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EDITOR'S PAGE

Several of the articles in this issue document Maine families living in the nineteenth century. That period is a difficult one for tracing people who originated in Maine, because many uprooted themselves and headed for parts unknown. While the general migration route was westward, the fact of the matter is that people went everywhere, and genealogists should not be surprised to find their ancestors living in weird and unexpected places.

By 1880 more than twenty-five percent of people who listed their birthplace as Maine to the census taker were living outside the state. The largest concentration of Mainers outside of New England that year—thirty years after the Gold Rush—was found in California. The next largest groups of Maine natives were in the northern Midwest states of Minnesota and Wisconsin, with other sizable populations living in Illinois, New York, Iowa, and Michigan.

When families left Maine, they often moved around from place to place before settling permanently. In this issue, Linda Longley presents her research into the Cornelius Basset Norton family of Franklin County, Maine. Bassett's descendants scattered throughout the Midwest and the West, and settled variously in Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and California. Bassett's daughter Hannah and her husband, Jason Cary Plummer, were particularly peripatetic, and were enumerated in Ohio in 1850, Iowa in 1860, Nebraska in 1870, and Kansas in 1880. Another of Bassett's daughters, Rebeckah, remained in Maine, but three of her daughters ended up, for reasons unknown, in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, a former whaling and shipbuilding community located next to the Rhode Island border.

My own Maine ancestors were part of the migration of settlers from Maine to Michigan in the first half of the nineteenth century. In the next generation, however, my great grandfather moved from Michigan to Memphis, Tennessee, where he established a lumber business. While not particularly remarkable given the mobility of people in those days, there were only seventeen persons in Memphis in the 1880 census who had been born in Michigan. An article in this journal a few years ago treated a man who had fought in a Maine unit in the Civil War. Soon after the war ended, he moved to Mississippi where he married into a family that was staunchly Confederate. Despite the political differences, he apparently lived a long and happy life among his wife's southern relatives. Mississippi and Tennessee, however, are certainly not the first places one would look to find a lost Maine relative, so the genealogist needs to keep an open mind. Fortunately, with all of the new databases and indexes being made available on various subscription websites and on FamilySearch.org, it is a lot easier than it used to be to track ancestors on the move.

With this issue of *The Maine Genealogist*, I welcome a new Contributing Editor. Michael F. Dwyer should be a familiar name to our readers. His many well researched and interesting articles have made my job as editor much easier. In this issue he reviews the new edition of the *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*.

Joseph C. Anderson II, FASG, Editor

EDWARD PEACOCK OF NEW GLOUCESTER AND GARDINER, MAINE, AND HIS DESCENDANTS

By Priscilla Blount

The Gardiner, Maine, vital records contain numerous births, marriages, and deaths for the members of the Peacock family who were descendants of Edward Peacock, a transient first found in New Gloucester, Maine. Marriage intentions were recorded 26 May 1781 for Edward Peacock and Sarah Hammond, both of New Gloucester. It is unknown what transpired between them, but nearly eight months later, on 14 January 1782 in New Gloucester, Edward married Jerusha (Stevens) Lane, the service performed by Isaac Parsons, Justice of the Peace.¹

Jerusha was born on 6 May 1751 in Gloucester, Massachusetts, daughter of Nathaniel and Jerusha (Bennett) Stevens.² She died 20 January 1849 in Richmond, Maine, aged 97 years.³ Jerusha had married first in Gloucester (intentions published 10 December 1769) Josiah Lane,⁴ born there 6 December 1748, son of Josiah and Abigail (Norwood) Lane. Josiah and Jerusha removed to New Gloucester with other members of the extended family, including her parents, several of her siblings, and members of the Lane family. Their only child, Josiah Lane, was born 5 January 1771.⁵ Jerusha was a widow with a young son to raise when she and Edward recorded their intentions of marriage. Josiah was aged 11 when his mother remarried and probably lived in the home of his mother and stepfather.

Evidence has not been found of Edward's parentage, the place of his birth, or the year. He is reported as an inhabitant of New Gloucester as early as 1787,⁶ and on 5 September of that year he was a member of a convention held in Portland, Maine, to consider the separation of Maine from Massachusetts; he voted "Yea."⁷ Edward was not enumerated in the 1790 census as a head of household in Maine.

¹ *Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities, Town of New Gloucester* (Picton Press CD, 2005), images 257 [intention with Sarah Hammond], 397 [marriage to Jerusha Lane] (hereafter cited as Picton's New Gloucester VRs).

² *Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 3 vols. (Topsfield and Salem, Mass., 1917–24), 1:686 (hereafter cited as *Gloucester VRs*).

³ Oliver Barrett Clason, *History of Litchfield, Maine, and an Account of Its Centennial Celebration*, 1895 (Augusta, 1897), 340 (hereafter cited as Clason, *History of Litchfield*).

⁴ *Gloucester VRs*, 2:523.

⁵ William Richard Cutter, *Historic Homes and Places and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of Middlesex County, Massachusetts*, 4 vols. (New York, 1908), 4:1504–5. Josiah Lane m. Abigail Rowe and had 13 children.

⁶ Maine Census 1800–90 [sic], New Gloucester, York Co. [sic], Maine, p. 25 [database at Ancestry.com, which cites Ron V. Jackson, *Maine Census 1800–90*, Accelerated Indexing Systems (1999), the original source not given].

⁷ Maine Historical Society, *Documentary History of the State of Maine*, Series II, 24 vols. (Portland, 1869–1916), 21:376–77, 22:25.

By 1800 Edward had moved to Pittston, where he was enumerated with one male under 10, 1 male 10–15, 1 male 16–25, 1 male 26–44; 2 females 10–15 and 1 female 26–44.⁸ In 1803 Pittston was divided into four separate towns, with the territory west of the Kennebec River forming into a separate town known as Gardiner. Edward was assessed taxes there for that year in the amount of \$6.97.⁹ Solomon Adams surveyed a tract of land in the years 1803–1804 located on the south side of the Cobbossee Stream in Gardiner. In a deed dated 13 November 1804, Edward purchased lots 3 and 19 from Robert Hallowell Gardiner of Boston for \$608.¹⁰ Three years later John Wilson of Lisbon bought lot 19 for \$550 from Edward. The amount of land was fifty acres; he and Jerusha made their marks on the deed.¹¹

The last record found for Edward is his will, dated 24 April 1809:

In the name of God Amen, I, Edward Peacock of Gardiner, in the County of Kennebec, yeoman, being weak in body, infirm in health, but of sound mind and perfect memory, do this the twenty-fourth day of April Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and nine make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner following:

1. I give and bequeath to my wife Jerusha Peacock all the personal estate which I do have, excepting as is herein aforementioned. I also give and bequeath to said Jerusha all my real estate of every description therein situated, for and during the term of her life.

2. After the decease of said Jerusha, my wife, that the said real estate shall be divided among my children, (or their issue if any of them shall die before said Jerusha) in equal portions, excepting that it is my will that my son Benjamin shall have a double or have twice as much as the rest of my said children, provided he continues to live with and take proper care of his mother the said Jerusha during her life, but if he does not continue to live with her, than he is to have no more than my other children; and in that case if any one else of my children shall upon the neglect of said Benjamin, render with, and exercise a proper care of said Jerusha then effects during her life, it is then my wish that, that child whichever it may be, shall have a double portion or twice as much of my real estate as the rest.

3. I give and bequeath to my sons James, Edward, and Benjamin and my daughters Betsy and Amy the sum of one dollar each to be paid them by my executor within one year of my decease.

4. I hereby authorize my Executor to pay all debts which may be due at the time of my decease (and together with so much of my personal estate as may be necessary) to apply to the extinguishment of my debts which I may owe at the time of my decease, provided however, that it is my wish, that a certain part of my personal estate shall not be applied, but shall be exclusively the property of said Jerusha, that is to say, one black and white cow, one calf, and six sheep which are now in my possession and if my said personal estate shall not be sufficient for the paying of my debts (with the forgoing exception) it is then my wish that so much of my real estate may be disposed of by my Executor as shall make up the deficiency with incidental expenses. And I particularly authorize my said Executor to discharge all debt

⁸ Edward Peacock household, 1800 U.S. Census, Pittston, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 268.

⁹ J. W. Hanson, *History of Gardiner, Pittston and West Gardiner, 1602–1852* (Gardiner, 1852), 198 (hereafter Hanson, *History of Gardiner*).

¹⁰ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 7:210.

¹¹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 19:314.

due to R H Gardiner, Esquire, for which my said real estate is under mortgage. And lastly I do constitute and appoint Joshua Knox of Gardiner to be my Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony which I have hereto set my hand and seal the day and year as stated above. Edward Peacock made his mark.¹²

His will was presented for probate on 27 June 1809. The farm on which he had lived consisted of 51¼ acres with buildings valued at \$600 and personal property valued at \$163.¹³ On 29 May 1810 Edward's estate was declared insolvent and insufficient to pay his debts. Joshua Knox, executor, sold at public auction on 15 October 1811 Edward's real estate. James Peacock purchased the farm and dwelling house of his father for \$223 as he was the highest bidder.¹⁴

Searching town records that Edward had lived in for records of the births of his children produced one result, that being the birth of James Peacock, born 14 December 1782 and recorded in Gardiner.¹⁵ As Edward had been living in New Gloucester at that time, James must have been born there. The births of Edward, Benjamin, Betsy, and Amy are not recorded in any vital record. Edward's year of birth is assumed from his death record, "14 April 1863, aged 78,"¹⁶ therefore born in New Gloucester about 1785. Benjamin was probably the youngest child, as the record of his death reports that he died 10 January 1831, aged 36,¹⁷ therefore born about 1795, either in New Gloucester or Pittston. The births of Edward's two daughters remain a mystery, but according to the 1800 census in which there were 2 females aged 10–15, they were therefore born between the years 1785 and 1790, and perhaps in New Gloucester before his removal to Pittston.¹⁸ The years of their births are reconstructed in this article under the assumption that they were married between the ages of 18 and 20.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **EDWARD PEACOCK** married in New Gloucester, Maine, on 14 January 1782, JERUSHA⁵ (STEVENS) LANE (*Nathaniel*⁴, *William*³⁻², *James*¹).¹⁹ She was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, 6 May 1751, daughter of Nathaniel and Jerusha (Bennett) Stevens,²⁰ and widow of Josiah Lane.²¹ Edward died in Gardiner, Maine, between 24 April 1809 (the writing of his will) and 27 June 1809 (when his will was

¹² Lincoln Co. Probate Records, 245:5.

¹³ Lincoln Co. Probate Records, 245:5.

¹⁴ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 61:159–60.

¹⁵ Henry Sewall Webster, ed., *Vital Records of Gardiner, Maine, to the Year 1892* (Gardiner, 1914), 140 (hereafter cited as *Gardiner VRs*).

¹⁶ *Gardiner VRs*, 626.

¹⁷ *Gardiner VRs*, 626.

¹⁸ Edward Peacock household, 1800 U.S. Census, Pittston, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 268.

¹⁹ Picton's New Gloucester VRs, image 397

²⁰ *Gloucester VRs*, 1:686.

²¹ Josiah Lane and Jerusha Stevens m. (int.) Gloucester, 19 Dec. 1769 (*Gloucester VRs*, 2:332).

proved).²² Jerusha outlived her husband by forty years and died 30 January 1849, aged 97, probably at the home of her son Edward in Richmond, Maine.²³ It is unknown at this time where Edward and Jerusha are buried.

Children of Edward and Jerusha (Stevens) (Lane) Peacock, order uncertain:

- 2 i JAMES PEACOCK, b. 14 Dec. 1782, d. 31 Aug 1865; m. (1) SARAH TIBBETTS, (2) ABIGAIL (RICE) PARKER.
- 3 ii ELIZABETH PEACOCK, b. say 1783–85; m. ANDREW DOUGLASS.
- 4 iii EDWARD PEACOCK Jr., b. ca. 1785, d. 14 April 1863; m. HANNAH BOOKER.
- 5 iv DIAMEY PEACOCK, b. prob. ca. 1787, d. Aug. 1821; m. JEREMIAH JORDAN 3rd.
- 6 v BENJAMIN PEACOCK, b. ca. 1795, d. 10 Jan. 1831; m. MARY STEVENS.

