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## EDITOR'S PAGE

As genealogy continues to move deeper into the digital age, and more and more original records become available to online users, it will be interesting to observe who will be the ultimate beneficiary of all of the advances. In September 2013, FamilySearch and Ancestry.com announced a joint agreement to “digitize, index and publish an expected 1 billion global historical records never before published online from the FamilySearch vault over the next five years.” In January of this year, the same two parties announced that an extension of these collaborative efforts will make an additional one billion records from sixty-seven countries available on both websites.

FamilySearch, a not-for-profit institution sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is the largest genealogy organization in the world. The church has been engaged in gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records for over a hundred years. Ancestry.com is a privately-held Internet company and is the largest for-profit genealogy company in the world. In addition to its flagship site, Ancestry operates Archives.com, Fold3.com, Newspapers.com, MyFamily.com, Genealogy.com, and Rootsweb.com, among other popular family history sites.

It is easy to see how Ancestry will benefit from the millions of records supplied to it by FamilySearch. On January 21, the date of the announcement of the extension of the collaboration, Ancestry put up on their website some seventy-five new record collections from around the world, and more are appearing regularly. In order to view these collections on Ancestry.com, the subscriber is required to purchase a World Explorer subscription at a current non-inconsequential rate of \$34.99 per month (or at an annual subscription rate of \$149).

The benefit of the collaboration to FamilySearch is less obvious, since the same collections are being made available for free on the FamilySearch website. Why then, would a non-profit church-affiliated organization give away its collections to an organization in the business of making money from its subscribers? Though not stated by either organization, it would appear that FamilySearch sought out Ancestry's greater resources to process the digitization work more quickly. With nearly two million subscribers and subsidiaries in a number of foreign countries, as well as a large staff of paid employees, Ancestry would appear to be much better equipped to convert the microfilm rapidly to digital images and upload them to the Internet. FamilySearch stated that the collaboration will “put valuable record collections within reach of millions of people who might not otherwise have access.” This coincides well with the LDS Church's current outreach to potential new members in countries around the world.

Whatever the motivations of the individual organizations, the agreement between FamilySearch and Ancestry.com will benefit all persons actively involved in genealogical research. It is exciting to log onto both websites and view the newest records that have become available.

—Joseph C. Anderson II, FASG, Editor

## THE IDENTITY OF THANKFUL (SMITH) TAYLOR OF WELLS, MAINE

*By Frederick R. Boyle*

The identity of Thankful Smith of Wells, Maine, who married Benjamin Taylor of Wells in 1751,<sup>1</sup> is found through a 1748 court record and a deed, which she signed in 1795 as a resident of Alfred, Maine.<sup>2</sup> She is also identified by her birth record in “Births of the Upper Parish in York (Scotland)” as Thankful, daughter of Joseph Smith, born 17 May 1725.<sup>3</sup>

Thankful and Benjamin Taylor had four daughters and a son baptized at the First (Congregational) Church of Wells from 1756 to 1763. They were still living in Wells on 29 October 1772, when Benjamin Taylor, husbandman, of Wells, sold twenty acres of land there to Ebenezer Littlefield of Wells.<sup>4</sup> They settled in Sanford, Maine—in the section of the town that would become Alfred<sup>5</sup>—as early as the start of the American Revolution.<sup>6</sup> Benjamin Taylor was “of Sanford” on 24 December 1779, when he purchased sixty acres of land there from William Credifor[d] of Sanford.<sup>7</sup> Thankful Taylor was hired 3 October 1780 in Sanford “to keep school as much as comes to one Hundred ninety five pound and we would be glad if you will see it paid”<sup>8</sup> (although it is hard to believe that the sum would have been her salary).

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<sup>1</sup> Their intentions published in Wells, 5 Oct. 1751 (Hope Moody Shelley, ed., *Vital Records of Wells, Maine, 1619–1950* [Rockport, Maine, 2005], 41 [hereafter cited as Shelley, *Wells VRs*]). Benjamin Taylor was bp. at the First Church of Wells, 16 Aug. 1730, son of William and Margaret (Rice) Taylor (“Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 75[1921]:106 [hereafter cited as “First Church Wells”]; for his parents’ marriage, see Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [Portland, Maine, 1928–39], 675 [hereafter cited as *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*]).

<sup>2</sup> York Co. Court of Sessions, 10:421; York Co. Deeds, 59:118. See further discussion below.

<sup>3</sup> “Births of the Upper Parish in York: Transcribed from the original manuscript record book in 1931 by Lester M. Bragdon, Town Clerk,” *The Maine Genealogist*, 23[2001]:119–38, 172–78, 24[2002]:35–42, at 24:26 (hereafter cited as “Births of the Upper Parish in York”). The York town records only include the births of Joseph Smith’s three eldest daughters: Hannah, Martha, and Sarah, b. 1719–1722/3 (Lester MacKenzie Bragdon and John Eldridge Frost, *Vital Records of York, Maine* [Camden, Maine, 1992], 32 [hereafter cited as Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs*]).

<sup>4</sup> York Co., Maine, Deeds, 43:17.

<sup>5</sup> The 1790 Federal Census for Sanford indicates that most of the Taylor daughters, son Eliphalet Taylor, and Thankful’s son, Joseph Horn were all living in the southern part of Alfred in an area near the Mousam River and a section called Mouse Lane.

<sup>6</sup> There are muster records showing Eliphalet Taylor, who would live on the Linscott privilege, serving from Sanford in 1775, along with records for Joseph Horn. At the time of his first marriage, Eliphalet is described on the 30 July 1774 intentions as a resident of Sanford (Sanford VRs 1:1). [He married Olive Linscott in Wells, 24 Aug. 1774 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 80).]

<sup>7</sup> York Co. Deeds, 59:117.

<sup>8</sup> Edwin Emery, *History of Sanford, Maine* (Fall River, Mass., 1901), 144 (hereafter cited as Emery, *History of Sanford*).

Benjamin Taylor conveyed his sixty acres of land to [his stepson] Joseph Horn of Sanford, 15 May 1782,<sup>9</sup> and is not found in the records again. Now a widow, Thankful on 6 November 1795 acknowledged the above conveyance to “my said son Joseph,” as Joseph Horn wanted a clear title in order to sell the land to Jacob Linscott.<sup>10</sup>

Nearly fifty years earlier, Thankful Smith, a single woman of York, Maine, was brought before the York County Court of Sessions in April 1748 and was convicted of the crime of fornication, having given birth to a bastard child on 16 November [1747]. She received five stripes on her naked back and was fined 15s. 6d.<sup>11</sup> In the same court session, Joseph Horn, at his request, received a trial on the charge of fathering Thankful’s child. “There not being sufficient evidence to convict him,” he was acquitted.<sup>12</sup>

Thankful named her out-of-wedlock son Joseph Horn for the man she accused of fathering him—Joseph Horn of York, cordwainer.<sup>13</sup> There are several deeds in the York County Registry of Deeds for this latter Joseph.<sup>14</sup>

Thankful (Smith) Taylor was not the first Thankful Smith in the town of York. The first Thankful Smith was her mother, a Smith both by birth and marriage (see chart on the next page). Although only named in Upper Parish record as “Thankful,” she was described in vital records as the “wife of Joseph Smith” and the “daughter of Nicholas Smith.”<sup>15</sup> “Thankful” and Joseph Smith are shown with three daughters, Hannah, Martha, and Sarah, born 1719–1723, in the York town records.<sup>16</sup> (The identical names and dates are given for the three girls in Upper Parish records as well.) There is also a death record in the published vital records for Thankful (Smith) Smith, which is significant genealogically, and reads: “Thankful, the wife of Joseph Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> and daughter of Nicholas Smith and his wife Hannah [Hodgdon?], d. June 11, 1725.”<sup>17</sup> On the same page is a death record for “Benjamin Smith, son of Joseph and Hannah Smith, lost at sea June 1, 1724, with Elisha Allen, ae about 22 yrs.” The uniqueness of “Births of Upper Parish, York” is that it pro-

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<sup>9</sup> York Co. Deeds, 59:117.

<sup>10</sup> York Co. Deeds, 59:118. There are marriage records for Joseph Horn in Wells (1767) to Hannah Cane and (1785) to Betsey “Crans” [Cram] (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 77, 166). He resettled in Corinth, Vt., where he d. 24 April 1831. (See below for more details.)

<sup>11</sup> York Co. Court of Sessions, 10:421.

<sup>12</sup> York Co. Court of Sessions, 10:421.

<sup>13</sup> Joseph “Horne” would m. York, 12 Sept 1754, Temperance Adams and would have a family of seven children (Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs*, 139, 90).

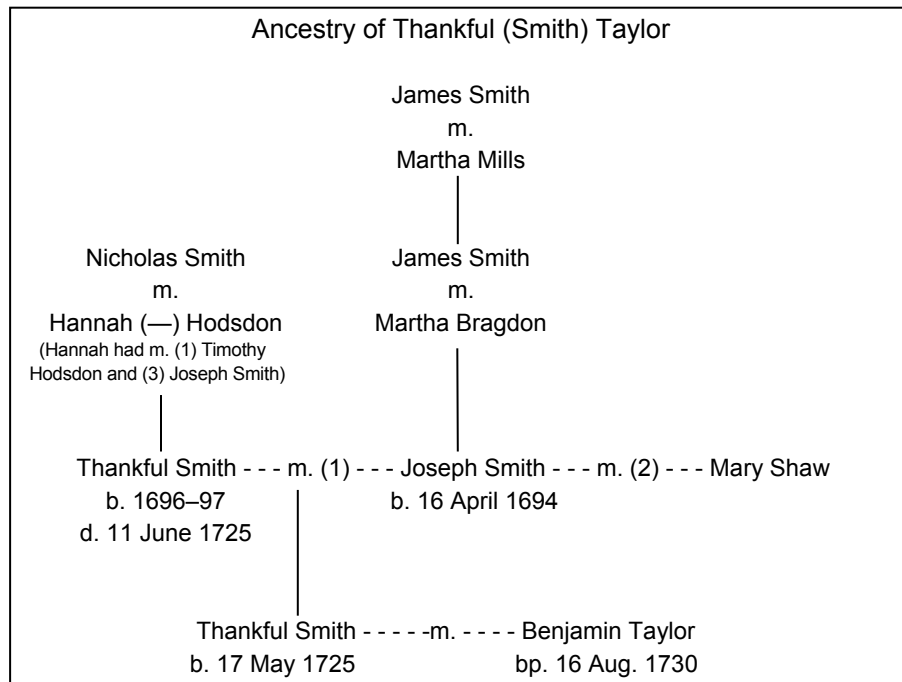
<sup>14</sup> York Co. Deeds, 34:82, 42:67, 55:228.

<sup>15</sup> Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs*, 32.

<sup>16</sup> Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs*, 32. “Births of the Upper Parish in York,” 24:36, as mentioned above, adds Thankful’s name and date of birth following those of her three older sisters.

<sup>17</sup> Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs*, 387. Given her parents’ marriage in 1695 and the probate of her father Nicholas Smith’s estate, 10 Aug. 1697 (York Co. Probate Records, 1:57), it is assumed that Thankful (Smith) Smith, first wife of Joseph Smith Jr., was b. in the period 1695–97.

vides a number of records which Bragdon did not include in his published *York Vital Records*. Particularly for the Smith family, it provides three generations of Smiths: James (the husband of Martha Bragdon) with the births of his seven children, and his sons Joseph and John, with the births of their children.<sup>18</sup> Of significance concerning the family of Thankful (Smith) Taylor are the births of her half-siblings—Agnes, Joseph, and Thomas—children of her father by his second wife, Mary Shaw, daughter of William Shaw, who were born 1727–32. Thankful Smith was 22 when she gave birth to Joseph Horn and 26 when she married Benjamin Taylor, who was her junior. She would also pass on her name *Thankful* to at least two succeeding generations.



Thankful's father, Joseph Smith, identified in *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* as the son of James and Martha (Bragdon) Smith, was born in Upper Parish of York, 16 April 1694.<sup>19</sup> The same source also identifies him as the grandson of the immigrant James<sup>1</sup> Smith and wife Martha Mills, who were in Berwick, Maine, as early as 1668.<sup>20</sup> The last record found for Joseph Smith is dated

<sup>18</sup> "Births of the Upper Parish in York," 24:36.

<sup>19</sup> *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 643; "Births of the Upper Parish in York," 24:36.

<sup>20</sup> *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 106, indicates that Martha Bragdon m. James Smith ca. 1693 and was the daughter of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Bragdon.

April 1735, when he led a petition of inhabitants of the Upper Parish of York to have “the town way split up as far as Philip Walker’s land.”<sup>21</sup>

Thankful’s maternal grandfather, Nicholas Smith, of unknown parentage, is identified as possibly the same who was a captive by the Indians in 1691. He married the widow, Hannah Hodsdon, 25 June 1695.<sup>22</sup> Although there is no date of birth for Nicholas’s daughter Thankful, she must have been born in York about 1696–97 (see note 17). Nicholas Smith would himself be killed by Indians in 1697.<sup>23</sup>

There has been some confusion about Thankful’s maternal grandmother Hannah Hodsdon. Research reveals that she was in fact Hannah (—) (Hodsdon) (Smith) Smith, having had one Hodsdon husband and two Smith husbands. There is a York County deed dated 4 December 1713 in which she is called “Now Widdow Late wife of Joseph Smith Late of York dec’d but formerly wife of Timothy Hodsdon also of sd York, dec’d.”<sup>24</sup> In the deed, Hannah Smith conveyed to Andrew Toothacre of York thirty acres of land on the southwest side of the York River in York, land previously granted to Timothy Hodsdon “provided he do Settle & Live In the Town.”<sup>25</sup> This provides yet another mystery: While her first husband was Timothy Hodsdon and her second husband was Nicholas Smith, who was her third husband? Named Joseph Smith, he is unidentified in the *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire*, which gives his date of death “bef. 4 Dec 1713,” this date apparently referencing the deed above.

Although the identity of Thankful (Smith) Taylor excludes her from Hodsdon ancestry, it does provide her with two separate Smith lines. One through her father Joseph is a proven line back to James<sup>1</sup> Smith of Berwick. Through her mother Thankful, however, we are left with the question of the ancestry of both her father, Nicholas, and his wife, Hannah, both of whom remain genealogically unidentified. There is also the question of whether her mother Hannah married brothers, Nicholas and Joseph Smith.<sup>26</sup>

#### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

**THANKFUL SMITH** was born in the Upper Parish of York, Maine, 17 May 1726, daughter of Joseph and Thankful (Smith) Smith. She died after 6 November 1795 when, as a resident of Sanford, she acknowledged a deed.<sup>27</sup> Three years after

<sup>21</sup> York Co. Court of Sessions, 10:71.

<sup>22</sup> *Province and Court Records of Maine*, ed. Charles Thornton Libby [vols. 1–2], Robert Earle Moody [vol. 3], and Neal Woodside Allen Jr. [vols. 4–6], 6 vols. [Portland, 1928–1975], 4:38; John Eldridge Frost and Joseph Crook Anderson II, *Marriage Returns of York County, Maine* (Camden, Maine, 1993), 2.

<sup>23</sup> *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 646.

<sup>24</sup> York Co. Deeds, 8:247.

<sup>25</sup> Charles Edward Banks, *History of York, Maine*, 2 vols. (Baltimore, Md., 1967), 2:54.

<sup>26</sup> As noted previously this Nicholas Smith cannot be confused with Nicholas, son of William Gowen *alias* Smith of Kittery, Maine.

<sup>27</sup> York Co. Deeds, 59:118.



giving birth to an illegitimate child that was allegedly fathered by Joseph Horn, Thankful filed intentions as a resident of Wells, 5 October 1751, to marry BENJAMIN TAYLOR of Wells.<sup>28</sup> Benjamin was baptized at the First Church in Wells 16 August 1730, son of William and Margaret (Rice) Taylor,<sup>29</sup> and died after 15 May 1782 when he conveyed land in Sanford to his stepson Joseph Horn.<sup>30</sup>

Child of Thankful Smith, allegedly by Joseph Horn:

- i JOSEPH HORN, b. Nov 1747,<sup>31</sup> d. Corinth, Vt., 24 April 1831;<sup>32</sup> m. (1) Wells, 23 Dec. 1767, HANNAH CAIN of Wells;<sup>33</sup> m. (2) Sanford, 10 Dec. 1777, ELIZABETH CRAM,<sup>34</sup> b. ca. 1760 (called 60 years of age in 1820), still living in Corinth, Vt., 25 Oct. 1836 according to papers connected with her filing for a widow's pension. Joseph "Orn" of Corinth, Vt., applied, "aged 78" [*sic*], for a Revolutionary War pension, 3 July 1820, citing his service in 1775 in Capt. Sawyer's company and Col. Patterson's regiment, as well as a second enlistment in Capt. Daniel Merrill's company in Col. Benjamin Brewer's regiment.<sup>35</sup>

Children of Benjamin and Thankful (Smith) Taylor, all b. Wells:<sup>36</sup>

- ii ELIPHALET/"LIFE" TAYLOR, bp. 2 May 1756, living in Sanford in 1810;<sup>37</sup> m. (1) Wells, 25 Aug. 1774, OLIVE LINSKOTT,<sup>38</sup> daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Favour)

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<sup>28</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 41. Having been a resident of York when she was brought before the court in 1748, it is not clear why Thankful Smith was "of Wells" when she married three years later. It was theorized that she may have lived with the family of James Smith of Wells, the only Smith family found there in the period of her marriage to Benjamin Taylor, but on analysis this seems highly unlikely. Although James and Martha (Bragdon) Smith of York had a son James, b. Upper Parish, York, 10 Nov. 1697 ("Births of the Upper Parish in York," 24:36), he was not the one of that name to go to Wells. James Smith of Wells, a blacksmith, b. 29 March 1675, was a son of William and Elizabeth (Frost) Gowen *alias* Smith. This family used *Smith* as an alias at different times (*Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 280). There was considerable court action for the Gowen *a.k.a.* Smith family over an inheritance that William Gowen *alias* Smith had received from Thornton Harris of Kittery (*Province and Court Records of Maine*, 3:144–45, 4:52, 55–56).

<sup>29</sup> "First Church Wells," NEHGR 75(1921):106.

<sup>30</sup> York Co. Deeds, 59:117.

<sup>31</sup> York Co. Court of Sessions, 10:421, provides both the date of the birth [Nov. 1747] of Thankful Smith's bastard child and the court case of Joseph Horn, whom she accused of being the father of her child, the following April 1748.

<sup>32</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application #11537 and #R7812½ for Joseph Orn, the name Joseph Horn took in later life.

<sup>33</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 77.

<sup>34</sup> By affidavit of Timothy Shaw, Sanford town clerk (Revolutionary War Pension Application #R7812½).

<sup>35</sup> Given his mother's court appearance in 1748, one cannot accept 78 as Joseph Orn [Horn]'s age in 1820.

<sup>36</sup> "First Church Wells," NEHGR 75(1921):312, 315, 76(1922):179, 180.

<sup>37</sup> Eliphalet Taylor household, 1810 U. S. Census, Sanford, York Co., Maine, p. 1013.

<sup>38</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 80. Intentions for "Elifalet" Taylor of Sanford and Olive Linscott of Wells were entered 30 July 1774 in Sanford (Sanford VRs, 1:1.)

