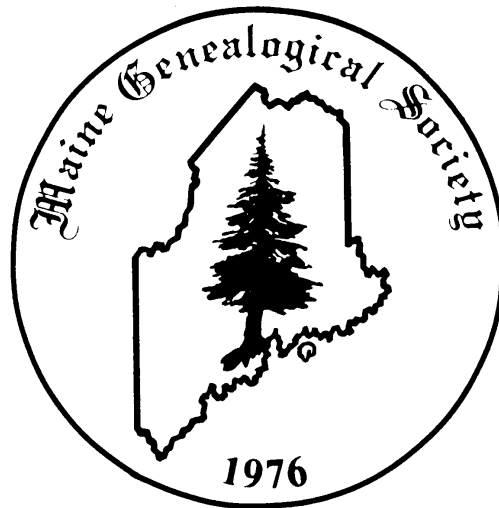


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EDITOR'S PAGE

One of the challenges (or, depending on how you view it, frustrations) of genealogical research is that the job is never really finished. While there is great satisfaction in finding an elusive parentage, or in extending a new line back several generations, there is always more that can be done. At some point, however, we need to draw a line in the sand and publish our results.

Deciding when to publish can be wrenching, and doubts invariably creep in as to whether we have done enough research. Some people spend decades investigating their families and go to their graves with it all in their head or their file cabinets. As a colleague often says in lectures, "If you don't publish it, rest assured your descendants won't publish it either after you are gone." Don't let that be your fate.

Experienced authors know that publishing is not the last step in the process. In fact, publishing is a vital step in the *research* process. When I published a family genealogy for the first time more than thirty years ago, I naively thought that I had completed all that reasonably could be done to gather information on the family. But after I distributed the book to various individuals and libraries, I started receiving correspondence from readers. Some of it pointed out errors (ugh!), but some included valuable new information, often from private family sources that I would not have had access to otherwise. I received copies of Bible records, family letters, old clippings, and other genealogical treasures from readers who had connections to the family. The moral of the story is—only by publishing and distributing the book was I able to learn about these sources.

A similar phenomenon is seen in this issue of *The Maine Genealogist*. Priscilla Eaton's award-winning *Littlefield Genealogy* was published by MGS last year. At the end, Eaton included a number of "unplaced Littlefield families" that she could not connect to the other branches of the family. One of these was a clan of Littlefields who settled in Frankfort, Maine, in the latter part of the eighteenth century. Soon after the book was published, Eaton was contacted by Valerie Harris who had copies of pages from a private family journal from the early 1800s, as well as a newspaper clipping dating from the late 1890s. Those two items were sufficient to determine the correct placement of the Frankfort group within the greater family. Back-to-back articles in this issue outline the conclusions drawn from those sources.

This issue also features articles by two first-time authors to this journal. Greg Childs, a Contributing Editor of *The Maine Genealogist*, pieces together the family of Peter Hopkins who settled in Oxford County. A Massachusetts "warning out" was key to identifying Peter's spouse, Unity Frost. And Steve Le Bel scrutinizes an old family letter, shared by a distant cousin, to document a Smith family in York County.

Volume 12 of *Maine Families in 1790* is nearing completion, and is now in the final proofing and indexing stage. It should be available in April or May of this year. The book includes more than two hundred sketches and traces families throughout Maine. With this new volume, nearly twenty percent of all families living in Maine in 1790 will have been included in the series. More information on ordering will be available soon in this journal and on the MGS website.

—Joseph C. Anderson II, Editor

A BELATED FAMILY REUNION

Additional Children of Peter Hopkins of Franklin Plantation, Maine, and the Parentage of His Wife, Unity Frost

By Gregory S. Childs

Two brothers, Oliver and Peter Hopkins, moved with their families from Monmouth, Kennebec County, Maine, to Oxford County in the early part of the nineteenth century: Oliver Hopkins arrived in Plantation No. 1 (incorporated as the town of Peru in 1821) sometime between 1814 and 1820, and Peter Hopkins arrived almost a decade later in adjoining Plantation No. 2, which would be organized as Franklin Plantation in 1842 and eventually absorbed into the surrounding towns of Peru and Rumford in 1899.¹ The births of Oliver Hopkins's children are recorded in Peru, and the town histories of Monmouth and Peru both provide detailed sketches of his family. In contrast, the family of Peter Hopkins was not recorded in the Franklin Plantation vital records, and the *History of Peru* assigns him only four children.² Other records, however, suggest that there were more.

Although his family was from the border area of Monmouth and Winthrop, Peter Hopkins was living in Lincolnville when he published marriage intentions with Unity Frost of Wayne on 3 August 1811.³ After their marriage, Peter and Unity remained in the area around Monmouth where their first child was born, apparently spent a few years in Boston, Massachusetts, before returning to Monmouth in 1820, and eventually moved to Plantation No. 2 by 1830. The family evidently settled on lot #31 in the northeastern part of the plantation along the border with Peru, where they continued to live for several years afterward.⁴

¹ Oliver and Peter Hopkins were sons of Peter [Jr.] and Silence (King) Hopkins, who are featured in a sketch in the upcoming *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 12*. For Franklin Plantation and Peru, see Peru, Oxford County, "Maine Places: Resource Guide" [database, MaineGenealogy.net].

² Harry H. Cochrane, *History of Monmouth and Wales*, 2 vols. (East Winthrop, Maine, 1894), 2:84 [Genealogical Appendix]; Hollis Turner, *The History of Peru In the County of Oxford and State of Maine from 1789 to 1911, Residents and Genealogies of their Families, also a Part of Franklin Plan* (Augusta, Maine, 1912), 147–48.

³ Wayne, Maine, "Vital Records, 1792–1821," p. 89 [DGS #7596987, image 148]. The reason for Peter's residence in Lincolnville is unknown, although his paternal uncle, George Hopkins, had moved to nearby Belfast 13 years earlier.

⁴ Oxford Co. Deeds, 46:458, dated 26 Nov. 1835, in which Peter Hopkins described Lot #31 as being "on Peru line where I now live." The deed or grant by which Peter gained title to the lot has not been found, but the language of the 1835 instrument implies that he had been there long enough to establish a homestead and that the transaction was not a simple transfer of uninhabited property. A useful map of the ranges and lots of Franklin Plantation can be found at Oxford Co. Registry of Deeds, Plan #145 (old ref. Plan Book B, p. 46). See Genealogical Summary below for a discussion of Peter and Unity Hopkins's children born in Boston.

The following table provides a breakdown of the head tallies of Peter Hopkins's household in the 1820, 1830, and 1840 censuses:⁵

| 1820 (Monmouth) | 1830 (Plantation No. 2) | 1840 (Plantation No. 2) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1 male aged 26–44 (Peter) | 1 male aged 40–49 (Peter) | 1 male aged 40–49 (Peter) ⁶ |
| 1 female aged 26–44 (Unity) | 1 female aged 40–49 (Unity) | 1 female aged 40–49 (Unity) |
| 3 males aged under 10 | 2 males aged 15–19 | 1 male aged 15–19 |
| 2 females aged under 10 | 1 female aged 15–19 | 1 female aged 15–19 |
| | 1 male aged 10–14 | |
| | 1 female aged 10–14 | |
| | 1 male aged 5–9 | |
| | 1 female aged 5–9 | |

Taken as a whole, these census tallies suggest that Peter and Unity (Frost) Hopkins had seven children, born between 1811 and 1825:

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 2 sons and 1 daughter | b. 1811 to 1815 |
| 1 son and 1 daughter | b. 1816 to 1820 |
| 1 son and 1 daughter | b. 1821 to 1825 |

The History of Peru identifies four of these children:⁷

Peter Hopkins, Jr., 3rd, “b. around 1814”

Ebenezer K. Hopkins, “b. in Franklin [Plantation], Dec. 1823”

Silence Hopkins, no age given, but censuses suggest she was born circa 1818–19⁸

George Hopkins, no age given, said in a family genealogy to have been born 21 April 1817⁹

Excellent candidates for the remaining three children, and one additional child who never appeared in censuses, are found in other sources:

1. On 24 Sept. 1832, Miss **Polly Hopkins** and Rufus S. “Ryols” [*sic*], “both of Township number Two,” married in Rumford.¹⁰ Polly was likely one of the females under 10 in Peter’s 1820 household and the female aged 15–19 in 1830.
2. On 26 Nov. 1835, Peter quitclaimed lot #31 in Plantation No. 2, “where I now live,” to **John Hopkins**, doubtlessly the man of that name who died 15 July 1839 at the age

⁵ Peter Hopkins household, 1820–40 U.S. Censuses, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 601 (1820); Plantation 2, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 14 (1830); No. 2, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 85 (1840).

⁶ Peter and Unity’s ages were likely understated in the 1840 census.

⁷ Turner, *History of Peru* [note 2], 148–49.

⁸ Elbridge G. Wing household, 1850 U.S. Census, Franklin Plantation, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 165B (Silence aged 31); Elbridge G. Wing household, 1860 U.S. Census, Franklin Plantation, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 352 (Silence aged 42); Silence Andrews household, 1870 U.S. Census, Paris, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 316B (Silence aged 51). The gravestone of Silence K. Wing, apparently erected long after her death, indicates her year of birth as 1815 [*sic*] (photo, findagrave.com #92730209).

⁹ Benjamin Shurtleff 6th, *Descendants of William Shurtleff of Plymouth and Marshfield, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Revere, Mass., 1912), 2:22.

¹⁰ Rumford, Maine, “Record of Births, Deaths, Marriages, 1800–[18]55,” p. 75 [DGS #7596438, image 69].

of 26 years and is buried in nearby Hammond Cemetery.¹¹ That Peter quitclaimed his homestead to a man with the same surname suggests a relationship between the two. John may have been one of the males aged under 10 in Peter's 1820 household, and one of the males aged 15–19 in 1830.

3. Immediately next to John's gravestone is that of **Susan W. Hopkins**, who died 30 June 1828, aged 2½ years.¹² The proximity of the two gravestones would be logical if Susan and John were closely related, if not siblings.
4. An otherwise unidentified **Jane Hopkins** married Ezekiel F. Lovejoy in Rumford on 8 July 1842. Both parties were of Franklin Plantation.¹³ Jane was possibly the female aged 5–9 in the Hopkins household in 1830, and the female aged 15–19 in 1840.

None of these individuals are listed as children of Peter's brother Oliver Hopkins of Peru, and no other Hopkins families are documented in Franklin Plantation or Peru in the early half of the nineteenth century.

THE PARENTAGE OF UNITY (FROST) HOPKINS

In his *History of Peru*, Hollis Turner presumed that Unity (Frost) Hopkins "was a descendant of Noah Frost," who settled in Wayne and is said to have been the "progenitor of the Frosts of Peru." Had Turner known more about the early generations of the Frost family of Wayne, it's doubtful he would have made such a presumption: at best, Noah Frost was only 12 years old when Unity was born.¹⁴ Unity's age is given as 68 in the 1850 census (born circa 1782)¹⁵ and 74 in the 1860 census (born circa 1786).¹⁶ Her place of birth is listed as "Maine" in both censuses, and the 1902 death record of her son, Ebenezer K. Hopkins, lists his mother's place of birth as "Wayne."¹⁷ With this in mind, along with Unity's unique given name, it seems safe to conclude that she was a granddaughter of Samuel Frost Sr. of Wayne, who married (1) Wrentham, Massachusetts, 6 December 1749 Rachel Adams, with whom he had six

¹¹ Oxford Co. Deeds, 46:458; gravestone photo, findagrave.com #210660610.

¹² Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #210660608.

¹³ Recorded in Franklin Plantation, "Vital Records, 1842–1856," p. 5 [DGS #7595543, image 8].

¹⁴ Turner, *History of Peru* [note 2], 119, 148. Hollis Turner's information appears to draw heavily from an inaccurate sketch of the early Frost settlers of Winthrop, Monmouth, and Wayne, in Cochrane's *History of Monmouth* [note 2], 2:63–64 (Genealogical Appendix). For Noah Frost's birth in 1774, see note 19 below.

¹⁵ Peter Hopkins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Franklin Plantation, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 165A.

¹⁶ Peter Hopkins household, 1860 U.S. Census, Franklin Plantation, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 354.

¹⁷ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Oddly, a deposition "correcting record relative to a birth" was filed in the Rumford town office on 4 Sept. 1934 by Bertha Hopkins Searles for the birth of her grandfather, George Hopkins, son of Peter and Unity (Frost) Hopkins (Rumford, "Deposition Book," p. 77, Rumford town office [the author wishes to thank Mary Harriet Irish Arnott for her assistance in obtaining a digital image of this record]). Bertha listed her great-grandparents (George's parents) as "Simeon Peter Hopkins Jr. 2nd" [*sic*], born Monmouth, and Unity Frost, born "Winthrop or Monmouth." No source, such as a family Bible, is listed to attest to the accuracy of the data provided by Bertha in the deposition, and much of the information appears to be incorrect. Indeed, the entire purpose of the deposition is unclear, as George Hopkins had been dead for slightly over 36 years when it was made.

children recorded in Wrentham—one of whom was named “Unity.” After the death of Rachel (Adams) Frost, Samuel married (2) Anna Clark[?] in about 1767 and moved around this time to what would later become Winthrop, Maine, and then to New Sandwich (now Wayne) by 1788, apparently leaving the children from his first marriage behind in Massachusetts.¹⁸ From a chronological standpoint, *all* of Samuel Frost’s six children with his first wife are viable candidates for the parent of Unity (Frost) Hopkins,¹⁹ but a closer look at each of them helps narrow the field:

1. **Unity Frost**, b. Wrentham, 3 July 1751, d. unmarried in Wrentham, 21 July 1801.²⁰ Unity is not known to have had an illegitimate daughter, but the possibility of an unrecorded birth cannot be ruled out.
2. **Samuel Frost**, b. Wrentham, 15 Oct. 1753, d. Wayne, 27 Oct. 1823.²¹ Samuel m. (1) Stoughtonham, Mass. (now Sharon), 6 Oct. 1777, Sarah Rhodes,²² and (2) Wayne, 20 April 1820, Patience (Smith) Stetson.²³
3. **Peter Frost**, b. Wrentham, 14 Aug. 1756, d. there 27 Sept. 1823.²⁴ Peter m. Sarah Edes in Needham, Mass., 29 July 1779, and appears to have remained in Mass. his entire life.²⁵ Censuses suggest that Peter and Sarah had *only* one daughter, identified as Sarah

¹⁸ Norman Seaver Frost, *Frost Genealogy in Five Families* (West Newton, Mass., 1926), 41–42. Also, Everett S. Stackpole, *History of Winthrop Maine, with Genealogical Notes* (Auburn, Maine, 1925), 390–91, which cites only “tradition” for the maiden name of Samuel Frost’s second wife. Samuel was styled a yeoman of New Sandwich on 3 March 1788 in a deed (Lincoln Co. Deeds, 22:76).

¹⁹ Samuel Frost Sr. and his second wife had six more children born in Winthrop: *Aaron Frost*, b. 14 Dec. 1767; *Moses Frost*, b. 3 March 1770; *Lydia Frost*, b. 12 Feb. 1772; *Noah Frost*, b. 21 June 1774; *William Frost*, b. 1 May 1777; and *John Frost*, b. 3 Aug. 1779 (Frost, *Frost Genealogy* [note 18], 42). Of these children, only Aaron was old enough to have been the father of Unity (Frost) Hopkins, if she was born in 1786. Aaron didn’t marry until 1791, however, making a daughter born 5 years prior unlikely. The remaining children of Samuel and Anna (Clark?) Frost are not considered as candidates for the parent of Unity (Frost) Hopkins.

²⁰ Wrentham, Mass., “Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1668–1764,” n.p. [DGS #7009377, image 83] (birth); *ibid.*, “Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1763–1807,” p. 36 [DGS #7009377, image 284] (death).

²¹ *Ibid.*, “Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1668–1764,” n.p. [DGS #7009377, image 91] (birth); Patience Billington, widow of Samuel Frost, statement dated 4 May 1835, “Maine Revolutionary War Bounty Land Applications, 1835–1838,” service of Samuel Frost [DGS #5736163, image 99] (death).

²² Sharon, Mass., “Births, Marriages, Deaths, Vol. 1,” n.p. [DGS #4934222, image 46].

²³ Wayne, Maine, “Vital Records, 1819–1853,” p. 5 [DGS #7596987, image 200]. It should be noted that the death of “Lydia,” wife of Samuel Frost, is recorded in Wayne as occurring on 8 Aug. 1811 (Wayne, Maine, “Vital Records, 1792–1821,” p. 69 [*ibid.*, image 138]). It’s unclear if this Lydia was a previously unknown wife of Samuel Sr. or of Samuel Jr., or if the record was a clerical error for Anna (Clark?) Frost or Sarah (Rhodes) Frost. Samuel Sr. is said to have died in 1812 (Stackpole, *History of Winthrop* [note 18], 390) and was therefore still living when this record was made, so the lack of distinction between “Sr.” and “Jr.” in the entry suggests it may pertain to the wife of Samuel Sr.

²⁴ Wrentham, Mass., “Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1668–1764,” n.p. [DGS #7009377, image 101] (birth); *ibid.*, “Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1800–1840,” p. 338 [DGS #7009377, image 472] (death).

²⁵ Needham, Mass., “Births, marriages, deaths, 1711–1801,” n.p. [DGS #7009661, image 117]. Peter and his family were enumerated in Sharon in 1790 (Peter Frost household, 1790 U.S. Census, Sharon, Suffolk Co., Mass., p. 553), in Sharon in 1800 (Peter Frost household, 1800 U.S. Census, Sharon, Norfolk Co., Mass., p. 34), in Wrentham in 1810 (Peter Frost household, 1810 U.S. Census, Wrentham, Norfolk Co., Mass., p. 599); he is not found in the 1820 census.

(Frost) Ides who d. Milford, Mass., 11 April 1896, aged 102y 1m 14d.²⁶ Peter and Sarah (Edes) Frost therefore could not have been the parents of Unity (Frost) Hopkins.

4. **Rachel Frost**, b. Wrentham, 5 Sept. 1758, d. there 23 Oct. 1758.²⁷
5. **Hannah Frost**, bp. Wrentham, 25 May 1760, d. there 30 Sept. 1821.²⁸ Hannah m. Cyrus Fisher in Wrentham, 9 Nov. 1787.²⁹ Hannah reportedly had an illegitimate son born in Wrentham, 16 May 1784,³⁰ and her age at marriage certainly allows for the birth of yet another illegitimate child, but no such birth is found in the records.
6. **Margaret Frost**, bp. Wrentham, 22 Sept. 1765,³¹ d. probably in Peru, Bennington Co., Vt., 14 Sept. 1854.³² Margaret m. Peter A. Gould in Wrentham, 6 April 1785.³³ She is not known to have had any illegitimate children before her marriage, but unrecorded births remain a possibility.

