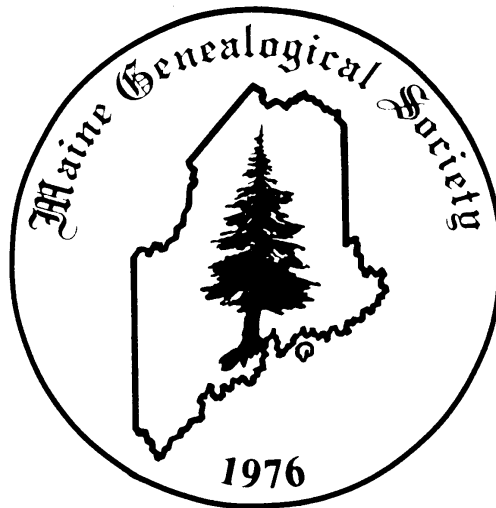


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## EDITOR'S PAGE

This issue of *The Maine Genealogist* focuses on two groups that have not been adequately covered in Maine's genealogical literature—the Irish and people of color.

In the opening article, Brent Owen traces the life of John Reidy, an Irishman who settled in Portland. Reidy left his home in County Clare during the “Great Hunger,” a period of mass starvation and disease in Ireland in which more than a million people died and a million more emigrated. Reidy apparently first landed in Saint John, New Brunswick, and traveled to Maine along the road known as the Airline. This road, which today is Route 9 in Maine, connects the city of Bangor to Calais, Maine, and continues on to Saint John, a distance of some 170 miles. Because it passed over the high hills of southeast Maine, it was called the “air” line, as opposed to the “shoreline” along what is today Route 1. In the mid-1800s, the Airline became an especially important route for Irish immigrants entering New England.

Throughout history, black families have represented only a small part of Maine's population. In 1790, for example, “all other [non-white] free persons” totaled 538, or just 0.6% of Maine's population. By 1850 the number of blacks had grown to 1190, but now represented only 0.2% of the population. In his article examining black families in the town of Bristol, Paul Aldrich documents several generations who lived there in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Unlike blacks in many other parts of the United States, these families were never enslaved, but their lives nevertheless presented special challenges. Because there were so few black families living in Maine, the gene pool among them was much more restricted than it was for the white population. As a result, we see many marriages between the same families—for example, members of the McClary family marrying members of the Peters family. In the absence of moving to other communities, they would have had little opportunity to find spouses from black families in other locations, especially since most of them were poor.

In his article on Samuel Sleeper of New Sharon, Maine, Clarke Bursley demonstrates how records created as a result of Sleeper's early death involved many of the “good and lawful” men of the area, creating a partial census. And in Part 2 of her article on the Giles family of Shapleigh and Waterboro, Maine, Jane Belcher outlines the second and third generations descending from Daniel Giles of New Hampshire.

Readers should take note of the famous person whose will is abstracted on page 144. Major General Henry Knox is perhaps best known for retrieving cannons from Fort Ticonderoga during the Siege of Boston and hauling them through the snow on ox-drawn sleds some 300 miles to the siege camps. After the war, he purchased four-fifths of the Waldo Patent in Maine (his wife owned the other fifth), and from 1789 to 1794 served as George Washington's Secretary of War. He settled in Thomaston, and built a magnificent three-story mansion called Montpelier. He amassed enormous wealth, but later lost it to mismanagement. Of his thirteen children, only three survived infancy and, as his will clearly shows, his son was a disappointment.

—Joseph C. Anderson II, Editor

JOHN REIDY OF COUNTY CLARE, IRELAND,  
AND PORTLAND, MAINE

*By Brent M. Owen*

During the late 1840s and early 1850s, a substantial number of Irish immigrated to Maine, fleeing the Great Hunger. John Reidy, a native of County Clare, was among them. He eventually settled in Portland, where he worked as an iron moulder and foundryman, operating a stove and furnace foundry located on Green Street. He also owned property at 89 Sheridan Street, formerly known as Poplar Street, on the corner of Cumberland Avenue, which he purchased about the time of the Great Fire of 1866. Similar to other Irish immigrant families of the era,<sup>1</sup> one of his sons became a policeman; another became a postman; a daughter became a teacher; and a stepdaughter became a nun.

John's place and date of birth is not known with certainty. All census, naturalization, vital, and other records concerning him show only that he was born in or came from Ireland. Yet his likely origin has been identified. Family members removed only one generation from the immigrant have stated that he was from County Clare.<sup>2</sup> John was reported in all U.S. Census enumerations from 1860 through 1900. Those enumerations, taken as a group, showed that he had been born in Ireland sometime between 1823 and 1832; statements of age appearing in the census, however, may have been provided by less-than-knowledgeable third parties, assuming John usually was working when the census takers came to the door. The most accurate statement of his date of birth may have appeared in the 1900 census, when he was retired and may have personally provided the information that he was born in May 1830 in Ireland.<sup>3</sup> This statement would have been consistent with his affirmation in his 1854 Naturalization Declaration of Intent, in which he said he was aged 24,<sup>4</sup> and in his 1857 marriage record in which he said he was aged 28.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew Jude Barker, "The Irish Community and Irish Organizations of Nineteenth-Century Portland, Maine," ed. Michael C. Connelly, *They Change Their Sky: The Irish in Maine* (Orono, Maine, 2004), 169.

<sup>2</sup> Alice (Donovan) Owen, interview dated 30 Dec. 2001, notes held by author. During the 1930s, she attended high school in Portland and lived with Rose (Poynter) Reidy, James H. Reidy's wife, who told her much concerning the family background. Also, John E. Reidy, John's son, was alive until 1963, and lived on Sheridan Street where Alice lived with her own family in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

<sup>3</sup> John Reidy household, 1900 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 53, p. 76A, family #128.

<sup>4</sup> Maine County Naturalization Records, 1800–1900, Penobscot, Declaration of Intentions, 3:87, familysearch.org, image 73 of 312.

<sup>5</sup> Ethel Colby Conant, ed., *Vital Records of Augusta, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (Auburn, Maine, 1933–34), 2:81.

The name of at least one of his parents is definitely known, since John likely provided the information himself. His 1857 marriage record reported the name of his father as Patrick Ready.<sup>6</sup>

In 2003, at the request of descendants, the Clare Heritage Centre researched its records in an attempt to validate John's date and place of birth, as well as to identify both of his parents. That center, one of the most experienced in Ireland, which has indexed all church and other major records for the county,<sup>7</sup> agreed to do the research based on the following considerations:

From doing research down through the years it is our experience that the vast majority of emigrants falsified their ages with discrepancies of up to 3 to 4 years being commonplace. This was done for a variety of reasons i.e. to obtain cheaper passage to the United States, better employment opportunities, marriage prospects, etc. While the year of birth was often incorrect the day and month were more often than not accurate. Therefore in carrying out our research rather than focusing on the year 1830 we took the period 1825 to 1835.

On that basis, the Clare Heritage Centre reported the following results:

Our search involved a study of all recorded families of Reidys headed by a Patrick in the hope of locating information on the birth/baptism of a John in the relevant period. This search uncovered information on *just one* such family unit. . . . [*emphasis added*]

That research revealed John likely was born in Loughnagowan, Rath Parish, County Clare, and baptized at Corofin on 13 May 1831, son of Patrick and Margaret (O'Loughlin) Reidy. He had siblings named Mary, bp. 7 February 1833; Mary, bp. 11 February 1834; Bridget, bp. 15 August 1838; Patrick, bp. 12 March 1840; Tim, bp. 4 April 1841; and, Susan, bp. 19 August 1841. The given name of the known parent was an exact match. Also, the month and year of baptism was a reasonable match to those claimed by John in records that he probably provided. Finally, the research organization noted that this Patrick Reidy family resided next to a body of water whose name, Loughnagowan, translated to "the pond of the blacksmiths," rather appropriate as the geographical background for a future iron moulder and founder. Without making a definite claim as to the identification, the research organization presented this family as a candidate for that of John Reidy's parents.<sup>8</sup>

John Reidy immigrated to the United States around the time of the Great Hunger, which was particularly devastating to the population of Western Ireland, including County Clare.<sup>9</sup> No ship register has been identified that bears his name. Given that

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<sup>6</sup> *Vital Records of Augusta* [note 5], 2:81.

<sup>7</sup> John Grenham, *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* (Baltimore, 2006), 519.

<sup>8</sup> Antoinette O'Brien, Clare Heritage Centre, Corofin, Co. Clare, Ireland, letter and report on John Reidy, 24 Sept. 2003, prepared for Ms. Judy Nee, copy held by author.

<sup>9</sup> John Crowley, William J. Smyth, and Mike Murphy, eds., *Atlas of the Great Irish Famine* (New York, 2012), 108–17. In discussing Clare mortality levels, particularly on p. 115, it is also noted that in 1846 "Clare saw the greatest number of court-registered evictions of any county." Also, Sidney Godolphin Osborne, *Gleanings in the West of Ireland* (London, 1850), 21–35, discusses the subject of evictions in Clare, and 156–84 provides a number of inquests into starvation deaths in Clare.

his first known appearance in the States was in Bangor, it is likely that he arrived at St. John, New Brunswick, and traveled via the road now known as “the Airline” to Bangor.<sup>10</sup>

Bangor, as a city, was generally less than hospitable to Irish immigrants during the 1850s. Although their labor was well used, the Irish were poorly paid and poorly housed.<sup>11</sup> John’s first experiences as an immigrant living in that city perhaps were less than pleasant. Regardless, he remained and swore to his intention to become a U.S. citizen on 9 October 1854 at the Penobscot County courthouse in Bangor. In his declaration of intent, John stated he was aged 24 and a native of Ireland.<sup>12</sup> Two pages earlier on the same day, Patrick Reidy, who claimed to be aged twenty-one and from Ireland, also swore to his intention to become a citizen. No information has been located to identify a relationship between Patrick and John, but the fact he was younger than John and applying for citizenship on the same day suggests that he may have been the younger son of Patrick and Margaret Reidy, also named Patrick.<sup>13</sup>

There were other Reidys in Bangor during the same time period; any possible relationship to John, however, has not been determined. The families of Thomas Reidy, a cooper aged 35, and Mary (Reidy) Ross, wife of William, aged 50, were

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<sup>10</sup> James H. Mundy, *Hard Times, Hard Men* (Scarborough, Maine, 1990), 11–12.

<sup>11</sup> Mundy, *Hard Times, Hard Men* [note 10], 25–38.

<sup>12</sup> Maine County Naturalization Records, 1800–1900, Penobscot, Declaration of Intentions, 3:87, familysearch.org, image 73 of 312.

<sup>13</sup> Maine County Naturalization Records, 1800–1900, Penobscot, Declaration of Intentions, 3:85, familysearch.org, image 72 of 312. Although a Timothy “Readdy” appeared in Loughnagowan in the 1855 Griffiths Valuation, no Reidys resided in the townland by the time the valuation list was updated on 5 July 1856, perhaps indicating they had all immigrated, although there are other possibilities. See Ireland, Griffith’s Valuation, 1847–1864, online database, ancestry.com, Co. Clare, Rath Parish, Loughnagowan, Timothy Readdy occupier; also, Valuation Lists, County Clare, District of Ennistimon, E.D. Clooney, 1856–1925, p. 137 [Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City, film #818428]. Aside from John and Patrick appearing in Bangor, two possible daughters, Bridget and Mary, left records in the U.S. Bridget Reidy married Thomas F. Cusack of Gardiner, Maine, in Lowell, Mass., on 21 Jan. 1853. They resided in Gardiner, and Thomas later was administrator on the estate of Lillie Sheahan of Augusta, who was an unmarried granddaughter of Thomas Sheahan, John Reidy’s father-in-law. This possibly indicates a family relationship; however, Bridget (Reidy) Cusick’s 1913 Massachusetts death record, which shows her aged 76 (b. 1837), claims her father was named Jeremiah. See Henry Sewall Webster, *Vital Records of Gardiner, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (Gardiner, Maine, 1914–15), 2:437; also, Maine, County Probate Records, 1760–1979, Kennebec, Administrator Appointments, 223:31, familysearch.org, image 46 of 290; also, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Secretary of State, Archives Division, Record of Death, 1913, Bridget A. Cusick, 6:436, #423. Mary Reidy, aged 22, b. Ireland, daughter of Patrick and Margaret Reidy, m. Lowell, Mass., 18 Oct. 1860, John Haggerty. The Haggertys could not be traced after the death of a son John J. on 12 Oct. 1871 in Boston (Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, Lowell, Marriages, 1860, 25, ancestry.com, image 6019 of 10971; also, Massachusetts, Death Records, 1841–1915, Boston, Deaths, 1871, unpaginated, ancestry.com, image 861 of 1066).

living in the same building at the taking of the 1850 census.<sup>14</sup> Both, however, were considerably older than John. They were related to a John Reidy in Portland,<sup>15</sup> but he was a different John Reidy than our subject. Having been born circa 1804–5, as well as being a cooper, his age and occupation was more in line with Thomas and Mary.<sup>16</sup>

Sometime in 1855 or 1856, John Reidy removed to Augusta, Maine. Published vital records of that city reported the marriage of “Reardy, John (age 28, b. in Ireland, s. of Patrick) and Margaret Shean (age 20, b. in Ireland, d. of Thomas), Feb. 22, 1857.”<sup>17</sup> Records of the former St. Mary’s Parish in Augusta, now held by St. Michael’s Parish in the same city, show that John Reidy and Margaret Sheahan were married by Rev. Charles Egan on 22 February 1857 in the presence of John Murphy and Catherine M. Murphy.<sup>18</sup> Margaret Sheahan was the daughter of Thomas Sheahan, who had immigrated from Kildysart, County Clare, Ireland, to Montreal, Quebec, with his three daughters in 1854.<sup>19</sup>

Shortly after his marriage, on 3 September 1857, John became a U.S. citizen at the Kennebec County courthouse in Augusta. His petition showed that he was “of Augusta.” Witnesses were Mathew Murphy and James Houlahan.<sup>20</sup> No place of origin other than Ireland appeared in the record.

John did not long remain in Augusta after becoming a citizen. On 25 November 1857, the Reidys first child, a daughter named Mary Jane, was born in Portland.<sup>21</sup> Shortly before the taking of the 1860 U.S. Census, the Reidys were blessed with another child, a daughter Ann born 2 May 1860 in Portland.<sup>22</sup> For the Irish immigrant, Portland was as difficult a place as Bangor in which to reside during the era of Mayor Neal Dow and the “Know-nothings”;<sup>23</sup> John, however, lived there for the rest of his life.

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<sup>14</sup> Thomas Ready and Wm Ross households, 1850 U.S. Census, Bangor, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 6A, dwelling 70, families 82 and 83. Thomas, a cooper, was b. about 1815 and Mary (Reidy) Ross about 1800.

<sup>15</sup> Ruth Gray, ed., *Abstracts of Penobscot County, Maine, Probate Records, 1816–1883*, (Camden, Maine, 1993), 391. In the estate of Mary Ross, John Reidy of Portland is called her brother.

<sup>16</sup> John Ready household, 1860 U.S. Census, Ward 7, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 423, dwelling 1440, family 1791. John was a cooper, aged 56, and, thus b. about 1804–5.

<sup>17</sup> *Vital Records of Augusta* [note 5], 2:81.

<sup>18</sup> Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, St. Michael Parish Pastoral Center, Augusta, Maine, Certificate of Marriage, John Reidy and Margaret Sheahan, issued 2007, citing marriage register of the church.

<sup>19</sup> Maine State Archives, Kennebec County, Supreme Judicial Court, 31:452.

<sup>20</sup> Maine County Naturalization Records, 1800–1900, Kennebec, Petitions for Naturalization and Petition Evidence 1895–1990, Proctor, Joseph A–Suttie, John Stalker, unpaginated, family search.org, images 158–162 of 867.

<sup>21</sup> Portland Births, 5:255 [FHL film #12013].

<sup>22</sup> Portland Births, 5:255 [FHL film #12013].

<sup>23</sup> Munday, *Hard Times, Hard Men* [note 10], 67–96.



The 1860 U.S. Census covering Ward 1 in Portland reported the household of John Ready, a 28-year-old “moulder,” born in Ireland. In addition to John, the family included Margaret, aged 25, born in Ireland; Mary J., aged 2, born in Maine; and, Ann E., aged 2/12, born in Maine. John was shown to own \$100 in personal property.<sup>24</sup>

A third daughter, Catherine Ellen, was born to the Reidy family in Portland on 30 April 1862.<sup>25</sup> Catherine, however, did not live long, dying on 25 June 1865 when barely more than three years of age.<sup>26</sup> Family members have stated that John rebuilt the house at 89 Sheridan Street, then known as Poplar Street, after the Great Fire of Portland on 4 July 1866,<sup>27</sup> but prior to the birth of his next child, a son named James Henry, who, it is claimed, was born in the house on 13 September 1866.<sup>28</sup> Land records show that John purchased the property for \$600 on 15 August 1866.<sup>29</sup> Two years later, son John Edward was born in Portland on 13 September 1868.<sup>30</sup>

The 1869 Portland City Directory showed John Reidy residing at “Cumberland, corner Poplar” or “2 Poplar” in Portland. Also living at that address was his brother-in-law, Thomas F. Sheahan, and Thomas Reidy, a joiner whose identity has not been determined. The same directory reported that both John and future business partner, Daniel Kelley, were working at J. Driscoll & Company’s foundry at 100 Green Street in 1869.<sup>31</sup> On 7 July 1869, Reidy and Kelley published a notice dated 1 July in the *Eastern Argus* stating that they had taken over all accounts of Driscoll’s business, which was renamed “Reidy & Kelley.”<sup>32</sup> At about the same time, on 16 June 1869, John Reidy transferred ownership of his residence, subject to mortgages held by the City of Portland and Axel Dyer, to his father-in-law, Thomas Sheahan, taking back his own mortgage of \$1,000.00.<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> John Ready household, 1860 U.S. Census, Ward 1, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, pp. 872–73, dwelling 1814, family 2652.

<sup>25</sup> Portland Births, 8:113 [FHL film #12014].

<sup>26</sup> Portland Deaths, 5:370, 6:85 [FHL film #12018].

<sup>27</sup> The fire swept away everything from High Street to North Street, including a good part of Poplar Street. See John Neal, *Account of the Great Conflagration in Portland, July 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 1866*, (Portland, 1866), 8, 15–17. A photograph of the end of Poplar Street near Cumberland Avenue, taken shortly after the fire shows nothing but a cellar hole where John Reidy’s house had been located. See [www.facebook.com/PortlandMaineHistory1786ToPresent/photos/a.333000346764398.79925.124967760900992/333018410095925/?type=3&theater](http://www.facebook.com/PortlandMaineHistory1786ToPresent/photos/a.333000346764398.79925.124967760900992/333018410095925/?type=3&theater), digital image.

<sup>28</sup> Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland, Maine, Certificate of Baptism, James Henry Reidy, issued 2014, citing baptismal register of the church, provides date of birth and date of baptism, 27 Sept. 1866.

<sup>29</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 349:336.

<sup>30</sup> Portland Births, 8:250 [FHL film #12014].

<sup>31</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995, 1869 Portland City Directory, 205, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>32</sup> *Eastern Argus*, 7 July 1869, p. 3.

<sup>33</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 372:6, 367:377.