2 **JAMES PEACOCK** (*Edward*) was born 14 December 1782,²⁴ probably in New Gloucester, and died in Gardiner, 31 August 1865, aged 83 years.²⁵ He married first, in Gardiner, 20 April 1807, SARAH TIBBETTS, born Litchfield, Maine, 2 June 1785, daughter of Edward and Sarah (Douglass) Tibbetts,²⁶ and died in Gardiner, 3 December 1846, aged 61 years, 6 months. They are buried in Ripp Cemetery, West Gardiner.²⁷ A year and a half after the death of Sarah, James, now aged 66, married second in Gardiner, 11 September 1848, ABIGAIL (RICE) PARKER, sixteen years his junior and widow of James M. Parker.²⁸ She was born in Scarborough, Maine, about 1799.²⁹ Abigail reportedly died in Gardiner in November 1873, though this date is questionable.³⁰ On 2 November 1805 James bought lot number 18F from Robert Hallowell Gardiner for \$406. The land was north of lot 18 on the south side of the Cobbossee stream in Gardiner, fronting on the Brunswick road.³¹ James served briefly at Wiscasset in the Massachusetts militia during the War of 1812, his company being raised at Gardiner. He was a private in Captain J. Davis's company, in Lieut. Col. J. Stone's regiment for ten days from 11 to 21 September

²² Lincoln Co. Probate Records, 245:5.

²³ Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 340.

²⁴ *Gardiner VRs*, 140.

²⁵ *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Kennebec County*, Maine Old Cemetery Association Special Publication No 2, CD [Picton Press, 1999], 3233 (hereafter cited as *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*).

²⁶ Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 353.

²⁷ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 3233.

²⁸ *Gardiner VRs*, 420; the death record of James and Abigail Parker's son Adoniram J. Parker indicates he was b. Phillips, Maine, [calc.] 11 April 1826, son of James M. Rice, b. Malden, Mass., and Abigail Parker, b. Scarboro ("Maine Death Records, 1617–1922," database at Ancestry.com).

²⁹ James Peacock household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 330, #912/1134: James Peacock, aged 67, laborer, Abigail Peacock, aged 51, Abby R. Parker, aged 25, Adoniram J. Parker, aged 24, Elizabeth T. Parker, aged 22, James C. Parker, aged 13.

³⁰ *Gardiner VRs*, 626. Abigail is not found in either the 1860 or 1870 censuses. In 1860 James Peacock, aged 78, was living within the family of his son-in-law, David M. Stevens, but without Abigail (David M. Stevens household, 1860 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, pp. 67–68, #494/527).

³¹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 8:474–75.

1814.³² On 13 May 1813 he bought lot 3A on the plan of the Cobbossee tract for \$402, again from Robert Hallowell Gardiner.³³ At the time of the 1850 census, he and Abigail, aged 67 and 51, respectively, were enumerated in Gardiner where he was described as a laborer; several of Abigail's children from her first marriage resided with them.³⁴

Children of James and Sarah (Tibbetts) Peacock, all b. Gardiner:³⁵

- i LUCY PEACOCK, b. 27 Sept. 1807, d. Gardiner, 5 March 1809, aged 1 year.³⁶
- ii EDWARD PEACOCK, b. 5 March 1809, d. Gardiner, 25 Dec. 1870, aged 61 years;³⁷
 - m. (1) Gardiner, 15 Aug. 1830, OLIVE SMITH,³⁸ b. Wiscasset, 7 Oct. 1810, daughter of Jesse W. and Mary (Sewall) Smith,³⁹ d. Gardiner, 20 Oct. 1851, aged 41 years,⁴⁰ m. (2) Gardiner, 25 April 1852, LUCINDA (LITTLEFIELD) BRANN,⁴¹ b. ca. 1812, d. Gardiner, 25 May 1884, aged 72 years.⁴² Lucinda was the widow of William Brann, with whom she had at least 6 children.⁴³ 11 children by 1st wife, 3 by 2nd wife.⁴⁴
- iii JAMES PEACOCK, b. 22 July 1811, d. Lynn, Mass., 25 Sept. 1892, aged 81 years;⁴⁵
 - m. (1) (int.) Gardiner, 8 Feb. 1834, LOVE HILDRETH,⁴⁶ b. Bingham, Maine, June 1816, daughter of David and Mary (Hammond) Hildreth,⁴⁷ d. Gardiner, 21 Feb. 1846, aged 29 years, 8 months;⁴⁸ m. (2) Gardiner, 8 Oct. 1849, ELIZA ANN ERSKINE,⁴⁹ b. Alna, Maine, ca. 1815, d. Boston, Mass., 27 April 1854, aged 39 years,⁵⁰ prob. sister

³² *Records of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia Called Out . . . During the War of 1812–14* (Boston, Mass., 1913), 272. (hereafter cited as *Mass. Volunteer Militia 1812–14*).

³³ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 22:435.

³⁴ James Peacock household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 330, #942/1134.

³⁵ Births in *Gardiner VRs*, 140–42.

³⁶ *Gardiner VRs*, 626.

³⁷ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 3208.

³⁸ *Gardiner VRs*, 420.

³⁹ *Gardiner VRs*, 162; her parents m (int.) 31 Dec. 1809 (Wiscasset VRs 1768–1815, p. 385).

⁴⁰ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 3208.

⁴¹ “Maine Marriage Records, 1705–1922,” database at Ancestry.com; *Gardiner VRs*, 367.

⁴² *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 3208: “Lucinda, wife of Edward Peacock and wife of Wm. Brann.”

⁴³ Death record of son William F. Brann provides his father's name (“Maine Death Records, 1617–1922,” database at Ancestry.com); Lucinda Bran household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 309, #670/825.

⁴⁴ *Gardiner VRs*, 140–42, records the births of Edward and Olive's children; Edward and Lucinda's children recorded in Henry Sewall Webster, ed., *Vital Records of West Gardiner, Maine, to the Year 1892* (Gardiner, 1913), 26 (hereafter cited as *West Gardiner VRs*).

⁴⁵ “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910” (from original records held by the Mass. Archives), database at <www.AmericanAncestors.org>, 427:433 (hereafter cited as Mass. VRs, 1841–1910).

⁴⁶ *Gardiner VRs*, 420.

⁴⁷ “Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900,” database at Ancestry.com; her mother's maiden name from William Collins Hatch, *A History of the Town of Industry, Franklin County, Maine* (Farmington, Maine, 1893), 649.

⁴⁸ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 3233.

⁴⁹ *Gardiner VRs*, 420.

⁵⁰ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 86:34, her parents' names not given.

- of James's 3rd wife; m. (3) West Gardiner, 15 July 1855, MARY ERSKINE,⁵¹ b. Alna, Maine, ca. Feb. 1825, daughter of Jeremiah and Rhoda (Tyler) Erskine, d. Lynn, Mass., 22 March 1908, aged 83 years, 1 month.⁵² 2 known children with 1st wife.⁵³
- iv BENJAMIN PEACOCK, b. 5 Oct. 1813, d. Gardiner, 17 Dec. 1879, aged 66 years;⁵⁴ m. (int.) Gardiner, 26 Nov. 1843, MARY ANN JOHNSON,⁵⁵ b. Gardiner, [calc.] 19 Aug. 1825, daughter of James and Mary (Tibbetts) Johnson, d. Gardiner, 26 July 1910, aged 84 years, 11 months, 7 days.⁵⁶ 5 children.⁵⁷
- v SOLOMON PEACOCK, b. 10 Oct. 1815. No further information found.
- vi WILLIAM PEACOCK, b. 13 Jan. 1818, reportedly d. Gardiner 1899, aged 80 years;⁵⁸ m. Gardiner, 10 Aug. 1842, DIANTHA E. FISHER, b. Mass., ca. 1820, d. Gardiner, 25 May 1883, aged 63 years.⁵⁹ 7 children.⁶⁰
- vii JOSIAH PEACOCK, b. 16 March 1820, d. Gardiner, 3 July 1822, aged 2 years.⁶¹
- viii LUCY JANE PEACOCK, b. 14 Aug 1823, d. Gardiner, 5 Dec. 1891, aged 68 years; m. Gardiner, 26 April 1846, her 1st cousin, DAVID M. STEVENS,⁶² b. Litchfield, 24 Feb. 1823, son of Amos and Sally (Wharff) Stevens, d. Gardiner, 1 Sept. 1877, aged 54 years.⁶³ 7 children.⁶⁴
- ix JOSIAH L. PEACOCK, b. 21 June 1826, d. Gardiner, 11 April 1904, aged 77 years;⁶⁵ m. (1) West Gardiner, 30 Nov. 1851, SOPHRONIA A. RICHARDSON,⁶⁶ b. [calc.] 30 Nov. 1832, d. Gardiner, 20 Aug. 1852, aged 19 years, 8 months, 21 days;⁶⁷ m. (2) Gardiner, 3 July 1853, MARY W. THOMPSON,⁶⁸ b. Bowdoinham, Maine, 5 Aug. 1835, daughter of Moses D. and Mary (—) Thompson,⁶⁹ d. Gardiner, 11 June 1919, aged 82 years.⁷⁰ 1 child with Sophronia, 6 children with Mary.⁷¹

⁵¹ *West Gardiner VRs*, 63.

⁵² Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 1908/60:445.

⁵³ James Peacock household, 1850 U.S. Census, Saugus, Essex Co., Mass., p. 197, #28/38.

⁵⁴ *Gardiner VRs*, 626.

⁵⁵ *Gardiner VRs*, 140, 419, 626.

⁵⁶ "Maine Death Records, 1617–1922," database at Ancestry.com.

⁵⁷ *Gardiner VRs*, 140–42.

⁵⁸ Submission of information received from Shirley Bailey, West Gardiner, Maine. His death is not recorded in the Maine or Mass. statewide vital records series.

⁵⁹ *Gardiner VRs*, 421, 626; in all census records her birthplace is given as Mass.

⁶⁰ *Gardiner VRs*, 140–41.

⁶¹ *Gardiner VRs*, 626.

⁶² *Gardiner VRs*, 141, 420, 651.

⁶³ Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 343–44. Amos Stevens was the son of Nathaniel and Jerusha (Bennett) Stevens.

⁶⁴ *Gardiner VRs*, 166.

⁶⁵ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 3233.

⁶⁶ "Maine Marriage Records, 1705–1922," database at Ancestry.com.

⁶⁷ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 3233; *Gardiner VRs*, 627.

⁶⁸ *Gardiner VRs*, 420.

⁶⁹ *Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities: Town of Bowdoinham*, Picton Press CD (Rockport, Maine, 2005), CD-2, image 70; in 1850 Mary E. [sic] Thompson, aged 14, was living in her father's household in Gardiner (Moses Thompson household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 287, #352/462; her birth date given as 5 Aug. 1836 on her gravestone).

⁷⁰ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 3233.

⁷¹ *Gardiner VRs*, 140–42, 627.

- x PARKER PEACOCK, b. 14 March 1831, d. Gardiner, 27 March 1887, aged 56 years;⁷² m. Gardiner, 12 Sept. 1857, ELIZABETH EMERSON,⁷³ b. [calc] April 1834, d. Gardiner, 4 Jan. 1865, aged 30 years, 9 months.⁷⁴ At least 2 children.⁷⁵

3 **ELIZABETH PEACOCK** (*Edward*), called Betsy in her father's will, may have been born between the years 1783 and 1785 if she was married between the ages of 18 and 20. Her marriage intentions were recorded in Gardiner, 7 May 1803, with ANDREW DOUGLASS,⁷⁶ reportedly son of Andrew and Jane (Alexander) Douglass of Topsham.⁷⁷ An intensive search for the birth and death records of both Elizabeth and Andrew have not proved fruitful.

Andrew and Elizabeth's family grew quickly after their marriage in 1803, as Andrew was enumerated in the 1810 census of Gardiner with two males under 10, one male 26–44 (Andrew), 2 females under 10, and one female 16–25 (Elizabeth).⁷⁸ He is enumerated in only one federal census and only two of their children have been found: Emily, born 1810, and Andrew, born 1814. There is no evidence that he owned land and he is not found on any tax records. Researching this couple has proved a challenge, but has been successful in locating descendants through the two children that have been identified.

Known Children of Andrew and Elizabeth (Peacock) Douglass:

- i EMILY DOUGLASS, b. 8 April 1810,⁷⁹ d. Portland, 30 April 1893 of "senility," aged 83 years, 22 days,⁸⁰ m. Portland, 4 Dec. 1836, GEORGE CLARK BRACKETT,⁸¹ b. Portland, 19 Aug. 1813, son of James and Rachael (Waterhouse) Brackett, d. Portland, 15 Jan. 1891, of "catarrh of the stomach," aged 77 years, 5 months; both buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Portland.⁸² Emily's death record reports that she was born in Jefferson, Maine, which is probably an error, as the family was enumerated living in Gardiner in the 1810 census taken in August. The death record also claims that her parents were born in Jefferson. They may have moved there later in their married life. The death records of Emily's children, Andrew and Elizabeth, record Emily's place of birth as Gardiner. 5 children.