Of these six children, only one is known to have followed his father to Maine: eldest son Samuel (Jr.), who was appointed a surveyor of highways in Wayne in 1804 and appears to have remained there until his death.³⁴ No record of the births of Samuel's children has been found, nor does he appear to have ever owned land in Massachusetts. Samuel's family and a timeline of his movements prior to his arrival in Maine, however, can be partially reconstructed through military records and various 'taking in' and 'warning out' notices in Massachusetts:

1. Samuel Frost was of Wrentham when he served several engagements during the Revolutionary War from 1775 to 1780.³⁵
2. On 18 April 1780, Samuel Frost, his wife Sarah, and their daughter Sarah, then residing in Foxboro, Mass., and "under low circumstances," were 'taken into' Wrentham.³⁶

²⁶ One female aged under 10 in Peter's 1800 household, presumably the same aged 10–15 in 1810 [see note 25]. The death record of Sarah (Frost) Ide [*sic*] names her parents as Peter Frost and Sarah "Eades"; see Milford, Mass., "Deaths Jan. 3, 1892 thru Aug. 13, 1907 [vol. 7]," p. 36, line 34 [DGS #4282178, image 508].

²⁷ Wrentham, Mass., "Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1668–1764," n.p. [DGS #7009377, image 106] (birth); *ibid.*, image 137 (death).

²⁸ Thomas W. Baldwin, *Vital Records of Wrentham Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston, Mass., 1910), 1:92 (baptism); Wrentham, Mass., "Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1800–1840," p. 341 [DGS #7009377, image 473] (death).

²⁹ Wrentham, Mass., "Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1763–1807," p. 180 [DGS #7009377, image 256].

³⁰ Baldwin, *Vital Records of Wrentham* [note 28], 1:176, which apparently erred in transcribing the child's name as William "Reshewer" instead of Lesure or LeSieur; see Ruth Major, "In Search of William Lesure's Father," *The Gazette of the American Friends of Lafayette* 78 (Sept. 2013):7.

³¹ Baldwin, *Vital Records of Wrentham* [note 28], 1:92.

³² Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #134498933. Margaret was enumerated in Peru in 1850 (Horace Gould household, 1850 U.S. Census, Peru, Bennington Co., Vt., p. 96B).

³³ Wrentham, Mass., "Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1763–1807," p. 179 [DGS #7009377, image 255].

³⁴ "Samuel Frost" (no suffix) was appointed a surveyor of highways in Wayne at the annual town meeting on 2 April 1804 (Wayne town records, 2:51 [DGS #7596987, image 129]). This was doubtlessly Samuel Jr., as Sr. would have been 76 years old at the time. The following year, on 1 April 1805, "Samuel Frost Jr." was again appointed a surveyor of highways of Wayne (*ibid.*, 2:75 [image 141]).

³⁵ *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908), 6:123; see also Revolutionary War pension file #S35953 [Samuel Frost].

3. In the mid-1780s, James Fales Jr. of Walpole reported that he had taken in “Samuel Frost born in Wrentham, Sarah his Wife Was born in Cumberland, Daughter Sally in Foxborough, Polly in Wrentham, Rachel in Medfield J[torn].”³⁷
4. On 30 Aug. 1790, Samuel Frost, styled a laborer or cordwainer “of Foxborough or Wrentham,” was warned out of Walpole, along with his wife (unnamed) and their children “Sally, Polly, Rachal [*sic*], Unity and Charlotte” [*sic*].³⁸
5. Samuel Frost was enumerated as a head of household in Walpole in the 1790 census,³⁹ and he and his family were back in Wrentham by the time of the 1800 census.⁴⁰
6. On 5 March 1801, John Needham of Walpole gave notice that he had taken into his household “Sam^l Frost Shoe Maker and Wife and six Children from Wrentham.”⁴¹

Headcounts from Samuel Frost’s households in the 1790, 1800, and 1810 censuses perfectly reflect the family composition suggested by the taking-in and warning-out notices, while adding two more children evidently born between 1790 and 1794 who have not been identified:⁴²

| 1790 (Walpole, Mass.) | 1800 (Wrentham, Mass.) | 1810 (Wayne, Maine) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 male 16+ (Samuel) | 1 male 26–44 (Samuel) | 1 male 45+ (Samuel) |
| 6 females: | 1 female 45+ (Sarah) | 1 female 45+ (Sarah) |
| Sarah (wife) | 3 females 16–25: | 3 females 16–25: |
| Sarah/Sally | Sarah/Sally | Unity |
| Polly | Polly | unknown |
| Rachel | Rachel | unknown |
| Unity | 2 females 10–15: | 1 male 16–25 (unk.) |
| Charlotte | Unity | 1 female under 10 (unk.) |
| | Charlotte | |
| | 1 male under 10 (unk.) | |
| | 1 female under 10 (unk.) | |

³⁶ Esther L. Friend, “Notifications and Warnings Out: Strangers Taken Into Wrentham, Massachusetts, Between 1732 and 1812,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 141(1987):347.

³⁷ “Walpole, Mass., Warnings,” NEHGR 57(1903):142. The date of the notice was on a torn portion of the page and therefore missing. The entries are not organized in strict chronological order, but the notice concerning Samuel Frost and his family appears immediately after two 1785 entries. The surrounding entries on the page with legible dates generally cover the years 1784–85, with one entry from 1779 and another from 1781.

³⁸ Walpole, Mass., Town Records 1780–1833, p. 178 (“Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988” > Walpole > 1780–1833 > image 114 [ancestry.com]).

³⁹ Sam^l Frost household, 1790 U.S. Census, Walpole, Suffolk Co., Mass., p. 668.

⁴⁰ Samuel Frost household, 1800 U.S. Census, Wrentham, Norfolk Co., Mass., p. 179.

⁴¹ “Walpole, Mass., Warnings,” NEHGR 57(1903):143. Census data suggests that Samuel had seven children by 1801, one of whom perhaps had died or left the household by the time of this notice.

⁴² Samuel [Sam^l] Frost household, 1790 U.S. Census [note 39]; 1800 U.S. Census [note 40]; 1810 U.S. Census, Wayne, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 931. An interesting candidate for one of these children is Richard Montgomery [*sic*] Frost, who m. (int.) 10 Feb. 1816, Salome Perry (Wayne, “Vital Records, 1792–1821,” p. 136 [DGS #7596987, image 171]). Richard’s gravestone in Wayne indicates his date of birth was 29 Aug. 1791 (gravestone photo, findagrave.com #112913497).

Samuel's eldest daughters Sarah/Sally, Polly, and Rachel Frost have not been identified in subsequent records, but two marriage intentions published in Wayne almost certainly pertain to the two younger daughters of Samuel mentioned above:

Zadoc Bishop Jr. and **Charlotte Frost** both of Wayne, 8 April 1810⁴³
Peter Hopkins Jr. of Lincolnville and **Unity Frost** of Wayne, 3 Aug. 1811⁴⁴

Samuel Frost Jr.'s frequent movements before his arrival in Maine by 1804 suggest that he and his family lived a nomadic existence during the latter years of the eighteenth century and certainly could have ventured, albeit temporarily, to New Sandwich where Samuel's father lived at the time of Unity (Frost) Hopkins's birth—if, of course, Unity's birth information in the 1850 and 1860 censuses is correct and she was actually born in Maine. Indeed, Unity's son George Hopkins gave his mother's birthplace as Massachusetts in the 1880 census.⁴⁵

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **PETER HOPKINS** was born probably in Winthrop or Wales Plantation [in the part later set off as Monmouth], Maine, say 1784, son of Peter and Silence (King) Hopkins. He died probably in Franklin Plantation after 11 December 1867.⁴⁶ He married UNITY FROST (intentions recorded in Wayne, 3 August 1811, and in Lincolnville, 19 August 1811). Unity was born in either Massachusetts or New Sandwich [now Wayne], Maine, 1782–86, undoubtedly a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Rhodes) Frost. She died after the 1860 census, when she was living with her husband in Franklin Plantation.

In early 1815, Peter enlisted for a succession of engagements in the U.S. Army, and was discharged at the expiration of his final term in February 1820 at Fort Independence in Boston.⁴⁷ Unity evidently joined her husband during his service in

⁴³ Wayne, Maine, "Vital Records, 1792–1821," p. 100 [DGS #7596987, image 153]. "Zadock" Bishop Jr. and Charlotte Frost m. 18 July 1810 (Leeds, "Vital Records, 1823[sic]–1868," p. 189 [DGS #7595728, image 104]). Charlotte was likely the female aged 16–25 in the household of Zadock Bishop in Wayne in 1810 (Zadock Bishop, 1810 U.S. Census, Wayne, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 929) and therefore was probably not one of the females aged 16–25 in Samuel Frost's 1810 household. On 6 June 1818, Samuel Frost and Zadoc Bishop Jr. mortgaged lot #178 in Wayne, "the same lot we now live on" to Gerard Cazeaux of New York City (Kennebec Co. Deeds, 26:371). That Samuel and Zadoc were living together on the same lot strengthens the identification of Zadoc's wife as a daughter of Samuel Frost [Jr.]. Charlotte's date of birth is given as 5 May 1788 in the family record of Zadock Bishop (LaGrange [Penobscot Co.], "Births, Marriages, Deaths 1833–1854," p. 46 [DGS #7595737, image 49]).

⁴⁴ Wayne, Maine, "Vital Records, 1792–1821," p. 89 [DGS #7596987, image 148].

⁴⁵ Geo. Hopkins household, 1880 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Androscoggin Co., Maine, E.D. 8, p. 174A (father b. "Me.," mother b. "Mass.").

⁴⁶ Peter Hopkins Jr. sketch in Joseph C. Anderson II, ed., *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 12* (Waterville, Maine, 2021), pp. 331–35. Source citations for information appearing elsewhere in the present article are not repeated here.

⁴⁷ "Registers of enlistments in the United States Army, 1798–1914," vol. 12, pp. 155–56 [DGS #4032443, images 479–80].

Boston, where two of their children are said to have been born (see below). Peter and Unity had returned to Monmouth by the time of the 1820 census and were in Plantation No. 2, Oxford County, presumably by June 1828 when their proposed daughter Susan was buried in a local cemetery. Peter and Unity remained in Plantation No. 2 (later Franklin Plantation) for the rest of their lives.

Children of Peter and Unity (Frost) Hopkins:

- i (prob.) POLLY W. HOPKINS, b. Monmouth, say 1811,⁴⁸ d. prob. Wilton, 27 Dec. 1872, aged 62y, and bur. in Adams/Intervale Cemetery, Wilton;⁴⁹ m. Rumford 24 Sept. 1832, RUFUS SEWALL ROYAL,⁵⁰ b. Wilton, about 1810,⁵¹ likely a son of Eli and Sarah (Flanders) Royal (who m. Wilton, 15 Oct. 1808),⁵² d. prob. Wilton 17 Nov. 1882, aged 72y, and bur. with Polly in Adams/Intervale Cemetery.⁵³ Rufus and Polly (Hopkins) Royal lived in Plantation No. 2 (later Franklin Plantation) where most of their children were born before moving to Wilton in around 1843.⁵⁴ They were described as paupers in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses.⁵⁵
- ii (prob.) JOHN HOPKINS, b. prob. Monmouth in 1812 or 1813, d. prob. Plantation No. 2, 15 July 1839, aged 26 years, and bur. in Hammond Cemetery, Dickvale, Peru.⁵⁶ No marriage found.
- iii PETER HOPKINS, b. prob. Monmouth about 1814, d. Milton Plantation, 21 April 1889, aged 75y, and bur. 24 April 1889 in Franklin Cemetery, Dickvale.⁵⁷ Peter m.

⁴⁸ Polly was aged 38, b. Maine in Rufus S. Royal household, 1850 U.S. Census, Wilton, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 52A; aged 51, b. "Monmouth," in Rufus S. Royall household, 1860 U.S. Census, Wilton, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 958; aged 59, b. Maine, in Judith T. Knowles household, 1870 U.S. Census, Wilton, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 232B. Polly's middle initial is from her gravestone.

⁴⁹ R. S. Royal, cemetery transcription sheet, "Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1980" [DGS #7586471, image 1441].

⁵⁰ Rumford, Maine, "Record of Births, Deaths, Marriages, 1800–[18]55," p. 75 [DGS #7596438, image 69]. Rufus's full name from "Registers of enlistments in the United States Army, 1798–1914," vol. 38, p. 151 [DGS #5257038, image 160].

⁵¹ Rufus S. Royall household, 1860 U.S. Census [note 48]. Approximate year of birth calculated from age at death.

⁵² Wilton, Maine, "Vital Records, 1803–1833," p. 16 [DGS #7596943, image 364]. Eli "Royle" was enumerated three households below Peter Hopkins in Plantation No. 2 in 1830 (non-alphabetical list); see 1830 U.S. Census [note 5]. On 31 Aug. 1832, William Royal purchased lot #104 in Township [Plantation] No. 2, "now occupied by Eli Royal, the father of said William" (Oxford Co. Deeds, 40:159). The lot was immediately adjacent to Peter Hopkins's lot #31.

⁵³ R. S. Royal, cemetery transcription sheet [note 49].

⁵⁴ Their six eldest children listed with place of birth "Franklin Plantation" in 1860 U.S. Census [note 48]. For the 1843 move to Wilton, see deposition of Judith T. Decker [daughter of Rufus S. and Polly W. (Hopkins) Royal], dated 11 April 1907, Civil War Widow's Pension #WC104412, service of Humphrey T. Knowles, fold3.com.

⁵⁵ Rufus S. Royal household, 1850 U.S. Census; Rufus S. Royall household, 1860 U.S. Census; Rufus and Polly W. Royal (in household of Judith T. Knowles), 1870 U.S. Census [note 48].

⁵⁶ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #210660610.

⁵⁷ "Died," *Lewiston Evening Journal*, 13 May 1889, p. 3, col. 4: "Milton—April 21, Rev. Peter Hopkins, aged 75." Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #204651651, which gives date of death as 23 April 1889. Date of burial per "Dickvale," *The Oxford Democrat*, 30 April 1889, p. 3, col. 5.

Peru, 17 March 1840, EXPERIENCE HOWE,⁵⁸ b. Rumford, 22 June 1818, daughter of Sampson and Betsey (Howe) Howe, d. Norway, 17 Dec. 1901, aged 83y 5m 25d, and bur. in Franklin Cemetery, Dickvale.⁵⁹ Peter was a Methodist minister.⁶⁰

- iv GEORGE HOPKINS, b. Boston, Mass., 21 April 1817,⁶¹ d. Lonsdale, Cumberland, R.I., 24 Sept. 1898, bur. 26 Sept. 1898 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pawtucket, R.I.;⁶² m. Lisbon, 12 Dec. 1843 SARAH PRAY,⁶³ b. Lisbon (in the part later set off as Webster [now Sabattus]), 9 Jan. 1808, daughter of Charles and Sarah (Garvin) Pray,⁶⁴ d. Lonsdale, R.I., 23 April 1898, bur. 26 April 1898 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pawtucket.⁶⁵
- v SILENCE KING HOPKINS, b. Boston, Mass., about 1818–19, d. 11 Sept. 1874 and bur. in Franklin Cemetery, Dickvale;⁶⁶ m. (1) Peru 13 April 1834, ELBRIDGE GERRY WING,⁶⁷ b. prob. Wayne, [calc.] 5 May 1811, son of Reuben and Joanna (Landers) Wing, d. 8 June 1862 reportedly aged 51y 1m 3d,⁶⁸ and bur. in Franklin Cemetery, Dickvale.⁶⁹ Silence King (Hopkins) Wing m. (2) Woodstock, about July 1864, ALMON MELVIN ANDREWS,⁷⁰ b. Plantation No. 2, 27 May 1835, son of Salmon

⁵⁸ Peru, Maine, “Record of Births & Deaths, 1813–[18]42,” p. 191 [DGS #7724804, image 174].

⁵⁹ “Norway,” *The Oxford Democrat*, 24 Dec. 1901, p. 3, col. 3. Also, Experience Hopkins, record of a death (1901), Maine VRs [note 17]; the record gives place of birth and the names of her parents. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #204651651 (Experience named on the gravestone of her husband).

⁶⁰ Turner, *History of Peru* [note 2], 148.

⁶¹ Shurtleff, *Descendants of William Shurtleff* [note 9], 2:22.

⁶² “Death of George Hopkins,” *Lewiston Saturday Journal*, 1 Oct. 1898, p. 15, col. 4. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #163791333.

⁶³ Lisbon, Maine, “Vital Records, 1828–1847,” p. 224 [DGS #7834680, image 674].

⁶⁴ Lisbon, Maine, “Record of Births, Deaths and Marriage Publications etc., 1782–1833,” p. 56 [DGS #7834680, image 36]. Place of birth per obituary (see note 65 below). Her parents m. Berwick, 17 Nov. 1793 (John Eldridge Frost and Joseph Crook Anderson II, *Vital Records of Berwick, South Berwick and North Berwick, Maine to the Year 1892* [Camden, Maine, 1993], 137).

⁶⁵ “Death of Sarah Pray Hopkins,” *Lewiston Saturday Journal*, 30 April 1898, p. 19, col. 4. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #163791462 (obituary and gravestone both give Sarah as born in 1809).

⁶⁶ See note 8. For place of birth, see Mary J. Murch, record of a death (1906 [mother b. “Boston, Mass.”]), Maine VRs [note 17]. Silence’s full name and date of death from Harold C. Perham, “Reuben Wing, Senior, of Old Winthrop, Old Livermore’s Town, Wayne and Monmouth and his Two Wives, Priscilla and Sally,” TS (West Paris, Maine, 1973; at Maine State Library, Augusta), 244; for her burial, see gravestone photo, findagrave.com #92730209.

⁶⁷ Peru, Maine, “Record of Births & Deaths, 1813–[18]42,” p. 258 [DGS #7724804, image 207]. Elbridge’s full name from Perham, “Reuben Wing, Senior” [note 66], 244.

⁶⁸ Wing Family of America, “Reuben Wing of Maine,” *The Owl* 12(March 1911):995, which says Elbridge was born in Vt. Elbridge’s place of birth is listed as “Maine” in the 1850 and 1860 censuses [note 8]; Perham, “Reuben Wing, Senior” [note 66], 244, says Wayne, while acknowledging family tradition that Elbridge may have been b. in Vt. (*ibid.*, pp. 105–7). Elbridge’s parents m. Paris, Maine, 23 May 1797 (Paris Marriages 1795–1828, p. 8 [DGS #8131220, image 89]).

⁶⁹ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #92730155.