Shortly afterwards, tragedy again struck the Reidy family. Margaret (Sheahan) Reidy died on 2 May 1870, just prior to the 1870 census.<sup>34</sup> She was buried in Calvary Cemetery in a lot owned by John, according to cemetery office records, although her name does not appear on the gravestone.<sup>35</sup> Two months later, on 10 August 1870, John's household was listed in Ward 1, Portland, in the 1870 U.S. Census. The family included John, a 46-year-old iron molder, born in Ireland, who owned \$3,000 worth of real estate and \$500 worth of personalty; Mary J., aged 12 and keeping house; Annie, aged 10; James, aged 4; and, Edward, aged 2.<sup>36</sup>

John married Margaret J. (Meehan) Ryan on 15 September 1870. The wedding occurred at the New Cathedral, as reported in Portland city records.<sup>37</sup> Margaret has been referred to as “the widow Ryan” by family members, based upon her first marriage to John Ryan, with whom she is buried.<sup>38</sup> She had five children by that marriage: Mary Ann, born 17 November 1856;<sup>39</sup> James, born 14 August 1858;<sup>40</sup> Catherine, born 23 November 1860;<sup>41</sup> Ellen (or Nellie), born 6 May 1863;<sup>42</sup> and Edward, born 14 July 1865.<sup>43</sup>

The Reidy & Kelley foundry suffered from a fire in late November 1872, according to the *Bangor Daily Whig*.<sup>44</sup> By 1873 the two partners had split, selling the business and property to Joseph S. Ricker and others on 18 November.<sup>45</sup> John Reidy was working once again as a molder, while Daniel Kelley continued to operate as an iron founder at 51 Cross Street.<sup>46</sup> Kelley's business eventually became known as “The Portland Foundry & Machine Works.”<sup>47</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> Portland Deaths, 6:190 [FHL film #12018], erroneously listed as Margaret Reardon wife of John Reardon; however, corresponding cemetery records show the surname as Reidy.

<sup>35</sup> Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, *Genealogy*, online database, [www.portlanddiocese.net/genealogy\\_main.php](http://www.portlanddiocese.net/genealogy_main.php), Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 44.

<sup>36</sup> John Reidy household, 1870 U.S. Census, Ward 1, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 441A, dwelling 90, family 154.

<sup>37</sup> Portland Marriages, 5:200 [FHL film #12026].

<sup>38</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 27.

<sup>39</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com, shown as Marian Ryan. Later she became Sister Mary Vincent of the Sisters of Mercy. She joined the order in Manchester, N.H., but was sent to Bordentown, N.J., on 14 Oct. 1875. Later she was stationed in North Plainfield, N.J. She d. 9 Sept. 1929 and is buried in Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield, N.J. (Sister Elizabeth O'Hara, Director of Archives, Sisters of Mercy, New Jersey, email, dated 25 Feb. 2010, addressed to author).

<sup>40</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>41</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>42</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>43</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com. Edward was father of Rev. John Ryan, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in South Portland (obituary, Rev. John R. Ryan, *Lewiston Daily Sun*, 6 Nov. 1974, p. 2).

<sup>44</sup> *Bangor Daily Whig & Courier*, 20 Nov. 1872, p. 3.

<sup>45</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 407:166.

<sup>46</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995, 1877 Portland Directory, 243, 419, images, ancestry.com.

<sup>47</sup> For a description of Kelley's later business, see George F. Bacon, *Portland: Its Representative Businessmen and Its Points of Interest*, (Newark, N.J., 1891), 154.

John Reidy and his second wife, Margaret, had a number of daughters born in Portland during the decade of the 1870s. Margaret S., or Maggie, was born 1 July 1872.<sup>48</sup> Alice E. was born 25 June 1875.<sup>49</sup> Gertrude was born 26 October 1877 but died two days later on 28 October 1877.<sup>50</sup> Finally, Gertrude M. was born in May 1879.<sup>51</sup>

The 1880 U.S. Census, taken 10 June 1880, reported the family of John Ready on Poplar Street in Portland. The household included John Ready, a 50-year-old molder born in Ireland, wife Margaret J., aged 45 and born in Ireland, son James, aged 13 and born in Maine, son John, aged 11 and born in Maine, daughter Maggie, aged 7 and born in Maine, daughter Alice, aged 5 and born in Maine, and, daughter Gertrude, aged 1 and born in Maine.<sup>52</sup> In 1883, the Portland City Directory showed John, a molder, resided at 89 Sheridan Street.<sup>53</sup>

On 8 April 1885, the Reidy family once again was struck by the sad death of a family member. Daughter Mary Jane, who had married John Holbrook, a railroad employee, died at not yet 28 years of age.<sup>54</sup> Her infant daughter, Mary, died only two months later, on 18 June 1885.<sup>55</sup> Mary Jane's three other Holbrook children, however, Margaret W., born June 1879,<sup>56</sup> John M., born June 1880,<sup>57</sup> and, Frank, born in 1883,<sup>58</sup> all grew to adulthood.

The 1889 Portland City Directory listed John Reidy as an iron founder working at 169 Green Street and residing at 89 Sheridan Street. John did not appear in the 1890 City Directory, although his sons did. The 1891 City Directory reported John as a molder working in Bath, and residing at 89 Sheridan Street.<sup>59</sup> John's name appears in Portland voter lists for this period, showing he was born in Ireland in 1829.<sup>60</sup>

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<sup>48</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com, listed as Maggie L. Reddy.

<sup>49</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, Delayed Returns for Vital Records, 1670–1891, Reed, 1846–Richards, 1789, familysearch.org, image 1853 of 5070.

<sup>50</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, Delayed Returns for Vital Records, 1670–1891, Reed, 1846–Richards, 1789, familysearch.org, image 1855 of 5070.

<sup>51</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, Delayed Returns for Vital Records, 1670–1891, Reed, 1846–Richards, 1789, familysearch.org, image 1857 of 5070.

<sup>52</sup> John O Ready household, 1880 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 46, p. 49D, dwelling 249, family 362.

<sup>53</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995, 1883 Portland Directory, 320, 552, images, ancestry.com.

<sup>54</sup> Portland, Me., Record of Deaths & Burials, 8:1, [FHL film #12019].

<sup>55</sup> Portland, Me., Record of Deaths & Burials, 8:5, [FHL film #12019].

<sup>56</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com, name shown as Margaret W. Holbrook.

<sup>57</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com, the name erroneously indexed as Portland Holbrook.

<sup>58</sup> Maine Deaths and Burials, 1841–1910, image, familysearch.org, shows year of birth as well as date of death.

<sup>59</sup> Portland, Maine Directories, 1889–91, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>60</sup> Maine Historical Society, Portland Voter Registrations, 1891–1902, database, mainehistory.org.

Second wife, Margaret, died on 6 September 1892.<sup>61</sup> John did not marry again. John and Margaret's daughters Maggie and Alice also died in Portland during the decade of the 1890s, the former on 29 January 1893,<sup>62</sup> and the latter on 30 July 1897.<sup>63</sup> Neither of them had married or had any children. John's daughter Ann by his first marriage also died in the 1890s. She had married an artilleryman from Fort Preble, William Slocum, on 25 May 1887 in Portland.<sup>64</sup> They were married just short of five years when Ann died on 1 March 1892 in South Portland.<sup>65</sup> William and Ann had only one child, a daughter named Edna, born 28 March 1888.<sup>66</sup>

On 10 June 1900, John and daughter Gertrude were reported in the U.S. Census as residing at 89 Sheridan Street, sharing the address with son James and his family. John was shown as 70 years old, born in Ireland in May 1830, and a naturalized citizen. He was not employed. Daughter Gertrude was aged 21, single, and born in Maine.<sup>67</sup> John's other living child, John Edward, and his family were residing at 56 Cumberland Avenue in Portland.

John Reidy died 22 April 1902 at 89 Sheridan Street in Portland.<sup>68</sup> His death and funeral notices, as published in the *Eastern Argus*, provided no information concerning his family or origin.<sup>69</sup> John was buried in Calvary Cemetery in the same plot as his first wife, Margaret, his daughters Catherine, Gertrude, Margaret, Ann Slocum, and Mary Holbrook, and his granddaughter Mary Holbrook.<sup>70</sup> Second wife, Margaret, also was buried in Calvary Cemetery in a plot with two other Reidy daughters and members of the Ryan family, including her first husband, John.<sup>71</sup>

John left a will, which is no longer extant because of the destruction of Cumberland County probate records in 1908. A portion of the will related to the real estate at 89 Sheridan Street was abstracted and recorded in the county land records. That portion provided that "all the residue of my property . . . including my real estate corner of Cumberland Street and Sheridan Street and the lot adjoining it in said

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<sup>61</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>62</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com, indexed as Margareete B. Reidy.

<sup>63</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com, indexed as Alice E. Reidy.

<sup>64</sup> Portland Marriages, 6:3 [FHL film #12026].

<sup>65</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com, indexed as Annie E. Slocum.

<sup>66</sup> Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906–1963, image, ancestry.com, shows Edna's parents and birth date.

<sup>67</sup> John Reidy household, 1900 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 53, p. 7A, dwelling 95, family 128. John Reidy aside, it may be notable that the months of birth of all others in the dwelling match those as given in public records. Years of birth also match public records with the exception of daughter-in-law Rose, whose year is off by one year, 1870, rather than her actual year of 1869.

<sup>68</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>69</sup> *Eastern Argus*, 23 April 1902, p. 8, and 24 April 1902.

<sup>70</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 44.

<sup>71</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 27.

Portland, I give, bequeath and devise to my daughter Gertrude Reidy her heirs and assigns forever.”<sup>72</sup>

John’s daughter Gertrude died in 1903. Her will, proved on 12 November 1903, also is no longer extant, but preserved in part by an abstract recorded in Cumberland County records. The recorded portion states,

Fourth, all the residue of my property I give, bequeath and devise to my half brothers James H. Reidy and John E. Reidy, and Margaret Holbrook daughter of my half sister Mary Reidy and Edna Slocum daughter of William Slocum to be divided equally between them share and share alike.<sup>73</sup>

After a number of legal issues were resolved, the house and real estate at 89 Sheridan Street ended up in the hands of Gertrude’s half-brother John E. Reidy. In fact, John Reidy had not owned the property since he transferred it to his father-in-law, Thomas Sheahan, in 1869. John also had not disposed of the City of Portland’s 1868 mortgage on the property. Subsequent to the deaths of John and Gertrude, the undertaker, Brian McDonough, who had been named as sole executor of both of their wills, acquired rights to the City of Portland’s mortgage by assignment. On 20 May 1904, McDonough foreclosed on the property.<sup>74</sup> This action apparently led to a reconveyance of the property by Fannie E. Coughlin and Elizabeth Harwood, Thomas Sheahan’s daughters by his second marriage, into the name of John Reidy and a subsequent foreclosure sale of the property to Dennis and Richard Griffin.<sup>75</sup> On 8 December 1904, the Griffins resold the property to Anna Reidy, wife of John E. Reidy, John’s son.<sup>76</sup> John E. Reidy inherited the property upon Anna’s death in 1926.<sup>77</sup>

#### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

**JOHN REIDY** was possibly the child of that name born in Loughnagowan, Rath Parish, County Clare, Ireland, and baptized at Corofin, 13 May 1831, son of Patrick and Margaret (O’Loughlin) Reidy.<sup>78</sup> He died in Portland, Maine, 22 April 1902,<sup>79</sup> and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, South Portland.<sup>80</sup> He married first in Augusta, Maine, on 22 February 1857 MARGARET SHEAHAN,<sup>81</sup> born in Ireland

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<sup>72</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 693:265.

<sup>73</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 693:476.

<sup>74</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 749:386–87.

<sup>75</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 753:353, 734:450.

<sup>76</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 760:147.

<sup>77</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 1229:33.

<sup>78</sup> Antoinette O’Brien, Clare Heritage Centre, Corofin, Co. Clare, Ireland, letter and report on John Reidy, 24 Sept. 2003. Also, Judy (Donovan) Nee, telephone interview, 6 Oct. 2003, based on her Sept. 2003 trip to Ireland, notes held by author.

<sup>79</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>80</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 44.

<sup>81</sup> *Vital Records of Augusta* [note 5], 2:81.

about 1837,<sup>82</sup> daughter of Thomas Sheahan.<sup>83</sup> She died in Portland, 2 May 1870,<sup>84</sup> and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, South Portland.<sup>85</sup> John married second in Portland, 15 September 1870, MARGARET (MEEHAN) RYAN,<sup>86</sup> widow of John Ryan.<sup>87</sup> She was born in Ireland about 1835,<sup>88</sup> daughter of Patrick and Johanna (Mooney) Meehan, and died in Portland, 6 September 1892,<sup>89</sup> also buried in Calvary Cemetery, South Portland.<sup>90</sup>

Children of John and Margaret (Sheahan) Reidy, all b. Portland:

- i MARY JANE REIDY, b. 25 Nov. 1857,<sup>91</sup> d. Portland, 8 April 1885,<sup>92</sup> bur. Calvary Cemetery, South Portland;<sup>93</sup> m. JOHN H. HOLBROOK (intentions Portland, 20 March 1879),<sup>94</sup> b. Portland, about 1856, son of Michael and Winnie (Cafferty) Holbrook, d. Portland, 14 April 1908,<sup>95</sup> bur. Calvary Cemetery, South Portland.<sup>96</sup> John m. (2) Portland, 11 May 1887, Esther Gooding.<sup>97</sup> John Holbrook was a railroad employee.

Children of John and Mary Jane (Reidy) Holbrook, b. Portland:

- 1 *Margaret W. Holbrook*, b. 6 June 1879,<sup>98</sup> d. Lynn, Mass., 1958;<sup>99</sup> m. Portland, 5 June 1911, Martin Lee Scanlon.<sup>100</sup>

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<sup>82</sup> John Ready household, 1860 U.S. Census, Ward 1, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, pp. 872–73, dwelling 1814, family 2652. Margaret, aged 25, b. Ireland, was in the household.

<sup>83</sup> *Vital Records of Augusta* [note 5], 2:81, gives name of father.

<sup>84</sup> Portland Deaths, 6:190 [FHL film #12018].

<sup>85</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 44. While Margaret's name does not appear on the gravestone, cemetery records for the lot show she is interred there.

<sup>86</sup> Portland Marriages, 5:200 [FHL film #12026]: "John Reddy to Margaret Ryan both of Portland."

<sup>87</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 27, provides name of first husband and his date of death.

<sup>88</sup> John O Ready household, 1880 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 46, p. 49D, dwelling 249, family 362. Margaret J., wife, aged 45, was in the household.

<sup>89</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com, shows parents' names as Patrick Meehan and Johanna Mooney.

<sup>90</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 27.

<sup>91</sup> Portland Births, 5:255 [FHL film #12013].

<sup>92</sup> Portland Deaths, 8:1 [FHL film #12019].

<sup>93</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 447. Gravestone erroneously lists Mary Holbrook as "his wife" for John Reidy, which is incorrect: she was his eldest daughter.

<sup>94</sup> Maine Marriage Records, 1713–1922, image, ancestry.com, name shown as Mary J. Reddy.

<sup>95</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com, provides name of parents and age at death.

<sup>96</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section F, Lot 172.

<sup>97</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>98</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com, name shown as Margaret W. Holbrook.

<sup>99</sup> Massachusetts Death Index, 1901–1980, 67:276, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>100</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1922, image, ancestry.com.

- 2 *John Michael Holbrook*, b. 9 July 1880,<sup>101</sup> d. Portland, 19 Sept. 1933;<sup>102</sup> unmarried.
- 3 *Frank A. Holbrook*, b. 1883, d. Portland, 7 Nov. 1907;<sup>103</sup> unmarried.
- 4 *Mary Holbrook*, b. 9 March 1885,<sup>104</sup> d. Portland, 18 June 1885.<sup>105</sup>
- ii ANN ELIZABETH REIDY, b. 2 May 1860,<sup>106</sup> d. South Portland, 1 March 1892,<sup>107</sup> bur. Calvary Cemetery, South Portland;<sup>108</sup> m. Portland, 25 May 1887, WILLIAM SLOCUM,<sup>109</sup> b. Bedford, Pa., 6 June 1853,<sup>110</sup> d. LeRaysville, Pa., 19 June 1918,<sup>111</sup> bur. LeRaysville Cemetery, Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>112</sup> William was a U.S. Army artilleryman stationed at Fort Preble, South Portland.  
Child of William and Ann Elizabeth (Reidy) Slocum, b. Portland:  
1 *Edna Slocum*, b. 28 March 1888, d. LeRaysville, Pa., 15 Oct 1918,<sup>113</sup> bur. Le Raysville Cemetery, Bradford Co., Pa.<sup>114</sup>
- iii CATHERINE ELLEN REIDY, b. 30 April 1862,<sup>115</sup> d. Portland, 25 June 1865,<sup>116</sup> bur. Calvary Cemetery, South Portland.<sup>117</sup>
- iv JAMES HENRY REIDY, b. 13 Sept. 1866;<sup>118</sup> d. Portland, 10 Nov. 1928,<sup>119</sup> bur. Calvary Cemetery, South Portland;<sup>120</sup> m. (perhaps Saco, Maine) about 1890, ROSE

<sup>101</sup> Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com, name erroneously indexed as Portland Holbrook.

<sup>102</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section F, Lot 172.

<sup>103</sup> Maine Deaths and Burials, 1841–1910, image, familysearch.org, shows year of birth as well as date of death.

<sup>104</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>105</sup> Portland Deaths, 8:5 [FHL film #12019].

<sup>106</sup> Portland Births, 5:255 [FHL film #12013].

<sup>107</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com, age 30 yrs, 10 mos.

<sup>108</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 44. While Ann's name does not appear on the gravestone, cemetery records for the lot show that she is interred there as Ann Slocum, d. 3 March 1892, age 31.

<sup>109</sup> Portland Marriages, 6:3 [FHL film #12026].

<sup>110</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, Military and Naval Population, Fort Strong, Suffolk Co., Mass., Co. M, 4th Artillery, stamped p. 181A, shows month and year of birth as June 1853, image, ancestry.com; U.S. Army Register of Enlistments, 1798–1914, dated 24 April 1873, image, ancestry.com, shows place of birth as Bedford, Pa.; gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #62021953, shows his year of birth as 1851.

<sup>111</sup> Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906–1963, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>112</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #62021953.

<sup>113</sup> Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906–1963, image, ancestry.com, provides Edna's parents, date of birth, and date of death.

<sup>114</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #62021977.

<sup>115</sup> Portland Births, 8:113 [FHL film #12014].

<sup>116</sup> Portland Deaths, 5:370, 6:85 [FHL film #12018].

<sup>117</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 44. While Catherine's name does not appear on the gravestone, cemetery records for the lot show that she was interred there as Catherine E. Reidy, buried 5-26-1865. The month of burial may be a misreading of "6."

<sup>118</sup> Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland, Maine, Certificate of Baptism, James Henry Reidy, issued 2014, citing church baptismal register.

<sup>119</sup> Portland, Maine, Office of Vital Statistics, Certificate of Death.

<sup>120</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section O, Lot 348.

BERTHA POYNTER,<sup>121</sup> b. Windsor, Nova Scotia, 6 May 1869, daughter of James and Margaret (Shanahan) (Armour) Poynter,<sup>122</sup> bap. St. John the Evangelist Church, Windsor, Nova Scotia, 5 June 1869,<sup>123</sup> d. Boston, Mass., 29 Dec. 1955,<sup>124</sup> bur. Calvary Cemetery, South Portland, 2 Jan. 1956.<sup>125</sup> James worked as a foundryman and boilermaker until 1907, when he joined the Portland police department.<sup>126</sup> His obituary stated: "Shortly after Mr. Reidy was appointed as patrolman he was assigned to the Commercial Street Beat and with the exception of a few years when he was stationed on the Back Bay District served his entire time on the waterfront. Mr. Reidy's service with the Portland force was most efficient and he was recognized by fellow officers as one of the most able and capable officers in the city."<sup>127</sup> Portland's evening paper covered his funeral and noted: "Officer Reidy who had served 19 years with the local department, retired in 1923 on account of injuries received in line of duty. A number of important captures of men with criminal records were made by Officer Reidy during his long service with the department."<sup>128</sup> In 1933 his widow, Rose, was granted a pension by the Maine State Legislature on account of James's injuries in the line of duty.<sup>129</sup>

Children of James and Rose (Poynter) Reidy:

- 1 *James Albert Reidy*, b. Saco, Maine, 14 Sept. 1890,<sup>130</sup> d. Worcester, Mass., 5 Jan. 1984,<sup>131</sup> m. Marie Alice Hebert.<sup>132</sup>

<sup>121</sup> Marriage record not located. See James H. Reidy household, 1900 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 53, sheet 76A, dwelling 85, family #127, shows James and Rose married ten years; Death Certificate, Boston, Mass., Rose Reidy, 6 Jan. 1956, identifies Rose as widow of James H. Reidy.

