buried in Fountain Cemetery, Fostoria.⁶³

Children of Jonas and Ellen (Hayes) Phelps, b. Lincoln, Maine:

- i JOHN H. PHELPS, b. ca. 1848, d. after the 1860 census.⁶⁴
- ii JAMES MORRIS PHELPS, b. 25 Dec. 1849, d. Dubuque, Iowa., 19 Aug. 1908;⁶⁵ m. Calais, Maine, 17 Aug 1874, HANNAH FURLONG.⁶⁶ He served in 15th Regiment Maine Infantry.⁶⁷

⁵² Charles Smith household, Lucinda Glidden, mother-in-law, 1900 U.S. Census, Prentiss, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 90, p. 12.

⁵³ James Glidden household, 1860 U.S. Census, Springfield, Penobscot, Maine, p. 9.

⁵⁴ 1860 U.S. Census [note 29].

⁵⁵ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4544445, image 16].

⁵⁶ Prince Dunifer household, 1900 U.S. Census, Winn, Penobscot, Maine, E.D. 124, p. 2.

⁵⁷ Idaho Death Certificates, 1911–1937, familysearch.org [DGS #4192443, image 1345], his father's name incorrectly given as Alexander M. Phelps on the record, his mother's name unknown.

⁵⁸ M. L. Phelps household, 1880 U.S. Census, Randalia, Fayette Co., Iowa, E.D. 194, p. 8; Emeline's maiden name from the Social Security file of her son Spencer E. Phelps (U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, ancestry.com). In 1900 Emeline Phelps, "widow," headed a household with son Freddie (1900 U.S. Census, Alma, Jackson Co., Wisc., E.D. 42, sheet 9).

⁵⁹ Nebraska, U.S. Select County Marriage Records, 1855–1908, ancestry.com, with names of his parents, Jonas Phelps and Fanne Austin.

⁶⁰ "M. L. Phelps Dead," *The Shelton Clipper*, 29 May 1919, p. 1.

⁶¹ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4703855, image 1601].

⁶² All information from Ellen's death record (Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953, familysearch.org [DGS #4024312, image 2441]).

⁶³ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #155140008, which gives her birth date as 9 March 1828.

⁶⁴ Jonas Phelps household, 1860 U.S. Census, Springfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 447.

⁶⁵ Iowa, Death Records, 1904–1951, familysearch.org [DGS #102869833, image 1841]; "Suicide at Dubuque," *Sioux City Journal*, 20 Aug. 1908, p. 3.

⁶⁶ Sharon Howland, *Vital Records of Calais, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Rockport, Maine, 1998), 437.

⁶⁷ Iowa, U.S., Grand Army of the Republic Membership Records, ca. 1866–ca. 1950, image, ancestry.com

- iii EDWARD PHELPS, b. ca. 1851, d. after the 1860 census.⁶⁸
- iv MARTHA VAUGHN PHELPS, b. say 1853,⁶⁹ d. San Bernadino Co., Calif, 24 Jan. 1932;⁷⁰ m. (1) TRUMAN LADOW;⁷¹ as the widow Martha Vaughn Ladow and a resident of Fostoria, Ohio, she m. (2) (license) San Francisco, 11 June 1914, SAMUEL MITCHELL.⁷² She was living in 1910 with her uncle James Hayes, 72, in Napa, Calif.⁷³
- v SARAH PHELPS, b. ca. 1855, d. after the 1870 census.⁷⁴
- vi ALBERT DUDLEY PHELPS, b. 7 April 1856, d. Lincoln, 17 May 1889;⁷⁵ m. Lincoln, 21 May 1885, ELIZA DAVIS.⁷⁶
- vii MARY ESTHER PHELPS, b. 12 Nov. 1860, d. Bradley, Maine, 26 Feb. 1891;⁷⁷ m. Bangor, 11 July 1883, DWIGHT CHARLES SMITH of Boston, Mass.⁷⁸
- viii SUSAN/SUSIE E. PHELPS, b. Calais, Maine, 18 March 1861, d. Somerville, Mass., 25 Jan. 1917;⁷⁹ m. Lewiston, Maine, 4 May 1890, NEWELL W. SYLVESTER of Etna, Maine.⁸⁰
- 3 ix LETTIE R. PHELPS, b. Corinth, Maine, 11 May 1869; m. NELSON ROBERT JONES.
- x HARRIET A. PHELPS, b. Carroll, Maine, 25 Oct. 1872, d. Norwood, Ill., 27 June 1951;⁸¹ m. (1) Upton, Mass., 15 July 1891, ALFRED PARKER;⁸² m. (2) Chicago, Ill., 10 Oct. 1916, GEORGE F. NELSON.⁸³

3 **LETTIE R. PHELPS** was born in Corinth, Maine, on 11 August 1869,⁸⁴ daughter of Jonas and Ellen (Hayes) Phelps, and died in Lincoln, Maine, from consumption,

⁶⁸ Jonas Phelps household, 1860 U.S. Census, Springfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 447.

⁶⁹ She was aged 5 in 1860 and aged 17 in 1870. Later census returns are inconsistent regarding her age, usually making her younger.

⁷⁰ California, U.S. Death Index, 1905–1939, ancestry.com.

⁷¹ On her mother's death record, Martha was called Mrs. M. V. La Dow of 145 6th Street in Fostoria, Ohio. In 1900 she was enumerated, aged 40 [*sic*], in the Truman "Larson" household, 1900 U.S. Census, Fostoria Ward 5, Seneca Co., Ohio, E.D. 113, p. 9. "Larson" was evidently a misreading of "Ladow" from the original census sheets.

⁷² San Francisco Co. Marriage Affidavits, 47: 461 [DGS #4284099, image 173]). She was a resident of Fostoria, Ohio, at time of marriage, her parents named on the record.

⁷³ James Hayes household, 1910 U.S. Census, Napa Ward 5, Napa Co., Calif., E.D. 81, p. 14B.

⁷⁴ Jonas Phelps household, 1870 U.S. Census, Township 7, Washington Co., Maine, p. 575.

⁷⁵ Birth and death dates from Lincoln, Maine, death cards, familysearch.org [DGS #7595734, image 289].

⁷⁶ Lincoln, Maine, marriage cards, familysearch.org [DGS #7594941, image 8800].

⁷⁷ Birth and death dates from her gravestone (photo, Evergreen Cemetery, Bradley, findagrave.com #84602494).

⁷⁸ Bangor Marriages, 5:n.p. [DGS #7724774, image 314]. Her name was recorded as Mary E. "Phillips" of Bangor, his as Charles Smith of Boston.

⁷⁹ Massachusetts VR, 1916–1920, Deaths 1917, Vol. 77 (Sheffield–Somerville), p. 350 [image, americanancestors.org], the record giving her full dates and places of birth and death.

⁸⁰ Lewiston Marriages, 1859–1892, p. 434 [DGS #7724790, image 511].

⁸¹ Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1871–1998, database, familysearch.org, which gives her full dates of birth and death; "Harriet Phelps Nelson" *Chicago Tribune*, 30 June 1951, p. 12.

⁸² Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 417:489 [image, americanancestors.org].

⁸³ Illinois, Cook County Marriages, 1871–1968, database, familysearch.org.

⁸⁴ Her birth date given on her gravestone.

on 29 January 1898.⁸⁵ She is buried in West Broadway Cemetery, Lincoln.⁸⁶ She married in Carroll, Maine, 13 November 1886, **NELSON ROBERT JONES**.⁸⁷ He was born in New Brunswick, on [calc.] 16 July 1857, son of Joseph D. and Eliza (Dorrity) Jones.⁸⁸ Nelson died in Lincoln on 30 July 1926, aged 69 years, 14 days.⁸⁹

Children of Nelson R. and Lettie (Phelps) Jones, b. Lincoln, Maine:

- i ASA HOWARD JONES, b. Lincoln, 9 March 1888,⁹⁰ d. Detroit, Mich., 7 Aug 1965;⁹¹ m. Woodstock, New Brunswick, 5 March 1910, PEARL C. BACHELDER,⁹² b. Houlton, Maine, in Feb. 1890, daughter of Joseph Colby and Susan A. (Milbury) Bachelder,⁹³ d. aft. 7 Aug. 1965.⁹⁴

Children: 1. *Dorothy Helen Jones*, b. 22 April 1911, d. Pontiac, Mich., 26 March 1971;⁹⁵ m. Raymond Wallace Church.⁹⁶ 2. *Genevieve Mildred Jones*, b. Parry Sound, Ontario, 19 Sept. 1914, d. 30 May 1998;⁹⁷ m. (1) Curtis F. Mengel,⁹⁸ m. (2) Edgar Bjork.⁹⁹ 3. *Madeline Vera Jones*, b. Parry Sound, Ontario, 10 Dec. 1916, d. Royal Oak, Oakland Co., Mich., 29 June 1979;¹⁰⁰ m. Raymond John Moulis.¹⁰¹

- ii ORA E. JONES, b. 4 Aug. 1889,¹⁰² d. Bath, 28 Aug. 1970;¹⁰³ m. (1) Bangor, 30 Sept. 1909, HAROLD LEVERNA HEWES,¹⁰⁴ b. Hermon, Maine, 21 May 1885, son of

⁸⁵ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4544483, image 1538], “Lottie B. Jones.”

⁸⁶ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #106048397.

⁸⁷ Penobscot Co. Marriage Returns, 7:283 [DGS #7834698, image 572].

⁸⁸ Nelson was aged 13y and b. N.B. in the Joseph D. and Elizabeth Jones household, 1870 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 179A; Elizabeth’s maiden name of Doherty or Dorrity given on the marriage records of Nelson’s brother Allen Jones (see below).

⁸⁹ Death certificate, Town of Lincoln, informant: Mrs. Robert Finn.

⁹⁰ U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 [image, ancestry.com].

⁹¹ Death notice, *Detroit Free Press*, 9 Aug. 1965, p. 28.

⁹² Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #5011620, image 1307]. While they were married in New Brunswick, the marriage was recorded in Calais, Maine.

⁹³ Daughter Clara P. Bachelder, b. Feb. 1890, living in John C. and Susan A. Bachelder household, 1900 U.S. Census, Houlton, Aroostook Co., Maine, E.D. 27, p. 9; Susan’s maiden name from her 1912 death record, Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #5011558, image 2559].

⁹⁴ Pearl is listed as his wife in Asa’s death notice. She undoubtedly died before 1971, as she is absent from the Michigan Death Index that resumed that year. Not found at findagrave.com.

⁹⁵ Michigan Death Index, 1971–1996, familysearch.org, with her dates of birth and death.

⁹⁶ Michigan, U.S. Marriage Records, 1867–1952, image, ancestry.com.

⁹⁷ Genevieve M. Bjork, U.S., Social Security Application and Claims Index, 1936–2007, database, ancestry.com, which gives her full dates of birth and death. Her entry also lists her by three surnames: Bjork, Mengel, and Jones.

⁹⁸ Michigan, U.S. Marriage Records, 1867–1952, image, ancestry.com.

⁹⁹ Genevieve M. Bjork death notice, *Detroit Free Press*, 1 June 1998, p. 25.

¹⁰⁰ Madeline V. Moulis, Michigan Death Index, 1971–1996, database, familysearch.org, which entry provides her full dates of birth and death.

¹⁰¹ Madeline Vera Jones, Michigan, U.S. Marriage Records, 1867–1952, database, ancestry.com.

¹⁰² Ora E. Jones, aged 10, b. Aug. 1889, was a boarder in the Wentworth Staples household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Maine, E.D. 114, p. 3.

¹⁰³ Ora J. Dauphin, Maine Death Index, 1960–1996, database, familysearch.org.

¹⁰⁴ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #5011613, image 1514]; Harold Laverne [sic] Hewes, U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918, image, ancestry.com.

- Charles E. and Annie L. (Goodell) Hewes, d. 10 Aug. 1945; divorced;¹⁰⁵ m. (2) Bath, Maine, 8 Nov. 1932, JOSEPH LEROY DAUPHIN,¹⁰⁶ b. Bath, 16 Jan. 1892, son of Felix and Minnie (Whitehouse) Dauphin,¹⁰⁷ d. there, 19 June 1965.¹⁰⁸
- iii MILDRED JONES, b. [calc.] 17 April 1891, d. Bangor, 28 Dec. 1942, aged 51y 8m 11d;¹⁰⁹ m. Portsmouth, N.H., 13 Oct. 1923, ROBERT GERRY FINN,¹¹⁰ b. Bangor, 12 Jan. 1893, son of John B. and Lena W. (Cook) Finn,¹¹¹ d. Lake Worth, Fla., 23 Nov. 1979.¹¹² He m. (2) Doris Gabriel Lessard, b. Portland, Maine, 1 Oct. 1909, daughter of Aurele J. and Georgianna (Lemieux) Lessard, d. Lake Worth, Fla., 14 Dec. 1988.¹¹³ Mildred had no children with Robert Finn, but she had a son born before she was married, with John E. Loftus. Loftus, a son of Thomas and Catherine (Murry) Loftus, d. of tuberculosis in Bangor, 6 Feb. 1917, aged 32.¹¹⁴ Mildred's son was adopted 19 April 1919 by his aunt and uncle Guy Harrison and Vera Lucy Edgett, who raised him (see below).¹¹⁵
- iv ELLA JONES, b. 30 Jan. 1893,¹¹⁶ d. Lincoln, Maine, 6 July 1974;¹¹⁷ m. Lincoln, 21 Dec. 1912, THOMAS CHESTER A. MOFFIT,¹¹⁸ b. Topsfield, Maine, 10 Aug. 1885, son of Fredrick and Ida (Bailey) Moffit, d. Bangor, 12 Sept. 1943.¹¹⁹ Chester had m. (1) Milbridge, Maine, 7 Sept. 1904, Lillie A. Ward,¹²⁰ divorced. Chester and Ella lived in Lincoln through their married lives.¹²¹ No children. Both bur. in West Broadway Cemetery, Lincoln.¹²²
- v MINA JONES, b. [calc.] 21 May 1893, d. Lincoln, 22 Aug. 1894, age 3m 1d.¹²³
- vi LUCY L. JONES, aka VERA L. McDUFF, b. Lincoln, 29 June 1896,¹²⁴ d. Howland, Maine, 13 Dec. 1976;¹²⁵ m. Passamdumkeag, Maine, 17 Jan. 1914; GUY HARRISON

¹⁰⁵ Gravestone photo, Hermon Pond Cemetery, findagrave.com #39919644, which provides his full dates of birth and death and birthplace; his parents named on his marriage record to Ora.

¹⁰⁶ Maine, Marriage Index, 1892–1966, 1977–1996, database, familysearch.org.

¹⁰⁷ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4544437, image 3973].

¹⁰⁸ Maine Death Index, 1960–1996, database, familysearch.org.

¹⁰⁹ Obituary, “Mrs. Robert Finn,” *The Bangor Daily News*, 29 Dec. 1942, p. 15.

¹¹⁰ N.H. Marriage Records, 1637–1947, familysearch.org [DGS #4245843, image 1610].

¹¹¹ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4544451, image 1449]; his parents m. Bangor, 17 Aug 1892 (ibid. [DGS #4544451, image 1445]).

¹¹² Obituary, Robert G. Finn,” *The Bangor Daily News*, 30 Nov. 1979, p. 30.

¹¹³ All information from “Doris G. Finn,” *The Bangor Daily News*, 16 Dec. 1988, p. 10.

¹¹⁴ All information from death record, Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #5011829, image 3491].

¹¹⁵ Author's copy of adoption agreement; Guy H. Edgett household, 1920 U.S. Census, Passamdumkeag, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 97, p. 2B.

¹¹⁶ Maine VRs, 1670–1996, familysearch.org [DGS #4544483, image 806].

¹¹⁷ Maine, U.S., Death Index, 1960–19967, database, ancestry.com.

¹¹⁸ Maine VRs, 1670–1996, familysearch.org [DGS #5011840, image 310].

¹¹⁹ Obituary, “Thomas C. Moffitt,” *The Bangor Daily News*, 13 Sept. 1943, p. 7.

¹²⁰ Maine VRs, 1670–1996, familysearch.org [DGS #4703839, image 3954].

¹²¹ Chester Moffit household, U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot, Maine, 1920, E.D. 12, p. 3B; 1930 E.D. 67, p. 25B; 1940, E.D. 10–84, p. 61A.

¹²² Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #s 136932607 and 136932639.

¹²³ Maine VRs, 1670–1996, familysearch.org [DGS #4544483, image 1030].

¹²⁴ Maine VRs, 1670–1996, familysearch.org [DGS #4544483, image 1225].

¹²⁵ Vera L. Edgett, Maine Death Index, 1960–1996, database, familysearch.org.