⁷² *Gardiner VRs*, 627.

⁷³ *Gardiner VRs*, 421.

⁷⁴ *Gardiner VRs*, 626, she called "Lizzie."

⁷⁵ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 3233.

⁷⁶ *Gardiner VRs*, 420.

⁷⁷ <<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~kelleyconnections/p000004z.htm#I1230>>.

⁷⁸ "Andw" Douglass household, 1810 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 672.

⁷⁹ Herbert I. Brackett, *Brackett Genealogy: Descendants of Anthony Brackett of Portsmouth and Captain Richard Brackett of Braintree* (Washington, D.C. 1907), 243 (hereafter cited as *Brackett Genealogy*).

⁸⁰ "Maine Death Records, 1617–1922," database at Ancestry.com, her parents names listed.

⁸¹ "Maine Marriage Records, 1705–1922," database at Ancestry.com.

⁸² "Maine Death Records, 1617–1922," database at Ancestry.com; *Brackett Genealogy*, 243.

The author recorded that Andrew Douglas and his wife Elizabeth Peacock were of Jefferson, Maine. They may have moved there after living in Gardiner.

- ii ANDREW DOUGLASS, b. ca. 1814, d. Boston, 16 Feb. 1856 from “paralysis,” aged 42 years, occupation engineer,⁸³ m. Portland, 24 Dec. 1839, ELIZABETH FRANCES WATERHOUSE BRACKETT,⁸⁴ b. Portland, 15 June 1821, daughter of James and Rachael A. (Waterhouse) Brackett and sister of George C. Brackett above,⁸⁵ d. Boston, 28 April 1899, aged 77 years, occupation: nurse.⁸⁶ 3 children.

4 **EDWARD PEACOCK Jr.** (*Edward*) was born about 1785, apparently in New Gloucester, and died, probably in Richmond, Maine, 14 April 1863, aged 78 years. He married (intentions Gardiner, 7 Dec. 1805) HANNAH BOOKER,⁸⁷ born possibly in Gardiner, about 1786, daughter of Young and Annie (Niles) Booker.⁸⁸ Hannah died 21 August 1873, aged 87 years, probably while living in Richmond with her granddaughter Pauline and Pauline’s husband Sumner Cunningham.⁸⁹ Edward and Hannah are buried in the Libby Cemetery, Gardiner.⁹⁰

On 8 March 1823 William Dodd of Boston sold Edward one undivided half part of the north half of the five mile lot number 11, “and is part of number 20 and 21, containing 101 acres and forty rods” for \$228.⁹¹ Jordan Libby of Gardiner bought 25 acres of Edward’s land on 8 March 1825 for \$51. Edward conveyed the remaining acres to his nephew James Peacock, son of Benjamin, on 27 June 1836, carrying a mortgage of \$800. The land was described as touching property owned by the heirs of Benjamin Peacock.⁹²

Edward and Hannah resided in Gardiner for a number of years, where all their children were born, but by 1840 they had removed to Richmond. His household in 1840 included one female aged 70–79, who may have been his mother, Jerusha.⁹³ Edward Sr. had stated in his will his desire that Jerusha live with their son Benjamin after his death, but Benjamin predeceased her.

Edward served in the same militia regiment, from 11 to 25 September 1814, with his brothers James and Benjamin.⁹⁴ He became active in town politics serving

⁸³ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 104:12, his parents’ names listed on the record.

⁸⁴ Portland VRs, 3a:22.

⁸⁵ *Brackett Genealogy*, 243–44.

⁸⁶ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 495:198.

⁸⁷ *Gardiner VRs*, 420, 626.

⁸⁸ Priscilla Blount, “Young Booker of Bowdoin and Gardiner, Maine,” *The Maine Genealogist* 30(2008):69–77, at 75; *Gardiner Daily Reporter Journal*, 13 May 1910, which claims that Hannah was b. 1783 and d. 26 Aug. 1870; *Gardiner VRs*, 626, records Hannah’s death as 21 Aug. 1873.

⁸⁹ Sumner Cunningham household, 1870 U.S. Census, Richmond, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 44, #377/395. His household then included “Hannah Peacock, aged 84, keeping home, retired.” Pauline was the daughter of Jerome and Anna (Peacock) Ridley.

⁹⁰ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1425.

⁹¹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 43:436.

⁹² Kennebec Co. Deeds, 52:191–92, 100:3–4.

⁹³ Edward Peacock household, 1840 U.S. Census, Richmond, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 198.

⁹⁴ *Mass. Volunteer Militia 1812–14*, 272.

as a selectman while living in Gardiner.⁹⁵ He was the third proprietor of the “Peacock Tavern” in Richmond located almost opposite where the Colby house stood on Pleasant Pond and it is still known by that name. It is now on the Maine Historic Register. Edward Peacock was known locally as “Uncle Ned.”⁹⁶

Children of Edward and Hannah (Booker) Peacock, all b. Gardiner.⁹⁷

- i LAVINIA PEACOCK, b. 3 June 1806, d. Gardiner, 14 Aug. 1878, aged 72 years, 2 months; m. Gardiner, Jan. 1833, SAMUEL WEEKS,⁹⁸ b. [calc.] 26 Aug. 1811, d. Gardiner, 16 May 1863, aged 50 years, 8 months, 20 days.⁹⁹ 8 known children.¹⁰⁰
- ii JULIANA PEACOCK, b. 6 April 1808, d. Gardiner, 11 May 1837, aged 29 years.¹⁰¹
- iii BENJAMIN PEACOCK, b. 25 Aug. 1809, d. Gardiner, 12 Oct. 1866, aged 57 years;¹⁰² m. (int.) Gardiner, 21 Oct. 1837, MARGARET MERRILL,¹⁰³ b. [calc.] Aug. 1819, d. Gardiner, 1 April 1841, aged 21 years, 8 months.¹⁰⁴ In 1850 and 1860 Benjamin was living in his parents’ household.¹⁰⁵ Apparently no children.
- iv GEORGE PEACOCK, b. 16 May 1811, d. Gardiner, 15 Oct. 1892, aged 81 years, 4 months, 19 days.¹⁰⁶ m. (1) Bowdoin, 17 Nov. 1836, MERCY WARD,¹⁰⁷ b. Bowdoin, 10 May 1814, daughter of John and Sarah (Adams) Ward,¹⁰⁸ d. Gardiner, 1 March 1865, aged 51 years, 9 months, 21 days;¹⁰⁹ m. (2) Richmond, 4 Nov. 1866, Mrs. MARGARET A. (—) WARD,¹¹⁰ b. England, ca. 1820, d. Gardiner, 20 June 1900, aged 80 years.¹¹¹ 4 children with Mercy.¹¹²
- v NICHOLAS PEACOCK, b. 9 March 1813, d. Gardiner, 23 March 1847, aged 34 years;¹¹³ m. Gardiner, 18 Aug. 1836, GRACE WARD,¹¹⁴ b. Bowdoin, 5 July 1816,

⁹⁵ Hanson, *History of Gardiner*, 226.

⁹⁶ Polly Roberts, *History of Peacock’s Tavern* (Richmond, 1973).

⁹⁷ Births in *Gardiner VRs*, 140–42.

⁹⁸ *Gardiner VRs*, 420.

⁹⁹ *Gardiner VRs*, 666.

¹⁰⁰ Samuel Weeks household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 319B, #802/970.

¹⁰¹ *Gardiner VRs*, 626.

¹⁰² *Gardiner VRs*, 626.

¹⁰³ *Gardiner VRs*, 419.

¹⁰⁴ *Gardiner VRs*, 626.

¹⁰⁵ Edward Peacock households, 1850 and 1860 U.S. Censuses, Richmond, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 280, #234/234 (1850); Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 553, #478/462 (1860).

¹⁰⁶ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1425.

¹⁰⁷ Rachel Townsend Cox, ed., *Vital Records of Bowdoin, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 3 vols. (Portland, 1944–45), 3:188 [she called Mercy] (hereafter cited as *Bowdoin VRs*).

¹⁰⁸ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:222, she called Mary.

¹⁰⁹ *Gardiner VRs*, 627; *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1425.

¹¹⁰ *Gardiner VRs*, 420.

¹¹¹ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1425; her death record gives her place of birth, but does not name her parents (“Maine Death Records, 1617–1922,” database at Ancestry.com).

¹¹² *Gardiner VRs*, 140–41.

¹¹³ *Gardiner VRs*, 627.

¹¹⁴ *Gardiner VRs*, 421.

- daughter of John and Sarah (Adams) Ward and sister of Mercy Ward above,¹¹⁵ d. Litchfield, 22 Sept. 1898, aged 82 years.¹¹⁶ 3 children.¹¹⁷
- vi ANNA PEACOCK, b. 25 Jan. 1816, d. Gardiner, 1845, aged 28 years;¹¹⁸ m. probably Gardiner, before 1837, JEROME RIDLEY, b. Wayne, Maine, 29 Dec. 1816, son of Daniel and Paulina (Williams) Ridley,¹¹⁹ d. Gardiner, 6 Aug. 1875, aged 58 years.¹²⁰ 4 children.¹²¹
- vii LYDIA PEACOCK, b. 16 Feb. 1818, d. 12 March 1841, aged 23 years;¹²² m. Gardiner, 6 Nov. 1836, her 1st cousin, JAMES PEACOCK,¹²³ b. Gardiner, 26 Feb. 1815, son of Benjamin and Mary (Stevens) Peacock [see below].¹²⁴
- viii CHARITY PEACOCK, b. 13 Feb. 1821.¹²⁵ No further information found.

5 **DIAMEY PEACOCK** (*Edward*), called Amy in her father's will, was probably born in New Gloucester about 1787, if she was 20 years of age at her marriage. She died in August 1821 due to a blood vessel which burst in her head.¹²⁶ She is called *Ann*, *Anna*, *Dianna*, *Diamy*, and *Diamey* in many records that were found.

Her marriage intentions were published on 19 July 1807 to JEREMIAH JORDAN 3rd, who was born in Falmouth, Maine, in July 1785, son of Jeremiah and Hannah (Marr) Jordan.¹²⁷ Diamey's death left Jeremiah, at the age of 36, with ten children ranging in age from an infant to 12 years. Four months after his wife's death, on 3 December 1821, he filed intentions to marry secondly Mary (Dill) Haley, widow of Samuel Haley, who at age 24 became the stepmother of the ten children.¹²⁸ Jeremiah died in Gardiner, 13 December 1857, aged 72 years, and Mary died there 12 December 1870, aged 73 years.¹²⁹

¹¹⁵ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:222.

¹¹⁶ "Maine Death Records, 1617–1922," database at Ancestry.com: "cause of death, old age."

¹¹⁷ Grace Peacock household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 319, #799/967: Aaron Peacock, aged 11, Henry Peacock, aged 9. *Gardiner VRs*, 627: "Nicholas Peacock, son of Nicholas and Grace, died 27 April 1748, aged 19 months."

¹¹⁸ *Gardiner VRs*, 637.

¹¹⁹ G[ideon] T. Ridlon, *History of the Ancient Ryedales, and Their Descendants in Normandy, Great Britain, Ireland, and America, from 860 to 1884 . . .* (Manchester, New Hampshire, 1884), 662 (hereafter cited as Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*).

¹²⁰ *Gardiner VRs*, 637.

¹²¹ Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*, 662.

¹²² *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1425.

¹²³ *Gardiner VRs*, 421.

¹²⁴ *Gardiner VRs*, 141.

¹²⁵ *Gardiner VRs*, 140.

¹²⁶ Adelbert Jean Annonson, comp., and Roland Gene Jordan, ed., *The Family Jordan*, 3 vols. (n.p., 2001), 1:293 (hereafter cited as *The Family Jordan*).

¹²⁷ *Gardiner VRs*, 420; Janus G. Elder, *A History of Lewiston, Maine, with a Genealogical Register of Early Families* (Bowie, Md., 1989), 234, which reports the date of the marriage intentions as 2 Aug. 1807; *The Family Jordan*, 1:293.

¹²⁸ *Gardiner VRs*, 347; *The Family Jordan*, 1:293.

¹²⁹ *Gardiner VRs*, 595.

