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EDITOR'S PAGE

Last month I attended the annual meeting of the American Society of Genealogists in Salt Lake City. The meeting gave me the chance to do some research in the library, but it also allowed time for social interaction with many of the most respected and prolific researchers in the country. The atmosphere of researching in the FamilySearch Library has changed notably in recent years. While it used to be characterized by the noise of many people cranking microfilm machines and running back and forth between the rows and rows of microfilm drawers, this time the library was quiet and much less crowded, with most of the microfilm readers having been replaced by computer screens displaying digitized records.

I attended a presentation by FamilySearch in which they updated the progress of their groundbreaking Full Text Search experiment, introduced earlier this year at the RootsTech 2024 conference. Using Artificial Intelligence, Full Text Search reads, transcribes, and indexes digitized records, both handwritten original documents and typed or published records. This online tool allows users to search every name and every word in supported record collections. As of early October, nearly half a billion images had been processed for Full Text Search including: 155 million U.S. legal records, 97 million U.S. land and probate records, 25 million U.K. legal records, 16 million Canadian probate records, as well as many other records from Canada, the U.K., Australia, New Zealand, and Mexico. FamilySearch aims to process a billion more images in 2025.

The technology is revolutionary for research in record groups where indexes are non-existent or insufficient. Deed indexes, for example, usually list only the names of the transacting parties. Using Full Text Search, deeds can now be searched for every name or word mentioned, including witnesses, abutting property owners, or any other item found in the deed. I recently used the tool to locate a deed that was indexed incorrectly by the town clerk. The ability to search every name and every word is also true for court and probate records, as well as any other record group included in the project. While game changing, the technology is not error free, and it can misread names and words. In such a case a negative result might be generated, even if the person sought was indeed named in the series.

Although still in its beta phase, FamilySearch encourages researchers to try the tool and provide feedback. It can be accessed at www.familysearch.org/labs. Searches can be narrowed by place and time period, and the Advanced Search Tips on the opening webpage explain how to limit and refine results further using operators.

The lead article in this issue is a study of the McNeal family by Edward G. Hubbard. Ed reports that this is his eightieth published article. For many years, he has been a regular contributor to both *The Maine Genealogist* and to the *York County Genealogical Society Journal*. His eighty published articles do not include the large number of sketches he has also contributed to the *Maine Families in 1790* series. Through his years of research, Ed has provided detailed accounts and careful documentation of countless Maine families, to the benefit of researchers everywhere.

—Joseph C. Anderson II, Editor

JAMES McNEAL OF LEEDS AND FAYETTE, MAINE

His Children and Their Families

By Edward G. Hubbard

James McNeal is one the most elusive of this author's New England ancestors. Little is known of him beyond a number of basic facts. Collation of his age as recorded in three consecutive censuses indicates that he was born in the period 1770–1775.¹ No McNeals were enumerated in Maine in the 1790 or 1800 censuses. The only information as to his birthplace is found in two much later census records, in which his son reported that his father (James) was born in Vermont.² Of the two McNeal or McNeil families living there in the early to mid-1770s, the family of John McNeil included a son James. That James, however, died in 1797 at age 18.³ Nehemiah McNeal settled in Westminister, Vermont, by 1767.⁴ Chronologically, Nehemiah could not have been James's father, as he died 31 December 1770, "in the 53rd year of his life," and his widow, Hannah, was then fifty years old.⁵ That James may have been their grandson is supported by DNA evidence, which seems to link this author with descendants of a daughter, a sister, and a brother of Nehemiah,⁶ but the evidence is inconclusive. James's whereabouts in his early life, as well as when and why he came to Maine, remain unknown.

¹ Age 26–44 in James McNeal household, 1810 U.S. Census, Leeds, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 924; age 45 or more in James "McNeil" household, 1820 U.S. Census, Leeds, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 618; age 50–59 in James "McKneal" household, 1830 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 126. Although the spelling of his surname varied in these enumerations, it was consistently "McNeal" in town vital records as well as in land records, as cited below.

² Daniel Neal household, 1880 and 1900 U.S. Censuses, St. Lawrence, Waupaca Co., Wisc., pp. 184B and 10B, respectively.

³ Abbie Maria Hemenway, *Historical Gazeteer of Vermont*, 5 vols. (Brandon, Vt., 1868–91), 3:1141–42 and 1:745. John's son James d. 19 Oct. 1797, aged 18 (Vermont VRs, 1760–1954 [DGS #4667367, image 2949]; also, gravestone photo, Barber Cemetery, Chittenden Co., Vt., findagrave.com #31831094).

⁴ Hemenway, *Hist. Gaz. of Vermont* [note 3], 5(Part 2):585, 618 (Nehemiah and 4 children).

⁵ Gravestone photos, Old Westminister Cemetery, Westminister, Caledonia Co., Vt., findagrave.com #103171926 (Nehemiah "McNeill") and #103172281 (Mrs. Hannah "McNeill," "relict of Nehemiah, died 6 June 1795, aged 75 yrs."). Nehemiah and Hannah had at least seven children (four named in *Hist. Gaz. of Vermont* [note 3] and three more identified by the present author in an unpublished study). Most of them were too young to have been a parent of James, but there likely were older children, as Hannah was already in her mid-thirties when the first of her seven known children was born (by 1755). James could have been the son of one of them.

⁶ The author has 10cMs in common with a descendant of Nehemiah's daughter Jane, 12 cMs in common with a descendant of his sister MaryAnn, and 9 cMs in common with a descendant of Nehemiah's brother Daniel. Such amounts of shared cMs are typical for 5th to 8th cousins, so in these instances are consistent with the relationships being 6th cousins once removed and 7th cousins, respectively, as would be the case *if* James (this author's 3rd great-grandfather) had been a grandson of Nehemiah.

James was in Leeds, Maine, by 2 April 1808, when his intention of marriage with “Miss Nabby Hicks” was published.⁷ At some point, he acquired 25 acres of land in lot 145 in Leeds. Although the date is unknown, his ownership of the tract, and its location are known from the 1812 deed whereby he sold it to Solomon Lothrop, who owned adjoining land in the same lot.⁸ James later owned 50 acres in nearby lot 142. Again, no deed of purchase was recorded, but the tract was to be sold on 20 June 1817 to cover his unpaid direct taxes.⁹

James was still in Leeds and engaged in agriculture in 1820,¹⁰ but in the middle of the decade he and his family moved to the neighboring town of Fayette, where he was living at the time of the 1830 census, listed there immediately after his wife’s stepfather, William Raymond, and the latter’s son Nathan.¹¹ William Raymond had married James’s widowed mother-in-law in 1824,¹² so family ties may have been a factor in the move to Fayette. James is not found on the 1840 census and probably died in the 1830s.¹³

RECONSTRUCTING JAMES’S FAMILY

JAMES McNEAL married in Leeds, 28 July 1808, **ABIGAIL HICKS**.¹⁴ She was born in Leeds, 3 February 1790, daughter of Zephaniah and Sarah/Sally (Stinchfield) Hicks,¹⁵ and died in Fayette, 12 June 1843, aged 52.¹⁶ James and Abigail had five children whose births were recorded in Leeds:¹⁷

Jane McNeal	b. 22 April 1809
James McNeal “Jun.”	b. 21 June 1811
Thomas McNeal	b. 21 May 1813
Phinehas McNeal	b. 25 March 1816
Abigail McNeal	b. 12 July 1819

⁷ Leeds, Maine, VRs, 1801–1891, p. 176 [DGS #7595728, image 95].

⁸ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 31:30.

⁹ *American Advocate and Kennebec Advertiser* (Hallowell, Maine), 31 May 1817, Supplement, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]. This notice described other properties (besides James’s) that were to be sold at public auction.

¹⁰ James “McNeil” household, 1820 U.S. Census, Leeds, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 618.

¹¹ James “McKneal” household, 1830 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 126.

¹² Wayne, Maine, VRs, p. 19 [DGS #7596987, image 208]: intentions, 11 Jan. 1824, “Mr. William Raymond and Mrs. Sally Hix both of Wayne.”

¹³ His probable youngest child was born about 1834, as discussed below.

¹⁴ Leeds VRs [note 7], p. 182 [image 99]. She was “Miss Nabby Hicks” in this record.

¹⁵ Leeds VRs [note 7], p. 103 [image 238]. Her parents, Zephaniah and Sarah, m. Winthrop, 13 Dec. 1789 (Winthrop, Maine, VRs [DGS #7596986, image 61]).

¹⁶ *Maine Farmer and Mechanic’s Advocate* (Winthrop, Maine), 24 June 1843, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]: “In Fayette, June 12, at the residence of Jas. H. Hutchinson, Mrs. Abigail McNeal, aged 52.”

¹⁷ Leeds VRs [note 7], p. 74 [image 222].

These five were enumerated in James's household in 1820 as one female aged 10–15, three males under 10, and one female under 10.¹⁸ No further births were recorded in either Leeds or Fayette, but it would have been unusual for Abigail to have given birth to her last child in her late 20s. Analysis of subsequent records reveals that there were, in fact, others.

In 1830 some of the older children were no longer in James's household, which then included one male aged 15–19, one male and two females aged 5–9, and one male under 5.¹⁹ The older male was probably Thomas (b. 1813), or else Phineas (b. 1816) if the latter's age was slightly overstated. Given that she was born in 1819, Abigail was most likely still living with her parents and should have been tallied as a female in the 10–15 column, but was not. She may instead have been recorded as being somewhat younger, i.e., as one of the two females in the age 5–9 column. In any case, the tallies reveal that there probably were at least three children who were born in the 1820s. Can any of them be identified?

The obituary of Daniel Neal (born McNeal) of Ogdensburg, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, states that he was born in Leeds in 1822 and moved with his parents to Fayette when he was three years of age.²⁰ Although they were not named as such in his obituary, James and Abigail must have been his parents, for they were the only McNeal family who were in the Leeds and then Fayette area at that time. Reinforcing this conclusion is Daniel's residence with his sister Jane's family in 1870, as noted below. That his surname differed from his father's does not contradict this identification because, as will be seen, most of James's children began using the surname *Neal* in the later 1830s or soon thereafter.

On 4 August 1866, Zephaniah Hicks Neal, aged 37, a miner and native of Maine, was a registered voter in San Francisco.²¹ He was no doubt the Z. H. Neal who was described as a 31-year-old farmer living in Tehama, California, in 1860.²² That he bore the unusual name of James McNeal's father-in-law, Zephaniah Hicks, justifies identifying him as a son of James and Abigail.

Daniel (b. 1822) would have been the male, aged 5–9, in James's household in 1830, while Zephaniah (b. 1828 or 1829) would have been the male under 5. Efforts to identify a second daughter (besides, presumably, Abigail), tallied as 5–9 years old in 1830, have been unsuccessful.

This is not, however, the end of the story. As shown, James probably died in the mid to late 1830s, but Abigail did not die until 1843. Where was she in the meantime? She was not a household head in Fayette or elsewhere in 1840, but there is good reason to believe she was the female, aged 50–59, living that year in the

¹⁸ James "McNeil" household, 1820 U.S. Census, Leeds, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 618.

¹⁹ James "McKneal" household, 1830 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 126.

²⁰ Obituary, *Waupaca Republican-Post* (Wisc.), Thurs., 21 April 1910, p. 3.

²¹ Great Register, San Francisco Co., 1866–1867, n.p. but alphabetically listed [California Voter Registers 1866–1898, image 246, ancestry.com]. The California Great Registers are a collection of voter lists, or registers, produced by county clerks in California from 1866 to 1944.

²² Z. H. Neal household, 1860 U.S. Census, Tehama, Tehama Co., Calif., p. 942.

Orono household of her son-in-law Daniel Hubbard (husband of her eldest daughter, Jane).²³ Also enumerated there were a female and a male, aged 5–9. Daniel and Jane did not marry until late 1835,²⁴ so the two children were not likely theirs. They were instead probably Abigail’s youngest children, born when she was in her early 40s. Who, then, were they?

In 1850 Elias McNeal, a 16-year-old farmer who was also attending school, was living in East Livermore, Maine.²⁵ His age, surname, and residence (immediately west of Fayette and east of Livermore, where James’s sons Thomas and Phineas then resided) all support identifying him as a son of James and Abigail. As such, he would have been the male aged 5–9 in 1840. The female in 1840, aged 5–9, has not been identified.

In conclusion, the children of James and Abigail (Hicks) McNeal are deemed to be as follows:

- 1 Jane McNeal, b. Leeds, 22 April 1809
- 2 James McNeal, b. Leeds, 21 June 1811
- 3 Thomas McNeal, b. Leeds, 21 May 1813
- 4 Phineas McNeal, b. Leeds, 25 March 1816
- 5 Abigail McNeal, b. Leeds, 12 July 1819
- 6 Daniel McNeal, b. Leeds, 20 Oct. 1822²⁶
- 7 (poss.) daughter McNeal, b. prob. Leeds say 1825, living in 1830. No further record.
- 8 Zephaniah McNeal, b. Fayette, 1828 or 1829
- 9 (poss.) daughter McNeal, b. Fayette, say 1831, living in 1840. No further record.
- 10 Elias McNeal, b. Fayette, ca. 1834.

JAMES’S CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

1 **JANE CLARK McNEAL/NEAL** was born in Leeds, 22 April 1809.²⁷ She was not enumerated in her father’s household in 1830, but she was in Orono, Maine, as early as 25 February 1835, when as Jane “Neal” she witnessed a deed executed by her soon-to-be father-in-law.²⁸ She married in Fayette, 25 October

²³ Daniel Hubbard household, 1840 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 252. Daniel’s widowed mother, Fanny, age 40–49, was listed as a household head on the same page.

²⁴ Fayette, Maine, VRs, 1795–1892, p. 67 [DGS #7834656, image 231].

²⁵ Sarah Marston household, 1850 U.S. Census, East Livermore, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 80B. The presence of four other individuals of various ages suggests that Sarah, then age 76 and a native of N.H., may have taken in boarders.

²⁶ Exact date from his death record, cited below. His obituary [note 20] gives only the year.

²⁷ Leeds VRs [note 7], p. 74 [image 222], her surname given as “McNeal.” She is “Miss Jane C. Neal” in her 27 July 1835 marriage intentions (Orono, Maine, VRs, p. 278 [DGS #7595779, image 210]) and “Jane C. Hubbard” on her gravestone (Forest Cemetery, Stevens Point, Wisc. [photo, findagrave #75610070]), as well as in a probate notice. Her middle name was *Clark*, per the 1916 death record of her son George (Portage Co., Wisc., Deaths, 8:292). Her gravestone gives her place of birth as Leeds and the date as 22 April 1810, but the year in the ca. 1820 family record [note 17] is more likely, given the spacing of her siblings and the date of her parents’ marriage.

²⁸ Penobscot Co., Maine, Deeds, 52:495.

1835, Lieutenant DANIEL ELLSWORTH HUBBARD of Orono.²⁹ He was born in Shapleigh, Maine (in what is now Acton), 21 December 1815, son of Captain Daniel and Fanny (Day) Hubbard.³⁰ Daniel and Jane resided for the next two decades in Orono, where he was a millman.³¹ On 13 March 1845, Jane acquired a lot in Orono and sold it “in her own right” on 21 July 1853,³² an unusual transaction for a married woman at the time.

After an initial visit to central Wisconsin in about 1855 or 1856, Daniel brought his family to the area.³³ First residing for a short time along the Wisconsin River north of Stevens Point, they settled for some years in that city, where he was a sawyer in a mill in 1860. From 1867 to 1879, Daniel owned and operated a shingle mill on the Plover River northeast of the city; he also acquired other property, and resided in the town of Hull. Thereafter, the family returned to the city, where Jane died 21 April 1879.³⁴ Very little is known about Jane as a person, but her gravestone includes an image of a calla lily at the top with the lines: “Sleep on loved one/ And take thy rest/ God said lay [thee?] down/ [?]at among the blest.”³⁵

Daniel moved in 1881 to Summit Lake, Wisconsin, where he operated a grocery business and where he married, 29 June 1882, Julia Ann (Harrington) (Wood) Carman, as his second wife.³⁶ Their marriage was turbulent and, after a suicide attempt in 1884, Daniel was committed to the Northern Hospital for the Insane in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He died there, 6 January 1886.³⁷

Children of Daniel and Jane Clark (McNeal/Neal) Hubbard, b. Orono:³⁸

i HENRY ALLEN HUBBARD, b. prob. ca 1836, d. aged 4m 20d.³⁹

²⁹ Fayette VRs, 1795–1892, p. 67 [DGS #7834656, image 231]. Daniel is styled “Lieut.” on his gravestone (see below) as well as on the Hubbard monument, Riverside Cemetery, Orono (on which his father is styled “Capt.”). An unpublished study by the present author demonstrates that Daniel’s middle initial E. stood for “Ellsworth.”