- Linscott,<sup>39</sup> d. before 8 March 1787 when her husband remarried; m. (2) Sanford, 8 March 1787, MARTHA LORD;<sup>40</sup> m. (3) (int.) Sanford, 14 Nov. 1809, ELIZABETH LINSOTT.<sup>41</sup> A veteran of the Revolutionary War, he “marched on the Alarum upon Lexington Battle” with Capt. Morgan Lewis, 20 April 1775. Later he would serve in Capt. John Wentworth’s company, Col. Aaron Willard’s regiment and Capt. Joseph Isley’s company, Col. Cogswell’s regiment. At the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne in Saratoga, N.Y., he called it the “happiest day of his life.” He was a cooper by trade.<sup>42</sup>
- iii MARY/MOLLY TAYLOR, b. ca. 1753 and bp. 2 May 1756, d. Alfred, 12 Dec. 1825, aged 72;<sup>43</sup> m. (int.) Wells, 3 Aug. 1771<sup>44</sup>, ELISHA JONES, b. say 1750, d. Alfred, after 1825.<sup>45</sup> Elisha’s parentage has not been identified, but he may have been a brother of Bartholomew Jones who was b. in Mass. and also settled in Alfred.<sup>46</sup>
- iv THANKFUL TAYLOR, bp. 16 Sept. 1759, d. before 2 Aug. 1801 when her husband remarried; m. Berwick, 7 Nov. 1779, JOSEPH KNIGHT, bp. Berwick, 26 Nov. 1755, son of John and Hannah (Hamilton) Knight, d. Alfred, probably 11 Feb. 1839.<sup>47</sup>
- v MARTHA TAYLOR, bp. 3 Aug. 1760. No further record found.
- vi LUCY TAYLOR, bp. 23 Oct. 1763, d. Alfred, 30 Dec. 1843, aged 79 (gravestone); m. Sanford, 28 Dec. 1790, JOHN FRIEND “of Sanford,”<sup>48</sup> b. Wenham, Mass., 20 Jan. 1764, son of John and Sarah (Wallace) Friend, d. Alfred, 16 Jan. 1837, aged 73 (gravestone).<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>39</sup> Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred, Maine* (Portsmouth, N.H., 2006), 223 (hereafter cited as Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*).

<sup>40</sup> Emery, *History of Sanford*, 83. Emery calls him an “intemperate man,” whom “when not quite himself accused his wife of being a witch” (ibid.).

<sup>41</sup> Sanford VRs, 1:87.

<sup>42</sup> Emery, *History of Sanford*, 52–53, 57, 60, 83.

<sup>43</sup> Alfred Congregational Church Records; Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*, 192.

<sup>44</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 69.

<sup>45</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*, 192.

<sup>46</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*, 192.

<sup>47</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*, 208.

<sup>48</sup> Albert L. Prosser, “Record of Marriages,” *A History of the North Parish Congregational Church of Sanford, Maine* (Sanford, Maine, 1961), 121.

<sup>49</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*, 122.

## MARY BICKFORD OF GOULDSBORO AND VINALHAVEN, MAINE

Case Study: A Marriage Intention Does Not Prove a Marriage

By Glenn D. Nasman

In New England family research, we often use intentions of marriage as evidence that a man and woman got married. It was a legal requirement for a couple who wanted to marry to file their intentions with the clerk of the town (or towns) where the couple resided. The purpose was to give others the opportunity of voice any objections before the couple married. After a short waiting period, the town clerk would grant the couple a marriage certificate and they would go to a clergyman or justice of the peace and get married. Because the marriage intention and certificate were recorded by the town clerk, these records are often readily available to researchers today. The actual marriage record, however, was not always recorded in the town books, as the clergymen and justices of the peace were not always diligent about sending their marriage returns to the town clerk.

It should be noted that not everyone who filed marriage intentions followed through and got married, for whatever reason. If a marriage record cannot be found, one should confirm through some other record that the marriage actually occurred. A case in point is the reported marriage of Richard Dodge and Mary M. Bickford of Gouldsboro, Maine. The Gouldsboro town records indicate that they filed intentions on 14 September 1847 and that a marriage certificate was granted to them a few weeks later on 29 September.<sup>1</sup> About fourteen months later there is another record indicating that Richard Dodge married Angeline Smith, on 26 November 1848.<sup>2</sup> One might assume that Mary died soon after her marriage and that Richard married Angeline shortly thereafter. Muriel Johnson, the author of *Early Families of Gouldsboro*, assigned both marriages to Richard Dodge.<sup>3</sup> However, no record of Mary's death has been found, nor is there found a record of her marriage to Richard. It is therefore possible they never got married.

But if Mary Bickford did not marry Richard Dodge, what happened to her? There is no record in Gouldsboro of a Mary Bickford marrying someone else, nor is there a record of the death of a single woman of her name and age. A close look at the records of one of her siblings provides a clue as to what became of her. Mary's older sister Sarah J. (Bickford) Merithew had married as her second husband Josiah Coombs of Vinalhaven on 11 November 1846,<sup>4</sup> and their family was living there in

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<sup>1</sup> *Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities, Town of Gouldsboro* (Picton Press CD, 2005), image 114 (hereafter cited as *Gouldsboro TRs CD*).

<sup>2</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 427.

<sup>3</sup> Muriel Sampson Johnson, *Early Families of Gouldsboro Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1990), 86 (hereafter cited as Johnson, *Early Families of Gouldsboro*). [Editor's Note: Time and time again, this source has proven to be so full of errors that it should be relied on with utmost caution.]

<sup>4</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 415.

1850.<sup>5</sup> Based on the following evidence, it appears likely that Mary Bickford moved with her sister to Vinalhaven and married Benjamin M. Coombs, the younger brother of her brother-in-law Josiah Coombs:

1. The Vinalhaven vital records indicate that Miss Mary Bickford and Mr. Benjamin Coombs, both of Vinalhaven, filed intentions to marry 26 Feb. 1848,<sup>6</sup> and that they married on 16 March 1848.<sup>7</sup>
2. Mary is the only Bickford listed in the Vinalhaven vital records, suggesting that she was probably not born and raised there.
3. The wife of Benjamin Coombs has never been identified beyond her maiden name of Mary Bickford.
4. Mary Coombs's age is reported as 20 in 1850, 30 in 1860, and 40 in 1870, consistently indicating that she was born about 1830.<sup>8</sup> Mary Bickford, daughter of Joshua Bickford of Gouldsboro, was born 11 Feb. 1830.<sup>9</sup>
5. In 1850, Benjamin and Mary were living next to Josiah and Sarah.<sup>10</sup> This may be explained simply by the fact that Benjamin and Josiah were brothers, but the likelihood of this occurring would seemingly be enhanced if it were a case of two brothers marrying two sisters.
6. One of the children of Benjamin and Mary (Bickford) Coombs, Melville H. Coombs, married Flora W. Hancock on 25 July 1872.<sup>11</sup> Flora was the daughter of Sewell and Caroline (Bickford) Hancock of Gouldsboro.<sup>12</sup> Caroline (Bickford) Hancock was the oldest daughter of Joshua Bickford of Gouldsboro, and thus the older sister of Sarah J. (Bickford) (Merithew) Coombs and Mary (Bickford) Coombs.<sup>13</sup>

A couple is not married until a marriage is solemnized. Whenever the only indication of a marriage is an intention recorded by a town clerk, there is always the possibility that the marriage never occurred. Failure to recognize this may result in the researcher missing numerous descendants of the family under study, as in the case of Mary Bickford.

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<sup>5</sup> Josiah Coombs household, 1850 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, p. 75, #262/304.

<sup>6</sup> Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Vinalhaven, Knox County, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Rockport, Maine, 1994), 177 (hereafter cited as Mosher, *Vinalhaven VRs*).

<sup>7</sup> Mosher, *Vinalhaven VRs*, 139.

<sup>8</sup> Benjamin Coombs households, 1850–1870 U.S. Censuses, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, p. 75, #261/303 (1850); p. 50, #322/360 (1860); p. 351, #108/126 (1870).

<sup>9</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 79.

<sup>10</sup> Benjamin Coombs household, 1850 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, p. 75, #261/303; Josiah Coombs household, 1850 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, p. 75, #262/304.

<sup>11</sup> Mosher, *Vinalhaven VRs*, 162.

<sup>12</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 99.

<sup>13</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 79, includes Caroline (b. 1819), Sarah (b. 1821), and Mary (b. 1830) as children of Joshua and Eunice Bickford.

## FAMILY SUMMARY

**JOSHUA BICKFORD** was born in Sullivan, Maine, about 1790, son of Joseph and Louisa (Rhodes) Bickford.<sup>14</sup> He died in Gouldsboro 12 April 1862, aged 71 years.<sup>15</sup> He married in Gouldsboro 6 May 1816 EUNICE PETTEE.<sup>16</sup> born in Gouldsboro 19 July 1797, daughter of Oliver and Abigail (—) Pettee.<sup>17</sup> She died there 15 June 1865, aged 67 years.<sup>18</sup> Joshua was a sailor in Gouldsboro in 1850, while in 1860, Joshua, Eunice, and their youngest son William H. Bickford, aged 20, were living in the household of married daughter Lydia Farrar.<sup>19</sup>

Children of Joshua and Eunice (Pettee) Bickford, i–viii recorded Gouldsboro:<sup>20</sup>

- i MILES R. BICKFORD, b. 30 Oct. 1816, d. July 1869 of consumption, aged 52;<sup>21</sup> m. Gouldsboro, 24 Sept. 1840, ESTHER CRANE,<sup>22</sup> b. ca. 1819,<sup>23</sup> probable daughter of John and Abigail (Bunker) Crane,<sup>24</sup> d. after 1880. Miles was a fisherman in Gouldsboro in 1860, while Esther was a widow living in Gouldsboro in 1870 and 1880.<sup>25</sup>

Children of Miles and Esther (Crane) Bickford, 1–5 recorded Gouldsboro:<sup>26</sup>

- 1 *Eliza Bickford*, b. 6 Aug. 1842, d. by 1868 when her husband remarried; m. Gouldsboro, 16 Oct. 1858, James Barrett,<sup>27</sup> a fisherman/mariner b. Newfoundland ca. 1835 and d. 31 Jan. 1888.<sup>28</sup> James m. (2) Gouldsboro, 4 July

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<sup>14</sup> Joshua's father, Joseph Bickford, headed a household in Sullivan in 1790 (*Heads of Families of the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* [1908], 31, col. b). See Joseph Bickford sketch submitted by Rev. Charles Austin Joy in Joseph C. Anderson II, *Maine Families in 1790 Vol. 8* (Camden, Maine, 2003), 25. Joseph Bickford's Revolutionary War Pension File #R696 states that he left 10 grown children at his death, including a son Joshua Bickford. Joseph Bickford m. York, Maine, 26 July 1780, Louisa Rhodes in York, Maine (Lester MacKenzie Bragdon and John Eldridge Frost, *Vital Records of York Maine Prior to 1892* [1992], 361).

<sup>15</sup> Gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor, Maine.

<sup>16</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, images 243, 422.

<sup>17</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 76.

<sup>18</sup> Gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>19</sup> Joshua Bickford household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 257, #105/113; William R. Farrar household, 1860 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 9, #51/59.

<sup>20</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 79.

<sup>21</sup> 1870 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 1, line 15, #153.

<sup>22</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 378.

<sup>23</sup> Based on age in U.S. Census data (see note 25).

<sup>24</sup> John and Abigail Crane were the only known Crane family in the area to which Esther could belong. Their son Lemuel, b. 1807, m. Miles' cousin Clarinda Bickford.

<sup>25</sup> Miles R. Bickford household, 1860 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 10, #61/70; James Barrett household, 1870 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 20, #137/153; James Bickford household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 161, p. 14, #132/151.

<sup>26</sup> Children 1–5 recorded in *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, images 98, 135.

<sup>27</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 485.

<sup>28</sup> Miles R. Bickford household, 1860 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, pp. 10–11, #61/70 (birth, occupation); Hancock Co. Probate Records, #4722, provides his death date.

- 1868, Sarah Joy,<sup>29</sup> but by 1870 he was heading a household that included his son Edward, aged 9 years, and his former mother-in-law, Esther Bickford, and her children, and no 2nd wife.<sup>30</sup> James divorced his 2nd wife in Oct. 1872.<sup>31</sup> and m. (3) Mary —, who was his widow when he died.<sup>32</sup>
- 2 *William A. Bickford*, b. 12 July 1844, aged 15 living in his parents' home in 1860.<sup>33</sup> No further record found.
- 3 *Henry Bickford*, b. 7 March 1847. He was a fisherman in Gouldsboro in 1870, aged 23 years.<sup>34</sup> No further record found.
- 4 *Elvira Bickford*, b. 28 Dec. 1849, aged 10 living in her parents' home in 1860.<sup>35</sup> No further record found.
- 5 *Charles J. Bickford*, b. 6 Oct. 1852. He was a fisherman in Gouldsboro in 1870, aged 19 years.<sup>36</sup> No further record found.
- 6 *Daniel Bickford*, b. ca. 1856, not living with the rest of the family in 1870.<sup>37</sup> No further record found.
- 7 *James Bickford*, b. ca. 1859;<sup>38</sup> prob. d. by 1889 when his wife remarried; m. Gouldsboro, 10 Sept. 1882, Cora E. Grover,<sup>39</sup> b. Feb. 1864,<sup>40</sup> daughter of Ebenezer and Lydia (Arey) Grover.<sup>41</sup> She m. (2) Gouldsboro, 3 July 1889, Robert Corbett.<sup>42</sup> James was a fisherman who headed a household with his mother and younger sister in 1880.<sup>43</sup> James and Cora had no children.<sup>44</sup>
- 8 *Eunice Abbie Bickford*, b. ca. Sept. 1861, d. Birch Harbor 6 April 1883, aged 21 years, 7 months.<sup>45</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 540.

<sup>30</sup> James Barrett household, 1870 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 552, #137/153.

<sup>31</sup> Maine Divorce Records, 1798–1891, Ancestry.com, citing Hancock Co. Supreme Judicial Court, 18:166.

<sup>32</sup> Hancock Co. Probate Records, #4722.

<sup>33</sup> Miles R. Bickford household, 1860 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 10, #61/70.

<sup>34</sup> See note 30.

<sup>35</sup> See note 33.

<sup>36</sup> See note 30.

<sup>37</sup> Aged 4 in 1860 (see note 33).

<sup>38</sup> Aged 1 in 1860 (see note 33).

<sup>39</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 622.

<sup>40</sup> Robert Corbett household, 1900 U.S. Census, Winter Harbor, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 57, p. 180A, #4/4.

<sup>41</sup> Johnson, *Early Families of Gouldsboro*, 110. In 1870, Lydia Grover, probably a widow, was living in Gouldsboro in the household of Thomas and Elmira Arey; among her children was Cora Grover, age 7 (Thomas Arey household, 1870 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 550, #129/144).

<sup>42</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, FamilySearch.org.

<sup>43</sup> James Bickford household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 161, p. 14, #132/151.

<sup>44</sup> Cora indicated she had no children (Robert Corbett household, 1900 U.S. Census, Winter Harbor, Hancock Co., Maine E.D. 57, p. 180A, #4/4).

<sup>45</sup> Death notice, *Ellsworth American*, 12 April 1883.

- ii CAROLINE BICKFORD, b. 29 March 1819, d. 17 Sept. 1886, aged 65 years, 5 months, 18 days;<sup>46</sup> m. Gouldsboro, 2 April 1842, SEWALL HANCOCK,<sup>47</sup> was b. Gouldsboro, 3 March 1818, son of Samuel and Dorcas (Tracy) Hancock,<sup>48</sup> d. Birch Harbor, 26 April 1890, aged 72 years, 1 month, 23 days.<sup>49</sup> He was a fisherman in Gouldsboro in 1850 and a farmer there in 1860, 1870 and 1880.<sup>50</sup>

Children of Sewall and Caroline (Bickford) Hancock, 1–4 recorded Gouldsboro:<sup>51</sup>

- 1 *Charlotte Augusta Hancock*, b. 25 Feb. 1845, d. Gouldsboro, 12 July 1913, aged 68;<sup>52</sup> m. (1) Gouldsboro, 20 Feb. 1864, Zenas S. Joy,<sup>53</sup> b. ca. 1842, son of Hollis and Nancy (Lynam) Joy,<sup>54</sup> prob. d. by 1873 when Charlotte remarried. He was a mariner,<sup>55</sup> enlisted in the U.S. Navy in Boston on 5 Jan. 1863 as a coal heaver and was mustered out on 4 Dec. 1863.<sup>56</sup> Charlotte m. (2) Gouldsboro, 26 Dec. 1873, Capt. George W. Wescott as his 2nd wife,<sup>57</sup> b. Maine, [calc.] 10 May 1830, son of Thomas Jefferson and Mercy W. (Gray) Wescott,<sup>58</sup> d. Gouldsboro 20 May 1908, aged 78 years, 10 days.<sup>59</sup> He had m. (1) Gouldsboro, 2 Jan. 1853, Drusilla Lindsey,<sup>60</sup> whom he divorced in Oct. 1873.<sup>61</sup> George was a master mariner and a general store merchant.<sup>62</sup>

<sup>46</sup> Gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>47</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 384.

<sup>48</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 77.

<sup>49</sup> Death notice, *Ellsworth American*, 1 May 1890; gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>50</sup> Sewell/Sewall Hancock households, 1850–1880 U.S. Censuses, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 257, #104/112 (1850); p. 9, #50/58 (1860); p. 552, #141/157 (1870); E.D. 161, p. 417C, #133/152 (1880).

<sup>51</sup> Children 1–4 recorded in *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 99.

<sup>52</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Charlotte A. Wescott]; Hancock Co. Probate Records, #8482. Gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor, incorrectly gives 12 July 1913.

<sup>53</sup> Johnson, *Early Families of Gouldsboro*, 154, citing GTR (this entry illegible on the *Gouldsboro TRs CD*).

<sup>54</sup> Parents' names from Johnson, *Early Families of Gouldsboro*, 151; year of birth based on being aged 8 years in 1850 U.S. Census (Amaziah Southard household, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 253, #54/57; Nancy Joy, with 4 probable children including Zenas, in that household).

<sup>55</sup> Zenas Joy household, 1870 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 552, #142/158.

<sup>56</sup> *Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War*, 8 vols. (Brookline, Mass., 1931–35), 8:243.

<sup>57</sup> Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907, Familysearch.org; marriage notice, *Ellsworth American*, 1 Jan 1874.

<sup>58</sup> Almon A. Gray, *The Gray Family of Hancock County, Maine* (Blue Hill, Maine, 1987), 414. George's father, Thomas J. Wescott, m. (1) Penobscot, 23 Oct. 1826, Mercy W. Gray, and m. (2) 12 Sept. 1835, Eunice M. (Hadlock) Doane of Mt. Desert (ibid. 414, citing Penobscot VRs). Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Geo. W. Wescott], incorrectly gives Sophronia Doane as George's mother.

<sup>59</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Geo. W. Wescott]; death notice, *Ellsworth American*, 27 May 1908.

<sup>60</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 451.

<sup>61</sup> Maine Divorce Records, 1798–1891, Ancestry.com, citing Hancock Co. Supreme Judicial Court, 18:466.

<sup>62</sup> George W. Wescott households, 1880 and 1900 U.S. Censuses, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 116, p. 416A, #119/137 (1880); E.D. 56, p. 175B, #214/222 (1900).

- 2 *Frances Ellen Hancock*, b. 24 Sept. 1847; m. (1) (int.) Gouldsboro, 11 Sept. 1865, Benjamin M. Sargent,<sup>63</sup> b. 23 July 1832, son of Samuel and Sarah (Moore) Sargent,<sup>64</sup> d. Gouldsboro, 24 July 1870, aged 37.<sup>65</sup> Benjamin was a lawyer in Gouldsboro in 1860 and 1870.<sup>66</sup> Frances m. (2) Gouldsboro, 12 Dec. 1875, Wilbur F. Vose of Rockland, a house painter, b. ca. 1842.<sup>67</sup>
- 3 *Flora W. Hancock*, b. 26 Feb. 1849, d. Winter Harbor, 2 April 1927;<sup>68</sup> m. Vinalhaven, 27 July 1872, her cousin Melville H. Coombs, son of Benjamin and Mary (Bickford) Coombs (see below).<sup>69</sup>
- 4 *Emeline/Emma Tucker Hancock*, b. 27 Aug. 1852, d. Winter Harbor, 28 May 1895, aged 42 years, 9 months;<sup>70</sup> m. Gouldsboro, 15 Nov. 1871, Philander Alonzo Sumner,<sup>71</sup> b. Camden or Rockport, Maine, 2 July 1843, son of William and Philena (Leland) Sumner.<sup>72</sup> He m. (2) Milbridge, 8 April 1896, Sara L. Royal of Steuben.<sup>73</sup> Alonzo was a house carpenter in Gouldsboro in 1880 and in Winter Harbor in 1900.<sup>74</sup>
- 5 *John N. Hancock*, b. March 1856,<sup>75</sup> d. Winter Harbor, 30 Aug. 1931;<sup>76</sup> m. Gouldsboro, 20 Nov. 1883, Nancy Della Rand,<sup>77</sup> b. Gouldsboro, 30 June 1848, daughter of William and Sophronia (Newman) Rand,<sup>78</sup> d. Winter Har-

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<sup>63</sup> Johnson, *Early Families of Gouldsboro*, 233 (this entry illegible on the *Gouldsboro TRs CD*).