EDGETT,¹²⁶ b. Hillsboro, Albert Co., N.B., 1891, son of Wesley A. and Mary Agnes (Fits) Edgett, d. Lincoln, 4 Dec. 1972.¹²⁷

Children (as noted above, the eldest child, John Edward Jones/Edgett, was a biological son of Mildred Jones above and was adopted and raised in the Edgett household): 1. *John Edward Jones/Edgett*, b. Bangor, 2 Jan. 1915,¹²⁸ d. Fall River, Mass., 6 Feb. 1996;¹²⁹ m. Eleanor Roberta Clynes.¹³⁰ 2. *Gerta Edgett*, b. Passadumkeag, 9 Nov. 1918, d. there, 15 Nov. 1918, aged 6d.¹³¹ 3. *Eunice Edgett*, b. 14 Sept. 1926, d. 29 Dec. 1931.¹³² 4. *Robert G. Edgett*, b. Bangor, 31 March 1933, d. Farmington, Maine, 14 March 1981; m. Kathleen Louise (Bartlett) Williams.¹³³

JOSEPH AND ELIZA (DORRITY) JONES FAMILY

JOSEPH D. JONES was born in St. John, New Brunswick, circa 1826, son of James and Catherine (Garnet) Jones. He died in Lincoln, Maine, 29 June 1898, age 72.¹³⁴ He married possibly in New Brunswick say 1846, ELIZABETH DORRITY.¹³⁵ She was born in Ireland in February 1829 and died after the 1900 census.¹³⁶ Joseph Jones was a farmer in Lincoln.

Children of Joseph and Eliza (Dorrity) Jones:

- i OLIVER E. JONES, b. New Brunswick, in Aug. 1847,¹³⁷ d. in 1926 and bur. in West Broadway Cemetery, Lincoln;¹³⁸ m. (int.) Lincoln, 28 March 1880, Josie Bailey,¹³⁹ but apparently did not marry her, as he was a single man in 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920.¹⁴⁰

¹²⁶ Maine VRs, 1670–1996, familysearch.org [DGS #5011593, image 557].

¹²⁷ Obituary, “Guy H. Edgett,” *The Bangor Daily News*, 6 Dec. 1972, p. 20.

¹²⁸ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #5011620, image 1905].

¹²⁹ Death certificate, in possession of the author.

¹³⁰ Marriage certificate, St. Patrick’s Church, Fall River, Mass.

¹³¹ Death record, Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #5011593, image 562].

¹³² Gravestone and photo, findagrave.com #171469829. Eunice drowned when she ran too far out on the ice on the Passadumkeag River and fell through. Her body was not recovered until May 1933: “Find Body of Girl Drowned, Dec. 29, 1921,” *The Bangor Daily News*, 22 May 1933, p. 6.

¹³³ Obituary, “Robert G. Edgett,” *The Bangor Daily News*, 16 March 1981, p. 2.

¹³⁴ Maine VRs, 1670–1996, familysearch.org [DGS #4544483, image 1536], which gives his parents’ names. See first marriage of son Allen W. Jones, 1894, for his birthplace.

¹³⁵ Her maiden name from the second marriage record of her son Allen W. Jones.

¹³⁶ She was living in the Oliver E. Jones household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 144, p. 18, which indicates she had been in the U.S. for 54 years. It seems likely that her death went unrecorded because her son Oliver, with whom she lived until then, was alone in his household in 1910 (Oliver E. Jones household, 1910 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 181, p. 21A).

¹³⁷ Oliver E. Jones household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 144, p. 18.

¹³⁸ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #6048437. The stone gives his years of birth and death.

¹³⁹ Lincoln, Maine, marriage cards, familysearch.org [DGS #7594941, image 11520].

¹⁴⁰ Joseph D. Jones, household, 1880 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 46, p. 456A; Oliver E. Jones household, 1900, 1910 and 1920 U.S. Censuses, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 114, p. 18 (1900); E.D. 181, p. 21A (1910); E.D. 122, p. 16B (1920).

- ii JOSEPHINE JONES, b. Maine, 1850, d. Poland, Maine, 1924;¹⁴¹ m. Lincoln, 18 March 1869, HOWARD RICHARD PERKINS.¹⁴²
- iii JOHN D. JONES, b. Maine, 1854, d. Portland, Maine, 14 April 1922, age 62 [*sic*].¹⁴³
- iv NELSON ROBERT JONES, b. New Brunswick, [calc.] 16 July 1857; m. LETTIE R. PHELPS (see further information above).
- v HARRIET/HATTIE E. JONES, b. Maine, ca. 1861. One Hattie A. Jones m. (int.) Lincoln, 18 Oct. 1877, D. B. White.¹⁴⁴ As Hattie E. Jones, she m. (1) Lincoln, 20 Aug. 1882, GEORGE W. FLEMING, from whom she was divorced in April 1888.¹⁴⁵ She m. (2) Boston, Mass., 16 Oct. 1889, STEPHEN W. WILEY;¹⁴⁶ m. (3) Boston, 4 Oct. 1898, CHARLES C. JEWELL;¹⁴⁷ as Mrs. Harriet Jewell, she m. (4) New York City, 26 Nov. 1903, CHARLES W. F. BLACK, both widowed.¹⁴⁸
- vi AGNES A. JONES, b. Maine, 10 Oct. 1863, d. 26 Oct. 1950,¹⁴⁹ m. Lincoln, 26 May 1883, BENONI H. BURRILL.¹⁵⁰
- vii ALLEN W. JONES, b. Maine, in March 1865,¹⁵¹ d. probably before 1911;¹⁵² m. (1) Lee, Maine, 21 Feb. 1894, ANNIE HALEY;¹⁵³ m. (2) Lincoln, 26 March 1900, FANNY STANHOPE.¹⁵⁴
- viii MYRA JONES, b. 1868, d. after the 1880 census.

[Note: One Manley [or Marley] Jones d. Lincoln, 7 July 1904, aged 28, said on the death record to be a child of Joseph and Eliza Jones.¹⁵⁵ If the age is correct, this child would have been born ca. 1876, when Eliza would have been about 47 years old. Perhaps this was an adopted child, but such child does not appear in Joseph's household in either 1880 or 1900.]

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¹⁴¹ Buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Poland (Maine, Tombstone Inscriptions, Surname Index, 1620–2014, familysearch.org [DGS #101208340, image 180]).

¹⁴² Maine VRs, 1670–1921, images, familysearch.org.

¹⁴³ Maine VRs, 1670–1996, familysearch.org [DGS #5011620, image 2811]. Birthplace, Marion, Maine. Father's birthplace, Washington City [*sic*: County], Maine.

¹⁴⁴ Lincoln, Maine, marriage cards, familysearch.org [DGS #7594941, image 11517].

¹⁴⁵ Lincoln, Maine, marriage cards, familysearch.org [DGS #7594941, image 11518]; Penobscot Co. Supreme Judicial Court, April 1888, 82:41, docket #942.

¹⁴⁶ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 399:206 [image, americanancestors.org].

¹⁴⁷ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 480:223 [image, americanancestors.org].

¹⁴⁸ New York City Marriages, #23110. She was aged 42, b. Maine, and described as the daughter of Joseph D. Jones and Elizabeth Taylor [*sic*].

¹⁴⁹ Gravestone photo, West Broadway Cemetery, Lincoln, findagrave.com #105643918.

¹⁵⁰ Lincoln, Maine, marriage cards, familysearch.org [DGS #7594941, image 11515].

¹⁵¹ Oliver E. Jones household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 144, p. 18.

¹⁵² Widow Fanny (Stanhope) Jones m. Woodstock, N.B., 1 July 1911, Percy Millet (New Brunswick, Canada, Marriages, 1789–1950, image, ancestry.com).

¹⁵³ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4544483, image 947]. Father's birthplace, St. John, N.B. "Elizabetham" (Haley) Jones, d. of consumption at Lincoln, 1 July 1895, aged 25y 11m 11d, daughter of James R. and Harriet M. (Hall) Haley (Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4544483, image 1156]).

¹⁵⁴ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4544483, image 1732].

¹⁵⁵ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4544483, image 2450].

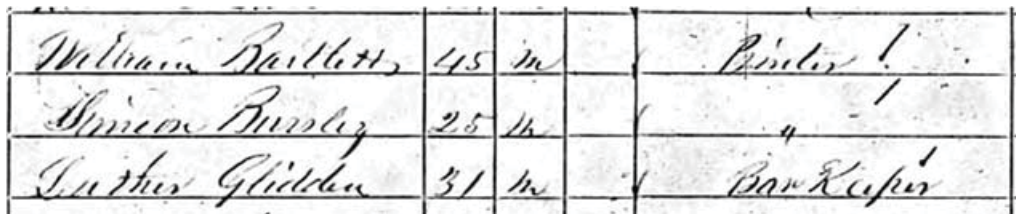
LOST OR STOLEN?

LEMUEL BURSLEY OF SANGERVILLE, HOULTON, AND BANGOR, MAINE, AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

By John Clarke Bursley

Lemuel Bursley was born in 1839 in Sangerville, Maine, and was enumerated there with his family in the 1850 U.S. census.¹ He was not recorded with his family or in Sangerville at the time of the 1860 census.² Though by the time of the 1870 census Lemuel was living in Washington, D.C., he served from Maine during the Civil War.³ This essay reconstructs some of the key events in his life from approximately age twenty until he entered the military at twenty-five, and links him to his Massachusetts and Maine forebears explored in a previous article.⁴

Searches for Lemuel in and around Sangerville and Piscataquis County in the 1860 census proved fruitless. A wider search for the surname *Bursley* eventually turned up a man listed as Simeon Bursley, aged 25, printer, born Maine, living in a boarding house in June 1860—but in Houlton, Aroostook County, Maine, located some 120 miles northeast of Sangerville, abutting the Canadian border.⁵



William Bartlett	45	m	Printer
Simeon Bursley	25	h	"
Luther Glidden	31	m	Barkeeper

Figure 1: 1860 Census, Houlton: Simeon Bursley, age 25, Printer

Determining whether this individual might in fact be Lemuel requires addressing, at a minimum, the issues of his recorded first name, age, and presence in Houlton. It

¹ Lemuel was b. in Sangerville, 30 Jan. 1839, son of Rev. Barnabas and Ruth Elder Potter (Wing) Bursley (Sangerville VRs, p. 57 [DGS #7596901, image 69]; his parents m. (int.) Sangerville, 21 March 1830 (ibid., n.p. [image 11]; “Barnabus” Bursley household, 1850 U.S. Census, Sangerville, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 183.

² On 14 June 1860, Lemuel’s family (B. Bursley, Ruth P. Bursley, Nathan W. Bursley, and Love L. Bursley) were living in Sangerville, Piscataquis, Maine (1860 U.S. Census, p. 937).

³ Lemuel Bursley household, 1870 U.S. Census, Washington Ward 5, Washington, D.C., p. 88; Lemuel Bursley, U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861–1865, database, ancestry.com.

⁴ For the parentage of Lemuel’s grandfather and a genealogical summary through Lemuel’s parents, see John Clarke Bursley, “Lemuel Bursley (ca. 1773–1854) of Barnstable and Provincetown, Massachusetts, and Farmington, Maine: The Search for His Parents,” *The American Genealogist* 90(2018):54–66, 137–46.

⁵ Simeon Bursley, 1860 U.S. Census, Houlton, Aroostook Co., Maine, p. 203. The establishment was the Snell House hotel, owned by innkeeper Luther Snell. A photo of the hotel, said to be “the best hotel in Houlton,” can be seen on the Maine Memory Network (<https://www.mainememory.net/artifact/13328>).

is unclear why, if this was Lemuel, that his first name and age were recorded incorrectly. The identity of the individual who provided that information to the enumerator is not known. Additionally, the census images available today are not the originals, but copies made by enumerators or their district supervisors from the original sheets. Given that the census schedules were copied over by hand, errors could, and did, easily creep in.⁶

There were no known men with the first name *Simeon* in the Bursley family since the first settler, John Bursley, arrived in America in 1623. No direct or collateral family lines have established ties to Houlton, and when Lemuel enlisted for the Civil War in February 1864, he did so from Sangerville.⁷

Printer was a low-density occupation in 1860 Maine; there were only 323 such individuals across the state, constituting approximately one tenth of one percent of the workforce.⁸ It happens that his profession of printer points the way to confirming that “Simeon” was probably Lemuel Bursley. Lemuel served with the 31st Maine Volunteer Infantry. He was severely wounded at the Battle of the Crater near Petersburg, Virginia, on 30 July 1864.⁹ Following his medical discharge from the Army, and a complete physical examination by a surgeon, Lemuel was granted a fifty-percent disability pension, as he could no longer stand for the extended periods of time required by his prior occupation as a printer (see Figure 2).¹⁰

Lemuel’s prewar profession of printer satisfies one part of the problem, but does not explain his 1860 presence in Houlton. That connection is indicated by the man enumerated just before him in the census, William Bartlett, aged 45, also a printer, born Maine (see Figure 1). Bartlett, a Bangor native, was the editor of the recently

⁶ Census strengths and weaknesses are discussed by Loretto Szucs and Matthew Wright, “Research in Census Records,” In *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, ed. Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking (Salt Lake City, 2006): https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Overview_of_the_U.S._Census#Strengths_and_Limitations_of_Census_Records.

⁷ Civil War records (see note 3).

⁸ For comparison, there were 1,059 clergymen, almost 5,000 carpenters, over 11,000 mariners, and nearly 80,000 farmers or farm laborers (“Maine, Occupations,” in *Population of the United States in 1860; Compiled from the Original Returns of the Eighth Census*, Bureau of the Census (Washington, 1864), 208–9; <https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1860/population/1860a-17.pdf>).

⁹ The Battle of the Crater was a fierce, racially charged, fight that ultimately resulted in no Union gain and numerous casualties. See Richard Slotkin, *No Quarter: The Battle of the Crater, 1864* (New York, 2009) and J. J. Chase, “The Charge at Day-break: Scenes and Incidents at the Battle of the Mine Explosion, near Petersburg, Va., July 30th, 1864” (Lewiston, Maine, 1875) (available at <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uiug.30112000719135>).

¹⁰ June 1865 Disability Discharge Certificate and May 1866 Examining Surgeon’s Certificate, extracted from Lemuel Bursley’s Civil War pension file (#855190). The surgeon recommended a disability rating of one half as Lemuel was incapacitated from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor and his power of locomotion was impeded. The disability discharge certificate listed Lemuel’s particulars at the time of his enlistment, including the statement “. . . and by occupation when enlisted a Printer” (see Figure 2).

established *Aroostook Democrat* newspaper in Houlton.¹¹ Bartlett apparently traveled back and forth between Houlton and Bangor as his family remained in Bangor and he had business connections there. One month after being counted in Houlton with “Simeon” Bursley, he was enumerated with his family in Bangor.¹² Bangor is not a great distance from Sangerville. If Lemuel also had an association with Bangor, it would help to explain how he came to meet Bartlett and to work with him in Houlton.

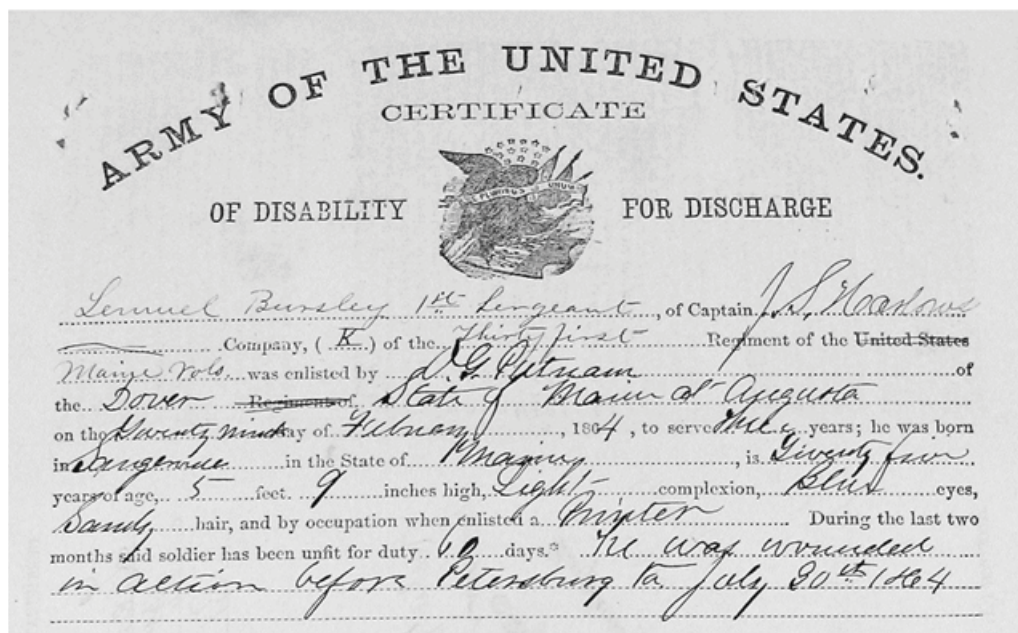


Figure 2: Partial image of Lemuel’s disability certificate, showing he had been a printer

In December 1859, the following classified advertisement ran for three days:

Lost or Stolen. A Patent Leather Valise of large size, marked “L. Bursley, Bangor.” This valise was either lost from the Mattawamkeag Stage between Oldtown and Bangor on Thursday week, or stolen from the Penobscot Exchange. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at this office.¹³

The Penobscot Exchange was a well-known hotel in Bangor that did business from the late 1820s to the city’s urban renewal phase in the 1960s.¹⁴ Mattawamkeag is roughly halfway between Bangor and Houlton. Regular stage-line service connected Bangor and Mattawamkeag via Orono, Old Town, and Lincoln.¹⁵

In addition to this late-1859 mention, Lemuel also had connections to Bangor demonstrating that he likely lived and worked in the city until perhaps the time he

¹¹ “We see by the *Aroostook Democrat* that Mr. William Bartlett, recently of this city, has assumed the editorial control of its columns. Mr. Bartlett was formerly the editor and proprietor of the *Bangor Mercury*,” *The Bangor Daily Union*, 7 May 1860, p. 2 [image, genealogybank.com].

