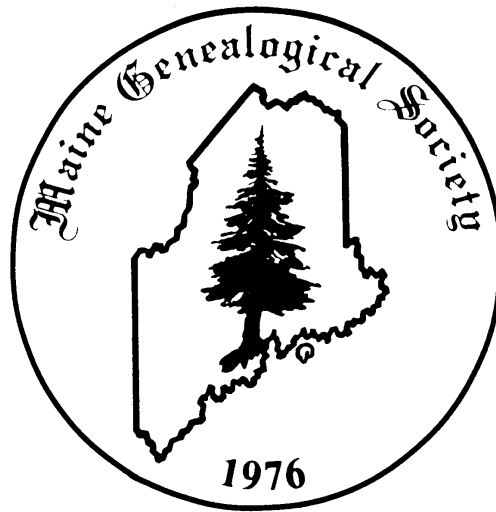


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EDITOR'S PAGE

TIME TO TAKE A NEW LOOK AT OLD PROBLEMS

Genealogists are experts at juggling many different projects. We begin with one line of our family, work it as long as we continue to make progress and then, when we encounter obstacles or dead ends, move on to other lines. I have a file full of folders on different family surnames I have tackled over the years. Some I consider to be fairly complete and others need additional work. Several I haven't reviewed in years.

Recently I have been working with an author of a future *Maine Genealogist* article that will examine the first generations of a very prolific early Maine family. The family has been treated over the years in several books and articles, yet the compilers of these accounts were unable to document with primary sources the English origin of the family. The wealth of far-reaching research databases that are now available online has resulted in some major breakthroughs for this family, including the discovery of the immigrant's baptismal record in England. For English research we can now download wills from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury directly to our computers, review London apprenticeship records from 1442 onward, search Boyd's Marriage Index online, and locate transcriptions of parish registers from all over the country—just to name a few of the new resources available. Many books found only in British libraries are now showing up on digitized book websites. If you have traced your colonial ancestors back to the immigrant, now might be a good time to use these new resources to look for the family's English origin.

One of my first genealogical projects many years ago was to document the family of my father's grandmother. The family originated in Connecticut and eventually made its way through western New York to Michigan. I put together a wealth of research and compiled a genealogy for family members. One obstacle that I encountered was finding documentation on my great-grandmother's aunt Lucina. I had located her first marriage to an Egbert Taylor in Michigan, but then lost track of her for the next twenty years when she surfaced on a Nevada census under the name of Lucina Gibson. Research in Nevada provided me with no additional clues. I had put aside the problem until recently, when a correspondent asked if I had learned anything new about Lucina. It was then that I took another look and found her second marriage to Mr. Gibson in an online database of Illinois marriages. She was married in a small town in central Illinois, far from the residences of any other family members. The database was not available when I first researched the family and I never would have found the marriage otherwise.

If you have research projects you haven't looked at in many years, this might be the time to pull them out of the file cabinet and dust them off. Who knows what new information you might now be able to find.

Joseph C. Anderson II, FASG, Editor

THE FAMILY OF JOHN REED OF TOPSHAM, MAINE

By Glenn D. Nasman

In the case where birth records were not recorded by the town clerk, it is often impossible to ascertain how many children were in a particular family and what their names were. Usually this information can only be confirmed if a will, church baptismal records, or a family Bible is found that lists the members of the family. Such is the case with John Reed, an early settler of Topsham, Maine. The marriages of both John Sr. and John Jr. are included in the Topsham vital records, but the births of their children are not recorded. As a result, information on John Reed's family is limited in published literature. For example, Wheeler and Wheeler's *History of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell* includes only the following about John and his immediate family:¹

JOHN REED was b. in Ireland about 1719. He d. Jan. 12, 1795. Ch. were: *John*, b. in Ireland about 1747; *Jane*, who m. Joseph Foster, of Topsham; *Martha*, who m. Joseph, son of Ezra Randall; *Hannah*, m. Robert, son of Rev. James Potter; *Charity*, who m. 1st, Benjamin, son of Ezra Randall, 2d, a Prescott (who ran off and left her), and, 3d, John Hern, of Ireland, afterwards of Whitefield; *Susan*, who d. single.

Wheeler and Wheeler also include the following vital information about John's son, John Jr.:²

John Reed was born in Ireland in 1747, and was married to Rachel, daughter of William Thorne, in March, 1769. He came to this country with his father, and settled in Topsham. . . . He died October 20, 1797. . . .

The U.S. Census of 1790 gives us an idea of the number of children in the two John Reed families. There was a John "Reid" living in Topsham with two males aged 16 and over, two males under 16, and four females, while the John "Reid" Jr. household contained two males aged 16 and over, two males under 16, and six females.³ However, that does little to help us discover their names. Fortunately, there are two documents in the Lincoln County probate records that go a long way to defining John Reed Sr.'s family. The first is his will, written on 21 April 1781 and probated on 29 May 1795.⁴ The will mentions:

¹ George Augustus Wheeler and Henry Warren Wheeler, *History of Brunswick, Topsham and Harpswell, Maine* (Boston, 1878), 850 (hereafter cited as Wheeler & Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*).

² Wheeler & Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 799. John Reed Jr. was undoubtedly born in Maine and not in Ireland as stated by Wheeler & Wheeler, since his grandfather, William, and thus probably also his father, John Sr., immigrated to the Topsham area from Ireland by 1731.

³ *Heads of Families of the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* (Washington, D.C., 1908), 46, col. c (hereafter cited as *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*).

⁴ William D. Patterson, comp. & ed., *The Probate Records of Lincoln County, Maine, 1760 to 1800* (Portland, 1895), 258–59 (hereafter cited as Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*).

Wife, Susanna Reed
 Son John Reed
 Son David Reed
 Daughter Mary, wife of Samuel Wilson
 Daughter Jane, wife of Joseph Foster
 Daughter Susanna Reed
 Daughter Martha, wife of Joseph Randall
 Daughter Elizabeth Reed
 Daughter Margaret Reed
 Daughter Charity Reed
 Daughter Hannah Reed
 Granddaughter Susanna Reed
 Brother William Reed.

The second document, among the estate papers of his son, David, probated on 19 October 1795,⁵ mentions:

Jane, David's widow
 Jane, wife of Joseph Foster
 Martha, wife of Joseph Randall
 Elizabeth, wife of John Soule
 Margaret, wife of Robert Jack
 Charlotte [Charity], wife of John Herrin [Hern]
 Hannah, wife of Robert Potter
 Samuel Wilson and wife, deceased
 John Reed, deceased by 4 Jan. 1799.

Between these two documents we know the names of John Sr.'s children and the names of most of their spouses. The birth order of the daughters is not known, but it is likely the same as that listed in his will. The parentage and fate of granddaughter Susanna Reed have not been determined.⁶

Although the births of John Jr.'s children are not documented in the Topsham vital records, a list of his children is found in an early account of Topsham history and families written by Moses Emery Woodman (1806–40). Woodman's history was eventually published in the *Bath Daily Times* in 1924 and a copy has now been made available online.⁷ Woodman most probably had personal knowledge of John

⁵ Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*, 261.

⁶ No birth record has been located for her. She could be the daughter of an unidentified son who died prior to the writing of John's will in 1781, though no marriage is recorded for such a son, or she could be an illegitimate child of one of John's children. Topsham records reveal two possible marriages for her: Susanna Reed of Topsham and John Alexander, m. (int.) 17 Nov. 1791; and Susanna Reed and Robert Malcom, both of Topsham, m. 19 Oct. 1797 (Mary Pelham Hill, ed., *Vital Records of Topsham, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. [Portland, 1929–30], 2:217–18 [hereafter cited as *Topsham VRs*]).

⁷ See <http://maineulsterscots.com/uploads/THE_BATH_DAILY_TIMES.pdf> (hereafter cited as Woodman, "History of Topsham").

Reed Jr.'s family and research proves his account to be generally reliable. Woodman lists the children of John and Rachel (Thorne) Reed as follows:

Hannah, married David Patten
 Mary, married Levi Peterson
 Thomas, unmarried, lost at sea
 Lucy, married Edward Kelleran
 Jane, married David Stinson
 Rachel, married Nehemiah Harding
 Even'r [*sic*: Ebenezer], died at age of 12 or 13 [*sic*: 17]

Some of these relationships can be verified by other means. John Reed Jr.'s probate records list David Patten and Levi Peterson as sureties,⁸ confirming that their wives, Hannah (Reed) Patten and Mary/Polly (Reed) Peterson, are undoubtedly Reed daughters. "Jane Reed, daughter of Col. John Reed of Topsham," is mentioned as the second wife of David Stinson in a published history of Bath, Maine.⁹ Rachel (Reed) Harding, named after her mother, would also be a likely daughter of John and Rachel. Research has not provided any additional confirmation that Lucy (Reed) Kelleran is a daughter, other than she married a sea captain. It is interesting to note that all five daughters married sea captains. It is likely that in that day, the daughters of a colonel would be considered appropriate wives for sea captains. Ebenezer Reed, who was named after his maternal grandfather, has the words "son of John and Rachel Reed" inscribed on his gravestone and thus is also without question a son of John and Rachel.¹⁰

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

JOHN REED was born about 1719 in Ireland,¹¹ probably a son of William and Mary (—) Reed,¹² and died at Topsham on 12 January 1795.¹³ He married first HANNAH SAVAGE, their intentions recorded at Georgetown, Maine, 18 December 1743, he "of Topsham."¹⁴ She was born about 1725 and died 8 March 1746[/7] in her 22nd year,¹⁵ a daughter of James and Christian (Hunter) Savage of Ireland

⁸ Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*, 339.

⁹ Parker McCobb Reed, *History of Bath and Environs* (Portland, 1894), 318 (hereafter cited as Reed, *History of Bath*).

¹⁰ Gravestone inscription, First Parish Meeting House Cemetery, Topsham, Maine.

¹¹ Wheeler & Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 850.

¹² William Reed was b. ca. 1691 in Ireland and d. Topsham, 11 Aug. 1773, aged 82 years; Mary was b. ca. 1692 in Ireland and d. Topsham, 11 Aug. 1768, aged 76 years (*Topsham VRs*, 2:371).

¹³ *Topsham VRs*, 2:371. His age at death was 74 years according to the Congregational Church Records and 76 years according to his gravestone inscription in the First Parish Meeting House Cemetery, Topsham.

¹⁴ Mary Pelham Hill, ed., *Vital Records of Georgetown, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 3 vols. (Auburn, Maine, 1939–43), 2:147 (hereafter cited as *Georgetown VRs*).

¹⁵ Gravestone transcription, First Parish Cemetery, Brunswick, Maine, online at: <www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mebruce/trans7.html>.

and Georgetown, Maine.¹⁶ John married second SUSANNA STANWOOD, their intentions filed at Topsham on 20 January 1747/8.¹⁷ She was born about 1725 and died 22 February 1799, aged 74,¹⁸ daughter of Lieut. Ebenezer and Jane (—) Stanwood of Brunswick.¹⁹

Children of John Reed and his 1st wife, Hannah (Savage), b. Topsham:

- i MARY REED, b. say 1743; m. (int.) Brunswick, 11 Dec. 1761, SAMUEL WILSON.²⁰ Mary is undoubtedly a child of John's first marriage based on her date of marriage and the fact that she named her oldest daughter Hannah, likely after her mother. Mary d. before 16 April 1790 when Samuel m. (2) Elizabeth (Snow) Holbrook, widow of Abijah Holbrook of Harpswell.²¹ Samuel was b. ca. 1732 as he made a deposition on 14 June 1787 in which he stated his age at 55 years.²² In 1761 Samuel was licensed to run a ferry across the Androscoggin River about 100 rods below the falls where he was permitted to charge three "coppers" for each man and three "coppers" for each horse ferried across.²³ From Oct. 1762 to Sept. 1766, he was licensed as an innholder at Topsham by the Court of Sessions for Lincoln Co.²⁴ A landowner in Topsham, he was elected surveyor of highways in the first Topsham town meeting held 9 May 1764.²⁵ His household in the 1790 census at Little River Town (annexed to Lisbon in 1808) included two males aged 16 and over, one male under 16 and three females.²⁶ Samuel had no children with his 2nd wife. Identified children:²⁷
 - 1 *Hannah Wilson*, b. 27 Oct. 1762, d. 26 Nov. 1763, aged 13 months.²⁸

¹⁶ "Families of Woolwich, Compiled by Dr. Samuel P. Buck of Woolwich, Given by his daughter, Miss Charlotte Buck, 1931, to the Maine Historical Society," copied by Mary Pelham Hill, typescript (1933), at Maine Historical Society, Portland, call # Mge W888, p. 1.

¹⁷ *Topsham VRs*, 2:216; Joseph Crook Anderson II, *Vital Records of Brunswick, Maine, 1740–1860* (Rockport, Maine, 2004), 116 (hereafter cited as *Brunswick VRs*).

¹⁸ *Topsham VRs*, 2:371.

¹⁹ Ethyl Stanwood Bolton, *A History of the Stanwood Family in America*, (Boston, 1900), 49 (hereafter cited as Bolton, *Stanwood Family*).

²⁰ *Topsham VRs*, 2:217; *Brunswick VRs*, 122.

²¹ Judith Holbrook Kelley and Clayton Rand Adams, eds., *Marriage Returns of Cumberland County, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Rockport, Maine, 1998), 63; *Topsham VRs*, 2:288.

²² The Samuel Wilson deposition was contributed to the Maine Memory Network by the Maine Historical Society and is online at: <<http://www.mainememory.net/media/pdf/6380.pdf>>.

²³ Wheeler & Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 547.

²⁴ Wheeler & Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 860–61.

²⁵ The Pejepscot Records (Vol. VIII), Maine Historical Society, Portland, Coll. 3, contain three maps showing land owned by Samuel Wilson: Map #27, Plot of land at Cathance–1758; Map #37, 60 acre lot in Topsham–1762; Map #44, Plot of land at Cathance Meadows in Brunswick–1767; Wheeler & Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 183.

²⁶ *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*, 40, column b; David Colby Young and Elizabeth Keene Young, "Where was Little River Plantation?" *The Maine Genealogist* 16(1994):67–68.

²⁷ All five children are listed in Wheeler & Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 860–61. Birth dates of Hannah, James, and Susanna are recorded in *Topsham VRs*, 1:209–11.

²⁸ Gravestone in the First Parish Cemetery, Brunswick, online at <www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mebrucem/trans7.html>.

- 2 *James Wilson*, b. 2 July 1764; probably the James Wilson of Little River who m. Elizabeth McGraw on 20 March 1788 at Topsham, John Merrill officiating.²⁹
 - 3 *Susannah Wilson*, b. 18 May 1766. No further record found.
 - 4 *John Wilson*, probably the head of the household (1-0-1) living next to Samuel Wilson in Little River in 1790.³⁰
 - 5 *William Wilson*. No further record found.
- ii Col. JOHN REED, b. prior to 8 March 1746[/7] when his mother died,³¹ d. Topsham, 20 or 21 Oct. 1797, aged 50 years;³² m. (int.) Topsham, 4 March 1769, RACHEL THORNE,³³ b. 22 Feb. 1746, daughter of William and Martha (—) Thorne of Topsham,³⁴ d. 10 Sept. 1827, aged 81 years.³⁵ Both John and Rachel are bur. in the First Parish Burying Ground in Topsham.

John enlisted in the Revolutionary War as an ensign in a company commanded by Capt. Blaisdell of Portland. He initially served at Fort Ticonderoga where he became a lieutenant upon the death of the officer serving in that position. He later served as a captain from 1 Jan. 1777 to 20 Sept. 1780 in the 7th Mass. Regiment commanded by Col. John Brooks and in the 6th Mass. Regiment formerly commanded by Col. Ichabod Alden, fighting at Bemis Heights and Saratoga in New York and present at the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne's army on 17 Oct. 1777. He received a wound in an action fought shortly before the surrender. He was also undoubtedly the Capt. John Reed who served in Col. Samuel McCobb's regiment defending the seacoast of Maine from 1 June 1781 to 5 Dec. 1781.³⁶ In 1788 he was appointed lieutenant-colonel for the First Regiment, First Brigade, Fourth Division of the Mass. militia, which was mustered in at Bath.³⁷ His household was enumerated in the 1790 census at Topsham with two males aged 16 and over, two males under 16, and six females.³⁸ In the 1800 census at Topsham, Rachael Reed headed her household which was composed of one male aged 0–9, one male 10–15, two males 16–25, two males 26–44, one female 10–15, two females 16–25, and one female 45 and over.³⁹

Identified children:

- 1 *Hannah Reed*, b. 30 Oct. 1769,⁴⁰ d. 6 May 1828, aged 58 years;⁴¹ m. Topsham, 26 Dec. 1793, Capt. David Patten,⁴² b. 4 Oct. 1769, son of John and Mary

²⁹ *Topsham VRs*, 2:285.

³⁰ *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*, 40, col. b.

³¹ See note 15.

³² *Topsham VRs*, 2:371.

³³ *Topsham VRs*, 2:216.

³⁴ *Topsham VRs*, 1:189; Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*, 258–59.

³⁵ *Topsham VRs*, 2:371.

³⁶ *Topsham VRs*, 2:371; Wheeler & Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 799; *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908), 13:74, 76 (hereafter cited as *Mass. Soldiers and Sailors*); Reed, *History of Bath*, 313.

³⁷ Wheeler & Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 689, 799.

³⁸ *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*, 46, col. c.

³⁹ Rachael Reed household, 1800 U.S. Census, Topsham, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 485.

⁴⁰ *Topsham VRs*, 1:137.

⁴¹ *Topsham VRs*, 2:359.

⁴² *Topsham VRs*, 2:216.