⁷⁰ Almon’s full name from his marriage record to Mary Walker (see note 75 below). Almon and Silence’s undated marriage record was recorded in Woodstock on 21 April 1865 (Woodstock Marriages 1856–1892, n.p. [DGS #7614229, image 150]). Almon Andrews “2d” and Silence Wing published marriage intentions in Franklin Plantation on 28 June 1864, certificate issued 3 July 1864 (Franklin Plantation, Maine, “Vital Records, 1862–1892,” p. 129 [DGS #7595543, image 104]).

and Clarissa (Reading) Andrews,⁷¹ d. Poland, 21 Nov. 1914, and bur. in Locust Cemetery, Poland.⁷² Almon m. (2) Poland 16 March 1875 Susanna Bray Thurston,⁷³ (3) Poland 20 July 1884 Georgiana Chaplin,⁷⁴ and (4) Poland 20 June 1893 Mary (Tripp) (Haskell) Walker.⁷⁵

- vi (prob.) JANE HOPKINS, b. prob. Monmouth, say 1821, d. presumably Franklin Plantation, before Jan. 1843 when her husband published intentions to remarry.⁷⁶ Jane m. Rumford, 8 July 1842, as his second wife, EZEKIEL F. LOVEJOY,⁷⁷ b. prob. Livermore, say 1811, son of Jacob and Mehitable (Wing) Lovejoy, said to have “enlisted in the Mexican War 1845, the last known of him.”⁷⁸ Ezekiel m. (1) Peru, 1 March 1832, Lucretia Dorr,⁷⁹ and after his second wife’s presumed death, he m. (3) Mexico, 24 Feb. 1843, Mary Elizabeth Tracy.⁸⁰
- vii EBENEZER K. HOPKINS, b. Winthrop, [calc.] 26 Nov. 1823, d. Peru, 6 March 1902, aged 78y 3m 9d;⁸¹ m. Franklin Plantation 3 Feb. 1849 CYNTHIA M. JOHNSON,⁸² b. Andover, Mass., 2 Oct. 1830, daughter of Charles King and Lydia K. (Giddings) Johnson,⁸³ said to have d. 19 Nov. 1896.⁸⁴
- viii (prob.) SUSAN W. HOPKINS, b. about Dec. 1825, d. 30 June 1828, aged 2½ years and bur. in Hammond Cemetery, Dickvale.⁸⁵ Silence K. (Hopkins) Wing, above,

⁷¹ Franklin Plantation, Maine, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 83 [DGS #7595543, image 49]; his parents m. Rumford, 6 March 1826 as recorded in Rumford VRs, 1800–[18]55, p. 68 [DGS #7596438, image 65].

⁷² Maine VRs [note 17]. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #95351773.

⁷³ Poland, Maine, “Vital Records, 1834–1891,” p. 14 [DGS #7834691, image 319]. Susanna’s full name is found in Brown Thurston, *Thurston Genealogies*, 2nd ed. (Portland, Maine, 1892), 233.

⁷⁴ Poland, Maine, “Vital Records, 1834–1891,” p. 32 [DGS #7834691, image 328]. Georgiana’s full name from Addie Serena Andrews, record of a live birth (1889 [delayed return birth certificate]), Maine VRs [note 17].

⁷⁵ Maine VRs [note 17]. The record indicates that it was Mary’s 3rd marriage and names her parents as Silas and Deborah (Verrill) Tripp. Mary’s previous marriages have not been found, but she evidently m. (1) before 4 Aug. 1869, George W. Haskell (Cumberland Co. Deeds, 370:222), and m. (2) an unidentified Mr. Walker.

⁷⁶ Franklin Plantation, Maine, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 5 [DGS #7595543, image 8].

⁷⁷ Recorded in Franklin Plantation, Maine, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 5 [ibid., image 8].

⁷⁸ Turner, *History of Peru* [note 2], 202. Ezekiel’s father, Jacob Lovejoy, was enumerated in Livermore in 1810 (1810 U.S. Census, Livermore, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 421).

⁷⁹ Peru, Maine, “Record of Births & Deaths, 1813–[18]42,” p. 190 [DGS #7724804, image 172].

⁸⁰ Recorded in Franklin Plantation, Maine, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 6 [DGS #7595543, image 9]. Mary’s full name from Livermore, Maine, “Vital Records, 1805–1862” [Book 2], p. 6 [DGS #7834679, image 211].

⁸¹ Maine VRs [note 17].

⁸² Franklin Plantation, Maine “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 24 [DGS #7595543, image 18].

⁸³ Recorded in Franklin Plantation, Maine, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 83 [ibid., image 49]. For place of birth, see Turner, *History of Peru* [note 2], 181. Her parents m. (int) Andover, Mass., 8 April 1825 (Andover Marriages & Intentions, 1800–1850, p. 33 [DGS #7010678, image 578]); full name of Charles King Johnson from Bradford, Vt., Town & Vital Records, 1:70 [DGS #5458766, image 75].

⁸⁴ Franklin Plantation, Maine, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 149. No death record or gravestone found for Cynthia M. (Johnson) Hopkins.

⁸⁵ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #210660608.

named her first daughter “Susan W. Wing,” b. 11 July 1835,⁸⁶ presumably in honor of her sister who had died 7 years prior, lending further support to the inclusion of Susan W. Hopkins as a proposed daughter of Peter and Unity (Frost) Hopkins.

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⁸⁶ Franklin Plantation, Maine, “Vital Records, 1842-1856,” p. 82 [DGS #7595543, image 49].

KILLED BY GROVER CLEVELAND

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In these days of volatile partisan politics, the election of certain candidates can evoke strong emotional and physical reactions from the constituency. It turns out that this is nothing new.

In a San Francisco courtroom in January 1886, the will of Jacob Solomon was being challenged. Jacob had died 20 December 1884. The clause of the will that triggered the controversy reads as follows:

I hereby declare that prior to my coming to California I was married to a woman named Hannah, whose other name I have forgotten. She was divorced from me . . . on the 11th day of August 1860. During our marriage a child was born to her. This child was not begotten of me and is not my child. She is now living in this city. . . . I do not make in this my will, and do not intend to make any provision for said child.¹

The alleged daughter, Jenny Asch, in a statement to the court contesting the will, claimed that Jacob Solomon was indeed her father, that the will was both libelous and scandalous, and that to probate and publish it would be to inflict a great wrong upon the contestant and her mother, who was then living in the city. She accused Solomon of being under an insane delusion and not in his proper mind when he wrote the will.

In support of the claim that Solomon was not of sound mind, his brother-in-law Ephraim Frank took the stand:

Ephraim Frank testified that the testator was very positive in his political opinions. He was a strong Republican. His chagrin at Cleveland’s election aggravated his disease so much, in the opinion of the witness, as to precipitate his death. He said at the time he did not want to live under a Democratic administration, and he immediately drooped and fell away until he died.²

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¹ San Francisco *Daily Examiner*, Friday, 26 Jan. 1886, p. 2.

² San Francisco *Chronicle*, Friday, 29 Jan. 1886, p. 2.

“DEAR MAMIE”

The Family of David B. Smith of York County, Maine

By Stephen Le Bel

A letter written more than fifty years ago, and shared by a distant cousin, allows for the reconstruction of an extended Smith family in Maine. The correspondence was between two first cousins who were grandchildren of Charles Horace Smith (1823–1910) and his wife Lydia Jane (Grant) of Lyman, Maine. The writer, Elsie Ida (Boston) Smith, was their granddaughter through their daughter Ida Vose (Smith) Boston. The recipient was Mary Etta (Smith) Doyle, their granddaughter through their son Freeborn Johnson Smith. Mary went by the name “Mamie.”

What is truly remarkable is that Elsie wrote with a high degree of accuracy about events that had happened more than a hundred years earlier. I only found two minor points that needed correction. For clarity’s sake, I have excerpted those parts of the letter that dealt with her grandfather’s family. Her grandmother Grant’s family is already well documented.¹ Please refer to Figure 1 for a visual representation of the family relationships discussed in this article.

Elsie was not quite twenty-one when her grandfather died. She mentions elsewhere in her letter that she started a notebook when she was about twelve or thirteen years old. That gave her about eight or nine years to record what her grandfather told her about his family. As she talked about her notebook in the present tense, she must have had it close by as she wrote the letter.

July 26, 1966

Dear Mamie,

Yes, I know a lot about Grammie Smith’s ancestors, but even she and Grandpa didn’t seem to know too much about his father’s side. . . .

Grandpa Smith’s father was David Smith the 4th and was brought up by his grandfather Butler, as his father went to sea, and died on Espanol Is. [*sic*] just before he was born. I would imagine that David the 4th was born in No. Kennebunkport, as that’s where the family once lived.

Where Grandpa was born, I don’t know. His parents were divorced you know, and I think his father was living “on the town” when he died. Because of the divorce, I don’t know. But his mother was married twice afterward, and had three other sons by her second husband. . . .

Sincerely,

Elsie

[P.S.] I wrote to Nat Vose for several years before he died. Aunt May suggested I write and he corresponded.

¹ Leola Grant Bushman, *Peter Grant, Scotch Exile: Kittery and Berwick, Maine* (San Marino, Calif., 1976).

Parsing Elsie's letter phrase by phrase gave me the clues I needed to work backwards. I discovered that "David Smith the 4th" (his full name was David Butler Smith²) was actually the fifth David in a row. The assertion that "*his father went to sea, and died before he was born*" pointed to a David Smith "Jr." who had married Betty Butler on 21 June 1802 in Arundel, Maine.³ Elsie wrote that he died on "Espanol Is[land]," but David Smith "Jr." actually died at Port Antonia, Jamaica, on 9 February 1804.⁴ His widow, Betty, married second in Arundel, 30 June 1811, her first cousin John Stone,⁵ and moved to Shapleigh. That Betty's son David B. Smith was "*brought up by his grandfather Butler*" suggests that David remained behind in Arundel with Betty's parents after she remarried.

"*I would imagine that David the 4th was born in No. Kennebunkport.*" This area was known as North Kennebunkport for most of Elsie's life. The town's original name was Cape Porpus, but it was Arundel when David B. Smith's parents were married in 1802. In 1821 the town was named Kennebunkport.⁶ North Kennebunkport became a separate town in 1915, and in 1957 it reclaimed the name Arundel.⁷

"*. . . as that's where the family once lived.*" Betty's father, "grandfather Butler," was Stephen Butler who died between 17 September 1818 (when he was a party to a deed) and 4 September 1820 (when his estate was in probate).⁸ His wife, Martha

² David Butler Smith's full name is found in the "Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith" article, *Biddeford Weekly Journal*, 18 May 1906, p. 6.

³ Kennebunkport VRs, 1:563 [DGS #7595726, image 345]. They were married by Rev. Silas Moody of the North Congregational Church. The father of David⁴ Smith "Jr." was Capt. David³ Smith of Portland ("Account of Deaths and Losses in the family of Capt. David Smith" *Newburyport Herald* [Mass.], 27 Oct. 1807, p. 2). Capt. David's father was David² Smith who was b. in Chatham, Mass., and d. in Barrington, N.S. (Sheila M Dann Westgate and Anna Lowell Tomlinson, *Vital Records Town of Chatham Massachusetts 1696–1850* [Chatham, 1999], 36; Elizabeth Pearson White, "Nova Scotia Settlers from Chatham, Massachusetts, 1759–1769," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 62[1974]:112). This branch of the Smith family had moved from Cape Cod to Nova Scotia, and then to Portland. By then, all memory of the first David¹ Smith had been left behind in Chatham, Massachusetts (William C. Smith, *Early Chatham Settlers* [Yarmouthport, Mass., 1915], 35).

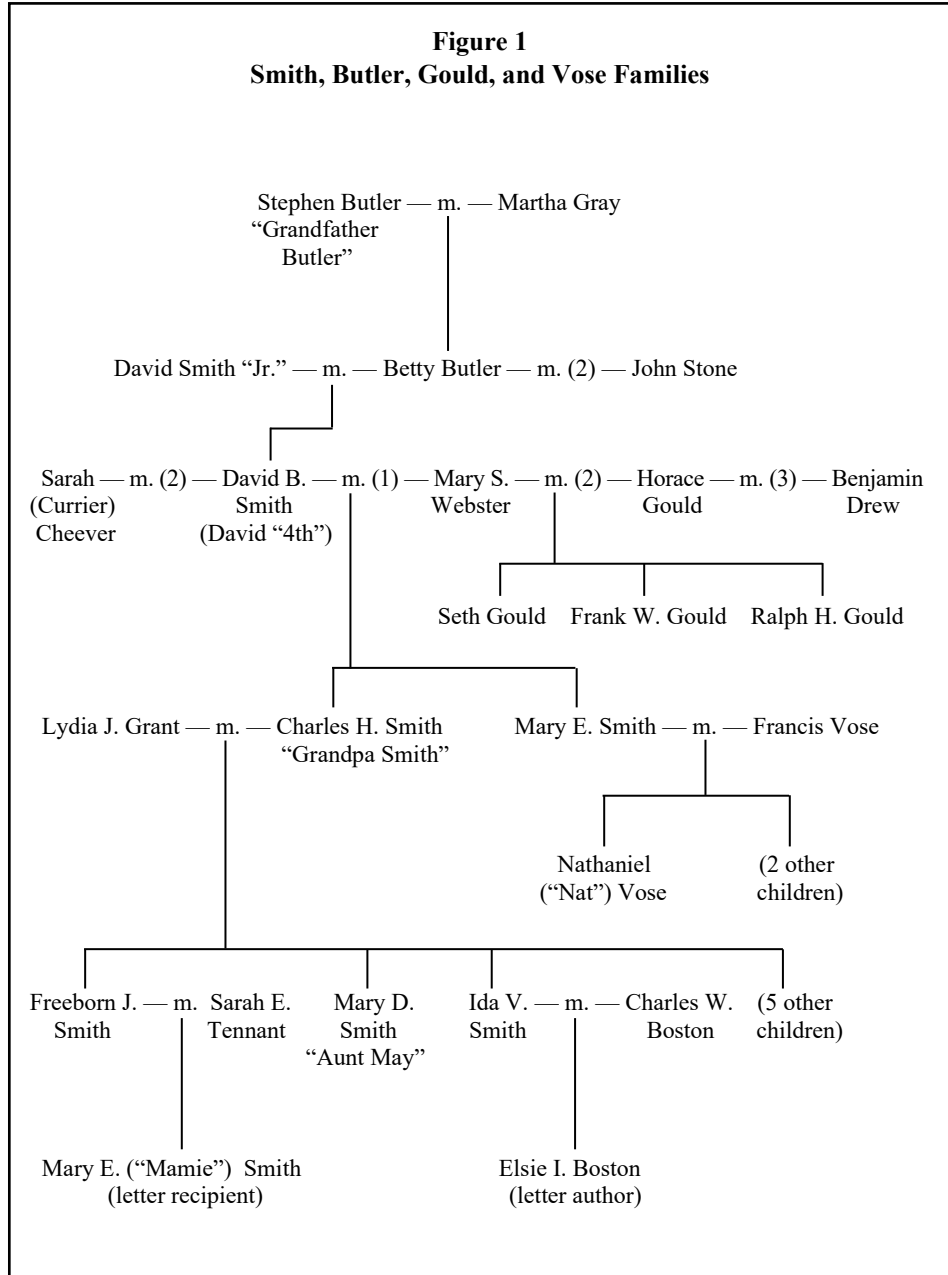
⁴ Death notice, *Portland Gazette*, 31 March 1804, p. 3: "At Port Antonia, (Jam.) Feb. 9 Capt. David Smith jun. aged 29—son of Capt David Smith, of this town." No probate records for David Smith "Jr." were found in York Co. If the probate case was filed in Cumberland Co., then those records would have been lost in the Portland City Hall fire of Jan. 1908.

⁵ Kennebunkport VRs, 1:528 [DGS #7595726, image 327]. They were married by the Rev. Andrew Sherburne of the Arundel Baptist Church. Betty Butler's mother was Martha Gray. Martha's sister Mary Gray was John Stone's mother. Daughters Mary Stone and Martha Butler are named in the will of James Gray of Berwick, dated 23 Dec. 1803 (York Co. Probate Records, 24:225).

⁶ Charles Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport from Its First Discovery by Bartholomew Gosnold* (Kennebunk, 1837), 196.

⁷ Stanley Bearce Attwood, *The Length and Breadth of Maine* (Orono, 1977), 175; see also www.arundelmaine.org under History of Arundel.

⁸ York Co. Deeds, 101:35 (Stephen Butler to Samuel Day); York Co. Probate Records, #2386 [DGS #7315272, image 410].



(Gray) Butler,⁹ was enumerated as a head of household in Arundel in 1820. Her grandson David B. Smith was apparently the male aged 16–18 living in Martha’s household in 1820.¹⁰

Three years later, in Kennebunk on 8 August 1823, David B. Smith married Mary S. Webster.¹¹ By the time of the next census in 1830, they had two young children. That year, Martha Butler’s household in the town now called Kennebunkport consisted of a female aged 70–79 (Martha), a male 20–29 (grandson David B. Smith), a female 20–29 (David’s wife Mary), a male 5–9 (David’s son Charles), and a female under 5 (David’s daughter Mary).¹²

A birth or baptismal record for David Butler Smith has not been found. His date of birth can be approximated between his father’s death on 9 February 1804 and 27 July 1804. On 27 July 1846, he gave his age as 42 in his Mexican-American War enlistment record.¹³

“Where Grandpa was born, I don’t know.” This comment is surprising, given the other family details that Elsie knew. She did mention that her notes were “jumbled up.” “His parents were divorced you know.” Records show that Mary S. (Webster) Smith did divorce David B. Smith in York County in May 1838.¹⁴ The reason given for the divorce was adultery. David B. had married a widow, Sarah (Currier) Cheever,¹⁵ in Lowell, Massachusetts, in May 1837,¹⁶ and that marriage record was entered as evidence for the divorce. While Elsie had known about the divorce, she

⁹ Stephen Butler m. Biddeford, 17 July 1777, Martha Gray both of Biddeford (John D. Beatty, *Vital Records of Biddeford, Maine, Prior to 1856* [Camden, Maine, 1998], 114).

¹⁰ Martha Butler household, 1820 U.S. Census, Arundel, York Co., Maine, p. 333. In addition to being included in the “between sixteen and eighteen” age category, David B. Smith was also the male marked in the overlapping 16 to 25 age category. The two pages for the letter “B” are missing for the Arundel 1810 U.S. Census, so the composition of Stephen Butler’s household cannot be determined for that year.

¹¹ Kennebunk Marriages, 1729–1892, p. 27, in which she was called Mary “Walker” [DGS #7595725, image 141]; she was called Mary “Webster” on the marriage intentions dated 10 May 1823 in Kennebunk VRs, 1820–1859, p. 8 [ibid., image 343]; and called Mary “Webber” on another record of the marriage in Kennebunk VRs, 1820–1859, p. 52 [ibid., image 365]. That her maiden name was *Webster* is shown by the second marriage of her mother, Lydia (Kimball) Webster, to Benjamin Gould in Lyman and Mary’s subsequent marriage to a member of the Gould family (see below for more details). Her surname of Webster is also confirmed in the “Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith” article [note 2].

¹² Martha Butler household, 1830 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 123.

¹³ Maine, Mexican War Soldiers, military record #9805517 [database, ancestry.com]. David B. Smith enlisted on 27 July 1846 and was attached to Moses Goodwin’s Company, 1st Regiment. This existed on paper only, as they were never formally activated and sent to Mexico. He gave his age as 42, occupation as joiner, and his place of birth as Kennebunk.

¹⁴ York Co. Supreme Judicial Court Records, 7:306–7, docket #156 [DGS #4737426, images 314–15].

¹⁵ She had m. (1) Lowell, Mass., 29 Dec 1833, John Cheever (*Vital Records of Lowell, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 4 vols. [Salem, 1930], 2:149).

¹⁶ VRs of Lowell, Mass. [note 15], 2:150, 3:270. They were both “of Lowell.”

apparently didn't know that her great grandfather was a bigamist. No further information has been learned of Sarah Cheever, and David has not been located in the 1840 census.

Elsie's comment about David B. Smith "*living 'on the town' when he died*" is curious. The 1850 census for Shapleigh, Maine, shows David B. Smith, aged 48 [*sic*], living in the family of Dr. William Lewis with the word "none" in the employment column.¹⁷ David was a wheelwright and carpenter, and was likely boarding with the Lewises. No wife was living with him. His stepfather and mother, John and Betsey Stone, were also living in Shapleigh that year.¹⁸ No later records have been found for David, and there is no death record or surviving cemetery stone.