<sup>64</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 73.

<sup>65</sup> Corrected death notice, *Ellsworth American*, dated 18 Aug. 1870. Earlier death notice in *Ellsworth American*, dated 4 Aug. 1870, had incorrect information and had to be reprinted.

<sup>66</sup> Samuel H. Sargent household, 1860 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 2, #14/14; Benjamin Sargent household, 1870 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 27, #185/208.

<sup>67</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 577. Occupation and year of birth from Wilber F. Vose household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 161, p. 422B, #226/257.

<sup>68</sup> Hancock Co. Probate Records, #11517; gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>69</sup> Mosher, *Vinalhaven VRs*, 162.

<sup>70</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Emma T. Sumner]; gravestone, Greenwood Cemetery, Winter Harbor; death notice, *Ellsworth American*, 6 June 1895.

<sup>71</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 563.

<sup>72</sup> William S. Appleton, *Record of the Descendants of William Sumner, of Dorchester, Mass., 1636* (Boston, 1879), 102, 153. Appleton says Alonzo b. Rockport, while Alonzo's 2nd marriage record (see note 73) says b. Camden.

<sup>73</sup> Maine Marriage Records, 1705–1922, Ancestry.com.

<sup>74</sup> Philander Alonzo Sumner households, 1880, and 1900 U.S. Censuses, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 161, p. 413, #64/76 (1880); Winter Harbor, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 57, p. 180B, #22/23 (1900).

<sup>75</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 80).

<sup>76</sup> Hancock Co. Probate Records #12608; findagrave.com, memorial #94854519, Greenwood Cemetery, Winter Harbor.

<sup>77</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 623.

<sup>78</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 86; parents' names per *ibid.*, image 111.



bor, 7 Aug. 1932.<sup>79</sup> John was a day laborer in Winter Harbor in 1900, a farm owner there in 1910 and 1920, and a teamster there in 1930.<sup>80</sup>

6 *Mary I. Hancock*, b. [calc.] 4 Sept. 1858, d. 10 Feb. 1862, aged 3 years, 5 months, 6 days.<sup>81</sup>

7 *Byron W. Hancock*, b. Oct. 1862,<sup>82</sup> d. Winter Harbor, 8 Feb. 1938, aged 75;<sup>83</sup> m. Birch Harbor, 1 March 1885, Laura E. Rice,<sup>84</sup> b. 1866, daughter of Capt. David and Abigail (Stevens) Rice, d. Birch Harbor, 11 Dec. 1946.<sup>85</sup> Byron was a house painter in Gouldsboro from before 1900 to after 1930.<sup>86</sup>

iii SARAH J. BICKFORD, b. 20 April 1821, d. Vinalhaven of fever, 13 March 1865, aged 46 years;<sup>87</sup> m. (1) Gouldsboro, 11 Sept. 1838, JOSEPH MERITHEW of Deer Isle,<sup>88</sup> son of Aaron and Nancy (Knowlton) Merithew.<sup>89</sup> Joseph drowned off Deer Isle in 1844.<sup>90</sup> Sarah m. (2) Gouldsboro, 5 Nov. 1846, JOSIAH COOMBS of Vinalhaven as his 2nd wife,<sup>91</sup> b. Vinalhaven, 28 Sept. 1807, son of Anthony 3rd and Mercy (Corsen) Coombs and older brother of Benjamin Coombs below.<sup>92</sup> He was a fisherman in Vinalhaven in 1850 and 1860, a seaman living with his son in 1870, and with no occupation living with his youngest daughter in 1880.<sup>93</sup>

Children of Joseph and Sarah (Bickford) Merithew:

1 *Sarah Merithew*, b. Deer Isle, 18 Jan. 1840,<sup>94</sup> d. Warren, Maine, 28 June 1921, aged 81 years, 6 months, 10 days;<sup>95</sup> m. (1) Vinalhaven, 14 May 1858, Free-

<sup>79</sup> Hancock Co. Probate Records #12878; findagrave.com, memorial #94854519, Greenwood Cemetery, Winter Harbor.

<sup>80</sup> John N. Hancock households, 1900–1930 U.S. Censuses, Winter Harbor, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 57, p. 180B, #21/22 (1900); E.D. 69, p. 66A, #93/95 (1910); E.D. 20, p. 49A, #28/29 (1920); E.D. 5-43, p. 289.A, #41/41 (1930).

<sup>81</sup> Gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>82</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 86).

<sup>83</sup> Death notice, *Ellsworth American*, 16 Feb. 1938.

<sup>84</sup> Marriage notice, *Ellsworth American*, 5 March 1885; *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 638.

<sup>85</sup> Gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor, gives dates 1866–1946; death notice, *Ellsworth American*, 18 Dec. 1946; Laura, aged 3, in David Rice household, 1870 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 552, #149/165.

<sup>86</sup> Byron Hancock households, 1900–30 U.S. Censuses, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 56, p. 175B, #215/223 (1900); E.D. 68, p. 56B #150/159 (1910); E.D. 20, p. 41B, #195/197 (1920); E.D. 5-43, p. 288 B, #16/16 (1930).

<sup>87</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Sarah Coombs].

<sup>88</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 369.

<sup>89</sup> Lenna Gowdey, *Our Sire's Monument: The Merrithews of America* (Seattle, 1973), 62–63 (hereafter cited as Gowdey, *Merrithews of America*).

<sup>90</sup> Gowdey, *Merrithews of America*, 63.

<sup>91</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 415.

<sup>92</sup> Mosher, *Vinalhaven VRs*, 24. His parents m. 27 Dec. 1806, per *ibid.*, 40.

<sup>93</sup> Josiah Coombs households, 1850 and 1860 U.S. Censuses, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, p. 75, #262/304 (1850); p. 46, #295/330 (1860); Rufus Coombs household, 1870 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, p. 350, #85/98; George W. Avery household, 1880 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 115, p. 303A, #196/306.

<sup>94</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Sarah Clark].

<sup>95</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Sarah Clark].

- man Coombs,<sup>96</sup> b. Vinalhaven, 1 Oct. 1839, son of William and Nancy (Myrick) Coombs, d. 7 March 1878;<sup>97</sup> m. (2) ca. 1888, John A. Clark,<sup>98</sup> b. Union, Maine, 7 April 1827, son of Joseph and Mercie (Cobb) Clark,<sup>99</sup> d. Rockland, 22 June 1916, aged 89 years, 2 months, 15 days.<sup>100</sup> Freeman was a fisherman in 1860 and a stonemason in 1870; Sarah was a widow in Vinalhaven in 1880.<sup>101</sup> John, a farmer in Warren in 1900, was retired in Rockland in 1910.<sup>102</sup>
- 2 *Isaac B. Merithew*, b. 7 Aug. 1844,<sup>103</sup> d. 26 Feb. 1927;<sup>104</sup> m. (1) Vinalhaven, 2 Nov. 1868, Eliza Ann Holbrook,<sup>105</sup> b. ca. 1853, daughter of Daniel and Rosilla Holbrook,<sup>106</sup> the marriage ending in divorce;<sup>107</sup> m. (2) Adelaide Philbrook.<sup>108</sup> He worked in a stone quarry in Vinalhaven in 1870, was a stone cutter in Rockland in 1880, a fisherman in Gloucester, Mass., in 1900, and a lobsterman in Vinalhaven in 1910 and 1920.<sup>109</sup>
- 3 *Josephine Merithew*, b. Gouldsboro, [calc.] 26 Oct. 1845, d. Vinalhaven, 3 Nov. 1910, aged 65 years, 9 days;<sup>110</sup> m. William R. Tolman, son of Luther and Sarah (Roberts) Tolman,<sup>111</sup> b. Matinicus Isle, [calc.] Aug. 1844, d. Vinalhaven 22 Dec. 1898, aged 54 years, 4 months.<sup>112</sup> William was a stonemason in Vinalhaven in 1870 and 1880, while Josephine was a widow living with her youngest daughter in 1900 and 1910.<sup>113</sup>

<sup>96</sup> Mosher, *Vinalhaven VRs*, 149.

<sup>97</sup> All information from undocumented submittal to Ancestry World Tree.

<sup>98</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 102).

<sup>99</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [John A. Clark].

<sup>100</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [John A. Clark].

<sup>101</sup> Freeman Coombs households, 1860 and 1870 U.S. Censuses, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, p. 45, #289/321 (1860); p. 345, #28/31 (1870); Sarah Coombs household, 1880 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 115, p. 292D, #54/72.

<sup>102</sup> John A. Clark households, 1900 U.S. Census, Warren, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 158, p. 290A, #55/58; 1910 U.S. Census, Rockland, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 145, p. 102B, #44/130/133.

<sup>103</sup> Gowdey, *Merrithews of America*, 66.

<sup>104</sup> Gowdey, *Merrithews of America*, 66.

<sup>105</sup> Mosher, *Vinalhaven VRs*, 159.

<sup>106</sup> Daniel Holbrook household, 1860 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, p. 59, #381/428.

<sup>107</sup> Gowdey, *Merrithews of America*, 66.

<sup>108</sup> Gowdey, *Merrithews of America*, 66.

<sup>109</sup> Isaac Merithew households, 1870 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, p. 344, #21/22; 1880 U.S. Census, Rockland, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 110, p. 176C, #28/31/35; 1900 U.S. Census, Gloucester, Essex Co., Mass., E.D. 285, p. 70A, #830/241/303; 1910 and 1920 U.S. Censuses, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 143, p. 19B, #385/449 (1910); E.D. 66, p. 77B, #212/220 (1920).

<sup>110</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Josephine Tolman].

<sup>111</sup> Mosher, *Vinalhaven VRs*, 159.

<sup>112</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [William R. Tolman].

<sup>113</sup> James McDonald, Hotel Keeper, 1870 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, p. 344, #9/9; William R. Tolman household, 1880 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 115, p. 297A, #123/162; Ulmer Smith household, 1900 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 144, p. 71A, #142/144; Josephine Tolman household, 1910 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 143, p. 10A, #194/211.

Children of Josiah and Sarah (Bickford) (Merithew) Coombs:

- 4 *Joseph Richard Coombs*, b. Vinalhaven, April 1850,<sup>114</sup> d. Bangor, 25 Jan. 1922, aged 70 years, 11 months, 28 days;<sup>115</sup> m. (1) Abbie — by 1874 (birth of oldest child);<sup>116</sup> m. (2) Bangor, 16 Aug. 1892, Mary L. Grant, b. ca. 1870, daughter of Andrew and Lydia Grant;<sup>117</sup> m. (3) Bangor, 31 Dec. 1899, Jeanette Jenkins, who was b. Nova Scotia, May 1870.<sup>118</sup> He was a barber in Bangor.<sup>119</sup>
- 5 *Laura H. Coombs*, b. Nov. 1854,<sup>120</sup> d. after 1830 (census); m. 1873, Simon Alphonso Smith as his 2nd wife,<sup>121</sup> b. May 1850.<sup>122</sup> She was prob. the single girl, aged 16, working in the lobster factory in Deer Isle in 1870.<sup>123</sup> Simon was a farmer in Isle au Haut (Kimball's Island) in 1880, a day laborer/farmer in Vinalhaven in 1900 and 1910,<sup>124</sup> while she was a widow in Vinalhaven in 1920 and 1930.<sup>125</sup>
- 6 *Wellington D. Coombs*, b. ca. 1858, aged 2 and living in his parents' home in 1860.<sup>126</sup> No further record found.
- 7 *Mary/May E. Coombs*, b. [calc.] 1 May 1861, enumerated with her father in her stepbrother's household in 1870,<sup>127</sup> d. Brewer, 8 Sept. 1910, aged 49 years, 4 months, 7 days;<sup>128</sup> m. Vinalhaven, 26 Oct. 1878, George W. Avery,<sup>129</sup> b. Frankfort, Maine, May 1858, son of Edward and Marian (Crocker) Avery.<sup>130</sup>

<sup>114</sup> Birthplace per Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Richard B. Coombs]; birth date per 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 119).

<sup>115</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Richard B. Coombs].

<sup>116</sup> 1880 U.S. Census data (see note 119).

<sup>117</sup> Maine Marriage Records, 1705–1922, Ancestry.com.

<sup>118</sup> Maine Marriage Records, 1705–1922, Ancestry.com.

<sup>119</sup> Frank Hanaford boarding house, 1870 U.S. Census, Bangor, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 65, #194/241; Richard Coombs household, 1880 U.S. Census, Bangor, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 28, p. 189C, #262/294; Alma E. Lane boarding house, 1900 U.S. Census, Bangor, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 72, p. 49B, #89/103/115; Richard B. Coombs households, 1910–20 U.S. Censuses, Bangor, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 148, p. 253B, #66/463/532 (1910); E.D. 72, p. 253A, #66/223/266 (1920).

<sup>120</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 124).

<sup>121</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 124).

<sup>122</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 124).

<sup>123</sup> Geo. G. Lewis, overseer for lobster factory workers, 1870 U.S. Census, Deer Isle, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 438 #584/633.

<sup>124</sup> Simon A. Smith household, 1880 U.S. Census, Isle au Haut, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 153, p. 287B, #46/52; Alphonso Smith households, 1900 and 1910 U.S. Censuses, Vinalhaven, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 144, p. 73A, #196/199 (1900); E.D. 143, p. 18B, #361/421 (1910).

<sup>125</sup> Henry Y. Carver household, 1920 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 66, p. 82B, #349/363; William T. Smith household, 1930 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 7-24, p. 272B, #376/424.

<sup>126</sup> 1860 U.S. Census data (see note 93).

<sup>127</sup> Rufus Coombs household, 1870 U.S. Census, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, p. 350, #85/98.

<sup>128</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [May E. Coombs].

<sup>129</sup> Mosher, *Vinalhaven VRs*, 170.

<sup>130</sup> George Avery household, 1900 U.S. Census, Ellsworth, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 55, p. 160A, #334/345; George aged 2 in Edward Avery household, 1860 U.S. Census, Winterport, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 43, #313/325. His mother's maiden name from her death record, Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com (d. 28 Aug. 1918).

George was a granite cutter in Vinalhaven in 1880, a clergyman in Ellsworth in 1900, a stone cutter in Brewer in 1910, and a millwright in a paper mill in Brewer in 1920.<sup>131</sup>

- iv RICHARD BICKFORD, b. 10 July 1823; d. 1 Jan. 1858, aged 33 years, 6 months, 10 days;<sup>132</sup> m. Gouldsboro, 15 Sept. 1850, ELIZABETH GROVER,<sup>133</sup> b. ca. 1830.<sup>134</sup> She m. (2) Sullivan, 27 Feb. 1859, Henry C. Martin of Sullivan, b. ca. 1831.<sup>135</sup> Richard was a sailor prior to his marriage and a master mariner when he died.<sup>136</sup> Elizabeth was living with her 2nd husband, a farmer in Sullivan in 1860 and 1870.<sup>137</sup> Children as found of Richard and Elizabeth (Grover) Bickford, b. Gouldsboro:<sup>138</sup>
- 1 *Lydia Bickford*, b. 27 Feb. 1851. Although not living with her mother and younger brother in 1860,<sup>139</sup> she is prob. the Lydia E. Bickford, aged 9, living with John and Susan Noonan in Gouldsboro.<sup>140</sup> No further record found.
  - 2 *Augustus Vandelia Bickford*, b. Gouldsboro, [calc.] 7 Oct. 1856, d. Steuben, 30 Sept. 1915, aged 58 years, 11 months, 23 days;<sup>141</sup> m. 22 July 1885, Harriet Whitten,<sup>142</sup> b. Jan. 1859, daughter of Asa B. and Eliza (—) Whitten,<sup>143</sup> d. after 1930 (census). He was a boarder working as a laborer in Steuben, living near the farm of his future father-in-law in 1880, while in 1900 and 1910 he was a farm laborer working on his wife's family farm.<sup>144</sup> Harriet headed a house-

<sup>131</sup> George Avery households, 1880 U.S. Census; Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 115, p. 303A, #196/306; 1900 U.S. Census, Ellsworth, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 55, p. 160A, #334/345; 1910 U.S. Census, Brewer, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 151, p. 49B, #379/433; 1920 U.S. Census, Brewer, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 81, p. 225A, #13/113/145.

<sup>132</sup> Gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>133</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 443.

<sup>134</sup> Joshua Bickford household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 257, #105/113. Johnson, *Early Families of Gouldsboro*, 109–10, calls her a daughter of George and Lydia (Stockbridge) Grover, but without evidence.

<sup>135</sup> Marriage notice; *Ellsworth American*, 11 March 1859, she incorrectly named Mrs. “Sarah” Bickford.

<sup>136</sup> Joshua Bickford household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 257, #105/113.

<sup>137</sup> Henry Bickford households, 1860–1870 U.S. Censuses, Sullivan, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 2, #9/9 (1860); p. 668, #10/9 (1870).

<sup>138</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 100, and U.S. Census data (see note 137).

<sup>139</sup> 1860 U.S. Census data (see note 137).

<sup>140</sup> John Noonan household, 1860 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 2 #10/10. John and Susan Noonan were a childless couple who would eventually adopt a child of their own. Richard Bickford and John Noonan were cousins (Richard's father and John's mother were brother and sister).

<sup>141</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Vandelia Bickford].

<sup>142</sup> Steuben Marriage Intentions and Marriages, 5:55.

<sup>143</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 144); Harriet aged 1 in Asa B. Whitten household, 1860 U.S. Census, Steuben, Washington Co., Maine, p. 464, #54/57.

<sup>144</sup> Everett A. Smith household, 1880 U.S. Census, Steuben, Washington Co., Maine, E.D. 194, 457B, #118/131; Augustus V. Bickford, 1900 U.S. Census, Steuben, Washington Co., Maine, E.D. 215, 7751B, #158/167; Vandella Bickford household, 1910 U.S. Census, Steuben, Washington Co., Maine, E.D. 301, 254B, #152/158.

hold in Steuben in 1920 that included her younger brother's family, while she was living in Rockland with a niece who was an unwed mother in 1930.<sup>145</sup>

- v LYDIA BICKFORD, b. 18 Aug. 1827, d. Gouldsboro, 31 March 1905, aged 77 years, 7 months, 14 days;<sup>146</sup> m. Gouldsboro, 3 May 1846, WILLIAM FARRAR,<sup>147</sup> b. Bristol, [calc.] 23 Sept. 1820, son of Ezekiel and Sarah (Laughton) Farrar,<sup>148</sup> d. Gouldsboro, 9 March 1896, aged 75 years, 5 months, 16 days.<sup>149</sup> He was a carpenter/house joiner in 1850, 1860 and 1870 and with no occupation listed in 1880, while Lydia was living with her daughter, Dora, in 1900.<sup>150</sup>

Children of William and Lydia (Bickford) Farrar, b. Gouldsboro:<sup>151</sup>

- 1 *George W. Farrar*, b. [calc.] 2 Sept. 1847, d. Southwest Harbor, 6 March 1930, aged 82 years, 6 months, 4 days;<sup>152</sup> m. (1) Gouldsboro, 21 Jan. 1867, Frances Hanson;<sup>153</sup> m. (2) Winter Harbor, 9 Feb. 1878, Sarah A. Torrey,<sup>154</sup> b. Sept. 1860,<sup>155</sup> daughter of Stephen and Mary Torrey of Gouldsboro,<sup>156</sup> d. 1932.<sup>157</sup> George was a mariner living in Gouldsboro in 1880, a seaman in living in Winter Harbor in 1900, and a stone mason living in Gouldsboro in 1910.<sup>158</sup>
- 2 *Richard Farrar*, b. ca. 1849,<sup>159</sup> a mariner living with his parents in Gouldsboro in 1870, aged 21.<sup>160</sup> No further record found.
- 3 *Naomi Farrar*, b. ca. 1851, d. 4 June 1889, aged 38;<sup>161</sup> m. (1) (cert.) Gouldsboro, 21 Jan. 1867, Albert Wakefield;<sup>162</sup> m. (2) Gouldsboro, 30 Dec. 1873, Jonas R.