- (Means) Patten of Topsham,⁴³ d. Bowdoinham, Maine, 22 Jan. 1830, aged 60 years.⁴⁴ Both are bur. in the First Parish Burying Ground in Topsham.
- 2 *Mary/Polly Reed*, b. ca. 1772, living Bath in 1850, aged 78 years;⁴⁵ m. Topsham, 10 Nov. 1796, Capt. Levi Peterson,⁴⁶ b. Duxbury, Mass., 7 Nov. 1769, son of John and Sarah (Hewitt) Peterson of Duxbury, Brunswick, Maine, and Bath, Maine.⁴⁷ Capt. Peterson was a master mariner and ship-builder of Bath.⁴⁸ He was an immense man who weighed 400 pounds, “a Hercules in size and strength.”⁴⁹
- 3 *Thomas Reed*, who d. at sea, unmarried.⁵⁰
- 4 *Lucy Reed*, b. ca. 1780, d. Portland, 16 April 1843, aged 63 years;⁵¹ m. Topsham, 6 Dec. 1803, Capt. Edward Kelleran,⁵² b. Cushing, 29 June 1777, son of Edward and Elizabeth (Burton) Kelleran of Cushing,⁵³ d. 5 Oct. 1846, aged 69 years.⁵⁴ He was a master mariner.⁵⁵
- 5 *Jane Reed*, b. ca. 1782, d. 1841 aged 59 years;⁵⁶ m. Bath, 16 Feb. 1809, as his 2nd wife, Capt. David Stinson,⁵⁷ b. Woolwich, Maine, 21 Sept. 1771, son of Eld. Samuel and Jane (Robinson) Stinson of Woolwich, d. Bath in 1842, a

⁴³ *Topsham VRs*, 1:137; Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*, 255; his parents' marriage intentions on 19 June 1742 recorded in John D. Beatty, *Vital Records of Biddeford, Maine, Prior to 1856* (Camden, Maine, 1998), 20.

⁴⁴ *Topsham VRs*, 2:359.

⁴⁵ Mary Peterson household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bath, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 138, #161/193.

⁴⁶ *Topsham VRs*, 2:217.

⁴⁷ Birth date and parentage of Levi is recorded in *Brunswick VRs*, 48; his parents' marriage on 30 Sept. 1765 recorded in *Vital Records of Duxbury, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1911), 285; see also William Bradford Browne, “The Peterson Family of Duxbury, Mass.,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 70(1916):267; Reed, *History of Bath*, 312–13.

⁴⁸ Capt. Levi Peterson was master of three vessels built in Brunswick from 1784 to 1797 according to “A List of Vessels Built in Brunswick from 1784 to 1797,” contributed to the Maine Memory Network by the Maine Historical Society, online at: <www.mainememory.net/media/pdf/9538.pdf>.

⁴⁹ Reed, *History of Bath*, 312–13.

⁵⁰ Woodman, “History of Topsham,” 42.

⁵¹ Portland Deaths, 4:109; William B. Jordan Jr., *Burial Records 1717–1962 of the Eastern Cemetery, Portland, Maine* (Bowie, Md., 1987), 74 (hereafter cited as Jordan, *Eastern Cemetery, Portland*).

⁵² *Topsham VRs*, 2:217.

⁵³ Cyrus Eaton, *History of Thomaston, Rockland and South Thomaston*, 2 vols. (Hallowell, Maine, 1865), 2:293; Edward's birth date from the International Genealogical Index, citing controlled extraction of Cushing vital records.

⁵⁴ Jordan, *Eastern Cemetery, Portland*, 74.

⁵⁵ Capt. Kelleran sailed to England with a cargo of lumber soon after his wedding, as he arrived in Sherborne, Dorset, England, by 6 Feb. 1804 according to the English newspaper, *Sherborne and Yeovil Mercury*, which had the following news insert: “1804 06 Feb—Kelleran Capt Edward—‘Nuna’ timber import from Portland America”, online at <www.paulhyb.homecall.co.uk/news/SHER1804.HTM>.

⁵⁶ Fred D. and Ethelyn N. Pinkham, “James Stinson of Georgetown on Arrowsic Island and His Descendants,” typescript, Maine Historical Society (1975), p. 19.

⁵⁷ [Portland] *Eastern Argus*, issue of 16 Feb. 1809, p. 3.

year after his wife died.⁵⁸ He had m. (1) Woolwich, Maine, 2 Dec. 1799, Susanna Smith who d. Bath, ca. Nov.–Dec. 1807.⁵⁹ David Stinson was master mariner from 1793 to 1801 and postmaster of Bath about 27 years from 1805 to 1833.⁶⁰ He died instantly in the Old South Meetinghouse in Bath.⁶¹

6 *Ebenezer Reed*, b. ca. 1783, d. either 22 Aug. 1800 or 21 Aug. 1801, aged 17 years, bur. First Parish Burying Ground in Topsham.⁶²

7 *Rachel Reed*, b. ca. 1786, d. 17 Jan. 1834, aged 47 years;⁶³ m. Topsham, 10 Dec. 1807, Capt. Nehemiah Harding of Brunswick,⁶⁴ b Truro, Mass., 23 Oct. 1779, son of Hezekiah and Eunice (Freeman) Harding of Truro and Brunswick,⁶⁵ d. 2 Aug. 1865, aged 86 years.⁶⁶ Nehemiah was a very successful master mariner sailing out of Bath for over 40 years.⁶⁷

Children of John Reed and his 2nd wife, Susanna (Stanwood), b. Topsham:

- iii JANE REED, b. say 1750 (if married at age 20); m. Topsham, 25 Jan. 1770, JOSEPH FOSTER, Abraham Preble, J.P., officiating,⁶⁸ b. Scituate, Mass., 27 Feb. 1742, son of Joseph and Abigail (Steel) Foster,⁶⁹ d. 29 July 1816 in his 75th year.⁷⁰ Joseph was elected in March 1777 at the Topsham town meeting as a member of the Committee of Safety, Correspondence, and Inspection.⁷¹

⁵⁸ See Samuel Stinson sketch contributed by Janice D. Gower in Joseph C. Anderson II, ed., *Maine Families in 1790, Vol. 9* (Rockland, Maine, 2006), 472–76.

⁵⁹ See note 58.

⁶⁰ Reed, *History of Bath*, 318.

⁶¹ Reed, *History of Bath*, 318.

⁶² *Topsham VRs*, 2:370, citing records of the Topsham Church of Christ (1800 date) and gravestone in First Parish burying ground (1801 date).

⁶³ Gravestone in Maple Grove Cemetery, Bath, as documented in Maine Old Cemetery Association [MOCA], *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Sagadahoc County*, Picton Press CD-Rom (Rockland, Maine, 2006), image 120 (hereafter cited as MOCA, *Sagadahoc Co. Inscriptions*).

⁶⁴ *Topsham VRs*, 2:217. The *Topsham VRs* indicate that Nehemiah was of Brunswick when he got married, the town where his parents lived, but he was on the list of voters for Bath in 1800, seven years before his marriage. His parents, Hezekiah and Eunice Harding, are buried in the Marsh Cemetery in Brunswick, online at: <www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mebrucem/cem21.html>.

⁶⁵ George Ernest Bowman, *Vital Records of the Town of Truro, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Boston, 1933), 116.

⁶⁶ Reed, *History of Bath*, 369; he is buried with his wife in Maple Grove Cemetery, Bath; however the MOCA transcription of his gravestone calls him Capt. “M.” Harding (MOCA, *Sagadahoc Co. Inscriptions*, image 120).

⁶⁷ Reed, *History of Bath*, 370.

⁶⁸ *Topsham VRs*, 2:216.

⁶⁹ *Vital Records of Scituate, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1909), 1:156 (hereafter cited as *Scituate VRs*), indicates birth date of 27 Feb. 1742, while *Topsham VRs*, 1:68, indicates birth date of 7 Feb. 1742.

⁷⁰ *Topsham VRs*, 2:320.

⁷¹ Maine Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, *Maine in War, Organization and Officers of the Society, What the Society Has Accomplished, Constitution of the Society, Roll of Members, Officers of National Society, Constitution of the National Society* (Portland, 1897) 99 online at: <www.archive.org/stream/maineinwarorgani00sonsuoft/maineinwarorgani00sonsuoft_djvu.txt> (hereafter cited as *Maine in War*).

Children, as found:

- 1 *Elizabeth/Betty/Betsey Foster*, b. ca. 1780, d. 12 July 1865, aged 85 years;⁷² m. Topsham, 6 Dec. 1798, Samuel Springer of Bath.⁷³
 - 2 (prob.) *Jane Foster*, b. ca. 1783, d. Buxton, Maine, 5 Sept. 1861, aged 79 years; m. Topsham, 8 Aug. 1802, Hall Jackson Came.⁷⁴
 - 3 (poss.) *Joseph Foster Jr.* who m. Georgetown, 3 March 1811, Eleanor Connelly of Georgetown.⁷⁵
- iv SUSANNA REED, b. ca. 1754, d. 1 Jan. 1790, aged 36 years; never married.⁷⁶
- v MARTHA REED, b. ca. 1757, d. 25 Feb. 1844, aged 86 years;⁷⁷ m. (int.) Bowdoin, 6 April 1778, JOSEPH RANDALL,⁷⁸ b. 23 March 1755 at Scituate, Mass., son of Ezra and Margaret (Foster) Randall of Topsham,⁷⁹ d. Bowdoin, 7 Aug. 1818, aged 63 years.⁸⁰ Joseph was a farmer who cleared his land from the Maine wilderness in what is now Bowdoin. His household was enumerated in the 1790 census at Bowdoin with one male aged 16 and over, one male under 16, two females, and one other free person.⁸¹ After Joseph's death, his son-in-law Solomon Eaton inherited his property.⁸²
- One recorded child:⁸³
- 1 *Peggy Randall*, b. Dec. 1778, d. 15 Sept. 1843, aged 65 years;⁸⁴ m. 1795, Solomon Eaton.⁸⁵ Solomon, one of the first lumbermen on the Kennebec River, was b. ca. 1774 and d. 3 Oct. 1856, aged 82 years.⁸⁶ Both Solomon and Peggy are bur. in Eaton Cemetery in Bowdoin.

⁷² William B. Jordan Jr., *Burial Records 1811–1980 of the Western Cemetery in Portland, Maine* (Bowie, Md., 1987), 126.

⁷³ *Maine in War*, 99, states that Elizabeth Foster, daughter of Joseph and Jane (Reed) Foster, m. Samuel Springer and that they had a daughter Eliza who m. George W. Turner. Elizabeth's marriage is recorded in *Topsham VRs*, 2:97. Elizabeth Springer, age 68, was living with her daughter and son-in-law in George W. Turner household, 1850 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 36, #421/611. In 1860, now aged 80, she was living in Westbrook in the Oliver E. Sillsbee household, 1860 U.S. Census, Westbrook, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 37, #300/301.

⁷⁴ See Arthur Came family submitted by Elaine M. Wood in Joseph Crook Anderson II, ed., *Maine Families in 1790, Vol. 10* (Rockland, Maine, 2009), 82–86.

⁷⁵ The marriage of a Joseph Foster Jr. of Topsham is recorded in *Georgetown VRs*, 2:42, with intentions recorded in *Topsham VRs*, 2:98.

⁷⁶ *Topsham VRs*, 2:371.

⁷⁷ Rachel Townsend Cox, ed., *Vital Records of Bowdoin, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 3 vols. (Portland, 1944–45), 2:105 (hereafter cited as *Bowdoin VRs*).

⁷⁸ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:141.

⁷⁹ *Scituate VRs*, 1:307; *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:164.

⁸⁰ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:105.

⁸¹ *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*, 35, col. a.

⁸² A photo of the Joseph Randall/Solomon Eaton house is online at: <www.link75.org/bcs/grade4/BowdoinHist/bbicenjpg/picthist2.html>.

⁸³ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:164.

⁸⁴ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:62.

⁸⁵ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:141.

⁸⁶ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:62.

vi ELIZABETH REED, b. say 1761 (if married at age 20), d. 26 April 1800;⁸⁷ m. (1) (int.) Topsham, 17 Feb. 1781, Capt. ROBERT STANWOOD of Brunswick,⁸⁸ b. 12 April 1760, son of Samuel and Jean (Lithgow) (McFarland) Stanwood of Harpswell,⁸⁹ d. by 14 Jan. 1794 when Elizabeth was called “widow” at her son Robert’s baptism;⁹⁰ m. (2) (int.) Freeport, 10 Oct. 1795, Capt. JOHN SOULE of Freeport as his 2nd wife,⁹¹ b. North Yarmouth, 12 March 1740[1], son of Barnabas and Jane (Bradbury) Soule.⁹² During the Revolutionary War, Robert Stanwood served as a private in Capt. Nehemiah Curtis’s Co. on the Bagaduce Expedition in 1779.⁹³ After the war, he was master and managing owner of the schooner *Brunswick*, built in Brunswick in 1784.⁹⁴ Capt. Soule served as a lieutenant in Capt. John Gray’s Co. on the Bagaduce Expedition in 1779. He had m. (1) 30 Nov. 1763, Elizabeth/Betty Mitchell,⁹⁵ a daughter of Benjamin and Mehitable (Bragdon) Mitchell.⁹⁶ She d. 26 Dec. 1794.⁹⁷ He m. (3) Freeport, (cert.) 30 April 1814, Chloe Josselyn of Freeport,⁹⁸ who d. 26 Sept. 1831.⁹⁹ Capt. Soule, a master mariner, died at sea sometime after his third marriage.¹⁰⁰ Robert Stanwood’s household was enumerated in the 1790 census at Brunswick with two males aged 16 and over, three males under 16, five females, and four other free persons.¹⁰¹ Elizabeth had no children with her second husband, as all John Soule’s children were with his 1st wife.¹⁰²

Identified children, all by her 1st husband, recorded Brunswick:¹⁰³

- 1 *Ebenezer Stanwood*, b. 8 Oct. 1782; possibly m. Jenny Cleaves of Harpswell, 24 Feb. 1803 (int. filed Brunswick, 19 Feb. 1803).¹⁰⁴ He enlisted in the War of

⁸⁷ Charles E. Banks, “The Soule Family,” in Augustus W. Corliss, *Old Times of North Yarmouth, Maine* (Somersworth, N.H., 1977), 971 (hereafter cited as Banks, “Soule Family”).

⁸⁸ *Topsham VRs*, 2:216. Intentions were filed in Brunswick on 20 Feb. 1781 (*Brunswick VRs*, 130).

⁸⁹ Bolton, *Stanwood Family*, 111. His birth is recorded in *Brunswick VRs*, 21.

⁹⁰ *Topsham VRs*, 1:173.

⁹¹ Intentions were filed 7 Oct. 1795 in Brunswick (*Brunswick VRs*, 75) and 10 Oct. 1795 in Freeport (“Publishments of the Town of Freeport,” *Salem Press Historical and Genealogical Record* 1(1890):62, online at: <www.maineancestry.net/2007/01/freeport-publishments-1789-1801.html> (hereafter cited as “Freeport Intentions”).

⁹² Ruth Wilder Sherman, ed., *Vital Records of North Yarmouth, Maine, to the Year 1850*, 2nd ed. (Camden, Maine, 1993), 108 (hereafter cited as *North Yarmouth VRs*).

⁹³ Nathan Goold, *History of Colonel Jonathan Mitchell’s Cumberland County Regiment, Bagaduce Expedition, 1779* (Portland, 1899), 47 (hereafter cited as Goold, *Bagaduce Expedition*).

⁹⁴ “A List of Vessels Built in Brunswick from 1784 to 1797,” contributed to the Maine Memory Network by the Maine Historical Society, online at: <www.mainememory.net/media/pdf/9538.pdf>.

⁹⁵ *North Yarmouth VRs*, 265

⁹⁶ Banks, “Soule Family,” 971

⁹⁷ Banks, “Soule Family,” 971

⁹⁸ Freeport VRs, 1:82.

⁹⁹ Banks, “Soule Family,” 971

¹⁰⁰ Banks, “Soule Family,” 971; Goold, *Bagaduce Expedition*, 58.

¹⁰¹ *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*, 12, col. b.

¹⁰² Banks, “Soule Family,” 971–74.

¹⁰³ *Brunswick VRs*, 49; baptism of son Robert is recorded in *Topsham VRs*, 1:173.

¹⁰⁴ Bolton, *Stanwood Family*, 112; *Brunswick VRs*, 82.

- 1812 on 7 Jan. 1815 at age 34, with birthplace given as Brunswick and occupation as blacksmith.¹⁰⁵
- 2 *Samuel Stanwood*, b. 16 Sept. 1784, possibly the Samuel Stanwood, boat builder, aged 67, living in Bath, according to the 1850 census¹⁰⁶ and who d. there, 3 Aug. 1850, aged 67 years.¹⁰⁷
 - 3 *John Stanwood*, b. 28 Aug. 1786; d. 30 July 1812; m. Freeport, 22 Jan. 1811, Betsey Bartol,¹⁰⁸ b. Freeport, 4 Nov. 1793, daughter of Capt. George and Jane (Soule) Bartol,¹⁰⁹ d. 1887.¹¹⁰ Betsey m. (2) 15 Feb. 1814, Capt. David Staples of Freeport.¹¹¹
 - 4 *Robert Stanwood*, b. 24 July 1793, bp. 14 Jan. 1794. No further record found.
- vii MARGARET REED, b. say 1762 (if age 20 at marriage), deceased by late 1817 when her husband remarried; m. Topsham, April 1782, ROBERT JACK,¹¹² b. ca. 1752, d. 9 July 1831, aged 79 years.¹¹³ He m. (2) (int.) Bowdoinham, 1 Nov. 1817, Susanna Blake of Harpswell.¹¹⁴ Robert was of Topsham when he enlisted for three years in Capt. Reed's Co. from 29 Jan. 1777 to 29 Jan. 1780. He also served as a private in Capt. Lithgow's Co. on seacoast defense at Falmouth for five months from 19 Feb. 1776 to 20 July 1776.¹¹⁵ By 1790 he and his family were living in Bowdoinham on Abberdegasset Point where his household was enumerated in the 1790 census with one male age 16 and over, four males under 16, and two females.¹¹⁶ Robert was also enumerated in Bowdoinham in 1800, 1810, and 1820.¹¹⁷ Children, recorded Bowdoinham:¹¹⁸
- 1 *Joseph Jack*, twin, b. 1 Oct. 1782; m. Susan/Susannah Graves, their intentions recorded in Topsham and Bowdoin, 18 Dec. 1812,¹¹⁹ b. 27 July 1788, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Jack) (Gooding) Graves of Topsham.¹²⁰

¹⁰⁵ Ebenezer's War of 1812 record online at <www.maine-genealogy.net/individual_1812_record.asp?id=1178&firstname=ebezer&lastname=stanwood&spelling=starts&viewtype=summary>.