³⁰ For more information on this family, see Edward G. Hubbard, “Daniel Hubbard of Shapleigh/Acton, Maine: His Life, His Family and Their Migrations,” *The Maine Genealogist* 37 (2015):75–96, 115–32.

³¹ “Danl” Hubbard household, 1850 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot County, Maine, p. 244A.

³² Penobscot Co. Deeds, 155:15, 238:443. Daniel, along with Jane, signed the latter deed.

³³ Daniel Hubbard obituary notices, *Stevens Point Journal* (Wisc.), 9 Jan. 1886, and *Portage County Gazette* (Wisc.), 13 Jan. 1886.

³⁴ Gravestone [note 27].

³⁵ These lines (now worn) were transcribed by the author in 1965.

³⁶ Langlade Co., Wisc., Marriage Records, 1:2, her surname spelled “Cameron.”

³⁷ Gravestone photo, Forest Cemetery, Stevens Point, Wisc., findagrave.com #53765785; obituary notices [note 33]. For more about Daniel (including his 2nd marriage) see the article cited in note 30, at 115–16.

³⁸ Orono VRs [note 27], p. 363 [image 308], except as noted below.

³⁹ Named (with age at death) as son of “Lieut. D. Hubbard” on the Hubbard monument in Riverside Cemetery, Orono (gravestone photo, findagrave.com #138334597). He was probably the first child, deceased before the 1840 census.

- ii ADALINE SEARGENT HUBBARD, b. 14 April 1839, d. Evansville, Rock Co., Wisc., 2 April 1866;⁴⁰ m. (1) June 1859–May 1860, WEBSTER TAGGART;⁴¹ (2) Cassville, Wisc., 1 Jan. 1865, AUGUSTUS TAGGART.⁴²
- iii MARGARET ALLEN HUBBARD, b. 31 May 1842, living 1902 in Kansas City, Mo.;⁴³ m. bef. June 1859, NELSON PHILLIP ANGLE.⁴⁴
- iv JAMES KNOX POLK HUBBARD, b. 26 Nov. 1844, d. Wausau, Wisc., 6 Aug. 1925;⁴⁵ m. Stevens Point, Wisc., 4 Jan. 1868, ELLEN JOSEPHINE BENTLEY.⁴⁶ James served in the Civil War.⁴⁷
- v GEORGE MIFFLIN DALLAS HUBBARD, b. 15 May 1847, d. Stevens Point, Wisc., 8 July 1916;⁴⁸ m. Plover, Wisc., 12 Oct. 1869, ELIZABETH SIEVWRIGHT.⁴⁹
- vi ELIZABETH J. HUBBARD, b. 3 May 1852, d. Stevens Point, Wisc., 3 Feb. 1881;⁵⁰ m. Stevens Point, 30 May 1875, THOMAS W. McCRAITH.⁵¹

JAMES A. McNEAL was born in Leeds 21 June 1811.⁵² He settled by 1840 in Orono, where he was said to have established a blacksmith shop.⁵³ He married (cert.) Orono, 3 April 1842, SARAH KNAPP.⁵⁴ She was born circa 1816,⁵⁵ daughter of John Knapp.⁵⁶ In 1850 he was a laborer living with his family in the same house as his brother-in-law and sister Daniel and Jane Hubbard.⁵⁷ James was a raftsman

⁴⁰ Findagrave.com #92045803, Maple Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Wisc.

⁴¹ Married within the year, per Webster “Tigard” household, 1860 U.S. Census, Wausau, Marathon Co., Wisc., p. 957.

⁴² Grant Co., Wisc., Marriages, 3:271, #2629.

⁴³ Kansas City, Mo., 1902 City Directory, p. 58 [image, U.S. City Directories, ancestry.com].

⁴⁴ Not noted as married within the year, and first child aged 2 months in Nelson “Angele” household, 1860 U.S. Census, “Knowlton” [Knowlton], Marathon Co., Wisc., p. 929.

⁴⁵ Marathon Co. Wisc., Deaths, 35:314.

⁴⁶ Portage Co., Wisc., Marriages, A:7.

⁴⁷ His obituary, *Wausau Daily Record-Herald* (Wisc.), 7 Aug. 1925, provides a detailed account of his service and some of his experiences during it.

⁴⁸ Portage Co. Wisc., Deaths, 8:292.

⁴⁹ Portage Co. Wisc., Marriages, A:8. They were the author’s great-grandparents.

⁵⁰ Death notice, *Stevens Point Journal* [Wisc.], 12 Feb. 1881. This notice gives the exact day of her birth, which is blank in the Orono family record.

⁵¹ Portage Co. Wisc., Marriages, A:33.

⁵² Leeds VRs [note 7], p. 74 [image 222]. His middle initial is found in the death record of his son Charles, but what it stood for has not been discovered. Unlike his brothers Thomas and Phineas, he used the surname *McNeal* for most of his life.

⁵³ James M. Neal household, 1840 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 255. He was then living alone; biography of his son James A. Neal (Joseph Gaston, *Centennial History of Oregon, 1811–1912* [4 vols., Chicago, 1912], 3:552–53). Names given in this source are quite accurate, but some dates, as well as stated ages at death, vary from those given in vital records.

⁵⁴ Orono VRs [note 27], p. 256 [image 233].

⁵⁵ Aged 34 in James McNeal household, 1850 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 244A.

⁵⁶ Her father was named in her death record [note 62].

⁵⁷ James McNeal household, 1850 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 244A.

in 1860, when he and his family were still using the surname *McNeal*.⁵⁸ As “James M Neal,” he served as a private in the Civil War from 1862 to 1865,⁵⁹ and died in Orono in February 1870.⁶⁰ By that year, his widow and their children were using “Neal” as their surname.⁶¹ Sarah died in Orono, 13 December 1898.⁶²

Children of James and Sarah (Knapp) McNeal, b. Orono:⁶³

- i DANIEL McNEAL, b. say 1842, purportedly d. at age 5.⁶⁴
- ii ADALINE HUBBARD McNEAL/NEAL, b. 14 Oct. 1843, d. Orono, before 22 May 1887 (husband’s 2nd marriage).⁶⁵ She m. after 1860, PHINEAS W. FAIRBROTHER.⁶⁶
- iii ZEPHANIAH HICKS McNEAL/NEAL, b. 19 April 1845, d. 17 Sept. 1863 while serving in the Civil War, having enlisted as a private in 1861.⁶⁷
- iv ANN ELIZABETH NEAL, b. say late 1846, d. aged 3.⁶⁸
- v JAMES A. McNEAL/NEAL, b. 1 July 1848, d. Warrenton, Clatsop Co., Ore., 14 Jan. 1914;⁶⁹ m. (1) Orono, 10 Nov. 1868, ELIZABETH/LIZZIE J. GOOD,⁷⁰ b.

⁵⁸ James McNeal household, 1860 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 922.

⁵⁹ James M Neal, Orono, U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861–1865, database, ancestry.com.

⁶⁰ 1870 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Orono: “James McNeal,” age 59, occupation: “Sawed boards.” *Centennial History of Oregon* [note 53], 3:552–53, reports that he had been wounded in the war and was “depleted” by its privations.

⁶¹ John Neal household, 1870 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 347B.

⁶² Orono VRs [note 27], Deaths 1855–1907, p. 14 [image 439].

⁶³ The births of five (surname McNeal) are in Orono VRs [note 27], pp. 365 [image 309] (Adaline, Zephaniah, James) and 407 [image 333] (Alla/Abba, Elizabeth). They, plus Daniel, Charles, and Mary E., are in the 1860 census, with the surname *McNeal* [note 58]. Sources for each of the other three are presented separately below.

⁶⁴ He is known only from *Centennial History of Oregon* [note 53], 3:553, which gives his age at death and implies that he was the oldest child. He is accordingly placed here as the first child. His birth and death must have occurred between the 1840 and 1850 censuses, and certainly before another Daniel was born in 1856.

⁶⁵ Orono VRs [note 27], image 522. Phineas W. Fairbrother m. (2) Orono, 22 May 1887, Kate J. Reynolds.

⁶⁶ She was still at home and single in the 1860 census [note 58]. She was the mother of several children and the wife of Phineas in the “Fabula” [*sic*] Fairbrother household, 1870 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 343B.

⁶⁷ Zephaniah Neal, Orono, U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861–1865, database, ancestry.com.

⁶⁸ She is named as a niece of Lieut. D. [Daniel] Hubbard, on the Hubbard monument, Riverside Cemetery, Orono, with her age at death. As such she can only have been a daughter of Daniel’s brother-in-law James McNeal, who with his family lived for a time around 1850 in the same house in Orono as Daniel. She probably died during those years, but before the 1850 census was taken. Her birth may well have taken place about midway between those of her recorded brothers Zephaniah and James, which occurred more than 38 months apart. She was probably the “Angeline” named in the *Centennial History of Oregon* [note 53], 3:553, as having died at age 4.

⁶⁹ Oregon County Births and Deaths, 1855–1970, ancestry.com, image 104; gravestone photo, Ocean View Cemetery, Warrenton, Clatsop Co., Ore., findagrave.com #40224989.

⁷⁰ Orono VRs [note 27], n.p. [image 478]. She is “Lizzie” in this record.

- ca. 1848;⁷¹ (2) Stevens Point, Wisc., SULTANA (CLEVELAND) WOODWARD; (3) 16 May 1883, MARY HENRIETTA STADAROTH.⁷² He served as private in the Civil War from Dec. 1863 to 1865, having given his age at enlistment as 18, though he was only 15.⁷³
- vi ABIGAIL S./A. McNEAL, b. 1 Jan. 1851, d. in the period 1860–70.⁷⁴
 - vii ELIZABETH/LIZZIE A. McNEAL/NEAL, b. 4 March 1853, d. Benton, Maine, 18 Jan. 1896;⁷⁵ m. Orono, 9 June 1874, FREDERICK S. MASON.⁷⁶
 - viii (prob.) JOHN NEAL, b. ca. 1854, living in 1870.⁷⁷ No further record.⁷⁸
 - ix DANIEL E. McNEAL/NEAL, b. [calc.] 17 April 1856, d. Alameda, Calif., 21 Nov. 1902, aged 46y 7m 4d and single.⁷⁹
 - x CHARLES F. McNEAL/NEAL, b. May 1858,⁸⁰ d. Orono, 25 May 1908, aged 52y [sic] 5d, occupation: riverman.⁸¹ He m. Orono, 12 Jan. 1874, EMMA F. BRAUN, both of Orono.⁸²

⁷¹ Aged 22 in James McNeal household, 1870 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 348A.

⁷² *Centennial History of Oregon* [note 53], 3:553, lists all three marriages.

⁷³ James Neal, Orono, U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861–1865, database, ancestry.com. It is conspicuous that he enlisted less than three months after his older brother died in the service, and that he overstated his age in order to do so. *Centennial History of Oregon* [note 53], 3:553, gives an account of the battles in which he served, as well as wounds he sustained.

⁷⁴ She was living in her parents' household in 1860, aged 9 [census, note 58], but is not found in 1870. She is "Abba S." in her birth record and "Abbie A." in the 1860 census. She is also "Abbie" in *Centennial History of Oregon* [note 53], 3:553, which purports that she died at the age of 19.

⁷⁵ Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #4703830, image 3707], Lizzie, daughter of James A. McNeal and Sarah Knappe.

⁷⁶ Orono VRs [note 27], n.p. [image 494]. She is "Lizzie Neal" in this record.

⁷⁷ John Neal household, 1870 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot, Co., Maine, p. 347B. Though not tallied in James's household in 1860 [census, note 58], and only 16 years old in 1870, he was shown that year as the head of a household that also included widow Sarah Neal, aged 54, and her three youngest children: Daniel, Charles and Mary. John's occupation was given as "works in saw mill." If he was indeed James's son, he may have been named for his maternal grandfather, John Knapp.

⁷⁸ *Centennial History of Oregon* [note 53], 3:553, named an otherwise unknown "Albridge" as a son of James and Sarah. Was he possibly the same as John, with "Albridge" being his middle name? Albridge's age at death is given as 65, which, in light of the lack of other records for him, seems unlikely. Furthermore, it should be noted that the same source overstated the ages at which James's children Adaline, Daniel, and Charles died, and understated that of Elizabeth.

⁷⁹ Alameda Deaths 1899–1903, in California County Birth, Marriage and Death Records, ancestry.com, image 58. A lumberman, he was in Alameda by 1896 (California Voter Registers 1866–1898, ancestry.com: Alameda, 1896, image 388).

⁸⁰ Charles F. Neal household, 1900 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 16.

⁸¹ Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #5011845, image 1581], which overstates his age.

⁸² Orono VRs [note 27], n.p. [image 494], which gives their ages as 17 and 16 and includes a notation "Permission given by Masters of each in writing." The 1900 census states they had then been married for 23 years, i.e., since 1877 (Charles F. Neal household, 1900 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 120, p. 16), but the 1874 date in the VRs is to be preferred.

xi MARY ELIZABETH McNEAL/NEAL, b. Dec. 1859 or Jan. 1860,⁸³ living Oct. 1883.⁸⁴ She m. Orono, 29 March 1878, JOHN H. GOOD.⁸⁵

THOMAS HICKS NEAL was born in Leeds, 21 May 1813.⁸⁶ He may still have been in his father's household in Fayette in 1830,⁸⁷ but his whereabouts in 1840 are unknown. In the 1830s, he had at least a liaison—no marriage found—with a woman named PHILENA/FILENA —, which resulted in the birth of a child. Thomas was of Hartford, Maine, when he married there, 16 November 1845, TAMISON BROWN TRASK.⁸⁸ She was born in Hartford, 30 August 1814, daughter of Osborn and Sally (Starbird) Trask.⁸⁹ They were living in nearby Livermore in 1850,⁹⁰ but seem to have moved to Hartford later in the decade.⁹¹ Thomas was not living with his family in 1860,⁹² but he was not deceased. Instead, he had gone west, and was probably the “Tho. Neal,” aged 50 [*sic*], working as a miner in California in 1860.⁹³ In any case, he was a miner in San Francisco by 1864,⁹⁴ and was still there 12 July 1866, when he registered as a voter.⁹⁵ Sometime afterwards, he returned to the East Coast, but not to his family. He married in Salem, Massachusetts, 11 August 1868, MEHITABLE P. (MORSE) OLIVER.⁹⁶

⁸³ Aged 5 months in June 1860 (James McNeal household, 1860 U.S. Census [note 58]).

⁸⁴ Her youngest child, Nellie Good, was b. Oct. 1883, and living with her uncle Charles Neal in 1900 as an adopted child (Charles F. Neal household, 1900 U.S. Census [note 82]).

⁸⁵ Orono VRs [note 27], n.p. [image 501].

⁸⁶ Leeds VRs [note 7], p. 74 [image 222].

⁸⁷ James “McKneal” household, 1830 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 126. The household included a male 15–19.

⁸⁸ Angela M. Foster, *Vital Records of Hartford, Maine 1767–1891* (Rockport, Maine, 2004), 112. Her middle name is inscribed on her gravestone.

⁸⁹ *Hartford VRs* [note 88], 40.

⁹⁰ Thomas Neal household, 1850 U.S. Census, Livermore, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 269B.

⁹¹ As indicated by the birthplaces of their children, noted below.

⁹² Poor House, William E. Starbird, overseer, 1860 U.S. Census, Hartford, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 209. Tamison and her 6 children, residents, were described as paupers.

⁹³ Tho. Neal household, 1860 U.S. Census, Scott River Twp., Siskiyou Co., Calif., p. 72. Living with him was “I. Neal,” a male, aged 26, who likewise was a miner.

⁹⁴ Thomas H. Neal, San Francisco, Calif., 1864 City Directory, p. 309, in City Directories 1821–1989, ancestry.com.

⁹⁵ Neal, Thomas Hicks, age 51, b. Maine, miner, Great Register for San Francisco Co. for 1866–1867, # illegible, image 246 in California Voter Registers, 1866–1898, ancestry.com.

⁹⁶ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 208:270. In this record, he is Thomas H. Neal, age 53, b. Livermore, son of James and Abigail Neal. Mehitable's parents were given as Samuel and Hannah Oliver, her age 35, and birthplace Clinton, Maine. Mehitable had been divorced by her previous husband, William Oliver, in Sept. 1867 (Somerset Co., Maine, Supreme Judicial Court, 12:37 [DGS #4756673, image 38]). At least the surname of her parents as given in the cited marriage record is incorrect. According to the divorce record, she m. William Oliver in Waterville, 5 June 1859 [*sic*: 1849]. Her maiden name was given as “Miss Mehitable P. Morse of Waterville” when she m. (int.) Sidney, 3 June 1849, William Oliver of Sidney (Sidney VRs, p. 100 [DGS #7834700, image 100]). Whether her parents were named Samuel and Hannah has not been determined.