<sup>145</sup> Harriet Bickford household, 1920 U.S. Census, Steuben, Washington Co., Maine, E.D. 184, p. 109B, #134/139; Florence Whitten household, 1930 U.S. Census, Rockland, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 7-13, p. 112B, #566/335/385.

<sup>146</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Lydia E. Farrar]; death notice, *Ellsworth American*, 5 April 1905; gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>147</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 415.

<sup>148</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [William R. Farrar].

<sup>149</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [William R. Farrar]; gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>150</sup> Wm. R. "Farrer" household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bangor, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 86, #1168/1225; William Farrar households, 1860, 1870 and 1880 U.S. Censuses, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 9, #51/59 (1860); p. 552, #140/156 (1870); p. 417C, #134/153 (1880); Earl D. Chase household, 1900 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 56, p. 170A, #86/86.

<sup>151</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 150).

<sup>152</sup> Death notice, *Ellsworth American*, dated 12 March 1930; gravestone, Mount Height Cemetery, Southwest Harbor, Maine, confirms year of death.

<sup>153</sup> Johnson, *Early Families of Gouldsboro*, 93, citing GTR (this entry illegible on the *Gouldsboro TRs CD*).

<sup>154</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 602; marriage notice, *Ellsworth American*, 14 Feb. 1878.

<sup>155</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 158); gravestone, Mount Height Cemetery, Southwest Harbor, confirms year of birth.

<sup>156</sup> Marriage notice, *Ellsworth American*, dated 14 Feb. 1878; *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 602.

<sup>157</sup> Gravestone, Mount Height Cemetery, Southwest Harbor.

<sup>158</sup> Mary Clark household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock County, Maine, E.D. 161, p. 417C, #136/155; George Farrar households, 1900–10 U.S. Censuses, Hancock Co., Maine, Winter Harbor, E.D. 57, p. 180B, #26/27 (1900); Gouldsboro, E.D. 68, p. 47A, #31/32 (1910).

<sup>159</sup> Aged 11 in 1860 U.S. Census, aged 21 in 1870 U.S. Census (see note 150).

<sup>160</sup> William Farrar household, 1870 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 552, #140/156.

Crane,<sup>163</sup> the marriage undoubtedly ending in divorce as Jonas m. (2) (cert.) Gouldsboro, 19 Feb. 1876, Lucy Jane Grover,<sup>164</sup> while Naomi was listed as a widow, living with her son Charles in her parents' household in 1880.<sup>165</sup> Jonas was another person who filed marriage intentions, but the marriage never took place. Jonas, son of David and Nancy (Rice) Crane, m. (int.) Gouldsboro, 15 April 1865, his cousin Betsey Curtis, daughter of Leonard and Lydia (Rice) Curtis, but *Miss* Betsey Curtis m. Martin Myrick, 19 Nov. 1866.<sup>166</sup>

- 4 *James Albert Farrar*, b. [calc.] 5 Oct. 1854, d. Winter Harbor, 20 April 1926, aged 71 years, 6 months, 15 days;<sup>167</sup> m. Gouldsboro, 19 Feb. 1876, Viola Lydia Tracy,<sup>168</sup> b. Jan. 1856,<sup>169</sup> daughter of Capt. Peleg and Julia (Smallidge) Tracy,<sup>170</sup> d. Winter Harbor, 8 May 1923, aged 66 years, 6 months.<sup>171</sup> James worked in a lobster factory in Gouldsboro in 1880 and was a house painter in Winter Harbor in 1900, 1910, and 1920.<sup>172</sup>
- 5 *Isaac Moore Farrar*, b. 29 Feb. 1856; m. Westbrook, 30 Dec. 1887, Mary Lawrence, b. Maple Grove, Nova Scotia, 8 March 1861, daughter of John and Nancy (Putnam) Lawrence,<sup>173</sup> not counted with her husband and sons in 1910, although Isaac was listed then as being married for 23 years, suggesting Mary was still living.<sup>174</sup> Isaac was a brick mason in Gouldsboro in 1880, a mason in Westbrook in 1900, and a mason/plasterer in Oakland, Cal. in 1910.<sup>175</sup>

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<sup>161</sup> Gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>162</sup> Johnson, *Early Families of Gouldsboro*, 298, citing GTR (this entry illegible on the *Gouldsboro TRs CD*).

<sup>163</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 572.

<sup>164</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 163.

<sup>165</sup> William Farrar household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 161, p. 417C, #134/153.

<sup>166</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 531. Johnson *Early Families of Gouldsboro*, 78, states that Jonas and Betsey were married based on the marriage intentions.

<sup>167</sup> Death notice, *Ellsworth American*, 5 May 1926; gravestone, Evergreen Cemetery, Winter Harbor.

<sup>168</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 585.

<sup>169</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 172).

<sup>170</sup> Johnson, *Early Families of Gouldsboro*, 292. Viola was aged 4 in Peleg Tracy household, 1860 U.S. Census, Eden, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 600, #231/221.

<sup>171</sup> Death notice, *Ellsworth American*, 16 May 1923; gravestone, Evergreen Cemetery, Winter Harbor.

<sup>172</sup> William Farrar household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 161, p. 417C, #134/153; J. Albert Farrar households, 1900–10 U.S. Censuses, Winter Harbor, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 57; p. 183A, #87/94 (1900); E.D. 69, p. 65A, #65/67 (1910); Richard W. Farrar household, 1920 U.S. Census, Winter Harbor, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 20, p. 48B, #12/13.

<sup>173</sup> "Ancestors of Daniel Glynn Thompson, online at <<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/t/h/o/Glynn-L-Thompson/BOOK-0001/0007-0007.html>>.

<sup>174</sup> 1910 U.S. Census data (see note 175).

<sup>175</sup> William Farrar household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 161, p. 417C, #134/153; Isaac Farrar household, 1900 U.S. Census, Westbrook, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 83, p. 291B, #404/545; "Issac" Farrar household, 1910 U.S. Census, Oakland, Alameda Co., Calif., E.D. 28, p. 105B, #328/392.

- 6 *William Woodbury Farrar*, b. [calc.] 17 or 27 Oct. 1858, d. of pneumonia 4 Nov. 1895, aged 37 years, 8 days or 18 days;<sup>176</sup> unmarried.<sup>177</sup> He was a painter.<sup>178</sup>
- 7 *Dorinda/Dora Farrar*, b. May 1862,<sup>179</sup> d. Bangor, 7 Jan. 1935;<sup>180</sup> m. Gouldsboro, 9 Nov. 1889, Earl D. Chase,<sup>181</sup> b. prob. Scotland, ca. 1861.<sup>182</sup> Earl was a house carpenter in Gouldsboro in 1900 and 1910 and a building contractor in Bangor in 1920.<sup>183</sup>
- 8 *Sarah Ellen Farrar*, b. 12 Aug. 1864,<sup>184</sup> aged 15 years and living in her parents' home in 1880.<sup>185</sup> No further record found.
- 9 *Mabel Farrar*, b. [calc.] 19 Feb. 1870, d. 1 March 1899, aged 29 years, 12 days;<sup>186</sup> m. Gouldsboro, 15 March 1894, Nathan S. Sargent,<sup>187</sup> Nathan, b. Gouldsboro, 4 Dec. 1870, son of Capt. James and Sarah (Gouldsborough) Sargent,<sup>188</sup> d. 5 Dec. 1962, aged 92 years.<sup>189</sup> He m. (2) Brookline, Mass., 5 July 1903, Ann Daly, b. Boston, ca. 1871, daughter of John and Ann (Carroll) Daly,<sup>190</sup> d. after 1940 (census); m. (3) Winter Harbor, 26 June 1948, Grace (Schoppe) Winslow, widow of Marcellus Winslow (see below).<sup>191</sup> Nathan was a house carpenter in Winter Harbor from before 1900 to after 1930 and a lumber contractor there in 1940.<sup>192</sup>
- vi *MARY M. BICKFORD*, b. 11 Feb. 1830, d. prob. by 1874 when her prob. husband remarried;<sup>193</sup> filed marriage intentions, Gouldsboro, 14 Sept. 1847, with Richard

<sup>176</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [William W. Farrar], gives age at death of 37 years, 8 days, while gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor, gives 37 years, 18 days.

<sup>177</sup> Maine Death Records (see note 176).

<sup>178</sup> Maine Death Records (see note 176).

<sup>179</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 183).

<sup>180</sup> Mount Hope Cemetery and Crematory Interment Records, Bangor, Maine, for Dora Chase, online at <<http://listings.mthopebgr.com/sites/>>.

<sup>181</sup> Alice MacDonald Long, *Marriage Records of Hancock County, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1992), 393.

<sup>182</sup> 1910 and 1920 U.S. Census data gives Scotland, while 1900 U.S. Census data gives Maine (see note 183).

<sup>183</sup> Earl D. Chase households, 1900 and 1910 U.S. Censuses, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 56, p. 170A, #86/86 (1900); E.D. 68, p. 57A, #167/176 (1910); and 1920 U.S. Census, Bangor, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 65, p. 137A, #6/9/10.

<sup>184</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 139.

<sup>185</sup> 1880 U.S. Census data (see note 150).

<sup>186</sup> Gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>187</sup> Maine Marriage Records, 1713–1937, Ancestry.com.

<sup>188</sup> Maine Birth Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Nathan S. Sargent]; U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935–Current, Ancestry.com.

<sup>189</sup> Maine Death Index, 1960–1997, Ancestry.com.

<sup>190</sup> Marriages Registered in the Town of Brookline for the Year 1903, p. 19, #155.

<sup>191</sup> Maine Marriages, 1892–1996, Ancestry.com.

<sup>192</sup> Enoch Bickford household, 1900 U.S. Census, Winter Harbor, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 57, p. 185A, #134/141; Nathan S. Sargent households, 1910–40 U.S. Censuses, Hancock Co., Winter Harbor, Maine, E.D. 69, p. 67A, #112/113 (1910); E.D. 20, p. 50A, #60/61 (1920); E.D. 5-43, p. 289A, #33/33 (1930); E.D. 5-60, p. 475A, #28 (1940).

<sup>193</sup> See note 197.

Dodge, but the marriage prob. never occurred.<sup>194</sup> It was probably this Mary Bickford who m. Vinalhaven, 16 March 1848, BENJAMIN M. COOMBS, b. Vinalhaven, 7 Oct. 1826, son of Anthony 3rd and Mercy (Corsen) Coombs and younger brother of Josiah Coombs above,<sup>195</sup> d. East Bethel, Minn., 7 June 1894.<sup>196</sup> Benjamin m. (2) Vinalhaven, 21 Feb. 1874, Rosanna S. Hyrup,<sup>197</sup> b. Maine, 5 March 1828, d. Minn., 26 July 1910, aged 82.<sup>198</sup> He was a fisherman in Vinalhaven in 1850 and 1860, and worked in a stone quarry there in 1870, while he was a farm laborer living in Delevan, Minn., with his 2nd wife in 1880.<sup>199</sup>

Children of Benjamin and Mary (Bickford) Coombs, all b. Vinalhaven:<sup>200</sup>

- 1 *Laura A. Coombs*, b. Jan. 1850,<sup>201</sup> not enumerated with her family in 1860.<sup>202</sup> No further record found.
- 2 *Melville H. Coombs*, b. 7 Dec. 1853,<sup>203</sup> d. Birch Harbor, 5 July 1926,<sup>204</sup> m. Vinalhaven, 27 July 1872, his cousin Flora W. Hancock, daughter of Sewall and Caroline (Bickford) Hancock above.<sup>205</sup> They moved to Gouldsboro in Nov. 1879 where Melville was a stone cutter in 1880, had no occupation listed in 1900, and was a house painter in 1920.<sup>206</sup>
- 3 *Joseph W. Coombs*, b. 1858, aged 12 and living in his parents' home in 1870.<sup>207</sup> No further record found.
- 4 *Flora Coombs*, b. 1861, aged 9 and living in her parents' home in 1870.<sup>208</sup> No further record found.

vii GEORGE BICKFORD, b. 13 June 1833. No further information found.

viii ESTHER C. BICKFORD, b. [calc.] 9 Dec. 1837, d. Winter Harbor 26 May 1916, aged 78 years, 5 months, 17 days;<sup>209</sup> m. Gouldsboro, 16 Oct. 1857, ALBERT H. WINSLOW,<sup>210</sup> b. Albion, Maine, 27 July 1832, son of Levi and Ann (Goodspeed) Wins-

<sup>194</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 114. See discussion at the beginning of this article.

<sup>195</sup> Mosher, *Vinalhaven VRs*, 139.

<sup>196</sup> Findagrave.com, Oak Leaf Cemetery, Bethel, Minn.

<sup>197</sup> Mosher, *Vinalhaven VRs*, 195.

<sup>198</sup> Findagrave.com, Oak Leaf Cemetery, Bethel, Minn.

<sup>199</sup> Benjamin Coombs households, 1850–1870 U.S. Censuses, Vinalhaven, Knox Co., Maine, p. 75, #261/303 (1850); p. 50, #322/360 (1860); p. 351, #108/126 (1870); Benjamin M. Coombs household, 1880 U.S. Census, Delevan, Faribault Co., Minn., E.D. 59, p. 80C, #32/31.

<sup>200</sup> U.S. Census data (see note 199).

<sup>201</sup> Aged 7 months in Aug. 1850 (see note 199).

<sup>202</sup> 1860 U.S. Census data (see note 199).

<sup>203</sup> Death notice *Ellsworth American*, 14 July 1926; gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>204</sup> Death notice *Ellsworth American*, 14 July 1926; gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>205</sup> Mosher, *Vinalhaven VRs*, 162.

<sup>206</sup> Sewall Hancock household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine E.D. 161, p. 417C, #133/152; Melville Coombs households, 1900 and 1920 U.S. Censuses, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 56, p. 175B, #216/224 (1900); E.D. 20, p. 41B, #194/196 (1920).

<sup>207</sup> 1870 U.S. Census data (see note 206).

<sup>208</sup> 1870 U.S. Census data (see note 206).

<sup>209</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Esther Winslow]. Death record gives date of birth of 9 Jan. 1838.

<sup>210</sup> *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 479.



low,<sup>211</sup> d. Winter Harbor, 20 Feb. 1918, aged 85 years, 6 months, 23 days.<sup>212</sup> He was a fisherman in Gouldsboro in 1860, a mariner there in 1870 and 1880, a day laborer in Winter Harbor in 1900, and a farmer there in 1910.<sup>213</sup>

Children as found of Albert and Esther (Bickford) Winslow:<sup>214</sup>

- 1 *Cora Winslow*, b. April 1859;<sup>215</sup> d. aft. 1930 (census); m. Gouldsboro, 7 Oct. 1877, John F. Perry,<sup>216</sup> b. [calc.] 11 May 1856,<sup>217</sup> d. Fitchburg, Mass., 26 July 1942, aged 86 years, 2 months, 15 days.<sup>218</sup> John was a resident of Gouldsboro where he worked in a lobster factory in 1880, he was a sardine tank mender in 1900, a lobster fisherman in 1910, a steam boat mariner in 1920, and a lobster fisherman in 1930.<sup>219</sup>
- 2 *George W. Winslow*, b. ca. 1863;<sup>220</sup> d. after 1930 (census); m. Medfield, Mass., 12 Jan. 1888, Nellie Stanley, b. Brooklyn, Maine ca. 1866, daughter of Judson and Mehitable (—) Stanley,<sup>221</sup> d. before 1920 (census) when George was described as a widower.<sup>222</sup> They were both straw workers when they got married,<sup>223</sup> while he was an assistant engineer for a gas company in Fitchburg, Mass., in 1910, and a janitor for a business block there in 1920 and 1930.<sup>224</sup>
- 3 *William Winslow* (twin), b. [calc.] 2 Feb. 1868, d. Winter Harbor, 7 Dec. 1904, aged 36 years, 10 months, 5 days.<sup>225</sup> He was a day laborer living with his parents in Winter Harbor in 1900, aged 32.<sup>226</sup>
- 4 *Walter Winslow* (twin), b. [calc.] 2 Feb. 1868, d. of consumption 28 June 1896, aged 28 years, 4 months, 26 days.<sup>227</sup>

<sup>211</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Albert H. Winslow].

<sup>212</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [Albert H. Winslow].

<sup>213</sup> Albert Winslow households, 1860, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Censuses, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 10, #59/68 (1860); p. 552, #145/161 (1870); E.D. 161, p. 416A, #123/141 (1880); 1900 and 1910 U.S. Censuses, Winter Harbor, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 57, p. 180A, #1/1 (1900); E.D. 69, p. 68A, #147/150 (1910).

<sup>214</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 213).

<sup>215</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 219).

<sup>216</sup> Marriage notice, *Ellsworth American*, 18 Oct. 1877; *Gouldsboro TRs CD*, image 602.

<sup>217</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 219), confirms month and year of birth.

<sup>218</sup> Death notice, *Ellsworth American*, 5 Aug. 1942.

<sup>219</sup> Albert Winslow household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 161, p. 416A, #123/141; John F. Perry households, 1900–30 U.S. Censuses, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 56, p. 174A, #196/193 (1900); E.D. 68, p. 59A, #203/216 (1910); E.D. 20, p. 39A, #121/123 (1920); E.D. 21, p. 150A, #274/280 (1930).

<sup>220</sup> Based on age in U.S. Census data (see note 224).

<sup>221</sup> Marriages Registered in the Town of Medfield for the Year 1888, p. 331, #2.

<sup>222</sup> 1920 U.S. Census data (see note 224).

<sup>223</sup> See note 221.

<sup>224</sup> George W. Winslow household, 1910 U.S. Census, Fitchburg, Worcester Co., Mass., E.D. 1141, p. 129A, #29/ 129/173; Herbert P. Whitney households 1920 and 1930 U.S. Censuses, Fitchburg, Worcester Co., Mass., E.D. 40; p. 4B, #33/45/91(1920); E.D. 163, p. 78 A, #33/13/31 (1930).

<sup>225</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [William B. Winslow].

<sup>226</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 213).

<sup>227</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com [“Wilter” S. Winslow].

5 *Nellie L. Winslow*, b. Oct. 1870,<sup>228</sup> d. 1947;<sup>229</sup> m. (1) Birch Harbor, 6 Oct. 1894, Franklin/Frank L. Temple;<sup>230</sup> b. May 1862, son of John and Phebe (Clark) Temple,<sup>231</sup> d. 14 Jan. 1917, aged 54 years, 8 months;<sup>232</sup> m. (2) Winter Harbor, 14 Sept. 1918, Grover L. Smith,<sup>233</sup> b. Jonesport ca. 1887, son of Samuel and Rosena (—) Smith, d. 1942.<sup>234</sup> Frank was a fisherman in 1900 and a lobsterman in 1910, while Grover was a lobster fisherman 1920–1940.<sup>235</sup>

6 *Marcellus Hodgkin Winslow*, b. 20 Oct. 1874,<sup>236</sup> d. 1930;<sup>237</sup> m. Cherryfield, 20 Oct. 1905, Grace Mildred Schoppe, b. 10 Feb. 1883,<sup>238</sup> daughter of Gilbert and Alda (—) Schoppe,<sup>239</sup> d. Sullivan, 6 Oct. 1976;<sup>240</sup> m. (2) Winter Harbor, 26 June 1948, Nathan Sargent (see above).<sup>241</sup> Marcellus was a salesman for a baker in Melrose, Mass., in 1900, a fisherman in Winter Harbor in 1910, a farmer in there in 1920, and a caretaker for a private family in Fitchburg, Mass., in 1930.<sup>242</sup>

ix WILLIAM H. BICKFORD, b. ca. 1839,<sup>243</sup> a mariner last found in Gouldsboro in 1863 when he registered for the Civil War draft.<sup>244</sup>

Special thanks to John Holt of Lamoine, Maine, who first brought to my attention that Mary Bickford, daughter of Joshua Bickford, probably m. Benjamin Coombs, and who found many of the documented sources.

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<sup>228</sup> 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 235).

<sup>229</sup> Gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>230</sup> Marriage notice, *Ellsworth American*, 11 Oct. 1894.

<sup>231</sup> Parents' names per Johnson, *Early Families of Gouldsboro*, 275; month and year of birth per 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 235). Franklin Temple, aged 8, in John Temple household, 1870 U.S. Census, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 551, #138/154.

<sup>232</sup> Gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>233</sup> Maine Marriage Records, 1713–1937, Ancestry.com.