<sup>122</sup> James A. Reidy household, 1920 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 28, Sheet 9B, dwelling 112, family #206, shows Rose, aged 51; James H. Reidy household, 1900 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 53, sheet 76A, dwelling 85, family #127, shows Rose b. May 1870; gravestone, Calvary Cemetery, South Portland, unpublished, shows Rose's date of birth as 6 May 1869; Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management, Nova Scotia Historical Vital Statistics, image, [www.novascotiagenealogy.com](http://www.novascotiagenealogy.com), indexed under Pointer, provides same birth date as on gravestone, although baby's name is not given.

<sup>123</sup> Parish register, St. John the Evangelist RC Church, Windsor, Nova Scotia, 1867–1907 [FHL film #866366].

<sup>124</sup> Death Certificate, Boston, Mass., Rose Reidy, 6 Jan. 1956; R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section O, Lot 348.

<sup>125</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section O, Lot 348.

<sup>126</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995, 1906 Portland City Directory, 740, and 1907 Portland City Directory, 756, images, [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com).

<sup>127</sup> *Portland Press Herald*, 12 Nov. 1928, p. 2.

<sup>128</sup> *Portland Evening Express*, 12 Nov. 1928, assistance in locating this provided by former Portland Police Deputy Chief Steve Roberts.

<sup>129</sup> *Acts and Resolves as Passed by the Eighty-Fifth Legislature of the State of Maine, 1931* (Augusta, Maine, 1931), 344.

<sup>130</sup> Maine State Archive Collections, 1718–1957, Military Records World War 1, WW1 Draft Registration Index, [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org), image 1038 of 1709.

<sup>131</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014, database, [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com).

<sup>132</sup> *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, 15–16 March 2007, database, [legacy.com](http://legacy.com), obituary of John L. Reidy.



- 2 *John Edward Reidy*, b. Saco, 27 Feb. 1892,<sup>133</sup> d. Portland, 21 Sept. 1962;<sup>134</sup> m. (1) Portland, 20 Feb. 1917, Martha F. Smith;<sup>135</sup> m. (2) Portland, 17 Oct. 1946, Marian (Whitmore) McShea.<sup>136</sup>
- 3 *William Henry Reidy*, b. Portland, 25 June 1899,<sup>137</sup> d. Cape Elizabeth, 9 June 1988;<sup>138</sup> m. 18 March 1927, Laura Belle Douglas.<sup>139</sup>
- 4 *Mary Margaret Reidy*, b. Portland, 7 Jan. 1901,<sup>140</sup> d. Jamaica Plain, Mass., 10 June 1969;<sup>141</sup> m. Portland, 19 Sept. 1922, John A. Donovan.<sup>142</sup>
- 5 *Frank, Reidy*, d. Portland, 25 Nov. 1906, aged 3 days.<sup>143</sup>
- v JOHN EDWARD REIDY, b. 13 Sept. 1868;<sup>144</sup> d. Scarborough, Maine, 16 Jan. 1963,<sup>145</sup> bur. Calvary Cemetery, South Portland, 19 Jan. 1963;<sup>146</sup> m. Portland, 18 Nov. 1896, ANNA L. BARTLETT,<sup>147</sup> b. Cape Elizabeth, 29 Oct. 1869, daughter of Frank and Jane (Keith) Bartlett,<sup>148</sup> d. Portland, 28 March 1926, bur. Calvary Cemetery, South Portland.<sup>149</sup> John worked as a letter carrier out of the Portland post office. He was prominent in the union and gave a keynote address at a Postal Service Convention held in Portland on 16 Sept. 1922.<sup>150</sup> He also was important in a number of organizations, including the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Ancient Order of Foresters, and the Irish-American Relief Association.<sup>151</sup> On 8 Dec. 1904, the Griffins, who had purchased the property at 89 Sheridan Street at the foreclosure sale, resold the property to Anna Reidy.<sup>152</sup> John E. Reidy inherited the property upon Anna's death.<sup>153</sup>
- Children of John and Anna (Bartlett) Reidy, all b. Portland:
- 1 *Edward John Reidy*, b. 6 Oct. 1897,<sup>154</sup> d. Northampton, Mass., 5 Dec. 1966;<sup>155</sup> m. (1) before 20 March 1932, Emma Joyce; m. (2) after 20 March 1932, Mary Hurley.<sup>156</sup>

<sup>133</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>134</sup> Maine Death Index, 1960–1997, database, ancestry.com.

<sup>135</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>136</sup> Maine, Marriage Index, 1892–1996, database, ancestry.com.

<sup>137</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>138</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014, database, ancestry.com.

<sup>139</sup> Maine, Marriage Index, 1892–1996, database, ancestry.com.

<sup>140</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>141</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014, database, ancestry.com.

<sup>142</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>143</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>144</sup> Portland Births, 8:250 [FHL film #12014].

<sup>145</sup> Death Certificate, State of Maine Department of Health & Welfare, 1963, file #00330.

<sup>146</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Sec. RESERVATN, Lot 87.

<sup>147</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>148</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>149</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Sec. RESERVATN, Lot 87, provides date of death.

<sup>150</sup> Edw. J. Gainor, "Portland, Maine, Entertains First Conference-Convention," *The Postal Record* 35(Oct. 1922):241.

<sup>151</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995, 1915 Portland City Directory, 1144, 1148, images, ancestry.com.

<sup>152</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 760:147.

<sup>153</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 1229:33.

<sup>154</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

- 2 *Margaret Alice Reidy*, b. 12 Feb. 1900,<sup>157</sup> d. Old Orchard Beach, 3 Jan. 1986,<sup>158</sup> m. 25 Sept. 1923, Edward B. Geary.<sup>159</sup>
- 3 *Anna Gertrude Reidy*, b. 13 Feb. 1901.<sup>160</sup>
- 4 *Florence Eleanor Reidy*, b. 25 Sept. 1906,<sup>161</sup> d. Portland, 10 June 1990;<sup>162</sup> m. 4 March 1930, Donald D. MacInnis.<sup>163</sup>
- 5 *Philip Francis Reidy*, b. 16 July 1910,<sup>164</sup> d. Bangor, 12 Jan. 1961;<sup>165</sup> m. Lois A. Clark.<sup>166</sup>

Children of John and Margaret (Meehan) (Ryan) Reidy, all b. Portland:

- vi MARGARET S. REIDY, b. 1 July 1872,<sup>167</sup> d. Portland, 29 Jan. 1893,<sup>168</sup> bur. Calvary Cemetery, South Portland.<sup>169</sup> Margaret did not marry and had no children.
- vii ALICE E. REIDY, b. 25 June 1875,<sup>170</sup> d. Portland, 30 July 1897,<sup>171</sup> bur. Calvary Cemetery, South Portland.<sup>172</sup> Alice did not marry and had no children.
- viii GERTRUDE REIDY, b. 26 Oct. 1877, d. Portland, 28 Oct. 1877,<sup>173</sup> bur. Calvary Cemetery, South Portland.<sup>174</sup>
- ix GERTRUDE M. REIDY, b. May 1879,<sup>175</sup> d. Portland, 15 Aug. 1903,<sup>176</sup> bur. Calvary Cemetery, South Portland, Section D, Lot 27.<sup>177</sup> Gertrude, a schoolteacher at the

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<sup>155</sup> Obituary, *Springfield Union*, Tuesday, 6 Dec. 1966, p. 6: "Edward J. Reidy . . . died at his home Monday morning after a long illness"; U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, database, ancestry.com, shows a "life claim" dated 21 Dec. 1965 [*sic*]; findagrave.com, memorial #115875002, gives year of death as 1966.

<sup>156</sup> Obituary, Philip Francis Reidy, database, legacy.com.

<sup>157</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>158</sup> Maine Death Index, 1960–1997, database, ancestry.com.

<sup>159</sup> Maine, Marriage Index, 1892–1996, database, ancestry.com.

<sup>160</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>161</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>162</sup> Maine Death Index, 1960–1997, database, ancestry.com.

<sup>163</sup> Maine Marriage Index, 1892–1996, database, ancestry.com, her name indexed as Florence E. Reid, his as Don D. McInnis.

<sup>164</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>165</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #126133238.

<sup>166</sup> U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, database, ancestry.com, provides name of spouse; see also findagrave.com, memorial #126133238.

<sup>167</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>168</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com, age 20 yrs, 7 mos.

<sup>169</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 44.

<sup>170</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, Delayed Returns for Vital Records, 1670–1891, Reed, 1846–Richards, 1789, familysearch.org, image 1853 of 5070.

<sup>171</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com, age 22 yrs, 7 mos.

<sup>172</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 27.

<sup>173</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, Delayed Returns for Vital Records, 1670–1891, Reed, 1846–Richards, 1789, familysearch.org, image 1855 of 5070.

<sup>174</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 44, Gertrude's name does not appear on the gravestone for Section D, Lot 44; cemetery records for the lot, however, show that she is interred there as Gertrude Reidy, d. or bur. 28 Oct. 1877, ae. 2d.

<sup>175</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, Delayed Returns for Vital Records, 1670–1891, Reed, 1846–Richards, 1789, familysearch.org, image 1857 of 5070.

Bethel kindergarten,<sup>178</sup> had no children. Her will, abstracted in Cumberland County land records, left the residue of her property “to my half brothers James H. Reidy and John E. Reidy, and Margaret Holbrook daughter of my half sister Mary Reidy and Edna Slocum daughter of William Slocum to be divided equally between them share and share alike.”<sup>179</sup>

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<sup>176</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com, name given as Gertrude M. Riedy, schoolteacher, age 24 yrs., 3 mos.

<sup>177</sup> R.C. Diocese, *Genealogy* [note 35], Calvary Cemetery, Section D, Lot 27.

<sup>178</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995, 1903 Portland City Directory, 795, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>179</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 693:476.

#### A MEDDLESOME MOTHER-IN-LAW

Sylvester and Elizabeth Stover of York, Maine, had a turbulent marriage. On 6 July 1657, they were presented to the court “for many exorbitant car[ri]ages one toward another, esppecially for her grosse & unseemely Complaynts against her husband & demeanurs towards him.”<sup>1</sup> The couple was back in court on 3 July 1660, when Elizabeth was charged with abusing her husband “by many revileing & reproachfull speeches, as Calling of him Roge & Rascall.” In that instance, it appears that Elizabeth had been egged on by her mother, Mrs. Margaret Norton, who had moved in with the couple in her widowhood. The Court took a dim view, and laid the blame squarely on the mother and daughter:

Goody Stover for her unruly & undecent Carages towards her husband is bound in a bond of Tenn pounds to bee of good behaviour towards all persons esppecially towards her husband . . . [or] shee shall either pay the forfeiture of the sayd bond or otherwise shee shall receive 5teene Lashes on the bare skine. . . . And further if the sayd Stover shall make any Just Cause of Complaynt appeare against Mis Norton his Mother in Law, Occasioning future differences betweene him & his wife, that then upon due notice given to the sayd Court, by whom the sayd Mis Norton is then to bee removed from Stovers house, or sent to pryson, if other meanes Cannot prevent her therein.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Province and Court Records of Maine*, eds. Charles Thornton Libby (vols. 1–2), Robert Earle Moody (vol. 3), and Neal Woodside Allen, Jr. (vols. 4–6), 6 vols. (Portland, 1928–1975), 2:57.

<sup>2</sup> *Province and Court Records* [note 1], 2:92.

## SAMUEL SLEEPER'S DEATH HELPS POPULATE NEW SHARON, FARMINGTON, AND CHESTERVILLE, MAINE

By J. Clarke Bursley

Samuel Sleeper died in New Sharon, Kennebec (now Franklin County), Maine, on 7 December 1815.<sup>1</sup> The following day, Enoch Craig, Coroner for Kennebec County, conducted an inquest at New Sharon into Sleeper's death.<sup>2</sup> The funeral was conducted on 10 December 1815 by Elder Ward Lock.<sup>3</sup> The next month, on 9 January 1816, Ezekiel Gilman of New Sharon, "in said County Gentleman," was appointed administrator of Sleeper's estate, and had the required notice of his appointment published in the newspaper soon afterwards.<sup>4</sup> Gilman presented his accounting of the estate on 14 January 1817.<sup>5</sup>

Samuel Sleeper was born to Deacon Samuel Sleeper of Loudon, New Hampshire, on 2 January 1787.<sup>6</sup> He married Jane ("Jenny") Prescott of Deerfield, New Hampshire, in her hometown on 26 December 1805.<sup>7</sup> Their first child was born about 1806 in Deerfield, but by October 1808 Samuel and Jane had moved to New Sharon, and are recorded in the 1810 Federal census there.<sup>8</sup> Chase Sleeper, also

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<sup>1</sup> "Samuel Sleeper Deceased December 7th 1815 Aged 29 Years," New Sharon vital records, Book A, p. 1 [New Sharon Maine, town and vital records, 1806–1891, familysearch.org, image 99 of 244]. The 16 Dec. 1815 *American Advocate and Kennebec Advertiser* (Hallowell, Maine), p. 3, col. 2, reported that he "went to bed about 12 o'clock, in as good health as usual, having labored until about 10, and was found dead the next morning, without the appearance of a struggle."

<sup>2</sup> Maine, State Archive Collections, 1718–1957, images, familysearch.org (<https://familysearch.org/search/image/index#uri=https://www.familysearch.org/recapi/sord/collection/1877829/waypoints>), Maine, Kennebec County > Court Records > Supreme Judicial Court case files box 52 Jun–Oct 1816, images 311–14 of 962.

<sup>3</sup> The *American Advocate* article [note 1] stated that "the funeral solemnities were attended on Sunday by a numerous concourse of people, and an appropriate sermon preached . . . from Luke xii, 40—"Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

<sup>4</sup> Letter of Administration, estate of "Samuel Sleeper, late of New Sharon, in the county of Kennebec, housewright, deceased, intestate," Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 11:115 [image, Maine, County Probate Records, 1760–1979, familysearch.org]; *American Advocate and Kennebec Advertiser* (Hallowell, Maine), 20 Dec. 1815, p. 1, col. 2.

<sup>5</sup> Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 15:78 [image, Maine, County Probate Records, 1760–1979, familysearch.org].

<sup>6</sup> Dorothea Blount Battersby and W. Russell Battersby, comps., *Transcriptions of Family Groups and Marriage Lists from Official Records, Town of Loudon, New Hampshire, 1773–1815*, (Lexington, Mass., 1997), pp. 32–33 [original 343–44].

<sup>7</sup> Deerfield, N.H., Vital Records, 2:455 [New Hampshire, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1636–1947, image, familysearch.org].

<sup>8</sup> Samuel Sleeper of New Sharon purchased a fifty-acre lot in New Sharon from Moses Page of that town on 6 Oct. 1808; on 31 Oct. 1815, Samuel and Jane sold a parcel of land to Joseph Proctor of Loudon, N.H. (Kennebec Co. Deeds, 15:362; 24:107). The 1810 census shows a household composed of one male 16–25, one female of the same age, and one male under 10 (Samuel Sleeper household, 1810 U.S. Census, New Sharon, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 877 [printed]). Samuel and Jane's first child, Ezekiel Gilman Sleeper, was born about 1806 in Deerfield based on the record-

enumerated in the 1810 census in New Sharon, was Samuel's brother.<sup>9</sup> Samuel and Chase S. Sleeper were sergeants during the War of 1812 in Captain Daniel Baker's company of Lieutenant-Colonel David McGaffey's 5th Massachusetts Militia regiment. Some of the men with whom they served, and who also appear in later records related to Samuel Sleeper, were Ezekiel Gilman, lieutenant; George Hovey, musician; Werborn A. Sweet [*sic*: Winborn A. Swett], musician; and Abel Baker, private. Francis Mayhew, major, and Varnum Cram, sergeant-major, were part of McGaffey's regimental staff.<sup>10</sup>

Samuel Sleeper's death at a young age left his wife with two children and another on the way.<sup>11</sup> War of 1812 records and documents produced as a result of his death provide a partial census substitute, placing a number of men in and around New Sharon from September 1814 through January 1817. Some, but by no means all, of these names appear in either the 1810 or 1820 federal censuses for New Sharon. These documents thus provide another source for descendants attempting to track their ancestors in New Sharon and the surrounding countryside as townships grew and families continued to migrate into and across the developing District of Maine.

In addition to the coroner, who was from Farmington, and the minister, who had settled in Chesterville,<sup>12</sup> the following "yeomen, good and lawful men" of New

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ing of his birthplace in the 1855 Massachusetts state census. On 4 Feb. 1835 "Mr. Gilman Sleeper of New Sharon Maine [was married] to Miss Harriet Hopkinson of Deerfield" [N.H.]. The couple then apparently returned to New Sharon, as the 1855 Massachusetts census also shows that Ezekiel and Harriet's first child, Harrison G. Sleeper, was born about 1836 in New Sharon. (Deerfield Marriages and Births, 1749–1895, p. 31 [New Hampshire, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1636–1947, image, familysearch.org]; Ezekiel G. Sleeper, age 48, b. Deerfield, N.H., and Harry G. Sleeper, age 19, b. New Sharon, Maine, in Ezekiel G. Sleeper household, 1855 Massachusetts State Census, Wilmington, Middlesex Co., Mass., fam. 118).

<sup>9</sup> Chase Smith Sleeper was b. Loudon, N.H., 29 Dec. 1789 (Battersby, *Records of Loudon* [note 6], pp. 32–33 [original 343–44]). In 1810 he was the head and sole member of his household (Chase Sleeper household, 1810 U.S. Census, New Sharon, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 877 [printed]). Chase married Sarah ("Sally") — about 1810, probably in New Sharon. The births of two children to them there, Hiram Smith Sleeper, on 11 Jan. 1811, and Mahala W. Sleeper, on 4 Dec. 1816, and the death of Chase S. Sleeper, on 22 Oct. 1821, aged 32, are recorded in the town vital records [Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City, film #11578].

<sup>10</sup> Baker's company was raised at New Sharon and rendezvoused with the regiment at Hallowell from 12 to 26 Sept. 1814 (*Records of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia Called Out by the Governor of Massachusetts to Suppress a Threatened Invasion During the War of 1812–14* [Boston, 1913], 226–27).

<sup>11</sup> The births in New Sharon of two children to Samuel and Jane Sleeper, James Prescott Sleeper, on 31 Dec. 1810, and Abigail Jane Sleeper, on 3 July 1816, are recorded in New Sharon VRs [FHL film #11578]. At the time of the 1820 census, Jane Sleeper headed a household that also included one male under 10, one male 10–15, and one female under 10 (Jane Sleeper household, 1820 U.S. Census, New Sharon, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 430).