On 13 July 1807, Joseph and Sally Plummer sold land and buildings on the south side of the Cobbossee stream, described as the southwesterly part of lot 21, to Jeremiah Jordan and his brother Andrew, both of Lewiston, for \$700. James Peacock and Edward Peacock Jr. were witnesses for Joseph Plummer; James Peacock and Nathan Bridge were witnesses for Sally Plummer.¹³⁰ The same day the two brothers bought the northeasterly part of lot 5 from Robert H. Gardiner of Boston for \$625, with Robert Gardiner holding the mortgages for both pieces of property.¹³¹

Jeremiah sold the land he had lived on to Arthur Plummer for \$50.50 on 14 December 1820. It was described as being located west of land “now in possession of Benjamin Jordan and southerly of land now in possession of John Niles.” The amount of land was not recorded.¹³²

Jeremiah and his brothers Abraham and Benjamin Jordan also were privates in the Massachusetts militia from 11 to 25 September 1814, serving in the same unit as his brothers-in-law, James, Edward, and Benjamin Peacock.¹³³

Children of Jeremiah and Diamey (Peacock) Jordan, all b. Gardiner, order uncertain:¹³⁴

- i ANNIE JORDAN. No further information found.
- ii HANNAH M. JORDAN, b. ca. 1809, d. Topsham, 20 Oct. 1877, aged 68 years; m. Durham, Maine, 1 June 1826, ALEXANDER McINTOSH,¹³⁵ b. ca. 1798, d. Portland, 13 April 1883, aged 85 years.¹³⁶ 7 children.
- iii JEREMIAH JORDAN 4th. No further information found.
- iv MARY ANN LUFF JORDAN, b. ca. 1810, d. Gardiner, 1 Dec. 1881, aged 71 years; m. Gardiner, 5 May 1833, IVORY LORD, b. 1809, d. Gardiner, 22 Dec. 1840, aged 31 years.¹³⁷
- v BENJAMIN JORDAN, b. 11 Feb. 1813, d. Lewiston, 22 March 1890, aged 77 years; m. 21 May 1836, SARAH LINCOLN, b. Lewiston, 9 June 1810, daughter of Lovell and Betsy (Hodgkin) Lincoln, d. Lewiston, April 1863, aged 52 years. 6 children.¹³⁸
- vi JERUSA JANE JORDAN, b. ca. 1814, d. Gardiner, 6 Jan. 1892, aged 79 years,¹³⁹ m. (int.) Gardiner, 28 Sept. 1833, ELBRIDGE WEBBER,¹⁴⁰ b. 1811, living Gardiner in 1880.¹⁴¹ 11 children.¹⁴²

¹³⁰ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 15:348.

¹³¹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 15:348.

¹³² Kennebec Co. Deeds, 38:340.

¹³³ *Mass. Volunteer Militia 1812–14*, 272.

¹³⁴ *The Family Jordan*, 1:293. The children’s order as given in *The Jordan Family* has been changed for this article due to new information found since the book was published.

¹³⁵ *The Family Jordan*, 1:622.

¹³⁶ “Maine Death Records, 1617–1922,” database at Ancestry.com.

¹³⁷ *Gardiner VRs*, 369, 605.

¹³⁸ All information from *The Family Jordan*, 1:293, 622.

¹³⁹ “Maine Death Records, 1617–1922,” database at Ancestry.com.

¹⁴⁰ *Gardiner VRs*, 505.

¹⁴¹ Elbridge Webber household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co. Maine, E.D. 93, p. 29, #280/322. Elbridge Webber was an inventor and had many of his inventions patented, including, among others, machinery for turning treenails, machinery for turning lasts, an improvement in

- vii LUCY JORDAN, b. 17 Nov. 1816, d. Portsmouth, N.H., 24 July 1898, aged 82 years;¹⁴³ m. Gardiner, 28 Aug. 1836,¹⁴⁴ her 3rd cousin, WILLIAM LUNT, b. Litchfield, 5 April 1811, son of Joseph and Lydia (Wharff) Lunt,¹⁴⁵ d. Bradford, Mass., 6 Aug. 1895, aged 84 years.¹⁴⁶ 7 children.¹⁴⁷
- viii BETSEY JORDAN, b. 2 June 1818, d. Lee, Maine, 24 April 1908, aged 84 years;¹⁴⁸ m. Litchfield, 4 June 1837, ELISHA THURLOW, b. [calc.] Feb. 1807, d. Lee, 3 Sept. 1889, aged 82 years, 7 months.¹⁴⁹ 9 children.¹⁵⁰
- ix ALEXANDER JORDAN, reportedly m. MARIA WEBB and had 1 child.¹⁵¹ No further information found.
- x SARAH R. JORDAN, b. ca. 1821, d. Gardiner, 20 Sept. 1886, aged 64 years; m. Gardiner, 8 May, 1842, JOSEPH TOBEY, b. ca. 1825, d. Gardiner, 15 April 1875, aged 50 years.¹⁵² Census records suggest three children.

6 **BENJAMIN PEACOCK** (*Edward*) was born ca. 1795 in New Gloucester or Pittston, and died in Gardiner, 10 January 1831, aged 36 years. His marriage intentions were published in Gardiner, 4 December 1814, to MARY STEVENS, called Polly in the vital records.¹⁵³ Mary was Benjamin's first cousin, born in Litchfield, 28 December 1796, daughter of John and Sally (Huntington) Stevens.¹⁵⁴ She died 27 May 1871, aged 77 years. They are buried in Libby Hilly Cemetery, Gardiner,

ship's blocks, a churn to transform cream into butter, a rotary-planing knife, a shingle machine, and an improvement in mowing machines ("U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Patents, 1790–1909," database at Ancestry.com).

¹⁴² *Gardiner VRs*, 179, 665; Elbridge Webber household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 271A, #142/179. Elbridge and Jerusha's fourth child, Elbridge Wesley Webber (1839–1914), was primarily known as Wesley Elbridge Webber, an artist whose paintings are in the collections of the Boston Athenaeum of Art, the New York Public Library, the Brooklyn Museum, and the Portland Museum of Art (http://whitemountainart.com/Biographies/bio_ww.htm).

¹⁴³ "New Hampshire Death and Burial Death Index, 1654–1949," database at Ancestry.com.

¹⁴⁴ *Gardiner VRs*, 346.

¹⁴⁵ Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 210.

¹⁴⁶ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 454:391.

¹⁴⁷ *Gardiner VRs*, 116–17.

¹⁴⁸ *The Family Jordan*, 1:293; <www.findagrave.com>, memorial #55387088.

¹⁴⁹ <www.findagrave.com>, memorial #55385124.

¹⁵⁰ Elisha Thurlow household, 1860 U.S. Census, Lee, Penobscot Co. Maine, p. 62, #406/421; Elisha Thurlow household, 1880 U.S. Census, Winn, Penobscot Co, Maine, E.D. 417, p. 14, #107/138; Clara A. Avery, *A Record of the Descendants of William and Abigail Averell of Ipswich, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Cleveland Ohio, 1914), 2:614. The 1860 census records the names of 7 children; the 1880 census mentions an additional child. Avery records "Nathan Averill married 14 March 14, 1857, Mary E. Thurlow, daughter of Elisha Thurlow and Eliz Jordan his wife of Brunswick, born May 25, 1838 at Brunswick."

¹⁵¹ Joseph Tobey household, 1850–1870 U.S. Censuses, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 328, #907/1095 [1850], p. 98, #718/752 [1860], p. 289, #656/778 [1870].

¹⁵² *The Family Jordan*, 1: 293; *Gardiner VRs*, 293, 658.

¹⁵³ *Gardiner VRs*, 419, 626.

¹⁵⁴ Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 343.

where the majority of their children and extended families are buried.¹⁵⁵ Benjamin was left the lion's share of his father's estate provided he took care of his mother. Unfortunately his father's estate was declared insolvent and Benjamin predeceased his mother by eighteen years.

On 24 October 1818 Robert H. Gardiner sold Benjamin and William Bartlett the 45-acre lot number 8 on the south side of the Cobbosseecontee River for \$539, with Robert Gardiner holding the mortgage.¹⁵⁶ The debt was discharged 26 November 1828.¹⁵⁷

Benjamin and Mary's first child was born soon after their marriage, and they had seven additional children within the next thirteen years. The birth of their last child occurred eleven months before Benjamin's death. His oldest child, James, eventually was made guardian of his siblings. In a deed dated 29 November 1842, Daniel Webster of Gardiner purchased an undivided half part of lot 8 on the South side of the Cobbosseecontee River for \$150 from James Peacock 2nd, who stated he was "guardian of the persons and estate of Sarah, Benjamin, Mary A., Joseph, Simon, and Jane Peacock, minors under the age of twenty-one years," by virtue of the power given to him by the Kennebec County Probate Court.¹⁵⁸

The estate was settled on 8 May 1855 among all the heirs of Benjamin Peacock. Sarah Booker and her husband James Booker Jr. of Gardiner received \$100 paid by James Peacock 2nd for their quitclaim to the title and interest to "any and all real and personal estate of Benjamin Peacock, father of Sarah Booker; reserving however from the operation of this conveyance our right to the reversion of the widows dower in said real estate. The personal estate to be conveyed included the stock and the farming tools and utensils remaining on the farm of Benjamin Peacock at the time of his decease."¹⁵⁹ Simeon Hopkins and his wife Mary A. Hopkins of Gardiner, daughter of Benjamin Peacock, conveyed their interest in the real estate and personal property for \$90 stipulating the same reversion of the widow's dower, and William W. Cannon of Farmingdale and his wife Jane W. Cannon, daughter of Benjamin, released their interest for \$70, with the same stipulation. Benjamin Peacock of Richmond and Joseph and Simon Peacock both of Gardiner conveyed their interest in the real estate and personal property of their father for \$270, also reserving their right to the widow's dower in the real estate.¹⁶⁰ Benjamin's widow, Mary, resided with her son Simon and family after the death of her husband.¹⁶¹

¹⁵⁵ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1424.

¹⁵⁶ *Kennebec Co. Deeds*, 33:292-93.

¹⁵⁷ *Kennebec Co. Deeds*, 32:26.

¹⁵⁸ *Kennebec Co. Deeds*, 131:416.

¹⁵⁹ *Kennebec Co. Deeds*, 201:419-20.

¹⁶⁰ *Kennebec Co. Deeds*, 201:418-19.

¹⁶¹ Simon Peacock household, 1860 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co. Maine, p. 65, #478/300.

Children of Benjamin and Mary (Stevens) Peacock, all b. Gardiner.¹⁶²

- i JAMES PEACOCK, b. 26 Feb. 1815, d. Gardiner, 25 March 1896, aged 81 years;¹⁶³ m. (1) Gardiner, 6 Nov. 1836, his 1st cousin LYDIA PEACOCK, b. 16 Feb. 1818, daughter of Edward and Hannah (Booker) Peacock above, d. Gardiner, 12 April 1841, aged 23 years, 2 children;¹⁶⁴ m. (2) Gardiner, 17 May 1862, DRUSILLA LIBBY, b. Scarboro, 17 Nov. 1827, daughter of Phineas and Lucinda (Harmon) Libby,¹⁶⁵ d. Gardiner, 11 Sept. 1865, 1 child;¹⁶⁶ m. (3) Richmond, 11 Nov. 1865, EMILY GOWELL, b. Gardiner, 25 Jan. 1832, daughter of Parker and Susan (Lunt) Gowell, d. Gardiner, 13 Jan. 1892, aged 59 years, 1 child.¹⁶⁷
- ii SARAH PEACOCK, b. 15 July 1817, d. Gardiner, 16 Sept. 1902; m. Gardiner, 21 Nov. 1839, JAMES BOOKER, b. Gardiner, 10 Dec. 1813, son of James and Hannah (Huntington) Booker, d. Gardiner, 11 Sept. 1870, aged 56 years. 3 known children.¹⁶⁸
- iii BENJAMIN PEACOCK, b. 4 Aug. 1819, probably d. young.
- iv BENJAMIN ZACHERIAH PEACOCK, b. 6 July 1820, d. Gardiner, 10 Feb. 1891, aged 70 years;¹⁶⁹ m. Gardiner, 30 July 1845, CELIA NILES,¹⁷⁰ b. Wales, Maine, [calc.] March 1822, daughter of John and Sarah (Cleaves) Niles, d. Gardiner, 28 Oct. 1899, aged 77 years, 7 months.¹⁷¹ 8 children.¹⁷²
- v MARY ANN PEACOCK, b. 3 Oct. 1823,¹⁷³ d. Hallowell, 26 May 1876, aged 52 years, 7 months;¹⁷⁴ m. (int.) Gardiner, 9 Oct. 1842, SIMEON HOPKINS,¹⁷⁵ b. Harpswell, Maine, 15 May 1817, son of Elisha and Miriam (Sprague) Hopkins,¹⁷⁶ d. Hallowell, 22 Sept. 1866, aged 49 years. 8 children.¹⁷⁷
- vi JOSEPH PEACOCK, b. 3 Feb 1826,¹⁷⁸ d. Gardiner, 3 Aug. 1912, aged 86 years;¹⁷⁹ m. (1) Gardiner, 18 Sept. 1853, his 1st cousin ELIZA JANE WEEKS,¹⁸⁰ b. Gardiner,

¹⁶² *Gardiner VRs*, 140–42.