<sup>234</sup> Parents' names, birthplace and birth year from Maine Marriage Record (see note 233); year of death from gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>235</sup> Frank Temple households, 1900–10 U.S. Censuses, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 56, p. 175B, #222/229 (1900); #227/236 (1910); Grover L. Smith households, 1920–40 U.S. Censuses, Gouldsboro, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 20, p. 42A, #199/201 (1920); E.D. 5-21; p. 149B; #262/268 (1930); E.D. 5-28, p. 271B, #16 (1940).

<sup>236</sup> World War I Registration Card for Marcellus H. Winslow.

<sup>237</sup> Gravestone, Hillside Cemetery, Birch Harbor.

<sup>238</sup> Social Security Death Index, 1935–Current, Ancestry.com.

<sup>239</sup> Maine Marriage Records, 1713–1937, Ancestry.com.

<sup>240</sup> Maine Death Index, 1970–1997, Ancestry.com.

<sup>241</sup> Maine Marriages, 1892–1996, Ancestry.com.

<sup>242</sup> Frank A. Watson household, 1900 U.S. Census, Melrose, Middlesex Co., Mass., E.D. 882, p. 306B, #2/137/148; Albert Winslow household, 1910 U.S. Census, Winter Harbor, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 69, p. 68A, #147/150; Marcellus H. Winslow household, 1920 U.S. Census, Winter Harbor, Hancock Co., Maine, E.D. 20, p. 53A, #129/131; Marcellus H. Winslow household, 1920 U.S. Census, Fitchburg, Worcester Co., Mass. E.D. 14-177, p. 100B, #17/29/46.

<sup>243</sup> Based on age in U.S. Census data (see note 19): 11 in 1850 and 20 in 1860.

<sup>244</sup> Civil War Draft Registration Record for William H. Bickford, Gouldsboro, Maine.

# THE HATCH AND PEARE FAMILIES OF GREENE, MAINE, AND THEIR MIGRATIONS

By Edward G. Hubbard

(Continued from Vol. 35, p. 157)

## THE FAMILY OF JAMES PEARE

**JAMES PEARE** was baptized in Berwick, Maine, 10 July 1763, son of James and Love (Butler) Peare.<sup>139</sup> He died in Greene, 4 January 1847.<sup>140</sup> He was of Sanford, Maine, when he married in Wells, 27 September 1780, PHEBE HATCH.<sup>141</sup> She was probably the unnamed daughter of John and Bathsheba (Goodale) Hatch who was baptized in Wells 16 September 1759.<sup>142</sup> James sold his land in Sanford on 3 June 1796,<sup>143</sup> and had settled in Greene by the time his fourth child was born there in 1798. (This was about the same time that Elias and Eliakim Hatch settled in Greene, in perhaps a chain migration of related families.) Phebe was probably living in 1820,<sup>144</sup> but most likely died soon afterwards, as James married secondly in Greene, 18 May 1822, LYDIA BARNES.<sup>145</sup>

Although one of James's sons moved frequently, the other remained in Greene. Three of his daughters settled in the neighboring town of Leeds.

Children of James and Phebe (Hatch) Peare:<sup>146</sup>

- i CHARLES PEARE, b. Sanford, 15 Dec. 1787, d. 1875 and bur. in True Cemetery, Livermore;<sup>147</sup> m. (int.) Greene, 21 Oct. 1812, and m. (int.) Lewiston, 25 Oct. 1812, BETSEY WRIGHT,<sup>148</sup> b. 7 Nov. 1794, daughter of Timothy and Judith (Rowe) Wright,<sup>149</sup> d. 16 Aug. 1847, age 56, and bur. with her husband in True Cemetery.<sup>150</sup>

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<sup>139</sup> Joseph Crook Anderson II, ed., *Records of the First and Second Churches of Berwick, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1999), 97.

<sup>140</sup> Greene VRs, p. 79. Note, in "Parents of Lucy Hatch," I gave the date as 1 April 1847 based on a correspondent's statement that it was recorded as such in "a family Bible." Since the provenance of the Bible is unknown, the date given in the town records is preferable.

<sup>141</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 83.

<sup>142</sup> Hubbard, "Parents of Lucy Hatch," 115–16.

<sup>143</sup> York Co. Deeds, 62:258.

<sup>144</sup> James "Pere" (Peare) household, 1820 U.S. census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 629.

<sup>145</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>146</sup> Greene VRs, p. 79. While all are recorded in Greene, only the last three births occurred there.

<sup>147</sup> Findagrave.com.

<sup>148</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section; Douglas I. Hodgkin, comp., *Records of Lewiston, Maine* 2 vols., (Rockport, Maine, 2001), 2:414 (hereafter cited as Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston*).

<sup>149</sup> Janus G. Elder, *A History of Lewiston, Maine, with a Genealogical Register of Early Families* (Auburn, Maine, 1989), 362–63.

<sup>150</sup> Findagrave.com.

Charles Peare moved frequently; he was living in Lewiston in 1820, in Greene in 1830, in Leeds in 1840, in Winthrop in 1850, in Turner in 1860, and in Byron 1870.<sup>151</sup>

Children:<sup>152</sup> 1. *Judith Peare*, b. Lewiston, 2 April 1814. 2. *John Hatch Peare*, b. Lewiston, 10 Aug. 1816. 3. poss. daughter, b. ca. 1818, prob. d. young.<sup>153</sup> 4. *James Stillman Peare*, b. Lewiston, 23 Dec. 1820. 5. *Charles Peare*, b. 16 (or 6) May 1822.<sup>154</sup> 6. *Rufus King Peare*, b. [calc.] July 1825.<sup>155</sup> 7. poss. son, b. ca. 1828, d. prob. by 1840.<sup>156</sup> 8. *Nathaniel Blaisdell Peare*, b. 18 Jan. 1831.<sup>157</sup> 9. *Diana Peare*, b. Leeds, June 1836.<sup>158</sup> 10. *Horace Peare*, b. Leeds, 5 Nov. 1840.<sup>159</sup>

ii possible daughter, b. by 1790, d. prob. by 1800.<sup>160</sup>

iii JAMES PEARE (Jr.), b. Sanford, 17 Dec. 1792, d. Greene, 23 June 1881;<sup>161</sup> m. (1) Greene, 2 Feb. 1817, LYDIA GRAY,<sup>162</sup> b. ca. 1797, d. Greene, 27 May 1837, aged 39;<sup>163</sup> m. (2) (int.) Greene, 1 June 1839, MERIBAH GRAY,<sup>164</sup> b. ca. 1801,<sup>165</sup> d. Greene, 13 Dec. 18[??] (prob. 1870–80).<sup>166</sup>

<sup>151</sup> Charles “Perey” household, 1820 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 235; Charles Peare household, 1830 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 46; Charles “Perea” household, 1840 U.S. Census, Leeds, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 158; Noah B. West household, 1850 U.S. Census, Winthrop, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 23, #79/93; Rufus Peare household, 1860 U.S. Census, Turner, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 75, #62/66; Rufus J. Peare household, 1870 U.S. Census, Byron, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 92, #14/13.

<sup>152</sup> First, second, fourth, and fifth in Hodgkin, *Records of Lewiston*, 287.

<sup>153</sup> Charles “Perey” household, 1820 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 235, included two females under 10 (one being Judith). Charles Peare household, 1830 Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 46, included only one young female aged 15–20 (Judith), and none aged 10–15.

<sup>154</sup> He m. 5 Dec. 1847, his 1st cousin, Martha Grant, daughter of Benjamin Hamilton and Martha (Peare) Grant (Mildred W. and Allen C. Estes, “The Grant Family of Leeds, Maine and Their Ancestors,” [TS, Maine State Library, Augusta], 2 [hereafter cited as Estes, “Grant Family”]).

<sup>155</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com. He d. Bethel, Maine, 12 Oct. 1904, aged 79 years, 3 months.

<sup>156</sup> Charles Peare household, 1830 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 46, included two males under 5 (one being Rufus). Charles “Perea” household, 1840 U.S. Census, Leeds, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 158, included only one male, aged 15–19 (Rufus).

<sup>157</sup> Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915, Familysearch.org

<sup>158</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com. Her parents and birthplace were named in the record. She d. Greene, 20 March 1909, “age 78,” but she was b. June 1836 (Fred Peare household, 1900 U.S. Census, Greene, Androscoggin, Maine, p. 5B, #92/95).

<sup>159</sup> Parents and birthplace named in record of 15 Oct. 1868 marriage in Hingham, Mass. (Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, Ancestry.com). Date and place of birth from Massachusetts, Mason Membership Cards, 1733–1990, Ancestry.com.

<sup>160</sup> James Peare household, 1790 census, Sanford, York Co., Maine, p. 359, included a female besides Phebe. James “Peary” household, 1800 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 113, did not include a female aged 10–16.

<sup>161</sup> Gravestone, Peare Cemetery, Greene, Maine.

<sup>162</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>163</sup> Original gravestone, Peare Cemetery, Greene, Maine. A stone that was erected much later gives the year as 1836 and her age as 40.

<sup>164</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

Children by 1st wife:<sup>167</sup> 1. *Moses Butler Peare*, b. 18 April 1818.<sup>168</sup> 2. *Lydia Peare*, b. 30 Nov. 1819. 3. *James Madison Peare*, b. 29 Aug. 1821. 4. *Almira Peare*, b. 14 Jan. 1823. 5. *Roxanna Peare*, b. 11 Nov. 1824. 6. *Nathaniel Peare*, b. 20 Feb. 1827. 7. *Elizabeth Peare*, b. 20 Dec. 1828. 9. *Darius Peare*, b. 13 April 1831. 10. *Deborah Peare*, b. 14 April 1833. 11. *Euphemia Peare*, b. 8 April 1835.

Child by 2nd wife: 12. *Nathaniel Peare*, b. 18 Feb. 1841.<sup>169</sup>

iv possible son, b. 1790–1800, d. prob. by 1810.<sup>170</sup>

iv MARTHA PEARE, b. Sanford, 15 July 1796, d. Leeds, 21 Aug. 1893;<sup>171</sup> m. Greene, 11 Feb. 1816, BENJAMIN HAMILTON GRANT,<sup>172</sup> b. Lyman, Maine, 15 Feb. 1792, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Hamilton) Grant, d. Leeds, 29 Dec. 1876.<sup>173</sup>

Children:<sup>174</sup> 1. *Phebe Grant*, b. 2 July 1816.<sup>175</sup> 2. *Benjamin Hamilton Grant (Jr.)*, b. 15 June 1818. 3. *Sarah H. Grant*, b. 1820. 4. *Joshua Grant*, b. ca. 1822, d. young. 5. *Stephen W. Grant*, b. 22 June 1824. 6. *Josiah L. Grant*, b. 15 June 1826.<sup>176</sup> 7. *Martha Grant*, b. 25 July 1830.<sup>177</sup> 8. *Elmira Grant*, b. ca. 1833, d. young. 9. *Perry Grant*, b. 9 Sept. 1836. 10. *Amos P. Grant*, b. 30 March 1842.

v PHEBE PEARE, b. Greene, 15 Feb. 1798, d. Leeds, 3 April 1886;<sup>178</sup> m. Greene, 3 Jan. 1819, HARVEY ROSE,<sup>179</sup> b. Greene, 2 April 1798, son of Seth and Cynthia (House) Rose, d. Leeds, 1885.<sup>180</sup>

Children:<sup>181</sup> 1. *Lurana Rose*, b. 11 Jan. 1820. 2. *Florentine A. Rose*, b. 13 Dec. 1821. 3. *Leonard Stillman Rose*, b. 1 Feb. 1825. 4. *Penelope Rose*, b. 27 Feb. 1827.

<sup>165</sup> Age 49 in 1850 per James “Perea” (Peare) household, 1850 U.S. census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 339, #62/63.

<sup>166</sup> Gravestone, Peare Cemetery, Greene, Maine. The exact year of her death cannot be read, as the stone has been partially engulfed by a tree trunk. She was enumerated in the James Peare household in 1870 (U.S. Census, Greene, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 118, #74/79) and James was a widower in 1880 (James Peare household, 1880 U.S. Census, Greene, Androscoggin Co., Maine, E.D. 6, p. 143, #222/230).

<sup>167</sup> Greene VRs, p. 90.

<sup>168</sup> He m. (int.) Greene, 8 June 1839, his 1st cousin, Phebe Grant, daughter of Benjamin Hamilton and Martha (Peare) Grant (Greene VRs, Marriages).

<sup>169</sup> Greene VRs, p. 90. He is listed as if his mother had been Lydia, rather than Meribah.

<sup>170</sup> James “Peary” household, 1800 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 113, included two males under 10 (one being James Jr.). James “Perry” household, 1810 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 270, included only two males, aged 16–26 (Charles and James Jr.).

<sup>171</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

<sup>172</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>173</sup> Estes, “Grant Family,” 1.

<sup>174</sup> Estes, “Grant Family,” 1–4.

<sup>175</sup> She m. (int.) Greene, 8 June 1839, her 1st cousin, Moses Butler Peare, son of James and Lydia (Gray) Peare (Greene VRs, Marriages).

<sup>176</sup> He m. 29 Sept. 1850, his 1st cousin, Rebecca Rose, daughter of Harvey and Phebe (Peare) Rose (Estes, “Grant Family,” 2).

<sup>177</sup> She m. 5 Dec. 1847, her 1st cousin, Charles Peare (Jr.), son of Charles and Betsey (Wright) Peare (Estes, “Grant family,” 2).

<sup>178</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

<sup>179</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>180</sup> *Maine Families in 1790*, 5:257.

<sup>181</sup> Provided by Kimberly Rose (Gautreau) Peare, 13 April 2012 e-mail message.

5. *Caleb House Rose*, b. 5 July 1829. 6. *Rebecca Rose*, b. 14 Oct. 1834.<sup>182</sup> 7. *Macy G. or Mary C. Rose*, b. 4 Jan. 1842.

vi LOVE PEARE, b. Greene, 22 April 1800, d. Leeds, 26 Nov. 1884; never married.<sup>183</sup>

vii ALMIRA PEARE, b. Greene, 25 July 1805, living in 1820.<sup>184</sup> No further record found.

#### THE FAMILY OF GIDEON HATCH

**GIDEON HATCH** was born in Wells about 1758,<sup>185</sup> son of Gideon and Rebecca (Hatch) Hatch.<sup>186</sup> He died in Denmark, Maine, 9 September 1829.<sup>187</sup> He married in Wells, 18 June 1778, ANNA/ANN BASTON of Sanford,<sup>188</sup> born about 1756,<sup>189</sup> and probably still living in 1840.<sup>190</sup>

Gideon was enumerated in Greene in 1800,<sup>191</sup> but moved away from there at an earlier date than any of the other Hatch settlers of that town. By 1810 he was in Windham, Maine,<sup>192</sup> and in 1820 he was in Denmark.<sup>193</sup> Ann was probably the female aged 80–90 living in 1840 in the household of her son John in Fryeburg.

In the next generation, Gideon's family scattered much more widely than did the other families considered thus far in this study. They migrated virtually in all directions to towns located in Maine's Somerset, Oxford, Cumberland, York, Penobscot, and Piscataquis counties.

Children of Gideon and Anna/Ann (Baston) Hatch:<sup>194</sup>

- i REBECCA HATCH, b. 10 May 1781, d. Greene, 25 March 1807,<sup>195</sup> m. 8 March 1800, ALEXANDER GOULD,<sup>196</sup> b. ca. 1778, son of Alexander and Margaret

<sup>182</sup> She m. 29 Sept. 1850, her 1st cousin, Josiah L. Grant, son of Benjamin Hamilton and Martha (Peare) Grant (Estes, "Grant Family," 2).

<sup>183</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

<sup>184</sup> James "Pere" (Peare) household, 1820 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec, Maine, p. 629 (female, aged 15–20).

<sup>185</sup> Probably at least 20 at marriage. His baptism is not recorded in Wells, but that of an older brother, Ebenezer, took place on 13 March 1757 ("First Church Wells," NEHGR 75[1921]: 312).

<sup>186</sup> Gideon (Sr.) and Rebecca also migrated to Greene and were enumerated there in 1800 (Gideon Hatch household, 1810 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p.110). Walter Lindley Mower, *Sesquicentennial History of the Town of Greene, Androscoggin County, Maine: 1775 to 1900*, Auburn, Maine (1938), 469 (hereafter cited as *History of Greene*) gives their dates of death as 29 June 1817 and 25 Dec. 1803, respectively.

<sup>187</sup> Revolutionary War Pension #W23198.

<sup>188</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 81.

<sup>189</sup> She was aged 82 when she applied for a pension 12 Sept. 1838 (Revolutionary War Pension #W23198).

<sup>190</sup> John Hatch household, 1840 U.S. Census, Fryeburg, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 189.

<sup>191</sup> Gideon Hatch Jr. household, 1800 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 112.

<sup>192</sup> Gideon Hatch household, 1810 U.S. Census, Windham, Cumberland Co., Maine, p.361.

<sup>193</sup> Gideon Hatch household, 1820 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 166.

<sup>194</sup> Greene VRs, p. 10. Rhoda's birth is also recorded on p. 3.

<sup>195</sup> Greene VRs, Death Records (not paginated).

<sup>196</sup> Maine Marriages to 1875, Ancestry.com.

- (Emery) Gould,<sup>197</sup> d. New Portland, Maine, 3 March 1859, aged 81.<sup>198</sup> Alexander m. (2) (int.) New Portland, 25 June 1808, Eunice Carsley.<sup>199</sup>  
 Children, b. Greene:<sup>200</sup> 1. *Alexander Gould*, b. 13 March 1801. 2. *Benjamin Gould*, b. 2 May 1803. 3. *John Gould*, b. 30 Nov. 1805.
- ii SARAH/SALLY HATCH, b. 9 June 1784, d. Windham, 26 April 1837;<sup>201</sup> m. Greene, 6 July 1806, ISRAEL HODGDON,<sup>202</sup> b. Windham, 13 Aug. 1784, son of Israel and Mary (Pearl) Hodgdon, d. there 29 June 1841.<sup>203</sup> They relocated from Denmark to Windham by 1830.<sup>204</sup> Census records suggest 1 son b. by 1810 and 4 sons and 2 daughters b. 1810–20.<sup>205</sup>
- iii LEBBEUS HATCH, b. 18 June 1787, living in New Portland in 1810 with an apparent wife and two sons.<sup>206</sup> No further information found.
- iv LUCY HATCH, b. 4 Jan. 1790, d. Sanford, 22 Aug. 1869;<sup>207</sup> m. Greene, 22 Sept. 1805, DANIEL GOULD,<sup>208</sup> b. [calc.] 27 March 1781, son of Alexander and Margaret (Emery) Gould,<sup>209</sup> d. Sanford, 8 Feb. 1851, aged 69 years, 10 months, 11 days.<sup>210</sup> They lived in Denmark from at least 1820 through 1850.<sup>211</sup>  
 Children: 1. *Rebecca H. Gould*, b. New Portland, [calc.] 30 Oct. 1806.<sup>212</sup> 2. *Alpheus Gould*, b. 16 June 1808.<sup>213</sup> 3. *Hannah H. Gould*, b. New Vineyard, 25 Oct. 1811.<sup>214</sup>
- v DEBORAH HATCH, b. 4 Jan. 1790, living in 1860;<sup>215</sup> m. Greene, 4 March 1806, BENJAMIN GOULD,<sup>216</sup> b. 3 Dec. 1782, son of Alexander and Margaret (Emery) Gould, d. 14 Nov. 1865.<sup>217</sup> They lived in Denmark and Windham.

<sup>197</sup> Everett S. Stackpole, *Old Kittery and Her Families* (Lewiston, Maine. 1903), 465 (hereafter cited as Stackpole, *Old Kittery*).

<sup>198</sup> Gravestone, West New Portland Cemetery, findagrave.com.

<sup>199</sup> Vital Records of New Portland, Maine, p. 9 [microfilm, Maine State Archives, reel 381].

<sup>200</sup> Greene VRs, Family Records, part 4, p. 10.

<sup>201</sup> Samuel D. Rumery, "Records of Windham, Maine," typescript (1930), at Maine Historical Society Library, Portland,.