<sup>12</sup> Enoch Craig is listed as one of three county coroners based in Farmington in 1808, and as one of four in 1819 (*Massachusetts Register and United States Calendar for 1808* [Boston, 1808], 119; *Massachusetts Register and United States Calendar for 1819* [Boston, 1819], 91). Craig was an early pioneer of Farmington, first active in the area around 1781; he lived in the town until his

Sharon attested during the December 1815 inquest that Samuel Sleeper died a natural death: James Rollins, George Hovey, John Tibbets [*sic*: Tibbetts], Winborn A. Swett, Francis Mayhew, Abel Baker, James Howes, Abijah Scott, John Wing, Benjamin C. Goss, William H. Stevens, Clark Works, Samuel Luce, Benjamin Brainerd, John Trask, Samuel Swett, and Frederic Swan. Ezekiel Gilman, later appointed administrator, also attested. Each of these men signed the inquest statement with Enoch Craig.<sup>13</sup>

The names of those appearing in the January 1817 estate final accounting include some of the same people who testified at the December 1815 inquest, namely Abel Baker, Winborn A. Swett, Francis Mayhew, William H. Stevens, Samuel Luce, Abijah Scott, and John Wing, but also some others: Joseph Cram, E. [*possibly Ebenezer*] French Jr., Christopher Dyer, John Martin, Levi Johnson, P. [*probably Prince*] Baker, John Rowe, Nathaniel Rice, S. Blanding, Varnum Crame [*sic*: Cram], and M. Sleeper (likely Mahala Sleeper, sister of the deceased).<sup>14</sup>

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death on 10 Dec. 1835 (Francis Gould Butler, *A History of Farmington, Franklin County, Maine: from the Earliest Explorations to the Present Time, 1776–1885* [Farmington, Maine, 1885], 440–41; death notice, *Gospel Banner* [Augusta, Maine], 19 Dec. 1835, p. 3, col. 4). Ward Lock was a Freewill Baptist minister serving the pioneer population. He settled in Chesterville in 1813, according to an 1820 letter to the publisher of a history of Maine from Lock himself (I. D. Stewart, *The History of the Freewill Baptists, for Half a Century* [Dover, N.H., 1862], 361; William D. Williamson, *The History of the State of Maine: from its First Discovery, A.D. 1602, to the Separation, A.D. 1820, Inclusive*, 2 vols. [Hallowell Maine, 1832], 2:594). Lock d. 25 Nov. 1828 in Chesterville; his will, dated 10 Nov. 1828, was filed for probate on 8 Dec. 1828 and proved on 27 Jan. 1829 (Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 27:135, 180; gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #92084481).

<sup>13</sup> See note 2.

<sup>14</sup> See note 6. Mahala Sleeper was b. 12 Sept. 1798, according to the transcription in Battersby, *Records of Loudon* [note 6], pp. 32–33 [original 343–44]; other records give her year of birth as 1797. The biographical sketch of her son, Zaccheus A. Dyer, states that “On July 7, 1818, [Gideon B. Dyer] wedded Mahala Sleeper, of Loudon, N.H., who was born in 1797, and died in 1857” (*Biographical Review: Biographical Sketches of Leading Citizens of Oxford and Franklin Counties, Maine* [Boston, 1897], 49). Her headstone in the New Sharon Village Cemetery gives her age at death on 16 March 1857 as 59 yrs. 6 ms., yielding a calculated date of birth in Sept. 1797 (gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #38640926). The marriage of Mahala and Gideon, both of New Sharon, is recorded in the New Sharon Record of Marriages, p. 6 (FHL film #11578). Gideon B. Dyer served in the same company with Samuel and Chase Sleeper during the War of 1812 (*Records of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia* [note 10]). For Gideon’s parentage, children with Mahala, second marriage to Abby N. (Bursley) (Lothrop) Perkins, and his death, see, by this author, “Emma Page Perkins and Abby N. Perkins of Maine,” *The Maine Genealogist* 33(2011):188.

## FAMILIES OF COLOR IN EARLY BRISTOL, MAINE

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Negroes are known to have lived in Bristol on Maine's Pemaquid Peninsula as early as the seventeenth century.<sup>1</sup> The present study commences in the period following Bristol's incorporation in 1765 and ends in the 1950s.

From the chart we see that the number of blacks and mulattoes living in Bristol grew from an estimated thirteen in 1790 to thirty-three in 1870, declining to only one by 1920. Black and mulatto households never numbered more than five in the fifteen census years. In addition to blacks living in their own households, a good number lived with white families as servants and farm laborers, usually only one per household. A notable exception was Robert Given who, it appears, had five.

As will be seen, occupations of black and mulatto heads of household included farmers and gardeners, sailors and master mariners, servants and housekeepers, laundresses and day laborers. Like their white contemporaries, these families suffered the heartbreak of infant and youthful death from disease and accident—diphtheria, meningitis, pneumonia, drowning. A nineteen-year-old son, a Union soldier, died of scurvy at the infamous Andersonville Prison in Georgia.

The first reference to blacks in the town records of Bristol appears in the warrant for the town meeting to be held 13 March 1770:

[Article] 9. Whereas Elizabeth Trow is at present a charge to this Town By having a Black Child[,] therefore to see what method the Town will take to clear themselves of that charge.<sup>2</sup>

At that meeting it was

[Article] 2. Voted: the Town consent to raise Seventy-five pounds for necessary Town Charges.<sup>3</sup>

On 4 May 1772, we find it was voted to pay

Samuel Paterson for Board of Lady Trow—6 shillings.<sup>4</sup>

Finally, at the town meeting of 9 March 1773:

[Article] 16. Voted that the town vandue [*sic*: vendue] Elizabeth Trow's molato [*sic*] child to him that will take the cheapest. Mr. Joseph Eaton offered to take said child for Eighteen Shillings (old [*specie*?]) per week till it was seven years old.<sup>5</sup>

Whatever became of Elizabeth Trow or her child has not been found. Attempts to find a family with that surname have been unproductive.

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<sup>1</sup> H. H. Price and Gerald E. Talbot, eds., *Maine's Visible Black History—The First Chronicle of Its People* (Gardiner, Maine, 2006), 3–7.

<sup>2</sup> Bristol Town Records, 1:41, Town Clerk's Office.

<sup>3</sup> Bristol Town Records, 1:43.

<sup>4</sup> Bristol Town Records, 1:63.

<sup>5</sup> Bristol Town Records, 1:69 (misnumbered, it should read 70). A vendue is a public auction.

BLACKS and MULATTOES REPORTED in U.S. CENSUS-BRISTOL, LINCOLN COUNTY, MAINE

Column headings are those used in the respective census schedules

	<u>1790</u> All other free persons	<u>1800</u> All other free persons except Indians not taxed	<u>1810</u> All other free persons	<u>1820</u> Free colored persons	<u>1830</u> Free colored persons	<u>1840</u> Free colored persons	<u>1850</u> Color: white, black, mulatto	<u>1860</u> Color: white, black, mulatto
Blacks, mulattoes	13*	22*	15*	21	25	17	28	28
Black, mulatto households	0	3	2	2	4	4	5	4
Blacks, mulattoes in white households	13*	8*	1*	2	5	6	4	7
	<u>1870</u> Color: white, black, mulatto, Chinese, Indian	<u>1880</u> Color: white, black, mulatto, Chinese, Indian	<u>1890**</u>	<u>1900</u> Color or race	<u>1910</u> Color or race	<u>1920</u> Color or race	<u>1930</u> Color or race	<u>1940</u> Color or race
Blacks, mulattoes	33	23	—	6	4	1	1	1
Black, mulatto households	5	5	—	2	1	1	1	1
Blacks, mulattoes in white households	6	3	—	1	1	0	0	0

\* Some of those enumerated as "Other free persons" may have been white.

\*\* U.S. Census for 1890 destroyed in 1921 Washington, D.C., fire.



## BOSTON MILLER FAMILY

Perhaps the earliest recorded black *family* living in Bristol was that of Boston Miller. On 10 July 1792, “Boston Miller of said Bristol, yeoman” purchased from John Arskins 100 acres on the west side of the Pemaquid River at Bristol Mills.<sup>6</sup> He is listed among those paying the Massachusetts Direct Tax in 1798, said to be owning one dwelling and 100 acres.<sup>7</sup> On 9 February 1807 Boston Miller, “Blackman,” sold to the Bristol School District No. 4 a portion of this lot measuring “thirteen square poles and one hundred and sixteen feet more or less,” to be used for a schoolhouse. Also signing the deed with her mark is Dinah Miller.<sup>8</sup> We infer she is Boston’s wife relinquishing her dower rights. No further records of Boston and Dinah have been found. Census schedules for 1800 and 1810 for the Cuff Miller household show 7 and 6 occupants, respectively (ages and gender are not given for non-whites in those census years).<sup>9</sup> One speculates that Boston, Dinah, and other family members are living there, Cuff having been named the nominal head of household.

Assuming Boston and Dinah Miller were husband and wife, who were their children? Cuff Miller is one likely candidate.

CUFF<sup>10</sup> MILLER FAMILY

Cuff Miller was born in Maine, circa 1773, and died in Bristol, 5 April 1846, aged 73, buried in Herbert Cemetery, Bristol Mills.<sup>11</sup> He married in Bristol, 13 June 1813, Polly Bower.<sup>12</sup> She is probably the Mary Miller, aged 54, in the Charles and Julia Miller home recorded in Bristol in 1850, and thus born in Maine circa 1796.<sup>13</sup> As will be seen, Charles Miller is a proposed son of Cuff and Mary/Polly Miller.

A compelling clue to Cuff’s parentage is found in Lincoln County land records. Although there is no record as to how Cuff originally acquired his land, in a deed dated 13 July 1835, he sells a one-acre portion of his lot to John Bearce, but excludes from the conveyance “. . . the small lot formerly conveyed to the school district and the same on which the Mills schoolhouse now stands.”<sup>14</sup> This is the schoolhouse lot sold to the District by Boston Miller in 1807. If Cuff had acquired this

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<sup>6</sup> Lincoln Co., Maine, Deeds, 28:232.

<sup>7</sup> Massachusetts and Maine: Direct Tax, 1798, image, americanancestors.org, citing 2:150.

<sup>8</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 62:38.

<sup>9</sup> Cuff Miller household, 1800 and 1810 U.S. Censuses, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, pp. 522 (1800), 235 (1810).

<sup>10</sup> Cuff is an anglicized form of “Kofi,” meaning born on Friday in the West-African Akan language. See [www.behindthename.com/name/cuff/submitted](http://www.behindthename.com/name/cuff/submitted) and [www.behindthename.com/name/kofi](http://www.behindthename.com/name/kofi).

<sup>11</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #81744732.

<sup>12</sup> Christine Huston Dodge, ed., *Vital Records of Old Bristol and Nobleboro in the County of Lincoln, Maine*, 2 vols. (Portland, 1951), 2:200.

<sup>13</sup> Charles Miller household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 12, all occupants listed as mulatto. Polly was a frequently-used nickname for Mary.

<sup>14</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 163:539.

land from someone other than a parent, one would expect to find a deed. It was not uncommon, however, for a son to take over a parent's ownership without reducing that transaction to writing.

Sometime before 1810, Cuff seems to have taken title to this property. That year he commissioned Elijah Crooker to survey his lot. This distinctively shaped lot was measured to be 106 acres and 30 square poles.<sup>15</sup>

Cuff Miller's ownership of that lot *appears* confirmed by the 1815 survey map produced by William McClintock, who had been commissioned to make a survey as part of the Massachusetts General Court's "Resolves of February Twenty-five and Twenty-eight, 1813," the purpose of which was to settle once and for all many contested land claims. Miller's lot is shown on that survey as Lot # 133, containing ninety acres.<sup>16</sup> Whereas the dimensions and resulting acreage are different from those on the Crooker survey, the distinctive shape of the lot on each survey is the same.

But further questions arise as to who owned this lot and when, for on 15 September 1829, Henry Hunter sold to Cuff Miller, for \$400, the very lot that Crooker surveyed for Cuff in 1810 and ownership of which appears to have been resolved in 1815.<sup>17</sup> No record has been found indicating when and how Hunter acquired this property. We speculate that there may have been at some point a loan by Hunter to Miller with an unrecorded mortgage, repaid and discharged by this 1829 deed.

On 22 January 1846, eleven weeks prior to his death, Cuff sold the family homestead to his proposed son Charles Miller, "reserving to myself the use and occupancy of the said premises for and during my natural life and to Mary, my wife, . . . the use and occupancy of one half of said premises . . . during her natural life." Cuff, and Mary Miller, relinquishing her rights of dower, signed with their marks.<sup>18</sup>

Proposed children of Cuff and Mary/Polly (Bower) Miller:

- i DIANNAH/DIANA/DEANNA MILLER (perhaps named for Dinah, Cuff Miller's proposed mother), b. Bristol, [calc.] Jan. 1814, d. Bristol 14 June 1884, aged 70y 5m;<sup>19</sup> m. (int.) Bristol, 12 June 1833, WILLIAM M. SWAIN of Bath,<sup>20</sup> b. Maine, ca. 1804-5,<sup>21</sup> d. Bristol, 3 Aug. 1879, aged 75.<sup>22</sup> A receipt dated 26 Aug. 1839 shows he was paid \$5.00 for four-days labor in the building of the new meeting house in Bristol Mills.<sup>23</sup> Census records variously describe him as a sailor, farmer, and day laborer. See below for their children.

<sup>15</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 71:249.

<sup>16</sup> McClintock Survey Map of 1815, Bristol Town Office.

<sup>17</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 148:433.

<sup>18</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 185:396.

<sup>19</sup> Dianna M. Swain gravestone, Bristol Mills Cemetery, findagrave.com, #64290119, no photo.

<sup>20</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 2:200.

<sup>21</sup> Aged 45, sailor, in 1850, and aged 65, farmer, in 1870 (W[illia]m M. Swain household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 6; 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 491). His son William's 1903 death record gives his father's birthplace as China, Maine.

<sup>22</sup> William M. Swain gravestone, Bristol Mills Cemetery, findagrave.com, #64290119, no photo.

<sup>23</sup> Congregational Church of Bristol, Archival Files.

- ii CHARLES MILLER, b. Bristol, 2 March 1816, d. Bristol, 15 July 1891;<sup>24</sup> m. Wiscasset, Maine, 22 Sept. 1846, JULIA ANN FREEMAN of Newcastle,<sup>25</sup> b. Maine, 7 June 1815, d. Bristol, 26 Jan. 1892.<sup>26</sup> See below for their children.

#### WILLIAM M. SWAIN FAMILY

The following are the recorded children of William M. and Diana (Miller) Swain, all probably born in Bristol:<sup>27</sup>

- i DIANA SWAIN, b. 3 Feb. 1835, possibly the female of her age enumerated in her parents' 1840 household in Bristol;<sup>28</sup> not found with them in 1850.
- ii FRANCIS SWAIN, b. 2 May 1836. In the 1860 Census he is called a sailor.<sup>29</sup> No further information found.
- iii ADRIANNA/ADDIE H./IDA SWAIN, b. 22 March 1838, d. 12 March 1871, aged 34y, bur. Valley Cemetery, Manchester, N.H.;<sup>30</sup> m. Manchester, 28 May 1864, THOMAS WALLEY, both of Manchester, b. England, ca. 1819, son of James Walley.<sup>31</sup>
- iv WILLIAM SWAIN, b. 2 March 1843, d. Chelsea, Mass., 7 March 1903, and bur. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, Mass.;<sup>32</sup> m. Bath, b. 1869, PHILENA/LENA HARRISON, daughter of John and Luvina (Freeman) Harrison,<sup>33</sup> b. Bath, 25 Nov. 1844, d. Boston 9 Sept. 1919.<sup>34</sup> William was a master mariner.<sup>35</sup>
- v CHARLES M. SWAIN, b. 9 Nov. 1844. He was a private in Co. D, 7th N.H. Infantry Regt., was captured at Olustee, Fla., 20 Feb. 1864, and died of scorbutus [scurvy] at Andersonville Prison (Camp Sumter), Ga., 27 Aug. 1864, bur. at Andersonville Historic Site, Macon, Ga., grave #7040.<sup>36</sup>
- vi MARY F. SWAIN, b. 15 Jan. 1849. She was working in a cotton factory in Bristol in 1870.<sup>37</sup> No further information.

<sup>24</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:505 citing g.s. Bristol Mills cem.

<sup>25</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, image, familysearch.org.

<sup>26</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:505, citing g.s. Bristol Mills cem.

<sup>27</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:667.

<sup>28</sup> Wm. Swain household, 1840 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 340.

<sup>29</sup> William Swain household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 595.

<sup>30</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #95512434.

<sup>31</sup> All information from New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659–1947, image, ancestry.com. The record indicates it was Thomas's 2nd marriage.

<sup>32</sup> Massachusetts, Death Records, 1841–1915, image, ancestry.com; findagrave.com, #139581191, no photo.

<sup>33</sup> John Harrison household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bath, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 329; Bruno Giles, "Peter and Jane (\_\_\_\_) Freeman of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and Their Descendants in Maine: An African-American Family," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 163(2009):245–52, 164(2010):41–54, at 164:47. In 1870 William and Lena Swain, with their 11-month-old daughter, were living with her parents, John and Lavina Harrison in Bath, William described as a seaman.

<sup>34</sup> Massachusetts State Vital Records, 1841–1920, image, familysearch.org, citing cert. #8520.

<sup>35</sup> William Swain household, 1900 U.S. Census, Chelsea Ward 3, Suffolk Co., Mass., E.D. 1561, p. 6A.

<sup>36</sup> Andersonville Prisoners of War, database, ancestry.com.

<sup>37</sup> William Swain household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 491.

- vii LAURA SWAIN, b. 31 July 1851. She was living in her parents' household in 1870, age 18.<sup>38</sup> She is also found that year in the Damariscotta household of Joel Huston, as a hired servant-domestic, aged 22.<sup>39</sup> In 1900 she was living in the household of Thomas Cogswell in Gilmanton, N.H., a servant, b. July 1851, and listed as a widow with one living child.<sup>40</sup>
- viii EDWARD HOMER SWAIN, b. 28 Jan. 1853, d. 7 July 1934, aged 81y 5m 9d,<sup>41</sup> at Augusta, Maine, where he was a patient at the Augusta State Hospital for over ten years;<sup>42</sup> m. (int.) Bristol, 5 Nov. 1883, SARAH A. McCLARY,<sup>43</sup> daughter of Alexander and Sally (Perkins) McClary (see Alexander McClary family below).<sup>44</sup> It is doubtful, however, this marriage took place, as he m. Bristol, 23 Nov. 1884, VILLA E. TREFETHREN,<sup>45</sup> b. Monhegan Island Plantation, [calc.] 30 March 1870, daughter of William and Mary J. (Stone) Trefethren, d. Bath 4 April 1913, ae 43y 5d.<sup>46</sup> She was aged only 14y 9m when she was married.<sup>47</sup>
- ix ROBERT M. SWAIN, b. 18 Jan. 1855, d. Bath, 7 Jan. 1934, aged 79y 11m 19d;<sup>48</sup> m. (int.) Bristol, 7 June 1881, GRACE E. JONES,<sup>49</sup> b. [calc.] 7 Oct. 1861, daughter of Cyrus and Sarah (Little) Jones,<sup>50</sup> d. Bath, 11 Jan. 1933, aged 71y 3m 4d.<sup>51</sup>

#### CHARLES MILLER FAMILY

The following are the recorded children of Charles and Julia Ann (Freeman) Miller:

- i EDWARD MILLER, b. Bristol, 5 July 1848, d. Bristol, 12 Feb. 1918, and bur. in Bristol Mills Cemetery;<sup>52</sup> unmarried.<sup>53</sup> He was for many years a gardener and "hired man" for the Henry Blaney family.<sup>54</sup>

<sup>38</sup> William Swain household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 491.

<sup>39</sup> Joel Huston household, 1870 U.S. Census, Damariscotta, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 511.

<sup>40</sup> Thomas Cogswell household, 1900 U.S. Census, Gilmanton, Belknap Co., N.H., E.D. 6, p. 12A.

<sup>41</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:667. Under "Homer" Swain, his birth record is given as 28 Jan. 1853. His death is recorded on the same page as Edward H. Swain, with an age at death that calculates to an identical birth date.

<sup>42</sup> Edward H. Swain, patient, Augusta State Hospital, 1920–30 U.S. Censuses, Augusta Ward 6, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 41, p. 9B (1920), E.D. 9, p. 5B (1930).

<sup>43</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 2:179.

<sup>44</sup> See genealogical summary of Alexander McClary family below.