In that record, the marriage was purported to be his first, but it was in fact bigamous, for Tamison was still living, and there is no record that they had divorced. It seems, then, that he had deserted his family and started a new life in California. Whether this marriage lasted long is unknown. He is not found on the 1870 census,⁹⁷ and at some point, he returned to mining in California, where he registered as a voter in Tres Pinos, Monterey County, on 4 September 1871.⁹⁸ Then, having turned to farming, he registered as a voter in Mokelumne, San Joaquin County, on 4 June 1874, and was listed in the voter registers for 1875, 1876, and finally in 1877.⁹⁹ He is not found in any subsequent record (vital, voter, or census) and can thus be presumed to have died in or soon after 1877. Back in Maine, Tamison was described as a widow in 1880,¹⁰⁰ and died in Hartford 10 September 1881.¹⁰¹

Child of Thomas Hicks Neal and Philena/Filena —:

- i THOMAS HICKS/HIX NEAL/NEIL Jr., b. Canton, Maine,¹⁰² ca. 1837, d. Calif., 3 Dec. 1914.¹⁰³ In 1850 he was living with the William Millett family in Auburn, Maine,¹⁰⁴ but by 13 June 1861, when he enlisted to serve in the Civil War, he was a bootmaker in Dorchester, Mass.¹⁰⁵ He m. Boston, 13 Nov. 1862, ELLEN M. LAWSON of Boston.¹⁰⁶ A bootmaker in Concord, Mass., in 1865,¹⁰⁷ he was in Calif. by 31 Aug. 1875, when he registered as a voter in San Joaquin Co.¹⁰⁸ Still

⁹⁷ He is not the “Thos Neal,” age 55, laborer, b. Maine, who with wife Harriet was enumerated in Calif. in 1870 (E. M. Cottrell household, 1870 U.S. Census, Vallejo, Solana Co., Calif., p. 166B.

⁹⁸ Neal, Thomas Hicks, age 51, b. Maine, miner, Great Register for Monterey Co. for 1871 (#2185), p. 25, image 53 in California Voter Registers, 1866–1898, ancestry.com.

⁹⁹ Neal, Thomas Hicks, age 59, b. Maine, farmer, Great Register for San Joaquin Co. for 1875 (#3680), 1876 (#4101) and 1877 (#4346), images 178, 219 and 250, respectively, in California Voter Registers, 1866–1898, ancestry.com.

¹⁰⁰ Zephaniah H. Neal household, 1880 U.S. Census, Hartford, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 168C.

¹⁰¹ Gravestone photo, Hartford Center Cemetery, findagrave.com #150644152. “Tamson,” “wife of Thomas Neal.”

¹⁰² His birthplace is from his marriage record [note 106]); the year is based on his age as given therein and in the other cited records. Canton is immediately north of Livermore and Hartford, where his father subsequently resided.

¹⁰³ Los Angeles National Cemetery, findagrave.com #3738343.

¹⁰⁴ Thomas H. Neal, aged 13, William Millett household, 1850 U.S. Census, Auburn, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 1B.

¹⁰⁵ Thomas H. Neal, age 24, U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1851–1865, database, ancestry.com. He was discharged 21 Oct. 1862 with a disability.

¹⁰⁶ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 155:102. The record includes his age (25), occupation (bootmaker), birthplace (Canton, Maine), and his parents’ first names.

¹⁰⁷ Thomas H. Neil household, 1865 Mass. State Census, Concord, Middlesex Co., Mass., family 395.

¹⁰⁸ Neil, Thomas Hix, Jr., age 38, b. Maine, bootmaker, residence Mokelumne, Great Register for San Joaquin Co. for 1876, p. 48 (#4116), and for 1877, p. 50 (#4358), images 219 and 250, respectively, in California Voter Registers, 1866–1898, ancestry.com. It is conspicuous that in these records he appears on the same pages as Thomas Hicks Neal, his probable father.

a boot maker, he and his wife were enumerated there in 1880,¹⁰⁹ and he appears on voter lists in that county from then through 1890 when he was a liveryman,¹¹⁰ and then in Sacramento Co.¹¹¹ From 1904 to 1912, and again in 1914, he was in the Sawtelle soldiers home in Los Angeles where he died.¹¹²

Children of Thomas Hicks and Tamison Brown (Trask) Neal:¹¹³

- ii ZEPHANIAH HICKS NEAL, b. Livermore, [calc.] 17 Jan. 1847, d. Brockton, Mass., 1 June 1905, aged 58y 4m 14d.¹¹⁴ He served as a private in the Civil War from 1862 to 1863,¹¹⁵ and m. North Bridgewater, Mass., 26 Nov. 1871, LOUISA JANE BATTLES.¹¹⁶
- iii ABIGAIL NEAL, b. prob. Livermore, ca. 1849, living in 1860.¹¹⁷ No further information.
- iv ANN/ANNIE E. NEAL, b. Hartford, [calc.] 1 Sept. 1850, d. Madison, Maine, 19 Jan. 1902, aged 51y 4m 18d,¹¹⁸ m. (1) Winthrop, 29 Dec. 1868, LUKE AINSWORTH RIDEOUT,¹¹⁹ and (2) Brunswick, Maine, 6 April 1876, DANIEL F. CHANDLER, both of Winthrop.¹²⁰
- v JOEL S. NEAL, b. Livermore, [calc.] 10 Feb. 1853, d. Rumford, Maine, 5 Feb. 1902, age 48y 11m 23d.¹²¹ He m. ca. 1874, VIOLA PEARL.¹²²

¹⁰⁹ Thomas Neal household, 1880 U.S. Census, Elkhorn Twp., San Joaquin Co., Calif., p. 184A.

¹¹⁰ Neil, Thomas Hicks Jr., Great Registers for San Joaquin Co., #4214 (1880), #4754 (1882), #5731 (1884), and #5623 (1890), images 285, 324, 366, and 450, respectively, in California Voter Registers, 1866–1898, ancestry.com.

¹¹¹ Neil, Thomas Hix, Great Registers for Sacramento Co., p. 3 (1896) and p. 3 (1898), images 313 and 514, respectively, in California Voter Registers, 1866–1898, ancestry.com.

¹¹² Thomas H. Neil, #6308, Sawtelle Registers, 1888–1933, image 156 in U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866–1938, ancestry.com.

¹¹³ 1850 and 1860 censuses [notes 90 and 93]; their parents named in the vital records cited below for each.

¹¹⁴ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 1905/26:172. His father’s first name was incorrectly given therein as “Joel” Neal.

¹¹⁵ Zephaniah H. Neal, Hartford, U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861–1865, database, ancestry.com.

¹¹⁶ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 236:410.

¹¹⁷ Abigail, aged 1, 1850 Census [note 90]; Abby, aged 11, 1860 Census [note 92].

¹¹⁸ Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #4543990, image 505].

¹¹⁹ Winthrop Marriages, pp. 176–77 [DGS #7596986, image 395].

¹²⁰ Brunswick VRs, “Record of Marriages Transcribed from Old Book 5,” p. 85 [DGS #7592511, image 174].

¹²¹ Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #4703845, image 994].

¹²² Joel S. Neal household, 1900 U.S. Census, Rumford, Oxford Co., Maine, E.D. 201, p. 27, married 26 years, his occupation given as “RR repairs.” Her maiden name is from her death record, which names her parents and incorrectly names her husband as “Joseph” (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [DGS #5011845, image 1678]).

- vi DECATUR STINCHFIELD NEAL, b. Livermore¹²³ or Hartford, 2 March 1857, d. Falmouth, Mass., 15 Feb. 1911, aged 54y 7m 13d;¹²⁴ m. Sandwich, Mass., 29 Sept. 1885, MARY LAWRENCE NEWCOMB.¹²⁵
- vii DANIEL F. NEAL, b. Hartford, [calc.] 27 Nov. 1858, d. Hartford, 15 Aug. 1913, aged 54y 8m 18d;¹²⁶ m. (1) Boston, Mass., 25 April 1888, ADA M. HASKELL,¹²⁷ and (2) Boston, 11 Dec. 1890, ALICE S. CANN.¹²⁸

PHINEAS FOSS NEAL was born in Leeds, 25 March 1816.¹²⁹ His whereabouts in 1830 are unknown, unless he, rather than his brother Thomas, was the male age 15–19 then in his father’s household.¹³⁰ He was “of Fayette” and using the surname “Neal” when he married (1) (int.) Fayette, 23 June 1839, SALLY DAVENPORT.¹³¹ She was born in Fayette, 22 July 1820, daughter of Rufus and Anna (Stevens) Davenport.¹³² She died at age 29 in Fayette, 17 August 1849.¹³³ Phineas was still of Fayette when he married (2) (int.) Fayette, 3 February 1850, (cert.) Leeds, 17 February 1850, AMANDA ARVILLA CARVER.¹³⁴ She was born, 17 July 1822, daughter of Eleazer and Hannah (Stinchfield) Carver.¹³⁵ By August of that year, they were in nearby Livermore, with his twice-widowed 79-year-old maternal grandmother, Sally (Stinchfield) (Hicks) Raymond, also in the household.¹³⁶ Phineas married (3) (int.) Livermore, 9 November 1856, DEBORAH N. (COVELL) JORDAN of Jay, Maine.¹³⁷ She was born in Wilton, Maine, 20 April

¹²³ Per his marriage record, cited below.

¹²⁴ Mass. VRs, 1911–15, 1911/42:40, which gives his birthplace as Hartford, Maine.

¹²⁵ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 361:22.

¹²⁶ Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #5011845, image 1634].

¹²⁷ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 390:66.

¹²⁸ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 408:269.

¹²⁹ Leeds VRs [note 7], p. 74 [image 222]. His middle initial was “F” in 1860 (Phineas F. Neal, household, 1860 U.S. Census, Livermore, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 511), as well as in the record of his 3rd marriage and his son Albert’s death record (both cited below). He was most likely named after Phineas Foss (husband of his maternal great aunt, Rebecca Stinchfield), who d. 13 April 1814 “in the Epidemic” (Leeds VRs [note 7], pp. 119 and 135 [images 246, 255]). His middle initial “S” on his gravestone may have been an inscription error.

¹³⁰ James “McKneal” household, 1830 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 126. If so, he was tallied as slightly older than his actual age (14).

¹³¹ Fayette VRs [note 30], p. 106 [image 250].

¹³² Fayette VRs [note 30], p. 99 [image 247]; her parents m. 8 Nov. 1819 (Winthrop Marriages, p. 44 [DGS #7596986, image 356]). Her parents are also named on her gravestone.

¹³³ 1850 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Fayette, line 1; gravestone photo, Fayette Mills Cemetery, findagrave.com #73409115.

¹³⁴ Fayette VRs [note 30], p. 132 [image 264] (“Phinehas McNeal”); Leeds VRs [note 7], p. 79 [image 52].

¹³⁵ Leeds VRs [note 7], p. 67 [image 217]; her parents m. (cert.) Leeds, 6 April 1816 (ibid., p. 201 [image 111]). She was his first cousin, once removed.

¹³⁶ Phineas Neal household, 1850 U.S. Census, Livermore, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 209B.

¹³⁷ Livermore, Maine, VRs, n.p. [DGS #7834679, image 528].

1813, daughter of Micaiah and Mary (Butterfield) Covell.¹³⁸ Phineas was a farmer in Livermore in 1860 and 1870.¹³⁹ He died 6 October 1877, aged 61 years, 6 months, 11 days.¹⁴⁰ His widow, Deborah, died in No. Grafton, Massachusetts, 14 July 1890, aged 76.¹⁴¹

Child of Phineas and 1st wife, Sally (Davenport) Neal:

- i GEORGE DAVENPORT NEAL, b. Fayette 1840, served as a private, then corporal and finally sergeant in the Civil War from 1862 to 1864,¹⁴² d. 22 Oct. 1878.¹⁴³ He m. Turner, Maine, 1 Jan. 1867, Mrs. MARY JANE (DEXTER) MERRILL.¹⁴⁴

Children of Phineas and 2nd wife, Amanda Arvilla (Carver) Neal:¹⁴⁵

- ii AMANDA NEAL, b ca. 1851, living in 1860, perhaps deceased by 1868.¹⁴⁶ No further record.
- iii CYNTHIA D. NEAL, b. 1852, d. 1889;¹⁴⁷ m. (cert.) Turner, 23 Dec. 1867, CHARLES L. METCALF.¹⁴⁸
- iv ALBERT P[HINEAS?] NEAL, b. Livermore 11 Aug. 1853, d. Monmouth, Maine, 10 Nov. 1920;¹⁴⁹ m. Chelsea, Mass., 24 Aug. 1875, HENRIETTA/ETTA J. MARSTON,¹⁵⁰ b. 1853, d. 1939.¹⁵¹

ABIGAIL McNEAL was born in Leeds 12 July 1819.¹⁵² As Abigail McNeal of Fayette, she published intentions of marriage in Wayne, 9 July 1836, and in Fayette, 23 July 1836, with SOLOMON RAYMOND Jr. of Wayne,¹⁵³ but there is no record that the marriage ever took place. She probably died not long afterwards,

¹³⁸ Wilton, Maine, TRs, p. 16 [DGS #7596943, image 263]. Her previous husband was Jonathan Jordan, a household head in 1850 U.S. Census, Monroe, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 91B.

¹³⁹ Phineas F. Neal household, 1860 and 1870 U.S. Censuses, Livermore, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 511 (1860) and p. 349A (1870).

¹⁴⁰ Gravestone photo, Knapp Cemetery, Leeds, findagrave.com #53227977.

¹⁴¹ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 411:497.

¹⁴² George D. Neal, Livermore, U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861–1865, database, ancestry.com.

¹⁴³ Gravestone photo and text, Knapp Cemetery, Leeds, findagrave.com #53228009.

¹⁴⁴ Turner Marriages, 1829–1877, n.p. [DGS #7596922, image 250].

¹⁴⁵ Phineas F. Neal, household, 1860 U.S. Census, Livermore, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 511.

¹⁴⁶ Her sister's daughter Amanda N. Metcalf was born that year and may have been named after her.

¹⁴⁷ Mount Auburn Cemetery, Auburn, Maine, findagrave.com #113235034.

¹⁴⁸ Turner Marriage Intentions, 1840–1877, n.p. [DGS #7596922, image 132].

¹⁴⁹ Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #5011845, image 1742]; gravestone photo, Leeds Center Cemetery, findagrave.com #54534982.

¹⁵⁰ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 273:197.

¹⁵¹ Leeds Center Cemetery, findagrave.com #54535006.

¹⁵² Leeds VRs [note 7], p. 74 [image 222].

¹⁵³ Wayne VRs [note 12], p. 66 [image 233]; Fayette VRs [note 24], p. 104 [image 249]. He was a grandson of her maternal grandmother's second husband, William Raymond. Two of her maternal aunts had also married into the Raymond family.

and before 4 February 1837, when Solomon published intentions of marriage with Mary L. Maxim.¹⁵⁴

DANIEL NEAL was born in Leeds, 20 October 1822.¹⁵⁵ He moved to Fayette with his parents at age three, but when he was sixteen he “shipped out” from Penobscot, Maine, as a sailor for ten years.¹⁵⁶ At some point he adopted the surname Neal,” and so was probably the Daniel D. Neal, mariner, residing in Bangor in 1848.¹⁵⁷ He married (1) Bucksport, Maine, 8 November 1857, RACHEL L. ELDRIDGE,¹⁵⁸ born circa 1840, daughter of Isaac Small and Clarissa (Warren) Eldridge.¹⁵⁹ They resided in Lincoln, Maine, where he was a farmer in 1860,¹⁶⁰ but after Rachel died in Bucksport, 3 September 1866, Daniel went west to Wisconsin. In 1870 he was a farm laborer residing with his sister Jane and her husband.¹⁶¹

On 7 November 1872, he married (2) SARAH ANN (NICHOLS) (SMITH) JAMISON, born Concord, Vermont, 23 October 1830, widow of John Smith and Scott Jamison, by both of whom she had several children.¹⁶² They resided on a farm in Waupaca County for the rest of their lives.¹⁶³

Sarah died in Ogdensburg, Town of Lawrence, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, 30 September 1909.¹⁶⁴ Daniel died there 15 April 1910, aged 88 years (overstated by a year), 6 months.¹⁶⁵ He had no children by either of his marriages, but was a stepfather to his wife Sarah’s children. His obituary described him as “one of the sturdy types of pioneer characters that has made the settlement of Wisconsin conspicuous,” as well as a man of faith, and added that, until his last illness “he was always engaged in an active, strenuous life.”

ZEPHANIAH HICKS NEAL was born, no doubt in Fayette, in 1828 or 1829. He was probably the “Zephaniah Neal” who was a “greenhand” on the crew of the whaling ship *Columbus* out of New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1849.¹⁶⁶ As such,

¹⁵⁴ Wayne VRs [note 12], p. 67 [image 233].