<sup>202</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>203</sup> Andrew Jackson Hodgdon, *Genealogy of the Descendants of Nicholas Hodsdon-Hodgdon of Hingham, Mass., and Kittery, Maine, 1635–1904* (Haverhill, Mass.. 1904), 101.

<sup>204</sup> "Israel Hodsdon" household, 1830 U.S. Census, Windham, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 191.

<sup>205</sup> Israel Hodgdon household, 1820 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 166.

<sup>206</sup> Libeus Hatch household, 1810 U.S. Census, New Portland, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 231.

<sup>207</sup> Gravestone, Cole family Cemetery #1, Sanford, findagrave.com.

<sup>208</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>209</sup> Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 465.

<sup>210</sup> Gravestone, Cole family Cemetery #1, Sanford, findagrave.com.

<sup>211</sup> Daniel Gould household, 1820 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 164; 1850 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co. Maine, p. 151, #35/35.

<sup>212</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922 Ancestry.com. Rebecca H. Cole d. 4 Sept. 1896, aged 89 years, 10 months, 4 days.

<sup>213</sup> Maine, Veterans Cemetery Records, 1676–1918, FamilySearch.org. He served in the army during the Mexican War. He and his family were living with his parents in 1850 (Daniel Gould household, 1850 U.S. Census, Waterford-Sweden-Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 151, #35/35–36.

<sup>214</sup> Gravestone and notations, Cole Family Cemetery #1, Sanford, findagrave.com.

<sup>215</sup> Joseph Gould household, 1860 U.S. Census, Minot, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 611, #349/354. Several undocumented Ancestry.com family trees claim she d. in March 1862.

- Children, as found, but probably at least four others:<sup>218</sup> 1. *George Gould*, b. [calc.] 26 Aug. 1809.<sup>219</sup> 2. *Margaret Gould*, b. 15 July 1815.<sup>220</sup> 3. *Joseph Gould*, b. Standish, Maine, [calc.] 2 June 1830.<sup>221</sup>
- vi JOHN HATCH, b. 7 April 1792; m. Denmark, 5 Nov. 1813, LOIS ALEXANDER,<sup>222</sup> b. N.H., ca. 1796. John lived in Denmark in 1830, in neighboring Fryeburg in 1840,<sup>223</sup> and in Orono, Maine, in 1850.<sup>224</sup>
- Probable children:<sup>225</sup> 1. *Alexander Hatch*, b. ca. 1817.<sup>226</sup> 2. *John Hatch*, b. ca. 1821.<sup>227</sup> 3. daughter, b. 1820–25.<sup>228</sup> 4. *Clara Hatch*, b. ca. 1828.<sup>229</sup> 5. *Mary Hatch*, b. ca. 1835.<sup>230</sup>
- vii ANNA HATCH, b. 7 April 1795 (“Annar” in birth record), d. Abbot, Maine, 24 Feb. 1864;<sup>231</sup> m. New Portland, 1 Nov. 1811, LEVI STEVENS,<sup>232</sup> b. Winthrop, 3 April 1787, son of Amos and Mary (Whiting) Stevens, d. Abbot, 30 April 1866, aged 79.<sup>233</sup>

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<sup>216</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>217</sup> Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 466.

<sup>218</sup> Benjamin “Goold” household, 1820 U.S. Census, Windham, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 169, included a female aged 10–14, and a female and two males under 10. Benjamin Gould household, 1830 U.S. Census, Standish, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 71, include a male aged 15–19, a male and female aged 10–14, a female aged 5–9, and a female under 5.

<sup>219</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com: d. 26 Dec. 1895, aged 86 years, 4 months, 0 days.

<sup>220</sup> Gravestone and notations, North Raymond Cemetery, East Raymond, Maine, findagrave.com.

<sup>221</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com: d. 21 Feb. 1913, aged 82 years, 8 months, 19 days.

<sup>222</sup> Vital Records of Denmark, Maine p. 38 [ microfilm, Maine State Archives] (hereafter cited as Denmark VRs).

<sup>223</sup> John Hatch household, 1830 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 276; John Hatch household, 1840 U.S. Census, Fryeburg, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 189.

<sup>224</sup> John Hatch household, 1850 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 247, #191/294.

<sup>225</sup> John Hatch household, 1830 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 276, included a male age 10–14, a male and a female aged 5–9, and a female under 5. John Hatch household, 1840 U.S. Census, Fryeburg, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 189, included a male aged 20–29, a male and a female aged 15–19, a female aged 10–14, and a female aged 5–9.

<sup>226</sup> Alexander Hatch household, 1850 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 246, #183/281.

<sup>227</sup> John Hatch Jr. household, 1850 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 245, #174/220.

<sup>228</sup> John Hatch household, 1830 U.S. Census, Fryeburg, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 189, included a female aged 15–19.

<sup>229</sup> John Hatch household, 1850 Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 247, #191/522.

<sup>230</sup> John Hatch household, 1850 Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 247, #191/522.

<sup>231</sup> *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Piscataquis County*, Maine Old Cemetery Association Special Publication No. 4, CD-Rom (Rockport, Maine, 2004), image 40 (hereafter cited as *Piscataquis Co. Inscriptions*).

<sup>232</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, FamilySearch.org.

<sup>233</sup> *Piscataquis Co. Inscriptions*, image 40.



- Children:<sup>234</sup> 1. *Harriet Boston Stevens*, b. 18 May 1815. 2. *Hiram Stevens*, b. 18 April 1817. 3. *Olive Stevens*, b. 17 May 1819. 4. *Rhoda Stevens*, b. 16 Oct. 1820. 5. *James Hervey Stevens*, b. 25 Aug. 1822. 6. *Levi Stevens*, b. 1 Nov. 1824. 7. *Celia Stevens*, b. 15 July 1827. 8. *Amos Stevens*, b. 11 May 1829. 9. *Thurston W. Stevens*, b. ca.1833. 10. *Alonzo W. Stevens*, b. Blanchard, Maine, [calc.] May-June 1837.<sup>235</sup> 11. *Phebe C. Stevens*, b. ca. 1842.
- viii THOMAS HATCH, b. 4 April 1798, d. Biddeford, Maine, 7 April 1884,<sup>236</sup> m. Denmark, 8 Sept. 1816, ANNA L. PEARY,<sup>237</sup> b. March 1794, d. Biddeford, 14 Dec. 1880.<sup>238</sup> Thomas was living in 1820 and 1830 in Denmark,<sup>239</sup> and in Saco, Maine, in 1850.<sup>240</sup> They had probably at least five children,<sup>241</sup> among whom were: 1. *Elizabeth G. Hatch*, b. Denmark, [calc.] 13 Sept. 1821.<sup>242</sup> 2. *Thaddeus S. Hatch*, b. Saco, [calc.] Aug. 1833.<sup>243</sup>
- ix RHODA HATCH, b. 31 Aug. 1802, d. Cape Elizabeth, Maine, 21 June 1864,<sup>244</sup> m. ca. 1823, ISRAEL BURBANK,<sup>245</sup> b. ca. 1789, son of Israel Burbank, d. Cape Elizabeth, 12 June 1867, aged 78.<sup>246</sup> They lived in Denmark through at least until 1860.<sup>247</sup>
- Children:<sup>248</sup> 1. *Henry Burbank*, b. ca. 1824. 2. *Gideon Hatch Burbank*, b.27 June 1826. 3. *Albion Burbank*, b. 17 April 1829. 4. *Benjamin Franklin Burbank*, b. 22 Sept. 1832. 5. *Asa Burbank*, b. ca. 1835. 6. *Louisa Jane Burbank*, d. young. 7. *Louisa Jane Burbank*, b. ca. 1839. 8. *George Edwin Hatch*, b. ca. 1843. 9. *Mary Burbank*, b. May 1846. 10. *Israel Burbank*, b. ca. 1849.

<sup>234</sup> For the first eight (b. Salem, Maine), Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1800, FamilySearch.org. For the others, Levi Stevens household, 1850 U.S. Census, Abbot, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 229, #38/40.

<sup>235</sup> Massachusetts, Death Records, 1841–1915, FamilySearch.org: d. 1 March 1873, aged 35 years, 9 months.

<sup>236</sup> Gravestone, Woodlawn Cemetery, Biddeford, findagrave.com.

<sup>237</sup> Denmark VRs, p.38.

<sup>238</sup> Gravestone Woodlawn Cemetery, Biddeford, findagrave.com.

<sup>239</sup> Thomas Hatch household, 1820 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 166; 1830 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 276.

<sup>240</sup> Thomas Hatch household, 1850 U.S. Census, Saco, York Co., Maine, p. 301, #78/83.

<sup>241</sup> Thomas Hatch household, 1820 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 167, included a male under 10. Thomas Hatch household, 1830 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 276, included a male and two females aged 5–9, and a female under age 5.

<sup>242</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com: Elizabeth d. 29 Jan. 1904, aged 82 years, 4 months, 16 days.

<sup>243</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com: Thaddeus d. 3 Sept. 1898, aged 65 years, 1 month.

<sup>244</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

<sup>245</sup> Based on birth of first child.

<sup>246</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

<sup>247</sup> Israel Burbank household, 1860 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 258, #115/116.

<sup>248</sup> Births dates of the second and third from Maine Vital Records, 1670–1907, FamilySearch.org, where their birthplace is given as Cape Elizabeth. For the others, George Burbank Sedgley, *Genealogy of the Burbank family* (Farmington, Maine, 1928), 182; Israel Burbank household, 1850 U.S. Census, Waterford, Sweden and Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 149, #11/11.

- ix GIDEON HATCH, b. ca. 1804–10,<sup>249</sup> lived in Denmark and d. 24 May 1869,<sup>250</sup> m. Denmark, 19 Nov. 1829, LYDIA COLBY,<sup>251</sup> b. Denmark, 1801, d. ca. 1867.<sup>252</sup>  
 Children:<sup>253</sup> 1. *Andrew C. Hatch*, b. ca. 1831. 2. *Mary E. Hatch*, b. ca. 1832. 3. *Henry C. Hatch*, b. Dec. 1835.<sup>254</sup> 4. *Susan P. Hatch*, b. ca. 1838. 5. *Ann A. Hatch*, b. ca. 1840. 6. *William W. Hatch*, b. ca. 1845.

#### THE FAMILIES OF JESSE, JOSIAH, AND SAMUEL HATCH

Jesse, Josiah, and Samuel were probably brothers,<sup>255</sup> and, as such, sons of Jesse (Sr.) and Mary (Crediford) Hatch of Wells, whose son Jesse was baptized in Wells 3 July 1776.<sup>256</sup> In 1790, the household of Jesse (Sr.) included four young males, two over 16 years of age or over and two under 16.<sup>257</sup> These brothers may have been drawn to Greene because of family ties. Gideon Hatch was their first cousin, as his mother was a sister of their father, and through the male line, he was their father's second cousin. They arrived in Greene considerably later than the other families covered in this study and (unlike most of them) stayed there. However, most of their children moved on in due course. Some went to the nearby towns of Litchfield, Monmouth, and Lewiston, while the migrations of others took them farther afield, to Bradford (Maine), New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and even Wisconsin.

**JESSE HATCH** was born in Wells, [calc.] June 1774, son of Jesse (Sr.) and Mary (Crediford) Hatch of Wells. He died in Greene, 30 December 1863, age 89 years, 6 months.<sup>258</sup> He married in Wells, 7 July 1796, ELIZABETH/BETSEY HATCH,<sup>259</sup> who was born about 1777 and baptized in Wells, 24 January 1781, daughter of Jonathan and Priscilla (Storer) Hatch.<sup>260</sup> She died in Greene, 3 Septem-

<sup>249</sup> Gideon Hatch household, 1810 U.S. Census, Windham, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 291, included a male under 10. Gideon Hatch household, 1820 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 166, included a male aged 10–16.

<sup>250</sup> Eugene C. Colby, "One Branch of the Colby Family," typescript (revised 1950 by Alice H. Colby), Maine Historical Society Library, Portland, 15 (hereafter cited as Colby, "Colby Family").

<sup>251</sup> Denmark VRs, p. 98.

<sup>252</sup> Colby, "Colby Family," 15.

<sup>253</sup> Gideon Hatch household, 1850 U.S. Census, Denmark, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 150, #16/16.

<sup>254</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

<sup>255</sup> Eaton, "Maxwell Family," 84, describes them as such, while the timing of their migration to Greene, as well as their proximity in that town, point to their close relationship. The *History of Greene*, 470, in fact describes Samuel as a brother of Josiah.

<sup>256</sup> "First Church Wells," NEHGR 76(1922):110.

<sup>257</sup> Jesse Hatch household, 1790 U.S. Census, Wells, York Co., Maine, p. 281. Note the first son of Jesse (Sr.) was Evat, bp. 17 Nov. 1771 ("First Church Wells," NEHGR 76[1922]:107), who may have d. at a relatively early age and, in any case, did not migrate to Greene.

<sup>258</sup> Greene VRs, p. 89; gravestone, Peare Cemetery, Greene, findagrave.com..

<sup>259</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 90.

<sup>260</sup> "First Church Wells," NEHGR 76[1922]:187.

ber 1863, aged 86.<sup>261</sup> They moved to Lewiston by 1800,<sup>262</sup> and from at least 1810 resided in Greene.<sup>263</sup>

Children of Jesse and Elizabeth/Betsey (Hatch) Hatch:<sup>264</sup>

- i EVAT HATCH, b. 19 Oct. 1796, living in Litchfield in 1870,<sup>265</sup> but probably d. by 1880 when he is not found in the U.S. census; m. (1) Harmony, 22 April 1819, ABIGAIL HATCH,<sup>266</sup> b. Wells, 1794, probable dau. of Eliakim and Zerviah (Maxwell) Hatch (see discussion above), d. in the period 1820–27;<sup>267</sup> m. (2) Greene, 23 Aug. 1827, NANCY PARSONS,<sup>268</sup> b. ca. 1800, d. Litchfield, 7 Oct. 1876.<sup>269</sup> They moved from Greene to Phippsburg by 1840 and to Litchfield in 1845.<sup>270</sup>

Children by 2nd wife:<sup>271</sup> 1. *Eliza A. Hatch*, b. 24 March 1828. 2. *Rebecca L. Hatch*, b. 1 Jan. 1832. 3. *Elbridge P. Hatch*, b. 31 March 1834. 3. *Jane M. Hatch*, b. 13 Dec. 1836. 4. *Silas L. Hatch*, b. 2 Dec. 1838.
- ii NAHUM HATCH, b. 1 Dec. 1803, d. Litchfield, 24 April 1866<sup>272</sup>; m. (int.) Greene, 6 Dec. 1828, JANE PARSONS,<sup>273</sup> b. Phippsburg, 13 Feb. 1809,<sup>274</sup> d. 6 April 1892.<sup>275</sup> They moved to Litchfield in April 1841.<sup>276</sup>

Children:<sup>277</sup> 1. *Cyrus Hatch*, b. 11 Dec. 1829. 2. *John Parsons Hatch*, b. 25 Feb. 1832. 3. *Jesse Lee Hatch*, b. 29 Oct. 1834. 4. *Joseph Scott Hatch*, b. 21 June 1836. 5. *Rebecca J. Hatch*, b. 10 Jan. 1839. 6. *Julia A. Hatch*, b. 21 Jan. 1841. 7. *Laura E. Hatch*, b. 31 July 1843. 8. *Augustus Hatch*, b. 25 Feb. 1846. 9. *Isabelle Hatch*, b. 26 Aug. 1848.

<sup>261</sup> Gravestone, Peare Cemetery, Greene, findagrave.com.

<sup>262</sup> Jesse Hatch household, 1800 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 97.

<sup>263</sup> Jesse Hatch household, 1810 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 267.

<sup>264</sup> Greene VRs, p. 89.

<sup>265</sup> Evat Hatch household, 1870 U.S. Census, Litchfield, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 360, #333/333.

<sup>266</sup> Harmony VRs, Marriages 1803–1837, p. 102.

<sup>267</sup> She was living in 1820 (Evat Hatch household, 1820 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset, Maine, p. 154) but d. by 1827, when Evat remarried.

<sup>268</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>269</sup> Marlene A. Groves, comp., *Vital Records of Litchfield, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2010), 359 (hereafter cited as Groves, *Litchfield VRs.*); also, gravestone, Litchfield Plains Cemetery, findagrave.com.

<sup>270</sup> Evat Hatch household, 1840 U.S. Census, Phippsburg, Lincoln Co., Maine, p.168; Oliver B. Clason, *History of Litchfield and an Account of Its Centennial Celebration* (Augusta, Maine, 1895), 161 (hereafter cited as Clason, *History of Litchfield*).

<sup>271</sup> Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 161.

<sup>272</sup> Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 161; also, gravestone, Litchfield Plains Cemetery, findagrave.com.

<sup>273</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>274</sup> Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 160.

<sup>275</sup> Gravestone, Litchfield Plains Cemetery.

<sup>276</sup> Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 160.

<sup>277</sup> Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 160.

- iii NAOMI HATCH, b. 11 June 1806, d. Bradford, 1879;<sup>278</sup> m. (int.) Greene, 2 May 1828, BENJAMIN CHADBOURNE,<sup>279</sup> b. Greene, 1 March 1805, son of Jacob Hatch and Susanna (Lowe) Chadbourne,<sup>280</sup> d. Bradford, 1870.<sup>281</sup> They moved to Bradford by 1840.<sup>282</sup>
- Children:<sup>283</sup> 1. *Caroline Chadbourne*, b. ca. 1830. 2. *Andrew Joseph Chadbourne*, b. 22 April 1832. 3. *Jesse H. Chadbourne*, b. ca. 1834. 4. *Cornelius D. Chadbourne*, b. ca. 1835. 5. *Joseph Fuller Chadbourne*, b. ca. 1837. 6. *Evat H. Chadbourne*, b. ca. 1839. 7. *Anne H. E. Chadbourne*, b. ca. 1842. 8. *Joseph Chadbourne*, b. ca. 1844. 9. *James K. P. Chadbourne* (twin), b. Bradford, 3 March 1848. 10. *George M. D. Chadbourne* (twin), b. Bradford, 3 March 1848.
- iv BETSY HATCH, b. 18 March 1813, d. Greene, 27 Jan. 1863;<sup>284</sup> m. Greene, 27 Jan. 1857, ISAAC FURBUSH,<sup>285</sup> b. 2 Oct. 1809,<sup>286</sup> d. 9 Oct. 1889.<sup>287</sup>
- Child: 1. *John Furbush*, b. Greene, 28 Feb. 1859, d. 14 Dec. 1882.<sup>288</sup>

**JOSIAH HATCH** was born in Wells (calc.) 2 Oct. 1775 and died 22 January 1852, aged 76 years, 3 months, 20 days.<sup>289</sup> He married first in Wells, 18 September 1810, ESTHER MORRISON,<sup>290</sup> who was born circa 1789 and died in Greene, 5 June 1825, aged 36.<sup>291</sup> They settled in Greene by 1820.<sup>292</sup> Josiah married secondly Mrs. REBECCA (PARSONS) COUILLARD of Phippsburg, their intentions recorded in Greene 28 April 1827.<sup>293</sup> She was born in 1791 and died 21 July 1831.<sup>294</sup> His third wife was PRUDENCE ANN WARREN of Lisbon, their intentions recorded in Greene 18 September 1832.<sup>295</sup> Prudence was born 1 January 1790 and died 30 May 1883.<sup>296</sup>

Children of Josiah Hatch and his 1st wife, Esther (Morrison):<sup>297</sup>

<sup>278</sup> Gravestone, Corner Cemetery, Bradford, findagrave.com.

<sup>279</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>280</sup> Greene VRs, p. 25; Bacon, *Chadbourne Family*, 193.

<sup>281</sup> Gravestone, Corner Cemetery, Bradford, findagrave.com.

<sup>282</sup> Benjamin Chadburne household, 1840 U.S. Census, Bradford, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 136.

<sup>283</sup> Bacon, *Chadbourne Family*, 295; Benjamin "Cadburn" household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bradford, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 210, #172/177.

<sup>284</sup> Greene VRs, Family Records, part 3, p. 40.

<sup>285</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>286</sup> Greene VRs, Family Records, part 3, p. 40.

<sup>287</sup> Gravestone, Greenwood Cemetery, Greene Center, findagrave.com.

<sup>288</sup> Greene VRs, Family Records, part 3, p. 40.