¹⁰⁶ Samuel Stanwood household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bath, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 166, #482/569.

¹⁰⁷ *Sagadahoc Co. Inscriptions*, image161, citing gravestone in Maple Grove Cemetery, Bath.

¹⁰⁸ Bolton, *Stanwood Family*, 112.

¹⁰⁹ Freeport VRs, 1:7; her parents' marriage on 12 Jan. 1775 recorded in *No. Yarmouth VRs*, 217.

¹¹⁰ Gravestone, Porter's Landing Cemetery, Freeport.

¹¹¹ Bolton, *Stanwood Family*, 112.

¹¹² *Topsham VRs*, 2:146.

¹¹³ Revolutionary War Pension Rolls, *Report from the Secretary of War, in Obedience to Resolutions of the Senate of the 5th and 30th of June, 1834, and the 3d of March, 1835, In Relation to the Pension Establishment of the United States*, 3 vols. (Washington, D.C., 1835), 1:49 [Maine Section]. Date of death is also recorded in Original Records of Maine Town and Cities, *Town of Bowdoinham* (Picton Press CD, 2005), CD#1, image 30 (hereafter cited as *Bowdoinham VRs*).

¹¹⁴ *Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 43. His wife Susanna was mentioned in his pension declaration dated 13 June 1820 (Revolutionary War Pension #S36619).

¹¹⁵ *Mass. Soldiers and Sailors*, 8:654

¹¹⁶ *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*, 35, col. b.

¹¹⁷ Robert Jack households, 1800, 1810, and 1820 U.S. Censuses, Bowdoinham, Lincoln Co., Maine, pp. 316, 359, 171, respectively.

¹¹⁸ Births listed in *Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 241.

¹¹⁹ *Topsham VRs*, 2:146; *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:98

¹²⁰ Graves Family Association website at: <www.gravesfa.org/gen083.htm>.

- 2 *John Jack*, twin, b. 1 Oct. 1782, reportedly d. 31 Aug. 1817.¹²¹
- 3 *Ebenezer Jack*, b. 27 Feb. 1784. No further record found.
- 4 *Robert Jack*, b. 5 June 1786, d. 26 March 1827, aged 41 years;¹²² m. (int.) Bowdoinham, 21 Feb. 1810, Rebecca Leonard,¹²³ b. Middleborough, Mass., 18 Nov. 1791, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Lyon) Leonard of Middleborough, Mass.. and Bowdoinham,¹²⁴ d. 1 Feb. 1869, aged 78 years.¹²⁵
- 5 *Hannah Jack*, b. 3 July 1788. (According to Sinnett, she is the “Susannah” Jack who m. (int.) Bowdoinham, 6 April 1809, John Springer,¹²⁶ and lived at Richmond, Maine. This claim, however, has not been verified.)
- 6 *Mary/Polly Jack*, b. 14 April 1790, d. 1871;¹²⁷ m. (int.) Bowdoinham, 26 Feb. 1820, Temple Preble,¹²⁸ b. 7 July 1794, son of Zebulon and Lois (Temple) Preble,¹²⁹ d. 1856, aged 61; occupation: ship carpenter.¹³⁰
- 7 *David Reed Jack*, b. 20 May 1792, d. Bowdoinham, 22 June 1863, aged 71; occupation: farmer;¹³¹ m. (int.) Bowdoinham, 12 Oct. 1818, Sarah Preble of Bowdoinham,¹³² b. ca. 1798, daughter of Zebulon and Sarah (Bryant) Preble,¹³³ d. 22 April 1860, aged 62.¹³⁴
- 8 *Samuel Jack*, b. 24 May 1795, living Richmond, Maine, in 1860, aged 65 years;¹³⁵ m. (int.) Bowdoinham, 10 April 1819, Joan Davis.¹³⁶
- 9 *Margaret/Peggy Jack*, b. 4 July 1797; m. (int.) Bowdoinham, 13 Oct. 1818, Dennis Preble.¹³⁷
- 10 *Martha Jack*, b. 4 March 1799; m. Bowdoinham, 19 Jan. 1826, David Robinson.¹³⁸

¹²¹ Charles N. Sinnett, “The Sturdy Jack Family of Maine,” typescript, Maine Historical Society (1900), 52 (hereafter cited as Sinnett, “Jack Family”).

¹²² *Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#2, image 92; *Sagadahoc Co. Inscriptions*, image 557, citing grave-stone in Village Cemetery, Bowdoinham.

¹²³ *Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 117.

¹²⁴ Barbara Lambert Merrick and Alicia Crane Williams, *Middleborough, Massachusetts, Vital Records*, 2 vols. (Taunton, Mass., 1986–90), 1:257; her parents’ marriage on 20 Nov. 1777 in *ibid.*, 2:139.

¹²⁵ Sinnett, “Jack Family,” 52; ; *Sagadahoc Co. Inscriptions*, image 557, bur. with her husband.

¹²⁶ *Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 115.

¹²⁷ Sinnett, “Jack Family,” 53.

¹²⁸ *Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 30.

¹²⁹ *Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 66.

¹³⁰ Sinnett, “Jack Family,” 52; occupation from Temple Preble household 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 313, #312/312.

¹³¹ Sinnett, “Jack Family,” 54; occupation from David Jack household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 9, #62/64.

¹³² *Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 110.

¹³³ Sinnett, “Jack Family,” 54; *Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 190 (parents’ marriage).

¹³⁴ Sinnett, “Jack Family,” 54, which gives death date of 29 April 1860; obituary in *Portland Transcript* of 28 April 1860 reports date of death of Sarah Jack, wife of David Jack of Bowdoinham, as 22 April 1860, online at: <<http://mainelygenealogy.getpaidfrom.us/page/2/>>.

¹³⁵ Samuel Jack household, 1860 U.S. Census, Richmond, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 519, #205/197, he described as a harness maker.

¹³⁶ *Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 29.

¹³⁷ *Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 111.

¹³⁸ *Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 184.

- viii CHARITY/CHARLOTTE REED, b. say 1763 (if first married at age 20); m. (1) (int.) Topsham, 8 Nov. 1783, BENJAMIN RANDALL,¹³⁹ b. 13 Oct. 1760, son of Ezra and Margaret (Foster) Randall of Topsham,¹⁴⁰ d. Nov. 1783, lost at sea a day or two after his marriage.¹⁴¹ She m. (2) (int.) Topsham, 26 Jan. 1789, Capt. THOMAS PRESCOTT who deserted her.¹⁴² She m. (3) Topsham, 17 Dec. 1797, JOHN HERN of Freeport.¹⁴³ He was enumerated in Topsham in 1800 and was the local school teacher in 1802. In later years he removed to Whitefield.¹⁴⁴
- ix HANNAH REED, b. say 1765 (when her mother would have been age 40), d. St. Louis, Mo., in Aug. 1821,¹⁴⁵ m. Topsham, 14 Jan. 1794, ROBERT POTTER, twin son of "Elder" James and Mary (Spear) Potter of Bowdoin.¹⁴⁶ Robert d. St. Clair Co., Ill., 25 July 1819.¹⁴⁷ They removed to St. Clair Co. ca. 1818 with most of their children, except for Martha/Hannah and Charity who remained in Maine with their husbands.¹⁴⁸ Children, births recorded Bowdoin:¹⁴⁹
- 1 *Martha/Hannah Potter*, b. 10 Aug. 1794;¹⁵⁰ m. Bowdoin, 12 Dec. 1812, William Carr,¹⁵¹ b. 1792, son of Joseph and Mary (Eastman) Carr of Bowdoin,¹⁵² d. 22 July 1827 in Boston of yellow fever, aged 35 years.¹⁵³ He built ships including the 128-ton brig *Hunter* in 1825 and the 141-ton schooner *Armada* in 1827.¹⁵⁴ William's widow is possibly the Hannah Carr, aged 56 years, living in Portland in 1850.¹⁵⁵

¹³⁹ *Topsham VRs*, 2:215.

¹⁴⁰ *Topsham VRs*, 1:152.

¹⁴¹ *Topsham VRs*, 2:369.

¹⁴² *Topsham VRs*, 2:214; Woodman, "History of Topsham," 42.

¹⁴³ *Topsham VRs*, 2:206; their intentions on 31 Nov. 1797 in "Freeport Intentions," 1:63.

¹⁴⁴ John Hern household, 1800 U.S. Census, Topsham, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 489, includes an unidentified male aged 10–15 in addition to John and Charity. A map showing the location of John Hern's house is found in Wheeler & Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 72–73; his occupation as a school teacher is found in Wheeler & Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 486, while his removal to Whitefield is found in Wheeler & Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 850.

¹⁴⁵ Gravestone inscription, High Prairie Cemetery, Floraville, St. Clair Co., Ill. A photo of Hannah and Robert's stone is online at <www.illinoisancestors.org/cemphotos/v/stclair/highprairie/Richard_Potter_and_Hannah.jpg.html>.

¹⁴⁶ *Topsham VRs*, 2:215; *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:135.

¹⁴⁷ Gravestone inscription, High Prairie Cemetery, Floraville, Ill. His age is incorrectly inscribed on the gravestone as 30. He was probably about 50 when he died, as he had been married 25 years.

¹⁴⁸ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:132, 135, indicate that the Potter family moved to Ohio, but Cincinnati was just a stopping point until they bought land in Illinois. 1820 census records (Hannah Potter household, 1820 U.S. Census, Spring, St. Clair Co., Illinois, p. 312 [1-0-0-2-1-0 / 0-0-1-0-0]) and Hannah Potter household, 1820 State of Illinois Census, Spring, St. Clair Co., p. 132) show that they actually moved to St. Clair Co. Ill. The household was headed by Hannah Potter, since Robert Potter died in 1819.

¹⁴⁹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:154–57.

¹⁵⁰ The oldest daughter was Martha on her birth record, but Hannah on her marriage record.

¹⁵¹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:36, 133.

¹⁵² *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:48

¹⁵³ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:44.

¹⁵⁴ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:44.

¹⁵⁵ Horace Fobes household, 1850 U.S. Census, Portland Ward 6, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 196, #200/240.

- 2 *Matthew Potter*, b. 7 Feb. 1796, d. St. Clair Co., Ill., 31 Aug. 1875;¹⁵⁶ m. Hannah Higgins,¹⁵⁷ b. Lisbon, Maine, 7 June 1801, daughter of Timothy and Susannah (Smith) Higgins of Lisbon and St. Clair Co., Ill.,¹⁵⁸ d. 22 Jan. 1856 in St. Clair Co.¹⁵⁹ Matthew developed a fine productive farm on 160 acres in High Prairie, St. Clair Co., taught school for a few terms, and “was highly esteemed by all as an eminently worthy man and citizen.”¹⁶⁰
- 3 *Charity Potter*, b. 15 May 1797, d. 19 May 1823, aged 26 years;¹⁶¹ m. Capt. James Carr, b. May 1797, son of Joseph and Mary (Eastman) Carr of Bowdoin and brother of William above, d. 12 Aug. 1871, aged 74 years, 5 months.¹⁶² He m. (2) Harriet W. —. He was a captain of a coasting vessel, a merchant, and a farmer.¹⁶³ In the 1850 census, he was called a trader.¹⁶⁴
- 4 *Lavina Potter*, b. 5 Jan. 1800. No further record found.
- 5 *Reed Potter*, b. 30 June 1801, moved west with his parents in 1817–18.¹⁶⁵ No further record found.
- 6 *Cordelia Potter*, b. 30 Aug. 1803, d. prior to 1850 when her husband was married to his 2nd wife, Ellen;¹⁶⁶ m. St. Clair Co., Ill., 6 July 1824, John

¹⁵⁶ Obituary in the *Belleville Weekly Advocate*, 3 Sept. 1875, p. 1; gravestone inscription, High Praire Cemetery, Floraville, St. Clair Co., Ill., with a photo of the stone online at <www.illinoisancestors.org/cemphotos/v/stclair/highprairie/Mat/8thw_Potter_Sr_1796-1875.jpg.html>.

¹⁵⁷ An undocumented IGI entry gives the date as 20 Sept. 1820 in St. Clair Co., Ill.

¹⁵⁸ Marlene Alma Hinkley Groves, *Vital Records of Lisbon, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1995), 17; Matthew Potter household, 1850 U.S. Census, High Prairie, St. Clair Co., Illinois, p. 378, #1755/1755, which entry provides Hannah’s birthplace (Maine) and age (49). The will of Susannah Higgins, as recorded in St. Clair Co., Ill., Will Record C:327–28, No. 81, proved and admitted to records on 19 Sept. 1846, states: “I Susannah Higgins widow of Timothy Higgins late of St. Clair County and state of Illinois . . . do hereby appoint Mathew Potter to be the executor of this my last will and testament . . . do hereby devise and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Potter all my share of the estate of my late husband Timothy Higgins deceased.” The Timothy Higgins family moved from Lisbon, Maine, to St. Clair Co., Ill. in the fall of 1818. Both of Hannah’s parents, Timothy Higgins and Susannah, consort of Timothy Higgins, are buried in High Prairie Cemetery, Floraville, Ill. A photo of Susannah’s stone can be seen online at: <www.illinoisancestors.org/cemphotos/v/stclair/highprairie/Susannah_Higgins.jpg.html>.

¹⁵⁹ Obituary from the *St. Clair Tribune*, 26 Jan. 1856, p. 3, col. 2: “On Tuesday evening last [Jan 22] in High Prairie, Mrs. Hannah, consort of Mr. Mathew Potter, aged about 54 years.”

¹⁶⁰ Obituary from the *Belleville Weekly Advocate*, 3 Sept. 1875, p. 1. Special thanks to Donna Potter Phillips of Spokane, Wash., a descendent of Matthew Potter, who provided transcribed copies of Matthew and Hannah’s obituaries and of Susannah’s will.

¹⁶¹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:154.

¹⁶² *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:45 (birth); 2:42 (death).

¹⁶³ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:42.

¹⁶⁴ James Carr household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 294, #61/61.

¹⁶⁵ Amos Thompson, a 10-year-old boy, traveled down the Ohio River in a keel boat with a group that included the Robert Potter family and John Dunlap in 1817. They arrived in St. Clair Co. in early 1818. In 1898, Amos wrote of his experiences and they were included in Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, *Our Thompson Family* (Concord, N.H., 1907), 102–13. Among the names of travelers that Amos could recall were John Dunlap, Matthew Potter, and Reed Potter.

¹⁶⁶ John Dunlap household, 1850 U.S. Census, High Prairie, St. Clair Co., Illinois, p. 375–76, #1720/1720.

Dunlap,¹⁶⁷ b. ca. 1800 in northern N.Y. and came to St. Clair Co., Ill., with the William Fowler family in 1818.¹⁶⁸

x DAVID REED, b. ca. 1767, d. 19 Aug. 1795, aged 28 years;¹⁶⁹ m. Brunswick, 12 Feb. 1795, JANE/JENNY DUNLAP of Brunswick.¹⁷⁰ They had one child, an unnamed infant who d. 19 Dec. 1795.¹⁷¹

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¹⁶⁷ St. Clair Co. Marriage Records, B:51, stored in the Illinois Regional Archives Depository at Morris Library, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.

¹⁶⁸ His birth place (N.Y.) and age (50) are shown in census data. Amos Thompson in his recollections of his trip west (see note 165) mentioned that John Dunlap was apprenticed to William Fowler and traveled west with the Fowler family.

¹⁶⁹ *Topsham VRs*, 2:370.

¹⁷⁰ *Brunswick VRs*, 97. Intentions were filed in Topsham on 3 Jan. 1795 (*Topsham VRs*, 2:215) and in Brunswick on 29 Dec. 1794 (*Brunswick VRs*, 75).

¹⁷¹ *Topsham VRs*, 2:371.

STAMPLESS LETTER LORING PLUMMER FAMILY OF MAINE

Contributed by Leslie Dow Sanders

Stampless letter with a Bangor postmark dated 21 September 1847:

Bangor Sept 18 1847

To the gentlemen overseers of the poor in Athens [Maine]

Loring Plummer aged about thirty five years and Sally Plummer his wife together with their children

Lucy Plummer aged fourteen years

GW Plummer aged twelve years

William Plummer aged eleven years

James Plummer aged nine years

Anna Plummer aged seven years

Vanessa aged one and one half years

Inhabitants of your town have now become chargeable in this City as pauper. We conceive it necessary to give you this information, that you may order their removal or otherwise provide them as you may judge expedient. We have charged the expenses of their support, which has already arisen, to your town, and shall continue to do so as long as we are obliged to furnish them with supplies. We are, Gentlemen, Respectfully your Ob't Serv'ts.

[Signed] John McDonald, per order Overseers of the Poor

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CHARLES C. McKIM: BRUSH'UN OF PORTLAND, MAINE AND IMPRESSIONIST OF PORTLAND, OREGON

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The Brush'uns were a loosely organized art colony in the area of Portland, Maine. They were amateur and professional artists; they were *plein air* dabblers; they were local businessmen; they were bankers, engineers, politicians, etc., who gathered for outings to paint local scenery.¹ There is little written about the Brush'uns and even less about Charles C. McKim.² This article describes McKim's family of origin and his early life in Maine.

Charles C. McKim was one of the later members of the Brush'uns and is not to be confused with architect Charles Follen McKim of McKim, Mead & White.³ The Brush'uns came together initially about 1860 at the instigation of George Morse. Over the years many artists participated occasionally, but the original, core group of Brush'uns consisted of only four or five men and a later group of ten or more, adding and subtracting gradually over a period of sixty years or so. Charles McKim was one of the later group, active in the late-nineteenth century and early-twentieth century. Many of the artists were professionals or became professionals, and several of them became very well known. A unique characteristic of the group that captured the public imagination was their use of sobriquets for each other, nicknames that reflected some distinctive characteristic of the man or his work, such as "The Politician," "The Boss," "The Professor," and the like. At that time watercolor was not a popular medium, so it made McKim's work distinctive, earning him the sobriquet "The Watercolorist."⁴

¹ Interview with John Calvin Stevens, 16 Aug. 1939, "Identification of the Photographs and Paintings in the Article 'The Brushians' Which Appeared in *Pine Tree Magazine* Vol. 5, No. 3, April 1906, pp. 213–223," prepared by Herbert H. Fernald for Federal Writers' Project, Brushians file, Maine Historical Society, Portland, Maine. Stevens was a Brush'un and noted that the group called themselves Brush'uns, so that is the variant used in this article.