¹⁶³ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1425.

¹⁶⁴ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1425.

¹⁶⁵ Charles Thornton Libby, *The Libby Family in America, 1602–1881* (Portland, 1882), 447.

¹⁶⁶ *Gardiner VRs*, 141, 626.

¹⁶⁷ Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 141; *Gardiner VRs*, 140, 421, 626.

¹⁶⁸ *Gardiner VRs*, 141, 421; *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1403; *Reporter Journal*, 29 April 1910.

¹⁶⁹ *Gardiner VRs*, 626.

¹⁷⁰ *Gardiner VRs*, 140, 419; *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1424.

¹⁷¹ “Maine Death Records, 1617–1922,” database at Ancestry.com.

¹⁷² Benjamin Peacock household, 1860 and 1870 U.S. Censuses, Richmond, Sagadahoc, Maine, p. 54, #458/444 [1850], p. 56, #491/510 [1870].

¹⁷³ *Gardiner VRs*, 141.

¹⁷⁴ Mabel Goodwin Hall, ed., *Vital Records of Hallowell, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 6 vols. (Auburn, Maine, 1928), 5:233 (hereafter cited as *Hallowell VRs*).

¹⁷⁵ *Gardiner VRs*, 421.

¹⁷⁶ Timothy Hopkins, “Stephen Hopkins of the Mayflower and Some of His Descendants,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 104(1950):219.

¹⁷⁷ *Hallowell VRs*, 6:233, 1:148.

¹⁷⁸ *Gardiner VRs*, 141.

¹⁷⁹ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1425.

¹⁸⁰ *Gardiner VRs*, 420.

- ca. 1833, daughter of Samuel and Lavinia (Peacock) Weeks,¹⁸¹ d. Gardiner, 14 Jan. 1880, aged 46 years;¹⁸² m. (2) Gardiner, 30 Sept. 1882, LYDIA ANN DAY,¹⁸³ b. Gardiner, 22 April 1833,¹⁸⁴ d. Gardiner 8 Nov. 1906, aged 73 years.¹⁸⁵
- vii SIMON BOLIVER PEACOCK, b. Jan. 1828, living Gardiner in 1900;¹⁸⁶ m. (1) Richmond, 22 Oct. 1855, CAROLINE E. CUNNINGHAM,¹⁸⁷ reportedly b. 4 Sept. 1838, daughter of Rev. William and Mary (Thurston) Cunningham of Litchfield with whom she was living at the time of the 1850 census, aged 12 years,¹⁸⁸ d. Gardiner, 23 Sept. 1872, aged 33 years.¹⁸⁹ 3 children.¹⁹⁰ He m. (2) Brunswick, 15 March 1873, KEZIAH E. BLAKE,¹⁹¹ b. Litchfield, 27 Jan. 1834, daughter of Andrew and Love F. (Baker) Blake;¹⁹² m. (3) Gardiner, 18 Oct. 1879, ANN MATILDA (LUNT) (GAMMON) POTTER,¹⁹³ b. Litchfield, 28 Feb. 1826, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Wharff) Lunt and widow of David M. Gammon and James Potter, d. Gardiner, 8 Aug. 1895, aged 69 years, 5 months, 11 days.¹⁹⁴
- viii JANE WATSON PEACOCK, b. 28 Feb. 1830,¹⁹⁵ d. Farmingdale, 9 Oct. 1907, aged 77 years;¹⁹⁶ m. Farmingdale, 13 Oct. 1853, WILLIAM W. CANNON,¹⁹⁷ b. Rochester, Mass., [calc.] Jan. 1830, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Bates) Cannon,¹⁹⁸ d. Farmingdale, 18 June, 1909, aged 79 years, 2 months.¹⁹⁹ 2 children.²⁰⁰

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¹⁸¹ Samuel Weeks household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co. Maine, p. 319B, #802/970.

¹⁸² *Gardiner VRs*, 626.

¹⁸³ *Gardiner VRs*, 626.

¹⁸⁴ *Gardiner VRs*, 141.

¹⁸⁵ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1425.

¹⁸⁶ Frank McAleer household, 1900 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co. Maine, E.D. 118, sheet 3A, #46/62.

¹⁸⁷ *Gardiner VRs*, 421.

¹⁸⁸ William Cunningham household, 1850 U.S. Census, Augustus, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 46, #532/631.

¹⁸⁹ *Gardiner VRs*, 140, 421.

¹⁹⁰ Simon Peacock household, 1870 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 100, #764/892.

¹⁹¹ *Gardiner VRs*, 421.

¹⁹² Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 56.

¹⁹³ *Gardiner VRs*, 421.

¹⁹⁴ "Maine Death Records, 1617–1922," database at Ancestry.com.

¹⁹⁵ *Gardiner VRs*, 141.

¹⁹⁶ "Maine Death Records, 1617–1922," database at Ancestry.com.

¹⁹⁷ "Maine Marriage Records, 1705–1922," database at Ancestry.com.

¹⁹⁸ *Gardiner VRs*, 141.

¹⁹⁹ "Maine Death Records, 1617–1922," database at Ancestry.com.

²⁰⁰ William W. Cannon household, 1870 U.S. Census, Farmingdale, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 9, #71/86.

JOSEPH ADAMS OF KITTERY, MAINE, BIBLE RECORD

Contributed by Leslie D. Sanders

King James Holy Bible, published by Samuel Etheridge, Charleston, Mass. 1803:

[*Printed box on front endpaper, printed by the publisher, states "This Bible belongs to" and the name "Mr Joseph Adams, Kittery, Me" is written in the box in dip pen.*]

[*First Births page, written in dip pen at one sitting*]

Joseph Adams Born August 12th 1792

Mary Adams Born July 27th 1803

Parents

[*Second Births page, written in dip pen at one sitting*]

Lucinda Ann Adams born December 14th 1823

Augustus Hamilton Adams Born October 9th 1828

Mary Ellen Adams Born March 30th 1839

[*Lower on the page in pencil and in a different hand*]

Sarah D wife of [Joseph Adams] Born Nov 9th 1815

[*Deaths page*]

Mary Ann wife of Joseph Adams Died March 19th 1855 aged 52 years

[*The above is written in dip pen. The next two are written in pencil.*]

Sarah D wife of Joseph Adams died Apr 18th 1869 aged 54 years, 5 mos, 9 days

Joseph Adams died Mar 1st 1870

[*The following is on the opposite page*]

August H. Adams died Mar 15 1895

[Editor's Notes: Stackpole's *Old Kittery* indicates that Joseph was a son of Joseph and Lydia (Manson) Adams and a sixth-generation descendant of Christopher Adams who first bought land in Kittery 1668.¹ Stackpole names Joseph's 1st wife as Mary Godsoe and their marriage is recorded in Kittery as occurring on 29 April 1821.² Stackpole, however, omitted Joseph's 2nd marriage in 1857 to Sarah D. Tibbets.³ Joseph and his two wives are buried in Orchard Grove Cemetery, Kittery, along with his son Augustus H. Adams and Augustus's wife and two children, and Joseph's daughter Mary E. Adams, who died unmarried, 9 Oct. 1909. His daughter, Lucinda A. Adams, who married Charles E. Hayes and who d. 5 Feb. 1916, is buried with her husband in a different plot in the same cemetery.⁴]

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¹ Everett S. Stackpole, *Old Kittery and Her Families* (Lewiston, Maine, 1903), 272–74.

² Joseph Crook Anderson II and Lois Ware Thurston, eds., *Vital Records of Kittery, Maine, to the Year 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1991), 213 (hereafter cited as Anderson & Thurston, *Kittery VRs*).

³ Anderson & Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 350, 400. The marriage itself is not dated (return submitted to the Town Clerk on 15 April 1857), but the intention is dated 9 Dec. 1856.

⁴ Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: York County*, 4 vols. (Camden, Maine, 1995), 2:1080, 1084.

THE EARLY DESCENDANTS OF ADRIAN¹ FRYE OF FRYE'S POINT, KITTERY, MAINE

By Priscilla Eaton

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3 **WILLIAM² FRYE** (*Adrian¹*) was born say 1672. He died probably before 1737, when his name no longer appeared on a list of Quakers residing in Kittery,¹ and certainly before 14 May 1748, when he was called deceased in the inventory of the estate of Francis Allen Jr.² He married about 1694, HANNAH HILL, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Strong) Hill.³ She was still living 2 July 1754 when the inventory of the estate of her son Benjamin noted that twenty acres of land were to be set off to Hannah Frye, mother of the deceased.⁴

William received grants from the town of Kittery in 1694, 1700, and 1703.⁵ In 1702 William was constable for the town of Kittery.⁶ In 1704 his name appears on a list of Kittery residents "known to have met with most sufferings by the Heathen," and the town gave him a tax abatement of 8s.⁷ On 23 November 1709, William was granted administration of his mother's estate, with Nicholas Morrell and Francis Allen acting as sureties.⁸ In September 1712, William was on the list of freeholders of Kittery. His estate's yearly value was £7.⁹ William Frye was called on to appraise and set off numerous estates. When on 4 April 1713 William sold to Philip Pike part of his homestead, the ten-acre "point lying between the river and Sturgeon Creek," Frye's Point passed out of the Frye family, with the exception of the burying ground fronting the Dover River.¹⁰ William was involved in dozens of real estate transactions, too numerous to include.

Shortly before his death in December 1714, Moses Bowdy, "then being ill and dangerous sick," appointed Reynold Jenkins and William Frye both of Kittery to execute his will, take charge of his real estate, bury him decently, and "take care of his Children & Provide for them & bring them up."¹¹ In their accounting of the estate, Jenkins and Frye included the costs of "fitting out two children to be bound as ap-

¹ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 206.

² Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 1:306, citing York Co. Probate Records, 7:285.

³ William Frye mentioned his "brother Joseph Hill" in a 3 June 1708 deed (York Co. Deeds, 7:293); *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 327-28.

⁴ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 1:409, citing York Co. Probate Records, 9:58.

⁵ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 35.

⁶ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 4:278.

⁷ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 175.

⁸ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 1:55, citing York Co. Probate Records, 2:56.

⁹ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 150.

¹⁰ York Co. Deeds, 8:230-1.

¹¹ Sargent, *Maine Wills*, 181-82.

prentices, and bringing up one child.”¹² When additional hostilities broke out in August 1722, “the inhabitants and families from Wm Frys to John Morrell Junr, son of Nicho Morrell Inclusively” were assigned to lodge at Nicholas Morrell’s garrison at the Ferry.¹³ William’s name appears on a 10 May 1734 list of Quakers allowed by the Kittery selectmen, along with his sons William, Benjamin, and Joseph.¹⁴ Since all of Adrian Frye’s surname descendents in New England descend from his son William, the marriages for William’s grandchildren have also been included.

Children of William² and Hannah (Hill) Frye, all b. Kittery:¹⁵

- i WILLIAM³ FRYE, b. 7 Jan. 1694/5,¹⁶ d. prob. Kittery, after 1776 when his name appears on a valuation list¹⁷ and before 21 April 1779 when his will was probated,¹⁸ m. Dover, 15 Sept. 1724, ABIGAIL VARNEY,¹⁹ b. 11 April 1699, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Otis) Varney,²⁰ d. 3 March 1766.²¹

The births of seven children, from 1725 to 1741, are recorded together in the Kittery records,²² and many of their marriages are recorded in the Dover Monthly Meeting records. William’s will of 1 April 1771 noted that he was a cordwainer, and, although being of advanced years, he had a “good degree of health, mind, and memory.” The will mentioned his son John Frye; Elihu and Isaiah Gould [sons of his daughter Martha]; son Ebenezer Frye, to whom he left his homestead lands in Kittery; his widowed daughter Mary Varney; his son-in-law Elijah Jenkins, husband of his deceased daughter Hannah; and daughter Abigail Meader.²³

Children of William and Abigail (Varney) Frye, all b. Kittery:²⁴ 1. *Mary Frye*, b. 25 July 1725, d. 16 Nov. 1730. 2. *Martha Frye*, b. 5 Nov. 1726; m. Dover, 28 Nov. 1751, Mussey Gould.²⁵ 3. *Ebenezer Frye*, b. 31 Oct. 1728, d. 25 Nov. 1728. 4. *Hannah Frye*, b. 6 Dec. 1729; m. Dover, 7 Nov. 1751, Elijah Jenkins.²⁶ 5. *John Frye*, b. 21 March 1733;²⁷ m. (1) 21 June 1762, Miriam Wheeler,²⁸ m. (2) 4 July

¹² Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 1:113, citing York Co. Probate Records, 3:225. No family relationship could be established between William Frye and Moses Bowdy.