<sup>289</sup> Gravestone, Peare Cemetery, Greene, findagrave.com.

<sup>290</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 141.

<sup>291</sup> Greene VRs, p. 95; also, gravestone, Peare Cemetery, Greene, findagrave.com.

<sup>292</sup> Josiah Hatch household, 1820 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 626.

<sup>293</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>294</sup> Gravestone, Litchfield Plains Cemetery, Litchfield.

<sup>295</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>296</sup> Gravestone, Peare Cemetery, Greene, findagrave.com.

<sup>297</sup> Greene VRs, Family Records, part 1, p. 95.

- i NANCY HATCH, b.15 [—] 1812, living in 1850 in Manchester, N.H.<sup>298</sup> No further record found.
- ii JOSIAH HATCH Jr., b. 28 Sept. 1815, single in 1850 and described as blind and idiotic.<sup>299</sup>
- iii ESTHER HATCH, b. 14 March 1817, living in 1880 in Monmouth, Maine,<sup>300</sup> m. (int.) Greene, 12 Nov. 1848, DANIEL CROSSMAN DAILY of Monmouth,<sup>301</sup> b. Wales, Maine, 25 March 1816,<sup>302</sup> d. Monmouth, 22 May 1892.<sup>303</sup>  
Children:<sup>304</sup> 1. *George Kenny Daily*, b. 16 May 1852. 2. *Estella Daily*, b. ca. 1855. 3. *Olive Daily*, b. ca. 1858.
- iv EUNICE HATCH, b. 14 Jan. 1818, d. Manchester, N.H., 30 March 1900;<sup>305</sup> m. Lowell, Mass., 18 Feb. 1846, GEORGE W. KENNEY,<sup>306</sup> b. ca. 1821, son of Dudley and Sarah (—) Kenney,<sup>307</sup> d. Manchester, N.H., 26 Jan. 1852, aged 30.<sup>308</sup>  
Child: 1. *Abby Cass Kenny*, b. Lowell, Mass., 24 Nov. 1846.<sup>309</sup>
- v SOPHIA HATCH, b. 1 Feb. 1823, living Beaver Dam, Ore., in 1880;<sup>310</sup> m. (int.) Greene, 17 Oct. 1846, SAMUEL WARREN of Monmouth.<sup>311</sup>  
Children:<sup>312</sup> 1. *Vesta Warren*, b. Maine, ca. 1847. 2. *Morril Warren*, b. Wisc., ca. 1853.

**SAMUEL HATCH** was born in Wells, [calc.] May 1787, and died in Greene, 25 February 1857, aged 72 years, 9 months.<sup>313</sup> He married in Wells, 20 August 1812, MEHITABLE LITTLEFIELD,<sup>314</sup> who was born circa 1792, and died in Greene, 13 November 1861, aged 70.<sup>315</sup> They settled in Greene by 1820.<sup>316</sup>

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<sup>298</sup> George W. Kenney household, 1850 U.S. Census, Manchester, Hillsborough Co., New Hampshire, p. 82, #123/124.

<sup>299</sup> Daniel C. Daly household, 1850 U.S. Census, Livermore, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 257, #78/82.

<sup>300</sup> Daniel C. Daly household, 1880 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 99, p. 334, #283/314.

<sup>301</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>302</sup> Greene VRs, Family Records, part 2, p. 116.

<sup>303</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

<sup>304</sup> For the first, Greene Vital Records, Family Records, part 2, p. 116. For the others, Daniel Daly household, 1870 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 373, #25/25.

<sup>305</sup> New Hampshire, Death and Burial Records Index, 1654–1949, Ancestry.com.

<sup>306</sup> Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, Ancestry.com.

<sup>307</sup> His parents are named on his marriage record.

<sup>308</sup> New Hampshire, Death Records, 1654–1947, FamilySearch.org.

<sup>309</sup> Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, Ancestry.com.

<sup>310</sup> Martin Haskell household, 1880 U.S. Census, Beaver Dam, Washington Co., Ore., E.D. 129, p. 351, #2/2.

<sup>311</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>312</sup> Samuel Warren household, 1860 U.S. Census, Poysippi, Waushara Co., Wisc., p. 208, #1833/1643.

<sup>313</sup> Gravestone, Peare Cemetery, Greene, findagrave.com.

<sup>314</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 266.

<sup>315</sup> Gravestone, Peare Cemetery, Greene, findagrave.com.

<sup>316</sup> Samuel Hatch household, 1820 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 626.

Children of Samuel and Mehitabel (Littlefield) Hatch:<sup>317</sup>

- i DENNIS HATCH, b. 28 Nov. 1812, probably still living in 1830.<sup>318</sup>
- ii JESSE HATCH, b. 1 Sept. 1816, d. Litchfield, 19 Sept. 1899;<sup>319</sup> m. (int.) Greene, 6 May 1849, ELIZABETH A. NEAL of Litchfield,<sup>320</sup> b. 2 April 1828, d. Litchfield, 27 Sept. 1827.<sup>321</sup> They moved to Litchfield by 1860.<sup>322</sup>  
Children:<sup>323</sup> 1. *Oscar Miles Hatch*, b. 1850. 2. *George E. Hatch*, b. 1856. 3. *Madora/Dora E. Hatch*, b. 17 April 1860. 4. *Ida May Hatch*, 17 July 1864.
- iii HANNAH HATCH, b. 25 March 1820, d. Lewiston, d. 16 Dec. 1905;<sup>324</sup> m. (int.) Greene, 5 Feb. 1842, ELLERY BOND of Lewiston,<sup>325</sup> b. 10 Dec. 1818,<sup>326</sup> d. 17 Nov. 1888.<sup>327</sup>  
Children:<sup>328</sup> 1. *Elizabeth Ann Bond*, b. 23 Sep. 1844. 2. *Stillman Bond*, b. 11 March 1846. 3. *Hortense Bond*, b. 15 Feb. 1853. 4. *Hilda Bond*, b. 1855. 5. *Elson Bond*, b. 1857.
- iv MARY JANE HATCH, b. 22 Oct. 1822; m. Greene, 1 Dec. 1850, CYPRUS L. DILL of Webster,<sup>329</sup> b. 23 July 1818.<sup>330</sup> No known children.

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<sup>317</sup> Greene VRs, p. 143.

<sup>318</sup> Samuel Hatch household, 1830 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 45, included a male aged 15–20.

<sup>319</sup> Gravestone, Litchfield Plains Cemetery, Litchfield, findagrave.com.

<sup>320</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>321</sup> Gravestone, Litchfield Plains Cemetery, Litchfield, findagrave.com.

<sup>322</sup> Jesse Hatch household, 1860 U.S. Census, Litchfield, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 35, #285/283.

<sup>323</sup> For all four, Jesse Hatch household, 1870 U.S. Census, Litchfield, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 356, #256/258. For the youngest two, Groves, *Litchfield VRs*, 359.

<sup>324</sup> Gravestone, Riverside Cemetery, Lewiston, findagrave.com.

<sup>325</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>326</sup> Greene VRs, Family Records, part 2, p. 83.

<sup>327</sup> Gravestone, Riverside Cemetery, Lewiston, findagrave.com.

<sup>328</sup> For the first three, Greene VRs, Family Records, part 2, p. 83. For the last two, Ellery Bond household, 1870 U.S. Census, Lewiston Ward 2, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 215, #699/848, and gravestone, Riverside Cemetery, Lewiston, findagrave.com.

<sup>329</sup> Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

<sup>330</sup> Greene VRs, Family Records, part 2, p. 116.

NINETEENTH-CENTURY RECORDS OF THE  
FIRST AND SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES  
OF WELLS, MAINE

*Submitted by Priscilla Eaton*

(Continued from Vol. 35, p. 192)

Record of Deaths in the First Parish Church in Wells

14 Jan. 1828	Widow Sarah Gooch	86	Old age
24 Jan. 1828	Child of John Blabun		
24 Feb. 1828	Child of Dominic Pope	4	
7 March 1828	Johnson Littlefield	68	Fever
25 March 1828	#Tristram Gilman Esq	48	Unknown
30 March 1828	Child of Capt Joseph Bourn Jr	3	
1 April 1828	#Capt Hans Patten	93	Old age
10 April 1828	Phebe, daughter of Isaiah Gatchell		Inflammation of Brain
7 May 1828	Wife of Edward Cain		Consumption
25 May 1828	Child of Eliab Stevens		Throat Distemper
26 May 1828	Child of Samuel Rankin		Throat Distemper
4 June 1828	Child of John Blabun	2	
28 June 1828	Theodore <sup>55</sup> Wells	37	Burnt to death
1 July 1828	Samuel Hill Jr		Killed by Lightning
10 July 1828	Child of Capt Samuel L Bragdon		
9 Aug. 1828	Jonathan Jacobs	78	Consumption
18 Aug. 1828	Susanna, daughter of David Maxwell	18	Locked jaw
5 Sept. 1828	#Wife of William Littlefield	c.50	Lung disease
7 Sept. 1828 <sup>56</sup>	Child of Hobart Jones <sup>57</sup>		Disease of Brain
Nov. 1828	Sarah, dau of James Eaton		Consumption
	Bourn <sup>58</sup>		Fever
	Winn <sup>59</sup>		Old age
	Child of Stephen Kimball		
Jan. 1829	Mrs. Kall[—]		Consumption
	Bourne <sup>60</sup>		Old age
	Low <sup>61</sup>		

<sup>55</sup> Town records give this name as *Theodosia* (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 401).

<sup>56</sup> The records which run from late Sept. 1828 through the end of 1829 are in poor condition.

<sup>57</sup> This is probably "Robert Jones." See, for example, the Robert Jones family in Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 372).

<sup>58</sup> Town records indicate Benjamin Bourn 3rd d. 3 Nov. 1828 at age 28 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 401).

<sup>59</sup> Town records indicate Olive, wife of Capt. Daniel Winn, d. 31 Oct. 1828 at age 80 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 401).

<sup>60</sup> Town records indicate that Widow Hannah Bourne d. 23 Jan. 1829 at age 90 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 401).

Feb. 1829	John Hilton <sup>62</sup>	80	Old age
March 1829	Isaac Bourne <sup>63</sup>	78	Old age
April 1829	Susan Jacobs	20	Consumption
April 1829	Irena Goodale	81	Old age
May 1829	Child of John Welch	2wks	
11 Aug. 1829	Benjamin Littlefield	28	
	Susan Littlefield <sup>64</sup>	15	Palsy
	Mary Hilton <sup>65</sup>	45	
	Abigail Whoborn <sup>66</sup>	50	
Dec. 1829	Hannah, wife of Daniel Wells	58	Consumption
Jan. 1830	Child of Henry Littlefield	4	
9 Jan. 1830	Susan Perkins <sup>67</sup>	86	Old age
10 Jan. 1830	Aaron Wheelwright	80	Old age
13 Feb. 1830	Child of William Donnel		
8 April 1830	#Widow Catherine Furbish	88	Old age
27 April 1830	Widow Eleanor Wells	78	Typhus Fever
8 May 1830	#Isabella Welch	20	Consumption
15 May 1830	Child of James Stuart	12	Poison
30 May 1830	Child of Ebenezer Wheelwright	9	
4 June 1830	Amanda Hilton	17	Consumption
20 July 1830	Lincoln Maxwell	3 <sup>68</sup>	Typhus Fever
10 Aug. 1830	Wife of William Donnell	40	Consumption
25 Aug. 1830	Timothy Clark		
11 Sept. 1830	John Gooch	18	
31 Oct. 1830	Bartholomew Wells	58	Unknown
29 Nov. 1830	Elizabeth Hatch	72	Old age
15 Dec. 1830	Capt James Bourn	40	Yellow Fever
	Died in West Indies		
Dec. 1830	[?] Haller	25	Died at sea
30 Dec. 1830	Pamelia, wife of J. Stuart	26	Unknown
22 Jan. 1831	James Davis	Unknown	

<sup>61</sup> Town records indicate that Abraham, son of Widow Sophia Low, d. 11 Feb. 1829, age 16 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 401).

<sup>62</sup> This is possibly a transcription error, as the town records note that John *Tibbets* d. 14 Feb. 1829 at age 80. Immediately follows is the death of a child of Theodore *Hilton* (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 401).

<sup>63</sup> Town records indicate that Isaac Bourne d. 2 March 1829 at age 76 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 401).

<sup>64</sup> Town records indicate that Susan, daughter of Nathaniel S. Littlefield, d. 23 June 1829, age 15 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 401).

<sup>65</sup> Town records indicate that Mary, wife of Theodore Hilton, d. in Aug. 1829 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 401).

<sup>66</sup> Town records indicate that Abigail Whitehouse d. 17 April 1829 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 401).

<sup>67</sup> Town records give her name as Susan *Patten* (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 401).

<sup>68</sup> Town records give his age at death as 8 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 402).



15 Feb. 1831	#Theodosia Gilman	24	Fever & Derangement
17 Feb. 1831	Wife of John Wells	32	Fever
24 Feb. 1831	Child of Aaron Waner <sup>69</sup>		
25 Feb. 1831	Samuel Wheelwright	72	Palsy
27 Feb. 1831	Child of Ebenezer Wheelwright		
4 March 1831	#Wife of Ebenezer Wheelwright	46 <sup>70</sup>	Consumption
21 June 1831	Joseph Bragdon	23	Lost at sea
24 July 1831	Betsey Wells	24	Consumption
11 Aug. 1831	John Welch	53	
7 Nov. 1831	#Lydia wife of William Wells		Dropsy
10 Nov. 1831	Lydia[?] Freeman[?] <sup>71</sup>		Fever
22 Nov. 1831	John Littlefield	18	Fever
7 Dec. 1831	#Laura[?] <sup>72</sup> Spencer	19	Consumption
4 Jan. 1832	Cyrus Littlefield	16	Inflammation of bowels
24 March 1832	Child of Samuel Butland		Fits
April 1832	Daughter[?] of Joshua Furbish <sup>73</sup>		Fever
June 1832	Sherman[?] Littlefield		Fever
July 1832	#Theodosia Pope		
20 Sept. 1832	Child of Hiram Littlefield		
10 Nov. 1832	James Rankin	85	Old age
16 Nov. 1832	Philadelphia Littlefield	14	
17 Nov. 1832	Widow Elizabeth Wells	77	Cancer
23 Nov. 1832	#Alexander Maxwell	24	Fever
29 Nov. 1832	Child of Samuel Butland	4	Dysentery
2 Dec. 1832	Child of James Jacobs	6	
8 Dec. 1832	Charles Octavus Pope	28	Drowned at sea
14 Jan. 1833	#Almira, wife of Hiram Littlefield	27	Inflammation of bowels
23 Jan. 1833	#Josephine M Curtis	24	Consumption
12 Feb. 1833	#Elizabeth Phillips Hill, (widow of Benjamin Hill)	72 <sup>74</sup>	Old age
13 April 1833	Agnes Littlefield	90	Old age
20 May 1833	George Maxwell	21	Consumption
20 May 1833	Theodore Hurd	56	
20 July 1833	Richard Pope	25	Yellow Fever
2 Oct. 1833	Pelatah Littlefield	77	Old age
2 Oct. 1833	Child of William Bartlett		Dropsy of the Brain

<sup>69</sup> This is possibly the son of Aaron Warren.

<sup>70</sup> Possibly a transcription error as town records give her age at death as 40 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 402).

<sup>71</sup> Possibly a transcription error as town records note the death of Sally, wife of Isaac Sherman, 10 Nov. 1831 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 403).

<sup>72</sup> Town records note the death of *Louisa*, daughter of Jeremiah Spencer, age 17, 7 Dec. 1831 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 403).

<sup>73</sup> Town records note the death of Dr. Joshua Furbish, 11 May 1832 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 403).

<sup>74</sup> Town records give her age at death as 88 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 403).

8 Oct. 1833	#Samuel Maxwell, son of Barak	15	Typhus Fever
12 Oct. 1833	#Deacon Barak Maxwell		Typhus Fever
16 Oct. 1833	Joseph Bourne	90	Old age
5 Nov. 1833	Sophia Littlefield	22	Consumption
17 Dec. 1833	#Widow Mary Maxwell	87	Old age
30 Dec. 1833	Abigail, wife of Samuel Winn	35	Childbirth
21 Jan. 1834	Louisa, wife of Jotham Taylor <sup>75</sup>	29	Childbirth
27 Jan. 1834	Child of Jotham Sayer		
4 Feb. 1834	Lydia Hurd	63	Consumption
15 Feb. 1834	#Mary Ann Maxwell	24	Fever
15 Feb. 1834	#Elisha Allen	95	Old age
17 Feb. 1834	John Furbish	87 <sup>76</sup>	Palsy
17 Feb. 1834	Nathan Butland	87	Old age
11 March 1834	#Mary wife of William Bartlett		Consumption
19 March 1834	William son of William Donnel	10	Consumption
29 March 1834	#Polly wife of Nathaniel Buzzel	42 <sup>77</sup>	Fever
17 May 1834	#Lydia wife of Peter Littlefield		Consumption
27 June 1834	Hannah wife of Samuel M. Lyford <sup>78</sup>		Consumption
11 July 1834	Ivory Hilton	24	Consumption
10 Aug. 1834	Child of Jeremiah Buzzell		
13 Aug. 1834	Paul Goodwin	89	Old age
8 Oct. 1834	Child of Oliver Storer		
	#Lucy Winn	82	Old age
[No date]	Mrs. Olive Spencer <sup>79</sup>		Consumption
April 1835	#Olive Maxwell	23	Consumption
23 April 1835	Widow Sally Littlefield	49	Consumption
2 May 1835 <sup>80</sup>	Nathaniel Sayer	75	Old age
[No date]	Mary Ann child of John Spencer <sup>81</sup>		
[No date]	Capt. Daniel Winn <sup>82</sup>	95	Old age
[No date]	Child of Capt M.[?] Maxwell		

<sup>75</sup> Town records note the death of Louisa, wife of Jotham Sayer, 21 Jan. 1834 at age 28, immediately followed by the death of a child of Jotham Sayer, 27 Jan. 1834 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 403).

<sup>76</sup> Town records give his age at death as 63 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 403).

<sup>77</sup> Town records give his age at death as 48 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 403).

<sup>78</sup> Probably a transcription error as town records note the death of Mary, wife of Samuel M. Jeffords, 27 June 1834 at age 71 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 405). In regard to her first name, the Church record is consistent with the cemetery inscription, which also gives her name as *Hannah* (Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: York County*, 4 vols. [Camden, Maine, 1995], 3:2183 [hereafter cited as *York Co. Inscriptions*]).

<sup>79</sup> Town records note that Olive Spencer, wife of Jeremiah Spencer, d. 7 March 1835, age 51 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 405).

<sup>80</sup> Town records give his date of death as 16 May 1835 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 405).

<sup>81</sup> Town records note that Mary Ann, daughter of John H. Spear, d. 12 June 1835 at age 3 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 405).

<sup>82</sup> Town records note that Daniel Winn d. 18 June 1835 at age 94 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 405).

2 April 1836	Capt James Donnell		Consumption
19 April 1836	Joseph Kimball		Consumption
1837	Mrs. Webber <sup>83</sup>		
1837	Child of Capt Dominicus Pope		
1837	Oliver son of Capt Daniel Eaton <sup>84</sup>		
1837	Mr. Hatch <sup>85</sup>		
1837	Benjamin Littlefield <sup>86</sup>		
1837	Mr. Cain <sup>87</sup>		
1837	Child of Capt Charles Hill		
23 Sept. 1837	Eliza, wife of Capt Daniel Winn	26	Consumption
4 Oct. 1837	Widow Hatch		
5 Oct. 1837	Elizabeth P. Hill	32	
22 Dec. 1837	Capt Edward Clark		Dropsy
19 Jan. 1838	Moses Hemmenway, son of Capt. Daniel Winn		
11 Feb. 1838	Son of Mr. Steniford	18 m.	
16 Feb. 1838	Sarah wife of Capt James Winn Jr		
19 Feb. 1838	Capt Nahum Morrill	70	
6 March 1838	Benjamin Kimball	67 <sup>88</sup>	
25 March 1838	Samuel Wells	Aged	
22 April 1838	Sukey, wife of Deacon Littlefield	54	
5 May 1838	Infant son of Capt James Winn		
8 May 1838	Widow Tibbetts	85	
29 July 1838	Hannah Ann Hill	27 <sup>89</sup>	
[No date]	Child of Isaiah Getchell <sup>90</sup>		
[No date]	Son of Capt Josiah Clark <sup>91</sup>		
6 Oct. 1838	Edward Payson, son of Ivory Littlefield	1	
21 Nov. 1838	Daughter of John Spear	2	
4 March 1839	Son of Mr. Levi Hatch	12	

<sup>83</sup> Town records note that Lydia, wife of Theodore Webber, d. 26 Jan. 1837 at age 47 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 406).