¹² William Bartlett, aged 43, printer, b. Maine, along with Mercy T., aged 41, and William, aged 11, were living in Bangor (1860 U.S. Census, Bangor Ward 4, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 134).

¹³ *The Bangor Daily Union*, 19 Dec. 1859, p. 2 [image, genealogybank.com].

¹⁴ French Hotel (Penobscot Exchange), <https://www.mainememory.net/artifact/31777>.

¹⁵ Sixth Stage Line, 1864 *Bangor City Directory*, p. 15 (“Traveller’s Guide”).

enlisted in the Union Army in early 1864. He presumably met his future wife there during this time period, as their 1867 marriage announcement and her 1889 death notice in Bangor newspapers described them both as “of Bangor.”¹⁶ In early 1863, his participation in the local Sons of Temperance movement was recorded, and a Bangor newspaper item about Lemuel’s 1867 selection as a Treasury Department official in Washington, D.C., also noted that he was formerly of Bangor.¹⁷

Taken together, Lemuel’s prewar profession as a printer, his enumeration in Houlton with a fellow newspaperman and printer, and his connections to Bangor, show that the “Simeon” Bursley listed in the 1860 census is the missing Lemuel Bursley born in Sangerville, Maine.

After the Civil War, Lemuel worked in Washington, D.C., and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.¹⁸ His life is summarized in an obituary notice:¹⁹

Lemuel Bursley, last member of the house of delegates of the District of Columbia legislature, died yesterday at his home, 1402 14th street, at the age of seventy-nine years, after a protracted illness.

Mr. Bursley served three terms in the house of delegates, 1871, 1872 and 1874. In that body he introduced a bill granting suffrage to the women of the District. He was born at Sangerville, Me., January 31, 1839.

A sergeant and later first lieutenant in the 31st Maine Volunteer Infantry, he was wounded at the battle of the Crater, before Petersburg. . . . For many years prior to his death, Mr. Bursley was employed at the pension office.

For thirty years previous to the death of R. P. Barham, proprietor of the Petersburg, Va., Daily Index-Appeal, Mr. Bursley was associated with him in the editorship of that paper, sending daily comments on politics, news and general affairs. Many of his editorials were widely copied.

Mr. Bursley was twice married, first to Mary E. Dodge of Portland, Me., and later in life to Ella F. Turner of Portsmouth, Va. He is survived by his wife, three children of his first wife, and twelve grandchildren. Three of his grandsons are at present in the United States Army.

John Clarke Bursley (jcbursley@gmail.com) likes to trace his Maine family during breaks from his graduate studies in history. Lemuel Bursley is his great grandfather.

¹⁶ “In Washington, D.C. at Wesley Chapel, by Rev. Alfred H. Ames, March 30th, Mr. Lemuel Bursley to Miss Mary E. youngest daughter of A. T. C. Dodge, Esq., all of Bangor, Maine,” *Bangor Daily Evening Times*, 5 April 1867, p. 2 [image, newspapers.com]; “News was received in this city yesterday of the death, in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, 4th instant, of Mrs. Mary E., wife of Lemuel Bursley, Esq., and daughter of A. T. C. Dodge, Esq., all formerly of this city . . .” *Bangor Whig & Courier*, 7 May 1889, p. 3 [image, newspapers.com]. Lemuel does not appear in the 1859 or 1864 Bangor city directories; directories were not published from 1860 to 1863.

¹⁷ “Installation. Last evening the officers of Rescue Division S. of T. . . . Lemuel Bursley, RS,” *Bangor Daily Whig & Courier*, 8 Jan. 1863, p. 2; “formerly of this city, afterwards a member of the 31st Maine regiment, and more recently, a clerk in the Treasury Department. . . .” *Bangor Daily Evening Times*, 4 Jan. 1867, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

¹⁸ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #28134908.

¹⁹ *The Evening Star* (Washington, D.C.), Thurs., 24 Oct. 1918, p. 26 [image, newspapers.com].

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

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THOMAS PERKINS OF GREENLAND AND PORTSMOUTH

1 **CAPTAIN THOMAS³ PERKINS** (*Thomas*²⁻¹) was born probably in Dover, New Hampshire, about 1671, son of Thomas and Frances (—) Perkins.¹⁷⁴ He died, probably in Arundel, after 12 February 1744 when he sold property.¹⁷⁵ He married probably in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, say 1692, MARY BANFIELD, daughter of John and Mary (Pickering) Banfield, who died after 1740, and likely before 1744.¹⁷⁶

Thomas first lived in Portsmouth or the adjacent town of Greenland. His father, also named Thomas Perkins, had a land grant at Cape Porpoise in 1681, where the earliest settlements in the town of Arundel were made. This grant was later confirmed to his son.¹⁷⁷ Thomas was allotted a seat in the Portsmouth meeting house in 1693. He was in Greenland in 1718, Cape Porpoise in 1720, Portsmouth in 1721, and Arundel in 1722, more or less permanently, although it was likely his wife, “Mary Perkins wife to Tho Perkins,” who was admitted to the church in Greenland in 1726.¹⁷⁸ In the early records, he is sometimes called Thomas Perkins “of Greenland” and sometimes “of Portsmouth.”

Thomas purchased from the heirs of William Reynolds all of the land lying between the Kennebunk River and a line running from Bass Cove through Great Pond to the sea. This land had been mortgaged to Francis Johnson, from whom Stephen Harding had purchased it, and there was a contest for its possession. Harding, finding his title disputed, purchased the right from one of Reynold’s heirs. The dispute was submitted to arbitrators, who awarded fourteen-fifteenths of the land to Captain Perkins.¹⁷⁹ This transaction caused a breach between the families, which a subsequent marriage did not wholly close. As one of the heirs of the Thomas Perkins who had a grant from the town in 1681, Captain Perkins had the land laid out to him in 1720. He erected a garrison

¹⁷⁴ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.* [note 4], 543. Thomas deposed in the Furber-Weeks suit in 1733 at age 62.

¹⁷⁵ York Co. Deeds, 25:14.

¹⁷⁶ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.* [note 4], 74.

¹⁷⁷ George Thomas Little, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Maine*, Vol. II (New York, N.Y., 1909), 739.

¹⁷⁸ Priscilla Hammond, *Vital Records of Greenland, New Hampshire* (Concord, N.H., 1938):28.

¹⁷⁹ On 4 April 1721, administration of the estate of John Reynolds of Arundel, yeoman, was granted to Thomas Perkins of Portsmouth, N.H. This right was surrendered to him by William Reynolds, who had sold his title to his father’s estate (York Co. Probate Records, 3:63). See also York Co. Deeds, 10:268–69, 11:31, 11:83, 12:46, 12:110.

house by Butler's Rocks, near the spot on which the house of William Reynolds formerly stood.¹⁸⁰ Thomas and wife Mary were both of Arundel on 14 October 1740 when he sold land to his son Thomas,¹⁸¹ but there was no mention of Mary when he sold additional property to son Thomas on 12 February 1744.¹⁸² Thomas did not leave a will, but deeded property to his children, as cited below.

Children of Capt. Thomas³ and Mary (Banfield) Perkins, prob. b. Portsmouth or Greenland, N.H., birth order uncertain.¹⁸³

- i JOHN⁴ PERKINS, b. say 1694; m. Boston, 6 Aug. 1724, JANE DESHON.¹⁸⁴ Bradbury notes that "John came to this town with his father," the implication being that they came in advance of other family members. John had several lots of land laid out to him and purchased others. On 24 July 1727, Thomas Perkins Sr. of Arundel, for £70 paid by "my son John Perkins," sold him a fifty-acre tract in Arundel, bounded by the land of Stephen Harding and "my son Thomas Perkins," with wife Mary relinquishing her right of dower.¹⁸⁵ John Perkins was "of Boston" 13 Oct. 1731, when he and wife Jane, for £200 paid by Ephraim Baker of Boston, shopkeeper, sold him one quarter part of a tract of land in Arundel which had been granted to him and his brother Thomas by the town in 1720.¹⁸⁶ John was still living 17 Oct. 1736 when he declined administration of the estate of his brother George, even though "in course I being the elder brother should."¹⁸⁷ He probably died soon after, or removed to Boston, as his name does not appear on the town records after that period. Bradbury adds that John did not leave any descendants.
- ii SARAH PERKINS, b. say 1696, if age 20 at marriage; m. Greenland, N.H., 6 Sept. 1716, JOSEPH URAN/URIN,¹⁸⁸ son of John and Rebecca (Cate) Uran. Joseph and Sarah never resided in Arundel, as did the rest of the Perkins family. Sarah was Joseph's widow 1 Jan. 1771, when she quitclaimed to her son George.¹⁸⁹ Their children baptized in Greenland included Marcy, Comfort, Sarah, Mary, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Abigail, and Solomon.¹⁹⁰

¹⁸⁰ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 268.

¹⁸¹ York Co. Deeds, 22:86. The deed notes that the one-hundred-acre property bordered that of the late George Perkins.

¹⁸² York Co. Deeds, 25:14.

¹⁸³ Bradbury lists the sons as: John, wife unknown; Thomas, m. Lydia Harding; Lemuel, m. Hannah Hutchins; Samuel, m. Willie Bond; George, m. Hannah Hutchins; Alverson, no wife noted; and "perhaps" Zacheus, and the daughters as: Mary, m. George Murphy; and "Chasey," m. James Deshon (Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 268–71). Noyes, Libby, and Davis add Sarah, who remained in Greenland (*Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.* [note 4], 543). Zacheus Perkins, a tailor from Topsfield (see York Deeds, 16:127), seems more likely to have been some other relative of Thomas of Topsfield, and is not included as a son here.

¹⁸⁴ *Boston Marriages, 1700–1751*, Boston Record Commissioners' Report, 28(Boston, 1898):121. Jane was possibly a relative of James Deshon who married John's sister Chase. See also York Co. Deeds, 16:54, in which wife Jane relinquished her right of dower.

¹⁸⁵ York Co. Deeds, 12:210.

¹⁸⁶ York Co. Deeds, 16:54.

¹⁸⁷ York Co. Probate, #14870 [DGS #2293774, image 1197]. Brother Thomas administered the will.

¹⁸⁸ Hammond, *Greenland VRs* [note 178], 39.

¹⁸⁹ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.* [note 4], 703, citing N.H. Deeds, 102:372, 373, 379.

¹⁹⁰ Hammond, *Greenland VRs* [note 178], 66, 67, 72, 75, 78.

- 2 iii THOMAS PERKINS, b. ca. 1700; m. LYDIA HARDING.
 iv MARY PERKINS, b. say 1705; m. GEORGE MURPHY. Bradbury notes that George was probably the brother of John Murphy who lived in Arundel and that George and Mary left no children.¹⁹¹
 v CHASE/CHASEY PERKINS, b. say 1710; m. JAMES DESHON.¹⁹² They were both still living 20 Aug. 1782 when they witnessed a deed, Elizabeth Murphy to Thomas Wiswell.¹⁹³ Bradbury notes that James was a “Frenchman” who accompanied a gentleman to this country as a linguist. He came to town about 1730. On 23 June 1746, Thomas Perkins of Arundel left his Dutiful daughter Chase Deshon, the wife of James Deshon of Arundel, one quarter of an acre of land reserved for a burial space out of the forty acres recently sold to his son Thomas, as well as all that remained of the 142 acres “where I now live which I have not conveyed to my two sons, Thomas and Samuel.”¹⁹⁴ James and Chase’s children were James, Peter, Olive, Moses, and Chase.¹⁹⁵ Bradbury adds that James died on Lake Champlain during the Revolution, yet this seems somewhat dubious, given James’s advanced age at the time of the war.
- 3 vi GEORGE PERKINS, b. say 1712; m. HANNAH HUTCHINS.
 4 vii SAMUEL PERKINS, b. say 1713; m. WILLIAMS/WILLIE BOND.
 viii ALVERSON PERKINS, no record discovered.

2 **Captain THOMAS⁴ PERKINS** (*Thomas*³⁻¹) was born circa 1700 and died in Arundel, 22 February 1752, aged 52 years.¹⁹⁶ He married LYDIA HARDING, daughter of Stephen and Abigail (Littlefield) Harding of Arundel.¹⁹⁷ Widow Lydia Perkins was named as one of the nine heirs in the 21 January 1754 division of the property of Stephen Harding of Arundel.¹⁹⁸ Lydia was still living 26 March 1760 when she sold property to her son John.¹⁹⁹

On 20 September 1727, Thomas Perkins Sr. of Arundel, yeoman, sold “my son Thomas Perkins Jr. of Arundel, yeoman,” a fifty-acre tract of upland and marsh in Arundel, and another one hundred acres on 29 February 1727/8.²⁰⁰ On 19 May 1731, Thomas Perkins Jr. of Arundel, gentleman, sold his “brother John Perkins,” trader, a stream near the lower falls, commonly called Bass Cove, along with a quarter acre of upland on the south side. Wife Lydia relinquished her right of dower.²⁰¹ On 18 July 1736, Thomas Perkins of Arundel was granted administration of the estate of his

¹⁹¹ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 265.

¹⁹² Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 238. This name is considered by many to be an anglicization of “DeChamp.”

¹⁹³ York Co. Deeds, 42:42.

¹⁹⁴ York Co. Deeds, 26:16.

¹⁹⁵ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 238.

¹⁹⁶ Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972.

¹⁹⁷ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 269. Lydia’s surname is sometimes given as “Harden.” Stephen Harding m. Wells, 28 July 1701, Abigail Littlefield (Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 50], 5).

¹⁹⁸ York Co. Probate Records, 9:50.

¹⁹⁹ York Co. Deeds, 39:203.

²⁰⁰ York Co. Deeds, 13:155–56.

²⁰¹ York Co. Deeds, 17:226.

brother, George Perkins, as cited below. On 26 September 1737, Stephen Harding of Arundel sold his “son-in-law” Lt. Thomas Perkins of Arundel a tract of upland and marsh in Wells, with Stephen’s wife Abigail relinquishing her right of dower. Thomas promptly sold this to John Storer of Wells, with his wife Lydia relinquishing her right of dower.²⁰² Thomas commanded a company at the surrender of Louisbourg in 1745, and was wrecked in going to Annapolis in 1747. At this point, he began being referred to as “Captain,” as opposed to “Lieut.” There is a tradition that he was the King’s surveyor. He was probably the person referred to in Hovey’s journal, 1 March 1749: “Capt.” [*name not legible*] of Kennebunk deputed to take care of pine timber officiated the 16th day to the disturbance of many.”²⁰³ Son Abner Perkins was appointed 7 April 1752 to administer the estate of Thomas Perkins Jr. of Arundel,²⁰⁴ also called Capt. Thomas Perkins, late of Arundel, gentleman. Widow Lydia Perkins received her dower 15 October 1753.²⁰⁵ The estate was represented as insolvent, property was sold and proportional payment to the creditors was directed.²⁰⁶ Thomas’s six sons and their children significantly increased the population of the Perkins family in the town of Arundel.

Children of Thomas⁴ and Lydia (Harding) Perkins:²⁰⁷

- 5 i ELIPHALET⁵ PERKINS, b. say 1726 if two years older than his wife; m. MARY PERKINS, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Wildes) Perkins (see #1 in Thomas Perkins of Topsfield section, pp. 113–14). This was the first of many marriages between the two Perkins families in Arundel.
- 6 ii ABNER PERKINS, b. say 1728; m. SARAH/SALLY ROBINSON.
- 7 iii JOHN PERKINS, b. say 1730; poss. m. (1?) MEHITABLE GOODWIN, m. (2?) BETTY LITTLEFIELD.
- 8 iv THOMAS PERKINS, b. ca. 1732; m. SARAH BAXTER.
- 9 v JAMES PERKINS, b. ca. 1743; m. (1) SARAH/SALLY HOVEY; m. (2) HANNAH (JORDAN) COIT.
- 10 vi GEORGE PERKINS, b. 1747; m. MARY LORD.
- vii MARY PERKINS, b. say 1750; m. before 10 May 1772 (when their son Samuel was baptized),²⁰⁸ SAMUEL ROBINSON, son of Samuel and Anna (Andrews) Robinson, and brother of Sarah who married Mary’s brother Abner.²⁰⁹ Samuel’s father, Deacon Samuel Robinson of Arundel, d. bef. 8 April 1771 when administration of his estate was granted “Samuel Robinson his son.”²¹⁰

²⁰² York Co. Deeds, 16:72, 73.