¹³ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 180.

¹⁴ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 206.

¹⁵ Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 2(1904–5):77.

¹⁶ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 16.

¹⁷ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 157. On the valuation list, William is identified as a Quaker and listed with “his son” Ebenezer.

¹⁸ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:778–79, citing York Co. Probate Records, 13:273.

¹⁹ “Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 1(1903–4):52.

²⁰ “Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 2(1904–5):75.

²¹ “Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 2(1904–5):126.

²² Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 62.

²³ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:778–79, citing York Co. Probate Records, 13:273.

²⁴ “Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 2(1904–5):126.

²⁵ “Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 1(1903–4):58.

²⁶ “Records of Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 1(1903–4):58.

²⁷ Thomas W. Baldwin, comp., *Vital Records of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1916), 75.

²⁸ Barker, *Frye Genealogy*, 16–17.

- 1787, Rachel Stearns.²⁹ 6. *Ebenezer Frye*, b. 30 Aug. 1734; m. (1) Berwick, 4 Nov. 1760, Mary Buffum;³⁰ m. (2) Dover, 2 Oct. 1765, Mary Hussey;³¹ m. (3) Kittery, 30 Jan. 1783, Bathsbeba Allen.³² 7. *Mary Frye*, b. 7 March 1737/8; m. (1) Otis Varney; m. (2) Kittery, 24 May 1779, Moses Jewett.³³ 8. *Abigail Frye*, b. 26 March 1741; m. Kittery, 24 June 1767, Joseph Meader.³⁴
- ii JOHN FRYE, b. 26 Aug. 1698, d. after 24 Feb. 1759;³⁵ m. before 31 Jan. 1713/4,³⁶ ELIZABETH CROCKETT, daughter of Joshua and Sarah (Trickey) Crockett of Newington, N.H.³⁷ John's name appears on a 1737 list of Quakers residing in Kittery.³⁸ He possibly was the John Frye who m. Portsmouth, 12 Aug. 1766, Mary Flagg.³⁹ Children of John and Elizabeth (Crockett) Frye, b. Kittery:⁴⁰ 1. *Alice Frye*, b. 31 Jan. 1713/4; m. (int.) Kittery, 19 March 1736/7, Samuel Getchell Jr. of Berwick.⁴¹ 2. *Abigail Frye*, b. 25 Aug. 1716. 3. *Elizabeth Frye*, b. 25 Sept. 1721.
- iii BENJAMIN FRYE, b. 10 Nov. 1701, d. Kittery, March 1754;⁴² m. Amesbury, Mass., 22 Dec. 1732, SARAH DOW,⁴³ b. Hampton, N.H., 23 Oct. 1708, daughter of John and Hannah (Page) Dow, d. Kittery, 12 May 1790.⁴⁴ The births of their eight children, from 1733 to 1754, are listed together as a family in the Kittery records. Benjamin's name appears on the 10 May 1734 list of Quakers allowed by the Kittery selectmen.⁴⁵ Apparently the family resided in Newmarket, N.H., around 1742 as the record notes that their daughter Ruth, b. in 1735, d. at "the age of Seven years and Seven months at newmarket in Exetur in the time of our tryal there."⁴⁶ On 20 Dec. 1747, Sarah Frye witnessed the will of John and Sarah Twombly of Dover.⁴⁷ Benjamin d. intestate with administration of his estate granted to his widow, Sarah Frye, 2 July 1754.⁴⁸ The inventory of the estate notes that 20 acres of land were to be set

²⁹ Barker, *Frye Genealogy*, 16–17.

³⁰ "Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting," NHGR 1(1903–4):61.

³¹ "Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting," NHGR 1(1903–4):64.

³² Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 163.

³³ "Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting," NHGR 1(1903–4):115. Her marriage record to Moses Jewett calls her the widow of Otis Varney.

³⁴ "Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting," NHGR 1(1903–4):65.

³⁵ His nephew was called John Frye *Jr.* when he witnessed the will of John Shapleigh (Sargent, *Maine Wills*, 860).

³⁶ The date of birth for their eldest daughter Alice.

³⁷ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 172, 248.

³⁸ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 206.

³⁹ "Records of the South Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire," NEHGR 82(1928):287.

⁴⁰ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 43.

⁴¹ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 100.

⁴² "Records of Dover Monthly Meeting," NHGR 2(1904–5):150.

⁴³ *Vital Records of Amesbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Topsfield, Mass., 1913), 355.

⁴⁴ "Records of Dover Monthly Meeting," NHGR 2(1904–5):150.

⁴⁵ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 206.

⁴⁶ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 127.

⁴⁷ Henry Harrison Metcalf, *Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire*, vol. 3, [1741–49], vol. 33: N.H. State Papers Ser. (Concord, N.H., 1915), 510.

⁴⁸ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 1:409 citing York Co. Probate Records, 9:58.

off for Hannah Frye, mother of the deceased. Also included were the “widow’s expenses in lying in with a posthumous child & maintaining it for 14 months.”⁴⁹ Four-year-old daughter Judah d. 13 March 1754, the same month as her father, and the posthumous child, b. one month later, 17 April 1754, was then named Judah. In Jan. 1756, widow Sarah Frye was appointed guardian of her children: Roland, Ellis [Alice], Ruth, Silas, and Judah Frye.⁵⁰ Mentioned in the division of the estate were children Jonathan, Roland, Alice, Silas, Ruth, and Judith.⁵¹ Widow Sarah Frye, identified as a Quaker, was included on a 1776 Kittery valuation list.⁵²

Children of Benjamin and Sarah (Dow) Frye, all b. Kittery: ⁵³ 1. *Jonathan Frye*, b. 15 Jan. 1733; m. (int.) Kittery, 24 Sept. 1757, Sarah Moore.⁵⁴ 2. *Ruth Frye*, b. 9 Dec. 1735, d. Newmarket, N.H., 1742. 3. *Roling* [Roland] *Frye*, b. 9 Dec. 1737; m. Kittery, 27 Sept. 1769, Judith Nocks.⁵⁵ 4. *Eles* [Alice] *Frye*, b. 22 Dec. 1739; m. Kittery, 6 Jan. 1762, Timothy Robinson.⁵⁶ 5. *Ruth Frye*, b. 8 Feb. 1743; m. Kittery, 8 April 1772, William Jenkins Jr.⁵⁷ 6. *Silas Frye*, b. 12 June 1746; m. Dover, 19 April 1733, Mary Folsom.⁵⁸ 7. *Judah/Judith Frye*, b. 17 June 1750, d. Kittery, 13 March 1754. 8. *Judah/Judith Frye*, b. 17 April 1754; m. Kittery [no day or month] 1777, Stephen Hussey.⁵⁹

- iv JOSEPH FRYE, b. 3 Feb. 1703/4, d. Kittery, before 6 Sept. 1781 when his will was probated;⁶⁰ m. Kittery, 24 Dec. 1735, SUSANNA KNOWLTON,⁶¹ daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Lowell) Knowlton,⁶² d. prob. Kittery, after 1790, when she was enumerated in Kittery as a head of household.⁶³ Joseph Frye is identified as a Quaker on both the 10 May 1734 list of Quakers “allowed by the Selectmen” and

⁴⁹ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 1:424 citing York Co. Probate Records, 9:161.

⁵⁰ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 1:448 citing York Co. Probate Records, 9:310–11.

⁵¹ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 1:448 citing York Co. Probate Records, 9:218.

⁵² Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 157.

⁵³ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 127–28, 139; “Records of Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 2(1904–5):150.

⁵⁴ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 224.

⁵⁵ “Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 1(1903–4):67.

⁵⁶ “Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 1(1903–4):62.

⁵⁷ “Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 1(1903–4):69.

⁵⁸ “Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 1(1903–4):70.

⁵⁹ “Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting,” NHGR 5(1908):32.

⁶⁰ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:804 citing York Co. Probate Records, 13:418.

⁶¹ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 79.

⁶² Barker, *Frye Genealogy*, 16. Barker provided no evidence for Susanna’s parents. It might be based on naming patterns, as Joseph and Susanna named a son Ebenezer, a daughter Sarah and, according to Barker and descendant Alexis Everett Frye, a son “James Lowell” (Alexis Everett Frye, “Memoirs,” NEHGR 90[1936]:362). An Ebenezer Knowlton, blacksmith, possibly Susanna’s brother, was known to be living in Seabrook at the time (Warren Brown, *The History of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire* (Manchester, 1900), 612). Ebenezer Knowlton and Sarah Lowell m. Newbury, Mass., 14 Feb. 1698/9 (*Vital Records of Newbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. [Salem, Mass., 1911], 281).

⁶³ *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* (Washington, 1908), p. 62, col. 3. The households of her nephew Silas Frye and her son Ebenezer Frye immediately follow. The household included one man, probably her son William.

the 1776 Kittery valuation list.⁶⁴ Joseph's will of 10 Nov. 1777 noted that he was a weaver and mentioned his wife Susanna; his three daughters Hannah, Sarah, and Susanna; his three sons Ebenezer, Daniel and James Carl [*sic*: Lowell]; married daughter Catherine Jenkins; David Frye (if he should return to this country); Tobias Frye; and son William Frye, who was named sole executor. Witnesses Andrew Mace and Silas Frye [his nephew], "being of the people called Quakers, made solemn affirmation."⁶⁵

Children of Joseph and Susanna (Knowlton) Frye, named in Joseph's will, order uncertain: 1. *Catherine Frye*; m. (1) Newington, 5 Nov. 1766, Jonathan Woodman;⁶⁶ m. (2) Newington, 15 Dec. 1771, Joseph Jenkins;⁶⁷ m. (3) Kittery, 27 Jan. 1782, James Emery.⁶⁸ 2. *David Frye*.⁶⁹ 3. *Tobias Frye*, m. Kittery, 8 July 1784, Grace Remich.⁷⁰ 4. *William Frye*.⁷¹ 5. *Hannah Frye*, m. Kittery, 23 Dec. 1782, Amos Chick.⁷² 6. *Sarah Frye*, m. Kittery, 29 Dec. 1785, Elihu Coffin.⁷³ 7. *Susanna Frye*, m. — Gibson [Jepson?] of Wells.⁷⁴ 8. *Ebenezer Frye*, b. 25 Sept. 1759; m. Kittery, 21 Dec.

⁶⁴ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 157, 205.

⁶⁵ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:804, citing York Co. Probate Records, 13:418.

⁶⁶ "Church Records of Newington, New Hampshire," NEHGR 22(1868):157. They were both "of Kittery." Stackpole listed Catherine's marriage to Jonathan Woodman among the Unclassified Marriages.

⁶⁷ "Church Records of Newington, New Hampshire," NEHGR 22(1868):158. The inventory of Jonathan Woodman's estate was returned by "Joseph Jenkins & Katharine, his w[ife] [which Katharine was the reputed wife of sd Jonathan in his life time] 5 May 1772 (Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 1:677, 679, citing York Co. Probate Records, 12:330, 335).

⁶⁸ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 239.

⁶⁹ Joseph Frye mentioned his son David in his 10 Nov. 1777 will, with a bequest of five shillings "if he should return to this country." Canada is the most likely "other country," but the name David Frye does not appear on lists of New England Captives.

⁷⁰ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 163.

⁷¹ William survived until adulthood, as he was named executor of his father's 10 Nov. 1777 will. No marriage for him could be discovered, unless he married very late in life, at Kittery, 22 Sept. 1822, Sarah Hayden of Eliot (Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 276).

⁷² Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 163.

⁷³ "Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting," NHGR 1(1903-4):118.