"*But his mother was married twice afterward, and had three other sons by her second husband.*" Mary was living in Lyman when she divorced David B. Smith. She was probably living with her mother Lydia (Kimball) Webster, who had married Capt. Benjamin Gould in Lyman in 1831.¹⁹ In 1839 Mary married, second, Horace Gould,²⁰ who was her stepfather's grandnephew.²¹

Horace Gould died 31 August 1848 and is buried in the Gould-Drew lot on Frost Road in Lyman.²² David B. and Mary Smith's son Charles H. Smith inherited the family farm and lived there for the remainder of his life.²³ His mother married for a third time on 29 October 1849 to Hezekiah Drew of Hollis, a man considerably older than Mary.²⁴ She lived in Hollis (probably in the part that was set off as Dayton in 1854) and died there in October 1879. Even though she was married into the Drew family for thirty years, she is buried with Horace Gould in Lyman.²⁵

Elsie added as an afterthought "*I wrote to Nat Vose for several years before he died. Aunt May suggested I write.*" Aunt May was Mary Drew (Smith) Lovering, a daughter of Charles H. and Lydia J. (Grant) Smith (see Figure 1). Nat Vose was Nathaniel Francis Vose who was Charles H. Smith's nephew, the son of his sister

¹⁷ William Lewis household, 1850 U.S. Census, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 153.

¹⁸ John Stone household, 1850 U.S. Census, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 159.

¹⁹ Lyman VRs, 2:22 [DGS #7595741, image 374], the marriage occurring on 15 Aug. 1831. As Lydia Kimball, she had m. (1) (int.) Lyman, [n.d.] June 1803, Stephen Webster of Wells (Lyman VRs, 1:54 [ibid., image 256]).

²⁰ "Mr. Horace Gould and Mrs. Mary S. Smith both of Lyman intend marriage," 12 Oct. 1839 (Lyman VRs, 2:44 [DSG #7595741, image 385]).

²¹ Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Lyman, Maine* (Portsmouth, N.H., 2017), 153. Thanks to Mr. Boyle for working with me to piece together this family.

²² Gravestone personally viewed by the author.

²³ "Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith" article [note 2].

²⁴ Lyman VRs, 2:458 [DGS #7595741, image 594]. In 1850 Hezekiah Drew was aged 60 and Mary was aged 45; in 1860 Hezekiah was aged 74 and Mary was aged 56 (Hezekiah Drew household, 1850 U.S. Census, Hollis, York Co., Maine, pp. 111, 1860 U.S. Census, Dayton, York Co., Maine, 992).

²⁵ Gravestone, Gould-Drew lot, Hollis, personally viewed by the author. Buried with Horace and Mary is their son Frank W. Gould. Several fieldstones nearby possibly mark the graves of other family members.

Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Vose's. This part of the family was by then living in Ojai, California, and perhaps Aunt May wanted the next generation to keep in touch with each other.

Elsie scored bull's-eyes with every phrase. Although she did not provide detailed names, dates, or her source materials, she did provide a clear map of where to look for all these genealogical treasures.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY²⁶

1 **DAVID BUTLER SMITH** was born in Kennebunk, Maine, probably between February and July 1804, son of David "Jr." and Betty (Butler) Smith. He died, probably in Shapleigh, after 1850 when he was enumerated there in the census. He married (1) in Kennebunk, 8 August 1823, **MARY S. WEBSTER**. Mary was born, probably in Lyman, 24 May 1805,²⁷ daughter of Stephen and Lydia (Kimball) Webster. As Mrs. Mary S. Drew, she died in Dayton, 16 October 1879, aged 74 years, 5 months.²⁸ David and Mary Smith were divorced in York County in May 1838. David married (2) in Lowell, Massachusetts, 24 October 1837 (while still married to his first wife), **SARAH C. (CURRIER) CHEEVER**.

Mary married (2) **HORACE GOULD**, their marriage intentions on 12 October 1839 recorded in Lyman.²⁹ Horace was aged 20–30 in 1840 [born 1810–20],³⁰ and was thus considerably younger than Mary, a son of Nathaniel and Lilas/Lila/Lillifer (Gray) Gould.³¹ He died 31 August 1848. Mary married (3) in Lyman, 29 October 1849, **HEZEKIAH DREW** of Hollis, who was deceased by 1870 when Mary was the sole member of her household in Dayton.³²

In January 1826, David B. Smith was listed as a creditor in the estate inventory of his uncle Michael Butler of Kennebunkport.³³ In December 1826, he and his brother-in-law Luther Webster witnessed a deed in Kennebunkport from his uncle Daniel Butler to Joseph Taylor.³⁴ David kept a low public profile. No records have been found to show that he ever bought or sold property or held town offices, and his name has not been found in any church or probate records.

²⁶ References for facts cited earlier in this article are not repeated in the genealogical summary.

²⁷ Winifred Lovering Holman, FASG, "Webster Lineage," typescript (1946), at the New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, pp. 113, 115. Her place of birth is listed as Tamworth, N.H., but Mary gave Maine as her birthplace in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses. Holman stated her family resided in Lyman until Nov. 1805, when her father bought property in Tamworth.

²⁸ Dayton VRs, p. 132 [DGS #7595366, image 94].

²⁹ "Mr. Horace Gould and Mrs. Mary S. Smith both of Lyman intend marriage," 12 Oct. 1839 (Lyman VRs, 2:44 [DSG #7595741, image 385]).

³⁰ Horace Gould household, 1840 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, p. 72.

³¹ Boyle, *Early Families of Lyman* [note 21], 153, 155.

³² Mary Drew household, 1870 U.S. Census, Dayton, York Co., Maine, p. 243. In the adjoining household was Mary's stepson, Hezekiah Drew, aged 47y.

³³ Michael Butler estate, York Co. Probate Records, #2367 [DGS #2313970, image 142].

³⁴ York Co. Deeds, 137:21.

Children of David Butler and Mary S. (Webster) Smith:

- 2 i CHARLES HORACE SMITH, b. 11 Oct. 1823; m. LYDIA JANE GRANT.
- 3 ii MARY ELIZABETH SMITH, b. 14 March 1827; m. FRANCIS VOSE.

Children of Horace and Mary S. (Webster) (Smith) Gould all b. in Lyman, Maine:

- i SETH GOULD, b. ca. 1840, after the census was taken that year.³⁵ In 1850 he was 10 years old, living in the household of his half-brother Charles H. Smith in Lyman.³⁶ No further information found.
- ii FRANK W. GOULD, b. [calc.] 6 Sept. 1842, d. 16 Sept. 1863, aged 21y 10d;³⁷ m. (int.) Lyman, 29 Dec. 1860, JANE W. EDWARDS.³⁸ In 1850 Frank Gould, aged 8, was living in Lyman in the household of Phebe Brackett, aged 68, and her sister Mary Brackett, aged 58, of no known kinship to Frank.³⁹ Frank's mother submitted a letter asking for his half-brother Charles H. Smith to administer his estate.⁴⁰ Frank's father-in-law, Nathan Edwards, was a creditor as also was Ralph H. Gould.⁴¹ He is possibly the same Frank W. Gould who enlisted in Brentwood, N.H., and served in Company E, 15th Regiment, N.H. Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War.⁴²
- iii RALPH H. GOULD, b. 29 May 1845, d. Mankato, Jewell Co., Kans., 12 Aug 1893;⁴³ m. Kenosha, Kenosha Co., Wisc., 2 Sept. 1867, EMELINE CHANDLER.⁴⁴ He was the only son enumerated with his mother, Mary, in the 1850 census.⁴⁵ That census records him as being 5 years old and with the last name of Drew. He was a 15-year old farm laborer in Biddeford in 1860.⁴⁶ He then moved to Warren, Ill., where his half-sister, Mary E. (Smith) Vose, was living,⁴⁷ and enlisted in Company E of the 9th Regiment of the Illinois Calvary.⁴⁸ He returned to Warren after the war.⁴⁹ By 1875 he had moved to the township of Limestone (now Mankato), Kans.⁵⁰

³⁵ Horace Gould household, 1840 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, p. 72. Horace Gould did not have a child under 5 listed, so Seth was not yet born.

³⁶ Charles H. Smith household, 1850 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, p. 153.

³⁷ Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: York County* (Camden, Maine, 1995), 1266.

³⁸ Lyman VRs, 1851–70, n.p. [DGS #7595741, image 25].

³⁹ Phebe Brackett household, 1850 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, p. 146; Boyle, *Early Families of Lyman* [note 21], 14.

⁴⁰ York Co. Probate Records, #7340 [DGS #7315345, images 844, 848].

⁴¹ York Co. Probate Records, #7340 [DGS #7315345, images 846, 859].

⁴² *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of New Hampshire for the Year Ending May 20, 1865 Volume II* (Concord, 1865), 428; New Hampshire, Civil War Service and Pension Records, 1861–1866, Civil War Enlistment Papers, 15 Regt. [DGS #7499109, image 745]. Frank W. Gould, age 20, a resident of Brentwood, N.H., enlisted 10 Sept. 1862.

⁴³ Gravestone photo, Mount Hope Cemetery, Mankato, Kans., www.findagrave.com/#44275490, his stone giving his full dates of birth and death.

⁴⁴ Wisconsin, County Marriages, 1836–1911, familysearch.org.

⁴⁵ Hezekiah Drew household, 1850 U.S. Census, Hollis, York Co., Maine, p. 111.

⁴⁶ Tho^s Rumry household, 1860 U.S. Census, Biddeford, York Co., Maine, p. 161.

⁴⁷ Francis Vose household, 1860 U.S. Census, Warren, Lake Co., Ill., p. 596.

⁴⁸ “United States Records of Headstones of Deceased Union Soldiers, 1879–1903” [DGS #4763360, image 469]. This record confirms his date of death and place of burial.

⁴⁹ Ralph H. Gould household, 1870 U.S. Census, Warren, Lake Co., Ill., p. 685.

⁵⁰ 1875 Kansas Census, Limestone, Jewell Co., p. 1 [DGS #7838975, image 381].

2 **CHARLES HORACE SMITH** (called “Grandpa Smith” in Elsie’s letter) was born in Kennebunk, 11 October 1823.⁵¹ He died in Lyman, 23 June 1910, aged 86 years, 9 months, 4 days [*sic*].⁵² He married in Hollis, 3 December 1848, LYDIA JANE GRANT.⁵³ She was born in Lyman, [calc.] 15 October 1831, daughter of Peter and Miriam (Maddox) Grant, and died in Lyman, 17 June 1910, aged 78 years, 8 months, 2 days.⁵⁴ Charles and Lydia Smith lived all of their married life in Lyman, where he was a farmer. In 1900 they were living with their son George C. Smith and their widowed daughter, Mary Weymouth. In a probate record dated 2 May 1911, Charles’s heirs were listed as: George C. Smith of Lyman, son; Luther W. Smith of Brooklyn, New York, son; Heber K. Smith of Campton, New Hampshire, son; Henry C. Smith of Holderness, New Hampshire, son; Mary Lovering of Columbia, New Hampshire, daughter; Ida V. Andrews of Waterboro, Maine, daughter; Freeborn A. Smith of Rumford, Maine, grandson; Mamie E. Doyle of Concord, New Hampshire, granddaughter; and Walter Smith of Lyman, grandson.⁵⁵

Children of Charles Horace and Lydia Jane (Grant) Smith, all b. Lyman:⁵⁶

- i HEBER KIMBALL SMITH, b. March 1850,⁵⁷ d. Boston, Mass., 17 Jan. 1918, aged 68y;⁵⁸ m. Campton, N.H., 21 April 1877, LUCY BLAISDELL,⁵⁹ daughter of John and Charity (Roberts) Blaisdell.⁶⁰
- ii PETER GRANT SMITH, b. ca. 1851, d. Boston, Mass., 3 Dec. 1876, age 26y [*sic*] 7m 28d;⁶¹ m. Boston, Mass., 25 May 1875, ELIZABETH C. DWIGHT, b. Halifax, N.S., daughter of William and Elizabeth (—) Dwight.⁶²
- iii FREEBORN JOHNSON SMITH, b. Oct. 1852,⁶³ d. Brooklyn, N.Y., 4 May 1907;⁶⁴ m. (1) m. 4 July 1877, MARY INGERSON (“JOSIE”) GOODWIN,⁶⁵ b. Biddeford,

⁵¹ “Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith” article [note 2].

⁵² Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; obituary, *Biddeford Weekly Journal*, 24 June 1910, p. 2. His age implies he was b. 19 Sept. 1823. In 1900 Charles gave his birth date as Oct. 1823 (Charles H. Smith household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, p. 7).

⁵³ Lyman VRs, 2:429 [DGS #7595741, image 579].

⁵⁴ Death record, Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [note 52].

⁵⁵ Charles H. Smith estate, York Co. Probate Records, #54834 [DGS #7315480, image 1132].

⁵⁶ All but George were living in the Charles H. Smith household, 1860 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, p. 1006. The children were given family names, including Kimball, Grant, Webster, and Drew. Freeborn Johnson was the name of Mary S. Webster’s brother-in-law, Henry Coffin was Lydia’s brother-in-law, and Vose was the surname of Charles’s brother-in-law.

⁵⁷ Heber K. Smith household, 1900 U.S. Census, Campton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 2.

⁵⁸ Boston Deaths, 1918, p. 54, certificate #694 [DGS #4966594, image 55].

⁵⁹ New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947, familysearch.org.

⁶⁰ “Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith” article [note 2].

⁶¹ Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910 [images, americanancestors.org], 285:284. Peter’s age on his death record calculates to a birth date of 4 April 1850, conflicting with the birth date of Heber. In 1860 Peter was 9 and Heber was 10 (see note 56), so Peter was more likely born in 1851.

⁶² Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 61], 64:534.

⁶³ “Freeborn” Smith, 1900 U.S. Census, Ward 12, Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y. E.D. 172, p. 16.

⁶⁴ Death notice. *Biddeford Daily Journal*, 10 May 1907, p. 5.

⁶⁵ “Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith” article [note 2].

30 Dec. 1855, daughter of Lorenzo and Mary (Black) Goodwin,⁶⁶ d. Lyman, 20 Nov. 1877;⁶⁷ m.(2) Dover, N.H., 19 Jan 1881, SARAH ELIZABETH (“LIZZIE”) TENNANT,⁶⁸ b. Somerville, Mass., 2 June 1856, daughter of John C. and Sarah A. (Murphy) Tennant,⁶⁹ d. Brooklyn, N.Y., 20 Sept. 1890.⁷⁰

Children of Freeborn Johnson and Sarah Elizabeth (Tennant) Smith, all b. Manhattan, N.Y.⁷¹ 1. *Freeborn Albert Smith*, b. 2 Feb. 1882. 2. *Mary Etta (“Mamie”) Smith*, b. 4 Aug 1885, she was the recipient of Elsie’s letter. 3. *Walter Coridan Smith*, b. 23 Jan. 1888.

- iv LUTHER WEBSTER SMITH, b. March 1854,⁷² d. 1929;⁷³ m. (int.) Lyman, 19 Nov. 1884, FRANCES E. (“FANNIE”) WATERHOUSE,⁷⁴ b. 21 Jan. 1862, daughter of Hiram and Eliza (Taylor) Waterhouse.⁷⁵ They were living in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1906 with 4 children.⁷⁶
- v HENRY COFFIN SMITH, b. Feb. 1856;⁷⁷ m. Campton, N.H., 20 May 1886, FLORA L. PULSIFER, daughter of David B. and Isabel D. (—) Pulsifer.⁷⁸ They were living in Holderness, N.H., in 1906 with 3 children.⁷⁹
- vi MARY DREW (“MAY”) SMITH, b. June 1857;⁸⁰ m. (1) (int.) Lyman, 31 May, 1883, TOBIAS WEYMOUTH of Hollis,⁸¹ who d. by 1900;⁸² m. (2) Campton, N.H., 25 Aug. 1909, BYRON A. LOVERIN[G] of Columbia, N.H., both widowed.⁸³
- vii IDA VOSE SMITH, b. 30 Oct 1859, d. Kennebunk, 6 April 1918, aged 58y 7m 4d;⁸⁴ m.(1) (int.) Lyman, 13 Nov. 1876, CHARLES W. BOSTON of Kennebunkport,⁸⁵ b. 1849, son of Francis and Sally (Taylor) Boston,⁸⁶ d. 1932,⁸⁷ divorced, York Co.,

⁶⁶ John Hayes Goodwin, *Daniel Goodwin of Ancient Kittery, Maine, and His Descendants*, 2nd ed. by John Eldridge Frost (n.p., 1985), p. 190; “Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith” article [note 2].

⁶⁷ “Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith” article [note 2].

⁶⁸ New Hampshire, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1636–1947, familysearch.org.

⁶⁹ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 61], 97:203; Sarah’s maiden name from her 1902 Waterboro, Maine, death record (Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [note 52]).

⁷⁰ “Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith” article [note 2].

⁷¹ New York, New York City Births, 1846–1909, New York Municipal Archives, certificate #s 330832, 433313, 2606 [DGS #s 4195989, 4196737, 4199458, respectively].

⁷² Luther W. Smith household, 1900 U.S. Census, Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y., E.D. 446, p. 10.

⁷³ Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #121154918.

⁷⁴ Lyman Marriages, 1870–92, n.p. [DGS #7595741, image 94].

⁷⁵ Boyle, *Early Families of Lyman* [note 21], 359–60.

⁷⁶ “Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith” article [note 2].

⁷⁷ Henry C. Smith household, 1900 U.S. Census, Holderness, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 20.

⁷⁸ New Hampshire Marriages, 1720–1920, familysearch.org.

⁷⁹ “Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith” article [note 2].

⁸⁰ Charles H. Smith household, 1900 U.S. Census [note 52].

⁸¹ Lyman Marriages, 1870–92, n.p. [DGS #7595741, image 92].

⁸² Charles H. Smith household, 1900 U.S. Census [note 52].

⁸³ New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947, familysearch.org. Mary’s parents, Charles Horace Smith and Lydia J. Grant, were named on the record.

⁸⁴ Death record, Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [note 52], which gives her full dates of birth and death.

⁸⁵ Lyman Marriages, 1870–92, n.p. [DGS #7595741, image 82].

⁸⁶ Francis Boston household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York Co., Maine, p. 130; his parents names taken from his 2nd marriage record in 1905 (Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [note 52]).

⁸⁷ *York Co. Inscriptions* [note 37], 350, Greenwood Cemetery, Biddeford.