<sup>84</sup> Town records note that Ezra Oliver Eaton d. 15 Feb. 1837 at age 5 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 406).

<sup>85</sup> Town records note that Samuel Hatch d. 25 April 1837 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 406).

<sup>86</sup> Town records note that Benjamin Littlefield d. 12 May 1837 at age 79 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 407).

<sup>87</sup> Town records note that John Cain d. 31 May 1837 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 407).

<sup>88</sup> Town records give his age at death as 85 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 407).

<sup>89</sup> Town records give his age at death as 23 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 408).

<sup>90</sup> Town records note that a child of Isaiah Getchell Jr. d. 23 Aug. 1838 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 408).

<sup>91</sup> Town records note that a child of Josiah Clark d. 28 Aug. 1838 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 408).

14 March 1839	Mr. Daniel Goodwin	Aged	
21 March 1839	Huldah, wife of Isaiah Getchell Jr.		Consumption
29 March 1839	Child of Mr. Steniford	6 m.	Dropsy
10 April 1839	Mr. Fisk	82	Paraletic
17 April 1839	Wife of Thomas Wells		
17 April 1839	George, son of John Bourne	22	Lost at sea
14 May 1839	Daughter of Ebenezer P Baston	4	
18 May 1839	Stuart <sup>92</sup>	8[?]	
31 May 1839	Dau of Walter & Eliza Hill	5 m.	
24 Sept. 1839	Son of Jonathan Littlefield	4	
25 Sept. 1839	Widow Eldridge	88	
Dec. 1839	Mrs. Winn	80	
6 Jan. 1840	Child of Ivory Hatch	4	Small pox
7 Feb. 1840	Isaac Storer	80	Old age
23 May 1840	Nathaniel son of Jotham Sawyer	9	Scoffula
[No date]	Capt Charles Pope <sup>93</sup>		Fever
29 July 1840	Widow Hubbard		Dysentery
7 Oct. 1840	Mrs. Nutter (at the poor house)	unk.	Old age
8 Oct. 1840	Timothy Winn	91	Mortification
11 Oct. 1840	Mrs. Seavey	101	
30 Oct. 1840	Mrs. Moses Furbush	61	
8 Nov. 1840	Hannah Noell [Nowell?]		
28 Feb. 1841	Widow Donnell	73	Lung Fever
25 March 1841	Ebenezer Wheelwright		
June 1841	Wife of Capt Ivory Hatch		Consumption
25 June 1841	James Wheelwright	5	Brain Fever
22 July 1841	James Stewart	61	Consumption
12 Aug. 1841	Hannah <sup>94</sup> Cain		
25 Sept. 1841	Benjamin Franklin son of James Jacobs	16 m.	
24 Oct. 1841	Joshua Oliver son of Capt. Samuel Bray Jr. <sup>95</sup>	3	Croup
12 Nov. 1841	Mr. Storer	49	
30 Nov. 1841	Capt William Eaton	85	
2 March 1842	Miss Abigail Hemmenway		
March 1842	Jacob Kimball	70	
11 April 1842	Josias Littlefield		

<sup>92</sup> Town records note that Amos Stuart d. 19 May 1839 at age 81 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 408).

<sup>93</sup> Cemetery inscriptions indicate that Capt. Charles Pope d. 14 June 1840, age 30 years (*York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2148).

<sup>94</sup> Town records give her name as "widow *Abigail* Cain" (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 410).

<sup>95</sup> Probably a transcription error. Joshua O. Bragdon, son of Samuel L. and Mary A. Bragdon, d. 30 Oct. 1841, aged 3 years (*York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2121).

17 April 1842	Susan, wife of Capt. Theodore Eldridge	52	Consumption
20 May 1842	Widow Sawyer		
28 Sept. 1842	Daughter of Widow Boothby	17	Fever
30 Sept. 1842	Daughter of John Eaton Littlefield	2	Fits
13 Oct. 1842	Elizabeth wife of Ebenezer Clark	74	Consumption
4 Dec. 1842	Joseph Sherman (at poor house)	36	
1843	John Hammon <sup>96</sup>		Lost at sea
13 March 1843	Alexander Maxwell	94	
13 March 1843	Matthew Lindsey	69	
16 Oct. 1843	Elizabeth H, wife of Dr. E.G. Moore	40	Consumption
18 Nov. 1843	Son of Manussah Furbish	19 m.	Croup
2 Dec. 1843	Miss Lydia Hynes <sup>97</sup>	40	Consumption
10 Dec. 1843	Widow of Enoch Cozzen	80	
31 Dec. 1843	Mrs. Josiah Littlefield		
3 Feb. 1844	James Staples	59	Fever
17 Feb. 1844	Mary, daughter of Jotham Sawyer	2	Croup
2 March 1844	Elizabeth H, dau of Dr. E.G. Moore	16	Consumption
7 March 1844	Mr. Buzzel	81	
2 May 1844	Mrs. Comfort Hill	68	Consumption
3 May 1844	Ebenezer Clark	80	
12 June 1844	Mrs. Elizabeth Storer	79	
20 June 1844	Daughter of [?] Getchell	6 m.	
Jan. 1845	Mrs. Perkins	103	Old age
3 Feb. 1845	Oliver Hart <sup>98</sup>	79	
11 March 1845	Amanda, dau of Joshua Maxwell	16	Bleeding
17 March 1845	Wife of Joseph Maxwell	83	Found dead
24 May 1845	Mrs. Dorothy Clark	78	Old age
[No date]	Child of Hiram Littlefield <sup>99</sup>	11	Bowel Comp.
Sept. 1845	Child of Isaiah Clark	11	Fever
Oct. 1845	Sister of Isaiah Clark	31	Heart
4 Dec. 1845	Aaron Bourne	68	Stoppage
16 Oct. 1845	Mrs. Charles Hill	36	
14 Dec. 1845	Child of William Pearsons		Burnt to death, clothes taking fire
Jan. 1846	Child of Capt. John Rankin		
17 Jan. 1846	Mr. Winn		Suddenly, heart
17 Jan. 1846	Infant of Mr. Draper		Sore mouth

<sup>96</sup> This is probably the John Harmon, lost at sea, Feb. 1843 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 411).

<sup>97</sup> This is probably the Lydia *Rines* who d. 3 Dec. 1843 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 411).

<sup>98</sup> This is possibly an error, as the town records note the death of Henry Hart, 2 Feb. 1845 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 412). Henry's son Oliver d. 4 Oct. 1859 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 422).

<sup>99</sup> Town records note that Almira, daughter of Hiram Littlefield, d. 28 July 1845 at age 10 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 412).

5 Feb. 1846	Child of James Jacobs	11 m.	Never well
23 Feb. 1846	Wife of Capt John Rankin	75	Fever
9 March 1846	Miss Butland	91	Old age
21 April 1846	Isaac Pope	79	Stoppage
30 April 1846	Samuel Jeffords		Asthma
20 May 1846	Mrs. Nancy Phelps <sup>100</sup>	19	Consumption
11 June 1846	Mr. Winn (at poor house)		Suddenly
21 June 1846	Son of Mr. Baston	6	Fever
4 July 1846	Child of Mr. Cleaves of Boston	1½	Brain Fever
20 Aug. 1846	Wife of Daniel Winn	29	Consumption
30 Aug. 1846	Mary Jane, wife of James Winn Jr.	33	Inflammation
8 Sept. 1846	Child of Widow Noah Wells <sup>101</sup>	7	Distemper
13 Sept. 1846	Child of Asa Wells	4	Distemper
12 Sept. 1846	Child of Mr. Goodwin	12	Distemper
12 Sept. 1846	Daughter of Widow Goodwin	17	Fever, d. Charlestown MA
27 Sept. 1846	Child of George Wells <sup>102</sup>		Never well
9 Nov. 1846	Mrs. Walker at Deacon Furbish	42	Consumption
21 Dec. 1846	Mrs. Hannah Marshall	70	Paralytic
13 Jan. 1847	Son of Nathaniel Buzzell at Portsmouth, N.H.	18	Erycipalus, died
17 Jan. 1847	Child of Capt John Rankin Jr		Fever
12 Feb. 1847	Wife of Stephen Stevens	80	Old age
19 April 1847	Mrs. Hill	80	Old age
20 May 1847	Joshua Bragdon	79+	Lung Fever
16 June 1847	Indiana Franklin child of James & Hannah Jacobs		Erycipalus
21 June 1847	Josiah Littlefield	71	Unknown
23 June 1847	Dorcas, wife of John Eaton	43	Consumption
1 July 1847	Thomas Wells	69	Salt Peter
4 July 1847	John Jacobs	75	Dropped Dead
12 July 1847	Wife of Nahum Hatch	40	Consumption
13 July 1847	Alexander Hatch	32	Consumption
13 July 1847	Samuel Storer	53	Asthma
1 Aug. 1847	Joseph Maxwell	82	Lung Fever
16 Aug. 1847	Oliver Donnell	42	Asthma
2 Sept. 1847	Ann Matilda dau of Jotham & Mary Sawyer	3½	Dysentery
7 Sept. 1847	Moses Furbish	74	Consumption
16 Sept. 1847	William Cole	75	Stoppage
15 Nov. 1847	Mrs. Pamela Donnell	45	Consumption

<sup>100</sup> Town records give her name as Mrs. Susan Phelps of Boston, d. in Wells, 19 May 1846 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 413).

<sup>101</sup> Town records note the death of John Gowin, son of Noah Wells, 8 Sept. 1846, age 8 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 414).

<sup>102</sup> Town records note that a child of George Hill d. 27 Sept. 1846 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 416).

8 Dec. 1847	Abigail, infant of Samuel & Mehitable Rankin		Bled to death
26 Feb. 1848	Nancy Eaton, wife of Hiram Littlefield	46	Consumption
8 March 1848	Infant of Ephraim & Almira Getchell		Croup
10 March 1848	Daughter of [Moulton] Eaton	12	Palpitations
30 April 1848	Mary Eliza dau of Daniel Winn	5	Tumor
➤ 1 May 1848	Mrs. Mehitable Stewart		100+ Old age
15 May 1848	Ann Elizabeth Stewart	22	Consumption
8 June 1848	Amos Sargent	22	Consumption
3 July 1848	Nason <sup>103</sup>	79	Old age
2 Jul <sup>104</sup> 1848	Capt James Winn Jr	40	Ship Fever, d. Staten Island, New York
19 Jul <sup>105</sup> 1848	Child of Mr & Mrs Sherwin of Boston		Bowel complaint
19 Jul <sup>106</sup> 1848	Child of Mr Underwood of Quincy	10 m.	Consumption
24 Jul <sup>107</sup> 1848	Miss Martha Nason	53	Dysentery
30 Sept. 1848	Susan Winn dau of John Winn	32	Dysentery
14 Oct. 1848	David <sup>108</sup> Staples	30	Yellow Fever
5 April 1849	Lucy Clark	84	Old age
5 May 1849	Samuel Furbish	87	Paralytic
18 June 1849	George Abbot	19	
7 July 1849	Patty Maxwell	47	Consumption
9 July 1849	Infant of Charles Hill		
25 July 1849	Elijah Curtis	66	Liver
29 Aug. 1849	Abby Littlefield dau of Christopher & Sarah Littlefield	19	Consumption
7 Sept. 1849	Catherine Stewart grand daughter of Deacon Enoch Furbish	22	Consumption
10 Oct. 1849	Martha wife of Isaac Bourn	58	Consumption
10 Oct. 1849	Wife of David Butland		Consumption
10 Oct. 1849	Augustus Littlefield son of Nathaniel Littlefield, died Boston, buried in Wells	19	Typhus Fever
10 Oct. 1849	Daughter of Ephraim Getchell		Typhus Fever
4 Nov. 1849	Abby daughter of Samuel Furbish	18	Consumption
11 Nov. 1849	Infant of Moses Wheelwright	3 m.	
16 Dec. 1849	Olive Blaban	21	

<sup>103</sup> Town records note that William Nason d. 1 July 1848 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 416).

<sup>104</sup> Town records give his date of death as 2 Aug. 1848 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 416).

<sup>105</sup> Town records give the date of death as 17 Aug. 1848 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 416).

<sup>106</sup> Town records give the date of death as 21 Aug. 1848 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 416).

<sup>107</sup> Town records give the date of death as 25 Aug. 1848 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 416).

<sup>108</sup> This is possibly "Daniel" Staples, b. Wells, 30 March 1818 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 237).

11 Dec. 1849	Samuel William [Wallace] Bragdon, son of Samuel & Mary Ann Bragdon	19	Fell from top gallant
Jan. 1850	Perkins <sup>109</sup>	21	Consumption
9 March 1850	Lewis Low	29	Small pox
1 April 1850	William son of Nathaniel Buzzell	18	Consumption
22 April 1850	William Harry Eaton son of Capt David Eaton <sup>110</sup>	17	Typhus Fever
7 May 1850	Christopher son of John Winn	31	Suicide by hanging
9 June 1850	Theodore Eldridge	67	Disease of Heart & Lungs
22 July 1850	Capt Daniel Bragdon, Died in Sacramento, Cal.	40	Epileptic fit
20 Sept. 1850	William Newell Maxwell son of Moses Maxwell	2 5/12	Dysentery
5 Oct. 1850	Ralph Maxwell of Boston	35	Consumption
19 Oct. 1850	James Maxwell	19	Consumption
8 Nov. 1850	Pamelia, daughter of Edward Hatch	19	Fever
27 Nov. 1850	Capt Jacob Eaton	85	Old age
1 Dec. 1850	Olive Wells	61	Abscessed Limb
22 Dec. 1850	Child of Samuel Green	11/12	Hooping cough
31 Dec. 1850	Isabella wife of Asa Wells	52	Lung Fever
3 March 1851	Mrs. Smith	48	Consumption
26 April 1851	Gowen Freeman (of Cape Neddick)	27	Consumption
28 April 1851	Hannah F. Maxwell	80	Lung Fever
5 May 1851	Elizabeth Gatchell	80	Stomach Inflammation
13 May 1851	Child of Lamson[?] Littlefield	8 m.	Never well
13 May 1851	Matthew Lindsey	52	Rheumatism
7 June 1851	John Bourne	75	Rheumatic condition
8 July 1851	Mary Adelaide Clark, child of Samuel Clark	2½	Lung Fever
12 July 1851	Henrietta L wife of Samuel Hubbard		Consumption
12 July 1851	Leirna[?] Capen[?]	18	Consumption
17 Sept. 1851	Ebenezer Grant	73	Heart Disease
20 Sept. 1851	Sarah Elizabeth Boothby, daughter Abraham Boothby	1y 4m	Teething
11 Oct. 1851	Sidney son of Benaiah Hatch	4	Dysentery
18 Oct. 1851	Infant of Joseph Littlefield	4d.	Feeble when born
3 Nov. 1851	John, son of John Annis	5	
29 Nov. 1851	Child of Joshua Jacobs	2y 3m	

(to be continued)

<sup>109</sup> Town records note that a son of Ephraim Perkins d. 20 Jan. 1850 at age 21 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 416).

<sup>110</sup> Town records establish him as William Henry, son of *Daniel* Eaton (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 381).



## REVIEWS

*MAINE IN THE WORLD: STORIES OF SOME OF THOSE FROM HERE WHO WENT AWAY*, by Neil Rolde (Gardiner, Maine: Tilbury House Publishers, 2009), paperback, 340 pp., including annotated bibliography and index, \$20.00.

*HIDDEN HISTORY OF MAINE*, by Harry Gratwick (Charleston, S.C.: The History Press, 2010), paperback, 125 pp. including bibliography, \$19.99.

Both titles available for above prices plus shipping from Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101; <[www.mainehistorystore.com](http://www.mainehistorystore.com)>.

While not all historians would agree that a thorough knowledge of genealogy enhances the practice of their craft, nearly all genealogists will acknowledge that a grounding in history sharpens their understanding of past lives. The two books reviewed here qualify as appealing examples of popular regional history, because each one successfully reaches a diversified audience who might have been daunted by weightier tomes.

Neil Rolde's *Maine in the World*, composed of twenty chapters, each one averaging about fifteen pages in length, sweeps the reader from the pre-history of Gluskabe, mythic hero of the Wabanaki peoples, to Sister Priscille Roy, a contemporary Biddeford nun who became a missionary to Brazil. Some chapters bear the name of their subjects, "Sir William Phips," "Artemus Ward," and "Madame Nordica," while another uses a hometown, "Sangerville," to tell the story of "two knights." The first "knight," Maine expatriate Sir Hiram Maxim, is depicted on the book's cover in a most unusual late-Victorian photo: the inventor and his family gathered around his prize patent, the machine gun. The other "knight," by the way, was Sir Harry Oakes, whose biography would make a good mini-series. All these stories can be read as stand-alone episodes, but Rolde links them together by framing his individual narratives with how each person's Maine roots continued to shape them long after they left their native state.

One of the most moving stories for me was the family saga of an enterprising but unlikely doctor from Worcester, Massachusetts, Elijah Dix, who transformed Androscoggin Purchase #1 into the town of Dixfield. His surname endures for other reasons. Elijah's adoring granddaughter, Dorothea Dix, took the adversity of a childhood racked with corporal punishment and transcended her travails into a nationwide campaign to improve the lot of the mentally ill, so cruelly treated in the nineteenth century. Dorothea Dix truly left the world a better place.

Not so with some of the other lives examined in the book. Rolde's pithy prose and trenchant analysis go right to the vulnerabilities and idiosyncrasies of other less noble characters. Some of his studies touch upon present-day controversies, but as a credible scholar, Rolde documents every chapter with its own set of endnotes.

Harry Gratwick has a similar objective in *Hidden History of Maine*, as he states in the introduction:

This book will examine the lives of some of the people—the sung and the unsung—who have contributed to Maine's development over the last four centuries. It is not intended to be an inclusive or comprehensive history. Rather, the emphasis is on the variety of men, and a few of the women, who have influenced the history of Maine, the United States and, in some cases, the wider world.

Gratwick's short and nicely illustrated chapters are organized chronologically under four main headings: "Colonial Maine," "Maine During the American Revolution," "Antebellum Maine," and "The Civil War and Beyond." "The Civil War and Beyond" takes us into private life of historical novelist, Kenneth Roberts, of whom Rolde has frequent mentions as well. A few other subjects like William Phips, Madame Nordica, and Edward Preble also overlap between the two works. Nonetheless, Gratwick reminds us of the compelling power of personal narratives.

For example, the story of controversial seventeenth-century Jesuit missionary, Father Sebastien R le, remains divisive. To the Abnakis and the French, he was a martyr; to the English, he was an enemy of the state. Among the unsung whom Gratwick rescues from obscurity is a trio of pre-Civil War African-American activists: Robert Benjamin Lewis, Reuben Ruby, and Robert Brown Russwurm. Their compelling stories never would have made it into nineteenth-century histories.

We will always learn more about our own forebears when we overlay their lives to the time, place, and forces that shaped them. Though few of our family members attain the level of fame or notoriety as found within the pages of these two works, Neil Rolde and Harry Gratwick remind us that there are life stories once remembered, long forgotten, that deserve retelling. The push and pull of migrating families to and from Maine can take us all on fascinating journeys.

Consider, for example, this demographic pairing. Shortly after the discovery of gold in California, the 1850 census revealed 2,600 individuals living there who were born in Maine. That trend would continue. During the decade following the Civil War, when Maine's decennial population actually dropped by some two thousand, the number of Maine-born Californians had risen to 11,000. And that's without even a deeper consideration of all the Maine folk on the move in all the states between America's coasts. Where did they come from, why did they leave, and how did they get there? *The Maine Genealogist* awaits those yet-to-be written and documented stories of "Those from Here Who Went Away."

—Reviewed by Michael F. Dwyer, Contributing Editor

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