² "Oregon Scenery Bewitching: Artist Finds Joy in Rains," *The Oregon Journal*, Portland, Ore., 8 July 1923: "Like many artists, McKim is retiring. He does not talk of himself, of his work, his travels, his ambitions. It is with difficulty that information concerning his life is taken from him."

³ Ginny Allen and Jody Klevit, *Oregon Painters: The First Hundred Years (1859–1959), Index and Biographical Dictionary* (Oregon Historical Society Press, 1999), 232 (hereafter cited as Allen and Klevit, *Oregon Painters*). The article on Charles C. McKim is less than a page and focuses mainly on his work in Oregon. It states that Charles Follen McKim was C. C. McKim's uncle, but there was nothing found in C. F. McKim's genealogy to substantiate that statement.

⁴ Elaine Ward Casazza, *The Brushians* (Limington, Maine, 1996), foreword, 16; William David Barry, "The Brush'uns—A Portland, Maine Art Group," *Maine Antiques Digest* (April 1979), 18C–19C (hereafter cited as Barry, *The Brush'uns*). Other less useful literature often cited is "The Brushians: A Sketch of Genial Sketchers" by L. L. H. in *Pine Tree Magazine* 5 (April 1906), which is a fictionalized account using only the sobriquets, and *Who Was Who in American Art*, ed. Peter Hastings Falk (Madison, Conn., 1985), and Doris Ostrander Dawdy, *American West, A Biographical Dictionary: Artists Born Before 1900* (Athens, Ohio, 1985).

As a marine artist and watercolorist he was very influenced by Winslow Homer. Allen and Klevit refer to a “summer camp experience” with Winslow Homer.⁵ On the occasion of McKim’s birthday in 1932, *The Oregonian* reported, “A friend showed McKim’s drawings to Winslow Homer, . . . and that artist had the young man join him at his summer camp on the Maine seashore. Under the eye of this master young McKim made notable progress.”⁶ *The Oregonian* obituary for McKim in 1939 reported, “The work of the youth was shown the great painter and Winslow Homer sent for the boy to come and see him. Then and there began a friendship that ended only with Homer’s death.”⁷

Homer did have a camp (as the summer homes were called at the time) at Prout’s Neck in Scarborough. Indeed, McKim knew Homer, possibly through fellow Brush’un John Calvin Stevens.⁸ However, in *The Spectator* in 1922, McKim describes working for the Homers and recalls them as withdrawn and very formal. He remarks, “What a strange family they were,” and recalls an incident:

A group of us were sketching on the Scarboro marsh . . . and ordinarily he [Winslow Homer] would pass us by with or without a curt nod or no sort of nod at all. But this morning he was very friendly, and pleasantly greeted us all. He came out where we were and looked over our sketches. He did not say very much about them. I suppose least said the better. But it was the jolly and kindly side of Winslow Homer we saw that day. He told us on leaving that he had a toothache, and was on his way to the dentist, and was glad to stop and talk with us as it kept him that much longer from the torture chair. You had to take him as you found him. We were glad to find him in this mood, even though it took a toothache to bring it about.⁹

It is difficult to reconcile the widely different levels of interaction implied in these reports of the same relationship. Nonetheless it is evident that McKim at least knew Homer and began painting at an early age.

Charles’s parents were William D. and Mary A. McKim. The records show that the young McKim family moved frequently.¹⁰ According to Charles they moved to avoid debt. The most detailed description of their early life comes from Charles himself in a letter to the Pension Office on 23 September 1904 supporting his

⁵ Allen and Klevit, *Oregon Painters*, 232.

⁶ “It’s the Birthday of Charles C. McKim Who Was Born in the State of Maine,” *The Portland Oregonian*, Portland, Ore., 17 Oct. 1932 (hereafter cited as *The Portland Oregonian*, 17 Oct. 1932).

⁷ “Charles M’Kim, Artist, Passes,” *The Portland Oregonian*, Portland, Ore., 9 Feb. 1939 (hereafter cited as *The Portland Oregonian*, 9 Feb. 1939).

⁸ Barry, *The Brush’uns*.

⁹ C. C. McKim, “Winslow Homer: A Personal Impression of the Great Marine Artist,” *The Spectator*, Portland, Ore., 26 Aug. 1922.

¹⁰ William McKim household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 661/73, #522/554; William McKim household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 14/476B, #106/112; William McKim household, 1880 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, pp. 13–14/89A–89B, #56/110; *City Directory of Portland, Maine, 1875–1910* (hereafter cited as *Portland Directory*); also vital records for family events that were recorded in many different places as noted below in the Genealogical Summary.

mother's claim to one half of his father's Civil War pension. Bear in mind that Charles is describing only one side of an adversarial situation that divided the family. Nevertheless, Charles presents a graphic description of their early life. He writes:

My Mother Mary A. McKim handed me your letter of Sept. 17/04. In reply would say my recollection of my father dates back to soon after the close of the Rebellion and as for providing a home for his wife and children he never did unless you would call half starved, half clothed and half housed providing one. We lived in the rented country places and moved when the rent ran up. This was in South Bristol, this state. The last house we lived in I remember very well. I do not think I shall ever forget it. We children were small at that time, 1870–1872, and went a good many days hungry and never had decent clothes and practically no shoes so we could not go to school in winter at all.

My father was a good carpenter and might have come to Portland after the great fire [of] 1866 and got work if he had had the energy which he did not. My Mother, who is a very proud spirited woman, did any kind of work she could procure from her neighbors in order to keep a roof over our heads and provide a bit to eat. She would accept no charity if she could possibly help it.

The last house we lived in my father had every chance to buy that anyone could ask for. The party who owned it would accept payments on it and extend them over any number of years, but there were few ever made, my mother out of . . . shame and desparation [*sic*], by denying herself and children the necessarys [*sic*] of life would or did make a few payments, which occasioned a family quarrel every time because if he did occasionally earn a few dollars he thought it ought to last forever.

Finally my mother, after a good deal of urging got him to go to Portland while she and the rest of us remained at S. Bristol. He did work part of the time in Portland but the year or two between the time of his coming here and ours he did not average sending eight dollars a month to his family. There would be many weeks that there would be none and I have known my mother to be obliged to go into the surrounding woods and pick up firewood in order to keep from freezing to death. Then we came to Portland. My mother had to do all the work of packing and getting ready to come away and leave debts unpaid which nearly broke her heart because she would pay to the last cent of a debt if there was any possible way to do it.

When we came to Portland it was about as bad. Part of the time he would work and part loaf, and my mother had to go out to work even to doing washing and such to keep us together at all, and all this time when my father was at home between drinking and idleness and cross grained disposition he was a very hard man for any woman to get along with. It went from bad to worse. He would come home drunk day after day. He fell down stairs two or three times and was arrested and in order to keep it as little public as possible my mother got money and paid his fine. Then he found a situation as night watchman, got discharged for drunkenness. Then my mother left him. If she had not had provocation enough for such a step no one ever had. We did not want to rake up court records (They are there.) because did not want any more airing of a past bad odor.

If any soldier's wife deserved part of a pension my mother is surely is that one. If in your sense of justice you can not see it so, it will be dropped because we do not care to air it in public and looking up court records and signing statements witnessed by outsiders would necessitate such bublicity [*sic*]. You may think that I have all my father's bad points down fine, well! that is his own fault. I do not remember any of my mother's. He gave his children very little cause to respect him. My mother gave us every cause for such feeling. These

statements are true, every one of them although I have hesitated a long time to write such. Hoping for a favorable reply, I remain,

Very respectfully,
Charles C. McKim
Portland, Me
203 Cumberland Ave. Sept. 23/04¹¹

After Charles left school he was employed on a farm near Portland.¹² There are no other indications about what he was doing from 1870 to 1880. Portland High School would have been his high school, but he was never registered there.¹³ After 1880 he worked in Portland and lived at home with his parents and/or siblings until about 1888 after which time the family members moved and rearranged themselves frequently.¹⁴ In the *Portland Directory* of 1882 through 1884 Charles was listed as a clerk at Guptil Grocery. Then from 1885 through 1896 he was a clerk or furniture painter at T. F. Foss & Sons, seller of furniture and carpets. In 1896 through 1903 he and Edmund Sprague ran a variety store at 405 Congress Street where City Hall now stands. From 1904 until 1909 he was listed as a boarder and artist at 203 Cumberland Avenue with no other place of business, suggesting that his home and studio were one and the same. The *Portland Directory* listed him for the last time in 1910 saying that he moved to Guilford although no evidence of his presence there was found.¹⁵

McKim had started painting as a boy in South Bristol where he “painted” on the flagstone doorstep of his parents’ home with colored clays from a nearby clay shed.¹⁶ He did not have access or money for materials or training in early life so it was a rare stroke of luck and good timing that Charles Lewis Fox lived in Portland. Fox was an artist of independent means and much awareness of the lack of means of aspiring young artists. In 1887 Fox opened a School of Art in Portland that was very active in the 1890s. The school was a student cooperative so the cost to the individual was minimal and Fox taught both day and night classes. It appears that McKim took classes from Fox in the early 1890s and continued working while do-

¹¹ Letter from Charles C. McKim to the Dept. of the Interior, 23 Sept. 1904, in William D. McKim, U. S Civil War Pension File no. SC 741530, National Archives, Washington (hereafter cited as McKim Pension). Punctuation has been added. He used no capitals and little punctuation as was common at the time. His penmanship is legible and there are very few misspellings.

¹² *The Portland Oregonian*, 17 Oct. 1932.

¹³ North Elementary School (Portland, Maine) Records, 1867–1944, Coll. 291, Maine Historical Society; Portland High School Records, 1863–1901, Coll. 613, Maine Historical Society. The lack of school records in Portland lends support to the statement that he worked on a farm after he left school. It also suggests that perhaps he did not attend high school at all. Two of his younger siblings briefly attended North Elementary School. Portland High School would have been where they went, but there was no record of any member of the McKim family. There are no extant school records in Bristol.

¹⁴ *Portland Directory*, 1875–1910.

¹⁵ Letter from Nena Schultz, Archivist, Guilford Historical Society, to Elizabeth Oatley, 24 July 2009.

¹⁶ “Beauties of Oregon Told in Oils: Charles C. McKim’s Canvases,” *The Spectator*, Portland, Ore., 23 May 1925, p. 2, col. 1 (hereafter cited as *The Spectator*, 23 May 1925).

ing so.¹⁷ In that environment it is not surprising that he became acquainted with other artists including the Brush'uns. McKim also studied briefly in Boston,¹⁸ but maintained his studio/apartment in Portland. From 1904 to 1910 McKim apparently made a living as an artist in Portland.

In spite of the transience and poverty of his childhood, the failed marriage of his parents, and the family division of the 1904 pension dispute, it appears that his sense of family kept him in Portland until everyone had either died or moved away. By 1904 his older brother William J. McKim was the only immediate family member still living in Portland. In November 1909 William died. Early in 1910 both parents died. In 1910 Charles left Portland for good. He probably lived in New York for a year or so to study and paint before moving on to Oregon in 1911.¹⁹ Although he took some extended trips to paint in Wyoming, New Mexico, and Southern California, his home was in Portland, Oregon. There he taught classes in sketching and painting, had many exhibits of his own work,²⁰ and developed local fame as an impressionist.²¹ He never married. About 1937 he went to the Whyte Sanatorium where he was a patient for about two years before he died on 7 February 1939.²²

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

WILLIAM D. MCKIM was born in Newark, New Jersey, on 13 February 1829, and died in Portland, Maine, on 15 April 1910, the son of William and Alice (Day) McKim.²³ He married MARY A. SULLIVAN a.k.a. MARY A. WISEMAN in Rahway, New Jersey, on 24 December 1849.²⁴ Mary was born in January 1833 in

¹⁷ *The Spectator*, 23 May 1925; Erik R. Brockett, "Charles Lewis Fox (1854–1927), Early Maine Modernist and Regionalist," thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts at Harvard University, 22 March 1996, pp. 20–21.

¹⁸ Allen and Klevit, *Oregon Painters*, 232.

¹⁹ *The Portland Oregonian*, 17 Oct. 1932; *The Portland Oregonian*, 9 Feb. 1939.

²⁰ *The Portland Oregonian*, 9 Feb. 1939.

²¹ Allen and Klevit, *Oregon Painters*, 232; *The Spectator*, 23 May 1925.

²² *The Portland Oregonian*, 11 Feb. 1939.

²³ "Volunteer Enlistment," William McKimm, Box #58, 20th Maine Enlistment Papers, 1862, Maine State Archives, Augusta (hereafter cited as "Volunteer Enlistment," William McKimm), birthplace given is Essex, N.J.; "Surgeon's Certificate," 11 April 1904, in McKim Pension, birthplace given is Newark, N.J.; death record of [son] Frank McKim naming his parents, 27 May 1900, Maine Department of Human Services, Vital Records/Statistics, Pre 1892–1955, microfilm, Maine State Archives, Augusta (hereafter cited as Maine VRs); marriage intentions of [daughter] Margaret McKim and Austin Thompson naming her parents, 3 Nov. 1902, Portland Intentions, vol. 9; marriage of William McKim and Alice Day on 26 Aug. 1821 in Bergen Co., N.J., in "New Jersey Marriages, 1684–1895," online database at <www.Ancestry.com>; death of William D. McKim, 15 April 1910, in Maine VRs. Alice Day was named as William's mother on his death record, so it is assumed that Alice's husband, William McKim, was his father. There are no McKim deeds or probates in Lincoln or Cumberland counties.

²⁴ "Declaration of Wife Under Act of March 3, 1899," in McKim Pension. Mary declared that she was married 24 Dec. 1849 under the name Mary A. Wiseman and that she had never been

Ireland and immigrated to the U.S. in 1846,²⁵ the daughter or perhaps granddaughter of Bartholomew Sullivan and his wife Margaret.²⁶ Mary died in Bristol, Maine, on 20 January 1910 and is buried in Portland.²⁷ William was a carpenter or joiner.²⁸

In the *Vital Records of Old Bristol and Nobleboro*, William was listed as unmarried when he enlisted for military service 5 August 1862.²⁹ In the original enlistment papers he is correctly described as married.³⁰ He enlisted as a private in Company E of the 20th Maine Infantry Regiment and mustered out on 4 June 1865. He was 5' 7" or 5' 8" tall, dark complexioned, and had blue eyes and dark hair.³¹

The 20th Maine mustered in Portland on 29 August 1862. William was immediately sick in the hospital and then sick in camp from then through February. He missed Antietam, but he also missed all the training. In March and early April he was on duty, but then the regiment was inoculated for smallpox and he, along with many others, was sick again. It wasn't until June that he was fit for duty, just in time for the march to Gettysburg. Untrained and barely recuperated, his first engagement was Gettysburg-Little Round Top—the extreme left flank. His company was next to the 83rd Pennsylvania and held the pivot point when the 20th wheeled forward and attached bayonets. Remarkably, William was unhurt; at least he wasn't reported wounded. The hospital was overwhelmed and many men didn't go to the hospital after the battle, but simply nursed each other in camp. William was wounded 7 November 1863 at Rappahannock Station, Virginia, but was not reported absent from duty. He mustered out with the regiment in

married before; letter from Rahway City Clerk to U. S. Pension Office, 23 April 1904, in McKim Pension, providing certification of the marriage of William McKim and Mary A. Wiseman in Rahway, N.J. on 24 Dec. 1849. There is also a statement by William in 1898 listing her maiden name as Martin which I believe was given in clerical error or William's senility. The marriage certificate is certainly more authoritative. The marriage certificate and the pension papers all say that he was married only once. In her marriage to John Parker on 15 Jan. 1908, Lida said that she was the daughter of William D. McKim and Mary Wiseman (Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, 578:495, from original records held by the Massachusetts Archives [online database: <www.NewEnglandAncestors.org> (Boston, Mass., 2004)] [hereafter cited as Mass. VRs 1841–1910]). My current hypothesis is that Wiseman was her birth name and she was adopted/raised by her Sullivan grandparents.

²⁵ Death of Mary A. McKim, 20 Jan. 1910, Maine VRs; Mary McKim household, 1900 Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 62, p. 13/177B, #198/314.

²⁶ Death of Mary A. McKim, 20 Jan. 1910, Maine VRs; Bartholomy Sullivan household, 1860 U.S. Census, Calais, Washington Co., Maine, pp. 122–23/38–39, #250/262. Bartholomy, aged 70, laborer, and Margaret, aged 72, both b. Ireland, were living in Calais with Henry McKim, aged 7.

²⁷ Death of Mary A. McKim, 20 Jan. 1910, Maine VRs.

²⁸ *Portland Directory*, 1875–1910.

²⁹ Christine Huston Dodge, ed., *Vital Records of Old Bristol and Nobleboro*, 2 vols. (Brunswick, Maine, 1951), 1:478 (hereafter cited as Dodge, *Vital Records of Old Bristol*).

³⁰ "Volunteer Enlistment," William McKimm.

³¹ "Volunteer Enlistment," William McKimm, recorded him as 5' 3". However, there were many physical descriptions of him in the McKim Pension and the Compiled Military Service File and he was always either 5' 7" or 5' 8" tall.

1865. In 1891 William applied for and received a pension due to rheumatism and then in 1896 also senility.³²

In April 1904 Mary applied for half of William's Civil War pension, claiming that he was a drunk, had been arrested numerous times, and had deserted her in 1887.³³ William refuted her claim saying:

I never failed to pay for my board. I was simply a boarder at home for years. I lived with my family until 1887 when my wife moved our effects to another house in Portland, Me. and I was told to leave and look out for myself.³⁴

Mary won her claim in November 1904 but in the process all the children took sides, gave depositions, and engaged in a prolonged exchange of letters with the pension office.