30 Jan. 1892, she alleging suffering physical violence over a ten-year period;⁸⁸ m. (2) (int.) Rochester, N.H., 24 Jun 1910, FRED P. ANDREWS,⁸⁹ b. Lyman, ca. 1862, son of Aaron and Mary Catherine (Rhodes) Andrews,⁹⁰ d. South Portland, 20 May 1946.⁹¹

Children of Charles W. and Ida Vose (Smith) Boston, b. Lyman:⁹² 1. *Mabel Zoe Boston*, b. ca. 1877.⁹³ 2. *Vera Smith Boston*, b. 18 March 1880.⁹⁴ 3. *Clara Walker Boston*, b. Aug. 1881.⁹⁵ 4. *Lila Ruth Boston*, b. 11 Nov. 1883.⁹⁶ 5. *Peter Smith Boston*, b. 9 Dec. 1886.⁹⁷ 6. *Elsie Ida Boston*, b. 20 Sept. 1889,⁹⁸ she was the author of the letter.

viii GEORGE C. SMITH, b. July 1869,⁹⁹ d. 1950;¹⁰⁰ apparently never married. In 1920 George C. Smith, aged 50, a farmer, was living in Lyman with his widowed sister Mary Lovering.¹⁰¹

3 **MARY ELIZABETH SMITH** was born in Kennebunkport, 14 March 1827.¹⁰² She died in Ojai, California, 16 April 1917.¹⁰³ She married in Lyman, 4 May 1847, FRANCIS VOSE of Stoughton, Massachusetts.¹⁰⁴ He was born in Stoughton, 11 July 1814, son of Nathaniel and Polly (Talbot) Vose.¹⁰⁵ He died in Warren, Lake County, Illinois, 14 January 1894.¹⁰⁶

In 1858 Francis Vose, a bootmaker, went west to Warren, Illinois, where his brother Nathaniel Vose had settled, but he returned to Stoughton four years later. He eventually went back to Warren, where he bought a farm.¹⁰⁷ In 1900 Mary Vose,

⁸⁸ York Co. Supreme Judicial Court, 42:501–2, Case #166 [DGS #4750825, images 529–30].

⁸⁹ New Hampshire, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1636–1947, familysearch.org.

⁹⁰ Aaron Andrews household, 1870 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, p. 472; Boyle, *Early Families of Lyman* [note 21], 8–9.

⁹¹ Death notice, *Biddeford Daily Journal*, 21 May 1946, p. 2.

⁹² In her divorce petition, dated 21 Jan. 1791, Ida named her children as Mabel Z., 13, Vera S., 10, Clara W., 9, Lilla R., 7, Peter S., 4, and Elsie I., 1 (York Co. Supreme Judicial Court, 42:501–2, Case #166 [DGS #4750825, images 529–30]).

⁹³ Charles H. Boston household, 1880 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, p. 419.

⁹⁴ Delayed returns for births, deaths, and marriages, [1670?]-1891 [DGS #1002384, image 3172].

⁹⁵ Clara was living with her husband Joshua Smith in Abbott L. Smith household, 1900 U.S. Census, Saco, York Co., Maine, E.D. 248, p. 15.

⁹⁶ Delayed returns for births, deaths, and marriages, [1670?]-1891 [DGS #1002384, image 3181].

⁹⁷ Gravestone photo, Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Newfield, Maine, findagrave.com #129832535. His stone gives his full dates of birth and death.

⁹⁸ Delayed returns for births, deaths, and marriages, [1670?]-1891 [DGS #1002384, image 3194].

⁹⁹ Charles H. Smith household, 1900 U.S. Census [note 52].

¹⁰⁰ Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #200653711.

¹⁰¹ George C. Smith household, 1920 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, p. 4.

¹⁰² Death Record, *The Ojai*, Ojai, Calif., 20 April 1917.

¹⁰³ Gravestone photo Nordhoff Cemetery, Ojai, Calif., www.findagrave.com #39017980, her stone giving her full dates of birth and death.

¹⁰⁴ Lyman VRs, 2:450 [DGS #7595741, image 590].

¹⁰⁵ Ellen F. Vose, *Robert Vose and His Descendants* (Boston, Mass., 1932), 295, 435.

¹⁰⁶ Vose, *Robert Vose and His Descendants* [note 105], 435.

¹⁰⁷ Vose, *Robert Vose and His Descendants* [note 105], 435.

widow, was living in Warren with her son Nathaniel and his wife.¹⁰⁸ Ten years later she and Nathaniel were living in Ventura, California.¹⁰⁹ The claim in Mary's obituary that she was a "kinswoman" of the famous statesman, Daniel Webster, is false.

Children of Francis and Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Vose:¹¹⁰

- i NATHANIEL FRANCIS ("NAT") VOSE, b. Stoughton, Mass., 28 Jan. 1850, d. Ojai, Calif., 11 June 1927;¹¹¹ m. Kenosha, Wisc., 21 Dec. 1895, CYNTHIA LISETTA (VOSE) STEARNS.¹¹²
- ii MARY WEBSTER VOSE, b. Warren, Ill., 13 June 1858, d. 25 Sept. 1862.¹¹³
- iii HERBERT BUTLER VOSE, b. Warren, Ill., 22 Sept. 1865, d. Warren, 13 Sept. 1888.¹¹⁴

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¹⁰⁸ Nathaniel F. Vose household, 1900 U.S. Census, Warren, Lake Co., Ill., p. 7.

¹⁰⁹ Nathaniel Vose household, 1910 U.S. Census, Ventura, Ventura Co., Calif., p. 13.

¹¹⁰ Names and birth dates from Vose, *Robert Vose and His Descendants* [note 105], 436.

¹¹¹ Vose, *Robert Vose and His Descendants* [note 105], 539.

¹¹² Vose, *Robert Vose and His Descendants* [note 105], 436, 539.

¹¹³ Vose, *Robert Vose and His Descendants* [note 105], 436.

¹¹⁴ Vose, *Robert Vose and His Descendants* [note 105], 436.

THE FUNERAL OF RHODA LITTLEFIELD OF FRANKFORT, MAINE

By Valerie Harris and Priscilla Eaton

DIED,

In Hampden, on Saturday morning last, Miss RHODA LITTLEFIELD, aged 19. In a fit of insanity, she repaired to a well and threw herself down, where she was found dead.

Bangor Weekly Register, 16 Sept. 1819, p. 3

Obe Hubbs¹ of Frankfort, Maine, a yeoman farmer, kept a journal of family and community events. Given the loss of many early Frankfort records by fire, the journal helps shed light on a number of local families. One of these is the Littlefield family.²

Three pages of Obe Hubbs's journal are devoted to the 1819 funeral of Rhoda Littlefield. One page provides the date and names of officials, another the names of the mourners (see Figure 1), and another the names of the pallbearers.³

The names of the thirty-two mourners, in particular, appear to form a pattern. The mourners were:

[*First column*] Samuel Littlefield, Mrs. Littlefield, Susan Rowell, Polly Mason, Daniel Littlefield, Harriet Littlefield, George Littlefield, Sovia Littlefield, Sally Littlefield, Betsey Littlefield, James Rowell, Obe Hubbs, Bradstreet Mason, James Carlton, Jeremiah Littlefield, Levi Carlton, Mrs. Carlton, and Polly Carlton

[*Second column*] Maria Littlefield, Sally Clark, Clara Littlefield, Joanna Littlefield, Robert Clark, Stephen Clark, Lemuel Clark, William Littlefield, Mariah Littlefield, Eleanor Littlefield, Hannah Littlefield, Eunice Littlefield, Nehemiah Littlefield, and Benjamin Littlefield.

Logically, one would expect the first listed among the mourners of a young girl to be her parents, i.e., Samuel and Mrs. Littlefield.⁴ The eight who follow—Susan Rowell, Polly Mason, Daniel Littlefield, Harriet Littlefield, George Littlefield, Sovia Littlefield, Sally Littlefield, and Betsey Littlefield—appear to be Rhoda's siblings,

¹ Obe Hubbs was Rhoda Littlefield's brother-in-law, as noted below.

² A number of the Frankfort Littlefields appeared in the "Unplaced Families and Records" section of Priscilla Eaton's recently published *Littlefield Genealogy: Descendants of Edmund Littlefield of Wells, Maine* (Waterville, Maine, 2020), 901. Valerie Harris brought Obe Hubbs's record book to the author's attention. One of the added bonuses of publishing one's research is that readers follow up with their own sources and build on the work.

³ Obe Hubbs Journal, copy of the pages referred to in this article in the possession of the authors. The journal pages have been posted on the gallery page of the Field Family Tree at ancestry.com <www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/100862/person/280045984944/facts>.

⁴ The "Mrs. Littlefield" listed among the mourners was probably not Rhoda's mother, as Samuel Littlefield of Frankfort m. (cert.) Bucksport, 19 April 1814, Mrs. Molly (Page) Eldridge of Bucksport (Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Frankfort* [Rockport, Maine, 1999], 154). Molly Page had m. (1) Hancock, 3 Nov. 1791, Paul Sears Eldridge. Samuel's son Daniel m. in 1817 his stepsister Rebecca Eldridge, as noted below.

listed, it appears, in birth order. The next three—James Rowell, Obe Hubbs, and Bradstreet Mason—are spouses of Rhoda's siblings as will be shown below.

In 1790 Samuel Littlefield's household included three females, likely Samuel's wife, and daughters Hannah and Susan.⁵ Jumping ahead to 1820, Samuel's household included a man over age 45 [Samuel]; a boy aged 16–18 [George, who is also the male aged 16–25]; a woman over 45 [Mrs. Littlefield]; a female aged 16–25 [Harriet]; two girls aged 10–15 [Sophia and Sally]; and a girl under 10 [Betsey].⁶ In 1830 the census record indicates that Samuel was 60–69 years of age, or born 1760–1769. If he was at least 21 at the birth of his first child Hannah in 1787, then he would have been born no later than 1766. There were three women in the household in 1830, all under the age of 40, suggesting that Samuel's wife had died. The three women were likely his daughters Harriet, Betsey, and possibly Sovia/Sophia.⁷

From this information, we can reconstruct Samuel's immediate family:

Children of Samuel Littlefield by his first wife (name unknown), b. Frankfort:

- i HANNAH LITTLEFIELD, b. 25 April 1787, d. Brooks, 23 Sept. 1876;⁸ m. (1) Frankfort, by 17 March 1808 (when notice appeared in the local newspaper), TRUEWORTHY PARKER,⁹ bp. Stoddard, N.H., 28 Aug. 1774, son of Oliver and Sarah (—) Parker.¹⁰ Hannah Parker m. (2) Thorndike, 27 Sept. 1815 (as his 2nd wife), OBE[DIAH] HUBBS,¹¹ b. 30 June 1780, d. Brooks, 8 Dec. 1836.¹² Obe Hubbs attended the funeral in Hannah's place and noted the proceedings in his record book. Obe Hubbs had m. (1) 1 Jan. 1807, Sally Huey.¹³ Obe and Hannah had 5 children,¹⁴ including Samuel Littlefield Hubbs, whose 28 May 1896 Monroe, Maine, death record names his parents as O. B. [sic] Hubbs and Hannah Littlefield.¹⁵
- ii SUSAN LITTLEFIELD, b. ca. 1789; m. by 1810, JAMES ROWELL. In 1850 Susan Rowell, aged 61, was living in Frankfort with the family of her son Lorenzo Rowell, a joiner, aged 39.¹⁶ The 27 March 1899 Malden, Mass., death record of Lorenzo D.

⁵ *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* (Washington, D.C., 1908), 28, col. c.

⁶ Samuel Littlefield household, 1820 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 6.

⁷ Samuel Littlefield household, 1830 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 10.

⁸ Gravestone photo, Rose Cemetery, Brooks, findagrave.com, #57467618, the inscription providing her full dates of birth and death.

⁹ [Portland] *Weekly Eastern Argus*, 17 March 1808 [image, genealogybank.com].

¹⁰ Henry C. Hallowell, *Vital Records of Townsend, Massachusetts* (Boston, 1992), 461.

¹¹ Book of Records, Lincoln Plantation, n.p. [DGS #7596924, image 212].

¹² Gravestone photo, Rose Cemetery, Brooks, findagrave.com, #57467590, the inscription providing his full dates of birth and death. Obe is believed to be the son of Obed Hobbs enumerated in Brunswick in 1790, his household including a boy under the age of 16 (*Heads of Families in 1790: Maine* [note 5], 12, col. b).

¹³ George Thomas Little, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Maine*, 4 vols. (New York, N.Y., 1909), 3:1595.

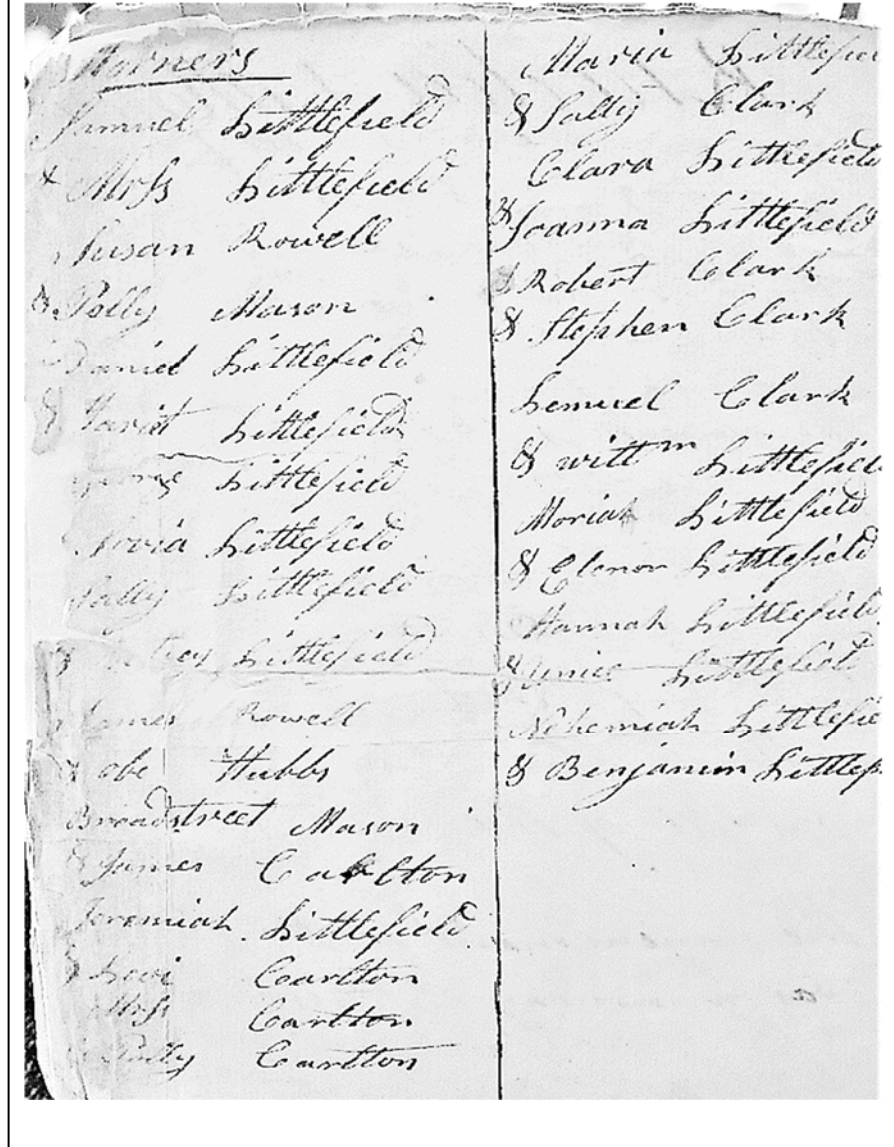
¹⁴ Little, *Genealogical and Family History of Maine* [note 13], 3:1595. The sketch notes that Hannah had a sister, "Rhodia," b. 20 March, 1801, who drowned 11 Sept. 1819 by falling into a well.

¹⁵ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org].

¹⁶ Lorenzo Rowell household, 1850 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., p. 5.

Figure 1

The page from Obe Hubb's journal showing the mourners at Rhoda Littlefield's funeral.



Rowell, aged 88y 5m 20d [i.e., b. 7 Oct. 1810], gives his place of birth as Frankfort, and names his parents as James Rowell and — Littlefield.¹⁷ The 18 Nov. 1901 Lawrence, Mass., death record of Aaron Rowell, aged 80y 6m 9d [i.e., b. 9 May 1821], b. Frankfort, names his parents as James Rowell and Susan Littlefield.¹⁸

- iii MARY/POLLY LITTLEFIELD, b. ca. 1792; m. BROADSTREET MASON. In 1850 Broadstreet, aged 60, b. N.H., and wife Mary, aged 58, b. Maine, were living in Monroe, their household also including daughter Phebe A. Mason, aged 21.¹⁹ The 1892 Monroe death record of their son Broadstreet Mason names his parents as Broadstreet Mason and Polly Littlefield.²⁰
- iv DANIEL LITTLEFIELD, b. 13 Aug. 1796, d. 8 Feb. 1860, aged 63y;²¹ m. in 1817, his stepsister, REBECCA ELDRIDGE,²² b. Bucksport, 23 Feb. 1795, daughter of Paul Sears and Mary/Molly (Page) Eldridge,²³ d. Monroe, 7 Oct. 1870, aged 75y.²⁴ Daniel, Rebecca, and some of their children are buried in Pilgrims Home Cemetery, Monroe. Rebecca Littlefield, like Hannah Hubbs, apparently did not attend Rhoda's funeral.

Two men named Daniel Littlefield were heads of households in Frankfort in both 1820 and 1830—Daniel “1st,” b. 1771–80, and Daniel “2nd,” b. 1791–1800.²⁵ Daniel “1st” was likely Daniel⁶ Littlefield (*Stephen*⁵, *Samuel*⁴, *Dependence*³, *Francis Sr.*², *Edmund*¹), b. ca. 1775, d. Frankfort, 15 Jan. 1844; m. Susan/Sukey Kenney.²⁶

Daniel [2nd], aged 30–39, resided in 1830 next door to George Littlefield and two households from Samuel Littlefield,²⁷ leaving little doubt that Daniel [2nd] was the son of Samuel. The identity of this Daniel [2nd], however, was confused by an inaccurate account published in *Downeast Ancestry* in 1987, which claimed that he was b. 20 Feb. 1803, a son of the older Daniel [1st] and Sukey Littlefield.²⁸ If Daniel [1st] did have a son Daniel born in 1803, he apparently did not live to adulthood.

In 1850 Daniel Littlefield, aged 54, and wife, Rebecca, aged 55, were living in Frankfort with 6 children.²⁹

¹⁷ Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910 [images, americanancestors.org], 493:511.

¹⁸ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 17], 516:524.

¹⁹ Broadstreet Mason household, 1850 U.S. Census, Monroe, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 25.

²⁰ Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [note 15].

²¹ Maine Old Cemetery Association [MOCA], “Cemetery Inscription Project,” Series 2 (1982), Waldo Co. (TS, Maine State Library, Augusta), p. 93. The gravestone includes his date of birth.

²² Mosher, *Frankfort VRs* [note 4], 151, which gives only the year of marriage. The 1898 Winterport death record of George Littlefield, aged 71, names his parents as Daniel Littlefield, b. Frankfort, and Rebecca Eldridge, b. Bucksport (Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [note 15]).

²³ Patricia Adams, *Vital Records of Bucksport, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2007), 3–4; her parents m. 3 Nov. 1791 (“Early Settlers in Orrington, Me.,” *Bangor Historical Magazine* 4[1889]:236).

²⁴ MOCA [note 21], Series 2, Waldo Co, p. 93.

²⁵ Daniel Littlefield household, 1820 U. S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 679; Daniel Littlefield “2^d” household, *ibid.*, p. 683; Daniel Littlefield “1st” household, 1830 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 284. The younger Daniel was enumerated on p. 288.

²⁶ Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 435.

²⁷ Daniel Littlefield household, 1830 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 288.