²⁰³ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 269.

²⁰⁴ York Co. Probate Records, 8:158.

²⁰⁵ York Co. Probate Records, 8:270.

²⁰⁶ York Co. Probate Records, 9:69.

²⁰⁷ Bradbury names the children as: Eliphalet, m. Mary Perkins, daughter of Thomas Perkins of Cape Porpoise; Abner, m. Sally Robinson; John, m. Mehitable Goodwin; Thomas, m. Sarah Baxter; George, m. Mary Lord; James, m. Sally Hovey; and Mary, m. Samuel Robinson (Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 269–70).

²⁰⁸ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):196.

²⁰⁹ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 272.

²¹⁰ York Co. Probate Records, 12:137.

3 **GEORGE⁴ PERKINS²¹¹** (*Thomas³⁻¹*) was born say 1712, if age 21 at the time of his marriage, and died in Arundel before 18 July 1736 when his “brother” Thomas Perkins of Arundel was appointed to administer his estate.²¹² George married in Wells, 7 June 1733, **HANNAH HUTCHINS²¹³**, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (March) Hutchins.²¹⁴ The below-cited deed indicates that Hannah married (2) John Burbank.

On 12 May 1735, Thomas Perkins of Arundel, yeoman, in “consideration of the Natural Love good Will and Affection I bear to my Dutiful son George,” deeded him sixty acres in Arundel adjacent to the Kennebunk River.²¹⁵ George died the following year. His widow, Hannah, declined administration of her husband’s estate 19 October 1736, which was instead granted to George’s brother Thomas. On 17 October 1752, John Burbank of Arundel, gentleman, and Hannah his wife, formerly widow of George Perkins of Arundel, in her right, for £13, quitclaimed sixty acres adjacent to the Kennebunk River to Gideon Walker.²¹⁶ John Burbank, a millman, came from Bradford, Massachusetts, with the first settlers of Arundel. His first wife was Priscilla Major, who died 2 November 1730, aged 31 years. Children of John and Hannah Burbank included Ruth, Miriam, Elizabeth, Sarah, Eunice, Samuel, John, and Lois.²¹⁷

Child of George⁴ and Hannah (Hutchins) Perkins:

- i child⁵ PERKINS, d. young, and per tradition, possibly of a fever the same day as his father.

4 **SAMUEL⁴ PERKINS** (*Thomas³⁻¹*) was born say 1713, if age 21 at the time of his marriage, and died before 26 August 1799 when administration of the estate of Samuel Perkins of Arundel, cordwainer, was granted to [his son] John Perkins of Arundel, mariner.²¹⁸ He married in Greenland, New Hampshire, 9 June 1734, **WILLIAMS/WILLIE BOND²¹⁹**, daughter of Thomas and Williams (Mains) Bond.²²⁰ Williams died probably before her husband, as there is no mention of her in the administration of his estate.

²¹¹ Descendants of John Burbank informed Bradbury that Hannah Hutchins’s first husband was Lemuel Perkins, but the deed which follows indicates that they were mistaken, and Hannah’s first husband was George Perkins. There is no record of a Lemuel Perkins, and Thomas did not deed him any property. These same descendants noted that “Lemuel” and his only child died of a fever on the same day. It being during the time of an Indian war, and there being but two females in the garrison, a week elapsed before anyone came to commit their bodies to the grave. This tradition is consistent with what we know of George.

²¹² York Co. Probate Records, 5:58.

²¹³ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 50], 19.

²¹⁴ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 253.

²¹⁵ York Co. Deeds, 17:86.

²¹⁶ York Co. Deeds, 29:252.

²¹⁷ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 230.

²¹⁸ York Co. Probate Records, 18:132.

²¹⁹ Hammond, *Greenland VRs* [note 178], 45.

²²⁰ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.* [note 4], 453; her parents m. Berwick, 4 Oct. 1714 (John Eldridge Frost and Joseph C. Anderson II, *Vital Records of Berwick, South Berwick, and North Berwick, Maine, to the Year 1892* [Rockport, Maine, 1993], 11).

On 18 May 1738, Thomas Perkins Sr. of Arundel, for £60 paid by “my son Samuel Perkins” of Arundel, cordwainer, sold him twenty acres on the Kennebunk River, beginning at the property of “my son, Lieut. Thomas Perkins.”²²¹ Samuel’s heirs are named in a deed, when on 4 February 1808, George Perkins of Biddeford, yeoman, Thomas Perkins Jr. of Arundel, yeoman, Stephen Cleaves of Arundel, yeoman, and Alice Cleaves, wife of said Stephen Cleaves in her right, for \$1 each paid by John Perkins of Arundel, yeoman, quitclaimed their right to the real estate of their father Samuel Perkins late of Arundel, of which the said John Perkins now has possession.²²²

Children of Samuel⁴ and Williams/Willie (Bond) Perkins, birth order uncertain:²²³

- i SAMUEL⁵ PERKINS, d. young.
- ii TIMOTHY PERKINS, d. young.
- iii ALICE PERKINS, b. 1743, d. 1821;²²⁴ m. Arundel, say 1763, STEPHEN CLEAVES, b. 1738, son of Robert and Sarah (Harding) Cleaves who came from Beverly, Mass.,²²⁵ d. 1826.²²⁶
- 11 iv GEORGE PERKINS, b. ca. 1744; m. (1) MARY SMITH; m. (2) SARAH (HOBBS) LITTLEFIELD.
- 12 v THOMAS PERKINS, b. 1752; m. DEBORAH LASSELL.
- 13 vi JOHN PERKINS, b. say 1757 if age 21 at his first marriage; m. (1) MARY/MOLLY LASSELL; m. (2) MARY/POLLY HUFF.
- 14 vii JOSEPH PERKINS, b. say 1762 if age 21 at his marriage; m. RUTH WAKEFIELD.

5 **ELIPHALET⁵ PERKINS** (*Thomas⁴⁻¹*) was born say 1726, and died in Portland before 8 October 1776, when his son Ephraim, a mariner, was granted administration of his estate.²²⁷ He married MARY PERKINS, who was born circa 1728, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Wildes) Perkins of Cape Porpoise,²²⁸ and died in Arundel, 14 September 1802, aged 74 years.²²⁹

On 27 February 1749/50, Thomas Perkins Jr. of Arundel, gentleman, deeded his “well beloved and Dutiful son Eliphalet Perkins of Arundel” twenty acres in Arundel.²³⁰ On 8 October 1776, Ephraim Perkins of Arundel, mariner, was granted administration

²²¹ York Co. Deeds, 23:129.

²²² York Co. Deeds, 78:203. Son Joseph had died eight years earlier.

²²³ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 270, lists the children as: Samuel and Timothy, died young; George m. Mary Smith and widow Sarah Littlefield; Thomas, m. Deborah Lassell; John, m. Molly Lassell and Polly Huff; Joseph, m. Ruth Wakefield; and Alice, m. Stephen Cleaves.

²²⁴ Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:835.

²²⁵ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 234.

²²⁶ Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:835.

²²⁷ York Co. Probate Records, 13:57. He does not appear to be buried with his wife and other family members in the Oak Street Cemetery in Kennebunkport.

²²⁸ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 269.

²²⁹ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:973.

²³⁰ York Co. Deeds, 28:167.

of the estate of [his father] Eliphalet Perkins of Arundel, mariner. Mary, relict of Eliphalet Perkins, was given £18 for “necessaries for upholding life” 7 July 1777.²³¹

Children of Eliphalet⁵ and Mary (Perkins) Perkins:²³²

- i Capt. EPHRAIM⁶ PERKINS, b. Arundel, ca. 1747, d. Kennebunkport, 14 Dec. 1822 [*sic*: 1821], aged 74y;²³³ m. (1) Arundel, 28 Dec. 1769, HULDHAH DORMAN,²³⁴ b. [calc.] 16 Jan. 1748, daughter of Jabez and Hannah (Look) Dorman,²³⁵ d. Arundel, 13 Sept. 1802, aged 54y 7m 27d.²³⁶ Ephraim m. (2) Arundel, 21 April 1803, Huldah’s sister, LUCY DORMAN,²³⁷ b. [calc.] Jan. 1759, d. Kennebunkport, 23 Sept. 1848, aged 89y 8m.²³⁸

On 27 Oct. 1771, Ephraim and Huldah Perkins renewed the covenant at the Arundel Church.²³⁹ On 8 Oct. 1776, as cited above, Ephraim Perkins of Arundel, mariner, was granted administration of the estate of [his father] Eliphalet Perkins of Arundel, mariner. Ephraim’s will of 24 Oct 1821, probated 24 Dec. 1821, names: his wife [called daughter in error] Lucy, mentioned first and who was to receive the usual one-third of the estate for her use during her natural life; son Ephraim Perkins Jr.; son Joseph Perkins 3rd; daughter Hannah Lord; daughter Mary Perkins, unmarried; grandchildren Sally Burnham and Benjamin Perkins, children of his deceased son, Benjamin Perkins; and son Daniel Perkins 3rd, who was to receive the reversion of his wife’s dower at the time of her decease.²⁴⁰

Children of Capt. Ephraim Perkins and 1st wife, Huldah (Dorman), bp. Arundel:²⁴¹

- 1 *Benjamin Perkins*, bp. 10 Nov. 1771, d. before 24 Oct. 1821 when he was called deceased in his father’s will; m. Arundel, 29 June 1791, Sarah Perkins,²⁴² daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Baxter) Perkins (see family #8 below).
- 2 *Capt. Ephraim Perkins*, bp. 11 June 1775, d. Kennebunkport, 25 July 1859, aged 85y;²⁴³ m. Arundel, 30 March 1795, Elizabeth Kimball of Wells;²⁴⁴ d. Kennebunkport, 24 April 1861, aged 84y.²⁴⁵

²³¹ York Co. Probate Records, 13:78.

²³² Bradbury names the children as: Ephraim, m. Huldah Dorman and Lucy Dorman; Eliphalet, drowned; Hannah, m. Dudley Stone; Lydia, m. David Thompson; Mary, m. Thomas Durrell; Eunice, m. Isaac Emery; Lucy, m. Asa Woodward and Benjamin Day; and Eliphalet, m. Betsey Stone (Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 269).

²³³ Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:971. His will was dated 24 Oct. 1821 and probated 24 Dec. 1821 (York Co. Probate Records, 30:346–47).

²³⁴ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 588 [DGS #7595726, image 359].

²³⁵ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 239.

²³⁶ Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:971.

²³⁷ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):190.

²³⁸ Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:971.

²³⁹ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):273.

²⁴⁰ York Co. Probate Records, 30:346–47.

²⁴¹ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):196, 197, 198, 201, 271, 272.

²⁴² “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):124.

²⁴³ Kennebunkport VRs, Births & Deaths, 1822–92, p. 18 [DGS #7595726, image 387].

²⁴⁴ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 577 [DGS #7595726, image 352].

²⁴⁵ Kennebunkport VRs, Births & Deaths, 1822–92, p. 23 [DGS #7595726, image 392]. Ephraim’s will of 15 July 1850 names his wife Elizabeth, son Joseph K. [sometimes given or transcribed as “F”

- 3 *Joseph Perkins*, bp. 8 June 1777, d. bef. 4 July 1790 when another son named Joseph was baptized.
 - 4 *Hannah Perkins*, bp. 13 April 1783, d. Boston, Mass., 31 July 1846;²⁴⁶ m. Arundel, 3 Jan. 1799, Tobias Lord Jr. of Wells,²⁴⁷ son of Tobias and Mehitable (Scammon) Lord.²⁴⁸
 - 5 *Eliphalet Perkins*, bp. 14 Sept. 1783, not named in his father's will of 24 Oct. 1821.
 - 6 *Mary Perkins*, b. ca. 1786–87, d. Kennebunkport, 31 Jan. 1854, aged 67y.²⁴⁹
 - 7 *Joseph Perkins*, bp. 4 July 1790, called Joseph 3rd in 1821, but not identified in the 1850 census, and not mentioned in the 9 May 1855 will of his brother Daniel S.
 - 8 *Daniel S. Perkins*, bp. 17 April 1793, d. Kennebunkport, 12 May 1855, aged 62y 6m.²⁵⁰
- ii ELIPHALET PERKINS, b. say 1755, drowned before 1765 when another son named Eliphalet was born.
 - iii MARY PERKINS, b. 13 Feb. 1759, d. Kennebunkport, 9 May 1840;²⁵¹ m. Arundel, 18 Sept. 1781, THOMAS DURRELL,²⁵² b. Arundel, 18 Oct. 1752, son of Benjamin and Judith (Perkins) Durrell, d. Arundel, 7 Sept. 1809.²⁵³ Thomas had m. (1) Elizabeth Stone.²⁵⁴ Mary and Thomas had 9 children b. 1782–1803.
 - iv EUNICE PERKINS, b. 6 March 1761,²⁵⁵ d. Kennebunk, 10 Aug. 1831, aged 71y;²⁵⁶ m. Arundel, 15 May 1783, Capt. ISAAC EMERY,²⁵⁷ b. 22 April 1756, son of Jabez and Elizabeth (Butland) Emery,²⁵⁸ d. Kennebunk, 19 June 1836, aged 81y.²⁵⁹ 10 children recorded Wells.²⁶⁰

or “H”] Perkins, and grandchildren George W. Stone, William G. Perkins, Charles E. Perkins, Helen E. Currier, and Edwin P. Stone (York Co. Probate, #14857 [DGS #2293774, images 913–14]).

²⁴⁶ Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, submitter info, findagrave.com #138201057.

²⁴⁷ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):189.

²⁴⁸ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 260. Tobias Lord m. Wells, 3 Dec. 1772, Mehitable Scammon (Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 50], 79).

²⁴⁹ Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, 1780–1980 [image, familysearch.org], Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, a record which does not appear in *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39].

²⁵⁰ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:972. Daniel never married. In 1850 Daniel, aged 57, listed as having no occupation, was living in Kennebunkport, with Mary, aged 62, likely his sister (Daniel Perkins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 272). His will of 9 May 1855, names his brother Ephraim, to whom he left two-thirds of his real estate, the remaining third to nephew and niece Benjamin and Sally Perkins, children of his deceased brother, Benjamin. The estate was administered by nephew, Joseph K. Perkins [a son of Ephraim] (York Co. Probate, #14836 [DGS #2293774, image 539]).

²⁵¹ “Phillip Durrell and his Descendants” [note 20], NEHGR 133(1979):44, which gives her full dates of birth and death.

²⁵² “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):122.

²⁵³ “Philip¹ Durrell” [note 251], NEHGR 133(1979):43–44.

²⁵⁴ “Philip¹ Durrell” [note 251], NEHGR 133(1979):44.

²⁵⁵ See Isaac Emery family in Joseph C. Anderson II, *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 9* (Rockport, Maine, 2005), p. 151, which cites Isaac Emery's Bible.

²⁵⁶ Home Cemetery, Kennebunk Landing, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:897.

²⁵⁷ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):122.

²⁵⁸ Isaac Emery family, *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 9* [note 255], 151.

²⁵⁹ Home Cemetery, Kennebunk Landing, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:897.

²⁶⁰ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 50], 142.

- v LYDIA PERKINS, b. say 1762; m. Wells, 26 Feb. 1784, DAVID THOMPSON,²⁶¹ bp. Kennebunk, 8 May 1757, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Maddox) Thompson.²⁶² They had one daughter, Lydia, who married Isaac Littlefield of Kennebunk.²⁶³
- vi HANNAH PERKINS, b. say 1764; m. Arundel, 26 Feb. 1784, DUDLEY STONE,²⁶⁴ son of Jonathan and his 1st wife Hannah (Griffin) Stone.²⁶⁵ Both Dudley and Hannah were over age 45 in 1820.²⁶⁶
- vii ELIPHALET PERKINS, b. Arundel, 6 July 1765,²⁶⁷ d. Kennebunkport, 22 Aug. 1842, aged 77y;²⁶⁸ m. Arundel, 5 Oct. 1786, ELIZABETH/BETSEY STONE,²⁶⁹ b. Arundel, 22 May 1767, daughter of Jonathan and his 2nd wife Phebe (Downing) Stone,²⁷⁰ d. Kennebunkport, 26 Jan. 1848, aged 80y 8m, suddenly, of paralysis.²⁷¹
- Elizabeth's will of 26 June 1845 names her sons Eliphalet, Jott S., Orlando, Charles C., and Horatio N. Perkins, grandsons William F. Moody and Horatio P. Moody, and daughters Phebe Wadlin, Mary Langdon, Eliza Shannon, Lois Walker, and Augusta P. Towne.²⁷² On 16 May 1814, Eliphalet Perkins of Arundel, gentleman, for \$100 paid by Joseph Perkins, gentleman, sold him twenty-eight acres in Arundel, the land he was currently occupying, with wife Elizabeth relinquishing her right of dower.²⁷³ The next year, on 26 Jan. 1815, Eliphalet Perkins and thirty-five others petitioned the Mass. General Court to build a bridge over the Kennebunk River between Arundel and Wells.²⁷⁴

Children of Eliphalet and Elizabeth (Stone) Perkins:

- 1 *Phebe Perkins*, b. ca. 1787, d. Springfield, Mass., 8 April 1875, aged 88y 27d;²⁷⁵ m. Arundel, 15 March 1804, Capt. Israel Wadlin,²⁷⁶ b. ca. 1775, d. 12 May 1821, aged 46y.²⁷⁷
- 2 *Mary Perkins*, b. ca. 1788; m. Arundel, 14 March 1816, Jason N. Langdon.²⁷⁸

²⁶¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 50], 166, the same day as her sister Hannah.