<sup>45</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 2:273.

<sup>46</sup> Maine Births Deaths and Marriages, 1677-1922, Deaths 1913.

<sup>47</sup> Census records confirm her age. In 1900, she was aged 30, her birth date given as March 1870 (Edward Swain household, 1900 U.S. Census, Bath, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, E.D. 208, p. 13B). At that enumeration, "Villia" was the mother of 4 children, 3 surviving.

<sup>48</sup> Birth and death dates in *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:667.

<sup>49</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 2:273.

<sup>50</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:405.

<sup>51</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:667.

<sup>52</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #64290040. His stone gives full dates of birth and death.

<sup>53</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com

<sup>54</sup> Henry Blaney household, 1900 U.S. Census Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 164, p. 26A.

- ii CHARLES H. MILLER, b. Bristol, 25 Aug. 1850, d. Bristol, 11 Aug. 1905, and bur. in Bristol Mills Cemetery;<sup>55</sup> unmarried.<sup>56</sup> He was a farmer and on his death record, a “watch cleaner.”

#### BRACKETT FAMILY

Another early non-white Bristol resident was Boston Brackett who, according to his gravestone in Herbert Cemetery, Bristol Mills, was born 8 November 1799 and died 11 May 1882.<sup>57</sup> Herbert I. Brackett’s *Brackett Genealogy* recounts some interesting folklore about Boston:

Like his father in Boston, and his great-grandfather in Falmouth, [Col. Thomas Brackett] was a slave owner. Among his slaves was, probably, one called “Boston Brackett,” descendants of whom now reside in Bristol. A Boston Brackett (mulatto), in 1880, lived in Bristol, and then was eighty years old. . . . Mr. Jeffrey Richardson, Jr., in his *Genealogy of the Bracketts* mentions a negro in Boston, called “Boston.” It is probable that Colonel Brackett was his owner in that city. The story is often told in Bristol, by the descendants of Colonel Brackett, that he, his son, Thomas, Jr., and slave went aboard the father’s vessel lying in the river, and while the father was engaged at some work below deck, the son fell overboard and was rescued by this slave, who plunged in the river after the boy, all unknown to the father until the lad was safe. For this act of courage, the grateful father ever loved the negro and treated him as one of the family.<sup>58</sup>

This tale has a couple of problems with it. First, slavery was outlawed by court action in Massachusetts in 1783; therefore, Boston Brackett, born in Maine in 1799, was never a slave. Second, Col. Thomas Brackett died 7 May 1788.<sup>59</sup> Since Boston was born in 1799, eleven years after the Colonel’s death, Col. Brackett would not have been the man whose son was reportedly saved by Boston. It is more likely that this familial relationship was with the *Captain* Thomas Brackett family. The Captain’s son Thomas, born about 1794, died 1820, also followed the sea.<sup>60</sup> It could well be that Boston was a hand on the Captain’s (not the Colonel’s) vessel and performed the act of heroism reported.

There is another possible, perhaps more plausible, explanation of the tale: that Boston’s father’s name was also Boston, and that it was the latter who was rewarded for his heroism in saving Colonel Thomas Brackett’s son.

Whereas no record has been found for young Boston’s parents, in 1830 a Phillis Brackett, free, non-white, aged 55 to 100, is recorded as the only occupant of her own household in Bristol.<sup>61</sup> In 1840, there is one female, aged 55 to 100 in the

<sup>55</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #64290039. His stone gives full dates of birth and death.

<sup>56</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com

<sup>57</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #72866042.

<sup>58</sup> Herbert I. Brackett, *Brackett Genealogy: Descendants of Anthony Brackett of Portsmouth and Captain Richard Brackett of Braintree* (Washington, D.C., 1907), 125.

<sup>59</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:41.

<sup>60</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:39; *Brackett Genealogy* [note 58], 126.

<sup>61</sup> Phillis Bracket household, 1830 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 14.

Boston Brackett household.<sup>62</sup> Further research reveals that “Mrs. Phillis Brackett” was born circa 1768, and died in Bristol 17 February 1846, aged 78.<sup>63</sup> We propose that Phillis is young Boston Brackett’s mother, and that it was her husband who acquired the Brackett surname having been in the employ, or even servitude, of the Brackett family.

An intention of marriage was recorded for the younger Boston Brackett and Mrs. Mary Miller on 6 July 1853.<sup>64</sup> It is very likely that the bride is Cuff Miller’s widow. As noted above, in 1850 Mary Miller, age 54, was living with her proposed son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Julia Miller.<sup>65</sup> No records of her birth or death have been found. We do know she was born in Maine about 1795–96, and that she and Boston Brackett were recorded in census records through 1870,<sup>66</sup> but he is enumerated as a widower in 1880.<sup>67</sup> No children are recorded for them.

This brings us to Cuff Brackett, whom we propose is the son of Phillis and brother of the proposed younger Boston. In the Boston Brackett household in 1840, there are two males aged 36 to 55,<sup>68</sup> thus born between 1775 and 1804. We propose that these males are Boston and Cuff Brackett. In 1850 and 1860 Cuff Brackett is living with the family of Carpenter Bearce; in 1850 he is aged 50, a laborer, and in 1860 he is aged 56, a servant,<sup>69</sup> thus born 1800–1804. He died of gangrene in Bristol in November 1869, aged 69,<sup>70</sup> thus he was born about 1800. There is no record of Cuff Brackett’s marriage or that he had children.

A Lincoln County map of 1857 shows that the Brackett, Miller, and Swain families lived in Bristol Mills on the west side of what is now State Route 130, across the road from the present boat-launching area.<sup>71</sup> Hanna Lane leads into the property. These dwellings appear to be located on the parcel claimed by Cuff Miller in 1815,<sup>72</sup> and deeded to him by Henry Hunter in 1829.<sup>73</sup> There is no record that the Swain family owned any of this land.

On 13 March 1882, two months prior to his death, Boston Brackett, for “one dollar and services and attention,” conveyed to Charles H. Miller “my dwelling

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<sup>62</sup> Boston Bracket household, 1840 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 340.

<sup>63</sup> Gravestone photo, Herbert Cemetery, Bristol Mills, findagrave.com #72869961.

<sup>64</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 2:19.

<sup>65</sup> Charles Miller household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 12.

<sup>66</sup> Boston Bracket[t] household, 1850–70 U.S. Censuses, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, pp. 36 (1850, Boston aged 51), 595 (1860, Boston aged 60, Mary aged 64), 492 (1870, Boston aged 70, Mary aged 75).

<sup>67</sup> Boston Brackett household, 1880 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 121, p. 430D.

<sup>68</sup> Boston Bracket household, 1840 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 340.

<sup>69</sup> Carpenter Bearce household, 1850–60 U.S. Censuses, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, pp. 15 (1850), 594 (1860).

<sup>70</sup> Cuff Brackett, 1870 U.S. Census, Mortality Schedule, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 1.

<sup>71</sup> *The Old Maps of Lincoln County, Maine in 1857* (Fryeburg, Maine, 1988), 8.

<sup>72</sup> Lot #133, McClintock Survey Map of 1815, Bristol Town Office.

<sup>73</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 148:433.

house and fixtures, and land on which the same is situated.”<sup>74</sup> On 15 February 1906, six months after the death of Charles H. Miller, “I Edward Miller . . . sole heir-at-law of Charles Miller, my late father and Charles H. Miller, my late brother,” sold the last of the Miller/Brackett property to Lewis J. Little of Richmond.<sup>75</sup>

Edward Miller, the last of this family, died in Bristol 12 February 1918.<sup>76</sup>

#### PETER PERKINS FAMILY

Although records show that Peter Perkins was living in Maine from before 1810 until at least 1840, the federal census schedules show him in Bristol only in 1830. The following summarizes his movements from place to place and attempts to describe his family.

In October 1809, Peter Perkins of Waldoboro and Leonard Perkins of Boothbay purchased a sixty-one acre lot in Warren from David Libby. At the same time, they gave a mortgage deed to Libby to finance the purchase.<sup>77</sup> The 1810 census for Warren shows Peter and Leonard living together, the only two members of the household.<sup>78</sup> On 10 May 1810, however, the property was foreclosed upon and sold, with Peter Perkins then reported to be living in Nobleborough.<sup>79</sup>

In the census of 1820, Peter Perkins is recorded back in Waldoboro, the head of a household of seven persons, two white and five colored: one white female 16–25, one white female 26–44, one colored male 26–44, and four colored females under 14.<sup>80</sup>

In 1830 he is in Bristol, heading a household of six colored persons: one male 10–23, one male 36–54, one female under 10, two females 10–23, and one female 36–54.<sup>81</sup>

In 1840 Peter Perkins is found in Nobleborough, heading a household of one white and five colored: one white female 40–49, two colored males under 10, one colored male 55–99, one colored female 10–23 and one colored female 24–35.<sup>82</sup>

Only two pieces of data have been found which might tell us who the persons in Peter Perkins’s households were. First is the death record of Martha Reed, widow, who died in Middleborough, Massachusetts, on 15 May 1895 at age 83, thus born about 1812. The entry lists as her parents Peter Perkins, born in Bristol, Maine, and Betsey Brown, born in England.<sup>83</sup> Martha’s birth year fits into the age ranges of colored females in the Peter Perkins households in the censuses of 1820, 1830, and

<sup>74</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 267:305.

<sup>75</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 317:409.

<sup>76</sup> Gravestone photo, Bristol Mills Cemetery, findagrave # 64290040.

<sup>77</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 72:62, 73:66.

<sup>78</sup> “Leonard & Peter Perkins (black)” household, 1810 U.S. Census, Warren, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 73.

<sup>79</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 94:137.

<sup>80</sup> Peter Purkins household, 1820 U.S. Census, Waldoboro, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 360.

<sup>81</sup> Peter Perkins household, 1830 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 10.

<sup>82</sup> Peter Perkins household, 1840 U.S. Census, Nobleborough, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 155.

<sup>83</sup> Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org.

1840. One is cautioned, however, that the age ranges for non-white persons during those census years were generally broader than for whites.

Second, Dodge suggested that Sally Perkins, who married Alexander McClary, was somehow associated with Peter Perkins.<sup>84</sup> Dodge probably derived this from the fact that the only non-white Perkins family living in the area at the time was that of Peter Perkins. Sally Perkins's calculated birth date ranges from 1823 to 1827,<sup>85</sup> and allows her a place in Peter's households in 1830 and 1840.<sup>86</sup>

We would not have devoted as much space to Peter Perkins had it not been for Sally (Perkins) McClary's role as the mother of Bristol's second-largest black family. A genealogical summary of the Alexander and Sally (Perkins) McClary family appears below. The reader should note that Sally's first daughter was named Betsey, the same name as Martha (Perkins) Reed's mother, all of which suggests that Sally, as well as Martha, was a daughter of Peter and Betsey Perkins.

#### RICHARD McCLARY FAMILY

The largest black family to live in early Bristol was that of Richard McClary. It was also the most enduring. For reasons discussed below, we suspect that Richard and his family are among the five "all other free persons" counted in the 1790 household of Robert Given, a white family.<sup>87</sup> If this is correct, Richard McClary's family and descendants lived in Bristol for over 164 years ending in 1954 with the death of his proposed grandson, Raymond Peters. Please note that records give at least five spellings of this family's McClary surname.

Richard McClary's household comprised five persons in 1800.<sup>88</sup> He is not found as a head of household in 1810; however, this family may have been reported as the eight-member black family of "Dick Given,"<sup>89</sup> whose name appears nowhere in any other record, including the list of children of Robert and Jane Given. Therein lies one of the clues supporting the possibility that the McClarys were in the Robert Given 1790 enumeration. Robert Given was said to be the wealthiest man in early Bristol, owning several hundred acres of farm land and various mills.<sup>90</sup> While the exact location of the land belonging to Richard McClary has not been identified, we do know that it is in the vicinity of, if not on, the land of Robert Given, and follow-

<sup>84</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:568.

<sup>85</sup> Richard McClary household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 25 (Sally age 27); Alexander McClar[e]y household, 1860–80 U.S. Censuses, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, pp. 624 (1860, Sally age 33), 498 (1870, Sarah age 45), E.D. 121, p. 446D (1880, Sarah age 57).

<sup>86</sup> Peter Perkins household, 1830–40 U.S. Censuses, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 10 (1830), Nobleborough, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 155 (1840).

<sup>87</sup> "Robert geven" household, 1790 U.S. Census, Waldoborough [*sic*: the town enumerated was in fact Bristol], Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 295.

<sup>88</sup> Richard McClary household, 1800 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 382.

<sup>89</sup> Dick Given household, 1810 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 235.

<sup>90</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:259



ing Given's death in 1796, that of his wife, Jane. So, did Richard McClary of 1800 become Dick Given in 1810, either as a census taker's error or by the tradition of a black servant taking the name of his employer? That Richard McClary may have been called Dick is suggested in the death record of Lucy Peters, a descendant. Her place of burial is shown as "Dick Field Cem."<sup>91</sup> It would appear that this burial is on the McClary farm property. Bristol has no recognized cemetery by that name.

In 1820 Richard McClary was head of a ten-person household,<sup>92</sup> and seven in 1830.<sup>93</sup> He was living alone in 1840.<sup>94</sup> What became of others in the family until 1850 is unknown. In 1850, he was enumerated for the last time as the head of a nine-member household, aged 92 and therefore born about 1757–58.<sup>95</sup> While Richard is shown as the senior member of this 1850 household, as a practical matter it is a census of the family of a proposed son: Alexander McClary, his wife Sally and their five children, and finally, Charles McClary, age 50, who will be discussed below. We note here that, on 20 August 1845, Richard McClary deeded his property (dimensions not stated, location uncertain) to Sally McClary, his proposed daughter-in-law, "it being a piece of land that I have lived on and had in my possession . . . this last forty years."<sup>96</sup>

We have been unable to identify Richard's wife or, with confidence, his children. Three males and two females surnamed McClary living in Bristol and Warren during the period are candidates. We list them here in order by *apparent* birth year. Their ages given in census schedules from 1850 through 1880 are frequently inconsistent from year to year, sometimes significantly so. The presumed birth years given below would place them in the Richard McClary household in 1820 and 1830, but account for only five of the eight children enumerated in 1820. It must be noted that many of the questionable ages claimed in the 1850–1880 census schedules make the individuals appear young enough to be the children of a Richard McClary son. The absence of any records of such a family causes us to propose the following as Richard's children:

- i CHARLES McCLARY, b. prob. 1799–1805.<sup>97</sup> He was in the household of [his proposed brothers] Richard McClary in 1850 and Alexander McClary in 1870. He was living in other households as a servant and as a boarder in the censuses of 1860 and 1880, respectively.

<sup>91</sup> Maine Death Records 1617–1922, 1916.

<sup>92</sup> Richard McClary household, 1820 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 343.

<sup>93</sup> Richard McClarey household, 1830 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 15.

<sup>94</sup> Richard McClary household, 1840 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 337.

<sup>95</sup> Richard McClary household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 25.

<sup>96</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 187:370.

<sup>97</sup> Charles was aged 50 in the Richard McClary household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 25; aged 55 in the Isaac Larrow household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 638; aged 52 [*sic*] in the Alexander McClery household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 498; and aged 80 in the Luther Goldthwait household, 1880 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 121, p. 438D.

- ii RICHARD McCLARY (2nd), b. in the period 1807–15.<sup>98</sup> He was living in the John Blunt household 1850–70, described as a farmer, servant, and farm laborer. He was living alone in 1880, a laborer.
- iii JANE McCLARY, b. 1815–18;<sup>99</sup> m. (as “Miss Jane McClara”) Warren, 25 Sept. 1843, DANIEL PETERS, both of Warren.<sup>100</sup> Daniel was b. Warren, ca. 1823, son of Isaac and Hannah (Bingham) Peters,<sup>101</sup> and d. Warren, 25 Feb. 1874, aged 50y.<sup>102</sup> He had published intentions in Warren, 19 Sept. 1840, with Matilda Peters,<sup>103</sup> but no marriage is recorded and a Matilda Peters filed intentions with James Lewis in Warren, 31 May 1845.<sup>104</sup> Daniel and Jane had 6 children born in Warren.<sup>105</sup>
- iv ALEXANDER McCLARY, b. in the period 1817–23.<sup>106</sup> As indicated above, he was living in the household of Richard McClary in 1850 and thereafter in his own household. He was described as a laborer and farmer. The family of Alexander McClary is summarized below.
- v MARY McCLARY, b. ca. 1819–20 and found only in one census, 1860, age 40, one of eight paupers living in the household of Harrott Fitch.<sup>107</sup> A Miss Mary McClary d. Bristol, 6 Sept. 1877.<sup>108</sup> It is unknown whether these two Marys are the same.

A caveat as to the parents of Alexander and Mary (above): Richard, their proposed father, would have been in his mid-sixties when they were born assuming his age of 92 in 1850 is correct. If so, Richard would have been about 68 in 1820 and 78 in 1830. The senior female in his household was aged 26–44 in the 1820 census and 36–54 in the 1830 census, which suggests that Richard was considerably older than his wife, who was born between 1776 and 1794.<sup>109</sup>

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<sup>98</sup> Richard was aged 41 in the John Blunt household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 30; aged 45 in the John Blunt household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 601; aged 55 in the John Blunt household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 501; and aged 73 in the Richard McClary household, 1880 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 121, p. 446D.

<sup>99</sup> She was aged 32 in 1850, 44 in 1860, and 55 in 1870, Daniel Peters household, 1850–70 U.S. Censuses, Warren, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 185 (1850), Knox Co., Maine, pp. 296 (1860), 378 (1870), listed as mulattoes.

<sup>100</sup> Marlene A. Groves, comp., *Vital Records of Warren, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 2004), 25.

<sup>101</sup> Cyrus Eaton, *Annals of the Town of Warren in Knox County, Maine* (Hallowell, Maine, 1877), 602.

<sup>102</sup> *Rockland Gazette*, issue of 5 March 1874.

<sup>103</sup> Groves, *Vital Records of Warren* [note 100], 111.

<sup>104</sup> Groves, *Vital Records of Warren* [note 100], 115.

<sup>105</sup> Eaton, *Annals of Warren* [note 101], 603.

<sup>106</sup> He was aged 31 in the Richard McClary household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 25; aged 37 in the Alexander McClarey household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 624; aged 50 in the Alexander McClery household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 498; and aged 62 in the Alex McClary household, 1880 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 121, p. 446D.

<sup>107</sup> Harrott Fitch household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 599.

<sup>108</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:466.

<sup>109</sup> Richard McClar[e]y household, 1820 and 1830 U.S. Censuses, Bristol, Lincoln, Co., Maine, pp. 343 (1820), 15 (1830).

## ALEXANDER McCLARY FAMILY

Alexander McClary was most certainly a descendant of the senior Richard McClary. He was born in Maine circa 1817–23 (see above), and died in Bristol, 27 November 1892, aged 84 [*sic*].<sup>110</sup> He married in Bristol, 28 December 1842, Sarah/Sally Perkins,<sup>111</sup> born in the period 1823–27,<sup>112</sup> probable daughter of Peter Perkins as noted above. No record of Sally McClary subsequent to 1880 has been found.