²⁸ “Frankfort Deaths from the Notebooks of Former Town Clerk,” *Downeast Ancestry* 10(1987): 175. The compiler, in trying to piece together a variety of records, conflated Samuel’s son with the son of Daniel [1st]. Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 435, erred in following the *Downeast Ancestry* account, assigning Daniel [2nd] as a son of Daniel [1st], instead of as a son of Samuel.

²⁹ Daniel Littlefield household, 1850 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 72.

- v HARRIET LITTLEFIELD, b. say 1798. She was probably the female aged 16–25 in Samuel’s household in 1820, and was likely still residing with her father in 1830.
- vi RHODA LITTLEFIELD, b. 29 March 1801,³⁰ d. 11 Sept. 1819, aged 19, by throwing herself into a well. It was her funeral which was described in Obe Hubbs’s journal.
- vii GEORGE W. LITTLEFIELD, b. ca. 1803;³¹ m. Frankfort, 17 Nov. 1825, RHODA SPEARING.³² In 1830 George Littlefield was residing next door to his brother Daniel Littlefield [2nd], his household including a boy [Daniel] and a girl [Angelina], both under 10 years old.³³ In 1850 George, aged 47, farmer, resided in Frankfort with his wife Rhoda, aged 47, and Angelina, 23; Daniel, 21; Ann M[elissa], 17; George A[lbert], 14; Lewis E[dwin], 11; Lorena, 10; and Frederick, 3.³⁴
- viii SOVIA/SOPHIA LITTLEFIELD, b. say 1805. One Sophia Littlefield m. Frankfort, 17 Nov. 1825, THOMAS CATES of Monroe.³⁵ No further record of Sophia Cates was discovered, but she may have d. soon after marriage, as about 1828 Sophia’s sister Sally named a daughter Sophia. On 11 March 1827, one Thomas Cates m. Thorndike, Maine, Rhoda Philbrick, both of Thorndike.³⁶
- ix SARAH/SALLY LITTLEFIELD, b. ca. 1807; m. Frankfort, 8 June 1828, PHILEMON CURTIS of Monroe.³⁷ In 1850 Philemon and Sally, both aged 43, were residing in Monroe with a family of ten children, including Sophia [named for her sister?], 22.³⁸
- x BETSEY LITTLEFIELD, b. Frankfort, 8 March 1811, d. 16 Oct. 1880;³⁹ prob. the Betsey Littlefield who m. 16 Jan. 1833, WILLIAM CHASE,⁴⁰ b. 7 June 1803, son of Solomon and Abigail (Lane) Chase,⁴¹ d. 26 Feb. 1897.⁴² In 1850 William Chase, aged 47, and wife Betsey, aged 39, were farming in Frankfort, their household including 5 children aged 3–15.⁴³

Following the names of those who appear to be members of the immediate family, the next name to appear on the list of mourners is James Carlton. Three more Carl-

³⁰ Little, *Genealogical and Family History of Maine* [note 14], 3:1595.

³¹ In the *Littlefield Genealogy*, 436, George W. was erroneously called a “possible” son of Daniel Littlefield (Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2]).

³² Mosher, *Frankfort VRs* [note 4], 152.

³³ George Littlefield household, 1830 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 288.

³⁴ George Littlefield household, 1850 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 40.

³⁵ Mosher, *Frankfort VRs* [note 4], 154.

³⁶ Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Thorndike, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1993), 22.

³⁷ Mosher, *Frankfort VRs* [note 4], 154.

³⁸ Philemon Curtis household, 1850 U.S. Census, Monroe, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 25.

³⁹ MOCA [note 21], Series 1, Waldo Co., p. 1168, citing Chase Monument, Winterport, the stone giving her full dates of birth and death; her birth date and birthplace given in John Carroll Chase and George Walter Chamberlain, *Seven Generations of the Descendants of Aquila and Thomas Chase* (Derry, N.H., 1928), 304.

⁴⁰ Chase & Chamberlain, *Aquila and Thomas Chase* [note 39], 304. The 12 Oct. 1898 Winterport death record of Arletta Edmunds, aged 51, names her parents as William Chase and Betsey Littlefield (Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [note 15]).

⁴¹ Chase & Chamberlain, *Aquila and Thomas Chase* [note 39], 304.

⁴² MOCA [note 21], Series 1, Waldo Co., p. 1168, citing Chase Monument, Winterport, the stone giving his full dates of birth and death.

⁴³ William Chase household, 1850 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, 81.

tons appear: Levi, Mrs. Carlton, and Polly Carlton. James was the son of John Carlton who lived next door to Samuel Littlefield in 1790.⁴⁴ According to a Carlton genealogy, John's wife was Elizabeth Littlefield,⁴⁵ and likely of age to be Samuel's sister. John Carlton was a Revolutionary War soldier and pensioner. His pension file indicates that in 1820 he was aged 59 and his [probably second] wife, Hannah, was 61. His family included his son James, 27, daughter Mary, 23, and daughter Amy, 15.⁴⁶ According to the same genealogy, the full list of John Carlton's children were: John, James, Levi, William, Phebe, Mary/Polly, Elizabeth, Hannah, Nancy, and Amy. The Carleton mourners at Rhoda Littlefield's funeral were James, Polly, and Levi Carlton, all children of John Carlton, as well as Levi's wife. If their mother was Samuel's sister, then the Carleton mourners were Rhoda's first cousins.

The next Littlefield on the list was Jeremiah. Here there are three candidates. The first Jeremiah, born say 1769, had most likely died or moved away, as the last record found for him was in 1798. Since most of the mourners were teens or young adults, the more likely possibilities are (1) Jeremiah's son Jeremiah, born in 1790, who was certainly still living, and (2) Jeremiah, son of Robert Littlefield.⁴⁷ Next on the list is Maria Littlefield, born in 1804 and daughter of William Littlefield.⁴⁸

There were several Clarks among the mourners—Sally, Robert, Stephen, and Lemuel. These were all children of Lemuel and Nancy (Littlefield) Clark.⁴⁹

Clara Littlefield was probably the same as Clarissa Littlefield, the daughter of Daniel and Susan (Kenney) Littlefield, as was the case with Mariah Littlefield.⁵⁰ Joanna Littlefield was the daughter of Jeremiah Littlefield.⁵¹ William was the son of the late William Littlefield.⁵² Eleanor cannot be placed with certainty, but she did marry into the Colson family,⁵³ as was the case with Mariah, Clarissa, and John, all

⁴⁴ Revolutionary War Pension Application, #W8278 [images, fold3.com]; *Heads of Families in 1790: Maine* [note 5], 28, col. c.

⁴⁵ Rev. Hiram Carleton, "History of the Carleton Family," TS (n.d.), 84, 85, 128, 129 [images, familysearch.org].

⁴⁶ Revolutionary War Pension Application, #W8278 [note 44].

⁴⁷ Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 427–28, 439.

⁴⁸ For more on William's family, see the following article, "Recollections of 'Aunt Rachel.'"

⁴⁹ Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 425–26.

⁵⁰ Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 436.

⁵¹ Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 429.

⁵² Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 438.

⁵³ The 1916 Winterport death record of Clara C. Howe, b. Winterport, 7 Nov. 1838, names her parents as Edward Colson and Eleanor Littlefield, both b. Winterport (Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [note 15]). Edward was a brother of Abner Colson, who m. Eleanor's sister, Mariah. On 2 March 1815, Phebe Colson of Frankfort was appointed guardian of Edward, Susanna, Stephen, Melinda, Lucinda, Eli, Liana, Ambrose, and Sally, minors under the age of 14 and children of Abner Colson late of Frankfort. Abner Colson [Jr.] was b. before 1801, and is therefore not listed as a minor child (Hancock Co. Probate Records, 3:99 [DGS #7137166, image 559]). Edward and Eleanor Colson named their oldest daughter Susan. In 1850, the Frankfort household of Eleanor Colson, aged 45, included: Edmund, 23; Elizabeth, 20; Clarissa, 14; Ellen M., 12; Hannah M., 10; Edward W., 6; and Lucy A., 4 (Ellinor Colson household, 1850 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 97).

children of Daniel Littlefield.⁵⁴ Her name among the list of mourners immediately follows that of Mariah Littlefield. Finally, Hannah, Eunice, Nehemiah, and Benjamin Littlefield were all children of Stephen Littlefield [Jr].⁵⁵

THE FAMILY OF STEPHEN LITTLEFIELD SR.

Nancy (Littlefield) Clark, Jeremiah Littlefield, Stephen Littlefield [Jr.], Daniel Littlefield, William Littlefield, and Robert Littlefield have all been shown to be the probable children of STEPHEN⁵ LITTLEFIELD (*Samuel*⁴, *Dependence*³, *Francis*², *Edmund*¹). Stephen was baptized in Wells, Maine, 4 February 1738/9, and he died in Frankfort sometime after 12 May 1804. He married JOANNA —, whose death apparently occurred on 29 November 1821.⁵⁶ Based on Obe Hubb's list of mourners at Rhoda Littlefield's funeral, we can now add Samuel Littlefield and Elizabeth (Littlefield) Carlton to the list of Stephen's children, along with James Littlefield and Phebe Littlefield, whose placement in the family is suggested by several deeds:

Probable children of Stephen⁵ and Joanna (—) Littlefield:⁵⁷

- i SAMUEL LITTLEFIELD, b. 1760–66; m. (1) — —; m. (2) (cert.) Bucksport, 19 April 1814, MOLLY (PAGE) ELDRIDGE.⁵⁸ Samuel, likely named for his paternal grandfather, was the father of Rhoda, whose funeral was described by Obe Hubbs.
- ii ELIZABETH LITTLEFIELD, m. JOHN CARLETON. John's children James, Polly, and Levi Carlton, along with Levi's wife, attended the funeral.
- iii NANCY LITTLEFIELD, b. ca. 1767, d. Winterport, 16 Sept. 1842, aged 75y; m. ca. 1767, LEMUEL CLARK.⁵⁹ Their children Sally, Robert, Stephen, and Lemuel Clark attended Rhoda's funeral.
- iv JEREMIAH LITTLEFIELD, b. say 1769; his wife's name unknown. He was likely deceased or living elsewhere by the time of Rhoda's funeral. It was possibly his son Jeremiah [Jr.] who attended the funeral along with his sister Joanna Littlefield.
- v (prob.) JAMES LITTLEFIELD, b. say 1771; m. LYDIA —. James and Lydia Littlefield of Frankfort sold land adjoining land of William Littlefield, 18 March 1807.⁶⁰ On 21 April 1807, James Littlefield of Frankfort bought land in Frankfort bounding Stephen Littlefield's property with John Rowell and William Littlefield witnessing.⁶¹ James was living in Frankfort in 1810 with Lydia and 4 girls under 16,⁶² but he does not appear afterwards. James's close association with Stephen Littlefield, Wil-

⁵⁴ Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 436–37.

⁵⁵ Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 431–32.

⁵⁶ Johannah, wife of Stephen Littlefield, released dower, 7 July 1785 (Hancock Co. Deeds, 4:68). In an account submitted by John Spearing, administrator of the estate of Stephen's son William, an entry was made for the "board of widow Joanna Littlefield, from Aug. 29, 1817, to Nov. 29, 1821" (Hancock Co. Probate Records, #788 [DGS #4138754, image 640]).

⁵⁷ More on these families is found in Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 203–4, 425–40.

⁵⁸ See note 4.

⁵⁹ Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 425.

⁶⁰ Hancock Co. Deeds, 21:111.

⁶¹ Hancock Co. Deeds, 21:351.

⁶² James Littlefield family, 1810 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 572.

liam Littlefield, and John Rowell suggests that he was Stephen's son. Neither James nor Lydia nor any of their children attended Rhoda's funeral.

- vi STEPHEN LITTLEFIELD, b. ca. 1773, d. Frankfort, 21 Feb. 1831, aged 58; m. ca. 1794, MERCY DOWNS.⁶³ Attending the funeral were their children Hannah, Eunice, Nehemiah, and Benjamin Littlefield.
- vii DANIEL LITTLEFIELD, b. say 1775, d. Frankfort, 15 Jan. 1844; m. SUSAN KENNEY.⁶⁴ Their children at the funeral were Mariah, Clara, and possibly Eleanor.
- viii (prob.) PHEBE LITTLEFIELD, b. say 1777; m. Frankfort, 1 Jan. 1794, JOHN ROWELL both of Prospect.⁶⁵ On 31 Oct. 1795, John Rowel, yeoman, sold 100 acres in Frankfort, the deed witnessed by Samuel Littlefield.⁶⁶ On 25 Aug. 1802, John Rowell and Stephen Littlefield of Frankfort, yeoman, jointly sold a piece of land bordering property of William Littlefield in Frankfort, with James Littlefield a witness.⁶⁷ Such close interaction with Stephen Littlefield's family is a strong indication that Phebe was Stephen's daughter. John Rowel and family were living in Frankfort in 1810,⁶⁸ but they do not appear there in 1820. Neither Phebe, John, nor any of their children are on the list of mourners at Rhoda Littlefield's funeral.
- ix WILLIAM LITTLEFIELD, b. ca. 1781, d. Frankfort, 30 Aug. 1817, aged 36y; m. (1) HANNAH ROWELL, (2) RACHEL CURTIS. William's son William Littlefield and daughter Maria Littlefield attended Rhoda's funeral. (For more information on William's family, see the following article, "Recollections of 'Aunt Rachel' Establish the Family of William Littlefield of Frankfort, Maine.")
- x ROBERT LITTLEFIELD, b. say 1783; m. (1) HANNAH CARLETON,⁶⁹ and (2) ELIZA CARLETON.⁷⁰ Jeremiah Littlefield, who attended Rhoda's funeral, was probably either Robert's son or his cousin, the son of Jeremiah [Sr.]. None of Robert's other children were listed among the mourners.

In addition to her parents and siblings, Rhoda's mourners were her cousins, all of whom would have known her well. Rhoda's name is telling in and of itself, as Stephen Littlefield [Sr.] had a sister Rhoda, who died in Wells in 1799 or 1800, just before Samuel's daughter Rhoda was born in Frankfort.⁷¹ Unfortunately, as far as *The Littlefield Genealogy* is concerned, Samuel is still found among those in "Unplaced Families and Records." It took an entry in a private journal regarding his daughter's funeral to establish his family.

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⁶³ Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 429.

⁶⁴ Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 434–35.

⁶⁵ Mosher, *Frankfort VRs* [note 4], 154.

⁶⁶ Hancock Co. Deeds, 3:442.

⁶⁷ Hancock Co. Deeds, 13:152.

⁶⁸ John Rowell household, 1810 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 573.

⁶⁹ Carleton, "History of the Carleton Family" [note 45], 129.

⁷⁰ Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 438.

⁷¹ Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 208.

RECOLLECTIONS OF “AUNT RACHEL”
ESTABLISH THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM LITTLEFIELD OF
FRANKFORT, MAINE

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Upon reading the news of the March 1897 death of Captain James Littlefield of Bangor, Maine, Helen N. Packard of Springfield, Massachusetts, was compelled to pick up her pen and write to the [Belfast, Maine] *Republican Journal* newspaper. She noted how “it is often the case that a passing notice of a death will bring back incidents and reminiscences of childhood, and call to life circumstances dimmed by time.” In this case, reading the obituary of Captain James Littlefield “revealed a face and figure which was one of the good and bright things” of Helen’s earliest childhood, her Aunt Rachel.¹

A barebones account of the William Littlefield family is found in the recently published *Littlefield Genealogy*.² The sketch includes only William’s second wife, Rachel, and only two of his eight children, with a few other children included in the “Unplaced Families and Records” section of the book. Contemporary records of Frankfort, Maine, are sparse because of a fire which destroyed many town records. It took the recollections of a grandniece written more than eighty years after William’s death to help piece the family together.

We will first identify the writer. Helen Packard noted that William Littlefield was “a brother to my grandmother Clark.” As Helen N. Clark, aged 21, she married in Lawrence, Massachusetts, on 28 November 1867 John A. A. Packard. The marriage record gives her place of birth as Winterport, Maine, and names her parents as Lemuel and Harriet Clark.³ Lemuel Clark, the son of Lemuel and Nancy (Littlefield) Clark, had married in Frankfort, 7 July 1831, Harriet Brown.⁴

Helen’s letter notes that at the time of Uncle William’s marriage to Aunt Rachel, he was a widower with a large family, and that those children were “nearly all girls.” With second wife Rachel, William had a son, Jacob Littlefield, and “in less than two years after the birth of this boy, Uncle William died, and in a few months after his death was born the posthumous son, who became Captain James Littlefield.” Captain Littlefield is described as a blessing in disguise, as he became Aunt Rachel’s “support and stay in her old age.” Uncle William’s “dust reposes in the little burying ground in Goshen, just above the hill where the schoolhouse stood, isolated and lonely.”

¹ “Aunt Rachel,” *The Republican Journal*, 13 May 1897, p. 2 [images, chroniclingamerica.loc.gov].

² Priscilla Eaton, *The Littlefield Genealogy, Descendants of Edmund Littlefield of Wells, Maine Through Six Generations* (Waterville, Maine, 2020), 438.

³ Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910 [images, americanancestors.org], 199:217.

⁴ “Frankfort Marriages from the Notebook of Former Town Clerk,” *Downeast Ancestry* 11 (1987):11; Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 2], 426–27.

According to Helen, Aunt Rachel then married a widower, John Spearing,⁵ with four children of his own. John and Rachel Spearing had two children, “making four sets of children to whom she was a mother.” Rachel’s youngest child by that marriage was a “very able woman, who proved a tender daughter to an aged mother.”

Beyond the genealogical information provided, Helen Packard’s letter offers a variety of anecdotes which attest to Aunt Rachel’s unique personality. Helen wrote that Aunt Rachel “carried a grim humor and a power of repartee unexcelled even by those of high education and contact with the world. Beneath her rather austere demeanor, genuine Yankee humor lurked, and her quaint sayings would fill a volume.” Aunt Rachel apparently made a lasting impact on those around her.

Using Helen Packard’s account and with *The Littlefield Genealogy* as a guide, the family of William Littlefield was reexamined.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

WILLIAM⁶ LITTLEFIELD (*Stephen⁵, Samuel⁴, Dependence³, Francis Sr.², Edmund¹*) was born in Frankfort circa 1781, son of Stephen and Joanna (—) Littlefield.⁶ He died in Frankfort 29 or 30 August 1817, aged 36 years.⁷ He married first, say 1801, HANNAH ROWELL.⁸ Hannah was probably closely related to John Rowell (whose wife, Phebe Littlefield, was possibly William’s sister), but the precise relationship is unknown.⁹ William married second, say 1815, RACHEL CURTIS, born 2 April 1783, daughter of Jacob and Betsy (Bibber) Curtis.¹⁰ Rachel was still living in 1870 at the age of eight-eight years, when she was enumerated in Winterport in the home of her daughter Nancy (Spearing) Billings.¹¹ The date of death on

⁵ This name is often spelled “Spearin.”

⁶ Stephen Littlefield’s children are documented in the preceding article. On 7 July 1785, Stephen’s wife was “Johannah,” when she relinquished her right of dower in a deed (Hancock Co. Deeds, 4:68). Stephen Littlefield was then of Wheelersborough, an early name for Winterport.