¹⁵⁵ The place is named in his obituary [note 20], which gives the year as 1822. The exact date is from his death record, Waupaca Co., Wisc., Death Records, 1:402.

¹⁵⁶ Obituary notice [note 20].

¹⁵⁷ Bangor, Maine, 1848 City Directory, p. 60.

¹⁵⁸ Patricia Adams, *Vital Records of Bucksport, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2007), 220.

¹⁵⁹ Bradford W. Luther, *Eldred, Eldredge, Eldridge in New England* (Fairhaven, Mass., 1994), W-63.

¹⁶⁰ Daniel “Kneeley” household, 1860 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 820.

¹⁶¹ Daniel Hubbard household, 1870 U.S. Census, Hull, Portage Co., Wisc., p. 102B.

¹⁶² Obituary notice, *Waupaca Republican-Post* (Wisc.), 14 Oct. 1909.

¹⁶³ Daniel Neal household, 1880 and 1900 U.S. Censuses, St. Lawrence, Waupaca Co., Wisc., pp. 184B and 10B, respectively.

¹⁶⁴ *Waupaca Republican-Post* (Wisc.), 14 Oct. 1909.

¹⁶⁵ Obituary notice [note 20] and death record, Waupaca Co., Wisc. [note 155].

¹⁶⁶ www.whalingmuseum.org/online-exhibits/crewlist/search. Greenhand in this case refers to an inexperienced sailor.

he would have been following in the footsteps of his brother Daniel, who had gone to sea a decade or so earlier. In 1860 he was living, at age 31, as a farmer in Tehama, California.¹⁶⁷ On 4 August 1866, he was a miner, aged 37, in San Francisco,¹⁶⁸ where he died 19 September 1867 of heart disease “on a street corner.”¹⁶⁹ He is not known to have married or to have fathered any children.

ELIAS McNEAL/NEAL was born, probably in Fayette, about 1834. In 1850 he was a 16-year-old farmer and student boarding in the household of Sarah Marston in East Livermore (now Livermore Falls), Maine.¹⁷⁰ No further record of him has been found, unless he was the “I.” Neal, a 26-year-old miner who was living with “Tho. Neal,” also a miner, in California in 1860.¹⁷¹ If so, he may have accompanied or followed his older brothers Thomas and Zephaniah to California, where they too were miners in the 1860s.

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¹⁶⁷ Z. H. Neal household, 1860 U.S. Census, Tehama Twp., Tehama Co., Calif., p. 942. Three other young men, two of whom were also natives of Maine, were residing with him.

¹⁶⁸ Neal, Zephaniah Hicks, aged 37, b. Maine, miner, Great Register for San Francisco Co. for 1866–1867, # illeg., image 246 in California Voter Registers, 1866–1898, ancestry.com. He appears on the same page as his brother Thomas.

¹⁶⁹ San Francisco Deaths 1865–1873, #5664, image 119, in California, County Birth, Marriage and Death Records 1849–1987, ancestry.com. This record gives his birthplace as Maine, his age as 38, occupation: farmer.

¹⁷⁰ Sarah Marston household, 1850 U.S. Census, East Livermore, Maine, p. 80B. As noted above, his brothers Thomas and Phineas were then residing in neighboring Livermore. Sarah’s household included several other individuals of various ages.

¹⁷¹ Census [note 93]. The “Tho.” heading the household was probably his older brother Thomas, who is known to have gone to California. Was the initial “I.” an abbreviation for “Ilias,” the latter being a misspelling of Elias?

THE MOSES STAPLES FAMILY OF BIDDEFORD, MAINE

By Karl F. Lamson

Moses Staples and Sally Tarbox were married in Biddeford, Maine, 4 December 1802.¹ The Biddeford records document their nine children—John, Ezekiel Tarbox, Moses, Loisa, Lucinda, Charles, Marcus, Harriet, and Sarah—born from 1803 to 1820.² Moses died in Biddeford 17 July 1838, leaving his widow, Sarah, and surviving children Charles, Ezekiel T., Marcus, Loisa, Lucinda, Harriet, and Sarah.³

No record documenting Moses's date of birth and parents could be found, but census records indicate he was born in the period 1776–1780.⁴ To determine his likely parents, I listed all the Staples heads of household in the Biddeford records of the second half of the eighteenth century up to 1810. These were Andrew, John, Benjamin, James, William, Noah, Joseph, and Elisha. Then, using the Biddeford vital records, I listed all the children born in each of these families and compared this information with the census records, looking for the possibility that Moses was a member of one of these families and his birth had not been recorded. One by one, families were eliminated until two were left—Benjamin and John.

Benjamin Staples married in Biddeford, 25 September 1760, Hannah Smith.⁵ They had eight children whose baptisms between 1763 and 1777 were recorded at the First Congregational Church in Biddeford—Joseph, Edward, Jeremiah, Molley, Hannah, Rosanna, Benjamin, and Sarah.⁶ While no son Moses was baptized, it was possible he was born after Sarah and that his baptism was unrecorded. A probate record, however, shows that Moses was not Benjamin's son. Benjamin was deceased by 20 February 1804 when Hannah Staples, widow, Daniel Staples, and Nathaniel Staples were appointed administrators of the estate of Benjamin Staples, late of Biddeford, gentleman, deceased.⁷ On 21 July 1807, the estate was divided among Benjamin's five children “or their legal representatives,” named as Joseph Staples the eldest son, Edward Staples the second son, Jeremiah Staples

¹ John D. Beatty, ed., *Vital Records of Biddeford, Maine, Prior to 1856* (Camden, Maine, 1998), 147. In the early records, the surname was alternately spelled Staples and Staple. In this article the spelling *Staples* will be used, unless directly quoting from an original source.

² Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 205, 253.

³ Moses Staples estate, York Co. Probate Records, #17857 [DGS #7315221, images 725, 731]. Sons John and Moses evidently predeceased their father.

⁴ Moses was aged 26–44 in 1810 (Moses Staples household, 1810 U.S. Census, Biddeford, York Co., Maine, p. 908), aged 26–44 in 1820 (Moses Staples household, 1820 U.S. Census, Biddeford, York Co., Maine, p. 359), and aged 50–60 in 1830 (Moses Staples household, 1830 U.S. Census, District 9, York Co., Maine, p. 39).

⁵ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 108.

⁶ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 80, 81, 83, 94, 96, 97, 99, 101.

⁷ York Co. Probate Records, #17761 [DGS #7315220, image 561].

the third son, Samuel Smith who was “the legal representative of Mary Smith the granddaughter of the said deceased,”⁸ and Anna Staples “the daughter of the said deceased.”⁹ This confirms that Moses was not the son of Benjamin Staples.

JOHN STAPLES OF BIDDEFORD

John Staples married in Biddeford, 29 November 1769, Mehitable Hill.¹⁰ In 1820 John Staples, aged 45+, and Moses Staples, aged 26–44, were living in adjacent households in Biddeford, their proximity suggesting a possible familial relationship.¹¹ John Staples was not a head of household in 1830, but Moses’s household that year included a male, aged 80–90.¹² Moses’s father-in-law, Ezekiel Tarbox, had died in 1807,¹³ so the elderly male was likely John Staples.

Land records provide additional evidence of the close connection between John Staples and Moses Staples. On 14 July 1802, John Staples, gentleman, sold to Moses Staples half of his farm in Biddeford.¹⁴ John sold Moses the remaining half on 5 August 1815.¹⁵ The portion sold in 1815 was not recorded until 1832, two years before John died, reportedly at age 91.¹⁶ Additionally, on 10 November 1828, John Staples sold to Moses’s son Moses Staples Jr. of Biddeford twenty acres of land, which bordered land owned by John Nason Jr.¹⁷ John Nason Jr. would marry on 29 April 1839 Louisa Staples, who was Moses’s daughter.¹⁸

The deeds are highly suggestive of an aged father and grandfather leaving his property to his descendants. That, with the other evidence discussed and the lack of other candidates for Moses’s father, drives the conclusion that John Staples was indeed the father of Moses. John’s wife, Mehitable, whom he married in 1769, was “admitted into full Communion by Mr. Webster” at the Biddeford church, although the date is not given.¹⁹ Rev. Nathaniel Webster was ordained at the church on 14 April 1779,²⁰ so Mehitable was alive at that time and was therefore the likely

⁸ Mary was the daughter of Benjamin’s daughter Molly Staples who m. (int.) Biddeford, 8 June 1786, Samuel Smith (Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 122).

⁹ York Co. Probate Records, #17761 [DGS #7315220, images 553–58].

¹⁰ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 112.

¹¹ 1820 U.S. Census, Biddeford, York Co., Maine, p. 359.

¹² Moses Staples household, 1830 U.S. Census, District 9, York Co., Maine, p. 39. Moses would be the male aged 50–60 in the household.

¹³ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 156; Robert L. Taylor, “John⁴ Tarbox of Biddeford, Maine,” *The Essex Genealogist* 20[2000]:144.

¹⁴ York Co. Deeds, 70:18.

¹⁵ York Co. Deeds, 142:23.

¹⁶ John Staples d. 12 Dec. 1834 (Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 226). He was described as “the oldest male person in the town.”

¹⁷ York Co. Deeds, 142:24.

¹⁸ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 334.

¹⁹ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 50.

²⁰ George Folsom, *History of Saco and Biddeford, with Notices of Other Early Settlements, and of the Proprietary Governments in Maine* (Saco, 1830), 293.

mother of Moses, born in the period 1776–1780. The Biddeford church records include baptisms for three of John and Mehitable’s children: Ebenezer on 4 April 1773, Anna on 23 May 1773, and Mehetable on 16 July 1775.²¹ Son Moses was likely the next child, but last baptism recorded at the church was in October 1777 as a result of the death of Rev. Moses Morrill in February 1778. There are no extant baptismal records from the ministry of Morrill’s successor, Rev. Nathaniel Webster.²²

If indeed aged 91 when he died on 12 December 1834, John Staples was born about 1743. It is well known that the Staples family in Maine originated in Kittery, but John is not documented in Stackpole’s account of the early family in that town.²³ A deed, however, provided the key to John’s origin. On 6 April 1791, Noah Staple of Kittery mortgaged for sixty pounds to “my brothers Benjamin Staple and John Staple both of Biddeford” twenty-four acres of land in Kittery.²⁴ The debt was settled in 1794, and the mortgage was discharged.

There was only one John Staples who was an adult in Biddeford in 1791, he being the father of Moses as shown above. The deed proves that Noah and Benjamin were John’s brothers. The Kittery vital records show that James Staples with wife Dorcas had six children born between 1729 and 1737: James, Joseph, *Noah*, Dorcas, Elisha, and Elizabeth.²⁵ Additional children were baptized at the Second Parish Church in Kittery: *Benjamin* on 23 September 1839, Shuah in June 1740, Andrew on 1 December 1745, and Nathaniel on 3 July 1748.²⁶ While no baptismal record for John was recorded, there is ample room for him to be placed in James’s family about 1743, between the births of Shuah and Andrew.

Stackpole gives an account of the James Staples family, listing both Noah and Benjamin as his sons, but omitting John and the others born after 1737.²⁷ James’s wife was Dorcas Libby who, according to Stackpole, died 23 April 1742. If correct, then Dorcas died a year or so before John’s birth and therefore was *not* his mother. A deed, however, shows that Stackpole erred. Dorcas did not die on 23 April 1742, as she was very much alive on 18 June 1750 when she and James sold land in Berwick that James had inherited from his father, also named James.²⁸ Dorcas released her dower rights and signed with her mark.

²¹ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 98, 100.

²² Folsom, *History of Saco and Biddeford* [note 20].

²³ Everett S. Stackpole, *Old Kittery and Her Families* (Lewiston, Maine, 1903), 752–58.

²⁴ York Co. Deeds, 53:275,

²⁵ Joseph Crook Anderson II and Lois Ware Thurston, ed., *Vital Records of Kittery, Maine, to the Year 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1991), 74.

²⁶ “Kittery, Maine, Second Parish Baptisms 1721–1831,” *The Maine Genealogist* 25(2003): 140, 141, 181, 182.

²⁷ Stackpole, *Old Kittery* [note 23], 755.

²⁸ York Co. Deeds, 27:320. The Kittery VRs has no record of Dorcas’s death. There is, however, one entry for a death on 23 April 1742 in Kittery, the date that Stackpole listed for Dorcas. That death was for Ann Staple, not Dorcas. The births of Dorcas’s children are listed on the top

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY²⁹

MOSES STAPLES was born in Biddeford, Maine, in the period 1776–1780, a son of John and Mehitable (Hill) Staples. He died in Biddeford, 17 July 1838. He married in Biddeford, 4 December 1802, SARAH/SALLY TARBOX, daughter of Ezekiel and Sarah (Stackpole) Tarbox.³⁰ Sarah died in Biddeford, between 1 January and 10 February 1840.³¹ Her will, which she dated 19 November 1839, was proved 6 April 1840.³²

Moses was a farmer in Biddeford. At the time of his death, his real estate consisted of the homestead farm, a two-story house, two barns, other outbuildings, and several pieces of land, all appraised at \$3646. His personal estate amounted to \$1122.³³ As noted, Moses's heirs at his death in 1838 were listed as his widow, Sarah, and his children Charles, Ezekiel T., Marcus, Loisa [Louisa], Lucinda, Harriet, and Sarah. When Sarah died a couple of years later, she named in her will her son Ezekiel T. Staples, her daughter Louisa Nason, her daughter Lucinda Jordan, her son Marcus Staples, her daughter Harriet Small, and her daughter Sarah Staples “who has for some time past kindly and affectionately taken care of me and watched over me and with me by night and by day.” For her kindness, daughter Sarah was given her mother's French bedstead with the bed and bedding belonging to it, as well as half a dozen gilt-back chairs, a chest of drawers, a Pembroke table, a chamber looking glass, two damask tablecloths, nine knives and forks, and a half dozen silver teaspoons.

Children of Moses and Sarah/Sally (Tarbox) Staples, b. Biddeford:³⁴

- i JOHN STAPLES, b. 3 Oct. 1803. He evidently predeceased his father.
- ii EZEKIEL TARBOX STAPLES, b. 8 Sept. 1805, d. Biddeford, 7 June 1856;³⁵ m. (int.) Wells, 19 May 1838, CAROLINE RANKIN of Wells.³⁶
- iii MOSES STAPLES, b. 9 July 1807, d. Biddeford, 8 Aug. 1833, aged 26.³⁷

of same page. It is apparent that Stackpole saw the Staple death record at the bottom of the page and mistakenly thought that this was associated with the Staple family information above.

²⁹ Facts and conclusions discussed earlier in this article are not recited here.

³⁰ Taylor, “John⁴ Tarbox of Biddeford, Maine” [note 13], 144.

³¹ The death record for “Mrs. Sally Staples wife of Mr. Moses Staples deceased” is undated, but it was recorded after the death of Mrs. Charity Stevens on 1 Jan. 1840 and before the death of Mrs. Mary Tarbox on 10 Feb. 1840 (Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 276).

³² York Co. Probate Records, #17879 [DGS #7315221, images 1028–30].

³³ Moses Staples estate [note 3] [images 742–44].

³⁴ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 205, 253.

³⁵ Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [DGS #7033280, image 805]. According to the Biddeford, the source of the death was from “old records.”

³⁶ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 329.

³⁷ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 224.

- iv LOISA/LOUISA STAPLES, b. 14 July 1809, d. 14 Nov. 1885, aged 76y 4m, and bur. in Gray Family Burying Ground, Limerick, Maine;³⁸ m. Biddeford, 29 April 1839, JOHN NASON Jr.³⁹
- v LUCINDA STAPLES, b. 22 Sept. 1811, d. 6 Sept. 1855, aged 44, and bur. in Jordan Cemetery, Biddeford;⁴⁰ m. Biddeford, 22 Sept. 1833, ROBERT ELLIOT JORDAN.⁴¹
- vi CHARLES STAPLES, b. 2 Dec. 1813, d. Biddeford, in Aug. 1872;⁴² m. (1) (int.) Biddeford, 21 Jan. 1843, NANCY WELCH of Lyman;⁴³ m. (2) (int.) Sanford, Maine, 27 Dec. 1861, SUSAN A. PRIME of Sanford.⁴⁴
- vii MARCUS STAPLES, b. 24 May 1816, d. 18 May 1885;⁴⁵ m. Biddeford, 28 Oct. 1839, CORNELIA PERKINS both of Biddeford.⁴⁶
- viii HARRIET STAPLES, b. 1 Oct. 1818, d. Brooklyn, N.Y., 1 Jan. 1887, aged 68y 3m, and bur. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Biddeford;⁴⁷ m. (int.) Biddeford, 1 June 1839, RUFUS SMALL of Limington.⁴⁸
- ix SARAH STAPLES, b. 2 Dec. 1820; m. Biddeford, 23 June 1842, JOHN EMERY Jr. both of Biddeford.⁴⁹ He is poss. the John Emery Jr. of Biddeford who m. (2?) (int.) Biddeford, 16 May 1846, Cyrene E. Stevens of Kennebunkport.⁵⁰

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³⁸ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #89865851.