Children of Alexander and Sarah/Sally (Perkins) McClary, all prob. b. Bristol:<sup>113</sup>

- i WILLIAM H. McCLARY, b. ca. 1842, no further record after the 1870 census, when his occupation was given as “seafaring.”<sup>114</sup>
- ii ROBERT J. McCLARY, b. ca. May 1844, d. Waldoboro, Maine, 14 March 1902, aged 58y 10m;<sup>115</sup> m. Bristol, 6 Nov. 1874, LUCY PETERS,<sup>116</sup> b. prob. Warren, 1853–55, daughter of Edmund and Caroline (Peters) Peters.<sup>117</sup> Lucy gave her age as 58 [*sic*] when she m. (2) Bath, 14 April 1920, Stillman C. Moon.<sup>118</sup>
- iii BETSEY S. McCLARY, b. ca. 1845; prob. the Betsy McClary, b. Bristol, who m. WILLIAM S. PETERS, b. Warren, whose daughter, Josepha A. Peters, age 19, m. Rockland, 28 Nov. 1895, Reuben Carter.<sup>119</sup> Neither William nor Betsy have been found in census records after 1860. One William S. Peters d. Warren, 20 July 1877, aged 28.<sup>120</sup>
- iv VIOLET B. McCLARY, b. ca. 1847, d. Bristol, 6 June 1916, aged 69,<sup>121</sup> m. before 1870, GEORGE PETERS,<sup>122</sup> b. Warren, ca. 1832,<sup>123</sup> son of Jacob and Rebecca (Griffin) Peters,<sup>124</sup> d. Bristol, 19 Aug. 1894, aged 55 [*sic*].<sup>125</sup> The family of George and Violet (McClary) Peters is summarized below.

<sup>110</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:466; Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>111</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 2:228.

<sup>112</sup> See note 85.

<sup>113</sup> Unless otherwise noted, estimated birth dates for children i–v from Richard McClary household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 25; for vi–vii from Alexander McClary household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 624; child viii from Alexander McClary household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 498.

<sup>114</sup> Alexander McClary household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 498.

<sup>115</sup> Maine Death Records 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>116</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 2:179.

<sup>117</sup> Lucy was aged 7 in Edmund Peters household, 1860 U.S. Census Warren, Knox Co., Maine, p. 298; her birth date given as April 1855 in the Robert J. McClary household, 1900 U.S. Census, Waldoboro, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 172, p. 12B. Eaton notes that Edmund Peters m. (int.) Warren, 19 Sept. 1855, Caroline Peters and that Edmund was the father of Lucy Peters, who m. “Robert McClara” (Eaton, *Annals of Warren* [note 101], 602, 604).

<sup>118</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1922, image, ancestry.com, her parents named on the record.

<sup>119</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>120</sup> *Rockland Gazette*, issue of 26 July 1877.

<sup>121</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>122</sup> Alexander McClary household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 498. George Peters, aged 38, and Violet, aged 22, with no children first appear in McClary household.

<sup>123</sup> On 8 Jan. 1855, he was described as 22 years of age, b. Warren, 5'11" tall (U.S., Citizenship Affidavits of US-born Seamen at Select Ports, 1792–1869, image, ancestry.com).

<sup>124</sup> Eaton, *Annals of Warren* [note 101], 602. For a brief history of the village of Peterborough in Warren, see Price and Talbot, *Maine’s Visible Black History* [note 1], 75–82.

- v HANNAH J. McCLARY, b. ca. 1849; no further record after USC 1860.
- vi SARAH [A. or J.] McCLARY, b. ca. 1853,<sup>126</sup> d. Rockland, Maine, 25 Oct. 1911, aged 60 [*sic*];<sup>127</sup> m. (int.) Bristol, 5 Nov. 1883 EDWARD H. SWAIN,<sup>128</sup> although this marriage may not have taken place [see Edward Homer Swain in William M. Swain family above], m. Boston, Mass., 15 Jan. 1885, REUBEN FORREST BRADFORD,<sup>129</sup> b. Gardiner, Maine, 5 April 1855, son of George Bradford and Mary Jane (Griffin) Bradford,<sup>130</sup> d. Bath, 25 Sept. 1902, ae 47y 5m 20d.<sup>131</sup> In 1900 Reuben, described as divorced, was living in the household of his stepfather, George W. Harrison, and mother in Bath.<sup>132</sup> Sarah may be the Sarah Bradford, aged 50 [*sic*], widow, living as a housekeeper in the Samuel Mayo household in 1910 in Rockland.<sup>133</sup> A year later, she died of a “cardiac embolism following the amputation of her left leg for gangrene.”<sup>134</sup>
- vii MARY McCLARY, b. ca. 1854, d. of pneumonia, Bristol, Jan. 1870, aged 14 [*sic*].<sup>135</sup>
- viii ELLA D. McCLARY, b. ca. 1862; m. Thomaston, 28 Jan. 1889, FREDERICK EUGENE PETERS, both of Warren,<sup>136</sup> b. 25 April 1866, son of John and Leah (Carter) Peters.<sup>137</sup> They were living in Thomaston in 1900 and 1910, where he was a “lime trimmer” and a cooper in a lime shed.<sup>138</sup> No children.

#### GEORGE PETERS FAMILY

The family of George and Violet (McClary) Peters is the last of the early Bristol black families. Whereas they were married in Bristol, they were in Massachusetts for the birth of their third son, Percy. They returned to Maine shortly afterwards, where they raised their family. George was a seafarer most of his life,<sup>139</sup> but was denoted a laborer at the time he died.<sup>140</sup> Following his death on 19 August 1894, with the help of son Raymond C. and daughter Mary, Violet managed the house-

<sup>125</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:569.

<sup>126</sup> She was aged 7 in her father’s household in 1860 [see note 113]. Her gravestone in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bath, however, gives her dates as 1855–1911 (photo, findagrave.com, #5633414).

<sup>127</sup> Knox Co. Probate Records, #20915; Maine Death Records 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com, her parents Isaac [*sic*] McClary and Sarah Perkins given on the death record.

<sup>128</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 2:237.

<sup>129</sup> Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, image, ancestry.com. They were both listed as “colored” and of Bath, Maine, he aged 29, saloon keeper, she aged 282 [*sic*].

<sup>130</sup> Henry Sewall Webster, *Vital Records of Gardiner, Maine, to the Year 1892* (Gardiner, 1914), 41 (birth), 220 (parents’ marriage on 31 Aug. 1854).

<sup>131</sup> Maine Death Records 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>132</sup> George W. Harrison household, 1900 U.S. Census, Bath, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 13A.

<sup>133</sup> Samuel Mayo household, 1910 U.S. Census, Rockland, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 147, p. 7B.

<sup>134</sup> Death record, see note 127.

<sup>135</sup> 1870 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Bristol, p. 1.

<sup>136</sup> Groves, *Vital Records of Warren* [note 100], 206.

<sup>137</sup> Eaton, *Annals of Warren* [note 101], 603.

<sup>138</sup> Frederick E. Peters household, 1900 and 1910 U.S. Censuses, Thomaston, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 156, p. 6B (1900), E.D. 157, p. 2A (1910).

<sup>139</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:569.

<sup>140</sup> Maine Death Records 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com.

hold as a “laundry woman,”<sup>141</sup> until her death in 1916, aged 69.<sup>142</sup> Curiously, in the 1900 census, Violet was described as having had nine children, only three of whom were living. In 1910 she was said to have had just three children, of whom only two were living.

Children, as found, of George and Violet B. (McClary) Peters:

- i ELLEN PETERS, b. ca. 1871, d. Bristol, July 1879, aged 9, of meningitis.<sup>143</sup>
- ii MELIN [*sic*] C. PETERS (male), b. ca. 1873, d. Bristol, April 1880, of diphtheria.<sup>144</sup>
- iii PERCY S. PETERS, b. Chelsea, Mass., 26 May 1879,<sup>145</sup> prob. d. young.
- iv RAYMOND CHESTER PETERS, b. Bristol 2 July 1882,<sup>146</sup> d. Bristol, 1954,<sup>147</sup> unmarried. He worked at a lumber mill, was a WPA worker on roads, and a clam digger.<sup>148</sup>
- v MARY ISABELLE PETERS, b. Bristol 7 July 1887, d. Rockland, 17 July 1948,<sup>149</sup> unmarried. She worked in a Rockland laundry.<sup>150</sup>
- vi HARRISON (HARRY) G. PETERS, b. [calc.] Bristol, Nov. 1889, d. Bristol (by accidental drowning), 14 Dec. 1907, ae 18y 1m.<sup>151</sup>

The exact location of the McClary and Peters homestead is unknown. Much evidence suggests it was on the original property of Robert and Jane Given along the Foster Road leading from Pemaquid Falls to Chamberlain, a village within Bristol.<sup>152</sup>

Their Bristol gravesites also have been elusive. The year 1892 marked the beginning of mandatory reporting to the State of Maine government all births, deaths, and marriages occurring within the state. The early reporting form for deaths asked for a place of burial. George Peters’s record reads “McClary cem.” For Violet Peters, “Dick Field Cem.” is written. Poignantly, on Alexander McClary’s it reads, simply, “In a field.” Raymond Peters, the last surviving member of these early black families died in 1954. He is buried in the Ocean Hill Cemetery in Chamberlain.<sup>153</sup>

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<sup>141</sup> Violet Peters household, 1900 and 1910 U.S. Censuses, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 164, p. 19A (1900); E.D. 166, p. 9A (1910).

<sup>142</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617-1922, 1916.

<sup>143</sup> 1880 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Bristol, p. 2.

<sup>144</sup> 1880 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Bristol, p. 2.

<sup>145</sup> Massachusetts, Birth Records, 1840-1915, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>146</sup> U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>147</sup> Anne E. Baty, *Cemeteries in Old Bristol* (n.p., 1955), Ocean Hill Cemetery.; gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #64344640.

<sup>148</sup> Raymond Peters household, 1920 U.S. Census Bristol, Lincoln, Co., Maine, E.D. 89, p. 10A; Raymond C. Peters household, 1940 U.S. Census Bristol, Lincoln, Co., Maine, E.D. 8-9, p. 3A; interview with Peter Hope, a contemporary clam digger and Bristol historian.

<sup>149</sup> *Vital Records of Bristol* [note 12], 1:569.

<sup>150</sup> Mary I. Peters household, 1940 U.S. Census, Rockland, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 7-19, p. 12A.

<sup>151</sup> Maine Death Records 1617-1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>152</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 187:370, 363:542, 552:193.

<sup>153</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #64344640.

## THE FAMILIES OF JOSEPH AND JOHN GILES OF SHAPLEIGH AND WATERBORO, MAINE

*By Jane Belcher*

*(concluded from p. 80)*

Probable children of Joseph Giles and his known wife Joanna (Akers), *or* of John Giles and an unknown wife or wives, all b. Rockingham Co., N.H.:

- i JOSEPH GILES b. ca. 1746,<sup>162</sup> d. Shapleigh, 3 Sept. 1823,<sup>163</sup> bur. Gore Road Community Cemetery, Shapleigh;<sup>164</sup> m. (as Joseph Giles Jr.) (int.) Sanford, 18 April 1777, LYDIA OGLESBEE,<sup>165</sup> b. about 1745,<sup>166</sup> d. after 6 Oct. 1823, when she declined administration of Joseph's estate.<sup>167</sup> In addition to Joseph Jr.'s service under Capt. John Smith in 1775<sup>168</sup> and 1778,<sup>169</sup> Joseph stated he served for one year from about March 1776 to March 1777 as a private under Capt. James Osgood in Col. Timothy Bedel's N.H. regiment. The regiment went to Montreal and built a fort sixty miles up the river. Joseph was discharged at Ticonderoga.<sup>170</sup> In 1782, as Joseph Jr., he was given fifty acres in the east part of Shapleigh.<sup>171</sup> Joseph settled in Shapleigh and is listed there in the federal censuses from 1790 to 1820.<sup>172</sup> In 1798 he had one dwelling house valued at \$30 plus 37 acres valued at \$330.<sup>173</sup> Between 1787 and 1808, he held minor town offices in Shapleigh several times.<sup>174</sup> Only two York Co. deeds are associated with him: in 1816 he obtained a mortgage from John Conant, and in 1818 he was one of three men against whom Nathaniel Farnum of Alfred obtained a judgment.<sup>175</sup> When he made his second application for a pension in 1820, Joseph described himself as a laborer who had lost the use of his right hand by palsy and who owned only eleven acres of "waste land."<sup>176</sup> He died intes-

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<sup>162</sup> Revolutionary War Pension #S35346, images, fold3.com. Joseph was 71 years old when he first applied for a pension, 17 April 1818, and 74 when he made his second application, 18 July 1820 (images 5 and 8)

<sup>163</sup> Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818–1864, image, fold3.com.

<sup>164</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #92510468. His gravestone appears to have been placed long after his death.

<sup>165</sup> Sanford Town Records, 1769–1832, 1:43, both of Sanford.

<sup>166</sup> Revolutionary War Pension #S35346 [note 162], deposition of Joseph Giles, 18 July 1820 (image 6)

<sup>167</sup> York Co. Probate Estate Files, 1690–1917, #6666, images, familysearch.org.

<sup>168</sup> *Mass Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 6:430.

<sup>169</sup> Goodale, "Soldiers in Massabesick," *MHGR* 8(1895):84.

<sup>170</sup> Revolutionary War Pension #S35346 [note 162] (image 8).

<sup>171</sup> Loring, *History of Shapleigh*, 20.

<sup>172</sup> Joseph Giles household, 1790–1820 U.S. Censuses, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, pp. 68 (1790), 491 (1800), 977 (1810), 561 (1820).

<sup>173</sup> Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, image, americanancestors.org.

<sup>174</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1785–1805, 1:19, 135, 163, 165; Town Records, 1802–1815, 2:231.

<sup>175</sup> York Co. Deeds, 96:124, 98:244.

<sup>176</sup> Revolutionary War Pension #S35346 [note 162] (images 5 and 6). York Co. Deeds, 96:124 and 98:244, also attest to Joseph's poverty.

tate. When his next of kin, John Giles of Waterboro and Joseph Giles of Shapleigh, failed to take administration of his estate within thirty days of Joseph's death, Benjamin Sayward of Shapleigh, a creditor, petitioned the court and was appointed administrator.<sup>177</sup> Joseph's relationship with his next of kin was not specified. It is not known whether John Giles was Joseph's brother or his cousin. Joseph Giles of Shapleigh was identified as his nephew, a "much younger man," by Mr. Sayward on 1 Sept. 1819, when he wrote to the pension bureau in support of Joseph's pension.<sup>178</sup> The probate of Joseph's estate was apparently not closed until 1849, when his mortgage to John Conant was repaid and Lydia Stone quitclaimed her rights in the estate to Joseph's nephew Joseph.<sup>179</sup>

- ii JOHN GILES, b. ca. 1748,<sup>180</sup> d. Waterboro, 29 Dec. 1825,<sup>181</sup> bur. Greenwood Cemetery, Biddeford;<sup>182</sup> m. (1) Sanford, 25 April 1774 (by Rev. Pelatiah Tingley), HANNAH RUSSELL,<sup>183</sup> b. Hampton Falls, N.H., 24 Jan. 1747, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Towle) Russell;<sup>184</sup> d. by 1784 when John remarried; m. (2) Waterboro, 26 Oct. 1784 (by Rev. Pelatiah Tingley), MARY THING,<sup>185</sup> b. prob. N.H., in March 1761, daughter of Coffin and Elizabeth (Gilman) Thing,<sup>186</sup> d. Lyman, 15 Nov. 1848,<sup>187</sup> bur. in Congregational Church Cemetery, Lyman.<sup>188</sup> The military service of John Giles began in 1776, with four months of service under Capt. Leighton in Dorchester, Mass.<sup>189</sup> "John Giles Jr." was on Capt. John Smith's Massabesick military list in 1778.<sup>190</sup> He apparently made two failed attempts to enlist for further mil-

<sup>177</sup> York County Probate Estate Files, 1690–1917, #6666 [note 167]. Joseph's estate, which included his home farm of two acres, was valued at \$447.16.

<sup>178</sup> Revolutionary War Pension #S35346 [note 162] (image 14).

<sup>179</sup> York Co. Deeds, 96:124, 214:405.

<sup>180</sup> John was age 34 when he enlisted 28 June 1782 (*Mass Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 6:429–30). He was age 71 when he made his second application for a pension, 21 July 1820 (Revolutionary War Pension #W23102, fold3 com [image 11]).

<sup>181</sup> Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818–1864, image, fold3.com. When Mary Giles and her son Gilman Giles deposed in June of 1843 for her widow's pension, they indicated John d. 29 Dec. 1826 (Revolutionary War Pension #W23102 [note 180] [images 7 and 9]).

<sup>182</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #119404529, The inscription gives John's year of birth as 1749, and includes dates for his daughter Hannah (Giles) Murphy and others.

<sup>183</sup> Sanford Town Records, 1769–1832, 1:43, both of Sanford. Intentions 26 March 1774.

<sup>184</sup> Eaton and Boyle, "Two Joseph Russells" [note 13], TAG 79(2004):142.

<sup>185</sup> "Early Vital Records of Lyman, Maine," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 94(1941):87, both of Massabesick. They were married at the home of Thomas Smith where Mary had been living for several years. Rev. Tingley was a Freewill Baptist minister who resided in Waterboro (depositions of Thomas Smith, Jacob Smith, and Mary Giles for Revolutionary War Pension #W23102 [note 180] [images 26, 27 and 9]).

<sup>186</sup> Joseph C. Anderson II, ed., *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 9* (Rockport, Maine, 2005), 489; *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 678; Mary, wife of John Giles, was named in the division of her father's estate (York County Probate Estate Files, 1690–1917, #18676, images, familysearch.org).

<sup>187</sup> York Co. Probate Estate Files, 1690–1917, #6668, images, familysearch.org; Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818–1864, image, fold3.com.

<sup>188</sup> Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: York County*, 4 vols. (Camden, Maine., 1995), 2:1249. Gravestone death date 14 Nov. 1848, aged 87y 8m.

<sup>189</sup> *Mass Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 6:429

<sup>190</sup> Goodale, "Soldiers in Massabesick," MHGR 8(1895):85.

itary service,<sup>191</sup> before enlisting at Wells for three years in 1782. John Giles, age 34, was engaged 28 June 1782 for the town of Sanford and served under Capt. Lincoln in Col. Brooks Regiment. John became ill and was hospitalized for six weeks prior to being discharged in Oct. 1783.<sup>192</sup> From the time of his marriage to Mary in 1784 until his death in 1825, John lived in Waterboro, except for a brief time in 1818 when he, “of Searsmont,” first applied for a Revolutionary War pension.<sup>193</sup> Beginning with the incorporation of Waterboro in 1787, John Giles Jr. was mentioned in Waterboro town records, most often as the holder of a town office such as surveyor of highways.<sup>194</sup> John Giles was a head of household in Waterboro in each census between 1790 and 1820.<sup>195</sup> In 1798 John owned a dwelling house, valued at \$27, and 50 acres of land, valued at \$250.<sup>196</sup> Between 1812 and 1816, John, styled “yeoman of Waterborough,” was a party to six land transactions.<sup>197</sup> Several suits for non-payment of debt were brought against him between 1810 and 1822,<sup>198</sup> and in 1822 he brought a suit himself.<sup>199</sup> When in 1820 John deposed a second time in response to the amendment to the Pension Act passed in 1818, he owned no real estate, was living with his daughter Betsy, and was by trade a cooper able to work only one quarter of the time.<sup>200</sup> Following the death of Joseph Giles in 1823, John Giles of Waterboro, as an heir at law, was notified by the court concerning administration of Joseph’s estate.<sup>201</sup> John’s widow, Mary, was living in Lyman in the 1840s when she deposed three times to obtain widow’s benefits under the changing eligibility laws passed by Congress.<sup>202</sup> Mary also entered into an agreement regarding life care in 1845, and canceled it in 1846.<sup>203</sup> Mary made her will 30 Oct. 1848, naming her three living children and the unnamed children of her deceased daughter.<sup>204</sup>

<sup>191</sup> In 1778 John Giles was “drafted . . . to go to ye fishcille but not gone by Reson of the Town of Sanford Taxing this Company & Refusing to Pay our men there money that is requested.” (Goodale, “Soldiers in Massabesick,” *MHGR* 8[1895]:86). In 1781 John Giles was paid a bounty to serve in the Continental Army for three years for Sanford (*Mass Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 6:429). There are no records of this service in the Revolutionary War service records at fold3.com.