⁷⁴ Stackpole says she married Mr. Gibson of Wells (Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 434). Barker says she married Mr. Gibson. Neither account indicates a source. No suitable Gibsons were discovered in Wells, where the surname is unknown in the 18th century. Only two Gibsons appear in the Maine 1790 census, neither in York Co. This name could possibly be *Gipson* or *Jepson* (see Donald Lines Jacobus, *The Gipson Family of Maine*, [Minneapolis, 1946]). The Jepsons were a Wells family, some descendants of which attended the Dover ("Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting," NHGR 1[1903-4]:116) and Berwick ("Friends Records at Berwick, Maine," NEHGR 72(1918):262) monthly meetings of the Society of Friends. The marriage of Jedidiah and Margaret (Robinson) Jepson was recorded at the Dover Monthly Meeting and the entry for the family of Jedidiah Jepson of Wells appears in the Berwick records immediately preceding the marriage of Elihu Coffin of Kittery and Susanna's sister Sarah Frye. The recommendation of Jedidiah Jepson's family to the Vassalborough Meeting is immediately followed by a ruling directing word of Benjamin Frye's "practice of using profane language" to the Vassalborough Meeting "where we are informed Benjamin resides" ("Friends Records at Berwick, Maine," NEHGR 75[1921]:5-6). Jedidiah's son Abner married Comfort Frye, the daughter of Susanna's cousin Silas Frye ("Friends Records of Vassalborough, Maine," NEHGR 68[1914]:168). Clearly these families were acquainted. There are only a

1791, Jane Frost.⁷⁵ 9. Daniel Frye, m. Kittery, 28 Sept. 1802, Eunice Greenough.⁷⁶

10. James Lowell Frye, b. 18 April 1763; m. 1787, Alice Maria Nutter.⁷⁷

- v SARAH FRYE, b. 9 May 1710, d. 17 Oct. 1800;⁷⁸ m. Dover, 25 Oct. 1750, TOBIAS HANSON, b. ca. 1700, son of Tobias and Ann (Lord) Hanson,⁷⁹ d. Dover, 27 Aug. 1765, in the 65th year of his age.⁸⁰ Tobias had m. (1) Dover, 27 Dec. 1726, Judith Varney,⁸¹ b. 11 April 1710, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Otis) Varney and sister of Abigail Varney who m. William Frye above.⁸²

In his will dated 18 Nov. 1762, Tobias gave his wife Sarah the whole of his household furniture and noted that she had the "Liberty" & power to Dispose of my said furniture to & among my Children as she shall think proper, but to no other Person or Persons."⁸³ Apparently Tobias Hanson and Sarah Frye had no children, as all those mentioned in his will were children of his 1st wife, Judith Varney.

4 SARAH² FRYE (*Adrian*¹) was born say 1675. She died probably in Kittery before 25 April 1757 when she was not mentioned in the administration of her husband's estate.⁸⁴ She married, probably in Kittery, before 4 June 1695, NICHOLAS MORRELL,⁸⁵ son of John and Sarah (Hodsdon) Morrell.⁸⁶ He was born probably in Kittery about 1667,⁸⁷ and died in Kittery before 17 March 1757 when the inventory of his estate was returned

very few possibilities for a Jepson husband for Susanna Frye. It is interesting to note that Jedidiah named his eldest daughter Susanna. It is perhaps the case that Susanna Frye and Jedidiah Jepson were briefly married before his marriage to Margaret Robinson, and he named his eldest daughter after his deceased 1st wife. Another possibility is that Susanna Frye was the wife of John Jepson, the son of James and Betty (Sedley) Jepson, who lived until adulthood, was a Revolutionary War soldier, and had no known wife. No link between Susanna Frye and the Jepsens could be proven. For more on these two Jepsens, see Jacobus, *Gipson Family*, 10.

⁷⁵ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 182.

⁷⁶ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 197.

⁷⁷ Cyrus Eaton, *History of Thomaston, Rockland, and South Thomaston, Maine*, 2 vols. (Hallowell, 1865), 2:231. Also see the ancestry of his great-grandson, Alexis Everett Frye (NEHGR, 90[1936]:362). "James Lowell Frye's" Prospect, Waldo Co., Maine, homestead bordered that of Gen. Henry Knox (*Sprague's Journal of Maine History* 2[1923]:52).

⁷⁸ "Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting," NHGR 3(1906-7):40.

⁷⁹ "Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting," NHGR 1(1903-4):57.

⁸⁰ *Dover VRs*, 48.

⁸¹ "Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting," NHGR 1(1903-4):52.

⁸² "Records of the Dover Monthly Meeting," NHGR 2(1904-5):75, 128. Tobias and Judith (Varney) Hanson had seven children: Anne, Mary, Elizabeth, Aaron, Patience, Moses, and Mercy. See Ann Theopold Chapin, CG, "Some Descendants of Thomas Hanson of Dover, New Hampshire," NHGR 17(2000):106-7.

⁸³ Henry Harrison Metcalf, *Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire*, vol. 3, [1741-49], vol. 33: N.H. State Papers Ser. (Concord, N.H., 1915), 365.

⁸⁴ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 1:453 citing York Co. Probate Records, 9:339.

⁸⁵ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 4:40

⁸⁶ York County Deeds, 17:11. This deed mentions all the Hodsdon heirs, including Nicholas.

⁸⁷ Nicholas was about 57 years old in Jan. 1723; 73 in 1739; 76 in 1742; 81 in 1748 (*Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 493).

On 4 June 1695, Nicholas Morrell was bound to Quarter Sessions Court by the “continuance of his recognizance for being the reputed Father of a Bastard Child by Sarah Frye, made his appearance and noe Evidence appearing against him he was acquitted, paying fees.”⁸⁸ The constable, Stephen Tobey, was asked to summon Sarah Frye, now the wife of Nicholas Morrell, to appear at the Quarter Sessions to be held at York on the first Tuesday of July next. On 2 July 1695, Stephen Tobey reported back that he was unable to summon “Sarah Frye Alias Morrell whome I could not find tho I was at the place of her abode severall times.”⁸⁹ At the next session of the Court of Quarter Sessions, 1 October 1695, “Sarah Fry now the wife of Nicholas Morrell,” again failed to appear, and the court ordered Charles Frost, Samuel Donnell, and William Pepperell, Esquires, to cause her “to appear before them when and where they shall think fitt and determine their Contempt of authority and presentments.”⁹⁰ On the same date, the Inferior Court of Common Pleas ordered a special warrant granted to the Sheriff “personally to seize her and secure her so that she may appear before any two of the Justices of the Peace.” The court went on to note that “it being hazardous traveling with prisoners to the Common goale by reason the Indian Enemy also the Goale being much out of Repair it is ordered by this Court that the Sheriff shall Constitute any house which he thinks most convenient for a common County Goale for the present.”⁹¹ This was the same year in which Sarah’s younger brother Joseph Frye was taken captive. Perhaps strife with the Indians intervened, as there is no further court record for Sarah Frye Morrell.

Nicholas Morrell took a lease from Mrs. Lucy Stileman and in 1703 was involved in a suit with Samuel Small who had married her son’s widow.⁹² In 1704 he was given a tax abatement in compensation for having met with “most sufferings by the Heathen.”⁹³ In 1712 his estate was valued at £17 annually.⁹⁴ In October 1719, Nicholas was granted a license by the town of Kittery to keep a public house.⁹⁵ At the General Sessions Court of 3 July 1722, Nicholas and [his brother] John Morrell acted as sureties for the appearance of Martin Jose, who was alleged to be the father of Lucy Allen’s bastard child.⁹⁶ In August 1722, Nicholas was one of those designated to fortify his house as a garrison, where the families of William Frye and Nicholas’s son John Morrell Jr. would also be lodged.⁹⁷ He was frequently asked to inventory and “set out” estates. In 1728 he bought 50 acres in Scarborough from Thomas Harris, which he later deeded to his son John. His name appears on a 10

⁸⁸ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 4:36.

⁸⁹ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 4:40.

⁹⁰ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 4:46.

⁹¹ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 4:50.

⁹² *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 493).

⁹³ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 176.

⁹⁴ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 150.

⁹⁵ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 6:24.

⁹⁶ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 6:101.

⁹⁷ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 180.

May 1734 list of Quakers allowed by the Kittery selectmen,⁹⁸ but all of his children appear to have left the Society of Friends.

Children of Nicholas and Sarah² (Frye) Morrell, all b. Kittery.⁹⁹

- i SARAH³ MORRELL, b. 1 Dec. 1695, d. after 18 April 1756 when her husband's will was probated;¹⁰⁰ m. Kittery, 14 June 1716, BENJAMIN WEYMOUTH,¹⁰¹ b. Dover, 1 Feb. 1693/4, son of Benjamin and Mary (—) Weymouth,¹⁰² d. Somersworth, before 18 April 1756 when his will was probated. On 21 Jan. 1721/2, Benjamin and Sarah Weymouth were baptized at the Berwick church along with their children Benjamin and Mary.¹⁰³ Benjamin was granted administration of his father's estate, 3 March 1724/5. He was of Somersworth in 1743. His will of 20 May 1754 names his wife Sarah and sons John, Benjamin, and Nicholas, and daughters Mary, Sarah, Esther, Abigail, and Elizabeth.

Children of Benjamin and Sarah (Morrell) Weymouth, birth order uncertain:¹⁰⁴ 1. *Benjamin Weymouth*, bp. Berwick, 21 Jan. 1721/2. 2. *Mary Weymouth*, bp. Berwick, 21 Jan. 1721/2. 3. *Abigail Weymouth*, bp. Berwick, 4 Aug. 1723. 4. *John Weymouth*, bp. Berwick, 27 Sept. 1724. 5. *Elizabeth Weymouth*, bp. Berwick, 21 May 1727. 6. *Nicholas Weymouth*. 7. *Sarah Weymouth*. 8. *Esther Weymouth*.
- ii ELIZABETH MORRELL, b. 18 March 1697/8; m. Kittery, 2 Dec. 1721, THOMAS HOBBS,¹⁰⁵ b. Dover, abt. 1696, son of Henry and Mary (—) Hobbs,¹⁰⁶ d. Berwick, before 13 Oct. 1777.¹⁰⁷ In 1720 Thomas Hobbs's father, Henry Hobbs, deeded him half his land at Sligo [now Somersworth], the rest at his death. Thomas was a millwright in Dover and Berwick. He moved to Doughty Falls, Berwick [now North Berwick], about 1738 with his brother-in-law Benjamin Weymouth. There they together purchased from Thomas Spinney of Kittery 18 acres with water power privileges, built a sawmill, made lumber, and engaged in a general mercantile business and farming.¹⁰⁸ On 22 Oct. 1740 Thomas Sr., Thomas Jr., and Henry Hobbs were listed as members of Captain Hill's company. On 11 July 1742, Elizabeth, wife of

⁹⁸ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 206.

⁹⁹ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 43. The family of Nicholas and Sarah Morrell immediately precedes the family of John and Elizabeth Fry in the Kittery records.

¹⁰⁰ Otis G. Hammond, *Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire*, vol. 5, [1754–56], vol. 35: N.H. State Papers Ser. (Concord, N.H., 1936), 106.

¹⁰¹ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 47.

¹⁰² *Dover VRs*, 29.

¹⁰³ Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 20.

¹⁰⁴ Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 20, 21, 23, 26. Only the first five children were baptized at Berwick. The other children included are from Benjamin's will. Stackpole's entry for this family included only four of the children (Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 795).

¹⁰⁵ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 54.

¹⁰⁶ One undocumented source gives the wife of Henry Hobbs as Mary Sheldon, which has not been substantiated with primary records (Barbara Mildram, *Mildram-Sewell, A Maine Family Through Four Centuries* (Falmouth, Maine, 1988), 56.

¹⁰⁷ York Co. Deeds, 51:3. Joseph Hobbs of Wells sold land in Berwick and referred to his father, Thomas Hobbs, as deceased.

¹⁰⁸ George Thomas Little, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Maine, Vol. 3* (New York, 1909), 1592. This account says that Thomas lived to be over 90 years old.

Thomas Hobbs, was baptized at the Berwick Church.¹⁰⁹ On 12 Jan. 1743/4, Elizabeth's father, Nicholas Morrell of Kittery, "for the natural love, goodwill, and affection" he had for his daughter Elizabeth Hobbs, the wife of Thomas Hobbs of Berwick, conveyed to her land in Berwick near Doughty's Falls.¹¹⁰ On 8 Feb. 1766, Thomas and Elizabeth Hobbs of Berwick conveyed this land to their son Joseph Hobbs of Wells.¹¹¹ Thomas Hobbs kept an account book with entries running from 31 May 1759 to 27 Sept. 1775.¹¹²

- Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Morrell) Hobbs, prob. b. Dover:¹¹³ 1. *Thomas Hobbs*. 2. *Joseph Hobbs*. 3. *Henry Hobbs*. 4. [poss.] *Elizabeth Hobbs*.¹¹⁴
- iii JOHN MORRELL, b. 6 July 1701; m. Kittery, 16 Dec. 1721, MARY HANSCOM,¹¹⁵ b. 28 July 1700, daughter of Thomas and Tamsen (Gowell) (Shears) Hanscom.¹¹⁶ On 3 Oct. 1721, Mary Hanscom, along with Elizabeth Shears [her stepsister by her mother's 1st marriage to Robert Shears], were bound over to the General Sessions Court for "Violently Assaulting & threatening Thomas Hanscom [Mary's stepbrother]."¹¹⁷ According to depositions, three months earlier, on 21 July 1721, Elizabeth Shears and Martha Hanscom [Mary's sister] were picking peas planted by their mother among the oats belonging Thomas Hanscom [her stepson]. Thomas told them to get out, as they were spoiling the oats and destroying his labor. The girls went to fetch their mother, Tamsen Hanscom, who returned with her daughter Mary. According to Thomas, Tamsen reportedly called her stepson a "red-headed Divell and Said She would Knock his Damn'd brains out." Tamsen began to beat him with a stick and he was obliged to throw her to the ground. Mary and Elizabeth began throwing stones at him and called to their mother to kill him. The "sd Mary said she would kill him if there were no more Divills upon Earth." Thomas deposed that the proceedings put him in "very great fear & Terror." According to Elizabeth's deposition, Thomas threatened to pull up all the peas and "kik her dam'd ars" if she did not leave. When Tamsen appeared, Thomas "took her by violence and lifted her Clear of the ground and threw her athwart the roots of a great Stump Upon which She Cryed out, he hath broak my back and Could not get up." Mary deposed that she and her sisters carried Tamsen back to the house where she was forced to keep to her bed for six weeks and see the doctor. Elizabeth also noted that Thomas called his [step]sister Mary many "ill names, as bad as Could be Invented."