Their children had been born successively in Rahway, New Jersey; Calais, Bristol, and finally Portland, Maine.³⁵ There is no hint about why they left New Jersey. Their presence in Calais might be understood in the light of Mary's relationship to the Sullivans. Charles suggests that their moves were to avoid debt. His recollections are of their life after the Civil War, and today we might wonder if William suffered from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. However, there is insufficient evidence of their life prior to the Civil War with which to make a comparison.

The family moved from Bristol to Portland sometime between the 1870 census in Bristol and 1873 when son Frank was born in Portland.³⁶ William appeared in the *Portland Directory* from 1875 through 1905. In 1888 and earlier he was listed in the city proper sharing an address with one or two of his sons and probably the rest of his family although they were not listed. In 1890 and later he was listed as boarding on Long Island.³⁷ The *Portland Directory* of 1905 listed William for the last time saying that he moved to Togus, which is the location of the Veterans Hospital in Augusta.³⁸ He was listed in the *Portland Directory* until 1905, but in fact he

³² McKim Pension, approved for rheumatism, 9 March 1892; approved for rheumatism and senile debility, 30 Nov. 1896; approved for rheumatism, senile debility, and disease of heart 26 Aug. 1904.

³³ Affidavit, 27 April 1904, in McKim Pension. In the Records of the Sheriff's Office, Cumberland Co., Maine, Jail Calendar 1775–1957, I found only one relevant record: "William McKim. of Portland. For safekeeping. 1 February 1891. Discharged 2 February 1891. Taken to court and not returned." There is no indication which William this was. I searched the available Cumberland Co. Sheriff's Docket Book and Cumberland Co. Superior Court records and was unable to find any court record of the resolution. Neither District Court records nor City of Portland jail records could be located for this period.

³⁴ Affidavit, 27 June 1904, in McKim Pension.

³⁵ See the children's entries below.

³⁶ William McKimm household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 14/476B, #106/112; birth of Frank McKim, 12 Dec, 1873, Maine VRs.

³⁷ *Portland Directory*, 1875–1910.

³⁸ Letter from Donna Martin, Department of Veterans Affairs, Togus VA Medical Center, to Elizabeth Oatley, 9 July 2009. They have no record on him on or near 1905.

was living with his son Joseph in Malden and/or Everett, Mass., from 1901 until 1909.³⁹ William was a charity patient for eight months at City Hospital in Portland when he died on 15 April 1910.⁴⁰ In 1887 through 1904 Mary lived either independently or with one or another of her children.⁴¹ In 1904 Mary went to live with her daughter Margaret in Bristol where she died on 20 January 1910.⁴²

Children of William J. and Mary A. (Wiseman/Sullivan) McKim:

- i WILLIAM J. McKIM, b. Rahway, N.J., in Nov. 1850,⁴³ d. Portland, 10 Nov. 1909;⁴⁴ m. Portland, 5 Dec. 1881, MARY ELIZABETH FULLER,⁴⁵ b. Portland, 20 Sept. 1854, daughter of Richard and Catherine (Hudson) Fuller,⁴⁶ d. Portland, 16 Jan. 1933.⁴⁷ Mary gave statements in support of her mother-in-law in the pension dispute.⁴⁸
 - Children: 1. *Enoch McKim*, b. South Portland, 8 Jan. 1883.⁴⁹ 2. *William H[arry] McKim*, b. Portland, 30 June 1885.⁵⁰ 3. *George W. McKim*, b. Portland, 21 May 1890.⁵¹ 4. *Jane Louisa McKim*, b. Portland, 27 June 1893.⁵² 5. *Mary Ethel McKim*, b. Portland, 6 April 1896.⁵³
- ii HENRY D./HARRY McKIM, b. Calais about 1854,⁵⁴ probably d. sometime after 1903.⁵⁵ No death record has been found. As a seaman he may have traveled far and died in an unexpected location.⁵⁶

³⁹ Various affidavits and correspondence in McKim Pension; *Portland Directory*, 1875–1910; *Malden, Massachusetts Directory*, 1906, 1908.

⁴⁰ Death of William D. McKim, 15 April 1910, Maine VRs.

⁴¹ *Portland Directory*, 1875–1910.

⁴² Letter from Dept. of the Interior to Mary A. McKim, 30 Aug. 1904, in McKim Pension; Maine death of Mary McKim, 20 Jan. 1910, Maine VRs.

⁴³ Letter from William D. McKim to the Dept. of the Interior, 4 June, 1898, in McKim Pension (hereafter cited as McKim Pension: Letter 4 June 1898); William J. McKim household, 1900 U. S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co, Maine, E.D. 61, p. 6A, #68/116.

⁴⁴ Death of William J. McKim, 10 Nov. 1909, Maine VRs.

⁴⁵ Marriage of William J. McKim, 5 Dec. 1881, Maine VRs; “Canadian Soldiers of World War I, 1914–1918,” digital images at <www.Ancestry.com> from “Attestation Paper: Enoch McKim,” Folio #225280, *Soldiers of the First World War (1914–1918)*, Record Group 150, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Canada (hereafter cited as Canadian Soldiers).

⁴⁶ Portland Births, 6:12; her parents’ marriage on 30 May 1853 in Portland Marriages, 5:144.

⁴⁷ Death of Mary E. Fuller, 16 Jan. 1933, Maine VRs.

⁴⁸ General Affidavit, 27 April 1904, in McKim Pension.

⁴⁹ William J. McKim household, 1900 U. S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co, Maine, E.D. 61, p. 6A, #68/116, providing birth date of Jan. 1883; Canadian Soldiers.

⁵⁰ Birth of William H. McKim, 30 June 1885, Maine VRs; Portland Births, 10:142.

⁵¹ Birth of George W. McKim, 21 May 1890, Maine VRs; Portland Births, 10:360.

⁵² Birth of Jane L. McKim, 27 June 1893, Maine VRs.

⁵³ Birth of Mary Ethyl McKim, 6 April 1896, Maine VRs.

⁵⁴ McKim Pension: Letter 4 June 1898; Bartholomy Sullivan household, 1860 U.S. Census, Calais, Washington Co., Maine, p. 122–23/38–39, #250/262; William McKim household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 14/476B, #106/112.

⁵⁵ *Portland Directory*, 1892, 1893, 1900, 1902, 1903; not found in census after 1880.

⁵⁶ *Portland Directory*, 1892, 1893, 1902, 1903, occupation mariner or seaman.

- iii MARGARET OLIVE/MAGGIE McKIM, b. Calais, 8 Aug. 1857,⁵⁷ d. Portland, 19 Feb. 1931.⁵⁸ She filed marriage intentions at Portland, 20 March 1874, with George T. Dyson, but no marriage was ever entered.⁵⁹ She m. Portland, 10 Nov. 1902, AUSTIN THOMPSON, a widower of Bristol,⁶⁰ b. Bristol, 23 Feb 1859, son of Bradford and Ellen A. (Gamage) Thompson.⁶¹ He had 3 children with his first wife, Annie J. Foster,⁶² but had no children with Margaret.⁶³
- iv ANNIE E./ELIZA MAY/LIDA McKIM, b. Bristol about April 1860,⁶⁴ d. probably before 1930,⁶⁵ m. (1) Portland, 14 June 1882, HERBERT E. STEEVES,⁶⁶ whom she later divorced, b. Freeport, Maine, 9 Nov. 1860, son of John A. and Helen M. (Davis) Steeves,⁶⁷ m. (2) Lynn, Mass., 15 Jan. 1908, J[OHN] FRED[ERICK] PARKER, a widower,⁶⁸ b. Lynn, 9 Dec. 1855, son of John R. and Sarah E. (Kimball) Parker.⁶⁹ In 1910 she had been married to Parker two years and reported that she had had two children and neither was still alive, but John had no children.⁷⁰ In 1904

⁵⁷ Marriage record of Austin Thompson, 10 Nov. 1902, and death record of Margaret Thompson 19 Feb. 1931, Maine VRs. William McKim's 1860 census household at Bristol names her simply as Olive, aged 3. In 1870 she is named only as Margaret, aged 13. The conclusion that they are the same person is strengthened by the fact that both girls were the same age and by Margaret's intention of marriage to George T. Dyson in 1874, which names her as Maggie O. McKim.

⁵⁸ Death of Margaret Thompson, 19 Feb. 1931, Maine VRs.

⁵⁹ Portland Intentions, 7:183; Records of the Sheriff's Office, Cumberland Co., Maine, Jail Calendar 1775–1957; *McKim v. Dyson*, Case #435, April term 1874, Superior Court, Cumberland Co., Maine, microfilm vol. 15. On 17 March 1874 in the Portland Municipal Court Maggie O. McKim accused George T. Dyson of bastardy. A warrant was issued to the Cumberland Co. Sheriff for his arrest. On 20 March 1874, the same day as the marriage intention, George T. Dyson was arrested and taken to Cumberland Co. Jail. On 27 March 1874 he was taken from jail to court. He returned from court with a warrant of commitment to prison on the charge of bastardy. He was imprisoned until 2 May 1874, at which time he was released by request of the plaintiff's attorney. There were no further proceedings. There was no Dyson child recorded as born in Portland in April or May 1874. In 1900 and 1910 Margaret reported she had never had children.

⁶⁰ Marriage of Austin Thompson, 10 Nov. 1902, Maine VRs.

⁶¹ Dodge, *Vital Records of Old Bristol*, 1:674 [birth], 2:277 [parents' marriage, 28 Jan. 1858].

⁶² Dodge, *Vital Records of Old Bristol*, 1:674.

⁶³ Austin Thompson household, 1910 U. S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 165, p. 1B/1024, #16/16.

⁶⁴ She was age 3 months in William McKim household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 661/73, #522/554.

⁶⁵ Emily F. Hubbard household, 1930 U.S. Census, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., E.D. 149, p. 23A/242, #275/602. John F. Parker is a widower boarding alone.

⁶⁶ Marriage of Herbert E. Steeves, 14 June 1882, Maine VRs.

⁶⁷ Freeport Births 1879–1891, p. 175.

⁶⁸ Mass. VRs 1841–1910, 578:495. Lida's marriage record says she was divorced.

⁶⁹ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 90:196 [birth record], 578:495 [marriage record naming parents].

⁷⁰ John F. Parker household, 1910 U. S. Census, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., E.D. 371, p.16B, #322/402. Based on this census return, it appears likely that Lida and her first husband were the Herbert M. and Lida M. "Stevens" living in Lynn, Mass. in 1900, he b. Maine in July 1866 [*sic*], tailor, she b. Maine in March 1866 [*sic*], with two children Roy M., b. N.H. in March 1885, and Ernest R., b. Mass. in Jan. 1887 (Herbert M. Stevens household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lynn Ward 4, E.D. 374, p. 8, #78/136).

she was living in Lynn, Mass., and writing letters supporting her father's defense of his pension.⁷¹

- v CHARLES C. McKIM, b. Bristol, 17 Oct. 1862,⁷² d. Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore., 7 Feb. 1939.⁷³ (See introductory essay.)
- vi (possibly) child, who d. young.⁷⁴
- vii LOUIS/LEWIS N. McKIM, b. Bristol, ca. 1867,⁷⁵ d. probably 1900–2,⁷⁶ m. Portland, 20 July 1889, MINNIE E. STODDARD,⁷⁷ b. Springfield, Mass., 28 Aug. 1868, daughter of Alfred and Mary (Dean) Stoddard,⁷⁸ d. Portland, 28 Oct. 1910, aged 42 years, 2 months, 5 days.⁷⁹ In 1890 Louis and his brother Joseph moved to Lynn, Mass., but he returned by 1892 when he was again in the Portland directory and listed through 1899.⁸⁰
 - Children: 1. *Louis Burton McKim*, b. Lynn, Mass., 31 Oct. 1889.⁸¹ 2. *Lela May McKim*, b. Lynn, Mass., 5 Jan. 1891.⁸² 3. *Lida M. McKim*, b. Portland, 7 Oct. 1892.⁸³ 4. *Charlie Leslie McKim*, b. Portland, 5 Aug. 1894.⁸⁴

⁷¹ Affidavits given by Lida Steeves 28 May 1904 and 27 June 1904, in McKim Pension.

⁷² William McKim household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 14/476B, #106/112; McKim Pension: Letter 4 June 1898; *The Spectator*, 23 May 1925, gives birth date of 17 Oct. 1872, which provides a day even though the year is incorrect.

⁷³ "Oregon Death Index 1903–1998," online database at <www.Ancestry.com>, entry for Charles McKim, no. 476.

⁷⁴ In 1900 Mary A. McKim was listed as being the mother of 9 children of whom 7 were then still living (Mary McKim household, 1900 Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 62, p. 13/177B, #198/314). Son Frank was one of the deceased children, but the other has not been identified. This child was probably born and died between census years. The placement of this child between Charles and Louis is speculative.

⁷⁵ McKim Pension: Letter 4 June 1898; William McKim household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 14/476B, #106/112.

⁷⁶ *Portland Directory*, 1899–1902. He was last listed in the Portland Directory in 1899, and in 1902 Minnie was listed as his widow.

⁷⁷ Marriage of Louis N. McKim, 20 July 1889, Maine VRs.

⁷⁸ Mass. VRs 1841–1910, 206:33, gives the birth of "female" Stoddard on 28 Aug. 1868 to Alfred and Mary (Deane) Stoddard. That this was Minnie is confirmed by her death record that also names her parents as Alfred and Mary N. (Dean) Stoddard and gives her place of birth as Springfield. She was aged 41 in Minnie E. McKim household, 1910 U.S. Census, Portland Ward 4, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 75, p. 15A, #168/239. In 1870 Minnie E. Stoddard, aged 1, was living in Portland with her parents, Alfred M. and Mary N. Stoddard (Alfred M. Stoddard family, 1870 U.S. Census, Portland Ward 7, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 286, #441/500).

⁷⁹ Death of Minnie E. McKim, 28 Oct. 1910, Maine VRs.

⁸⁰ *Portland Directory*, 1899–1902. He was last listed in the Portland Directory in 1899.

⁸¹ Mass. VRs 1841–1910, 394:337. He was named Frank Louis McKim at birth, but subsequent records identify him as Louis B. McKim.

⁸² Mass. VRs 1841–1910, 412:395; Lela May Hoar (nee McKim) guardianship, 18 Nov. 1910, Cumberland Co. Probate Records, #1924, County Clerk's Office, Portland. There was no first name recorded at birth, but subsequent sources including the guardianship have matching birth dates and give her name as Lela May.

⁸³ Birth of Lida M. McKim, 7 Oct. 1892, Maine VRs.

⁸⁴ Birth of Charlie Leslie McKim, 5 Aug. 1894, Maine VRs.

viii JOSEPH L. McKIM, b. Bristol in Sept. 1869,⁸⁵ d. probably after 1946;⁸⁶ m. Lynn, Mass., 31 Dec. 1891, ANNIE R. MANSFIELD,⁸⁷ b. N.H., ca 1871, daughter of James E. and Elizaette (—) Mansfield.⁸⁸ In 1890 he and his brother Louis moved to Lynn.⁸⁹ In 1904 his father was living with them in Malden and/or Everett, Mass., and he was writing letters in support of his father in the pension dispute. He still had his father with him when he was briefly in St. Johnsbury, Vt., in 1904.⁹⁰ In 1906 Joseph and Annie were back in Malden with his father.⁹¹ In 1910 they were in Meriden, Conn., and his father was in City Hospital in Portland.⁹² In 1919 they were in Lynn, Mass.⁹³ After 1930 they were repeatedly listed in Lynn with son Leslie,⁹⁴ and in 1946 only Joseph was listed living with his son.⁹⁵

Children born Lynn, Mass.: 1. *Bertha May McKim*, b. 31 March 1893.⁹⁶ 2. *Leslie Linwood McKim*, b. 18 March 1897.⁹⁷

ix FRANK D. McKIM, b. Portland, 12 Dec. 1873,⁹⁸ d. Portland, 27 May 1900,⁹⁹ never married.¹⁰⁰ He moved to Lynn, Mass., in 1892, but he must have gone back to Portland because in 1896 he again moved to Lynn, but was back in Portland at the time of his death.¹⁰¹

The author has placed further research notes on McKim descendants at The Maine Historical Society. The research was sparked by an inquiry from a Northwest art historian, John Impert. If anyone has further information, please contact him at <johnimpert@yahoo.com> and the author at <esoatley@gmail.com>.

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⁸⁵ William McKimm household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bristol, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 14/476B, #106/112; McKim Pension: Letter 4 June 1898.

⁸⁶ *Lynn, Massachusetts Directory*, 1946.

⁸⁷ Mass. VRs 1841–1910, 415:422.

⁸⁸ Mass. VRs 1841–1910, 415:422.

⁸⁹ *Portland, Maine Directory*, 1890.

⁹⁰ McKim Pension: affidavit given by Joseph L. McKim, 28 May 1904, and letters from Joseph L. McKimm of St. Johnsbury, Vt., to the Commissioner of Pensions, 8 Aug. 1904 and 31 Aug. 1904.

⁹¹ *Malden, Massachusetts Directory*, 1906.

⁹² Joseph McKim household, 1910 U.S. Census, Meriden Ward 4, New Haven Co., Conn., E.D. 356, p. 15A/1901, #128/319; death of William McKim, 15 April 1910, Maine VRs.

⁹³ *Lynn, Massachusetts Directory*, 1919.

⁹⁴ Leslie L. McKim household, 1930 U.S. Census, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., E.D. 139, p. 21A/64, #39.

⁹⁵ *Lynn, Massachusetts Directory*, 1940, 1946.

⁹⁶ Mass. VRs 1841–1910, 430:436.

⁹⁷ Mass. VRs 1841–1910, 466:506.

⁹⁸ Birth of Frank D. McKim, 12 Dec. 1873, Maine VRs; Portland Births, 9:91.

⁹⁹ Death of Frank D. McKim, 27 May 1900, Maine VRs.