²⁶² Jon R. Stone, transcr., "Vital Records of the Second Church of Wells (Kennebunk), Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 42(2020):18; his parents m. 20 Dec. 1751 (*ibid.*, p. 14).

²⁶³ Charles N. Sinnett, *Our Thompson Family* (Concord, N.H., 1907), 13–14.

²⁶⁴ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], *NEHGR* 108(1954):122, the same day as her sister Lydia's marriage.

²⁶⁵ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 277.

²⁶⁶ Dudley Stone household, 1820 U.S. Census, Arundel, York Co., Maine, p. 351.

²⁶⁷ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 277; "Horatio Nelson Perkins Necrology," *NEHGR* 38(1884):454.

²⁶⁸ *Portland Weekly Advertiser*, 30 Aug. 1842, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com], Eliphalet described as an "enterprising merchant and a man of the strictest integrity;" Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:988 [his year of death incorrectly transcribed as 1812].

²⁶⁹ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], *NEHGR* 108(1954):123.

²⁷⁰ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 277; "Horatio Nelson Perkins Necrology," *NEHGR* 38(1884):454.

²⁷¹ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:988; *Christian Mirror*, Portland, 3 Feb. 1848, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

²⁷² York Co. Probate Records, 61:251.

²⁷³ York Co. Deeds, 105:167.

²⁷⁴ *Weekly Visiter*, Kennebunk, 15 April 1815, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

²⁷⁵ Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, 274:367 [image, americanancestors.org].

²⁷⁶ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], *NEHGR* 108(1954):190.

²⁷⁷ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:992.

²⁷⁸ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822. p. 532 [DGS #7595726, image 329].

- 3 *Eliza Perkins*, b. [calc.] 5 Dec. 1790, d. Boston, 9 May 1877, aged 86y 5m 4d;²⁷⁹ m. Arundel, 9 Nov. 1812, Thomas W. Shannon of Saco.²⁸⁰
- 4 *son Perkins*, b. ca. 1792, d. of small pox at age 12, as reported 11 Sept. 1805.²⁸¹
- 5 *Sophia Perkins*, b. ca. 1793, d. Kennebunkport, 21 Aug. 1828, aged 35y;²⁸² m. Arundel, 19 June 1820, Silas Moody,²⁸³ b. ca. 1786, d. Kennebunkport, 22 Nov. 1843, aged 57y.²⁸⁴
- 6 *Lois Perkins*, b. ca. 1794, d. Kennebunkport, 6 Oct. 1868, aged 74y;²⁸⁵ m. Kennebunkport, 10 April 1821, Oliver Walker,²⁸⁶ b. ca. 1788, d. Kennebunkport, 20 April 1851, aged 63y.²⁸⁷
- 7 *Capt. Eliphalet Perkins*, b. [calc.] Oct. 1798, d. Kennebunkport, 20 April 1874, aged 75y 6m;²⁸⁸ m. (int.) Kennebunkport, 26 May 1827, Elizabeth P. Perkins of Kennebunkport,²⁸⁹ b. 1804, d. Kennebunkport, 14 Oct. 1885, aged 81y.²⁹⁰
- 8 *Jott S. Perkins*, b. 20 Nov. 1801,²⁹¹ d. Kennebunk, 21 Nov. 1871, aged 70y;²⁹² m. Kennebunk, 26 Oct. 1858, Mrs. Sarah C. (Lord) Barry,²⁹³ b. [calc.] 7 Aug. 1814, daughter of William and Sarah (Cleaves) Lord, d. Kennebunk, 23 May 1904, aged 89y 9m 16d.²⁹⁴
- 9 *Orlando Perkins*, b. ca. 1803, d. Kennebunkport, 9 Oct. 1866, aged 63y.²⁹⁵
- 10 *Charles Perkins*, b. 12 June 1806, d. Kennebunk, 9 Dec. 1894;²⁹⁶ m. (int.) Kennebunkport, 16 Sept. 1837, Eveline Gould,²⁹⁷ b. ca. 1809, d. Kennebunk, 25 June 1859 aged 50y.²⁹⁸

²⁷⁹ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 275], 294:92. The record names her parents as Eliphalet and Elizabeth Perkins of Kennebunkport.

²⁸⁰ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):192.

²⁸¹ *Freeman’s Friend*, Saco, 11 Sept. 1805, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]. The unnamed boy was the son of Eliphalet Perkins who died “at the Hospital.”

²⁸² Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:988.

²⁸³ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 524 [DGS #7595726, image 325].

²⁸⁴ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:988.

²⁸⁵ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:992.

²⁸⁶ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 13 [DGS #7595726, image 322]. The account in the *Kennebunk Weekly Visiter* (14 April 1821, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]) notes that Lois was the daughter of Eliphalet Perkins, Esq.

²⁸⁷ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:992.

²⁸⁸ Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:883; Kennebunkport VRs, Births & Deaths, 1822–92, p. 55 [DGS #7595726, image 425].

²⁸⁹ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 519 [DGS #7595726, image 464]. The only “stray” Elizabeth discovered was the Betsy Perkins, bp. Arundel, 4 Nov. 1798, daughter of Andrew and Eunice (Davis) Perkins, but Eliphalet’s wife seemed to be six years younger.

²⁹⁰ Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:883; Kennebunkport VRs, Births & Deaths, 1822–92, p. 77 [DGS #7595726, image 443].

²⁹¹ Kennebunk VRs, 1729–1892, p. 5 [DGS #7595725, image 13].

²⁹² Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:883.

²⁹³ Kennebunk VRs, 1729–1892, p. 71 [DGS #7595725, image 185].

²⁹⁴ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4703854, image 1127].

²⁹⁵ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:971.

²⁹⁶ Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:883.

²⁹⁷ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 42 [DGS #7595726, image 479].

²⁹⁸ Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:883.

11 *Horatio Nelson Perkins*, b. ca. 1807, d. Kennebunkport, 3 July 1883, aged 76y.²⁹⁹

12 *Augusta P. Perkins*, b. ca. 1810, d. Kennebunkport, 15 Oct. 1855, aged 45y;³⁰⁰ m. (int.) Kennebunkport, 13 May 1837, Robert Towne,³⁰¹ b. [calc.] Aug. 1794, d. Kennebunkport, 2 May 1867, aged 72y 9m.³⁰²

v LUCY PERKINS, b. say 1769 if age 20 at first marriage; m. (1) Arundel, 1 June 1789, ASA WOODWARD;³⁰³ m. (2) (int.) Arundel, 28 July 1797, BENJAMIN DAY 3rd of Wells.³⁰⁴

6 **ABNER⁵ PERKINS** (*Thomas⁴⁻¹*) was born say 1728, and died in Arundel, between 30 April 1802 and 17 June 1811, the dates his will was written and probated.³⁰⁵ He married in Arundel, say 1752, SARAH/SALLY ROBINSON,³⁰⁶ daughter of Samuel and Anna (Andrews) Robinson.³⁰⁷ She was probably deceased by 1802, when she was not mentioned in Abner's will.

On 18 October 1756, Abner Perkins of Arundel, for £26 paid by [his younger brother] Thomas Perkins 3rd, sold him a tract of land in Arundel on the north side of Long Creek where the gristmill stands and bounded by the Kennebunk River. Wife Sarah surrendered her right of dower.³⁰⁸ The will of Abner Perkins of Arundel, yeoman, names his sons Abner, Jacob, Daniel, Stephen, and Jotham, and daughters Anna Stone and Sarah Hill. Son Abner was to receive an acre of salt marsh, son Jacob was to receive the homestead, and all the others were to receive varying amounts of cash.

Children of Abner⁵ and Sarah (Robinson) Perkins, birth order uncertain:³⁰⁹

i DANIEL⁶ PERKINS, b. ca. 1754, d. Kennebunkport, 10 July 1843, aged 89y;³¹⁰ m. (1) Arundel, 4 Dec. 1777, HANNAH STONE;³¹¹ b. ca. 1757, daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Griffin) Stone,³¹² d. Kennebunkport, 6 April 1785, aged 28y.³¹³ Daniel m. (2)

²⁹⁹ Oak Street Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:971.

³⁰⁰ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:991.

³⁰¹ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 41 [DGS #7595726, image 478].

³⁰² Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:991.

³⁰³ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):123.

³⁰⁴ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 59 [DGS #7595726, image 351]; Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 50], 118.

³⁰⁵ York Co. Probate Records, 23:204.

³⁰⁶ Bradbury names Abner's wife as Sally Robinson (Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 270), but the family record for son Stephen names his parents as Abner and “Anna” Perkins (Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 561 [DGS #7595726, image 344]).

³⁰⁷ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 272.

³⁰⁸ York Co. Deeds, 32:273.

³⁰⁹ Bradbury names the children as: Daniel, m. Hannah Stone and Eunice Thompson; Abner, m. Mary Stone; Jotham, m. Olive Hill; Stephen, m. Alice Stone; Jacob, m. Elizabeth Hill; Anna, m. Benjamin Stone; and Sally, m. James P. Hill (Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 270).

³¹⁰ Daniel Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:974.

³¹¹ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):121.

³¹² Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 277.

³¹³ Daniel Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:974.

Arundel, 4 June 1786, EUNICE THOMPSON,³¹⁴ b. ca. 1762, daughter of Benjamin and Eunice (Lord) Thompson,³¹⁵ d. Kennebunkport, 11 Oct. 1837, aged 75y.³¹⁶

On 15 Aug. 1779, Daniel and Hannah Perkins renewed the covenant at the Arundel church,³¹⁷ and Eunice, wife of Daniel Perkins, did the same, 30 Aug. 1789.³¹⁸

Children of Daniel and Hannah (Stone) Perkins:

- 1 *Sarah Perkins*, b. ca. 1778, d. Kennebunk, 5 Dec. 1847, aged 69y;³¹⁹ m. Arundel, 20 June 1799, Jesse Towne,³²⁰ b. Arundel, 5 March 1777, son of Amos and Jane (Smith) Towne,³²¹ d. Kennebunkport, 25 Dec. 1853, aged 76y 9m.³²²
- 2 *Daniel Perkins*, bp. Arundel, 17 June 1781,³²³ d. Kennebunkport, Feb. 1864, aged 83y 8m;³²⁴ m. Arundel, 22 Dec. 1804, Mary Dorman,³²⁵ b. ca. 1781, d. Kennebunkport, March 1873, aged 92y 2m 9d.³²⁶

Children of Daniel and Eunice (Thompson) Perkins, all bp. Arundel:³²⁷

- 3 *Isaac Perkins*, b. ca. 1787, bp. 17 Oct. 1790, d. Kennebunkport, 27 Jan. 1859, aged 72y;³²⁸ m. (int.) Kennebunkport, 18 April 1818, Hannah Deshon of Biddeford.³²⁹
- 4 *Hannah Perkins*, b. ca. 1790, bp. 17 Oct. 1790, d. Kennebunkport, 28 Jan. 1845, aged 55y.³³⁰
- 5 *Jacob Perkins*, bp. 13 July 1794.
- 6 *Mary/Molly Perkins*, b. [calc.] Feb. 1796, bp. 14 Aug. 1796, d. Kennebunkport, 5 April 1881, aged 85y 2m;³³¹ m. (int.) Kennebunkport, 22 Sept. 1821, Jotham Deering.³³²
- 7 *Benjamin Perkins*, bp. 6 Oct. 1799, d. Kennebunkport, 24 May 1875, aged 75y 18d;³³³ m. (int.) Kennebunkport, 9 June 1832, Mary Robinson,³³⁴ b. ca. 1807, d. Kennebunkport, 20 Aug. 1884, aged 77y.³³⁵

³¹⁴ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):123.

³¹⁵ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 279.

³¹⁶ Daniel Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:974.

³¹⁷ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):273.

³¹⁸ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):274.

³¹⁹ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:991.

³²⁰ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):189.

³²¹ Walter Goodwin Davis, *Ancestry of Lt. Amos Towne of Arundel (Portland, Maine, 1927)*:14.

³²² Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:991.

³²³ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):200.

³²⁴ Arundel Cemetery, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #163499281.

³²⁵ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):191.

³²⁶ Arundel Cemetery, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #163499259.

³²⁷ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):272, 272; 108(1954):54, 56, 57.

³²⁸ Daniel Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:974.

³²⁹ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 530 [DGS #7595726, image 328].

³³⁰ Daniel Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:974.

³³¹ Kennebunkport VRs, Births & Deaths, 1822–92, p. 68 [DGS #7595726, image 439].

³³² Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 517 [DGS #7595726, image 321].

³³³ Arundel Cemetery, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #72685164.

³³⁴ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 26 [DGS #7595726, image 471].

³³⁵ Arundel Cemetery, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #72685281.

8 *Eunice Perkins*, bp. 19 Sept. 1802, d. Biddeford, 20 March 1831;³³⁶ m. (int.) Kennebunkport, 25 July 1824, as his 2nd wife, Nahum Smith of Biddeford,³³⁷ d. Biddeford, 26 Oct. 1830.³³⁸

- ii ABNER PERKINS Jr., b. ca. 1756, d. Kennebunkport, aged 67y, shortly before 4 Nov. 1823 when a notice appeared in a Portland newspaper;³³⁹ m. Arundel, 5 March 1789, MARY STONE,³⁴⁰ b. ca. 1760, daughter of Israel and Sarah (Perkins) Stone,³⁴¹ d. shortly before 11 Dec. 1832, aged 72y, when her death was noted in a Portland newspaper.³⁴²

Mary Perkins was named in the 1808 administration of the estate of her mother, Sarah (Perkins) Stone, as cited above. On 31 Dec. 1830, Mary Perkins of Kennebunkport, widow, for \$300, sold to [her son] Thomas S. Perkins the homestead farm of her late husband, Abner Perkins.³⁴³

Child of Abner Jr. and Mary (Stone) Perkins, possibly others:³⁴⁴

- 1 *Thomas S. Perkins*, b. ca. 1796, d. before 7 Feb. 1853 when his will was in probate;³⁴⁵ m. (1) Kennebunkport, 14 Jan. 1827, Abigail B. Beech.³⁴⁶ On 20 June 1839 Thomas S. posted notice in the *Maine Democrat* that his wife Abigail had left his bed and board, without provocation.³⁴⁷ Thomas m. (2) (cert.) Kennebunkport, 26 Dec. 1843, Mary Runnells,³⁴⁸ but he may not have married her.

On 1 Jan 1831, Thomas S. Perkins, mariner, mortgaged his father's homestead to John G. Perkins, guardian to children Thatcher G. and Susan E. Perkins, with wife Abigail B. relinquishing her dower.³⁴⁹ Eighteen years later, on 20 July 1849, Susan E. Perkins foreclosed on this mortgage, which involved the "homestead farm of his, the said Thomas's late father, Abner Perkins, deceased."³⁵⁰ In 1850 Thomas, aged 54, and Mary, aged 36, were living in Kennebunkport with three young children: Thomas, aged 4; Frances, aged 2; and Susan, aged 1.³⁵¹

Thomas's will, which he wrote the following year, 9 July 1851, is curiously worded. The will names his son Edward B. Perkins, to whom he left one-fifth part of his estate as well as his farm utensils.³⁵² The will also names "Mary

³³⁶ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 222.

³³⁷ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 2 [DGS #7595726, image 459]. The intentions in both towns indicate that Eunice was from Kennebunkport (*Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 293).

³³⁸ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 222, Nahum's eldest son was named Daniel Perkins Smith (*ibid.*, 272).

³³⁹ *Weekly Eastern Argus*, Portland, 4 Nov. 1823, p. 2 [image, genealogybank.com].

³⁴⁰ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):123.

³⁴¹ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 277.

³⁴² *Weekly Eastern Argus*, Portland, 11 Dec. 1832, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

³⁴³ York Co. Deeds, 138:173.

³⁴⁴ In 1800 Abner's household included 2 boys and 2 girls under 10 (1800 U.S. Census, Arundel, York Co., Maine, p. 685).

³⁴⁵ York Co. Probate, #14984 [DGS #2294162, images 1378–79].

³⁴⁶ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 12 [DGS #7595726, image 462].

³⁴⁷ *Maine Democrat*, Saco, 20 June 1839, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

³⁴⁸ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 57 [DGS #7595726, image 486].

³⁴⁹ York Co. Deeds, 138:173–74.

³⁵⁰ *Maine Democrat*, Saco, 14 Aug. 1849, p. 4 [image, genealogybank.com].

³⁵¹ Thomas Perkins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 248.