⁷ Gravestone photo, Grant-Littlefield Cemetery, Winterport, findagrave.com #66371574, which says he d. 30 Aug. 1817. An entry for boarding the widow Joanna Littlefield from 29 Aug. 1817 to 29 Nov. 1821 suggests William may have died a day earlier (administrator account, William Littlefield estate papers, Hancock Co. Probate Records, #788 [DGS #4138754, image 640]).

⁸ The 1893 death record for Elizabeth (Littlefield) Lowe [cited below] names her parents as “John” Littlefield and Hannah Rowell. Maria (Littlefield) Foote named a son *William Littlefield* Foote and a daughter *Hannah L.* Foote. William’s sister Phebe Littlefield also married into the Rowell family. Elizabeth Lowe’s death record was initially dismissed, but taken in context, it seems that *John* was an error for *William*, and the name of her mother, Hannah Rowell, may in fact be correct.

⁹ See the previous article for more information on John and Phebe (Littlefield) Rowell.

¹⁰ Jacob Curtis family record, in Donna Hoffman, *Penobscot Vital Records, 1700–1890* (Brewer, Maine, 1984), 6; Curtis family Bible record, in the possession of Albert Curtis of New Harbor, Maine, copied in “Family Bible Records from New Hampshire,” TS (n.d.), p. 6 [DGS #7641175, image 561]. The entry notes that Rachel married William Littlefield and John Spearing.

¹¹ Daniel Billings household, 1870 U.S. Census, Winterport, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 59.

her gravestone is difficult to decipher, but possibly reads 12 October 1871.¹² Rachel married second in Frankfort, 17 December 1820, JOHN K[ENDALL?] SPEARIN[G],¹³ born in Fairfield, Maine, 9 September 1788, son of John and Mary (Kendall) Spearin[g].¹⁴ John “Spering” was living in Frankfort in 1840,¹⁵ but he probably died before 1850 when he could not be discovered in the census.

Helen Packard noted that, at the time of Rachel’s marriage to William Littlefield, that he had a large family, “nearly all girls.” This is consistent with the 1810 census, which indicates that William’s household included five children under the age of 10, four girls and one boy.¹⁶ There is no death record for William’s first wife, Hannah, who died after 10 August 1812, when her daughter Elizabeth was born.

William and Rachel’s marriage was a short one, probably lasting about two years. Helen Packard noted that William had two children with Rachel: Jacob and James Littlefield. There is an inconsistency in that James’s birth date was given in his obituary as 6 March 1819, which was about twenty months after William’s death in August 1817. William’s death date is likely correct, as it agrees with information in his probate proceedings and his gravestone inscription, so there is likely a problem with James’s birth date.¹⁷ It is possible that James was not William’s son. It is perhaps significant that in Helen’s recollections, Aunt Rachel

... held a sweet charity for all sinners of every class, and no tale of scandal found favor in her eyes. Once, when a woman whose reputation had not in years past been all that desirable brought her a tale concerning a young girl, she listened quietly, and then drawing her tall figure up, and fixing her piercing eyes on the tale bearer, said impressively, “Let him that is without sin among you, cast the first stone.”

William, his second wife, and his sister Nancy (Littlefield) Clark are buried in the same small Grant-Littlefield Cemetery in Winterport. This is the cemetery described by Helen as “the little burying ground in Goshen, just above the hill where the schoolhouse stood, isolated and lonely.”

On 26 June 1822, “Phebe Littlefield & William Littlefield, minors above the age of fourteen years children of William Littlefield,” chose their uncle Robert Littlefield to be their guardian.¹⁸ William’s real estate was to be sold at public venue, 23 March 1824, including the reversion of the widow’s dower, if necessary.¹⁹

¹² Gravestone photo, Grant-Littlefield Cemetery, Winterport, findagrave.com #197206049. William Littlefield, John Spearing, and Rachel are buried in the same small cemetery.

¹³ Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Frankfort, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1999), p. 154.

¹⁴ Christine R. Brown, *Vital Records of Fairfield, Maine: Births, Marriages and Deaths* (n.p., 1980), 181 [image, americanancestors.org].

¹⁵ John Spering household, 1840 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 241.

¹⁶ William Littlefield household 1810 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 5.

¹⁷ Census records suggest the following birth years for James: 1850, b. 1819; 1860, b. 1820; 1870, b. 1815; and 1880, b. 1820. Generally speaking, this supports the 6 March 1819 date of birth noted in the obituary.

¹⁸ Hancock Co. Probate Records, #1082 [DGS #4140918, image 477].

¹⁹ [Belfast] *Hancock Gazette*, 25 Feb. 1824, p. 4 [images, genealogybank.com].

In 1820 Rachel Littlefield's household included two boys under 10 [Jacob and James], a girl under 10 [Elizabeth], a girl aged 10–15 [Rosilla], two girls aged 16–25 [Phebe and Maria], and a woman aged 26–44 [Rachel]. Rachel was a widow with two children and six stepchildren when she married John Spearing in 1820, a widower with four children from his first marriage. Helen Packard noted that John and Rachel Spearing then had two children of their own, but there may have been three: Nancy (Spearing) Billings, born in 1821;²⁰ a son Spearing, born circa 1825–29;²¹ and Lizzie Spearing, born circa 1829, who died 30 August 1849 at age 20.²²

John Spearing was appointed to administer William Littlefield's estate in March 1821.²³ John Spearing's 22 June 1822 accounting of William's estate includes, among other expenses, an allowance for the "board of widow Joanna Littlefield from Aug. 29, 1817, to Nov. 29, 1821, 4 years and 3 months." Joanna was likely William's mother, and the latter date probably marks the time of her death. There was also a \$300 allowance made to the widow Rachel for the support of eight minor children.²⁴

In 1860 "Rebecca" Spearing, aged 77, was living in the home of her stepdaughter Elizabeth and Elizabeth's husband Sewall Lowe.²⁵ Rachel Spearing is not otherwise found in that census and likely "Rachel" was intended for "Rebecca."²⁶ As noted, in 1870 Rachel Spearing, aged 88, was living in the Winterport residence of her daughter and son-in-law Daniel and Nancy (Spearing) Billings.²⁷ Nancy was likely the woman who "proved a tender daughter to an aged mother."

Children of William and his 1st wife, Hannah (Rowell) Littlefield, b. Frankfort:

- i daughter LITTLEFIELD, b. say 1802. Census records, cited above, suggest that William had 4 daughters b. before 1810. This daughter could not be identified.
- ii MARIA LITTLEFIELD, b. 28 Jan. 1804,²⁸ d. after 1870 when she was living in Winterport in the household of her brother-in-law Sewall C. Lowe, aged 65;²⁹ m. (int.) Thorndike, 25 Nov. 1825, WINSLOW FOOTE,³⁰ b. Thorndike, 8 June 1800, son of John and Betsy (—) Foote,³¹ d. Thorndike, 10 Jan. 1868.³² The Thorndike records

²⁰ See note 11.

²¹ In 1830, John Spearing's household included a boy age 5 to 9 (John Spearin h/h, 1830 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Oxford Co., Maine, 288).

²² Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, 1780-1980 [images, familysearch.org]. Lizzie Spearing is buried next to her mother.

²³ Hancock Co. Probate Records, #788 [DGS #4138754, image 642].

²⁴ Hancock Co. Probate Records, #788 [DGS #4138754, image 640].

²⁵ Sewel C. Low household, 1860 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 74.

²⁶ The household also included a daughter named Rebecca, which may have been the cause of the confusion. Rachel was likely the only mother Elizabeth ever knew.

²⁷ Daniel Billings household, 1870 U.S. Census, Winterport, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 59.

²⁸ Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Thorndike, Maine, Prior to 1890* (Rockport, Maine, 1993), 44.

²⁹ Sewal C. Lowe household, 1870 U.S. Census, Winterport, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 449.

³⁰ Mosher, *Thorndike VRs* [note 28], 93.

³¹ Mosher, *Thorndike VRs* [note 28], 40.

³² Mosher, *Thorndike VRs* [note 28], 44.

include a family register which notes dates of birth for Winslow, Maria, and their six children: *Hannah L. Foote*, b. 8 April 1828; *William Littlefield Foote*, b. 19 Jan. 1830; *Joseph Anderson Foote*, b. 2 July 1833; *Albert Brooks Foote*, b. 29 June 1834; *James Alden Foote*, b. 22 March 1837; 6. *Nancy M. Foote*, b. 8 Aug. 1842.³³

- iii PHEBE LITTLEFIELD, b. Frankfort, before 1808, as she was a minor child above age 14 in 1822 when she chose her uncle Robert Littlefield to be her guardian.
- iv WILLIAM LITTLEFIELD, b. Frankfort, before 1808, as he was a minor child above age 14 in 1822 when he chose his uncle Robert Littlefield to be his guardian.
- v ROSILLA LITTLEFIELD, b. ca. 1810; m. ca. 1833, JAMES C. LOWE, b. ca. 1812.³⁴ Rosilla came to attention in attempting to locate Rachel Spearing in the 1850 census. No such person could be discovered, but Rachel “Lowe,” aged 66 [b. ca. 1784], was living in Frankfort in the household of James and Rosilla Lowe.³⁵ The 14 June 1933 Staten Island, N.Y., death record of John Russell Lowe, aged 78, names his parents as James Lowe and Rosilla Littlefield.³⁶ In 1850 James and Rosilla were living next door to Sewall and Elizabeth (Littlefield) Lowe, where Rachel Spearing was residing. There was a female of Rosilla’s age in William’s household in 1810 and in Rachel’s household in 1820. In 1850 James Lowe, 38, a cooper, was living with wife Rosilla, 40, and children: Webster S., 16; Jacob, 13; Benjamin W., 10; William, 8; Frederick, 5; and Elvira R., 1. As noted, son John Russell Lowe was b. ca. 1855.
- vi ELIZABETH LITTLEFIELD, b. 10 Aug. 1812, d. Winterport, 14 March 1893, aged 80y 7m, and bur. in Oak Hill Cemetery, Winterport;³⁷ m. say 1834, SEWALL C. LOWE, b 8 Dec. 1807, d. 25 May 1882 and bur. in Oak Hill Cemetery.³⁸ Deeds of 4 Aug. 1846 and Nov. 1847 indicate that Sewell Lowe sold acreage to Jeremiah Holmes with a mortgage to be paid by Holmes.³⁹ The mortgages were never paid, and following the death of Jeremiah Holmes, James Littlefield stepped forward to pay the estate for the property in Frankfort. A deed was created 24 May 1858, transferring the property to James Littlefield of Bangor.⁴⁰ Five years later, James and his wife, Charlotte, sold the property back to Elizabeth Lowe, with no mention of Sewall.⁴¹ The deed indicates that Elizabeth occupied the premises as her homestead. Elizabeth Lowe’s obituary notes that she was the widow of Sewall Lowe and the sister of James Littlefield of Bangor.⁴² In 1850, Sewall, 43, a mariner, and wife Elizabeth, 38, were living in Frankfort with their five children: Charles H., 15; Mary E., 13; Ellen A[nnie], 11; Rebecca F., 7; and Minot S., 4.⁴³ In 1860 the household included “Rebecca” Spearing, 77, likely Elizabeth’s stepmother, Rachel (Cur-

³³ Mosher, *Thorndike VRs* [note 28], 44.

³⁴ James C. Low household, 1860 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 64.

³⁵ James Lowe household, 1850 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 40.

³⁶ New York, New York City Municipal Deaths [database, familysearch.org].

³⁷ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; Maine Old Cemetery Association [MOCA], “Cemetery Inscription Project,” Series 3 (1982), Waldo Co. (TS, Maine State Library, Augusta), p. 224. The inscription provides her dates of birth and death.

³⁸ MOCA, Series 3, Waldo Co. [note 37], p. 224.

³⁹ Waldo Co. Deeds, 55:546.

⁴⁰ Waldo Co. Deeds, 104:457.

⁴¹ Waldo Co. Deeds, 142:275.

⁴² [Belfast] *Republican Journal*, 23 March 1893, p. 2 [images, chroniclingamerica.loc.gov].

⁴³ Sewall Lowe household, 1850 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 40.

tis) (Littlefield) Spearing.⁴⁴ Elizabeth Lowe's will of 8 July 1877 names her daughters Mary Elizabeth Larrabee, Ellen Annie March, and Rebecca F. Moody, and sons Charles H. Lowe and Minot Lowe.⁴⁵

Children of William and Rachel (Curtis) Littlefield

- vii JACOB C[URTIS?] LITTLEFIELD, b. ca. 1817 and probably named for his maternal grandfather. Jacob C. Littlefield purchased land in Monroe, Maine, 10 Dec. 1836, with John Spearing [his stepfather] acting as a witness.⁴⁶ In 1840 Jacob was enumerated in Monroe, the household including two men, aged 20–29, the second man possibly his brother James.⁴⁷ He was probably the J. C. Littlefield, aged 33, a carriage maker, born in Maine, who was enumerated in Chicago in 1850,⁴⁸ and the Jacob C. Littlefield, aged 54, b. Maine, a carriage maker, apparently unmarried, enumerated in Pontiac, Illinois, in 1870.⁴⁹
- viii (poss.) Capt. JAMES LITTLEFIELD, b. 6 March 1819, d. Bangor, 23 March 1897, age 78 years;⁵⁰ m. Bangor, 8 Aug. 1843, CHARLOTTE PARKER of Bangor.⁵¹ As discussed above, James Littlefield was born following William Littlefield's death. If his birth date of 6 March 1819 is correct, then James was not a son of William Littlefield. According to his obituary, James was first a harness maker, associating with a partner to form the firm, Chase & Littlefield. The firm prospered, and the profits were invested in shipping. In 1876 Capt. Littlefield was appointed agent of the Boston and Bangor Steamboats, and in 1878 was promoted to the position of General Passenger Agent with his office in Boston. James and Charlotte's four children included: [James] Frederick Littlefield [deceased in 1897]; Mrs. T. Herbert [Fannie] White; Elmer Littlefield of Chicago; and Edward [Edwin] Littlefield of California, in command of a Pacific Coast steamship. The lengthy obituary notes that in 1893, Captain and Mrs. Littlefield, at Fort Point in the summer, were given a most interesting celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

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⁴⁴ Sewall Lowe household, 1860 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 74.

⁴⁵ Waldo Co. Probate Records, #6543 [DGS #4165455, image 101].

⁴⁶ Waldo Co. Deeds, 32:520.

⁴⁷ Jacob C. Littlefield household, 1840 U.S. Census, Monroe, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 443.

⁴⁸ J. C. Littlefield household, 1850 U.S. Census, 5th Ward, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., p. 268. The household also included one W. K. "Spearns," aged 23, a harness maker, b. Maine.

⁴⁹ Jacob C. Littlefield household, 1870 U.S. Census, Pontiac, Livingston Co., Ill., p. 296.

⁵⁰ [Belfast] *Republican Journal*, Belfast, Maine, 1 April 1897, p. 2 [images, chroniclingamerica.loc.gov]; Maine VRs, 1670–1921 [note 37]. His death record does not include his parents' names.

⁵¹ Maine Marriages, 1771-1907 [images, familysearch.org].

LINCOLN COUNTY, MAINE, WILL ABSTRACTS
1800–1830

(continued from Vol. 41, p. 192)

115. CHARLES MUSTARD of Topsham, yeoman (LCP 15:494)

Being in low health and weak in body

To my wife Margaret, the use and occupation of 1/3 of my RE dur her life; also all my h/h furniture, except 2 beds & suitable bedding for the same, and also my horse & chaise. But if she should marry again, then upon her marriage sd h/h furniture and horse & chaise I give to such of my chn as shall be then living to be div and distributed among them in such proportions and manner as my wife shall direct. And I also give my wife \$200 to be at her disposal provided that if my son Charles should need further provisions for his comfortable maintenance than I have made for him in this my will, it is my request the she should in such case bestow sd sum upon him.

I give to my sons till they be ae 21y and to my daus until they be ae 18y, if they be not married bef they arrive at such age, respectively, a suitable and decent sustenance to be raised by my exec out of my estate and furnished them at such times and in such manner as their necessities and convenience shall require.

To my dau Mary, \$200 in neat stock, \$100 in cash, one bed & suitable bedding, and the cow and the increase of the same which was given her by her grandmother Fulton to be pd and delivered when she shall arrive at ae 18y or be married, which shall first happen, and also the further sum of \$50 in neat stock or cash when my youngest son shall arrive at ae 22y.

To my dau Charity, \$200 in neat stock, \$100 in cash, 1 bed & suitable bedding, and 6 sheep which are now put out to Thomas Weymouth and the increase of sd sheep, to be pd and delivered at the time of her marriage or on arriving at ae 18y, which shall first happen, and also the further sum of \$50 in neat stock or cash when my youngest son shall arrive at ae 22y.

I further give to my daus Mary and Charity 1 room and 1 bedroom on the 1st floor in the house I now live in, also a right to take from the well as much water as they want to use, and to cut, take and use as much firewood of my homestead as they shall want to use for fire until they shall severally be married. If either of my sd daus shall die bef her arrival at ae 18y and unm, the legacies by me given to the one so deceased shall be given and pd over to the surviving dau.

To my son Charles Mustard, \$400 to be pd in cash or neat stock when he shall arrive at ae 21y.

To my sons James Mustard and George Ferguson Mustard, and their heirs and assigns forever, all my RE & PE not otherwise disposed of in this will in eq moieties, share and share alike, as tenants in common provided that if my son Charles Mustard should by his industry and economy add to the sd sum of \$400 to him, as above given, the further sum of \$600 in any good property so that he be possessed in his own right of any good property of the value of \$1000 when he shall

arrive at ae 31y, then in that case I give to my son Charles and to his heirs and assigns forever 1/3 part of my RE upon his paying to my sons James and George Ferguson, or their legal representatives if they or either of them should not be then living, the sum of \$400 in cash or neat stock at cash price. And if any or either of my sons should die bef arriving at ae 21y without issue, in that case I give the legacies in this will bef given to such son or sons as shall survive the ae of 21y.

Appt my wife Margaret sole exec.

Dated: 20 Apr 1812

Signed with his signature ("Charles Mustard")

Witnesses: Henry [Stilkey?], Jeremiah Brown, Benjamin Hasey

In Probate: 22 Aug 1812

116. TOBIAS HAM of Lewiston, yeoman (LCP 15:498)

Being weak in body

To my wife Elisabeth, the use, income and improvement of 1/3 of all my RE dur her nat life together with 2 cows and all my h/h furniture.

To my 2 sons Israel and John, all my RE to be eq div betw them, their mother to receive her thirds as above mentioned, by paying to my 3 daus as follows.

My son Israel to pay my dau Polly \$25 within 2y aft my dec. Also my son John to pay to my dau Betsey \$100 within 2y aft my dec and to my dau Lydia \$50 within 2y aft my dec, and to my dau Polly \$25 and to my granddau Sarah Pettingell \$1 within 2y aft my dec.

To my son Thomas, 2 pair of sheep.

To my dau Betsey, 1 cow.

To my dau Lydia, 1 cow.

I give all the remainder of my livestock together with all my PE to my 2 sons Israel and John to be eq div betw them.

Appt my wife and my friend Joel Thompson execs.

Dated: 13 Apr 1812

Signed with his signature ("Tobias Ham")

Witnesses: Dan^l Reid, D. Davis, Walter R. Blasdell

In Probate: 22 Aug 1812

117. WILLIAM JONES of Bristol, gentleman (LCP 17:25)

Being weak in body

To my son Robert Jones, \$1.