<sup>192</sup> *Mass Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 6:429–30; Revolutionary War service records at fold3.com confirm this, as do his pension records (Revolutionary War Pension #W23102 [note 180] [images 46, 49–51]).

<sup>193</sup> Mary Giles and her son Gilman Giles deposed in June 1843 regarding John’s continuous residence in Waterboro (Revolutionary War Pension #W23102 [note 180] [images 7 and 9]). John was of Searsmont in 1818 (*ibid.* [image 49]).

<sup>194</sup> Waterborough Town Records, 1787–1825, 1:5, 15, 16, 18, 21, 26, 33, 34, 45, 78, 92, 107, 123.

<sup>195</sup> John Giles household, 1790–1820 U.S. Censuses, Waterboro, York Co., Maine, pp. 68 (1790), 954 (1800), 755 (1810), 671 (1820).

<sup>196</sup> Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, image, americanancestors.org.

<sup>197</sup> York Co. Deeds, 87:44; 89:119, 134; 90:202, 203; 93:249.

<sup>198</sup> York Co. Court of Common Pleas, 30:378, 31:389, 32:402, 34:354, 35:517, 40:372.

<sup>199</sup> York Co. Court of Common Pleas, 41:55.

<sup>200</sup> Revolutionary War Pension #W23102 [note 180] (image 11).

<sup>201</sup> York County Probate Estate Files, 1690–1917, #6666 [note 167].

<sup>202</sup> Revolutionary War Pension #W23102 [note 180] (images 9, 35, 44).

<sup>203</sup> York Co. Deeds, 183:213.

<sup>204</sup> York County Probate Estate Files, 1690–1917, #6668, image, familysearch.org.



Possible child of John and Hannah (Russell) Giles:

- 1 *John Giles*, b. 1777, d. Bridgton, Maine, 13 Oct. 1817.<sup>205</sup>
- Children of John and Mary (Thing) Giles, all b. Waterboro:<sup>206</sup>
  - 2 *Gilman Giles*, b. 10 Jan. 1785,<sup>207</sup> d. prob. Waterboro, 15 Feb. 1861;<sup>208</sup> m. Waterboro, 31 Aug. 1816, Mary Smith,<sup>209</sup> b. Waterboro, 5 April 1798, daughter of Aaron and Ruth (Smith) Smith,<sup>210</sup> d. prob. Waterboro, between 22 April 1867, when she made her will, and 2 July 1867, when Amos L. Allen gave his bond as her executor.<sup>211</sup>
  - 3 *Betsey Giles*, b. [calc.] Aug. 1788, d. 31 May 1846, age 57y 9m, bur. Frost Plot, Lyman;<sup>212</sup> m. Waterboro, 1 Jan. 1814, William Roberts of Alfred,<sup>213</sup> b. Somersworth, N.H., 25 Aug. 1794, son of Joseph and Tamson (Hunter/Huntress) Roberts,<sup>214</sup> d. 17 Sept. 1844, age 50y 22d, bur. Frost Plot, Lyman.<sup>215</sup>
  - 4 *Hannah Giles*, b. 1792, d. prob. Lyman 1874, bur. Greenwood Cemetery, Biddeford;<sup>216</sup> m. Lyman, 16 Oct. 1826, as his 2nd wife, Patrick Murphy,<sup>217</sup> b. Lyman, 30 Sept. 1781, son Thomas Murphy,<sup>218</sup> d. prob. Lyman, 1837, bur. Greenwood Cemetery, Biddeford.<sup>219</sup> Patrick had m. (1) Lyman, 25 Jan. 1804 (by John Low, Esq.), Betsey Weymouth,<sup>220</sup> b. Lyman, 26 May 1781,<sup>221</sup> daughter of Stephen and Olive (Hearl/Earl) Weymouth,<sup>222</sup> d. prob. Lyman, 1824, bur. Greenwood Cemetery, Biddeford.<sup>223</sup>

<sup>205</sup> *Portland Gazette*, 28 Oct. 1817, p. 3: "Died in Bridgeton 13<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr. John Giles, aged 40, formerly of Waterborough."

<sup>206</sup> The will of Mary Giles [note 204] names four children. The deposition of Gilman Giles for his widowed mother's Revolutionary War Pension indicates that John and Mary had five children (Revolutionary War Pension #W23102 [note 180] [image 7]). The fifth child was Polly who died in 1813.

<sup>207</sup> Deposition of Gilman Giles, Revolutionary War Pension #W23102 [note 180] (image 7).

<sup>208</sup> Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818–1864, image, fold3.com. Gilman Giles served in the War of 1812 as a private with the United States Artillery (U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798–1914, image, ancestry.com).

<sup>209</sup> "Early Vital Records of Waterborough, Maine," NEHGR 90(1936):236, both of Waterborough.

<sup>210</sup> "Early Waterborough VRs" [note 209], NEHGR 90(1936):321; *Early Families of Waterborough*, 445.

<sup>211</sup> York County Probate Estate Files, 1690–1917, #6670, images, familysearch.org.

<sup>212</sup> *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 188], 2:1261–62.

<sup>213</sup> "Early Waterborough VRs" [note 209], NEHGR 90(1936):235.

<sup>214</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*, 308.

<sup>215</sup> *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 188], 2:1261–62.

<sup>216</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #120932286.

<sup>217</sup> "Early Records of Lyman" [note 185], NEHGR 96(1942):344. Int. 30 Sept 1826, both of Lyman.

<sup>218</sup> "Early Records of Lyman" [note 185], NEHGR 96(1942):245; *History of York County, Maine, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches* (Philadelphia, 1880), 355).

<sup>219</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #120932100.

<sup>220</sup> "Early Records of Lyman" [note 185], NEHGR 96(1942):143. Int. 16 Jan. 1804 (*ibid.*, 95[1941]:196).

<sup>221</sup> "Early Records of Lyman" [note 185], NEHGR 96(1942):245.

<sup>222</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Waterborough*, 535–36.

<sup>223</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #131188989.

5 Polly Giles, b. ca. 1793, d. Waterboro, 12 Dec 1813.<sup>224</sup>

6 Joanna Giles [perhaps named for her grandmother Joanna Akers], b. [calc.] 26 Nov. 1794, d. Stoneham, Mass., 3 Jan. 1877, age 82y 1m 7d,<sup>225</sup> bur. Congregational Church Cemetery, Lyman;<sup>226</sup> m. Alfred, 1 May 1820, Enoch Coffin,<sup>227</sup> b. [calc.] March 1790, perhaps son of Nathan and Dorcas (Bartlet) Coffin,<sup>228</sup> d. prob. Lyman, 23 Aug. 1843, age 53y 5m, bur. Congregational Church Cemetery, Lyman.<sup>229</sup>

iii DANIEL GILES, b. before 1755,<sup>230</sup> d. after 5 April 1819, when the Shapleigh Town Meeting voted to leave the support of Daniel Giles to the discretion of the selectmen;<sup>231</sup> m. (1) Wells, 11 April 1776 PATIENCE RUSSELL,<sup>232</sup> b. Hampton Falls, N.H., 9 Sept. 1749, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Towle) Russell,<sup>233</sup> d. by 1794 when Daniel remarried; m. (2) Shapleigh, 10 Oct. 1794 (by Elder Nehemiah Davis), LOIS PIKE,<sup>234</sup> b. 1770–74,<sup>235</sup> probable daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Brown) Pike,<sup>236</sup> d. Shapleigh, 21 June 1848.<sup>237</sup> Daniel served in the Revolution for three short terms in 1775 under Capts. John Smith, Joshua Bragdon, and Samuel Gridley before being reported as a deserter. In his service under Capt. Gridley, his residence was described both as “Bessick” (Massabesick) and Brentwood.<sup>238</sup> Daniel was on

<sup>224</sup> *Weekly Visitor* (Kennebunk, Maine), 18 Dec. 1813, p. 3: “Died in Waterborough Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, Polly Giles daughter of John Giles in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of her age.”

<sup>225</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, 293:203, image, americanancestors.org.

<sup>226</sup> Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1880, image, familysearch.org.

<sup>227</sup> George M. Phoenix, “Town Records of Alfred, Maine,” MHGR 4(1887):58.

<sup>228</sup> Nathan and Dorcas (Bartlet) Coffin had a son Enoch, b. 2 April 1789, who is said to have married “Joan Gibbs” (William S. Appleton, *Gatherings toward a Genealogy of the Coffin Family* [Boston, 1896], 21). Nathan Coffin died in 1791 (York County Probate Estate Files, 1690–1917, #3329, images, familysearch.org) and Dorcas m. (2) Shapleigh, 7 Aug. 1796, Aaron Hubbard (Shapleigh Town Records, 1785–1805, 1:97, cert. granted 30 Aug 1796, both of Shapleigh). Enoch and Joanna (Giles) Coffin had a daughter, Dorcas Hubbard Coffin, who d. Stoneham, Mass., 25 March 1914 (Massachusetts Vital Records, 1911–1915, 1914/95:93, image, americanancestors.org).

<sup>229</sup> Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1880, image, familysearch.org.

<sup>230</sup> Daniel was over 45 in the 1800 Census (U.S. Census, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 941). He was probably born before 1750, given the age of his wife.

<sup>231</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1816–1823, 3:146.

<sup>232</sup> Hope Moody Shelley, ed. *Vital Records of Wells, Maine: 1619–1950, Including Ogunquit and Kennebunk until 1820* (Rockport, Maine, 2005), 75; m. (int.) Sanford, 13 March 1776, both of Sanford (Sanford Town Records, 1769–1832, 1:43).

<sup>233</sup> Eaton and Boyle, “Two Joseph Russells” [note 13], TAG 79(2004):142.

<sup>234</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1785–1805, 1:65, both of Shapleigh; Daniel Giles and Lois Pike were published 27 Sept. 1794 and their certificate granted 13 Oct. 1794 (*ibid.*, 1785–1805, 71.)

<sup>235</sup> Lois was aged 26–45 in 1800 and aged 50–60 in 1830 (Daniel Giles household, 1800 U.S. Census Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 941; Wi<sup>d</sup> Louisa Giles household, 1830 U.S. Census Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 47).

<sup>236</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Shapleigh*, 173, 489. *The Family of John Pike* [note 158], 67–68, does not include Lois as a child of Joseph and Sarah Pike. Daniel Giles lived next to Timothy Pike, son of Joseph and Sarah, in 1812 (York Co. Deeds, 87:16.), and in 1836 and 1845 widow Lois Giles held land owned by Timothy’s son William (York Co. Deeds, 159:104, 192:208).

<sup>237</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1836–1852, 5:408.

<sup>238</sup> *Mass Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 6:428, 800.

Capt. John Smith's Massabesick military list in 1778.<sup>239</sup> He received a grant of 90 acres in Shapleigh in 1782.<sup>240</sup> Daniel was listed as a head of household in Shapleigh on each of the U.S. censuses between 1790 and 1810, and his widow Lois was a head of household there between 1820 and 1840.<sup>241</sup> In 1798 Daniel Giles had a dwelling house valued at \$20 and 101 acres valued at \$420.<sup>242</sup> He was a surveyor of highways in Shapleigh in 1804 and 1805.<sup>243</sup> He had a number of land transactions in York Co. between 1797 and 1815, notably two deeds involving Samuel Giles, and two involving his wife's probable brother Timothy Pike.<sup>244</sup> At various times, Daniel's land was bounded by land of Samuel Giles and Timothy Pike.<sup>245</sup> Between 1805 and 1813, several actions for non-payment of debt were brought against Daniel and damages were recovered.<sup>246</sup> After 1808, his finances in decline, Daniel sold land including parts of the farm where he lived.<sup>247</sup> His last recorded deed, the sale to Moses Hubbard of land on which Mr. Hubbard held a mortgage, occurred in 1815.<sup>248</sup> In 1813 and 1819, it was voted at a Shapleigh town meeting that support for Daniel Giles be left to the discretion of the selectmen.<sup>249</sup> As indicated above, Daniel's widow, Lois, continued to live in Shapleigh until her death in 1848. The dower rights of "widow Louis Giles" as well as land owned by William Pike and held by "Louis Giles" were referenced in an 1836 deed of William Thing to Ivory Thing and in an 1845 quitclaim deed of Ivory Thing's sisters and their husbands to their surviving brother Samuel Thing.<sup>250</sup>

Prob. children of Daniel Giles and his 1st wife, Patience (Russell), b. Shapleigh.<sup>251</sup>

1 (poss.) *David Giles*, m. Shapleigh, 1 Oct. 1802 (by Andrew Rogers, J.P.), Mehitable Goodwin,<sup>252</sup> daughter of Thomas and Mehitable (Abbott) Goodwin.<sup>253</sup>

<sup>239</sup> Goodale, "Soldiers in Massabesick," MHGR 8(1895):85.

<sup>240</sup> Loring, *History of Shapleigh*, 20.

<sup>241</sup> Daniel Giles household, 1790–1810 U.S. Censuses, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, pp. 68 (1790), 941 (1800), 977 (1810); Lois Giles household, 1820 U.S. Census, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 561; Wi<sup>d</sup> Louisa Giles household, 1830 U.S. Census, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 47; Lois Giles household, 1840 U.S. Census, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 158.

<sup>242</sup> Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, image, americanancestors.org.

<sup>243</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1802–1815, 2:72, 112.

<sup>244</sup> York Co. Deeds, 83:152, 153, both dated 1803; 87:16 and 120:163 in 1812 and 1813, respectively. Daniel's wife, Lois, never released her dower rights in any deeds, including Daniel's sale of land to Samuel Giles (York Co. Deeds, 83:153). In 1809 all of Samuel Giles' land was sold to satisfy his debts, including his debt to William Thing (York Co. Deeds, 81:14). Other deeds of Daniel Giles: York Co. Deeds, 75:122, 189, 190, 195.

<sup>245</sup> York Co. Deeds, 79:145, 87:16.

<sup>246</sup> York Co. Court of Common Pleas, 27:49, 452; 31:524; 32:77; 33:79, 228; York Co. Deeds, 89:114.

<sup>247</sup> York Co. Deeds, 79:145, 86:90, 87:16, 89:150.

<sup>248</sup> York Co. Deeds, 103:103, 120:163.

<sup>249</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1802–1815, 2:458; Shapleigh Town Records, 1816–1823, 3:146.

<sup>250</sup> York Co. Deeds, 159:104, 192:208. Ivory Thing died in 1838 (Boyle, *Early Families of Shapleigh*, 651).

<sup>251</sup> While Daniel left no probate or deeds identifying his children, it seems likely that the known siblings Joseph and Mary, plus Lydia who quitclaimed property of Joseph Giles, were children of Daniel and Patience Giles. Two other possible children, David and Eunice, are also placed here.

<sup>252</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1802–1815, 2:46 (intention, Shapleigh, 16 Aug. 1802, both of Shapleigh, *ibid.*, 2:30).

Two court actions for unpaid debt were brought against a David Giles of Lebanon, Maine, in 1817 and 1826.<sup>254</sup>

- 2 *Joseph Giles*, b. Shapleigh, ca. 1780, d. Shapleigh, 30 Oct. 1851,<sup>255</sup> bur. Gore Road Community Cemetery, Shapleigh;<sup>256</sup> m. Waterboro, 24 July 1808 (by Elder Henry Hobbs) as Joseph Giles Jr., Jane Bagley,<sup>257</sup> b. ca. 1781, daughter of John and Hannah (French) Bagley,<sup>258</sup> d. Shapleigh, 20 Oct. 1844, bur. Gore Road Community Cemetery, Shapleigh.<sup>259</sup> In 1854 Mrs. A. Giles, widow of Joseph's son Almon, was living on the 50 acres granted to Joseph and Joseph Giles Jr. before 1782.<sup>260</sup>
- 3 *Lydia Giles*, b. Shapleigh,<sup>261</sup> [calc.] March 1783, d. Otisfield, Maine, 14 June 1863, age 80y 3m, bur. Elmwood Cemetery Otisfield;<sup>262</sup> m. (int.) Shapleigh, 5 June 1803, Daniel Stone,<sup>263</sup> b. Alfred, Maine,<sup>264</sup> 14 Oct. 1778, son of Gideon and Mary (Mills) Stone, d. Otisfield, 14 Feb. 1871, bur. Elmwood Cemetery, Otisfield.<sup>265</sup> On 6 April 1849, Lydia Stone quitclaimed to Joseph Giles her right to 40 acres of the homestead farm or personal property belonging to Joseph Giles late of Shapleigh deceased.<sup>266</sup>
- 4 *Mary Giles*, b. ca. 1786, d. unmarried "at the dwelling house of Almond Giles," Shapleigh, 3 March 1849, age 63y, bur. Gore Road Community Cemetery, Shapleigh.<sup>267</sup> Joseph Giles, brother and next of kin, petitioned to administer Mary's estate, 2 April 1849.<sup>268</sup>
- 5 (poss.) *Eunice Giles*, b. ca. 1793, d. unmarried at the almshouse, Shapleigh, 16 Jan. 1852.<sup>269</sup>

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<sup>253</sup> John Hayes Goodwin, *Daniel Goodwin of Ancient Kittery and His Descendants*, ed. John Eldridge Frost (n.p., 1985), 48; see also [www.thenegoodwinproject.com/Genealogy/Daniel\\_Goodwin\\_Gen5.html](http://www.thenegoodwinproject.com/Genealogy/Daniel_Goodwin_Gen5.html), family #88.

<sup>254</sup> York Co. Court of Common Pleas, 35:369, 44:358.

<sup>255</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1836–1852, 5:513.

<sup>256</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #92510516, death date, 29 Oct. 1851, age 71.

<sup>257</sup> NEHGR 90(1936):232; intentions, 90(1936):252.

<sup>258</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Shapleigh*, 174.

<sup>259</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #92510495, age 63.

<sup>260</sup> Loring, *History of Shapleigh*, 20.

<sup>261</sup> Daniel Stone household, 1860 U.S. Census, Otisfield, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 3.

<sup>262</sup> William S. Spurr, *Vital Records of Otisfield, Maine, to the Year 1892; Births, Marriages and Deaths* (Portland, Maine, 1948), 338; findagrave.com, memorial #120597921, without photograph.

<sup>263</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1802–1815, 2:61, she of Shapleigh, he of Bridgton.

<sup>264</sup> Daniel Stone household, 1860 U.S. Census, Otisfield, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 3.

<sup>265</sup> Spurr, *Otisfield VRs* [note 262], 147, 338; findagrave.com, memorial #48229442, without photograph. Two death dates are given in *Otisfield VRs*, 14 Feb. 1872 and 14 Feb. 1871 with the gravestone inscription, age 92y 4m. Daniel's mother's maiden name from William S. Spurr, *A History of Otisfield, Cumberland County, Maine . . .* (Oxford, Maine, ca. 1953), 599.

<sup>266</sup> York Co. Deeds, 214:405.

<sup>267</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1836–1852, 5:409; gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #128442281. Almon Giles was Mary's nephew, son of Joseph.

<sup>268</sup> York County Probate Estate Files, 1690–1917, #6669, images, familysearch.org; York Co. Probate Records, 63:451.

<sup>269</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1836–1852, 5:513. In 1850 Eunice was a pauper, age 57 (1850 U.S. Census, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 561).