³⁵² Edward B. Perkins, son of Thomas S. Perkins, d. Hollis, 23 Nov. 1851, age 23y (*Maine Democrat*, Saco, 30 Dec. 1851, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]).

Runnells of Hollis who has heretofore lived in my family” to whom he left one-third of the estate, the remainder to her four children Thomas I. Perkins, Frances A. Perkins, Susan Perkins, and her infant daughter yet unnamed.

- iii ANNA PERKINS, b. ca. 1761, d. Kennebunkport, 16 Nov. 1820, aged 59y;³⁵³ m. Arundel, 22 Oct. 1787, BENJAMIN STONE,³⁵⁴ b. 26 Nov. 1759, son of Jonathan and Phebe (Downing) Stone,³⁵⁵ d. Kennebunkport, 28 Sept. 1826, aged 67y.³⁵⁶ Benjamin m. (2) Kennebunkport, 22 July 1822, Sarah Patten.³⁵⁷ Benjamin’s will of 15 Sept. 1826 names: wife Sarah; three oldest children Abner, Phebe, and Jonathan, and other children Sally, Anna, Lois, Mary, Sophia, and Benjamin.³⁵⁸
- iv JOTHAM PERKINS, born say 1763 if two years younger than his sister Anna, d. Biddeford, 17 Sept. 1819 of consumption;³⁵⁹ m. (int.) Biddeford, 7 April 1788, OLIVE HILL of Biddeford,³⁶⁰ bp. Biddeford, 24 June 1764, daughter of James Plaisted and Abigail (Furber) Hill (and sister of James Plaisted Hill and Elizabeth Hill who m. Jotham’s siblings Sally and Jacob).³⁶¹

In 1820 Olive Perkins was head of a Biddeford household which included: a boy aged 16–18 [Israel]; three males aged 16–25 [Oliver, James P., and Jotham?]; a female aged 16–25 [Sarah or Olive]; and a woman over 45 [Olive].³⁶² On 5 Dec. 1826, Olive [mother] and five children [Abigail Smith, Olive Perkins, Sarah Perkins, Oliver Perkins, and Israel Perkins] gave their consent to the appointment of Amos G. Goodwin as administrator of the estate of James P. Perkins.³⁶³

Children of Jotham and Olive (Hill) Perkins, b. Biddeford:³⁶⁴

- 1 *Jotham Perkins*, b. 22 July 1791, possibly still a member of the household in 1820, but not listed among the brothers of James P. in 1826.
- 2 *Abigail Perkins*, b. 9 Nov. 1793, m. (1) (int.) Biddeford, 26 April 1817, Israel Lassell.³⁶⁵ Mrs. Abigail Lassell m. (2) (int.) Biddeford, 14 June 1821, James Smith.³⁶⁶
- 3 *James Plaisted Perkins*, b. 6 Jan. 1797, lost at sea, 26 Aug. 1826.³⁶⁷

³⁵³ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:990.

³⁵⁴ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):123.

³⁵⁵ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 277.

³⁵⁶ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:990.

³⁵⁷ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 519 [DGS #7595726, image 322].

³⁵⁸ York Co. Probate Records, 37:366–67.

³⁵⁹ Samuel Merrill Diary, p. 81, McArthur Library and Special Collections, Biddeford [online at biddefordhistory.com].

³⁶⁰ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 123. Jotham is called “of Arundel.”

³⁶¹ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 82; “Phillip Durrell and his Descendants” [note 20], NEHGR 133 (1979):40.

³⁶² Olive Perkins household, 1820 U.S. Census, Biddeford, York Co., Maine, p. 370.

³⁶³ York Co. Probate, #14895 [DGS #7315189, image 1528]. The estate was insolvent. Among the major creditors, of whom there were many, were brothers Oliver and Israel Perkins.

³⁶⁴ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 185, 186.

³⁶⁵ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 281.

³⁶⁶ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 287.

³⁶⁷ “The *Gov. Parris* of Saco arrived in the port of New York 10 Sept. 1826 from Grenada, her late commander, Capt. James P. Perkins of Saco fell overboard on the night of 26th ult., and was drowned. The boat was immediately got out, but it being very dark and squally, she filled, and rendered

- 4 Olive Perkins, b. 25 June 1801, d. Biddeford, 28 Sept. 1883, aged 81y,³⁶⁸ m. Biddeford, 11 Dec. 1829, James Pike of Biddeford.³⁶⁹
 - 5 Oliver Perkins,³⁷⁰ b. ca. 1801,³⁷¹ and poss. a twin of Olive, d. Biddeford, 28 July 1870;³⁷² m. (int.) Biddeford, 30 Oct. 1820, Sally Pike of Biddeford.³⁷³
 - 6 Israel Perkins, b. 4 Oct. 1803; m. (1) Kennebunkport, 16 Dec. 1830, his cousin, Abigail Perkins of Kennebunkport,³⁷⁴ b. ca. 1804, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hill) Perkins, d. Biddeford, 25 April 1836, aged 32y,³⁷⁵ m. (2) (int.) Biddeford, 28 April 1837, Abigail's sister, Elizabeth Perkins.³⁷⁶
 - 7 Sarah/Sally Perkins, b. 25 Nov. 1805, d. Fryeburg, 29 July 1871, aged 65y 8m,³⁷⁷ m. (int.) Biddeford, 10 Nov. 1832, Samuel Swan of Fryeburg.³⁷⁸
- v STEPHEN PERKINS, b. Arundel, 26 July 1765,³⁷⁹ d. Kennebunkport, 31 Aug. 1833, aged 68y,³⁸⁰ m Arundel, 22 April 1790, ALICE STONE,³⁸¹ b. Arundel, 29 June 1769, daughter of Jonathan and Phebe (Downing) Stone,³⁸² d. Kennebunkport, 14 Jan. 1850, aged 80y 6m.³⁸³ Stephen and Alice Perkins renewed the covenant at the Arundel Church, 12 February 1792.³⁸⁴ On 28 Aug. 1819, Stephen offered a \$20 reward for the return of his runaway apprentice, William Perkins.³⁸⁵

the exertions of the crew to save him to no effect. Capt. P. had a large Newfoundland dog, which jumped overboard to save his master and was lost with him" (*Eastern Argus*, Portland, 15 Sept. 1826, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]). Earlier in the same year, on 1 Feb. 1826, Capt. James P. Perkins and a crew of five, badly frozen, had been rescued from the schooner *Syrene* of Biddeford in sinking condition and taken to Norfolk (*Portland Advertiser*, 21 Feb. 1826, p. 2 [image, genealogybank.com]).

³⁶⁸ Woodlawn Cemetery, Biddeford, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #16691685.

³⁶⁹ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 308.

³⁷⁰ Oliver is not included in the family record, at least as transcribed, but he is listed as a "brother" in the probate record of his brother James P. He was possibly a twin of Olive.

³⁷¹ In 1850 Oliver, aged 49, a shipmaster, and wife Sally, aged 45, were living in Biddeford (1850 U.S. Census, Biddeford, York Co., Maine, p. 126). Oliver was 59 in 1860, and 68 in 1870. Upon the death of Capt. James P. Perkins, Oliver was listed as a creditor and also purchased some of his land at public auction (York Co. Deeds, 130:211).

³⁷² Biddeford Deaths, 1855–92, p. 101 [DGS #7595319, image 338].

³⁷³ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 306.

³⁷⁴ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 309.

³⁷⁵ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 227; *Weekly Eastern Argus*, Portland, 24 May 1836, p. 4 [image, genealogybank.com].

³⁷⁶ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 325.

³⁷⁷ Pine Grove Cemetery, Fryeburg, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #52707900.

³⁷⁸ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 313.

³⁷⁹ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 561 [DGS #7595726, image 344]. This is a family record which includes birth dates for Stephen and wife Alice, names the parents of each, and lists ten children with birth dates for seven.

³⁸⁰ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:899.

³⁸¹ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 578 [DGS #7595726, image 354].

³⁸² Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 277.

³⁸³ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:899.

³⁸⁴ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):274.

³⁸⁵ *Weekly Visitor*, Kennebunk, 4 Sept. 1819, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

Children of Stephen and Alice (Stone) Perkins, all bp. Arundel:³⁸⁶

- 1 *William Perkins*, b. 15 July 1791, bp. 18 March 1792, d. Kennebunkport, 26 Feb. 1818, aged 27y;³⁸⁷ m. Arundel, 8 June 1817, Mehitable S. Lord,³⁸⁸ b. ca. 1798, d. Kennebunkport, 29 Jan. 1818, aged 20y.³⁸⁹
- 2 *Anna/Ann Perkins*, b. 8 April 1793, bp. 25 Aug. 1793, d. 8 Oct. 1851, aged 58y;³⁹⁰ m. (1) Kennebunkport, [no day] July 1826, Capt. James A. Piper,³⁹¹ who d. 11 July 1834;³⁹² m. (2) (cert.) Kennebunkport, 9 Dec. 1843, Oliver Davis.³⁹³ In 1850 Oliver Davis, a blockmaker, and Anna were living in Kennebunkport in a household that included both Davis and Piper children.³⁹⁴
- 3 *Ivory Perkins*, b. 30 March 1795, bp. 5 April 1795.
- 4 *Alice Perkins*, b. 8 Jan. 1797, bp. 17 Sept. 1797, d. N.Y., 2 Jan. 1899, aged 102y 11m 26d, to be bur. in Salem, Mass.;³⁹⁵ m. (int.) Saco, 1 May 1825, Nathaniel Snow of Saco.³⁹⁶
- 5 *Stephen Perkins*, b. 27 Sept. 1798, bp. 30 Sept. 1798, d. Kennebunkport, 20 May 1855, aged 56y;³⁹⁷ m. Miranda/Marinda (Fairfield) Stone, b. [calc.] Nov. 1800, d. Kennebunkport, 27 June 1878, aged 77y 7m.³⁹⁸
- 6 *Jonathan Perkins*, b. 11 April 1800, bp. 4 May 1800; likely a mariner.³⁹⁹

³⁸⁶ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):272, 272; 108(1954):54, 55, 55, 56, 58, 58, 59, 60.

³⁸⁷ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:988. The local newspaper reported that William, aged 27, a merchant, died Thursday last, the funeral to be held at the home of widow Phebe Lord (*Weekly Visiter*, Kennebunk, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]).

³⁸⁸ Kennebunkport VRs, 1678–1822, p. 524 [DGS #7595726, image 325].

³⁸⁹ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:988. According to the *Portland Gazette*, Mrs. Mehitable, consort of Mr. William Perkins of Arundel, died Thursday last, aged 18 years (3 Feb. 1818, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]).

³⁹⁰ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, photo, findagrave.com #76709784.

³⁹¹ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 11 [DGS #7595726, image 520]. The matrimony notice in the *Portland Gazette* (8 Aug. 1826, p. 2 [image genealogybank.com]) names Ann as the daughter of Stephen Perkins Esq. of Kennebunkport. Bradbury notes that James Piper was a shipmaster who came from Newfield about 1818 and died at sea (Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 271).

³⁹² James A. Piper estate, York Co. Probate, #15274 [DGS #7315194, images 331–40]. Ann’s brother Stephen was granted administration of the estate, with brothers Silas and Clement giving bond. There is no mention of Ann.

³⁹³ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 59 [DGS #7595726, image 487].

³⁹⁴ Oliver Davis household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 138.

³⁹⁵ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 275], 492:627. The record gives her place of birth as Kennebunkport, Maine and names her father as Stephen Perkins.

³⁹⁶ *Records of the Town of Pepperellborough, Now the City of Saco, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1998), 62, the record noting the bride was from Kennebunkport. The *Portland Advertiser* notice (21 June 1825, p. 2 [image, genealogybank.com]) names Alice as the daughter of Stephen Perkins.

³⁹⁷ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:989.

³⁹⁸ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:990. Her inscription calls her Miranda Perkins, widow of Stephen Perkins and Adam Stone.

³⁹⁹ He was possibly the same Jonathan Perkins, aged 32, of Kennebunk, who entered the Port of N.Y., 8 Aug. 1834 (N.Y. Passenger Lists, 1820–1891 [image, familysearch.org]).

- 7 *Silas Perkins*, b. 16 Feb. 1802, bp. 8 Sept. 1802, d. Kennebunkport, 15 Feb. 1883, aged 80y;⁴⁰⁰ m. Kennebunkport, 21 Dec. 1833, Eliza A. Foss,⁴⁰¹ b. ca. 1804, d. Kennebunkport, 10 April 1862, aged 58y.⁴⁰²
- 8 *Phebe Perkins*, bp. 26 Sept. 1805, d. Kennebunkport, 26 Sept. 1882, aged 77y 9m;⁴⁰³ m. Kennebunkport, 10 Nov. 1833, Eli Seavey,⁴⁰⁴ b. [calc.] Feb. 1808, d. 18 Sept. 1884, aged 76y 7m.⁴⁰⁵
- 9 *Clement T. Perkins*,⁴⁰⁶ bp. 9 July 1807, d. Kennebunkport, 4 March 1884, aged 77y;⁴⁰⁷ m. (cert.) Kennebunkport, 10 March 1838, Lucinda (Fairfield) Emery,⁴⁰⁸ b. 1802, d. 31 Dec. 1887, aged 85y.⁴⁰⁹
- 10 *Abner Perkins*, b. ca. 1810, bp. 22 Oct. 1812; m. ca. 1845, Asenath Merrill,⁴¹⁰ b. ca. 1812, bp. Arundel, 1 Sept. 1814, daughter of Benjamin and Phebe Merrill.⁴¹¹
- vi SARAH/SALLY PERKINS, b. 1768, d. Biddeford 26 Sept. 1856, aged 88y;⁴¹² m. Arundel, 14 Dec. 1799, JAMES PLAISTED HILL,⁴¹³ bp. Biddeford, 9 Oct. 1773, son of James Plaisted and Abigail (Furber) Hill (and brother of Olive and Elizabeth Hill who m. Sally's brothers Jotham and Jacob, respectively),⁴¹⁴ d. Biddeford, 15 Feb. 1816.⁴¹⁵ The births of five children are recorded in Biddeford.⁴¹⁶

⁴⁰⁰ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:899.

⁴⁰¹ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 31 [DGS #7595726, image 473].

⁴⁰² Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:899.

⁴⁰³ Springer Hill Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:980.

⁴⁰⁴ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 21 [DGS #7595726, image 525].

⁴⁰⁵ Springer Hill Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:980.

⁴⁰⁶ Clement Perkins, aged 42, and his companion Thomas H. Cleaves were in an open boat about a mile and half from Kennebunk point in August 1850 when they observed a sea serpent, about eighty feet in length, his head resembling a West India Lizard (*Portland Daily Advertiser*, 20 Aug. 1850, p. 2 [image, genealogybank.com]).

⁴⁰⁷ Kennebunkport VRs, Births & Deaths, 1822–92, p. 72 [DGS #7595726, image 443].

⁴⁰⁸ Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 44 [DGS #7595726, image 480].

⁴⁰⁹ Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:871. Lucinda Fairfield had m. (1) Kennebunkport, 2 Aug. 1823, Isaac Emery (Kennebunkport VRs, Marriages & Intentions, 1817–70, p. 9 [DGS #7595726, image 519]).

⁴¹⁰ The 13 Feb. 1924 Woodland, Ill., death record of Mehitable Lord Horton, aged 72y 9m 28d, names her parents as Abner Perkins and Asenath Merrill, both b. Maine (Ill. Deaths, 1916–1947 [database, familysearch.org]). In 1850 Abner, aged 40, a teacher, and wife “Asena,” aged 38, both b. Maine, were living in Rockbridge Co., Va., with their two sons, Ivory T., aged 4, and Rowland, aged 1 (1850 U.S. Census, 51st District, Rockbridge Co., Va., p. 377). In 1870 Abner, aged 60, a farmer, and wife “Cynthia,” aged 59, were living in Woodland, Ill., their household including son Thatcher, aged 23, b. Va., and Mitta [Mehitable], aged 18, b. Va. (1870 U.S. Census, Woodland, Fulton Co., Ill., p. 315).

⁴¹¹ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):60, bp. along with her sister Phebe.

⁴¹² Biddeford Deaths, 1855–92, p. 39 [DGS #7595319, image 305]; Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #128468293.

⁴¹³ “Church of Christ in Arundel” [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):189.

⁴¹⁴ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 98.

⁴¹⁵ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 219; Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #128468046.

⁴¹⁶ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 186, 159, 254.