³⁹ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 334.

⁴⁰ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #84127682.

⁴¹ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 316.

⁴² Charles Staples estate, York Co. Probate Records, #17767 [DGS #7315220, image 627]. His will was dated 5 July 1872 (ibid. [images 623–26]).

⁴³ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 342.

⁴⁴ Sanford VRs, 1861–92, p. 5 [DGS #7724809, image 107].

⁴⁵ Marcus Staples estate, York Co. Probate Records, #17846 [DGS #7315221, image 427]. His will was dated 5 July 1872 (ibid. [images 623–26]).

⁴⁶ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 336.

⁴⁷ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #64348938. An obituary notice attached to her findagrave entry says she was “the last surviving daughter of Moses Staples of Lower Biddeford.”

⁴⁸ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 332.

⁴⁹ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 344.

⁵⁰ Beatty, *Biddeford VRs* [note 1], 397.

THE EARLIEST INHABITANTS OF THOMASTON, MAINE,
AND ELECTIONS FOR TOWN OFFICE EXTRACTED FROM
TOWN MEETING MINUTES, 1777–1783

By Rachel M. Trousdale

New sources of Revolutionary War service, including elected service at the town level, are coming to light continually as more and more local records are digitized and made available to the public in research repositories online. The town records of Thomaston, Maine, from which the following information was compiled, though fully digitized and available online, are not yet indexed for search; therefore, even an accurate and closely targeted search will not produce these records. In the interest of bringing these records to the knowledge of the wider genealogical community, the information pertaining to Revolutionary War-era residence and service has been compiled herein.¹

This Book
of Records
of Births, Deaths and
Marriages
of the Inhabitants of
The Town of Thomaston
was procured for that purpose,
in the year
1803.²

Thomaston was set off from the boundaries of the town of Warren in combination with “the Easterly part of a Plantation called St Georges” in 1777 by an act of the legislature in Massachusetts Bay.³ A copy of this act creating Thomaston and empowering the town to choose its own officers was copied into the beginning of the town records book by David Fales,⁴ the elected town clerk. In 1803 a book containing a record of the first male inhabitants of the town, their taxable numbers, and certain biographical information was presented to the inhabitants of the town as the town’s first book of vital records. The biographical information therein was later collected and published with other town history in 1865 by Cyrus Eaton.⁵ To

¹ The marriage intentions interspersed among town meeting minutes was published in Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Thomaston, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 2002).

² Thomaston VRs, Births and Deaths, vol. 1, 1775–1843, title page [DGS #7834706, image 7].

³ Thomaston TRs, p. 1 [DGS #7834706, images 299–300].

⁴ TRs [note 3], p. 32 [image 315]. A complete list of children born to David Fales and his wife Hannah between 1762 and 1778 was included after the minutes of the town meeting of 12 Feb. 1781 (p. 25 [image 311]).

⁵ Cyrus Eaton, *History of Thomaston, Rockland, and South Thomaston, Maine, from Their First Exploration, A.D. 1605; with Family Genealogies*, 2 vols. (Hallowell, Maine, 1865).

avoid repetitiveness, this author refers the researcher to that text for the full recounting of these vital records. The following information is strictly limited to the names of those elected to office in the town as recorded in the book of town records, the offices they were elected to and in which they served, and the dates of their election. If a special note was made by the original compiler of only certain elected candidates having been sworn in, or if at a later meeting the elected candidate refused to serve and a substitute chosen in his place, those details will be included herein. Care has been taken to preserve the spelling of names, instead of drawing them into standardization with one another.

THE ORIGINAL MALE INHABITANTS OF THOMASTON

The names of the Inhabitants of Thomaston, at the time of its Incorporation, Householders and others, possessed of Estates therein, with the number of their rateable Polls respectively, were as followeth, viz.⁶

Names	N ^o of Polls	Names	N ^o of Polls
# Hezekiah Batchelder	1	# James Orbeton	1
Samuel Bartlet	1	# Jonathan Orbeton	1
John Bridges	1	# Patrick Porterfield	1
† Samuel Brown	1	Oliver Robins	1
† James Brown	1	† Oliver Robins Junr.	1
† Ichabod Barrows	1	Constant Rankin	1
* John Bowler	1	John Rendell	2
Nathaniel Crockitt	2	Jonathan Spear	1
Jonathan Crockitt	1	Elisha Snow	2
Joseph Coombs	1	James Stackpole	1
* Thomas Clark	1	Widow, Mary Shibles	--
Nathaniel Fales	2	* Taler Smallee & Brother	2
David Fales Esq.	1	* Joseph Smallee	1
James Fales	1	* David Smallee	1
William Heard	1	Thomas Stevens	1
Francis Haskell	1	* Joseph Smith	1
* Thomas Ham	1	Isaiah Tolman	1
Hugh Killsa	1	Isaiah Tolman Junr	1
Jacob Keen	1	William Thompson	1
Richard Kating	1	Mason Wheaton Esq.	1
Israel Loveitt	1	* David Welch	1
* Michael Long	1	† James Weed	1
John Mathews	1	David Watson	1
Daniel Morse	1		
Other rateable Persons not possessing Estates, viz.			
* John Adams	1	† Nathaniel Fales Junr.	1
# Henry Fling	1	Israel Jordan	1

⁶ Thomaston VRs [note 2], p. 3 [image 8].

† Robert Jordan	1	* Abiather Smith	1
† Job Ingraham	1	† Jeremiah Tolman	1
† Oliver Smith	1	† Samuel Tolman	1

This mark signifies the Person against whose Name it is set is dead, or has left the Town without leaving any male posterity therein.

† This mark signifies that person was then a single man, and has since married.

* This mark signifies that the person is dead or has left the Town, and none of his posterity left behind.

SPECIFIC MILITARY AND CIVIL SERVICE LISTED IN THE TOWN RECORDS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THOMASTON, 1777–1783

The book of town records which follows the book of vital records on the microfilm opens with a copy of the act of legislature creating the town of Thomaston from parts of the town of Warren and the plantation of St. Georges, dated 20 March 1777. This is followed immediately by a copy of the warrant authorizing the first town meeting, dated 31 March 1777. The “male inhabitants of the town above the age of twenty-one” were called to meet at the house of Oliver Robins at 10 in the morning on 21 April. The warrant was sent by Waterman Thomas, in Waldoboro, to Col. Mason Wheaton at Thomaston.

21 April 1777⁷

On the morning of 21 April 1777, the “Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Thomaston” met at Oliver Robins’s house and elected David Fales Esq. moderator, after which the body duly adjourned and removed to Esquire Fales’s home for the remainder of the meeting. The following were elected officers of the town:

David Fales Esq., town clerk, sworn
 Col. Mason Wheaton, Lieut. John Mathews, & David Fales Esq., selectmen
 Col. Mason Wheaton, town treasurer, sworn
 Capt. Jonathan Spear, Lieut. John Mathews, & John Crockit, Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety
 The selectmen chosen assessors, sworn
 Elisha Snow, constable, sworn
 Oliver Robins, Capt. Jonathan Spear, & David Smallee, wardens, sworn
 Isaiah Tolman, James Stacpole, & Taler Smallee, surveyors of highways, sworn
 Oliver Robins, tythingman, sworn
 William Thomson (sworn) and William Heard, fence viewers
 Joseph Smallee, informer of deer
 Lieut. John Mathews & Constant Rankin, hog reeves
 Lieut. John Mathews, surveyor of boards
 Daniel Morse, culler of staves

⁷ Thomaston TRs [note 3], pp. 2–3 [images 299–300].

William Thomson, hayward
 Col. Mason Wheaton, sealer of weights and measures
 Samuel Bartlett, sealer of leather
 James Stacpole, Lieut. John Mathews, and Isaiah Tolman, “a Committee for examining the accounts of those persons that have demands upon the Town for Services and Expences in procuring the Incorporation”

Then the meeting adjourned. Squeezed into the bottom of the page following this copy of the meeting minutes are the first two marriage intentions recorded in the town: David Crouch and Joanna Jordean, both of Thomaston, and James Weed of Thomaston and Annah Williams of Harpswell; both entered 9 May 1777.

29 July 1777⁸

The next meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants of the town was called for 29 July 1777 at Oliver Robins’s house. The following officeholders were elected:

James Stacpole, moderator
 David Fales Esq., Lieut. John Mathews, Mason Wheaton Esq., James Stacpole, & Jonathan Crockitt, a Committee for running Town Lines
 Capt. Irael [*sic*] Loveitt, Mr. Samuel Brown, & Lieut. John Mathews, Committee for examining the Accompts, and make a Report at this Meeting
 Lieut. John Mathews, Col. Mason Wheaton, & Jonathan Crockitt, Committee for laying out roads &c

23 March 1778⁹

At the home of Oliver Robins. The following officeholders were elected:

Elisha Snow, moderator
 James Stacpole, town clerk, sworn
 Lieut. John Mathews, Col. Mason Wheaton, and Samuel Brown, selectmen
 Lieut. John Mathews, Capt. Israel Loveitt, and Samuel Brown, assessors, “the two last sworn”
 Lieut. John Mathews, town treasurer, sworn
 Isaiah Tolman, Taler Smallee, and James Stacpole, surveyors of highways, “the two last sworn”
 Jonathan Orbeton, sealer of leather
 Elisha Snow, surveyor of lumber, sworn
 Capt. Israel Loveitt, Isaiah Tolman Jun., and James Orbeton, tythingmen; “Capt. Loveitt refused to take the oath”
 Samuel Brown, Col. Mason Wheaton, and Capt. Israel Loveitt, Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety
 Oliver Robins Jun., Samuel Brown, and Joseph Coombs, hog reeves, “the two last sworn”

⁸ Thomaston TRs [note 3], pp. 4–5 [image 301].

⁹ Thomaston TRs [note 3], pp. 6–7 [image 302].

After these elections, the Committee for running town lines, elected at the meeting of 29 July 1777, delivered its report. The northwestern line of the town had been gone over from St. Georges River to the Camden line, crossing the Oyster River several times before ending at Camden “nearly half a mile to the northward of said Oyster River,” but they didn’t measure the full distance of the line. The committee was then instructed to run the southern line of the township as well.

After the town meeting adjourned for the day, they reconvened for the following business:

Lieut. John Mathews resigned his offices as first selectman and assessor

Mr Isaiah Tolman resigned his office as surveyor of highways

Mr Jonathan Crockitt was voted surveyor of highways

25 May 1778¹⁰

The warrant for the meeting to be called 25 May 1778 is then inserted, followed by a note that the meeting minutes could not be found; a note, however, was later put in the margin that the meeting minutes had been inserted on page 42.

At the town meeting on 25 May 1778, at Mr. Oliver Robins’s house, elected:¹¹

Mr. David Fales, moderator

Mr. Samuel Brown, Mr. Nathaniel Fales, and Capt. Jonathan Spear, Committee to settle accounts brought against the town

Mr. Elisha Snown [*sic*], Mr. Samuel Brown, and Mr. Oliver Robins, Committee to hire a minister of the Gospel

23 July 1778¹²

At a meeting of the selectmen, it was ordered that fourteen pounds be paid to John Adams, “a private detached to serve in this State to the first Day of January next.” Signed Mason Wheaton and David Fales, selectmen. Then in another pen and hand, “James Stackpole, Town Clerk.”

10 August 1778¹³

At a meeting of the selectmen, the sum of five pounds, five shillings was ordered to be paid to Samuel Tolman, “a private detached or inlisted as a Soldier in the Service of this State till the first Day of January next.” Signed Mason Wheaton and David Fales, selectmen, James Stackpole, town clerk.

¹⁰ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 8 [image 303].

¹¹ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 42 [image 320].

¹² Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 8 [image 303]. At the end of this record, “James Stackpole, Town Clerk” is written in a different hand from the rest of the entry, spelling the surname with the *k*. The same is true in other entries on subsequent pages where Stackpole attested as Town Clerk. It is very possible that Stackpole took it upon himself to sign his name to each of the entries over which he presided as town clerk, separately from the recorder of the rest of the book.

¹³ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 9 [image 303].

8 March 1779¹⁴

The warrant for the March town meeting was signed by Samuel Brown and David Fales, selectmen, and endorsed by Oliver Robins, constable.

At the town meeting held 8 March 1779 at the home of Mr. James Stacpole, the following were elected:

Isaiah Tolman, moderator
 Isaiah Tolman, Nathaniel Crockitt, and Patrick Porterfield, selectmen
 David Fales Esq., town clerk, sworn
 Isaiah Tolman, town treasurer
 Capt. Jonathan Spear, constable, refused to serve
 William Thomson, John Dillaway, and Joseph Coombs, fence viewers, the first and the last sworn
 William Thomson, John Dillaway, and Joseph Coombs, surveyors of highways, sworn
 Oliver Robins, constable, sworn
 William Thomson, Joseph Coombs, and John Dillaway, hog reeves, the two first sworn
 Thomas McLellan, sealer of leather
 Lieut. John Mathews, surveyor of lumber, sworn
 Daniel Morse, sealer of weights and measures
 David Fales Esq., warden
 Daniel Morse, culler of staves
 David Fales Esq., tythingman
 Samuel Tolman, field driver
 Thomas Stevens and John Bowler, deer reeves
 Nathaniel Fales, Isaiah Tolman, and Nathaniel Crockitt, Committee for examining the accounts of such persons as have Demands on said Town

29 March 1779¹⁵

A continuation of the meeting of 8 March, at the home of Mr. Oliver Robins:

Mr Isaiah Tolman declining to continue serving as moderator, Mr. David Fales Esq. chosen
 Isaiah Tolman and Nathaniel Crockitt declined to serve as selectmen
 A motion made and seconded to reconsider the vote for Patrick Porterfield as selectman
 David Fales Esq., Elisha Snow, and Jonathan Crockitt chosen as selectmen
 Mr Isaiah Tolman refused to serve in the office of town treasurer
 Voted and chose Elisha Snow town treasurer, and he was sworn
 A motion made and seconded to reconsider the vote for Capt. Jonathan Spear as constable
 A motion made and seconded to reconsider the vote for David Fales Esq. as warden
 A motion made and seconded to reconsider the vote for David Fales Esq. as tythingman
 Samuel Brown and James Fales, wardens
 Isaiah Tolman, tythingman
 Isaiah Tolman, Samuel Brown, and William Heard, Committee of correspondence, inspection, and safety

¹⁴ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 10 [image 304].

¹⁵ Thomaston TRs [note 3], pp. 11–12 [images 304–5].

After these elections, the report from the committee for laying out roads was accepted, Mason Wheaton, John Mathews, and Jonathan Crockitt, committee.

Then the meeting voted to reimburse the accounts of Col. Mason Wheaton, John Mathews, Jonathan Crockitt, and James Stackpole, possibly for funds which they laid out in administrative costs toward the creation of the town, as ordered at previous town meetings.

1 April 1779¹⁶

The meeting reconvened at Mr. Oliver Robins's house to continue the work of 29 March. There were no elections, but votes were held on paying David Fales for his service as clerk, and to assess the amount of 200 pounds against the town for the purposes of maintaining the ministry, schools, and the poor, and defraying the charges on the town.

19 May 1779¹⁷

The warrant and minutes for this town meeting are not included until page 36 and 37 of the book, with a note in the margin that they should have been included back on page 13. At the home of Mr. Oliver Robins, elected:

David Fales Esq., moderator

The sum of 45 pounds paid from the town treasury to Samuel Tolman "for his Service in going into the Army"

Col. Mason Wheaton Esq., grand juror

Patrick Porterfield, petit juror

8 September 1779¹⁸

At the dwelling house of Mr. Oliver Robins. "The proceedings of the Convention held at Concord in the County of Middlesex on the fourteenth Day of July last were laid before" the residents of the town "for their consideration and adoption; and thereupon to Act what might be thought proper," and then elections were held for town offices:

David Fales Esq., moderator

Elisha Snow, Isaiah Tolman, William Heard, Israel Loveitt, and Samuel Bartlett, Committee "to take the Proceedings of Said Convention into Convention and Report and Answer thereunto at the Adjournment of this Meeting"

Patrick Porterfield, petit juror at the next Court of General Sessions and the next Court of Common Pleas held at Pownalboro "on the last Tuesday of September instant"

The meeting was adjourned until 14 September.

¹⁶ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 12 [image 305].

¹⁷ Thomaston TRs [note 3], pp. 36–37 [image 317].

¹⁸ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 14 [image 306].

14 September 1779¹⁹

The meeting was reconvened to receive the report of the committee established at the previous meeting of 8 September. The meeting voted not to accept this report, which advised that no matter be taken up considering the next meeting of the Convention was near at hand, and instead voted to choose a new committee, i.e. James Fales, Samuel Brown, Capt. Nathaniel Fales, Oliver Robins, and Lieut. John Mathews, “to take the Proceedings of the Convention into Consideration and Report at the next adjournment of this Meeting.”