¹⁰⁰ Death of Frank D. McKim, 27 May 1900, Maine VRs. He was single.

¹⁰¹ *Portland City Directory*, 1892; death of Frank D. McKim, 27 May 1900, Maine VRs.

BIBLE RECORD OF JOSEPH H. WARDWELL OF RUMFORD, MAINE

Contributed by Leslie Dow Sanders

The Holy Bible, published in Boston, Massachusetts, by C. Ewer, T. Bedlington, and J. H. A. Frost (1828). A blank page written in dip pen reads, "Joseph H Wardwell's Bought AD 1828." The following page is the Family Record page:

Joseph H Wardwell	Oct 3 1795	in New Salem, N.H.
Lydia Howard his wife	March 4th 1794	in Temple N.H.
They were Married by Rev Daniel Gould		
Decr 12th 1816		
in Howard's Gore, Me		
1st Son	James Wardwell	July 12th 1818
2nd Son	Samuel "	July 10th 1819
3rd Son	William Howard "	March 7th 1820
1st Daugh	Caroline Hill "	July 20, 1822
4th Son	Charles Pinckney Sumner "	Feb 4th 1824
5th Son	Moses Heminway "	July 21, 1825
6th Son	George Jeffords "	Sept 24 1826
7th Son	Joseph Wellington "	Oct 14 1827
8th Son	Thomas "	Nov 10 1828
9th Son	Jarvis Carter "	Oct 8 1829
10th Son	Asa Spafford "	Aug 3 1831
2nd Daug.	Lydia Howard "	Oct 17 1833
3rd Daugh	Elizabeth Howard "	Aug 7 1835
4th Daugh	Betsy "	Oct 19 1839
		died Jany 13th 1837
		died Jany 12th 1819
		died Aug 30 1904 Boston
		died Dec 18 1896 Lowell
		died Mch 3 1879
		died June 9 1846
		died day of birth

Editor's Note: Joseph Hemmenway⁶ Wardwell (*Joseph*⁵, *Joshua*⁴, *William*³, *Samuel*², *Thomas*¹) was a son of Joseph and Sarah (Hemmenway) Wardwell.¹ He died in Hanover, Maine, on 2 March 1849, aged 53 years.² For an excellent documented account of Joseph's family, ancestors, and descendants, see the "Samuel Wardwell of Andover" website produced by Neil Ungerleider at <<http://familytree-maker.genealogy.com/users/u/n/g/Neil-Ungerleider-MA/index.html>>. In particular, see the .pdf report on the website, "Descendants of William Wardwell."

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¹ William Berry Lapham, *A History of Rumford, Oxford County, Maine, from Its First Settlement in 1779 to the Present Time* (Augusta, Maine, 1890), 418–19.

² *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Oxford County*, Maine Old Cemetery Association [MOCA] Special Publication No. 11, Picton Press CD-ROM (Rockland, Maine 2006), image 1477. Note that the MOCA inscription erroneously transcribes his first name as "Josiah."

THE MAXWELL FAMILY OF SCOTCH HILL, OGUNQUIT, AND WELLS, MAINE

By Priscilla Eaton, CG

The *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder* in 1897 included a brief account of “The Maxwells of Wells.” The author, J. H. Drummond, described the account as “a substantial copy of an old document in the possession of Capt. Daniel F. Maxwell of Wells.”¹ The undocumented bare-bones account began with Gershom Maxwell, and noted his eight children, as well as the children of his four sons, John, David, Barak, and Gershom Maxwell Jr. Dorothy Keyes also sketched an outline of the Maxwell family in the 1988 *York County Genealogical Society Journal*. Though largely correct, it provides only births and marriages for the Maxwells, no documentation, and follows only the male lines.² A few families appear in the *Maine Families in 1790* series.³ The attempt here is to build on these efforts and provide a full account, including an exploration of Gershom Maxwell’s ancestry.

The Drummond account notes that Gershom’s “father came from Scotland some years before and is said to have married in Wenham and had three sons and two daughters: one daughter married Luke Morgan and lived in New Gloucester; the other married a Pulsifer and lived in Poland; one of the sons settled in Nantucket and one in New Jersey.”⁴

The account seems to confuse Gershom’s father, David, with his grandfather, Alexander. “David Maxy, son of Alexander,” was born in Wenham, on 2 January 1662,⁵ and it was his father, Alexander, who is the likely Scottish immigrant.⁶ Ac-

¹ J. H. Drummond, “The Maxwells of Wells,” *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder* [MHGR] 4(1887):263–65 (hereafter cited as Drummond, “Maxwells of Wells”). Capt. Daniel F. Maxwell was b. Wells, 31 Jan. 1819, son of David and Mary (Staples) Maxwell (Hope Moody Shelley, *Vital Records of Wells, Maine, 1619–1950* (Rockport, Maine, 2005), 134 [parents’ marriage], 231 [birth] (hereafter cited as Shelley, *Wells VRs*). He d. Wells, 31 [sic] April 1903 (Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: York County*, 4 vols. [Camden, Maine, 1995], 3:2174, Walnut Grove Cemetery [now called Riverside], Ogunquit [hereafter cited as *York Co. Inscriptions*]). Daniel Felch Maxwell was a great-great-grandson of Gershom. It was recently proposed that Capt. Daniel’s home on Scotch Hill be demolished to make way for an expanding business, raising the question of its historical significance.

² Dorothy Keyes, “The Maxwells of Ogunquit and Wells, Maine,” *York County Genealogical Society Journal* [YCGSJ] 3, No. 2(1988):33–36; 3, No. 3(1988):40–46 (hereafter cited as Keyes, “The Maxwells of Ogunquit and Wells, Maine”).

³ *Maine Families in 1790*, eds. Ruth Gray and Joseph C. Anderson II, 10 vols. to date (various places, 1988–) (hereafter cited as *Maine Families in 1790*).

⁴ Drummond, “Maxwells of Wells,” 263.

⁵ *Vital Records of Wenham, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass., 1904), 60 (hereafter cited as *Wenham VRs*). In the 17th and early 18th century, the name frequently appears as *Maxey* or *Maxy*.

⁶ The author would like to thank Amy Hawkes for sharing her unpublished manuscript, “Alexander Maxey; the Unexpected Life of a Scotsman in Massachusetts,” 1998.

ording to his deposition, Alexander was 45 years old in 1678,⁷ placing his year of birth at around 1633. Though Alexander would have been only seventeen at the time of the Battle of Dunbar and eighteen at the time of the Battle of Worcester, it is likely he was a deported Scottish prisoner of war. In reviewing the manifests of ships transporting Scottish prisoners, his name could not be discovered.⁸ The lists of deported prisoners, however, are incomplete and the names are quite notoriously garbled. Yet it is certainly possible to link Alexander Maxey of Wenham with known Scottish prisoners. In his will of 29 November 1678, Alexander Bravander of Wenham, a known Scottish prisoner, provided goods to four of his friends and fellow Scots: Robert Mackclafflin, Alexander Tomson, Jonathan Ross, and Alexander Maxey. Alexander received a jacket and a pair of britches.⁹ Alexander Bravender was among the Scots taken prisoner by Parliamentary forces following the Battle of Dunbar in 1650.¹⁰

Alexander may have been one of the ninety unnamed passengers on the *Unity* not claimed by the Saugus Iron Works. He was likely sold immediately into indentured servitude, and by 25 March 1656 he was the servant of Richard Kimball.¹¹ Alexander's standing in the community subsequently improved. While he initially rented land from William Browne Sr. on 6 January 1672,¹² the town granted Goodman Maxey twenty acres of land.¹³ Alexander married Marah/Mary Abbe, the daughter of John and Mary (Loring) Abbe,¹⁴ sometime before his son David was

⁷ *Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts*, 9 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1911–75), 7:8–9 (hereafter cited as *Essex Quart. Court Records*). Alexander was nominally involved in a land dispute involving the executor of the late Samuel Smith's land, William Brown, and Thomas Smith.

⁸ Charles Edward Banks, "Scotch Prisoners Deported to New England by Cromwell, 1651–52," *Massachusetts Historical Society Proceedings* 68(1928):4–29. Care must be taken not to confuse Alexander of Wenham with the Alexander Maxwell who settled in York in 1757, married Agnes Frost, and was still living in York in 1704 (Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [Portland, Maine, 1928–39], 470–71 [hereafter cited as *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*]).

⁹ *Essex Quart. Court Records*, 7:145.

¹⁰ Stephen P. Carlson, *The Scots at Hammersmith* (Saugus, Mass., 1976), 13. See also Kathleen Canney Barber, Janet Ireland Delorey, and Alan Bruce Sherman, "The Ross Families of Ipswich, Massachusetts," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 157(2003):39–40, for a discussion of the relationship among these Scottish families.

¹¹ *Essex Quart. Court Records*, 1:416. Alexander Maxsy testified on behalf of his master in a case involving broken fences and damaged crops. Alexander may have been apprenticed as a wheelwright, which was Richard Kimball's trade. Richard's grandson, also named Richard, married Rebecca Abbe, sister of Alexander's wife, Mary (Charles Henry Pope, *Pioneers of Massachusetts* [Boston, 1900], 9, 269).

¹² *Essex Quart. Court Records*, 7:206–7.

¹³ *Wenham Town Records, Vol. 1, 1642–1683* (Salem, 1928), 38.

¹⁴ Cleveland Abbey and Josephine G. Nichols, *Abbe-Abbey Genealogy in Memory of John Abbe & His Descendants* (New Haven, Conn., 1916).

born in 1662.¹⁵ Alexander died before 21 June 1684 when his estate was inventoried. He was called “Allexsander Maxey” of Wenham and named his widow, Mary, and children “David, the eldest son, Mary, Margaret, Allesandr, John, William, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Benjamin.” His estate included a house with six acres of land and ten acres on the neck, cattle, sheep, horses, swine, pewter, brass and iron in the house, clothes, sheets, linen, bedding, arms and tools, sheep’s wool, and flax.¹⁶ Alexander’s widow, Mary, married second, about 1697, widower Daniel Kilham, son of Austin and Alice (Gorball) Kilham.¹⁷ She was probably the “widow Mary Killen” who died at Wenham on 2 May 1721, age 78 years.¹⁸

Alexander’s son David married Sarah Lumus, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Smith) Lumus, sometime before 1692 when son Gershom was likely born.¹⁹ There are birth records in Wenham for only three children of David and Sarah, but David, who died on 7 February 1754 at age 92 years,²⁰ left a 1 May 1751 will, which identifies his children as Gershom, John, Samuel, Martha, Mary, and Sarah.²¹ David’s wife, Sarah, died at Wenham on 24 February 1726/7.²²

As was related by Drummond, Gershom’s sister Mary, born in Wenham on 12 December 1701/2,²³ married David Pulcifer of Gloucester on 28 November 1723.²⁴ However, they did not remove to Poland, Maine, as both died in Gloucester, Massachusetts, and it was their son, David Pulcifer, who removed to Poland.²⁵ It was in fact David and Mary Pulcifer’s daughter Martha Pulcifer, Gershom’s niece, born in Gloucester on 20 June 1724,²⁶ who married Luke Morgan on 1 December 1747 and removed to New Gloucester, Maine.²⁷ Gershom’s sister Martha, born in Wenham on 10 May 1699,²⁸ is probably the Martha Maxwell who married John Maxwell of

¹⁵ Clarence Almond Torrey, *Torrey’s New England Marriages to 1700* (Baltimore, 1990), 496.

¹⁶ *Essex Quart. Court Records*, 9:299.

¹⁷ “The Early Kilhams,” *NEHGR* 56(1902):345. Austin Kilham is likely the Augustine Keliam who m. Wrentham, co. Suffolk, England, 8 Sept. 1619, Alice Gorball (Robert Charles Anderson, “Marriages of Promise: Killam, Houchin, Lusher,” *The American Genealogist* 67[1992]:53–54).

¹⁸ *Wenham VRs*, 206.

¹⁹ “Edward Lumus of Ipswich, Massachusetts,” *Essex Institute Historical Collections* 53(1917): 139–40. This surname is also spelled Lumas, Lummas, or Loomis in the early records. Daniel Maxwell and wife Sarah of Wenham sold their interest in their father Lummus’s estate on 23 May 1722 for £40.

²⁰ *Wenham VRs*, 211. Though born David “Maxy,” he died David “Maxwell.”

²¹ Essex Co., Mass., Probate Records, 332:131.

²² *Wenham VRs*, 211.

²³ *Wenham VRs*, 60.

²⁴ *Wenham VRs*, 160.

²⁵ William E. Pulsifer, *Ancestry and Descendants of Jonathan Pulsifer and His Wife Nancy Ryerson Pulsifer of Poland and Sumner, Maine* (New York, 1928), 27.

²⁶ *Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 3 vols. (Topsfield and Salem, Mass., 1917–24), 1:570.

²⁷ John J. Babson, *Notes and Additions to the History of Gloucester* (Salem, Mass., 1891), 95.

²⁸ *Wenham VRs*, 60.

Beverly in Ipswich on 17 November 1736,²⁹ and the Martha Maxwell, daughter of David, who died on 1 August 1762.³⁰ Martha is the first child mentioned in David's will. He bequeathed to Martha and "her heirs" his dwelling house, barns, and "all land a joyning not already deeded to my sd daughter she finding me a comfortable sopert during my natural life." The third sister, Sarah Maxy, "grown daughter of David," was baptized at the Wenham Church on 21 April 1717.³¹ She married Josiah Kent of Gloucester on 20 December 1722.³² She was probably dead by 1 May 1751, as David's will bequeathed five shillings in lawful money to the "children of my daughter Sarah."

As for Gershom's two brothers, the birth of Samuel on 25 March 1796 was recorded at Wenham.³³ He is apparently the son who Drummond said went to Nantucket and probably the Samuel Maxey who married first at Charlestown, 27 August 1718, Mercy Phipps, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Kettel) Phipps.³⁴ On 8 March 1728 they baptized four children at Charlestown: Samuel, Mercy, Sarah, and Mary.³⁵ Samuel first appeared in the Nantucket vital records when the death of his wife was recorded in March of 1732, followed by the death of a daughter of Samuel Maxey on 13 April 1733.³⁶ Samuel Maxy married second at Nantucket on 6 June 1738 Elizabeth Wickson.³⁷ Elizabeth Maxey, wife of Samuel, died on 27 March 1753,³⁸ and Samuel married third on 13 June 1753 Jane (Smith) Swain. Jane was the widow of Nathaniel Swain and the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Hardwood) Smith.³⁹ Samuel had at least three more children at Nantucket.⁴⁰ Four of his children married at Nantucket, leaving numerous descendants.⁴¹ Samuel Maxey died at Nantucket on 18 October 1771.⁴² His widow, Jane Maxey, died on 5 October 1787.⁴³

²⁹ *Wenham VRs*, 146.

³⁰ *Wenham VRs*, 211.

³¹ "Wenham Congregational Church Records," *NEHGR* 62(1908):47.

³² *Wenham VRs*, 146.

³³ *Wenham VRs*, 60.

³⁴ William Richard Cutter and William Frederick Adams, *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of the State of Massachusetts*, 4 vols. (New York, 1910), 1:386.

³⁵ "Record Book of the First Church in Charlestown," *NEHGR* 32(1878):170.

³⁶ *Vital Records of Nantucket, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 5 vols. (Boston, 1925–28), 5:436 (hereafter cited as *Nantucket VRs*). Finding the Nantucket records is complicated by the fact that the transcribed records include the Maxeys and Maxeys in with the very numerous Macys.

³⁷ *Nantucket VRs*, 4:173. She is the only person of that surname to appear in the Nantucket records.

³⁸ *Nantucket VRs*, 5:417. The death of a daughter of Samuel Maxey was recorded a few months earlier, 11m [Nov.] 1752 (*Nantucket VRs*, 5:436).

³⁹ *Nantucket VRs*, 4:174.

⁴⁰ By his wife Elizabeth, he had Reuben, b. 17 Nov. 1745 (*Nantucket VRs*, 2:299). By his wife Jane, he had Isaiah, b. 3 March 1754, and Mary, b. 3 May 1757 (*Nantucket VRs*, 2:281, 291).

⁴¹ Sarah Maxy, daughter of Samuel, m. 28 Feb. 1744, Zephaniah Pinkham (*Nantucket VRs*, 4:174). Given the date of her marriage, she is likely the daughter of Mercy.

⁴² *Nantucket VRs*, 5:431.

⁴³ *Nantucket VRs*, 5:422.

That leaves the brother John who Drummond said went to New Jersey. One interesting possibility is that John is the progenitor of the Passaic Valley, New Jersey, Maxwell family. In *Family Records or Genealogy of the First Settlers of the Passaic Valley*, John Littell notes that “John Maxwell lived in Westfield, New Jersey and had children: William, John, David, and Esther.”⁴⁴ No place of origin or dates are provided, but given the marriages of children and births of grandchildren, a John Maxwell born about 1694 would be appropriate. Also of interest is that he named a son David. However, any relationship to David Maxwell of Wenham is not proven.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **GERSHOM³ MAXWELL** (*David², Alexander¹*) was born about 1692 at Wenham, Massachusetts, the son of David and Sarah (Lumus) Maxwell.⁴⁵ No marriage record for Gershom could be discovered, but Drummond, citing family documents, notes that Gershom married MARY YOUNG of York, “a little before 1720.” She is presumably the Mary Young born 2 January 1696/7 in York, the daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Donnell) Young.⁴⁶

A deposition shows that Gershom was living in Wells, Maine, by August 1716. On 7 December 1716 he testified in a case involving the illegal sale of liquor by William Sayer. In a deposition sworn before John Wheelwright, “Gershom Maxell of full age deposed that some time in August last past, the said Gershom Maxell bought and paid for one gill of rumm of Mr. William Sayer and likewise affirmeth that he hath been severall times in the house [of] said William Sayer and hath both heard and seen people drink and call.”⁴⁷ Three months later, on 13 March 1717, Gershom was of “ye town aforsd, tayler,” when he purchased 100 acres of land from Zachariah Goodale in the part of Wells now known as Ogunquit. For £30 “partly in hand paid & by bills obligatory,” Gershom purchased one half of a town grant of 200 acres originally granted to Francis Littlefield Jr. As the deed relates, this property had been passed from Francis Jr. to his son David by will, and then sold to Zachariah Goodale. The property was bounded southerly by an ash tree in Clay Hill Creek, easterly by the Neganquid [Ogunquit] River, and ran northerly 100

⁴⁴ John Littell, *Family Records or Genealogy of the First Settlers of the Passaic Valley* (Feltville, N.J., 1851), 279–80.