To my dau-in-law Martha Jones, my bed & bedding with my chest of drawers and also my best looking glass.

To my son James Jones, 1 large dining table and 1 large pine chest.

To my granddau Margaret Jones, 50a of land in the town of Strong in the County of Somerset being part of #22 in the 3rd range of lots in sd township.

To my granddau Elizabeth Jones, 50a of land in sd town of Strong being part of sd lot #22 in the 3rd range aforesd.

To my granddau Martha Jones, 50a of land in sd town of Strong being part of the lot bef mentioned.

To my granddau Mary Jones, 50a of land in the town of Strong being part of the lot bef mentioned, the sd legacies to be set off to them when they become of age.

To my grson William M^cClery, 75a of land in the town of Strong being part of Lot #14 in the 2nd range.

To my granddau Elizabeth M^cLery, 75a of land in the town of Strong, being part of lot #14 in the 2nd range of lots.

To my dau Mary M^cClery, \$2.

I also will that aft my funeral charges and necessary expenses shall be pd, that all the remainder of the money due to me be expended in printing books which I am preparing for the press.

All the residue of my PE I give to my son James Jones.

Appt my son James Jones exec.

Dated: 12 Aug 1812

Signed with his signature (“W^m Jones”)

Witnesses: Robert Huston, John Huston 3^d, Robert Huston 3^d

In Probate: 7 Jan 1813

118. JAMES LITTLE of Newcastle, yeoman (LCP 17:26)

Being weak in body

To my wife Elizabeth Little, all my PE to be hers forever, and also all my RE which is bd E by Damariscotta River, S by the land of my bro Henry Little, W by Dearings Meadow Brook so called, and N by land of my bro Alexander Little, for her sole use & improvement dur her nat life if she shall so long continue my wid, but if she should cease to be my wid or marry, I do hereby declare that she shall not aft having married or ceased to be my wid hold, occupy or improve or enjoy any part of the above described land.

To my sons, five in number, viz Henry Little, James Little, Samuel Little, Alexander Little and Wm. Little and to my 5 daus Mary Little, Hannah Little, Betsey Little, Nancy M^cGlathery and Fanny Little all my RE above described to be eq held and enjoyed by my aforementioned sons and daus forever aft the death or marriage of my wife Elizabeth aft my dec.

As to the residue of my goods & chattels, I give them to my wife Elizabeth.

Appt my wife Elizabeth sole exec.

Dated: [no day given] June 1812

Signed with his signature (“James Little”)

Witnesses: Henry Little, Sam^l Little, George M Gregor

In Probate: 7 Jan 1813

119. JOHN FARLEY of Newcastle (LCP 17:31)

[No statement of health]

To my eldest son John Farley Jr., \$1.

To my 2nd son Joseph Farley, \$1.

To my dau Elizabeth Gannet, \$1.

To my dau Sally Hale, \$1.

To my 3rd son Eben^r Farley, \$1.

To my dau Martha Brookhouse, \$1.

To my dau Lucy Ann Farley, \$1.

To my dau Mary Farley, \$1.

I will that all the remainder of my RE & PE be given to my wife Sarah Farley dur her nat life and aft the dec of my wife Sarah Farley, it is my will that my whole estate be eq div among my heirs.

Appt my sons Joseph and Eben^r Farley execs.

Dated: 28 Sep 1812

Signed with his signature ("John Farley")

Witnesses: Solomon Dunbar, Daniel Siddons, David Dennis

In Probate: 9 Jan 1813

120. JACOB CREAMER of Waldoborough, yeoman (LCP 17:68)

Being weak in health

I will that my wife Mary Cramer shall have in her possession all my RE dur her nat life and aft her dec I will the whole of my RE to my son Charles Creamer with this provision, that in case he should sell the same that he give the 1st offer to my son-in-law Isaac Wincheback and if sd Isaac & him do not agree on a price to sell to whom he please and all the farming tools shall belong to him the sd Charles.

Provided that he the sd Charles Cramer shall aft my dec pay or cause to be pd to each of my daus, viz: to Mary Marble, Sarah Winchinback, and Catherine Cramer the sum of \$50 each.

And the third part of all navigations I own except my wife's dower to be eq div betw my daus aforesd and all monies due to me on interest or otherwise to be eq div betw my daus, preserving my wife's thirds in manner as aforesd. And whereas I sometime since became obligated by a note of honor for the sum of \$200 payable to John [Stacy?] jointly with my dau Polly Marble aforesd, now it is my will in case sd note is not pd and me and my heirs discharged from the same that I will it be deducted out of the legacy heretofore bequeathed to her.

Appt my wife Mary Cramer exec.

Dated: Waldoborough, 27 Jul 1812

Signed with his signature ("Jacob Cramer")

Witnesses: Charles Cramer, George Cramer, Thomas M^cGuyer

In Probate: 8 Jan 1813

121. JAMES CARGILL of New Castle, gentleman (LCP 17:76)

Being far advanced in age and sensible that I have not many days to continue in this present life

To my wife Margaret Cargill, all my RE & PE dur her nat life, or while she shall remain my wid and un^m, for her to occupy, use and improve the same; and at her dec or marriage, then it is my will that all my RE & PE belong and go to my sons

Donald Cargill, James Cargill and William Cargill in the following proportion and manner, viz my sd son James Cargill to have 1/4 part thereof, and my sd sons Donald Cargill and William Cargill to have the remaining 3/4 in eq shares betw them. They the sd James, Donald and William paying to my other chn within 5y next aft the death or marriage of my wife Margaret the following sums, viz to my son David Cargill, \$100; to my son Abernethy Cargill, \$100; to my son Henry Cargill, \$100; to my son Samuel Cargill, \$100; to my son Thomas M. Cargill, \$100; to my dau Jane Cargill, \$100; to my dau Agnes Cunningham, \$100; and to the chn of my dau Mary Cunningham decd, \$100 to be eq div among them; the sd sums above mentioned to be pd \$200 thereof by my son James and \$600 by my sd 2 sons Donald and William in eq parts.

Appt Rev. Kiah Bayley and John Farley Esq. both of New Castle execs.

Dated: 31 Oct 1810

Signed with his signature (“James Cargill”)

Witnesses: Alden Bradford, Moses Carleton Jr., Sam^l Miller

In Probate: 23 Feb 1813

Objection to Cargill’s will

23 Feb 1813: And now Phinehas Kellam, Aber. Cargill, David Cargill, Henry Cargill, Samuel Cargill, Thomas Cunningham, Tho^s M. Cargill, Betsey Cunningham, Jane Cargill, Nancy Howse, and Jane Cunningham, heirs to James Cargill, late of New Castle, decd, come and oppose the probate of the instrument purporting to be the LW&T of sd James here presented because they say it is not the will of the sd James. Signed: Manasseh Smith, Att^y to sd opposers.

Will Approved

1 Mar 1813: The annexed will being presented at a probate court at Newcastle on 23 FEb last by Kiah Bayley, the only surviving exec therein named for probate, the deposition of Alden Bradford was offered and read and Moses Carleton Jr. and Samuel Miller appeared and made oath that they say the sd James Cargill sign the same instrument as his LW&T, and that he was then of a sound, disposing mind & memory. I do therefore prove, approve, and allow sd instrument as the LW&T of the sd James Cargill decd. Signed: Silas Lee, Judge of Probate.

Notice of Appeal

Tho^s M. Cargill, one of the opposers of the instrument purporting to be the LW&T of James Cargill decd gave notice of his intention to appeal & on 24 Mar, his claim of an appeal from the foregoing decree to the Supreme Court of Probate next to be holden at Wiscasset on the 2nd Tues in Jun next ensuing.

Reasons of Appeal

Thomas M. Cargill of Wiscasset in Lin Co, yeoman, being interested in the estate of James Cargill late of New Castle, gent., decd, and having considered himself aggrieved at the order of the Hon. Silas Lee Esq., made on 1 Mar 1813, now files in the probate office for sd county his reasons for appeal as follows:

First, because the sd James Cargill at the time of making sd instrument was insane in mind and memory and incapable in law to make his LW&T.

Secondly, because by reason of old age and infirmities the sd James, at the time of making sd instrument, was become childish and forgetful, and so far lost his

mental powers that he was incapable of making his LW&T and was over-persuaded and by fraud induced to make sd instrument in manner and form as therein expressed.

Thirdly, because sd instrument instead of having been proved as the LW&T should have been disapproved and declared void. [Dated] 18 Mar 1813. [Signed] Tho^s M. Cargill.

122. JOHN THOMPSON of Bowdoin, yeoman (LCP 17:78)

[No statement of health]

To my wife Lydia Thompson, all my RE & PE in Bowdoin dur her nat life, and aft her death I give to the first Baptist Church in Bowdoin all the RE & PE to their use and behoof forever.

Appt my wife Lydia Thompson sole exec.

Dated: 2 Jun 1809

Signed with his mark ("X")

Witnesses: James Rogers, George Rogers, Charity Rogers

In Probate: 24 Aug 1811

123. THOMAS RICE of Wiscasset, Esquire (LCP 17:91)

Being now feeble in health

It is my will that my property should be div as equally as possible betw my chn.

And whereas my son Thomas, William, Charles and Warren and my dau Rebecca have heretofore had advances made them, and in order to make like advances to my daus Hannah Rice and Sophia Rice, I hereby bequeath unto them \$1000 each to be pd them by my exec out of my PE within 1y aft my dec; also 1 share to each of them sd Hannah and Sophia in the Lincoln & Kennebec Marine Insurance Company, and 1 best bed to each of them sd Hannah and Sophia with necessary bedding for sd beds, to hold the above property to them sd Hannah and Sophia forever, exclusive of what shall hereinafter be given them.

To my granddau Rebecca D. Parker, \$50 to be pd to her father or guardian for her use and to be put at interest on good security and to be received when she shall become ae 18y or married, the same to be pd in 2y aft my dec out of my PE.

To my wife Rebecca Rice, the use and occupation of all my RE wherever situated dur her nat life; also the u & i of all my PE, after paying the above legacies, dur her nat life. I hereby give my wife my horse & chaise as her own property forever.

Also, I give my wife 1 share in the Lincoln & Kennebec Marine Insurance Company as her own property forever.

Should any unforeseen accident render my PE insufficient to pay the aforesd legacies, then it is my will that the deficiency be made up by sale of so much of my RE as may be necessary.

I give all the remainder of my RE & PE to my chn to be eq div among them.

Appt my wife Rebecca Rice sole exec.

Dated: 31 Dec 1811

Signed with his signature ("Tho. Rice")

Witnesses: Jere. Bailey, John Boyinton, Scott Wilkinson

Codicil:

To my dau Rebecca Parker, 1 share in the Lincoln & Kennebec Marine Insurance Company as her own forever.

Codicil not dated

Codicil signed with his signature (“Tho. Rice”)

Codicil witnesses: Jere Bailey, John Boyinton, Scott Wilkinson

In Probate: 4 Jul 1812

124. CHARLES WILSON of Topsham, yeoman (LCP 17:104)

Being in a weak and anguishing condition of body and desirous while God shall favor me with a sound & disposing mind & memory to bestow the little estate I may have on my mother in gratitude for her great care and tenderness towards me in my sickness.

I give to my bros Henry, John and James, and to my sister Hannah, \$1 each in token of my affection and regard and would cheerfully bestow a larger acknowledgement upon them if my property would have admitted it.

All the residue of my RE & PE I give to my mother Ann Wilson.

Appt Benjamin Hasey Esq. of Topsham exec.

Dated: 3 Jul 1812

Signed with his signature (“Charles Wilson”)

Witnesses: John Morse, James Cook, Isaac Lincoln

In Probate: 21 Aug 1813

125. ABERNETHY CARGILL of New Castle, yeoman (LCP 17:106)

Being weak in body

To my wife Rebecca Cargill, all my land in New Castle together with all my other estate of whatever nature dur her nat life; and the remainder of my estate aft her death I give to my bro Henry Cargill forever.

And as to my PE, I give the same to my wife Rebecca Cargill.

Appt my wife Rebecca Cargill sole exec.

Dated: 21 May 1812

Signed with his signature (“Aber Cargill”)

Witnesses: Sam. E. Smith, P. E. Theobald, Jo^s Stevens Jun^r

In Probate: 1 March 1813

126. EPHRAIM BURNHAM of Boothbay, yeoman (LCP 17:107)

Being weak in body

To my wife Huldah Burnham, my house wherein I now live, together with 1 cow and the keeping for the sd cow, and the use of a horse, and 1/4 of the income of all the lands which I may die seized of unto her sole use and management while she may remain my wid, and at her death or marriage I will the same unto my eldest son Jeremiah Burnham. And I further will that my wife Huldah Burnham have as her own proper right and to her own proper use, all and every part of the

h/h furniture and all other property she was possessed of in her own right at the time of our marriage.

I give to my 5 younger sons, John, Ephraim, Samuel, Pearson, and Amos Burnham, \$1 apiece, which sums of money I will be pd to the sd legatees of my undiv estate as they severally arrive to ae 21y.

And I further devise to my eldest son Jeremiah Burnham, all my messuages or tenements aft the death or marriage of my sd wife, also all my land or freehold estate which I may die seized of, and all the residue of my PE.

Appt the sd Jeremiah Burnham sole exec.

Dated: 1 Jun 1813

Signed with his signature ("Eph^r Burnham")

Witnesses: Edmund Wilson, Edward Emerson, Thomas Grant

In Probate: 11 Sep 1813

127. JACOB KALER of Waldoborough, yeoman (LCP 17:108)

Being weak in health

I will that my wife Catherine Kaler have all my RE & PE dur her widowhood and if she should marry again that she will have her third as the law allows.

I also bequeath aft the dec or marriage of my wife Catherine Kaler the whole of my RE & PE to my son Jacob Kaler, with the provision that he takes care of my chn and also sends them to school, that is to say till they are ae 14y, after which they are to be put to a good trade. It is also my will that aft my son Jacob comes in possession of my sd estate that he pays to each of my chn, viz to my son Charles Kaler \$40, to my son John Kaler \$40, to my son Joseph Kaler \$40, to my son Ebenezer Kaler, \$40, to my son Moses Kaler \$40, also to my dau Margaretta Kaler \$40, and to my dau Mary Kaler \$40, and my son Jacob Kaler is to pay sd money in 4 payments, that is to say \$10 each year.

Appt my son Jacob Kaler sole exec.

Dated: Waldoborough, 8 Jun 1813

Signed with his mark ("X")

Witnesses: Charles Miller, Jacob Winchenback, Charles Caller

In Probate: 30 June 1813

128. MATHIAS BENNER of Nobleborough, yeoman (LCP 17:131)

Being weak in body

To my wife Catherine Benner, all my RE & PE dur her nat life if she remains my wid, otherwise if my wife should marry again, then my wife is to have only her thirds according to law.

It is also my will that my son James Benner and my son Joshua Benner are to have aft the dec of my wife (or her marrying again) all my RE & PE forever and also their designs forever. And the sd James and Joshua are to pay to my sons Joseph Benner \$300 and to my son Nathaniel Benner \$300 and to my son John Benner \$4, and to my dau Elizabeth Uckley wife of George Uckley \$4. It is also my will that my sons James and Joshua Benner are to pay to my dau Polly Moody wife of

Ezekiel Moody \$100, also to my dau Catherine Uckley wife of Jacob Uckley \$100, also to my dau Jane Benner, a minor, \$100, also to my dau Sally Benner, a minor, \$100.

It is also my will that my sons James and Joshua Benner are to pay to my grchn (viz) my dau Margaret wife of John Hattingham both deceased, \$2 each, viz John, George and Joshua, and Catherine and Eliza Hattingham.

The above legacies are not to be pd until 2y aft the sd James Benner and Joshua Benner come in full possession of the above mentioned RE & PE.

Appt my wife Mary Catherine Benner sole exec.

Dated: 17 Feb 181[2?]

Signed with his mark (“X”)

Witnesses: None listed

In Probate: 30 Jun 1813

129. SAMUEL PERKINS of Boothbay, yeoman (LCP 17:151)

Being weak of body

To my eldest son John Perkins, \$5.

To my son Stephen Perkins, \$25.

To my son Samuel Perkins, \$1.

To the heirs of my dau Betsey Brown late deceased, \$2.

To my dau Lydia Clifford, \$2.

To my dau Polly Clifford, \$2.

To my dau Sally Thompson, \$6.

To my son Jacob Perkins, all my lands, tenements, and freehold estate which I may die seized of and all the residue of the remainder of my RE & PE.

Appt my son Jacob Perkins sole exec.

Dated: 14 Sep 1813

Signed with his mark (“X”)

Witnesses: Edmund Wilson, Charles Fisher, William Emerson

In Probate: 5 Jan 1814

130. JAMES KENNEDY of Boothbay, yeoman (LCP 17:166)

Being weak in body

To my wife Phebe Kennedy, all my RE & PE dur her nat life and all the h/h furniture at her sole use forever.

To my son William Kennedy, all my RE & PE with the appurtenances thereof aft the death of my wife unto his sole use forever.

And I do further will that my sd son William Kennedy pay to the heirs of my late son John Kennedy \$50, and to my dau Elizabeth Maddocks \$50, and to my dau Martha Crooker \$50, and to my dau Phebe Morse \$50, which several legacies I will shall be pd within 12m from the death of my wife Phebe Kennedy.

Appt my son William Kennedy sole exec.

Dated: 2 Apr 1813

Signed with his signature (“James Kennedy”)

Witnesses: Benjamin Pinkham, Thomas Kennedy, Edmund Wilson
In Probate: 5 Jan 1814

131. SAMUEL BARTLET of Thomaston, yeoman (LCP 17:171)

Some weak in body

To my wife Eleanor Bartlet, all my RE & PE as long as she remains my wid and no longer, then to be eq div among my lawful heirs, namely: Priscilla Jameson, William Bartlet, Samuel Bartlet, Joshua Bartlet, Lois Lowell, Thomas Bartlet, Jenny Bartlet, ~~Bartlet~~ Everett, Knot Bartlet, Richard Bartlet, Ephraim Bartlet, Eleanor Bartlet, George Bartlet, and David Bartlet.

Appt my wife Eleanor sole exec.

Dated: 5 Aug 1809

Signed with his signature ("Samuel Bartlet")

Witnesses: Joseph Ingraham, Job Ingraham, Josiah Ingraham

In Probate: 10 Jan 1814

132. PETER PROCKT of Waldoborough, yeoman (LCP 17:187)

Being weak in body

To the chn of my dau Peggy the wife of Martin Benner, \$100 to be div among them in eq proportion and under the management of my execs whom I also appt trustees of the sd chn for their use and benefit until they are of legal age to choose guardians for themselves, to be raised and pd out of my estate within 12m aft my dec.

And I have provided otherwise for the future subsistence and support of my wife Catharine Prockt.

To my son John Prockt, my son George Prockt, and my sd dau Peggy, all the residue of my estate in eq proportion to be div in eq proportion betw them, saving only to my son George my cart, plough, chains, and crowbars over and above his proportion to his sole use forever.

Appt my sons John and George execs, and trustees also to the chn of my dau Peggy.

Dated: 17 Apr 1801

Signed with his mark ("X")

Witnesses: John Head, Robert Turner, Robert M^cLintock

In Probate: 7 Jan 1814

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