21 September 1779²⁰

“A few Persons met according to the Adjournment, but the Committee made no Report, neither was there anything done relating to the Matter.”

29 November 1779²¹

At the home of Mr. Oliver Robins, elected:

Mason Wheaton Esq., Representative to the Great and General Court or Assembly convened at Boston

David Fales Esq., moderator

27 March 1780²²

At the home of Mr. Oliver Robins, elected:

David Fales Esq., moderator

David Fales Esq., town clerk, sworn

Elisha Snow, David Fales Esq., and Jonathan Crockit, selectmen

Elisha Snow, town treasurer, sworn

Oliver Robins, constable

Elisha Snow, David Fales Esq., and Jonathan Crockitt, assessors, sworn

Capt. Jonathan Spear, John Simonton, and William Thomson, committee

Capt. Jonathan Spear, Capt. Israel Loveitt, Lieut. John Mathews, and Mr. Patrick Porterfield, surveyors of highways, “the two first sworn”

Elisha Snow, Samuel Brown, and Jonathan Crockitt, wardens

John Dillaway, tythingman

Patrick Porterfield and Capt. Jonathan Spear, fence viewers

Constant Rankin, Isaiah Tolman Jun., informers of deer

James Brown and David Watson, hog reeves

Capt. Israel Loveitt, sealer of weights and measures

Jonathan Orbeton, sealer of leather

John Dillaway, culler of staves

¹⁹ Thomaston TRs [note 3], pp. 14–15 [image 306].

²⁰ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 15 [image 306].

²¹ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 16 [image 307].

²² Thomaston TRs [note 3], pp. 17–18 [images 307–8].

John Bridges, surveyor of boards and other lumber
James Stacpole, hay ward
Capt. Israel Loveitt, Isaiah Tolman, and Jeremiah Tolman, Committee to settle accounts
with the town treasurer
Constant Rankin, grand juror
William Thomson, petit juror

24 May 1780²³

At Mr. Oliver Robins's home, elected:

David Fales Esq., moderator
David Fales Esq. and Jeremiah Tolman, Committee "to take the affair of the alewife
fishery at the Falls in the Town of Warren into their Consideration"

23 November 1780²⁴

At Mr. Oliver Robins's home, elected:

Capt. Nathaniel Fales, moderator
Voted to supply 1,780 weight of beef for the Army
Voted that the beef be estimated at \$5 per pound
Voted that the sum of 2,670 pounds be assessed on taxpayers in the town to purchase
said beef
Capt. Nathaniel Fales and William Thomson chosen "on behalf of the Town to see that
the Beef is procured and delivered"

15 January 1781²⁵

At Mr. Oliver Robins' home, elected:

David Fales Esq., moderator
Capt. Nathaniel Fales, John Simonton, and Elisha Snow, Committee to prepare a vote
"upon the present affair," i.e. the tax assessment to procure beef for the army

Then the committee reported that the town being unable to pay the tax assessed
for the procurement of beef for the army, they thought it proper to prepare a com-
mittee to present the town's case to the Court "of our inability of paying." The
report being accepted, the committee so chosen was Messrs. Nathaniel Fales, Isaac
Washburn, Daniel Morse, Jeremiah Tolman, and Richard Kating.

26 March 1781²⁶

At Mr Oliver Robins:

David Fales Esq., moderator
Samuel Brown, Jeremiah Tolman, and Israel Loveitt, selectmen

²³ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 18 [image 308].

²⁴ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 22 [image 310].

²⁵ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 23 [image 310].

²⁶ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 26 [image 312].

David Fales Esq., town clerk, sworn
 David Fales Esq., town treasurer, sworn
 Isaiah Tolman, constable, “refused to serve”
 Thomas McLellan, Daniel Morse, and John Dillaway, Committee of correspondence,
 inspection and safety
 David Fales Esq., Jeremiah Tolman, and Samuel Brown, assessors, sworn
 James Weed, Nathaniel Woodcock, Oliver Robins Jun., wardens
 Nathaniel Woodcock, James Stacpole, Richard Kating, and Daniel Morse, surveyors of
 highways, “the first and the last sworn”
 Comfort Barrows, tythingman
 Thomas McLellan, Nathaniel Woodcock, and Oliver Robins Jun., fence viewers, sworn
 Jacob Keen and James Brown, informers of deer
 James Weed and Abiather Smith, hog reeves
 Joseph Coombs, surveyor of boards
 Daniel Morse, culler of staves, sworn
 Jonathan Smith, hay ward
 Daniel Morse, sealer of weights and measures, sworn
 Jonathan Orbeton, sealer of leather

18 May 1781²⁷

At the home of Mr. Oliver Robins, elected:

Mr. Oliver Robins, representative to the General Court of Massachusetts
 David Fales Esq., moderator
 Nathaniel Fales, constable, sworn “(in the room of Isaiah Tolman who refused)”
 Mr. Oliver Robins, surveyor of highways, sworn “(in the room of James Stacpole, who
 refused to serve)”

8 January 1782²⁸

At the home of Mr. Oliver Robins, elected:

David Fales Esq., moderator
 John Simonton, Capt. Nathaniel Fales, and Atwood Fales, “committee to prepare a pe-
 tition to the General Court”

25 March 1782²⁹

At the home of Mr. Oliver Robins, elected:

David Fales Esq., moderator
 David Fales Esq., Israel Loveitt, and Jeremiah Tolman, selectmen
 David Fales Esq., town clerk, sworn
 David Fales Esq., town treasurer, sworn
 Nathaniel Fales, constable, sworn

²⁷ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 28 [image 313].

²⁸ Thomaston TRs [note 3], pp. 28–29 [image 313].

²⁹ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 30 [image 314].

Isaiah Tolman, collector, “refused to serve”
 John Dillaway, Daniel Morse, and Joseph Coombs, Committee of correspondence, inspection and safety
 David Fales Esq., Thomas McLellan, and Elisha Snow, assessors, sworn
 Capt. Jonathan Spear, John Bridges, and James Weed, wardens, “the first sworn”
 Constant Rankin, James Stacpole, John Dillaway, and Joseph Coombs, surveyors of highways, “the second and third sworn”
 James Fales, tythingman
 Thomas Stevens and Richard Kating, informers of deer
 Oliver Smith, Constant Rankin, and Elisha Snow, hog reeves
 Daniel Morse, surveyor of boards
 Daniel Morse, culler of staves
 David Fales Esq., sealer of weights and measures
 John Miller, sealer of leather
 Abiathar Smith, hay ward

13 May 1782—Special Election³⁰

No location given. Elected:

Mason Wheaton Esq. to represent the town in the General Court to be convened at the State House in Boston

13 May 1782³¹

At Mr. Oliver Robins’s. By continuation of the meeting of March 25. Various votes on financial matters, no elections.

8 October 1782³²

At the home of Mr. Oliver Robins, elected:

David Fales Esq., moderator
 Jonathan Crockitt, collector of taxes, sworn “in the room of Isaiah Tolman, who had refused to serve” at the meeting of March 25

10 March 1783³³

At the home of Mr. Oliver Robins, elected:

Mr. Elisha Snow, moderator
 Mr. John Simonton, Mr. Samuel Brown, and Mr. Jonathan Crockit, selectmen
 Capt. Israel Loveitt, town clerk
 Capt. Nathaniel Fales, constable
 Mr. Isaiah Tolman, town treasurer
 Mr. Jonathan Crockit, “for the Reasons he gave, excused from serving as Selectman”

³⁰ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 32 [image 315].

³¹ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 32 [image 315].

³² Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 34 [image 316].

³³ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 39 [image 318].

Mr. Oliver Robins Jun. chosen as selectman in lieu of Mr. Crockett
 James Fales, collector
 Oliver Robins, tythingman
 Robert Jameson, James Weed, and John Dillaway, surveyors of highways
 Capt. Israel Loveitt, Mr. Elisha Snow, and Mr. Jeremiah Tolman, Committee of correspondence, inspection and safety
 Isaiah Tolman Jun., Thomas McLellan, and Richard Kating, wardens
 Oliver Robins, Patrick Porterfield, and Constant Rankin, fence viewers
 Job Ingraham, David Watson, and John Bridges, hog reeves
 Elisha Snow, surveyor of lumber
 Daniel Morse, culler of staves
 Elisha Snow, hay ward
 David Fales Esq., sealer of weights and measures
 Thomas Hix, sealer of leather
 Benjamin Blackinton, Daniel Morse, and Constant Rankin, Committee “to settle the accounts with the Agent for the Beef Tax”

7 April 1783³⁴

A continuation of the meeting of 10 March. Elected:

Israel Loveitt, John Simonton, John Dillaway, Constant Rankin, and Isaiah Tolman,
 Committee to inspect the accounts of the town

5 May 1783³⁵

At Mr Oliver Robins’s home, elected:

Mason Wheaton Esq., to represent the town at the Great and General Court
 John Simonton, moderator
 Mr. Elisha Snow, to provide a minister of the Gospel to the town for three months

11 September 1783³⁶

At the home of Mr. Oliver Robins, elected:

Capt. Nathaniel Fales, moderator
 John Dillaway, John Simonton, and Nathaniel Fales, Committee to examine all accounts of the town since incorporation

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³⁴ Thomaston TRs [note 3], pp. 39–40 [images 318–19].

³⁵ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 40 [image 319].

³⁶ Thomaston TRs [note 3], p. 41 [image 319].

IDENTIFYING THE HUSBAND OF ELIZABETH COLE,
DAUGHTER OF JOB AND SARAH (REAVES) COLE
OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE

By Lindsay Ham Gillis

A *Register* sketch on the family of Micah and Mary (Jones) Stockbridge cites the marriage in Freeport, Maine, on 30 December 1821 of their son Micah Stockbridge to a second wife named Elizabeth (Cole) Mitchell.¹ Elizabeth Cole, born 28 January 1754 in North Yarmouth, Maine, is described as the widow of Abraham Mitchell and daughter of Job and Sarah (Reaves) Cole. This article provides documentation that the Elizabeth Cole who married first Abraham Mitchell and second Micah Stockbridge was *not* the daughter of Job and Sarah (Reaves) Cole.

The *Maine Families in 1790* series includes a family sketch for Job and Sarah (Reaves) Cole, which names their daughter Elizabeth. Elizabeth is said to be born 8 [*sic*] January 1754 in North Yarmouth, and filed marriage intentions there with Kenelm Winslow on 9 September 1775.²

The North Yarmouth vital records include two marriage intentions for an Elizabeth Cole:³

Elizabeth Cole & Kenelm Winslow of Royalston	9 Sept. 1775
Elizabeth Cole & Abraham Mitchell	6 Sept. 1783

According to the *Maine Families in 1790* sketch, Elizabeth Cole, daughter of Job & Sarah (Reaves) Cole, married Kenelm Winslow in 1775. According to the *Register* sketch, Job and Sarah's daughter Elizabeth married first Abraham Mitchell and second Micah Stockbridge. If both are correct, Elizabeth Cole had three husbands: (1) Kenelm Winslow in 1775, (2) Abraham Mitchell in 1783, and (3) Micah Stockbridge in 1821.

Lewiston, Maine, vital records report the death of Elizabeth, wife of Kenelm Winslow, on 17 March 1800.⁴ This makes it impossible for her to be the Elizabeth Cole who married Abraham Mitchell and Micah Stockbridge. It also shows that there were two women named Elizabeth Cole who were confused with each other.

¹ Roger D. Joslyn, "The Descendants of John¹ Stockbridge," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR], 134(1980):293.

² Ruth Gray, ed., and Joseph Crook Anderson II, assoc. ed., *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 3* (Camden, Maine, 1992), 51. The birth date of 8 Jan. 1754 is an error. The town vital records give the date as 28 Jan. 1754 (Ruth Wilder Sherman, *Vital Records of North Yarmouth, Maine, to the Year 1850*, 2nd ed. [Camden, Maine, 1993], 20).

³ Sherman, *North Yarmouth VRs* [note 3], 211 (Winslow), 178 (Mitchell).

⁴ Douglas I. Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston, Maine, Volume II* (Rockport, Maine, 2001), 386.

Family records corroborate this conclusion. The children of Kenelm and Elizabeth (Cole) Winslow are recorded in Lewiston:⁵

Rebecca	b. 15 Sept. 1776
John	b. [date not given]
Job	b. 15 Jan. 1781
Jeremiah	b. 15 Jan. 1783
Elizabeth	b. 13 June 1785
Lydia	b. 17 Dec. 1787
Sam	b. 6 March 1790
Lucretia	b. 8 May 1792
Rhoda	d. 13 May 1797 ⁶

The Freeport vital records list the following three children of Abraham and his second wife, Elizabeth (Cole) Mitchell:⁷

John	b. 26 April 1785
Robert	b. 10 Nov. 1786
Eunice	b. 25 July 1792

Elizabeth and Abraham Mitchell had a son named John on 26 April 1785. About two months later, on 13 June 1785, Elizabeth and Kenelm Winslow had a daughter named Elizabeth. Elizabeth and Abraham Mitchell had a daughter named Eunice on 25 July 1792. About two months earlier, Elizabeth and Kenelm Winslow had a daughter named Lucretia on 8 May 1792. The births of these children prove without a doubt that Elizabeth (Cole) Winslow and Elizabeth (Cole) Mitchell were two different women. Only one of these women was the daughter of Job and Sarah (Reaves) Cole.

A newspaper article printed in January 1822 reported the marriage in Freeport of Micah Stockbridge with “Miss” Elizabeth Mitchell. The age of both the bride and groom was given as 74, suggesting they were born about 1747–48.⁸ Micah’s birth date of 18 March 1747 is recorded in the Abington, Massachusetts, records.⁹ Micah’s Revolutionary War pension application gives Elizabeth’s age in 1823 as 75, corroborating her birth in about 1747–48.¹⁰

A birth date around 1747 for Elizabeth (Cole) (Mitchell) Stockbridge does not match the birth date of 1754 in the North Yarmouth records for the daughter of Job and Sarah (Reaves) Cole. Job Cole and Sarah Reaves were married in North

⁵ Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston* [note 4], 303.

⁶ Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston* [note 4], 386. Kenelm and Elizabeth Winslow’s daughter Rhoda is not listed in the Lewiston birth records with her siblings, but she is listed in the Lewiston death records as the daughter of Kenelm and Elizabeth.

⁷ Freeport VRs, p. 32 [DGS #7595551, image 26].

⁸ *Weekly Eastern Argus* (Portland, Maine), 11 Jan. 1822, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

⁹ *Vital Records of Abington, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1912), 220.

¹⁰ Revolutionary War Pension Application #S28896.

Yarmouth on 4 December 1748;¹¹ their first child, Susanna, was born 9 February 1750¹². With a birth date around 1747, Elizabeth (Cole) (Mitchell) Stockbridge was born about a year before the marriage of Job and Sarah, three years before the birth of their first child, and seven years before the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth.

The Job Cole family moved to Lewiston by 9 January 1787 when Job placed an advertisement in the *Cumberland Gazette* describing his move from North Yarmouth to Lewiston.¹³ Kenelm Winslow had settled in Lewiston by 4 March 1784 when he sold thirty acres there to Freeman Landers.¹⁴ Job Cole and “Knelim” Winslow can be found in a list of seventy-six families living in Lewiston on 1 January 1788.¹⁵ They are also both on the 1790 U.S. Census for Lewiston.¹⁶

Job and Sarah (Reaves) Cole had ten children born in the period 1750–1775 and recorded in North Yarmouth, as follows: Susanna, Mary, Elizabeth, Samuel, Sarah, Benjamin, Hannah, Lydia, William, and Rhoda.¹⁷ The children of Kenelm and Elizabeth Cole Winslow includes the following names: Job (Elizabeth’s father), Samuel (Elizabeth’s brother), Lydia and Rhoda (Elizabeth’s sisters).

Job and Sarah (Reaves) Cole’s son Benjamin was minister of the “Old South” Baptist Church in Lewiston.¹⁸ In 1809 Rev. Benjamin Cole performed the marriage of Kenelm and Elizabeth (Cole) Winslow’s daughter Lydia Winslow to Nathaniel Lincoln.¹⁹ Rev. Cole was Elizabeth (Cole) Winslow’s brother and the uncle of Lydia (Winslow) Lincoln.

Elizabeth (Cole) (Mitchell) Stockbridge had no known connection to Lewiston or to the Cole family residing in Lewiston. She filed marriage intentions and married her first husband in North Yarmouth.²⁰ She married her second husband in Freeport.²¹ Her three children from her first marriage were born in Freeport.²² Both of her husbands died in Freeport.²³ Elizabeth (Cole) (Mitchell) Stockbridge does

¹¹ Sherman, *North Yarmouth VRs* [note 3], 225.