⁴⁵ Drummond puts his year of birth at 1696 (Drummond, “Maxwells of Wells,” 263), but it was probably earlier. David’s son Samuel was b. 25 March 1696, and both Gershom and John were older.

⁴⁶ Lester MacKenzie Bragdon and John Eldridge Frost, *Vital Records of York, Maine* (Camden, Maine, 1992), 19 (hereafter cited as Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs*). See also Louise Ryder Young, *Biographical Dictionary of the Youngs (Born Circa 1625–1870) from Towns under the Jurisdiction of York County Maine: A Listing of All Proprietors, Pioneers, Land Owners, Heads of Family, Soldiers and Sailors, Brides, Widows, and Orphans by the Family Name of Young* (Bowie, Md., 2007), 100.

⁴⁷ Charles Thornton Libby et al., eds., *Province and Court Records of Maine*, 6 vols. (Portland, 1928–1975), 5:193. William Sayer had judgment passed against him.

acres, lying between said tree and Hogsty Creek.⁴⁸ Although there were small populations of Scots living in York and Berwick, Gershom chose to settle further downeast, and may have been the first man of Scottish descent to settle a family in Wells.⁴⁹

On 13 March 1719/20, the week before the baptism of his first child, Gershom received his own baptism upon profession of his faith at the Church of Christ in Wells.⁵⁰ He waited over twenty years before he was received to full communion on 10 January 1741/2,⁵¹ a time of great religious revival in Wells.

In Bourne's 1875 *History of Wells and Kennebunk*, the author relates that prior to January 1728, Gershom Maxwell was paid £10 by the town for taking care of Daniel Tucker, the pauper of Wells "of whom our readers have often heard in song." After multiple town meetings to consider his case, Dan Tucker "was carried out of town and ceased to trouble the people." Bourne notes that Gershom Maxwell and other contemporaries, who were "compelled to exercise their charity in ministering to him of their abundance," would if still living join in "singing the popular song, get out of the way, old Dan Tucker."⁵² It could not be determined whether or not Bourne's assertion is true that Dan Tucker of Wells was the original inspiration for the well known folk song.⁵³

Gershom Maxwell was modestly involved in town and county affairs. In 1749 the town chose him as part of a committee to determine Reverend Samuel Jefferds' salary.⁵⁴ On 15 October 1751 he was appointed by the court to make a just division

⁴⁸ York County, Maine, Register of Deeds, *York Deeds*, 18 vols. in 19 (Portland, 1887–1910), vol. 10, folios 98–99. This property included all the Scotch Hill area in present-day Ogunquit, up to and including Grasshopper Lane.

⁴⁹ In 1673 Thomas Grant, possibly an indentured Scot, was sued by Nicholas Weeks in Wells Court for refusing to work as ordered (*Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 282). In 1679 James Carr and Henry Brown, Scotchmen, operated a mill at Scotchman's Brook in present day Kennebunk, but neither ever married, signing a contract leaving all their worldly goods to each other (Edward E. Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk* [Portland, 1975], 114–18 [hereafter cited as Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk*]). In 1683 James Ross, probably the son of a Scottish prisoner, had a 100-acre grant of land and bought a sawmill at Cape Porpus, but after being taken captive to Canada, he married a fellow captive and removed to Salem (*Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 597). In 1697 John McKenney, another possible Scottish prisoner, drowned in the Ogunquit River by reason of his "unacquaintance with river" (*Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 472–73). These Scots were in Wells earlier than Gershom Maxwell, but none of them are known to have settled families.

⁵⁰ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 75(1921):50.

⁵¹ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 76(1922):193. Baptized the same day was Richard Kimball, a great-great grandson of the Richard Kimball to whom Gershom's grandfather Alexander was sold as an indentured servant.

⁵² Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk*, 350–51.

⁵³ *Wikipedia* notes that the song's origins remain obscure, as the tune may have come from oral tradition. The first sheet music edition appeared in Boston in 1843, without noting a composer. The song was popularized by Dan Emmet and is often attributed to him as well.

⁵⁴ Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk*, 361.

of the estate of George Jacobs.⁵⁵ In 1769, in the assignment of pews in the new meeting house, he was seated in the second to last rank in the gallery, behind his sons John and David, who were in the first rank of the gallery, and his son Barak, who was in the second rank of three on the main floor.⁵⁶

Gershom built his homestead on the east side of the Old Post Road where he lived until at least 1761 when he divided land among his four sons.⁵⁷ This stretch of the road just north of the Ogunquit village center where the four Maxwell sons built their homes became known as “Scotch Hill,” reflecting the family’s Scottish heritage.

Children of Gershom³ and Mary (Young) Maxwell, all b. Wells:

- i ABIGAIL⁴ MAXWELL, bp. 20 March 1719/20.⁵⁸ Abigail was probably named for her grandmother, Abigail (Donnell) Young. No further record could be discovered and Drummond, citing the Daniel F. Maxwell document, notes that she died unmarried.
- 2 ii JOHN MAXWELL, bp. 18 March 1721/2; m. PHEBE LITTLEFIELD.
- 3 iii DAVID MAXWELL, bp. 14 June 1724; m. ABIGAIL MORRISON.
- iv MIRIAM MAXWELL, bp. 26 March 1727.⁵⁹ The Daniel F. Maxwell document neglects to include her. She d. 4 March 1727/8, aged 1 year, 10 months, 17 days.⁶⁰
- 4 v MIRIAM MAXWELL, bp. 2 March 1728/9; m. ABEL GETCHELL.
- 5 vi BARAK MAXWELL, bp. 9 April 1732; m. (1) ANNA LITTLEFIELD, (2) MARY LITTLEFIELD.
- 6 vii SUSANNA MAXWELL, bp. 2 March 1733/4; m. ROGER LITTLEFIELD.
- 7 viii MARTHA MAXWELL, bp. 18 April 1736; m. BENJAMIN BOURNE.⁶¹
- 8 ix GERSHOM MAXWELL, bp. 30 March 1740; m. SARAH LITTLEFIELD.

2 **JOHN⁴ MAXWELL** (*Gershom³, David², Alexander¹*) was baptized in Wells on 18 March 1721/2,⁶² and died in Wells before 9 November 1799 when his will was probated.⁶³ He married in Wells, 27 November 1745, PHEBE LITTLEFIELD.⁶⁴ Phebe was baptized in Wells on 20 February 1725/6, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Goodale) Littlefield.⁶⁵

⁵⁵ John Eldridge Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2 vols. (Camden, Maine, 1991), 1:382, citing York Co. Probate Records, 8:352 (hereafter cited as Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*).

⁵⁶ Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk*, 450.

⁵⁷ Keyes, “The Maxwells of Ogunquit and Wells, Maine,” 33. Gershom was certainly dead by 13 Oct. 1766 when Jacob Perkins of Wells deeded his son land which bordered that of “the late Gersham Maxwell, deceased” (York Co. Deeds, 41:236).

⁵⁸ “Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine,” NEHGR 75(1921):50.

⁵⁹ “Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine,” NEHGR 75(1921):115.

⁶⁰ Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs*, 380. Notice of her death is given in the York town records: “Miriam Maxe, dau. of Gershom Maxe and Mary, his wife.”

⁶¹ The Daniel F. Maxwell document mistakenly calls him Benjamin “Brown.”

⁶² “Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine,” NEHGR 75(1921):52.

⁶³ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:1211, citing York Co. Probate Records, 18:164.

⁶⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, p. 38.

⁶⁵ “Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine,” NEHGR 75(1921):115. Phebe’s parents reportedly married in March 1725, but this marriage is not included in the Wells records (*Gen. Dict.*

At the age of twenty, on 10 January 1741/2, John was received to full communion by the Church of Christ in Wells, the same day as his father. By trade John was a cordwainer.⁶⁶ John was of some prominence in the Wells community. In 1765 he was appointed by the church to visit the families in his area to determine the reasons for their non-attendance at Sabbath meetings.⁶⁷ In 1769, he was seated in the first rank in the meeting house,⁶⁸ and probate records indicate he was assigned to appraise numerous estates. From 1770–73, he was elected one of the town's five selectmen, then again in the years 1779–80 and 1783–86.⁶⁹ At a meeting on 5 July 1779, he was chosen as part of a committee to prepare instructions for the representatives to the General Court, reporting the distressed condition of the inhabitants of the town and requesting the Legislature to afford them such relief as the public interests would justify.⁷⁰

John prepared his will on 25 September 1799, noting that he was “weak in body.” He mentioned his wife, Phebe, leaving her the use of half of his home farm in Wells for life and all his household furnishings. He mentioned eleven children, all of whom had apparently survived to adulthood.⁷¹

Children of John⁴ and Phebe (Littlefield) Maxwell, all bp. Wells:⁷²

- i JOHN⁵ MAXWELL JR., bp. 22 March 1746/7, d. before 12 Feb. 1816 when his will was probated;⁷³ m. (1) Wells, 30 April 1772, LYDIA VARNEY,⁷⁴ b. prob. Wells, abt. 1750, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Varney) Varney,⁷⁵ d. Wells, 30 Aug. 1808;⁷⁶ m. (2) Berwick, 1 April 1810, ABIGAIL ESTES of Berwick,⁷⁷ b. about

Maine & N.H., 437). There is a brief account of this family in *Maine Families in 1790*, 2:193 (hereafter cited as *Maine Families in 1790*).

⁶⁶ York Co. Deeds, 38:165.

⁶⁷ Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk*, 741.

⁶⁸ Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk*, 450.

⁶⁹ Hope M. Shelley, *My Name is Wells I am the Town* (n.p., 2002), 296.

⁷⁰ Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk*, 512.

⁷¹ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:1211, citing York Co. Probate Records, 18:164.

⁷² “Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine,” NEHGR 75(1921):112, 122, 123, 123, 311; 76(1922):103, 180, 181, 182, 107. Loruhamah's baptismal record is mistakenly included with the infant males. There is no baptismal record for their sixth child, daughter Elizabeth.

⁷³ Joseph C. Anderson II, *York County, Maine, Will Abstracts, 1801–1858*, 2 vols. (Camden, Maine, 1997), 1:239 (hereafter cited as Anderson, *York Co. Will Abstracts*).

⁷⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 67.

⁷⁵ The will of Jonathan Varney of Wells mentioned his daughter Lydia Maxel, leaving her a cow, in addition to what he had given her of her full share (Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:1090, citing York Co. Probate Records, 17:36). For the family of Jonathan and Elizabeth Varney, see Herbert Clarkson Varney and Franklin Condit Thompson, *A Genealogy of Some of the Descendants of William Varney of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and More Particularly of His Son Humphrey Varney of Dover, New Hampshire* (n.p., 1949).

⁷⁶ Keyes, “The Maxwells of Ogunquit and Wells, Maine,” 46.

⁷⁷ John Eldridge Frost and Joseph Crook Anderson II, eds., *Vital Records of Berwick, South Berwick, and North Berwick, Maine, to the Year 1892* (Rockport, Maine, 1993), 140 (hereafter Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs*). The record calls him “John Maxcy of Wells,” while she is

1763,⁷⁸ possibly the 47-year-old unmarried daughter of Henry and Mary (Varney) Estes of Berwick and a cousin of John's 1st wife, Lydia Varney.⁷⁹ She is probably the Mrs. Abigail Maxwell who m. (2) Wells, 2 Feb. 1823, Dependence Littlefield,⁸⁰ as his 2nd wife. Abigail Littlefield d. 1 March 1849, aged 86,⁸¹ and is buried at the cemetery near Bragdon's Crossing with her 2nd husband, Dependence. Dependence Littlefield was bp. Wells, 30 Sept. 1770, son of Dependence and Esther (Day) Littlefield,⁸² and d. Wells, 25 Nov. 1847, aged 78 years.⁸³

John Maxwell Jr. was mentioned in the 1799 will of his father, in which he was left "10 acres described to him in my deed to him of 6 Nov. 1787."⁸⁴ Apparently none of John Jr.'s children were baptized in the Wells church. They are established by his will dated 31 Oct. 1816, in which he noted that he was "advanced in years." Perhaps because his 2nd wife was probably sixteen years his junior and the stepmother of his grown children, he carefully detailed the arrangements for his widow.

John bequeathed his wife Abigail "all the household furniture that she brought with her, also what bedding and furniture she has or shall make during the time of our living together; also 2 cows and 4 sheep; also yearly and every year during the time that she shall remain my widow, I make the following provision for her namely, 12 bushels of good corn, 2 bushels of wheat, 25 bushels of potatoes, and 10 pounds of good well dressed flax, all to be carefully housed in a proper manner free of expense to her, also firewood sufficient for one fire at all times ready cut and properly housed; and the improvement of half of my dwelling house, it being the west end of said house, and half of the cellar under said house with a privilege in the kitchen and oven to wash and bake in and half of the barn with a privilege to pass to and from the main road to the house and barn; the use of my clock in the house and my desk during her widowhood; and the two cows and four sheep to be kept for her in a proper manner summer and winter, and one horse suitable for her use during the time she shall remain my widow; also all the provision that is now in my house together with the hay in the barn and the cow that is allotted for beef and my three swine to be at her disposal and my executive to take the necessary care in sickness. My will is further that my wife shall have the use and improvement of a certain piece of land during her widowhood." John mentioned daughters Elizabeth Bennett and Huldah Chick, and sons Ebenezer, Jacob, and John, as well as gran-

called "Abigail Elis of Berwick." In the Berwick intentions she is called "Nabby Estes" (Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs*, 60). Intentions were also published in Wells, 30 Oct. 1809, where she is called "Abigail Estes" (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 152).

⁷⁸ Based on her age of 86 at death.

⁷⁹ Henry Estes m. Dover, 17 April 1745, Mary Varney ("Friends Records, Dover, N.H., Monthly Meeting," *The New Hampshire Genealogical Record* 1[1903]:49).

⁸⁰ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 276. She is called Mrs. Abigail Maxwell.

⁸¹ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2195.

⁸² "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," *NEHGR* 76(1922):106. His parents m. Wells, 8 Dec. 1857 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 41).

⁸³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 415. His cemetery inscription gives the date as 25 Nov. 1849 (*York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2195), likely an error as the town records include the 1847 date in sequence.

⁸⁴ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:1211, citing York Co. Probate Records, 18:164.

children Jacob and Phebe Littlefield, the children of his daughter Phebe, and granddaughter Silvina Parker, the daughter of his daughter Hannah Parker.⁸⁵

- ii LUCY MAXWELL, b. 19 Dec. 1748, d. Wells, 29 Sept. 1837;⁸⁶ m. Wells, 2 July 1770, JOSHUA EATON,⁸⁷ b. Wells, 17 Oct. 1745, son of Joshua and Anna (Dalzell) Eaton,⁸⁸ d. Wells, 10 March 1833.⁸⁹
- iii HANNAH MAXWELL, bp. 16 Dec. 1750, d. Wells, 24 Aug. 1802,⁹⁰ m. Wells, 25 June 1772, Rev. JOSEPH EATON,⁹¹ b. Wells, 11 June 1749, son of Joshua and Anna (Dalzell) Eaton⁹² and brother of Joshua Eaton, above, who married Hannah's sister Lucy. Joseph d. Wells, 27 Dec. 1831.⁹³
- iv PHEBE MAXWELL, bp. 27 May 1753,⁹⁴ d. Berwick, before 14 Oct. 1808, when her husband published intentions to remarry;⁹⁵ m. Berwick, 1 Oct. 1779, ISAAC CHICK Jr.,⁹⁶ b. prob. Berwick, son of Isaac and Eleanor (Moore) (Pillsbury) Chick.⁹⁷ Isaac m. (2) (int.) Berwick, 14 Oct. 1808, Lydia Nowell of York.⁹⁸
- v LORUHAMA MAXWELL, bp. 21 July 1754, d. Wells, 11 Sept. 1835, aged 81 years;⁹⁹ m. (int.) Wells, 25 May 1776, JONATHAN HATCH,¹⁰⁰ bp. Wells, 14 April 1754, son of Jonathan and Priscilla (Storer) Hatch,¹⁰¹ d. Wells, 10 March 1842, aged 91 years.¹⁰² Jonathan was a Revolutionary War soldier, a private in Capt. Joshua Bragdon's company which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775 (i.e., the Battle of Lexington). He enlisted 21 April 1775, and served five

⁸⁵ Anderson, *York Co. Will Abstracts*, 1:239–40.

⁸⁶ Family Bible of Joshua and Lucy Eaton and Descendants (1745–1881) in the possession of Tara Rainier.

⁸⁷ Family Bible of Joshua and Lucy Eaton and Descendants (1745–1881) in the possession of Tara Rainier. In the Wells records, the intentions are 28 April 1780 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 62) but the marriage date is blank (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 78).

⁸⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 201. Joshua's parents' m. (int.) Wells, 5 Jan. 1744/5 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 26).

⁸⁹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 404. For more on this family, see Priscilla Eaton, "Descendants of William⁴ Eaton of Wells, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 24(2002):174–76.

⁹⁰ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2127.

⁹¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 79.

⁹² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 201.

⁹³ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2127. For more on this family, see Priscilla Eaton, "Descendants of William⁴ Eaton of Wells, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 24(2002):177–80.

⁹⁴ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 75(1921):123. The account in *Maine Families in 1790*, 2:193, neglects to include Phebe.

⁹⁵ Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs*, 58.

⁹⁶ Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs*, 124.

⁹⁷ Isaac's parents m. Kittery, 15 Nov. 1759. His mother is called "widow Pillsbury" (Joseph Crook Anderson II and Lois Ware Thurston, *Vital Records of Kittery, Maine to the Year 1892* [Rockport, Maine, 1991], 140 [hereafter cited as Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*]). "Eleanor More" m. "Benjamin Pillsbury" in Kittery, 16 Dec. 1750 (Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 26).