Children of Daniel and his 2nd wife, Lois (Pike), b. Shapleigh, possibly others:

- 6 (prob.) *John Giles*, b. 2 July 1806, d. Newfield, Maine, 27 March 1878, bur. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Newfield;<sup>270</sup> m. probably prior to the birth of their first child on 15 Nov. 1833, Nancy Dannels, b. Danvers, Mass., 2 July 1800,<sup>271</sup> daughter of Henry and Ruth (Dunnel/Dwinel) Dannels,<sup>272</sup> d. Newfield, 21 Jan. 1883, bur. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Newfield.<sup>273</sup>
- 7 *Orrin P. Giles*, b. Shapleigh, ca. 1808, d. Farmington, N.H., 23 Sept. 1881, age 73y;<sup>274</sup> m. (1) (int.) Shapleigh, 25 April 1828, Alzira Emery,<sup>275</sup> b. ca. 1808,<sup>276</sup> daughter of Simon and Martha (Nowell) Emery,<sup>277</sup> d. after 1860.<sup>278</sup> Orrin m. (2) Farmington, N.H., 29 April 1879 (by David T. Parker), Abigail T. (Marsh) Lougee, b. Loudon, N.H., ca. 1821, daughter of Joseph and Betsy (—) Marsh, d. before 23 Sept. 1881, when her husband was called a widower in his death record.<sup>279</sup>
- iv PAUL GILES, b. before 1749, as he was taxed in 1770 in Raymond, N.H.<sup>280</sup> His Revolutionary War military service for two short terms in 1775 under Capts. Joshua Bragdon and Samuel Gridley was identical with that of Daniel Giles. In his service under Capt. Gridley, his residence was described as “Bessick” (Massabesick).<sup>281</sup> Paul Giles, a resident of Sanford, enlisted 15 May 1777 for eight months in Capt. Daniel Merrill’s company, Col. Samuel Brewer’s regiment. He was discharged 11 Jan. 1778 from the regiment that was also known as the Mass. 12th Regiment.<sup>282</sup> There is no further record found of Paul Giles.
- v SAMUEL GILES, b. “Rayman Mass.,” ca. 1763, d. Aurora, Maine, 12 Sept. 1851, age 88y, bur. Aurora Cemetery;<sup>283</sup> m. (1) Lyman, 22 July 1784, ELIZABETH DAVIS,<sup>284</sup> daughter of Daniel and Mary (Moody) Davis of Alfred,<sup>285</sup> d. before 25

<sup>270</sup> Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1880, image, familysearch.org. Birth location, Shapleigh.

<sup>271</sup> Ruth Bridges Ayers, *Early Families of Newfield, Maine* (Gorham, Maine, 1995), 230, 286; Clarence E. Dame, “Vital Records of Newfield, Maine,” NEHGR 97(1943):366.

<sup>272</sup> Ayers, *Early Families of Newfield* [note 271], 229–30.

<sup>273</sup> Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1880, image, familysearch.org.

<sup>274</sup> Town of Farmington, N.H., Marriages 1878–1883, Births and Deaths 1878–1884, Vol. 3, digitized film #2388178 at familysearch.org. Death record indicates Orrin was born in Farmington. His birth location from the record of his 2nd marriage, which also names his parents as Daniel and Louise Giles of Shapleigh.

<sup>275</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1824–1835, 4:227, both of Shapleigh.

<sup>276</sup> Orrin Giles household, 1860 U.S. Census, Milton, Strafford Co., N.H., p. 6.

<sup>277</sup> Rufus Emery, *Genealogical Records of Descendants of John and Anthony Emery of Newbury, Massachusetts* (Salem, Mass, 1890), 417.

<sup>278</sup> Orrin Giles household, 1860 U.S. Census, Milton, Strafford Co., N.H., p. 6.

<sup>279</sup> Farmington, N.H., VRs [note 274]. Abigail Lougee was age 58 when she married Orrin P. Giles.

<sup>280</sup> Raymond Town Records, 1763–1802, 1:38.

<sup>281</sup> *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 6:430, 8:800.

<sup>282</sup> *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 6:430; Revolutionary War service records, images, fold3.com.

<sup>283</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #41910516 [note 1].

<sup>284</sup> “Early Records of Lyman” [note 185], NEHGR 95(1941):87, both of Massabesec.

<sup>285</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*, 81–82.

June 1803, when her husband filed intentions to remarry. Samuel m. (2) Shapleigh, 17 Sept. 1803 (by Andrew Rogers, J.P.), LUCY TYNAN,<sup>286</sup> possibly daughter of Richard and Charity (Rhodes) Tynan,<sup>287</sup> d. prob. after 1810 and before 1820.<sup>288</sup> Samuel served in the military under Capt. John Smith in 1778.<sup>289</sup> Although he was probably too young to receive a grant of land in Shapleigh in 1782 as other Giles men did, he was a head of household there in 1790 and 1800.<sup>290</sup> In 1798 he owned 66 acres of land valued at \$364, but had no dwelling house.<sup>291</sup> Between 1804 and 1808, Samuel held a number of minor town offices in Shapleigh.<sup>292</sup> In 1803 Samuel Giles, yeoman, of Shapleigh had three land transactions, two with Daniel Giles and one with his brother-in-law John Davis.<sup>293</sup> Three court actions were brought by or against Samuel between 1805 and 1807, and all were dismissed.<sup>294</sup> Between Jan. 1808 and Feb. 1809, a number of judgments against Samuel were obtained, and all of his land was sold to pay his debts.<sup>295</sup> In 1809 he was referenced as “of Shapleigh, now residing in Alfred.”<sup>296</sup> At the time of the 1810 census, he was the head of a household in Mariaville, Hancock Co.<sup>297</sup> In 1820 he was probably the male over 45 living in the household of his son Joseph in Township 27.<sup>298</sup> Thereafter Samuel was probably the elderly man enumerated in the household of his son Daniel.<sup>299</sup>

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Davis) Giles, b. Shapleigh, probably others:<sup>300</sup>

<sup>286</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1802–1815, 2:219 (intention, Shapleigh 25 June 1803, both of Shapleigh, *ibid.*, 2:61).

<sup>287</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Shapleigh*, 295.

<sup>288</sup> Lucy was probably the female over 45 listed in 1810 with Samuel in Mariaville (1810 U.S. Census, Mariaville, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 475). By 1820 Samuel was probably the man over 45 living in the household of his son Joseph in Township 27. There was no woman over 26 living in Joseph’s household (1820 U.S. Census, Township 27, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 712).

<sup>289</sup> Goodale, “Soldiers in Massabesick,” *MHGR* 8(1895):85.

<sup>290</sup> Samuel Giles household, 1790 U.S. Census, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 68; 1800 U.S. Census, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 941.

<sup>291</sup> Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, image, [americanancestors.org](http://americanancestors.org).

<sup>292</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1802–1815, 2:72, 105, 112, 150, 231.

<sup>293</sup> York Co. Deeds, 83:152, 153; 96:153.

<sup>294</sup> York Co. Court of Common Pleas, 27:206, 482; 28:304.

<sup>295</sup> All of the court actions were for non-payment of debt except for an assault on a deputy sheriff by Samuel and three other men in 1807. The assault charge was brought before the Supreme Judicial Court and resulted in a substantial fine. York Co. Deeds, 81:2–3, 14–19, 82:11–12; York Co. Court of Common Pleas, 28:375; 29:337, 339, 346, 349; York Co. Supreme Judicial Court, 2:372. In York Co. Deed, 82:11–12, it was noted that Samuel did not own sufficient land to satisfy the full amount of the debt.

<sup>296</sup> York Co. Deeds, 81:15, 16; York Co. Court of Common Pleas, 29:337, 339.

<sup>297</sup> Samuel Giles household, 1810 U.S. Census, Mariaville, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 475.

<sup>298</sup> Joseph Giles household, 1820 U.S. Census, Township 27, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 712.

<sup>299</sup> Daniel Giles household, 1830 U.S. Census, Township 27, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 56 (Samuel was the male 60–69); 1840 U.S. Census, Aurora, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 352 (Samuel was the male 70–79); 1850 U.S. Census, Aurora, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 427.

<sup>300</sup> John Giles, who lived in Mariaville in 1810, and Daniel Giles, who lived in Sweden in 1820 and in Township 27 near Daniel and Joseph Giles in 1830, were probably related to Samuel (John Giles household, 1810 U.S. Census, Mariaville, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 475; Daniel Giles household, 1820 U.S. Census, Sweden, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 199; 1830 U.S. Census, Township 27, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 56).

- 1 *Jesse Giles*, b. ca. 1783, d. after 1850;<sup>301</sup> m. Polly —, b. ca. 1783, d. Aurora, 5 Dec. 1849, age 66y, bur. Aurora Cemetery.<sup>302</sup> In 1810 Jesse Giles was enumerated in Mariaville, near Samuel and Daniel Giles.<sup>303</sup> In Jan. 1818, Jesse Giles of Mariaville successfully sued Samuel and Moody Davis of Shapleigh who were indebted to him.<sup>304</sup> Jesse was listed in the Hancock Co. censuses of 1820, 1830, and 1840.<sup>305</sup>
- 2 *Samuel Giles*, b. ca. 1785, d. after 1 June 1860, when he, age 75y, was listed as a pauper in Sweden;<sup>306</sup> m. (int.) Shapleigh, 1 Jan. 1810, Betsy Pike,<sup>307</sup> b. ca. 1794,<sup>308</sup> likely daughter of Moses and Polly (Thing) Pike,<sup>309</sup> d. after 10 Sept. 1866, when she of Paris, Maine, made her will and before the third Tues. in Nov. 1866, when her will was proved.<sup>310</sup>
- 3 *Daniel Giles*, b. 1787, d. after 20 July 1860, when he, age 73y, was living in Aurora with his son Joseph;<sup>311</sup> m. Waterboro, 10 Oct. 1809, Polly Roberts,<sup>312</sup> b. Alfred, 1789, daughter of Ebenezer and Rachel (Philpot) Roberts,<sup>313</sup> d. 30 May 1859, age 70, bur. Aurora Cemetery.<sup>314</sup>
- 4 *Joseph Giles*, b. [calc.] 1 Dec. 1789, d. Aurora 26 Feb. 1868, age 78y 2m 25d, bur. Aurora Cemetery;<sup>315</sup> m. Waltham, Maine, 24 Oct. 1816, Sarah Jordan,<sup>316</sup> b. Ellsworth, [calc.] 22 Aug. 1799, daughter of Ebenezer and Phebe (Smith) Jordan, d. Amherst, Maine, 17 Jan. 1892, age 92y 4m 25d, bur. Amherst.<sup>317</sup>

<sup>301</sup> Jesse Giles household, 1850 U.S. Census, Eddington, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 274B. He was living with Betsy Giles, age 65, possibly a second wife.

<sup>302</sup> Maine, Faylene Hutton Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1990, image, familysearch.org.

<sup>303</sup> Jesse Giles household, 1810 U.S. Census, Mariaville, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 475.

<sup>304</sup> York Co Court of Common Pleas, 36:268–80. Samuel and Moody Davis were Jesse's first cousins, sons of John Davis (Boyle, *Early Families of Shapleigh*, 97).

<sup>305</sup> Jesse Giles household, 1820 U.S. Census, Township 26, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 712; 1830 U.S. Census, Plantation 26, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 57; 1840 U.S. Census, Amherst, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 141.

<sup>306</sup> Samuel Giles household, 1860 U.S. Census, Sweden, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 795.

<sup>307</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1802–1815, 2:333, Betsy of Shapleigh, Samuel of Bridgton.

<sup>308</sup> Samuel Giles household, 1860 U.S. Census, Sweden, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 799.

<sup>309</sup> *The Family of John Pike* [note 158], 68, 70–71, does not include Betsy as a daughter of Moses and Polly Thing. Moses and family moved from Waterboro to Waterford, which is next to Sweden, about 1815. In 1860 Betsy Giles was living with her probable brother Elias in Sweden.

<sup>310</sup> Maine, Wills and Probate Records, 1583–1999, Oxford Co., Estate Files, Drawer G48, Gamage, Abigail–Goss, Betsy, 1857–1867, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>311</sup> Joseph Giles household, 1860 U.S. Census, Aurora, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 467.

<sup>312</sup> “Early Waterborough VRs” [note 209], NEHGR 90(1936):230, both of Alfred.

<sup>313</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*, 295.

<sup>314</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #41910555. The gravestone identifies her as the wife of Daniel Giles.

<sup>315</sup> Maine, Faylene Hutton Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1990, image, familysearch.org.

<sup>316</sup> War of 1812 Pension Application Files Index, 1812–1815, image, ancestry.com. Maine Marriages 1771–1907, image, familysearch.org, indicates they m. Eddington, 8 Sept. 1816.

<sup>317</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image ancestry.com, as Sally Giles; War of 1812 Pension Application Files Index, 1812–1815, database, ancestry.com, indicates Sarah died a day later, 18 Jan. 1892.

- 5 *Mary Giles*, b. [calc.] June 1800, d. Stoneham, Mass., 18 Nov. 1873, age 73y and 5m;<sup>318</sup> m. Sweden, Maine, July 1821 (by Benjamin Webber J.P.), William H. Kneeland,<sup>319</sup> b. Topsfield, Maine, [calc.] 14 April 1803, son of David Kneeland, d. Lynn, Mass., 11 May 1883, age 80y 27d.<sup>320</sup>

Two persons of the Giles surname, Mary and John, who were associated with early Shapleigh and were of the correct age to have been grandchildren of the original Shapleigh settlers Joseph and John, cannot be placed with parents. They are included here for completeness:

- 1 *Mary Giles*, b. 1765–84;<sup>321</sup> m. Waterboro, March 1802, Daniel Wilson;<sup>322</sup> m. int. Shapleigh 15 Feb. 1802,<sup>323</sup> b. Brentwood or Epping, N.H., ca. 1772, son of Daniel<sup>5</sup> and Mary (Wiggin) Wilson.<sup>324</sup>
- 2 *John Giles*, b. Maine, 1798, d. after 27 July 1850; m. before 1822 (birth of first child), Eliza —, b. Maine, 1802, d. after 27 July 1850.<sup>325</sup> In 1827 John Giles and his wife Eliza of Cornish lost a court action to recover debt and were ordered to pay a substantial sum.<sup>326</sup> John and his family had an association with Shapleigh, as Eliza Giles and her children were intermittently paupers, supported by that town between 1830 and 1836.<sup>327</sup> These records identify two of their children as Almira Giles, b. about 1824, and William Giles, perhaps the youngest child. Almira Going, d. Lowell, Mass., 8 Feb. 1853, age 26. Her death record indicated she was born in Cornish, Maine, daughter of John and Eliza Giles.<sup>328</sup> William, age 22, was living with his parents in 1850.<sup>329</sup>

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<sup>318</sup> Massachusetts Death Records, 1841–1915, image, ancestry.com, her parents identified as Samuel and Elizabeth Giles.

<sup>319</sup> Maine Marriage Records, 1713–1937, image, ancestry.com, both of Sweden, intention 23 June 1821.

<sup>320</sup> Massachusetts Death Records, 1841–1915, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>321</sup> Daniel Wilson household, 1810 U.S. Census, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 983.

<sup>322</sup> “Early Waterborough VRs” [note 209], NEHGR 90(1936):229.

<sup>323</sup> Shapleigh Town Records 1785–1805, 1:183, both of Shapleigh.

<sup>324</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Shapleigh*, 245–47.

<sup>325</sup> John Giles household, 1850 U. S. Census, Somersworth, Strafford Co., N.H., p. 140A; Shapleigh Town Records, 1824–1835, 4:282–83.

<sup>326</sup> York Co. Court of Common Pleas, 45:572.

<sup>327</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1824–1835, 4:282–83, 302–3, 324, 358–60, 417, 443.

<sup>328</sup> Massachusetts Death records, 1841–1915, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>329</sup> John Giles household, 1850 U.S. Census, Somersworth, Strafford Co., N.H., p. 140A.



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1800–1830

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**46. MOSES ROBINSON of Cushing, yeoman (LCP 12:70)**

Being advanced in years and feeling the decays of nature which admonish me of my approaching exit

To my wife Jane, dur her nat life, the farm I now live on, together with all my PE.

To my son John Robinson, 5s.

To my dau Molly Watt, 5s.

To my son Joseph Robinson, 5s.

To my son Moses Robinson, 5s.

To my dau Eliza<sup>th</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lellan, 5s.

To my son Andrew Robinson, 5s.

To my son Matthew Robinson, a lot of land in Cushing on the W side of St. George's River, being lot No. 53 containing 100a.

To my dau Jane Barton, 5s.

To my dau Anna Maria Robinson, 5s.

To my son Isaac Robinson aft the dec of his mother and paying the above named legacies and all my and his mother's just debts and funeral charges, the whole of the RE & PE which by this will is bequeathed to his mother dur her nat life.

Appt my son Isaac Robinson sole exec.

Dated: 26 Mar 1793

Signed with his signature ("Moses Robinson")

Witnesses: Anna M. M<sup>c</sup>Cobb, Betsy Whiting, Thurston Whiting

In Probate: 10 Jan 1807

**47. TIMOTHY PLUMER of Ballstown so called (LCP 12:110)**

Being weak in body

To my wife Hannah Plumer and my son John Plumer and Solomon Plumer, and my son Washton [*sic*] Plumer and Warren Plumer and Josiah Plumer, and my dau Betsey Plumer and Jenny Plumer, the homestead containing upwards of 200a of land to be eq div among them when they all come of age; and I allow my wife Hannah to have all the income of sd farm until the above named chn come of age to support them and her. And if she, that is my wife Hannah, doth not intermarry I allow her to have 1/3 of the income of sd farm dur her nat life, and then eq div amongst them chn.

To my son Jonathan Plumer, one piece of land containing 80a lying at the head of the sd homestead lot, bd on Jonathan Peasley's land.

To my son Benjamin Plumer, 100a of land bd on my son Jonathan Plumer's land, also the Lennan Bog, so called, he paying Nancy Lennen \$30 in 2y aft my dec.

I also allow my dau Rebecca Plumer to have her living out of the homestead as long as she remains a single woman and I allow her to have 1 cow of the farm and Artemas Sike's note for 2 cows more.

To my son Timothy Plumer, \$100 to be pd in 4y aft my dec, my son Jonathan Plumer to pay \$10, my son Benjamin Plumer to pay \$20, and \$70 to be pd out of the homestead.

To my wife Hannah Plumer, all the residue of my PE.

Appt my wife Hannah Plumer sole exec.

Dated: 22 Dec 1806

Signed with his mark ("X")

Witnesses: Samuel Waters, John Binton [*sic, he called "John Boynton" in the probate statement*], John Decker, Isaac Davis

In Probate: 2 Mar 1807

**48. HENRY KNOX of Thomaston, but at this time on business in Boston (LCP 12:155)**

I think it proper to express my unshaken opinion of the immortality of my soul or mind, and to dedicate and devote the same to the Supreme Head of the Universe, to that great and tremendous Jehovah who created the universal frame of nature, worlds and systems in number infinite, and who has given intellectual existence to the rational beings of each globe, who are perpetually migrating and ascending in the scale of mind according to certain principles always founded on the great basis of morality and virtue. To this awfully sublime Being do I resign my spirit with unlimited confidence of his mercy and protection.

To my wife Lucy Knox, one full moiety or half of all the RE & PE of which I shall die possessed. The other moiety to be eq div betw my 3 surviving chn, Lucy Fluker, Henry Jackson Knox and Caroline Fluker Knox, or if I should have more chn by my wife Lucy Knox, then in that case the last mentioned moiety to be div into as many parts as there shall be chn. And if any of the sd chn should die without issue, the sd moiety to be div among the remainder, or if all should die but one, the survivor to have the entire moiety provided there should be no issue to the decd, but if there should be issue, the sd issue to have the same the parent would have had by this will. But whereas my son Henry Jackson Knox has involved me in the payment of large sums of money by his thoughtless extravagance, I do hereby direct that from his proportion shall be deducted all the sums I have paid for him or which I stand bound to pay for him since his voyage to India in the ship commanded by Capt. Barnabas Magee, which sums will be found in my books and papers, excepting however from sd deduction \$500 per annum, which sum I think reasonable to be allowed for his expenses.

Appt my wife Lucy Knox sole exec.

Dated: Boston, 26 Nov 1802

Signed with his signature ("H Knox")

Witnesses: Joseph Peirce, Edward Holyoke, Eleazer Wyer, William Clap

In Probate: 12 Jan 1807

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