¹² Sherman, *North Yarmouth VRs* [note 3], 20.

¹³ *Cumberland Gazette* (Portland, Maine), 9 Feb. 1787, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

¹⁴ Lincoln Co., Maine, Deeds, 18:195.

¹⁵ *The Lewiston and Auburn Directory: Containing the Names of the Inhabitants, Their Occupation and Places of Business, &c.* (Lewiston, 1864), 44.

¹⁶ Kernelm [sic] Winslow household and Job Coal [sic] households, 1790 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 34.

¹⁷ Sherman, *North Yarmouth VRs* [note 3], 20–21.

¹⁸ George Drew Merrill, ed., *History of Androscoggin County, Maine* (Boston, Mass., 1891), 349, 358.

¹⁹ Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston* [note 4], 447.

²⁰ Sherman, *North Yarmouth VRs* [note 3], 178, 250.

²¹ *Weekly Eastern Argus* (Portland, Maine), 11 Jan. 1822, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com].

²² Freeport VRs, p. 32 [DGS #7595551, image 26].

²³ Abraham Mitchell d. Freeport in Dec. 1820 (death notice *Portland Gazette*, 22 Jan. 1821, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]) and Micah Stockbridge d. Freeport, 8 Sept. 1834 (death notice,

does not have a birth date that matches the birth record for the daughter of Job and Sarah (Reaves) Cole.

The *Maine Families in 1790* sketch was correct in saying that the Elizabeth Cole who married Kenelm Winslow was the daughter of Job and Sarah (Reaves) Cole and wife of Kenelm Winslow. A different woman, also named Elizabeth Cole, married first Abraham Mitchell and second Micah Stockbridge.

The parents of Elizabeth (Cole) (Mitchell) Stockbridge have not been discovered. Because she was about 36 when she married Abraham Mitchell, it is possible that was not her first marriage and her maiden name may not have been *Cole*. Further research is needed to determine her parents.

GENALOGICAL SUMMARY

ELIZABETH COLE was born in North Yarmouth, Maine, 28 January 1754, daughter of Job and Sarah (Reaves) Cole.²⁴ She died in Lewiston, Maine, 17 March 1800.²⁵ She married KENELM WINSLOW of Royalston [Durham], their marriage intentions dated North Yarmouth, 9 September 1775.²⁶ Kenelm, whose date of birth and parentage are not proven, died in Lewiston, 13 February 1796.²⁷

Eastern Argus (Portland), 15 Sept. 1834, p. 3 [image, genealogybank.com]. Abraham Mitchell's death notice states he left 15 children, 70 grandchildren, and 143 great grandchildren.

²⁴ Sherman, *North Yarmouth VRs* [note 3], 20; her parents m. 4 Dec. 1748 (*ibid.*, 225).

²⁵ Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston* [note 4], 386, described as the "Wife to Kenelem [*sic*]" Winslow.

²⁶ Sherman, *North Yarmouth VRs* [note 3], 211. Royalston was an early name for Durham, Maine.

²⁷ Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston* [note 4], 386, Kenelm's age not given on the death record. Kenelm seems to have had a connection to the family of Gilbert Jr. and Patience (Seabury) Winslow of No. Yarmouth, although the relationship is unclear. On 22 Sept. 1778, Kenelm Winslow purchased 50 acres in lot 24, Range E, from Barnabas Seabury, who was a brother of Patience (Seabury) Winslow (Cumberland Co. Deeds, 11:117; the births of Patience and Barnabas as children of Samuel and Abigail (—) Seabury are found in the vital records of Duxbury, Mass.). Three Winslow deeds found back-to-back in Vol. 12 of the Cumberland Co. deeds were recorded on the same day: (1) on 10 Feb. 1772, Alice Winslow of No. Yarmouth, spinster, purchased 50 acres there in Lot 12, Range D, one of the witnesses being Gilbert Winslow "Second" (Cumberland Co. Deeds, 12:542); (2) on 15 Feb. 1780, Kenelm Winslow of No. Yarmouth, yeoman, sold to Samuel Griffin 50 acres in lot 24, Range E, the witnesses being John and Asa Lewis (Cumberland Co. Deeds, 12:542); (3) on 29 June 1784, Alice Winslow of No. Yarmouth, spinster, sold to Samuel Griffin the 50 acres she had bought in 1772, the witnesses also being John and Asa Lewis (Cumberland Co. Deeds, 12:543). It is tempting to conclude from these deeds that Kenelm Winslow was a son of Gilbert and Patience Winslow, but that appears to be negated by another deed, dated 24 May 1777, in which Gilbert's children sold land purchased by "our hon^d father late deceased." Those children are listed as Benjamin Winslow, Seabury Winslow, Samuel Winslow, Gilbert Winslow, Benjamin Parker and Lydia his wife, Abigail Winslow, and Patience Winslow (Cumberland Co. Deeds, 10:323). Neither Kenelm nor Alice are listed as heirs. Alice may be the "Else" Winslow b. Marshfield, Mass., 8 Nov. 1730, daughter of Issachar and Mary (—) Winslow (Sherman, *North Yarmouth VRs* [note 3], 126). If so, she was Gilbert's niece.

Kenelm and Elizabeth were living in North Yarmouth on 15 February 1780, when he sold his land in North Yarmouth.²⁸ The family probably moved shortly thereafter to Lewiston, where Kenelm sold land on 4 March 1784.²⁹ Kenelm and Elizabeth would live in Lewiston the remainder of their lives. In the 1800 U.S. Census, taken shortly after Elizabeth's death, it appears the children were included in the John Winslow household in Lewiston.³⁰ That household included a male 16–25 (John), a male 0–9 (possibly Sam), a female 16–25 (possibly John's wife Dorcas), a female 10–15 (probably Lydia), and a female 0–9 (possibly Lucretia).

Children of Kenelm and Elizabeth (Cole) Winslow:³¹

- i REBECCA WINSLOW, b. 15 Sept. 1776, d. 1841 and bur. in Ridge Road Cemetery, Bowdoinham;³² m. (1) (int.) Lewiston, 26 March 1796, SAMUEL THORNE,³³ b. 7 Nov 1772, son of Samuel and Hannah (Hoyt) Thorne,³⁴ d. Lewiston, 15 Sept. 1798;³⁵ m. (2) Lewiston, 18 April 1805, WILLIAM SALLEY of Wales, Maine,³⁶ b. 2 Jan. 1769,³⁷ d. 1849 and bur. with Rebecca in Ridge Road Cemetery.³⁸ Buried with Rebecca and William is their son *Winslow* Salley.³⁹
- ii JOHN WINSLOW, b. say 1778, d. 1848 and bur. in Groves-Winslow Cemetery, Brunswick;⁴⁰ m. Brunswick, 15 Oct. 1800, DORCAS ANDREWS of Brunswick,⁴¹ b. 27 Jan. 1778, daughter of John and Deborah (Sargent) Andrews,⁴² living in Brunswick in 1850, aged 74, when she was living with the family of her son John.⁴³
- iii JOB WINSLOW, b. 15 Jan. 1781, d. 26 Aug. 1839, aged 58, and bur. in Groves-Winslow Cemetery, Brunswick;⁴⁴ m. Brunswick, 16 June 1803, ELIZABETH/BETSEY ANDREWS,⁴⁵ b. Brunswick, 20 May 1787, daughter of John and

²⁸ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 12:542.

²⁹ Lincoln Co., Maine, Deeds, 18:195.

³⁰ John Winslow household, 1800 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 322.

³¹ All except Rhoda recorded in Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston* [note 4], 303.

³² Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #88220358.

³³ Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston* [note 4], 419.

³⁴ Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston* [note 4], 297; his parents m. Salisbury, N.H., 22 June 1768 (“Marriages by Rev. Samuel Perley, While Minister at Hampton, N.H., and Other Places, 1767–1782, NEHGR 51[1897]:461).

³⁵ Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston* [note 4], 382.

³⁶ Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston* [note 4], 451.

³⁷ Oliver Barrett Clason, *History of Litchfield, Maine* (Augusta, 1897), 299.

³⁸ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #88220330.

³⁹ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #39138567.

⁴⁰ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #185664945.

⁴¹ Joseph Crook Anderson II, ed., *Vital Records of Brunswick, Maine, 1740–1860 and the Forsaith Book of Brunswick Family Records* (Rockport, Maine, 2004), 98.

⁴² *Brunswick VRs* [note 41], 40; her parents m. (cert.) Georgetown, 1 Nov. 1772 (Mary Pelham Hill, *Vital Records of Georgetown, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 3 vols. [n.p., 1939–43], 1:190).

⁴³ John Winslow household, 1850 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 210.

⁴⁴ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #117817912.

⁴⁵ *Brunswick VRs* [note 41], 100.

- Deborah (Sargent) Andrews and sister of Dorcas, above,⁴⁶ d. 2 March 1851, aged 63, and bur. with Job in Groves-Winslow Cemetery.⁴⁷
- iv JEREMIAH WINSLOW, b. 15 Jan. 1783, d. Bath, 18 May 1836;⁴⁸ m. 7 Jan. 1808, EUNICE RICHARDSON of Litchfield,⁴⁹ b. 2 Nov. 1783, daughter of Abijah and Eunice (Thompson) Richardson of Litchfield,⁵⁰ d. Bath, 27 July 1848, aged 65.⁵¹ Jeremiah moved to Litchfield in 1807 and lived there until 1824 when he moved to Brunswick and afterwards to Bath.⁵²
- v ELIZABETH WINSLOW, b. 13 June 1785. No further information.
- vi LYDIA WINSLOW, b. 17 Dec. 1787, d. 10 May 1851, aged 60 [*sic*], and bur. in Western Cemetery, Portland;⁵³ m. Lewiston, 10 Aug. 1809, NATHANIEL LINCOLN both of Lewiston.⁵⁴ Nathaniel was living in Brunswick in 1830,⁵⁵ but he probably d. bef. 1840 when Lydia headed her household in Woolwich.⁵⁶ In 1850 Lydia Lincoln, aged 63, was living in the family of her son John W. Lincoln in Woolwich.⁵⁷
- vii SAM WINSLOW, b. 6 March 1790. No further information.
- viii LUCRETIA WINSLOW, b. 8 May 1792. No further information.
- ix RHODA WINSLOW, d. 13 May 1797.⁵⁸ No further information.

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⁴⁶ *Brunswick VRs* [note 41], 40.

⁴⁷ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #117817953.

⁴⁸ Clason, *History of Litchfield* [note 37], 401.

⁴⁹ Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Litchfield, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2010), 82.

⁵⁰ Clason, *History of Litchfield* [note 37], 276.

⁵¹ Death notice, *Portland Daily Advertiser*, 3 Aug. 1848, p. 2 [image, genealogybank.com].

⁵² Clason, *History of Litchfield* [note 37], 401.

⁵³ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #101266246.

⁵⁴ Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston* [note 4], 447.

⁵⁵ Nathaniel Lincoln household, 1830 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 13.

⁵⁶ Lydia Lincoln household, 1840 U.S. Census, Woolwich, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 2.

⁵⁷ John W. Lincoln household, 1850 U.S. Census, Woolwich, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 236.

⁵⁸ Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston* [note 4], 386. Kenelm and Elizabeth Winslow's daughter Rhoda is not listed in the Lewiston birth records with her siblings, but she is listed in the Lewiston death records as the daughter of Kenelm and Elizabeth.

LINCOLN COUNTY, MAINE, WILL ABSTRACTS
1800–1830

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271. SAMUEL BRIER of Boothbay, yeoman [LCP 25:320]

Being weak in body

To my wife Hannah Brier, my homestead farm on which I now live with the bldgs thereon standing during her natural life; also, 20a lying S of land of Joseph Brier and bounded E by Damariscotta River, W on the town road; also, 1/3 of my PE during her natural life.

To my grandson Joseph Brier Jr., son of Joseph Brier, the homestead farm after the decease of my wife.

To my grandson Daniel Tilton Jr., son of my daughter Huldah Tilton, 50a lying S of the farm of my son Joseph Brier on which he now lives, and bounded E by Damariscotta River, W by the town road, including the 20a bequeathed to my wife during her natural life, and which 20a he is to come into possession at her decease.

To my grandson Samuel Brier, son of Robert Brier, a lot of land in Boothbay bounded W on land of Samuel Giles heirs, N on land formerly owned by Samuel Adams, deceased, E by the town road, and S by land formerly owned by Samuel Rackliff; also, one other lot bounded E by Damariscotta River, S by James Auld's land, W by land of John Brier, and N by Robert Brier's land, containing 10a and is the lot of land I purchased of Joseph Burnham.

To Elihu Brier, the third son of my daughter Elisabeth Brier, a lot of land in Boothbay bounded E by Damariscotta River, S by the N line of Alexander Boyd's land, and W by land I formerly deeded to Elihu Brier Jr.

To the widow Huldah Wheeler and to Huldah Brier, the daughter of my son William Brier, \$25 each.

I will all the residue of my estate to my sons Samuel Brier Jr., William Brier, John Brier, Robert Brier, and Joseph Brier, and my daughter Elizabeth Brier and Huldah Tilton, equally divided between them.

Appt my sons William Brier and John Brier execs.

Dated: 18 May 1822

Signed with his signature ("Samuel Brier")

Witnesses: Daniel Rose, Samuel Lewis 2d, Joseph Lewis

In probate: 10 May 1824

272. SAMUEL TUBBS of Dresden, yeoman [LCP 25:339]

Being weak in body

To my wife Aseneth Tubbs, the use and improvement of one third of all my RE during her lifetime; also, 3 cows, 10 sheep, and all my h/h furniture, beds and bedding, and all the PE to be at her disposal. And she shall be provided for by my son Luther Tubbs with firewood and a good horse and sleigh as long as she remains my widow.

To my son Luther Tubbs, all my RE and PE except that given to my wife Aseneth Tubbs, and Luther shall have the other third parts of all my RE after the decease of his mother, and shall pay to each of his brothers and sisters the following sums.

To my son Samuel Tubbs Jr., \$150 in 3y after my decease.

To my son Arden Tubbs, \$20 in 3y after my decease.

To my son Ezra Tubbs, \$75 in 3y after my decease.

To my son Ebenezer Tubbs, \$200 in 5y after my decease.

To my daughter Asenath Rickards, \$15 in 2y after my decease.
 To my daughter Rachel Tubbs, \$50 in 2y after my decease.
 To my daughter Jemima Tubbs, \$100 in 1y after my decease.
 To my daughter Demorus Barrows, \$10 in 18m after my decease.
 To my daughter Caroline Tubbs, \$50 in 2y after my decease.
 I also provide for my unmarried daughters, that they shall have the privilege of making their home in this my house as long as they remain unmarried.
 Appt the said Aseneth Tubbs sole exec.
 Dated: 17 Feb. 1824
 Signed with his signature (“Samuel Tubbs”)
 Witnesses: George Houdlette, George K. Morrison, William White
 In probate: 10 May 1824

273. WILLIAM GREGORY of Camden, gentleman [LCP 25:355]

Being some weak in body
 To my wife Experience Gregory, a good and comfortable living and maintenance to be paid out of my RE and PE as she shall from time to time want it to be paid by my exec during her natural life.
 To my daughter Elizabeth Tolman, \$2.
 To my daughter Experience Tolman, \$2.
 To my daughter Mary Spear, \$2.
 To my daughter Olive Andros, \$2.
 To my son William Gregory, \$2.
 To my son Josiah Gregory, \$2.
 To my son Luther Gregory, \$450 to be kept in the hands of my exec to pay it to him from time to time as he shall think he stands in need of it.
 To my son John Gregory, all the remaining of my RE and PE.
 Appt my son John Gregory sole exec.
 Dated: 29 Nov. 1815
 Signed with his signature (“William Gregory”)
 Witnesses: Joseph Ingraham, Joseph Ross, Mark Bucklin
 In probate: 4 June 1824

274. HANNAH WALKER of Union [LCP 25:357]

[No statement of health]
 To the Bangor Theological Institution, \$50.
 To the education of some heathen youth, \$50.
 To my brother Asa Walker, my cloak and one gown, one pair sheets, one pair pillow cases, two pair stockings.
 To my brother Daniel Walker, one Bible with Scott’s notes in it.⁶
 To my brother John Walker, one wheel and one reel.
 To my brother Amos Walker, one bureau and one gown.
 To my brother Benjamin Walker, \$200.
 To Hannah Walker daughter of Daniel Walker, my ear knobs.
 To Hannah Walker daughter of Amos Walker, my silver spoons.

⁶ Thomas Scott (1747–1821) was an English clergyman. His 6-volume *Commentary on the Bible* was first published in America in 1804 and went through numerous American editions in the 19th century.

To Betsy Thorndike wife of John Thorndike, my necklace.
To Jason Walker, Joseph Walker, Samuel Walker, and Benjamin Walker, all the residue of my estate eq divided between them.