- vii Capt. JACOB PERKINS, bp. Arundel, 12 May 1771,⁴¹⁷ lost at sea, 4 March 1815, aged 44 years;⁴¹⁸ m. ca. 1798, ELIZABETH HILL,⁴¹⁹ b. Biddeford, ca. 1775, bp. Biddeford, 4 Feb. 1776, daughter of James Plaisted and Abigail (Furber) Hill⁴²⁰ (and the sister of Olive and James Plaisted Hill who married Jacob's siblings Jotham and Sally Perkins), d. Kennebunkport, 3 Nov. 1847, aged 72y.⁴²¹

Six months following Jacob's death, Elizabeth had seven children—Abner, Sarah, Abigail, Jacob, Elizabeth, Anna, and Plaisted Hill—baptized at the church in Arundel.⁴²² On 14 Dec. 1832, Sarah, Abigail, Jacob, Elizabeth, Anna, and Plaisted Hill Perkins, all of Kennebunkport, for \$25 each, quitclaimed to their brother Abner all their interest in the real and personal estate of their father, Jacob Perkins, late of Kennebunkport, mariner.⁴²³

Children of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hill) Perkins:

- 1 *Abner Perkins*, b. ca. 1799, d. Kennebunk, 20 March 1878, aged 79y;⁴²⁴ m. (int.) Biddeford, 4 Jan. 1834, Deborah Hill,⁴²⁵ b. [calc.] 11 Nov. 1809, daughter of Samuel and Temperance (Pickering) Hill, d. Kennebunkport, 3 May 1898, aged 88y 5m 22d.⁴²⁶
- 2 *Sarah Perkins*, b. ca. 1802, d. Kennebunkport, 11 Jan. 1864, aged 62y.⁴²⁷
- 3 *Abigail Perkins*, b. say 1805, d. Biddeford, 25 April 1836;⁴²⁸ m. Kennebunkport, 16 Dec. 1830, her cousin, Israel Perkins of Biddeford,⁴²⁹ son of Jotham and Olive (Hill) Perkins.
- 4 *Jacob Perkins*, b. ca. 1807, d. at sea in the West Indies before 19 Jan. 1855 when a notice appeared in a local newspaper;⁴³⁰ m. Biddeford, 4 Nov. 1848, Diana/Dinah Seavey,⁴³¹ b. Saco, 5 Oct. 1820, daughter of Rufus and Eleanor (Edgecomb) Seavey,⁴³² d. Old Orchard, 12 June 1907, aged 86y 8m 2d.⁴³³
- 5 *Elizabeth Perkins*, b. ca. 1807; m. (int.) Biddeford, 28 April 1837, her sister Abigail's widower, Israel Perkins.⁴³⁴

⁴¹⁷ "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 107(1953):195.

⁴¹⁸ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:989.

⁴¹⁹ Bradbury, *Hist. of Kennebunk Port* [note 1], 270.

⁴²⁰ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 100.

⁴²¹ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:989.

⁴²² "Church of Christ in Arundel" [note 33], NEHGR 108(1954):60.

⁴²³ York Co. Deeds, 341:482.

⁴²⁴ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:989.

⁴²⁵ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 316.

⁴²⁶ Maine VRs, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4703854, image 315]; Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:989.

⁴²⁷ Village Cemetery, Kennebunkport, *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 39], 2:989.

⁴²⁸ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 227.

⁴²⁹ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 309. Israel m. (2) (int.) Biddeford, 28 April 1837, Abigail's sister, Elizabeth Perkins of Kennebunkport (ibid., 325).

⁴³⁰ *Union and Journal*, Biddeford, 19 Jan. 1855, p. 3, accessed at McArthur Library and Special Collections, biddefordhistory.com.

⁴³¹ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 414.

⁴³² *Pepperellborough and Saco VRs* [note 396], 110.

⁴³³ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, familysearch.org [DGS #4703854, image 1494].

⁴³⁴ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 325.

- 6 *Anna Perkins*, b. [calc.] 29 April 1811, d. Boxborough, Mass., 6 May 1891, aged 80y 2m 7d;⁴³⁵ m. Biddeford, 12 Feb. 1851, Daniel Cobleigh of Boxborough,⁴³⁶ b. ca. 1801, d. Boxborough, 15 Aug. 1857, aged 56y.⁴³⁷
- 7 *Plaisted Hill Perkins*, b. 13 June 1813, d. Boston, 9 Jan. 1892, aged 78y;⁴³⁸ m. (1) Anna N. Bates who d. 21 Nov. 1848;⁴³⁹ m. (2) Littleton, Mass., 29 April 1851, Martha Kimball;⁴⁴⁰ m. (3) Littleton, Mass., 5 Dec. 1854, Caroline A. Harwood.⁴⁴¹

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⁴³⁵ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 275], 419:89. The record notes she was b. in Kennebunkport, daughter of Jacob Perkins and Elizabeth H. Perkins, her father b. Kennebunkport, and her mother b. Biddeford.

⁴³⁶ *Biddeford VRs* [note 3], 263.

⁴³⁷ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 275], 112:61.

⁴³⁸ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 275], 429:19, the record gives his place of birth as Kennebunkport, and names his parents as Jacob Perkins and Elizabeth Hill. His birth date from his gravestone in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, photo, findagrave.com #160984228.

⁴³⁹ The 22 Sept. 1885 Brookline, Mass., marriage record of Frank Perkins to Alma MacAllister names the groom's parents as Plaisted Perkins and Ann N. Bates (Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 275], 362:280); Thomas W. Baldwin, comp., *Vital Records of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1914–15), 2:693, citing gravestone, Mount Auburn Cemetery.

⁴⁴⁰ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 275], 55:86.

⁴⁴¹ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 275], 79:86a.

MARY ANN (PETTENGILL) BRIGGS AND THE BERWICK SPONGE CAKE

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Many Maine anthologies tell the tale of the legendary Berwick Sponge Cake. The story goes that in 1845 William C. Briggs, an employee of the Boston and Maine Railroad, had the misfortune to lose his leg in a railway accident. The company being at least in part responsible, Briggs threatened a lawsuit. The B&M made several compensatory offers, all of which were rejected. At last, Briggs proposed that if the company were to build him a restaurant at the station in North Berwick, and agree to stop every train which passed for five minutes, then the lawsuit would be dropped. The company agreed.

This was before the days of dining cars, and travelers were dependent on station lunches and “train boys” for their meals. Mrs. Briggs [*her* name is never noted in the various accounts] was locally famous for her excellent cooking and the restaurant soon prospered. Things were already looking up for the Briggs family when the “fertile brain” of Mrs. Briggs devised a new sponge cake—lighter, sweeter, and more golden yellow than ever before. The travelling public were “simply enraptured.” The cake’s fame spread far and wide, and found thousands of purchasers. Everyone passing through North Berwick bought sponge cake, either an immense loaf in a huge wooden box or a tiny square for ten cents. Cakes were also ordered in large quantities for restaurants and hotels and shipped to private parties in East Coast cities. It is said that Charles Dickens once stopped off to obtain some of the cake for a young friend who was accompanying him, Katie Smith, later Kate Douglas Wiggin, the author of *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*.

The Briggs family prospered, and great sums were offered to them for the secret recipe, but they refused to reveal it. Every batch was baked by Mrs. Briggs herself and no one was allowed to watch her at work. Nothing concerning either her ingredients or her method ever leaked, other than that she beat her eggs in a churn.

The various accounts note that Mr. Briggs managed the restaurant for twenty years, and sold “many a toothsome delicacy.” At length he became so rich that he disposed of the business and retired to private life in Newburyport. All the accounts conclude by noting that Mr. Briggs lost all his new found wealth by speculating, and that he died a poor man.¹

Who was “Mrs. Briggs?” What became of the family? How much of this story is true, or rather, how much can be documented?

No members of the Briggs family appear in the Berwick vital records, and other records best outline the tale. In 1850, five years after the railroad accident, the

¹ *Comfort: The Key to Happiness and Success in Over a Million Homes* 12(1899):10; *Domestic Science Monthly* 1(1900):n.p.; Louise Dickinson Rich, *The Coast of Maine* (New York, 1956), 128–29; Federal Writer’s Project, *The WPA Guide to Maine: The Pine Tree State* (Hartford, 2013), n.p.

William C. Briggs household was enumerated in North Berwick. Here we learn that the sponge-cake baker was Mary Ann Briggs. The large household included her husband, William C. Briggs, aged 36, born in Massachusetts, occupation “restorator,” herself, 36, also born in Massachusetts, daughters Josephine and Mary, 7 and 5, both born in Massachusetts, and six others, possibly restaurant employees.² In 1860, however, the family was enumerated in Newburyport. William C., aged 47, now a farmer, had real estate valued at a princely \$15,000. Mary Ann’s household now included three children: Josephine, 17, born in Rhode Island, Mary, 15, born in Maine, and son William, 6, also born in Maine. Mary Ann’s mother, Mary Pettengill, 72, was also a member of the household.³

The Briggs family may have split their time between Berwick and Newburyport. In 1860 William C. Briggs of Newburyport was initiated as a Mason.⁴ Yet William C. Briggs, the owner of an “Eating House,” was taxed annually in North Berwick well into the 1860s.⁵

William died in North Berwick on 14 October 1867.⁶ On 5 November 1867, Mary A. Briggs as principal and Charles W. Greenleaf, Haven A. Butler, and John Hall, all of North Berwick, were bound for \$5000 for the estate of William C. Briggs, late of North Berwick; Mary Ann was appointed administratrix.⁷ The inventory included a lot of land in North Berwick at the Rail Road Depot with buildings thereon, consisting of a “Refreshing Room,” dwelling house, and outbuildings.⁸

Yet the story of the Berwick sponge cake does not end with William’s death. In 1870 Mary Ann, her age given as 50 [she was actually 56], was still operating the restaurant. Her 1870 household included her 81-year-old mother, Mary Pettengill, daughter Josephine, 27, born in Rhode Island, son Willie, 16, born in Maine, and six members of the Hatch family: Henry, aged 70, a restaurant worker; Mary Hatch, 75; Josephine Hatch, 5; Sarah Hatch, 19, a waitress in the restaurant; and Edith Hatch, 2.⁹ It seems that William C. Briggs did manage the restaurant for over twenty years, but the establishment was able to continue without him. In 1870 at least, the restaurant was managed by Mary Ann Briggs. As the *Domestic Science Monthly* notes, William C. Briggs should by no means stand as the sponge cake hero.¹⁰

² William C. Briggs household, 1850 U.S. Census, North Berwick, York Co., Maine, pp. 351. Other members of the household included Sarah and Elizabeth Towle, aged 30 and 22, both b. Mass., Jane Hatch, 22, b. Maine, Lucinda Bragdon, 25, b. Maine, Olive Boston, 17, b. Maine, and Charles Greenleaf, 18, a clerk, b. Mass., and likely a relative of Mary Ann’s, whose mother was born Mary Greenleaf.

³ William C. Briggs household, 1860 U.S. Census, Newburyport, Essex Co., Mass., p. 122.

⁴ Massachusetts, Mason Membership Cards, 1733–1990 [images, ancestry.com].

⁵ U.S. IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862–1918 [images, ancestry.com].

⁶ York Co. Probate Records, #1909 [DGS #7315266, image 527].

⁷ York Co. Probate Records, #1909 [DGS #7315266, image 533].

⁸ York Co. Probate, 106:765 [DGS #7602687, image 429].

⁹ Mary Briggs household, 1870 U.S. Census, North Berwick, York Co., Maine, p. 491.

¹⁰ *Domestic Science Monthly*, 1(1900):n.p.

As far as the anecdote involving Charles Dickens is concerned, Kate Douglas Wiggin later wrote an account of her 1868 encounter with the famous author, entitled *A Child's Journey with Dickens*. Yes, the eleven-year-old Hollis, Maine, resident was so bold as to introduce herself to Dickens and speak to her favorite author at length on a train ride from Portland to Boston. But she first observed “the Adored One” on the platform in North Berwick: “His hands were plunged deep in his pockets (a favorite gesture), but presently one was removed to wave away laughingly a piece of the famous Berwick sponge cake, offered him by Mr. Osgood of Boston, his traveling companion and friend.”¹¹ So it does not appear that Mr. Dickens obtained a piece of sponge cake for his young acquaintance, whom he had yet to meet.

By 1880, at age 66, Mary Ann Briggs had again moved to Massachusetts, this time to Malden. Her household included all three of her children as well as a son-in-law and four grandchildren. Unmarried daughter Josephine, 37, was a milliner. Son William C., 27, was a clerk at the railroad station. Daughter Mary, 35, had married William H. H. Hatch, 39, who also worked at the Railroad Station.¹² Mary Ann died in Malden in 1898 at the age of 84, having survived her husband by over thirty years.

Still the question remains: Was the secret recipe for Mary Ann's Berwick Sponge Cake ever revealed? An internet search yielded a dozen recipes, including the so-called “original recipe” which concludes the article. None, however, call for beating the eggs in a churn.

THE BRIGGS FAMILY

MARY ANN PETTINGILL was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, [calc.] April 1814, daughter of Moses and Mary (Greenleaf) Pettengill. She died in Malden, Massachusetts, 29 November 1898, aged 84 years, 7 months.¹³ Her death record provides her place of birth, names her parents, indicates that she was the widow of William C. Briggs, and notes that she was to be buried in North Berwick, Maine. Mary Ann married sometime before 1843 (when their daughter Josephine was born in Rhode Island) **WILLIAM C. BRIGGS**. William was born in Massachusetts circa 1814, and probate records indicate he died in North Berwick, 14 October 1867.¹⁴

Children of William C. and Mary Ann (Pettengill) Briggs:

- i JOSEPHINE BRIGGS, b. Kingston, R.I., Oct. 1842, d. Malden, Mass., shortly before 29 March 1926, when her funeral was held.¹⁵ In 1880, as cited above, Josephine was

¹¹ Kate Douglas Wiggin, *A Child's Journey with Dickens* (Boston, 1912), n.p.

¹² Mary A. Briggs household, 1880 U.S. Census, Malden, Middlesex Co., Mass., p. 353.

¹³ Mary Ann's birth is not recorded in Newburyport. Her death record names her parents as Moses Pettengill and Mary Greenleaf (Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910 [image, american-ancestors.org], 482:308) who m. Newburyport, 27 Nov. 1811 (*Vital Records of Newburyport, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. [Salem, Mass., 1911], 2:375).

¹⁴ A record of his birth could not be discovered.

¹⁵ William C. Briggs household, 1900 U.S. Census, Malden, Middlesex Co., Mass., E.D. 843, p. 6; funeral notice, *The Boston Globe*, 30 March 1926, p. 13 [image, newspapers.com].

employed as a milliner. In 1920 she was aged 77 and single, and residing in Malden with her brother, William C. Briggs.¹⁶ Her funeral notice called her a native of Kingston, R.I., and a milliner.

- ii MARY BRIGGS, b. Maine, prob. No. Berwick, ca. 1845, d. West Roxbury, Mass., 31 Dec. 1931;¹⁷ m. ca. 1865, WILLIAM H. H. HATCH, b. No. Berwick, 11 Jan. 1841, son of Elijah and Eliza (Hansen) Hatch,¹⁸ d. Boston, 11 June 1919, aged 78y 5m, the record indicating he was to be buried in No. Berwick.¹⁹ In 1910 William, aged 69, and wife Mary B., 64, were residing in Malden, Mass., with their daughter Edith. The record indicates that William and Mary had been married 45 years, and had seven children, of whom five were still living.²⁰ Mary B. Hatch was still living in 1930 in the Boston home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mary E. and Albert W. Eaton.²¹

Children of William H. H. and Mary (Briggs) Hatch, the 7th child not found:

- 1 *Josephine Hatch*, b. No. Berwick, ca. 1865, d. Winchester, Mass., 27 July 1937;²² m. Malden, 15 April 1891, Charles H. Eberle.²³
- 2 *Edith W. Hatch*, b. No. Berwick, Dec. 1866, d. Natick, Mass., 11 Aug. 1946;²⁴ m. Malden, 5 July 1892, Louis C. Franz from whom she was soon divorced.²⁵
- 3 *Frederick Hatch*, b. Malden, 9 July 1872,²⁶ likely d. young as he does not appear in the 1880 census. He is probably the “William B. Hatch,” son of William H. and Mary B. Hatch, who d. Malden, 7 Feb. 1873, aged 7m.²⁷
- 4 *Mary E. Hatch*, b. Malden, 29 Dec. 1873,²⁸ d. Wellesley, Mass., 14 Jan. 1963;²⁹ m. Malden, 6 Sept. 1897, Albert W. Eaton.³⁰

¹⁶ William C. Briggs household, 1920 U.S. Census, Malden, Middlesex Co., Mass., E.D. 274, p. 9.

¹⁷ Death notice, *The Boston Globe*, 1 Jan. 1932, p. 23 [image, newspapers.com].

¹⁸ Elijah Hatch m. North Berwick, 3 Sept. 1837, Eliza Hansen (John Eldridge Frost and Joseph Crook Anderson II, *Vital Records of Berwick, South Berwick, and North Berwick, Maine, to the Year 1892* [Rockport, Maine, 1993], 587). In 1850 William H. Hatch, aged 9, was residing with his parents, Elijah and Eliza Hatch, in North Berwick (Elijah Hatch household, 1850 U.S. Census, North Berwick, York Co., Maine, p. 350).

¹⁹ Mass. VRs, 1916–1920 [images, americanancestors.org], Deaths 1919, Boston, 19:539. The death record provides his date of birth, and names his parents as Elijah Hatch and Eliza Hansen.

²⁰ William H.H. Hatch household, 1910 U.S. Census, Malden, Middlesex Co., Mass., E.D. 902, p. 13A.