⁹⁸ Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs*, 58.

⁹⁹ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2176. Wells town records note she d. 11 Sept. 1835 at age 84 [*sic*] (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 406).

¹⁰⁰ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 64. She is called "Ame Maxell."

¹⁰¹ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 75(1921):311.

¹⁰² *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2176.

days.¹⁰³ Jonathan and Loruhamah Hatch had nine children, b. 1776–94, all listed together in the Wells records.¹⁰⁴

- vi ELIZABETH MAXWELL, b. about 1758,¹⁰⁵ d. after 25 Sept. 1799 when she was mentioned in her father's will; m. Wells, 21 May 1778, WILLIAM HATCH,¹⁰⁶ bp. Wells, 10 April 1757, son of John and Bathsbeba (Goodale) Hatch.¹⁰⁷ William and Elizabeth all but disappear from the Wells records, but do not seem to appear in any other location. No children were recorded. They were probably still residing in Wells in 1790¹⁰⁸ and 1800¹⁰⁹ when a William Hatch was enumerated in census records. Perhaps he died before 1810 when he does not appear in the census, at least as a head of household. Interestingly, William Hatch "3rd" published intentions to marry Betsy Emery, 30 Jan. 1813,¹¹⁰ but by the time of his marriage on 3 March 1813 he was called William "Jr."¹¹¹ Perhaps William Hatch died during this time.
- vii SAMUEL MAXWELL, bp. 13 July 1760, d. Wells, 5 Aug. 1825;¹¹² m. Wells, 10 May 1785, LYDIA BROOKS,¹¹³ b. ca. June 1765, daughter of Joshua and Lydia (Clark) Brooks,¹¹⁴ d. Wells, 18 March 1850, aged 84 years, 9 months.¹¹⁵ Lydia m. (2) (int.) Wells, 28 June 1828, as his 2nd wife, Daniel Littlefield.¹¹⁶ Samuel and Lydia Maxwell had 13 children recorded in the Wells records 1785–1812.¹¹⁷
- viii ZERVIAH MAXWELL, bp. 24 July 1763, d. prob. Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, after 25 Sept. 1799 when she was mentioned in her father's will; m. Wells, 24 July

¹⁰³ *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908), 7:495 (hereafter cited as *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*).

¹⁰⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 256–57.

¹⁰⁵ There is no record of baptism for Elizabeth, but she is mentioned in her father's will after Loruhamah and before Zerviah (Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:1211, citing York Co. Probate Records, 18:164). The account in *Maine Families in 1790*, 2:193, fails to include Elizabeth.

¹⁰⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 81.

¹⁰⁷ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 75(1921):312. His parents m. (int.) Wells, 2 Dec. 1749 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 28).

¹⁰⁸ *Heads of Families of the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* (Washington, D.C., 1908), p. 70, column a (hereafter *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*). The household included one male and six females. The William Hatch household immediately precedes that of John Maxwell Sr.

¹⁰⁹ William Hatch household, 1800 U.S. Census, Wells, York Co., Maine, p. 987.

¹¹⁰ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 187.

¹¹¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 266.

¹¹² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 288.

¹¹³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 85.

¹¹⁴ The will of Joshua Brooks names his daughter Lydia Maxwell (Anderson, *York Co. Will Abstracts*, 1:348, citing York Co. Probate Records, 29:399). Her parents m. (int.) Wells, 29 Dec. 1759 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 48).

¹¹⁵ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2177.

¹¹⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 298. For an excellent account of this family, see *Maine Families in 1790*, 9:288–89.

¹¹⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 259.

1784, ELIAKIM HATCH,¹¹⁸ b. Wells, ca. 1761, his parentage undetermined,¹¹⁹ d. Harmony, 14 Dec. 1829.¹²⁰

Eliakim was a Revolutionary War soldier, a private in Capt. Abel Moulton's company, Col. Jonathan Titcomb's regiment. At the age of 16, from 19 May to 18 July 1777, he served 61 days in Rhode Island. He then enlisted 1 April 1778 for three years' service in the Continental Army, in which he served in several regiments, and was discharged 1 April 1781. On a descriptive list dated West Point, 1 Jan. 1781, Eliakim is described as age 20, 5' 10" tall, dark complexioned with dark hair, occupation of husbandman, birthplace Wells.¹²¹ Eliakim was enumerated in Wells in 1790;¹²² his household included 2 boys and 2 females. But by 1800 he had removed to Greene, Kennebec Co., where his household had expanded to include 2 boys and 4 girls.¹²³ In 1803 he served on a committee to district the town.¹²⁴ On 14 March 1818 he purchased 100 acres of land in Harmony from Augustus Brouquest of Philadelphia, Penn.¹²⁵ Eliakim applied for a Revolutionary War pension in April 1818, giving his age as 57, and was placed on the roll 28 Jan. 1819.¹²⁶

- ix MARTHA MAXWELL, bp. 30 June 1766, d. Groton, Vt.,¹²⁷ m. Wells, 15 May 1788, JACOB HATCH,¹²⁸ bp. Wells, 11 Aug. 1765, son of John and Bathsheba (Goodale) Hatch,¹²⁹ and brother of William Hatch, above, who married Martha's sister Elizabeth, d. Groton, Vt., 16 July 1824, aged 59 years.¹³⁰

¹¹⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 84. Her name has been transcribed as "Leviah."

¹¹⁹ *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 7:487. Eliakim is possibly an unrecorded son of John and Bathsheba (Goodale) Hatch, as Elias Hatch, a known son, was also in Greene and later in Harmony ("Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 76[1922]:106). Eliakim married into the same Maxwell family as William and Jacob, other known sons of John and Bathsheba. Eliakim and Zerviah Hatch named a son Jacob, possibly for his brother. However, Eliakim was born in 1761, the same year John and Bathsheba Hatch baptized their son, Eliab ("Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 76(1922):103). Jesse, Josiah, and Samuel Hatch were also in Greene, likely sons of Jesse and Mary (Crediford) Hatch of Wells. But Jesse Hatch m. Mary Crediford, 21 Aug. 1766 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 77), five years after the birth of Eliakim.

¹²⁰ "Maine Pensioners, 1835," online database at <www.ancestry.com>, U.S. Senate Report from the Secretary of War in Relation to the Pension Establishment of the U.S. [Maine Section] Washington, D.C., Duff Green, 1835 (hereafter cited as "Maine Pensioners, 1835").

¹²¹ *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 7:487.

¹²² *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*, p. 70, column a.

¹²³ Eliakim Hatch household, 1800 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 112.

¹²⁴ Walter Lindley Mower, *The Sesquicentennial History of the Town of Greene, Androscoggin County, Maine, 1775-1900* (Auburn, Maine, 1938), 23 (hereafter cited as Mower, *History of Greene*).

¹²⁵ Somerset Co. Deeds, 7:514.

¹²⁶ "Maine Pensioners, 1835."

¹²⁷ Her cemetery inscription, at least as transcribed, indicates the year of her birth, 1766, but does not note the year of her death. She is called Martha Maxwell Hatch, wife of Jacob Hatch Sr. ("The Darling (Glover) Family Cemetery," online at <www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtgenweb/vtcaldon/Groton/Groton8.htm>).

¹²⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 85.

¹²⁹ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 76(1922):105.

¹³⁰ "The Darling (Glover) Family Cemetery," online at <www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtgenweb/vtcaldon/Groton/Groton8.htm>. His inscription notes he was a Revolutionary War soldier.

In 1790 Jacob Hatch was living in Sanford, next door to his brother-in-law, William Furbush.¹³¹ But he and Martha removed to Vermont where they were among the pioneer settlers of the township of Groton and raised nine children.¹³²

- x MARY MAXWELL, bp. 10 July 1768, d. Greene, 25 Jan. 1822, aged 53 years;¹³³ m. Wells, 11 March 1789, WILLIAM FURBUSH of Berwick,¹³⁴ b. Berwick, 1 Nov. 1768,¹³⁵ probably the son of Abraham and Anna (Chick) Furbush,¹³⁶ d. Greene, 26 Jan. 1850, aged 82 years.¹³⁷ Like his brother-in-law Eliakim Hatch, William was one of the early settlers of Greene, Maine, locating on Lot No. 107.¹³⁸ William and Mary Furbush had nine children, born 1789–1810.¹³⁹ William m. (2) Greene, 5 Oct. 1822, Olive (Merrifield) Murray,¹⁴⁰ the widow of Trueworthy Murray.¹⁴¹ Olive was b. Sanford, 4 May 1782, daughter of William and Hepsibah (Furbush) Merrifield,¹⁴² and d. 1 Oct. 1858, aged 75 years, 4 months.¹⁴³
- xi STEPHEN MAXWELL, bp. Wells, 5 July 1772, d. Wells, 28 Dec. 1822;¹⁴⁴ m. (1) (int.) Wells, 3 Aug. 1793, PRISCILLA WINN,¹⁴⁵ b. 4 June 1772, daughter of John and Priscilla (Littlefield) Winn,¹⁴⁶ d. after 4 March 1803 when her son John was born,¹⁴⁷ and before 17 March 1804 when her husband published intentions to marry his 2nd wife; m. (2) (int.) Wells, 17 March 1804, ABIGAIL JONES.¹⁴⁸ She is pos-

¹³¹ *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*, p. 66, column b.

¹³² “[Groton] Township Information” online at <www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vermont/CaledoniaGroton.html>.

¹³³ Mower, *History of Greene*, 545.

¹³⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 86.

¹³⁵ Mower, *History of Greene*, 545.

¹³⁶ William and Mary Furbush named their first daughter Anna and their second son Abraham; the first son was named John (Mower, *History of Greene*, 545). Abraham Furbush of Berwick m. Anna Chick of Wells, 4 Dec. 1766 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 77).

¹³⁷ David Young, “Early Families of Sabattus, Androscoggin Co., Maine: Formerly Part of Greene, Lewiston, Lisbon, Bowdoin & West Bowdoinham” (1998), online at <<http://files.usgwararchives.org/me/androscoggin/sabattus/families/ffiles.txt>>. He is buried in the Lane Road Cemetery in Greene.

¹³⁸ *History of Greene*, 545

¹³⁹ *History of Greene*, 545

¹⁴⁰ *History of Greene*, 146.

¹⁴¹ David Young, “Early Families of Sabattus, Androscoggin Co., Maine: Formerly Part of Greene, Lewiston, Lisbon, Bowdoin & West Bowdoinham” (1998), online at <<http://files.usgwararchives.org/me/androscoggin/sabattus/families/ffiles.txt>>.

¹⁴² Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Shapleigh and Acton, Maine* (Portsmouth, N.H., 2002), 448.

¹⁴³ David Young, “Early Families of Sabattus, Androscoggin Co., Maine: Formerly Part of Greene, Lewiston, Lisbon, Bowdoin & West Bowdoinham” (1998), online at <<http://files.usgwararchives.org/me/androscoggin/sabattus/families/ffiles.txt>>.

¹⁴⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 286.

¹⁴⁵ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 113.

¹⁴⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 214. Her parents m. 16 Nov. 1762 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 51).

¹⁴⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 215.

¹⁴⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 127.

sibly Abigail (Grant) Jones, widow of Jeremiah Jones who d. March 1801.¹⁴⁹ Abigail Grant may be the daughter of Daniel and Ruth (Williams) Grant of Kennebunkport.¹⁵⁰ She may also be the “Mrs. Abigail Maxwell” who m. (3) Wells, 8 Oct. 1826, William Bennett¹⁵¹ as his 2nd wife. William had m. (1) (int.) Wells, 27 Oct. 1792, Elizabeth Maxwell,¹⁵² daughter of John Jr. and Lydia (Varney) Maxwell, above.¹⁵³ Abigail [(poss.) (Grant) (Jones)] (Maxwell) Bennett, “widow of William Bennett,” d. Wells, 29 March 1846.¹⁵⁴ William d. Wells, 19 Aug. 1839, aged 71.¹⁵⁵

Three children of Stephen and Priscilla¹⁵⁶ and seven children of Stephen and Abigail Maxwell are listed in the Wells town records.¹⁵⁷ Stephen and Abigail had twins, Phebe and Jeremiah, among many sets of twins in the Maxwell family.

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¹⁴⁹ Jeremiah Jones m. Wells, 8 Dec. 1796, Abigail Grant (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 91). Jeremiah Jones, the son of John and Priscilla (Stuart) Jones, was b. 11 March 1773, and d. March 1801 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 201). In the Wells records, the family of Stephen and Abigail Maxwell is listed on the same page as the families of Robert, Ebenezer, and Amos Jones, brothers of Jeremiah. Further, since all the children of John and Priscilla Jones are listed together (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 201), with no daughter Abigail noted, it is unlikely that she was their sister. Stephen and Abigail Maxwell named their first son Jeremiah, possibly after her deceased 1st husband, which was common practice. John Jones m. (int.) Wells, 3 Nov. 1770, Priscilla Stuart (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 62).

¹⁵⁰ Charles W. Bradbury, *The History of Kennebunk Port from Its Discovery by Bartholomew Gosnold, May 14, 1602, to A.D. 1837* (Kennebunk, Maine, 1837), hereafter, Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 247–48.

¹⁵¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 296.

¹⁵² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 112.

¹⁵³ John mentioned his daughter Elizabeth Bennett in his 31 Oct. 1816 will (Anderson, *York Co. Will Abstracts*, 1:239–40). Dorothy Keyes makes a rare error in calling her “Abigail.”

¹⁵⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 413.

¹⁵⁵ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 408.

¹⁵⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 215.

¹⁵⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 215, 231–32.

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5 July 1834	Simon Hutchins and Ellen Somerby both of Portland
5 July 1834	Isaac Burnham and Lodoisha F. Emerson both of Portland
5 July 1834	Capt. Jeremiah Cole of Philad ^a and Elizabeth K. Vaughan of Portland
10 July 1834	Edward C. Thaxter and Nancy W. Pennell both of Portland
12 July 1834	William Phillips of Portland and Lydia Coffin of Freeport
12 July 1834	Joseph Bradford and Sarah Buxton both of Portland
12 July 1834	Enoch Wallace and Rhoda Larrabee both of Portland
12 July 1834	Mr. Ira Black and Sophronia Bates both of Portland
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12 July 1834	Alexander Boer and Margaret Wright both of Portland

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19 July 1834	Samuel H. Colesworthy and Olive Collins both of Portland
26 July 1834	Isaac Johnson and Mary Murray both of Portland
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2 Aug. 1834	James S. Gould and Elizabeth A. Huntress both of Portland
2 Aug. 1834	George W. Dam and Betsey J. Beck both of Portland
2 Aug. 1834	Enoch Brazier and Phebe H. Ilsley both of Portland
2 Aug. 1834	John G. Cloutman and Jane Dodge both of Portland
2 Aug. 1834	John Francis and Joanne Thompson both of Portland
2 Aug. 1834	Frederick Delande and Lydia Carpenter both of Portland
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9 Aug. 1834	Thomas Dearborn and Betsey Mitchell both of Portland
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23 Aug. 1834	Capt. Henry Thurston and Rhoda Kinsman both of Portland
23 Aug. 1834	Edward Blackstone and Mehitable Blackstone both of Portland
23 Aug. 1834	Joseph S. Berry of Augusta and Eliza Ann Steele of Portland
23 Aug. 1834	Stephen Dyer and Clarissa P. Decker both of Portland
23 Aug. 1834	William Goold of Portland and Nabby T. Clark of Westbrook
30 Aug. 1834	Gibeon Bradbury and Tirzah Chase both of Portland

30 Aug. 1834 William Sparrow of Portland and Margaret Sturdivant of Cumberland
 30 Aug. 1834 Robert Craig and Rebecca Johnson both of Portland
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 6 Sept. 1834 George Lord and Lydia Burnham both of Portland
 13 Sept. 1834 Capt. Edwin Churchill of Portland and Miss Mary P. Carter of Augusta
 13 Sept. 1834 Samuel Rand and Nancy M^cDowell both of Portland
 13 Sept. 1834 John Henley and Lucy P. Dimond both of Portland
 13 Sept. 1834 Josiah G. Goold and Martha Mills both of Portland
 20 Sept. 1834 Joseph S. Baker and Rebecca Tukesbuy both of Portland
 27 Sept. 1834 Dea. Sam^l Smith of Kennebunk Port and Mrs. Mary Long of Portland
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 27 Sept. 1834 Mr Cornelius Prince and Paulina Bodwell both of Portland
 27 Sept. 1834 William Huse and Mary Jane M^cKensiey [*sic*] both of Portland
 27 Sept. 1834 George S. Hay and Eunice C. Babb both of Portland
 4 Oct. 1834 William Thomas and Joanna Dunn both of Portland
 4 Oct. 1834 Earl Blossom of Portland and Alice Allen of Turner
 4 Oct. 1834 John Caleb and Lydia Walker both of Portland
 4 Oct. 1834 John O. Bartels and Rebecca C. Adams both of Portland
 4 Oct. 1834 Daniel C. Colesworthy and Mary Jane Bowers both of Portland
 4 Oct. 1834 Leonard Swallow Ju^r and Drusilla Keene both of Portland
 11 Oct. 1834 Joseph W. Pratt and Hannah Cilley both of Portland
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 11 Oct. 1834 Edward Gooding and Elizabeth A. H. Roach both of Portland

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 11 Oct. 1834 Ephraim Andrews and Martha L. Cobb both of Portland
 11 Oct. 1834 Ferdinand J. Ilsley of Portland and Isabel Woodward of Paris
 11 Oct. 1834 Daniel F. Emery and Sarah Ann Woodbury both of Portland
 11 Oct. 1834 William Johnson and Martha Hall both of Portland
 11 Oct. 1834 Henry Sastroff and Frances Willis both of Portland
 11 Oct. 1834 Charles H. Smith of Portland and Sarah W. M^cLellan of Warren
 11 Oct. 1834 William Harper M.D. of Kingston (Missis) and Harriet Minot of Portland
 11 Oct. 1834 Ezra Carter Ju^r of Portland and Judith W. Carter of Concord N.H.
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