Appt: Benjamin Walker exec.

Dated 10 April 1822.

Signed with her signature (“Hannah Walker”)

Witnesses: Micajah Gleason, Phillip Clark, Sandford Hills

In probate: 3 June 1824

275. OLIVER NASH of Bristol, yeoman [LCP 25:359]

Being weak of body

To my nephew Oliver Nash the second of Bristol (who has for a long time lived with me), all my homestead where I now dwell.

To each of my other legal heirs, all my PE eq divided among them, except to my brother Abel Nash of Waldoborough, I give nothing in consequence of the ample provision I have made in this my will for his son, the said Oliver Nash the second to whom I have given the whole of my RE.

Appt William Henry Little of Briston, blacksmith, sole exec.

Dated: 15 March 1814

Signed with his signature (“Oliver Nash”)

Witnesses: Sullivan Hardy, Thomas Hill, Sarah Barrett

In probate: 2 June 1824

276. EBENEZER BLUNT of Bristol [LCP 25:360]

Being weak and feeble in body

To my wife Catharine Blunt, all my household furniture except what is hereafter excepted.

To my youngest son James Blunt, all my stock including cows, oxen, horses, sheep, swine, etc., and also my family clock and a large Bible.

To my grandson Ebenezer Blunt son of my son James Blunt, a lot of land in Malta, now Winsor, Kennebec County, which I purchased of Benjamin Hilton.

To the aforesaid Ebenezer Blunt, one gun and equipment, one steel trap, and all the net income of the land aforesaid until he arrives at 21 years of age.

To my daughter Sally Hilton wife of John Hilton, to my daughter Hannah Hilton wife of Joshua Hilton, to my daughter Fanny Perkins wife of Daniel Perkins, and to my daughter Nancy Miller wife of W^m Miller, the sums of money which shall be collected on six several notes of hand, amounting to about \$500, divided eq between my 4 daughters.

To my son James Blunt, all the rest of my PE.

Appt my son James Blunt sole exec.

Dated: 27 Aug. 1823

Signed with his signature (“Ebenezer Blunt”)

Witnesses: Joseph Washburn, Joshua Hilton, Samuel Blunt, John Hilton, James Morton

In probate: 1 June 1824

277. JOHN FOOTE of Bath, yeoman [LCP 25:415]

Being weak in body

To my son William Foote, a piece of land in Bath bounded S by lands of Nathaniel Donnell and Joseph White, E by the easterly branch of Wisgig Creek, N by land of Samuel Todd and James W. Lemont, and W by land of Nathaniel Donnell and Enoch Foote containing 80a, being the same on which I now live.

Also to my son William Foote, one other piece of land in Bath upon the N and S sides of the turnpike leading from Bath to Brunswick [*this followed by lengthy metes and bounds*].

To my son John Foote, \$2.

To my son Daniel Foote, \$2.

To my son Enoch Foote, \$2.

To my daughter Priscilla Hunter, one feather bed, bedding, and bedstead, one table, 6 chairs.

To my son William Foote, all the residue of my wordly goods.

Appt my son William Foote exec.

Dated: 1 May 1813

Signed with his signature ("John Foote")

Witness: Betsey Farley, Mary Clapp, Benj. Ames

In probate: 11 Aug. 1824

278. LUCY KNOX of Montpelier in Thomaston [LCP 25:431]

[No statement of health]

Being desirous of making a distribution of my property among my beloved children in a manner somewhat different from that in which it would be distributed by law.

I request that my bodyo many be committed to the tomb with the remains of my dearly beloved and much lamented husband.

As to all my estate, I give the same to my beloved children: Henry J. Knox, Lucy F. Thatcher, and Caroline F. Swan eq divided.

Appt. Sam. S. Wilde of Hallowell exec.

Dated: 28 Jan. 1811

Signed with her signature ("L. Knox")

Witnesses: Sam. S. Wilde, John Gleason, W^m McLellan

In probate: 11 Aug. 1824

279. JOHN McFADDEN of Georgetown, husbandman [LCP 26:18]

[No statement of health]

To my wife Patience McFadden, the occupation of the house and land and out buildings where I now live on Arrowsick Island near Potters Mills so called, containing 8a, together with my right in the mills and mill privilege called Potter's Mills during her natural life; also, the income of my farm situated on said island owned by my brother Thomas McFadden at his death and now by me and now in possession of my son-in-law Mathew McKenney during her life; also, the income from all my RE in Bath; also, the use or income of my farm on Parkers Island in Georgetown and now occupied by my son-in-law James Tarr during her life.

To my grandchildren Rufus McKenney and Jason McKenney, at the decease of my wife Patience McFadden, 130a of the farm where Mathew McKenney now lives, to be measured off to them on the S line of said farm adjoining Patrick and Alexander Drummond's land, extending N far enough to make 130a.

To my grandson Warren Tarr, all the remainder of said farm where Mathew McKenney now lives, being the N part of the same.

To my grandsons Benjamin Tarr Jr. and James Tarr Jr., my farm on Parkers Island now occupied by their father James Tarr.

It is my will that my exec pay over the interest of my PE to my wife annually until her death.

To my grandchildren Charles McFadden, Eliza McFadden, and Margaret McFadden \$300 each to be paid as they arrive at age 21.

To my daughter Rachel McKenney, \$50 to be paid in 2y after my decease.

To Lettice Tarr wife of James Tarr, \$50 to be paid in 2y after my decease.

To my daughter Margaret Tarr wife of Benjamin Tarr, \$50 to be paid in 2y after my decease. As to the residue of my RE and PE, I will that my exec put it at interest and pay it over to my grandchildren in eq proportions as they arrive at age 21.

To my wife, all my household furniture of every nature.

Appt Ebenezer Clap Esq. of Bath exec.

Dated 5 June 1824

Signed with his signature (“John McFadden”)

Witnesses: Jos. Sewall, Henry B. Webb, Charles Snipe

In probate: 11 Aug. 1824

280. MOSES DAVIS of Edgecomb, Esq. [LCP 26:26]

[No statement of health]

To my wife Sarah, one third of my RE and PE, together with all my household furniture, beds & bedding during her natural life.

At my wife’s decease, said household furniture, beds & bedding to be divided between my son Moses Davis Jr. and my daughter Huldah Dodge in equal shares, except the large clock which will then belong to my said son.

To my son Moses Davis Jr., two thirds of my RE and PE, and at his mother’s decease the third part which I left to her.

To Moses Dodge, one of my grandsons, \$200.

To Daniel Dodge, another grandson, \$50.

To Patty Moor, one of my granddaughters, \$50.

To Judith Dodge, another granddaughter, \$50.

To William Clifford, another grandson, \$100.

To Samuel Davis Clifford, another grandson, \$100.

To my daughter Huldah Dodge wife of Morris Dodge of Newcastle in the county of Lincoln, the lot of land which they now live on and possess, to be for her use during her natural life, and at her decease I give the same to her son Joseph Dodge.

If there is any money on hand or notes of hand due to my estate more than will pay the legacies above mentioned, that the same be divided equally between my son Moses Davis Jr. and my daughter Huldah Dodge.

Appt my son Moses Davis Jr. exec.

Dated: 18 Sept. 1816

Signed with his signature (“Moses Davis”)

Witnesses: John M. McFarland, Joseph McCobb, Jacob Auld

In probate: 10 Jan. 1825

281. DANIEL DUNBAR of Warren, gentleman [LCP 26:46]

Being weak in body

To my wife Abigail, all my household furniture and indoor moveables, 2 cows, my horse and chaise, to her use forever; also, the use of one third of my homestead farm whereon I now dwell during her natural life.

To my daughter Anna wife of Thomas Nye, \$10 in 1y after my decease.

To my daughter Vesta wife of John White, \$10 in 1y after my decease.

To my daughter Abigail wife of Simon Fuller, \$10 in 1y after my decease.

To my daughter Melinda wife of Eben^r Jordan, \$10 in 1y after my decease.

To my four grandsons, the children of my son Henry K. Dunbar deceased, viz. Samuel Dunbar, John Dunbar, Simeon Dunbar, and Henry Dunbar, \$100 to be equally divided between them and paid to each one who shall then have arrived at age 21, his respective share in 1y after my decease and to the remaining ones on arriving at age 21.

To my son Asa Dunbar, all my wearing apparel; also, a personal maintenance for himself and the wife he now has from the farm whereon he now lives as is hereinafter provided.

To my grandson Jesse C. Dunbar, the son of Asa Dunbar, the farm on which said Asa and Jesse now dwell on the eastern side of St. Georges river in Warren [*lengthy metes and bounds follows*] containing 75 acres together with the buildings thereon; also, the pew which I occupy being number 26 in the Baptist Meeting House in Warren, the whole of the above being subject to the following conditions: that Jesse C. Dunbar shall during the lives of his father and mother permit them to occupy and improve for their own use and benefit one undivided half of said premises, and shall also assist and decently and comfortably maintain his father and mother in meat, drink, clothing, and medicine, and make all other necessary provisions for their comfort during their natural lives. And if Jesse C. Dunbar shall fail to perform the conditions, then the whole bequest to be null and void.

To my daughter Phebe the wife of Peter Fuller, my homestead farm whereon I now dwell containing 75a together with my dwelling house and other buildings, saving to my wife Abigail the improvement of one third thereof during her life. To my grandson Jesse C. Dunbar, a right of way over such part of said farm as shall be necessary to pass to the lower part of the farm, with full liberty by shutting gates and bars to pass and repass with teams or otherwise. And in case Jesse C. Dunbar shall fail to perform the condition annexed to his devise, I give the whole of the farm and pew before described to the next oldest surviving brother of Jesse who shall consent to take it.

Appt my son-in-law Peter Fuller sole exec. All the residue of my estate I devise to my daughter Phebe the wife of Peter Fuller.

Dated 29 Sept. 1824

Signed with his signature ("Daniel Dunbar")

Witnesses: Cyrus Eaton, J. Wakefield, Alex^r Kellock Jr.

In probate: 20 Jan. 1825

282. JOHN KINSEL of Waldoboro, gentleman [LCP 26:51]

Conscious of my approaching dissolution and anxious to dispose of the small remnant of my worldly effects to prevent as much as possible all trouble and contention about the same.

Having heretofore given to my 4 daughters, Catharine wife of Charles Weaver, Elizabeth wife of Peter Levenseller, Hannah wife of George Light, and Jane wife of George Razor, to each of them a fair proportion of my property and made large advances and conveyed much property to my two sons, John Kinsel Jr. and Frederick Kinsel Jr., I hope that the following disposition of the residue will be quietly and peaceably acquiesced in.

To my son John Kinsel Jr., the horse wagon.

To my son Frederick Kinsel Jr., the sleigh and harness.

To my good and faithful wife Jane, who has fully and cheerfully aided me in my advances to my sons and daughters, all the RE and PE of which I may died possessed.

Appt Isaac G. Reed of Waldoborough, Esq., sole exec.

Dated: 10 Nov. 1823

Signed with his signature ("John Kinsel")

Witnesses: George Demuth, Horace Rawson, Jacob Cranmer

In probate: 18 Jan. 1825

283. WILLIAM WILEY of Cushing, yeoman [LCP 26:53]

[No statement of health]

To my wife Azubhe Wylie, one half of my homestead farm on which I now live in Cushing, with one half of the dwelling house and barn so long as she shall remain my widow.

To my 2 sons Robert Wylie and William Wylie Jr., 50¢ each.

To my 4 daughters, Sally Rivers, Polly Robinson, Azubhe Gardiner, and Lucy Hyler, 50¢ each.
To my 3 daughters Peggy Wylie, Lydia Wylie, and Eliza J. Wylie, the privilege of a comfortable home in my dwelling house on the farm until they or each of them shall come to age 26 or until they shall be married under that age. And during their having their homes as aforesaid, it is to be understood that they are to work in the family and endeavour to earn their living and live in the same way they usually have done in my family.

To my 2 sons Artemas W. Wiley and Ephraim Wiley equally divided, all my homestead farm in Cushing with all my other freehold estate, preserving however to my wife Azubhe Wylie during her lifetime her bequest as above stated.

As to the residue of my PE, I give the same to my two sons Artemas W. Wylie and Ephraim Wiley equally divided among them.

Appt Darius Norton of Cushing exec.

Dated: 12 April 1823

Signed with his signature (“William Wiley”)

Witnesses: James Malcolm, Adam Wiley, Rebecca Wiley

In probate: 20 Jan. 1825

284. JOHN WILLIAMS of Bath [LCP 26:67]

Being weak in body

To my wife Abigail Williams, one third of all my estate during her lifetime.

To my eldest son now living, John Williams, and my 2 younger sons Moses Williams and Joel Williams, all that farm that I bought of Robert Small equally divided between them.

To my son Joel Williams, all the farm that I now live on and one half of the island east of my house with all the buildings, tools, and stock, and all my PE, and for my son Joel Williams to pay all my debts and to take care and support my wife in her lifetime. After the decease of my wife, the three sons are to have the land as it is named above.

To my son David Williams deceased heirs, \$10 to be divided between them.

To my eldest daughter Ruth Clark, \$10.

To my daughter Lois Bacheldor, \$10.

To my daughter Rachel Lowel, \$10.

To my 2 youngest daughters Lucy Williams and Abigail Williams, \$10, and to make their home with Joel Williams as long as they shall have a single life.

To my son Joel Williams, the residue of my estate.

Appt my son Joel Williams exec.

Dated: 20 July 1821

Signed with his signature (“John Williams”)

Witnesses: Anthony Coombs, John Holbrook, Lucy Holbrook, Eleanor Williams

In probate: 16 Feb. 1825

285. HANNAH WYMAN of Topsham [LCP 26:69]

Being weak through infirmities of age

To my daughter Mary White, my daughter Anna Wyman, and my daughter-in-law Elisabeth Wyman, all my household furniture to be divided equally.

To my daughter-in-law Elisabeth Wyman, the income of \$190 to the use of educating and bringing up her son Hezekiah Wyman until he is 12 years old. Then if Elisabeth Wyman should ever marry, the above money is to be divided equally among the surviving children, but if she should not, she the said Elisabeth Wyman is to have the income of the money during her lifetime then to be divided equally among her surviving children.

Appt Ale^x Thompson of Topsham exec.

Dated: 17 Feb. 1816

Signed with her mark ("X")

Witnesses: John Wilson Jr., John Thompson, Eunice Thompson

In probate 15 Feb. 1825

286. THOMAS TAYLOR of Lewiston [LCP 26:254]

Being advanced in life

To my wife Miriam, all my household furniture.

To my son Thomas, \$30 within 1y after my decease.

I give all the residue of my PE to my wife and my son Charles equally divided between them.

To my son Charles, all the farm on which I live, being the same I purchased of Daniel Hardy.

To my 3 sons Luther, Asa, and Bartholomew, a lot of land in Lewiston numbered 84 being the same I purchased of Thomas Curtis and Prince Stetson.

To my wife, the use of one third of the farm I have devised to my son Charles during her life.

To my wife, the use of one third of the lot of land devised to my sons Luther, Asa, and Bartholomew during her natural life.

As I have before given to my son Joshua, to my daughter Sarah deceased formerly wife of Joseph Plummer, to my son Joseph, to my son Phineas, to my son James, and to my daughter Rebecca wife of John Randall what I consider to be their respective full shares of my estate, I do not think proper to give them any legacy in this my will.

Appt my wife and my son Charles joint execs.

Dated: 14 Feb. 1823

Signed with his signature ("Thomas Taylor")

Witnesses: Luther Cary, Daniel Paul, Marsha Paul

In probate: 22 Aug. 1825

287. GEORGE WILLIAMS of Bowdoin, yeoman [LCP 26:255]

Being weak in body

To my wife Mary Williams, all my household furniture except one feather bed which I give to my daughter Lydia Williams.

To George Williams, my oldest son, one sheep.

To Mehitable Adams, my 2nd daughter, one sheep.

To the children of Nathaniel Williams late of Bowdoin deceased, which are my grandchildren, equally divided, all my right in the possession of a piece of land where their father lived, reference being had to an obligation that I gave to said Nathaniel in his lifetime.

To my wife Mary Williams, all the income and use of my farm and farming tools and stock of every kind on said farm while she remains my widow to help her support and bring up my four youngest children or until my youngest son Otis Williams shall come to age 21.

When he shall come to age 21, I give my son Otis Williams my farm on which I now live with all the stock and farming tools, buildings and all the RE I own in Bowdoin, provided that Otis shall support my three youngest daughters after he is 21 until they come to the age of 18, and then give to Hannah Williams, Mary Ann Williams, and Elisabeth Williams \$40 apiece in furniture.

Appt Mary Williams my wife sole exec.

Dated: 19 April 1825

Signed with his signature ("George Williams")

Witnesses: Solomon Eaton, John Williams, John Williams Jr.

In probate: 22 Aug. 1825

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