²¹ Albert W. Eaton household, 1930 U.S. Census, Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass., E.D. 512, p. 13.

²² Death notice, *The Boston Globe*, 29 July 1937, p. 9 [image, newspapers.com].

²³ Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 13], 416:244.

²⁴ Death notice, *The Boston Globe*, 12 Aug. 1946, p. 15 [image, newspapers.com]. She was called Mrs. Edith H. Franz on the notice, which added that she left two sisters and a brother.

²⁵ Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 13], 426:126; Edith W. Hatch, b. Maine in Dec. 1866, was a boarder and listed as divorced in the William S. King household, 1900 U.S. Census, Melrose Ward 1, Middlesex Co., Mass., E.D. 877, p. 11.

²⁶ Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 13], 242:226.

²⁷ Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 13], 257:201

²⁸ Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 13], 251:241. No first name is listed, but the 1900 census indicates that Mary was born in Dec. 1873.

²⁹ Death notice, *The Boston Globe*, 16 Jan. 1963, p. 72 [image, newspapers.com]. The notice describes her as wife of the late Albert W. Eaton.

³⁰ Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 13], 470:266.

- 5 *William Percival Hatch*, b. Malden, 19 Sept. 1875,³¹ d. 1954,³² m. Malden, 14 Dec. 1898, Addie L. Nason.³³
- 6 *Pauline Welder Hatch*, b. Malden, 14 Aug. 1882,³⁴ d. Natick, Mass., 1954,³⁵ m. Malden, 22 June 1907, William A. Steers.³⁶
- iii WILLIAM C. BRIGGS, b. Maine, prob. North Berwick, ca. 1853, d. at the Palmer Memorial Hospital, Brookline, Mass., shortly before 15 March 1928, in his 76th year, a resident of Malden.³⁷ In 1920 William, aged 66, single, a bookkeeper, was living in Malden with his sister Josephine and their housekeeper Charlotte Marshall.³⁸

BERWICK SPONGE CAKE “ORIGINAL RECIPE”³⁹

3 eggs, room temperature
 1½ cups white sugar
 1 cup sifted flour
 1 tsp. cream of tartar, added to flour
 2 tbsp. lemon juice and water to make ½ cup
 ½ tsp. baking soda
 1 cup sifted flour (2nd addition)

Beat eggs 2 minutes. Add sugar and beat 5 minutes. Add 1 cup flour and cream of tartar and beat 1 minute. Add lemon juice, water, and soda together, stir then add to mixture. Add second cup flour, beat 1 minute. Pour in greased and floured tube pan lined with wax paper.

Bake in moderate oven, 350 degrees, about 45 minutes. Turn upside down and cool at least 20 min. Carefully loosen from sides and slip out. Finish cooling. Slice in thin slices with serrated knife when cool.

[*Editor’s note:* This recipe was tested and enjoyed by me and two Contributing Editors of *The Maine Genealogist*. Serve with fresh berries and whipped cream.]

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³¹ Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 13], 269:145. No first name is listed, but the 1900 census indicates that William was born in Sept. 1875.

³² Gravestone photo, Waterside Cemetery, Marblehead, Mass., findagrave.com #52501176.

³³ Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 13], 479:266.

³⁴ Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 13], 332:156.

³⁵ Massachusetts, U.S., Death Index, 1901–1980 [image, ancestry.com].

³⁶ Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 13], 571:574.

³⁷ Death notice, *Boston Herald*, 15 March 1928, p. 27 [image, genealogybank.com]; Massachusetts, U.S., Death Index, 1901–1980 [image, ancestry.com]. The funeral was to take place at No. Berwick, Maine, on 15 March 1928 at 2pm.

³⁸ William C. Briggs household, 1920 U.S. Census, Malden, Middlesex Co., Mass., E.D. 274, p. 9.

³⁹ Several “original” or “old-time” recipes are available on the Internet, all very similar.

LINCOLN COUNTY, MAINE, WILL ABSTRACTS
1800–1830

(continued from p. 144)

196. JOTHAM CROSBY of Phippsburg, gentleman [LCP 20:259]

Being weak and low in body

To my wife Margaret, all my farm and property whatsoever as guardian for my children till they come of age, then to be eq div among my children.

My Aunt Elisabeth Parker, widow, is to be supported out of my estate during her natural life.

Dated: 10 Sept. 1818

Appt David Potter and Henry Worth execs

Signed with his signature (“Jotham Crosby”)

Witnesses: Joseph Beath, John Parker, William Whitmore

In probate: 5 March 1819

197. BENJAMIN HAM of Bath, gentleman [LCP 20:261]

[No statement of health]

To my beloved wife Huldy, all my homestead farm on which I live in Bath during her continuance my relict & widow, in particular that part of the dwelling house that I now occupy; also, two cows and all the h/h furniture that she had when I married her.

To my son Joel, after my wife Huldy ceased to be my widow, all my homestead farm; also, my desk & one pair of oxen.

To my son Theodore, \$5.

To my son Benjamin, \$30.

To my daughter Rody Johnson, \$30.

To my daughter Sarah Edgcomb, \$30.

After the legacies are paid, the remainder of my PE to be eq div among my children.

Appt my wife Hulda & my son Joel execs.

Dated: 22 July 1818

Signed with his signature (“Benjamin Ham”)

Witnesses: Mary Edgcomb, John Stockbridge, Dum^r Sewall

In probate: 5 March 1819

198. EBEBEZER HUNT of Georgetown, yeoman [LCP 20:263]

Being weak in body

To my beloved wife Mary Hunt, all my homestead farm containing about 133 acres; also, a tract of marsh situated in Little River Marshes (so called) in Georgetown containing 2½ acres; also, the northerly half part of the tract of land on which my father David Hunt now lives containing 50 acres.

To David Hunt my father & Sarah Hunt my mother, \$5 apiece.

To my brothers Thomas Hunt, William Hunt, & John Hunt, the same \$5 apiece.

To Sarah Harrington, widow, \$5.

To Joseph Oakman Hunt, \$5.

To my beloved wife all the rest and residue of my PE.

Appt David Oliver 4th of Georgetown sole exec.

Dated: 6 Feb 1819

Signed with his signature ("Ebenezer Hunt")

Witnesses: Zaccheus Trafton, Jotham Trafton, Thomas B. Seavey, Ebenezer Seavey,
William Y. Oliver

In probate: 5 March 1819

199. HENRY BURKETT of Waldoborough [LCP 20:266]

[No statement of health]

It is my will that my faithful & beloved wife Catharine Burket have her lawful thirds of all my estate during her natural life

Whereas I have already given to my eldest son John Burket the farm on which he now lives, which I consider more than his share of my estate, for that reason I make no provision for him, but it is my will that John pay within 12m after my decease to my exec the obligation which I hold against him for \$100.

To my eldest daughter Polly Elevell [*sic*: Ewell], \$20.

To my daughter Sally Simmons, provided she remains a widow at my decease, \$120, but if she should marry in that case I only give her \$80.

To my daughters Margaret Waterman & Eliza Fish, \$120 each.

To my youngest daughter, Betsey Burket, \$150.

To my youngest son Jacob Burket, my homestead estate with all other RE or PE which I die possessed of.

Appt my youngest son Jacob Burket sole exec

Dated: 9 April 1817

Signed with his mark ("X")

Witnesses: W^m Sprowl, Charles Lamson, Payn Elwell

In probate: 20 Jan. 1819

200. JACOB BLAKE of Lisbon, yeoman [LCP 20:268]

Being advanced in life

To my present wife Thankfull Blake, the use of one half of my RE during her natural life. Also, one half of my PE.

To my daughters Anna Hinckly and Lydia Blake, the whole of my homestead place in Lisbon eq div between them. If there should be any PE left after my just debts are paid, then I will that one half should be div eq between said Anna and Lydia.

To my son John Blake's widow Thankfull and to the heirs of my said son John Blake, \$12 to be by her div eq between her and them.

To my daughter Hannah Merreman, \$2.

To the heirs of my daughter Mary Hinckley deceased, \$2.

To my daughter Mercy Redicks, \$2.

To the heirs of my daughter Lucy Jack, \$2.

To my daughter Elisabeth Ham, \$2.

Appt my wife Thankful Blake and my son-in-law Aaron Hinkley execs

Dated: 22 July 1815

Signed with his signature (“Jacob Blake”)

Witnesses: Melvin Stow, Ezekiel Thompson, John H. Thompson

In probate: 12 Oct. 1819

201. ROBERT McINTYRE of Cushing, gentleman [LCP 20:347]

Being advanced in years and feeling the infirmities of age and decay of nature

To my beloved and affectionate wife Margaret M^cIntyre, the use of the lot of land on which I now live with all the buildings and privileges thereunto belonging during her natural life, said lot bounded E on Beaver dam brook, S by the town road, W by land of W^m Parsons and John M^cIntyre, and N by land which I lately conveyed to my son Robert. I likewise give to my wife 2 good cows and 10 sheep and the profits of my bank stock amounting to \$180 and the dividends averaging about \$13 per annum. I give to my wife my horse, chaise, and harness and also 2 feather beds and as much h/h furniture as she may need and choose; also \$50.

To my son Palmer M^cIntyre, one undivided half of the lot of saltmarsh in a part of Thomaston called Wesauwesgy [*sic*: Wessawaskeag] the whole being 5 acres and 135 square rods. I likewise give to my son Palmer \$80 and also my staff and silver sleeve buttons.

To my son Alexander M^cIntyre, \$15, and also the cart and chains belonging to me.

To my son John M^cIntyre, \$20 and one third of all the farming tools.

To my son Robert M^cIntyre, one third of all the farming tools; also \$15.

To my son George M^cIntyre, one third of all my farming tools and \$60 to be paid in neat stock.

To my daughter Agnes Sawin, \$30.

To my daughter Peggy Spear, \$140.

To my daughter Susanna Spear and to her husband, a piece of saltmarsh in Warren adjoining an acre of marsh which I lately conveyed to Betsey Sawin and bounded SW by a line which will divide the part which remains after Betsey Sawin’s acre is set off into two equal parts. I also give to my daughter Susanna \$75.

To my daughter Jane Creighton, one undivided half of the lot of saltmarsh which I own at Wesauwesgig [*sic*: Wessawaskeag] estimated at 5 acres 135 rods; also \$122.

To my daughter Betsey M^cIntyre, \$100.

To my sons John M^cIntyre and Robert M^cIntyre, all the remaining part of a lot of marsh in Warren aforesaid, to be set off in equal shares as tenants in common.

All the residue of my estate to be equally divided among my 5 sons and 5 daughters.

Appt my son Palmer M^cIntyre of Warren sole exec.

Dated: 4 June 1818

Signed with his signature (“Robert M^cIntyre”)

Witnesses: Sarah Killeran, Eley Killeran, Thurston Whiting

In probate: 21 May 1819

202. SAMUEL HALL of St. George, yeoman [LCP 20:350]

Being weak in body

To my brother Jeremiah Hall, all my RE and PE.

Appt Dr. Ezekiel G. Dodge sole exec.

Dated: 1 June 1818

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

Witnesses: Joseph Robinson, John Robinson, Caleb Stover

In probate: 22 May 1819

203. NATHAN FOSTER of St. George, yeoman [LCP 20:352]

Being weak in body

To my beloved wife Rachael Foster, all my RE and PE.

To my eldest son Ebenezer Foster, \$1.

To my daughter Betsey M^cKellan, \$1.

To my son Francis Foster, \$1.

To my son Nathan Foster, \$1.

To my son James Foster (if living), \$1.

To my daughter Abigail Marshal, \$1.

To my son Peter Foster, \$1.

To my son Richard Foster, \$1.

To my son Jeremiah Foster, \$1.

To my daughter Anny Barter, \$1.

To my daughter Lucy Western, \$1.

To my daughter Sally Foster, \$1.

To my daughter Mary Foster, \$1.

Appt my beloved wife Rachael Foster sole exec.

Dated: 6 April 1819

Signed with his signature ("Nathan Foster")

Witnesses: Joel Miller, John Andrews, David Covel

In probate: 22 May 1819

204. WINTHROP DODGE of Edgecomb, yeoman [LCP 20:356]

[No statement of health]

To my beloved wife Mary Dodge, all my h/h furniture and half of my RE and PE, together with the whole of my dwelling house during her natural life.

At my wife's decease, the h/h stuff to be divided equally among Mercy, Eunice, and Rhoda, and to Anna \$30, and to Polly and Sally \$1 each, as the said Polly and Sally have received their legacies prior to this will.

To my sons John and Henry, the other half of my RE and PE, and at the decease of their mother Mary above, they are to enjoy the whole of said RE and PE.

It is my will that my sons Samuel and Ebenezer receive of said John and Henry, my sons above named, \$1 each.

To my son Enoch, \$30.

To my son Daniel, \$20.

Appt my wife Mary sole exec.

Dated: 26 Sept. 1817

Signed with his signature (“Winthrop Dodge”)

Witnesses: Moses Davis, Moses Davis Jr., Rebecca Dodge

In probate: 5 May 1819

205. THOMAS HAM of Lisbon, yeoman [LCP 20:386]

[No statement of health]

Being weak in body

To the sons and daughters of my late brother Benjⁿ Ham of Bath, deceased, \$1 to be eq divided between them.

To the sons and daughters of my late brother John Ham of Bath, deceased, \$1 to be equally divided between them.

To my brother Joseph Ham of Brunswick, \$1.

To my brother Nath^l Ham of Brunswick, \$1.

To the heirs of my late brother Tobias Ham of Lewiston, \$1 equally between them.

To my brother Reuben Ham of Wales, \$1.

To the sons and daughters of my late sister Judith Arno, \$1 to be equally divided between them.

To my well beloved wife Hannah Ham, the use during her natural life of one half of the homestead farm I now live on in Lisbon, it being the W half of the said homestead and half of the land I purchased of Sarah Bowdoin. Also, all my PE.

To my nephew Israel Ham, who now lives in the house with me, all the land I own in Lisbon, it being the W half of the lot I purchased of Sarah Bowdoin, he having this day purchased and received a deed of me of the E half part of said lot, and for Israel to come into possession of the same W half of said 100 acres or lot as soon as may be after the decease of my wife Hannah and not before.

Appt my beloved wife Hannah Ham and my nephew Israel Ham execs.

Dated: 8 Feb. 1819

Signed with his signature (“Thomas Ham”)

Witnesses: Aaron Hinkley, John Ham, Samuel Baker, Ezekiel Thompson

In probate: 23 Aug. 1819

206. JOHN GRAY of Bath, mariner [LCP 20:388]

Being sick and weak in body

To Arabella Hillman, the daughter of George and Ruth Hillman of Bath, all my RE and PE, and whereas the said Arabella is now young and has not arrived at the age of maturity and it is my will that Arabella should not come into possession of said estate till she arrives at the age of 21 or is married.

Appt David Shaw Esq. of Bath exec.

Dated 9 Jan. 1819

Signed with his mark (“X”)

Witnesses: Sam^l Davis, Joseph Sewall Jr., William Torrey

In probate: 11 Aug. 1819

207. ORCHARD COOK of Wiscasset [LCP 20:392]

Being weak in body

To my beloved wife Mary Cook, all my RE and PE.

Appt my said wife sole exec.

Dated: 31 July 1819

Signed with his signature ("Orchard Cook")

Witnesses: Sarah Hodge, John Still, Sally Norton

In probate: 11 Sept. 1819

208. WILLIAM TAYLOR of Wiscasset, trader [LCP 20:393]

No statement of health

To my wife Sarah Taylor, all my h/h goods, utensils, beds, bedding, livestock, and implements of husbandry.

To William Greenleaf Jr., the son of William and Ann Greenleaf (my near relations), \$100.

To Sarah Brintnal, daughter of Thomas and Ann Brintnal, \$100.

To my wife Sarah Taylor, all my RE, being the house I now live in in Wiscasset, with that part of it occupied by William Greenleaf, and also that part of it occupied by Thomas Brintnal, with all outbuildings. Also, all that land in Wiscasset commonly known by the name of the Spafford Farm, with the house and buildings thereon, and also that part of the sawmill bought from Capt. Roger Smith. And also, all my other RE or PE for her benefit during her natural life or as long as she continues unmarried, except as hereafter excepted.

I give my brother John Taylor the use of the house on Spafford Farm to live in as a place of residence for himself and family; also, the use of a small piece of land adjoining the house and on the NE corner thereof called the Orchard so long as he continues to live in, occupy, and actually improve the same.

After the decease or marriage of my wife Sarah Taylor, I give the whole of my RE to Ann the wife of William Greenleaf, also to her sister Agnes Taylor, also to their brother James Taylor being the children of my brother John Taylor, and also to Ann Brintnal wife of Thomas Brintnal to be divided between the said four persons in equal shares as tenants in common.

I also give to Ann Brintnal (as a grateful acknowledgement of the services she has faithfully rendered unto me) \$100.

Appt my wife Sarah Taylor sole exec during the time she remains unmarried. But providing she remarries or departs from this life, then I constitute William Greenleaf and Thomas Brintnal execs.

Dated: Wiscasset, 24 May 1812

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