Mary Hanscom of Kittery, singlewoman, refusing bail for her appearance, was committed to his Majesty's goal at York. Her bail of £10 was paid by Richard Go-

¹⁰⁹ Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 57.

¹¹⁰ York Co. Deeds, 25:78.

¹¹¹ York Co. Deeds, 42:199.

¹¹² In 1953 this account book was in the possession of James F. Goodwin of North Berwick (NEHGR, 107[1953]:237).

¹¹³ The first three children are from George Thomas Little, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Maine, Vol. 3* (New York, 1909), 1592-93.

¹¹⁴ An Elizabeth Hobbs m. Berwick, 27 Nov. 1746, William Baker (Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 140).

¹¹⁵ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 54.

¹¹⁶ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 33. Tamsen Gowell was the widow of Robert Shears.

¹¹⁷ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 6:99.

well Jr. [her uncle] and she was released on recognizance. In April 1722, Tamsin Hanscom brought an action in trespass for assault and battery against Thomas Hanscom to the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and received a verdict and judgment for the plaintiff. Still, the enmity continued. On 3 July 1722, Mary Morrell, [now] the wife of John Morrell and Elizabeth [Shears] Allen, the wife of John Allen, were bound over to the Court of General Sessions upon the complaint of Thomas Hanscom “that they are Vehemently Suspect’d to have Sworn falsly as per the process & record appears.” Nicholas Morrell provided surety for his daughter-in-law. When Mary and Elizabeth appeared in court on 2 April 1723, nothing appeared sufficient to convict them, and they were acquitted.¹¹⁸

In Aug. 1722, John Morrell’s father, Nicholas, was one of those designated to fortify his house as a garrison, where the families of William Frye, as well as “his son” John Morrell Jr. would also be lodged.¹¹⁹ At the 7 Jan. 1723/4 General Sessions Court, Job Commacher, an Indian, was bound over on the complaint of John Morrell Jr., and was accused of “Violently Assulting & abusing sd Morrell in cutting him with a hatchet.”¹²⁰ Perhaps these assorted troubles were a factor in the family’s move to Scarborough, but apparently John did not leave his troubles behind in Kittery. In Oct. 1729, he was “of Scarborough” when he was a defendant in an ejectment case brought by John, Samuel, and Elizabeth Milliken.¹²¹ This was followed by a long string of court cases, running from 1733 to 1738, in which John Morrell of Scarborough was sued for debt by Nicholas Frost, Axel Roberts, Robert Patterson, Moses Ingraham, Charles and John Frost, Samuel Wilson, William Pepperell, Samuel Boothby, Peter Staples, and Jedediah Preble.¹²² If John and Mary Morrell had ever been members of the Society of Friends,¹²³ they had left by 6 March 1736/7 when both John and Mary Morrell were baptized at the First Congregational Church of Scarborough.¹²⁴ In 1737 John Morrell sold the 50 acres he lived on, given him by his father. and other Scarborough land.¹²⁵

Children of John and Mary (Hanscom) Morrell, bp. Scarborough:¹²⁶ 1. *Martha Morrell*, b. ca. 1723, bp. 17 Dec. 1736, at age 13. 2. *Eleanor Morrell*, bp. 25 Aug. 1737.

¹¹⁸ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 6:64–67, 115, 119, 128.

¹¹⁹ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 180. The “Jr.” was likely used to distinguish him from his uncle of the same name.

¹²⁰ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 6:141. This could possibly refer to his cousin John³ (*John*², *John*¹) Morrell who m. Ruth Dow, was sometimes referred to as John Jr. (Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 68), perhaps following his older cousin’s departure for Scarborough.

¹²¹ Maine Court Records, York Co., 8-97-2586.

¹²² Maine Court Records, York Co., 10-359-4422, 10-460-4642, 10-465-4775, 10-473-4727, 10-479-4707, 10-501-4759, 10-503-4745 and 11-81-4993.

¹²³ The name John Morrill Jr. appears on a 10 May 1734 list of Quakers allowed by the Kittery selectmen, as well as on a 1776 valuation list in which he is identified as a Quaker (Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 157, 206, 620), but this probably refers to his cousin John³ Morrell (*John*², *John*¹) who m. Ruth Dow and was known to be residing in Kittery at this time.

¹²⁴ “Records of the First Congregational Church in Scarborough,” *Maine Historical and Genealogical Register* [MHGR] 1(1884):119.

¹²⁵ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 493.

¹²⁶ “Records of the First Congregational Church in Scarborough,” MHGR 1(1884):119, 163.

- iv ROBERT MORRELL, b. 18 Feb. 1703/4, d. before 19 April 1784 when his will was probated;¹²⁷ m. (1) Kittery, 29 May 1729, SARAH ROBERTS of Dover, daughter of William and Abigail Roberts,¹²⁸ d. 14 Aug. 1737;¹²⁹ m. (2) (int.) Kittery, 22 July 1738, PATIENCE WEYMOUTH,¹³⁰ b. Kittery, 10 March 1710/1, daughter of Timothy and Patience (Stone) Weymouth,¹³¹ d. after 9 Oct. 1758 when her last child was born;¹³² m. (3) Kittery, 9 Nov. 1779, ANNA JONES of Kittery,¹³³ d. after 27 May 1785 when her dower was set off from her husband's estate.¹³⁴ She was possibly Anna Nason, b. Kittery 2 May 1700,¹³⁵ daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Canney) Nason and widow of William Jones, whose estate she administered in 1761.¹³⁶

In 1743 Robert's father deeded him the Cold Harbor homestead, the whole farm on which his grandfather John Morrell had lived. This place remained in the Morrell family for more than two centuries.¹³⁷ On 20 March 1741/2, Robert Morrell and his children William, Abigail, and Sarah were baptized at the Second Parish Church,¹³⁸ where his name appears on a 1746 list of members.¹³⁹ This is consistent with his not being identified as a Quaker on the 1776 valuation list,¹⁴⁰ and his inventory including a pew in Rev. Mr. [Alpheus] Spring's meetinghouse. Robert was granted administration of his father's estate, 25 April 1757.¹⁴¹ Robert's will of 20 Nov. 1781 mentions his wife Anna; sons Isaac, Nicholas, and Joel, and daughters Abigail Hammet, Mary Hoeg [Hoag], Anna Hunt, Eunice Morrell, and Jane Morrell; grandson John Libby; and grandchildren William, Robert, Jotham, Abigail, Sarah, and Hannah Morrell, children of his deceased son William Morrell. The inventory included a 79-acre farm, dwelling house, barn, a Bible and sundry old books, a silver watch, and items shown by the widow who says they were hers before marriage.¹⁴²

¹²⁷ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:844, citing York Co. Probate Records, 14:99.

¹²⁸ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 68. The family's account in the Kittery records includes the names of Sarah's parents.

¹²⁹ "Baptized in private Sarah Morrell, wife of Robert Morrell, who died ye same day" (John Eldridge Frost, "Kittery, Maine, Second Parish Baptisms, *The Maine Genealogist* 25[2003]:139).

¹³⁰ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 101.

¹³¹ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 51. As Noyes, Libby, and Davis note, the family account in the Kittery records naming "Rachel" as the mother of Timothy's children must be an error, as his wife Patience Stone was admitted to the church as Patience Weymouth, 25 April 1703, took administration 4 Oct. 1731, and was still living in Feb. 1745/6 (*Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 741).

¹³² Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 68.

¹³³ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 159.

¹³⁴ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:867 citing York Co. Probate Records, 14:218.

¹³⁵ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 12.

¹³⁶ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 389, 504.

¹³⁷ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 493; Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 115.

¹³⁸ John Eldridge Frost, "Kittery, Maine, Second Parish Baptisms, *The Maine Genealogist* 25 (2003):141. It is possible the name Sarah is in error, since she is not included among the 11 children listed together in the Kittery records.

¹³⁹ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 201.

¹⁴⁰ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 157.

¹⁴¹ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 1:453 citing York Co. Probate Records, 9:339.

¹⁴² Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:867 citing York Co. Probate Records, 14:218.

Children of Robert and his 1st wife, Sarah (Roberts) Morrell, all b. Kittery:¹⁴³ 1. *Abigail Morrell*, b. 23 Jan. 1730/1. 2. *Lucy Morrell*, b. 2 Nov. 1732. 3. *William Morrell*, b. 5 March 1733/4. 4. *Lydia Morrell*, b. [no day] Dec. 1735.

Children of Robert and his 2nd wife, Patience (Weymouth) Morrell, all b. Kittery:¹⁴⁴ 1. *Isaac Morrell*, b. 31 Jan 1739. 2. *Nicholas Morrell*, b. 12 Nov. 1740. 3. *Timothy Morrell*, b. 16 July 1742. 4. *Joel Morrell*, b. 28 Oct. 1744. 5. *Mary Morrell*, b. 12 Nov. 1746. 6. *Anne Morrell*, b. 15 May 1749. 7. *Eunice Morrell*, b. 24 Oct. 1751. 8. *Jane Morrell*, b. 9 Oct. 1758.

- v ANNE MORRELL, b. 1 Dec. 1708, d. prob. Somersworth, N.H., before 17 Oct 1743 when her husband remarried; m. Kittery, 2 Sept. 1728, JOHN HALL Jr.,¹⁴⁵ b. Dover, abt. 1706, son of John and Esther [Hester] (Chesley) Hall,¹⁴⁶ d. Somersworth, 19 Oct. 1789. John Hall m. (2) prob. Somersworth, 17 Oct. 1743, Sarah Stackpole, daughter of Philip and Mercy (Thompson) Stackpole, b. ca. 1718, d. Somersworth, Jan. 1804, age 86 years.¹⁴⁷ John Hall had eight children with his 2nd wife.¹⁴⁸

Children of John and Anne (Morrell) Hall, b. Somersworth:¹⁴⁹ 1. *Samuel Hall*, b. 1 March 173[5/?]6. 2. *Anne Hall*, b. 21 Nov. 1736 or 19 Sept. 1737. 3. *John Hall*, b. 24 March 1740.

(To be continued)

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¹⁴³ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 68.

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¹⁴⁵ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 71.

¹⁴⁶ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 301. His parents m. Dover, 9 Aug. 1705 (*Dover VRs*, 131).

¹⁴⁷ John Wentworth, *The Wentworth Genealogy*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1878), 1:481 (hereafter cited as Wentworth, *Wentworth Genealogy*). This work includes many records on the Hall family which do not appear elsewhere.

¹⁴⁸ These included William, Mary, Ruth, Lucy, Silas, Philip, Mercy, and John ("Master Tate's Diary," NEHGR 73[1919]:315); Wentworth, *Wentworth Genealogy*, 481.

¹⁴⁹ "Master Tate's Diary," NEHGR 73(1919):315. Master Tate's Diary includes only Samuel and Anne and gives birth years of 1736 to both, one of which is likely in error. Wentworth gives Anne a more probable birth date of 19 Sept. 1737 and adds a 3rd child, John, noting that he died at age 5 or 6 years (Wentworth, *Wentworth Genealogy*, 481).

FREEMAN–HAMBLEN FAMILY BIBLE:
GORHAM, STANDISH, AND POLAND, MAINE
An Annotated Transcription

By Col. Thomas W. Frank, MD

Provenance

This Bible was presented to the author by his grandfather Leroy Winslow Frank (1907–1990, Poland, Maine) in 1983. It came to Leroy W. Frank through his father Harry Liddell Frank (1864–1941, Poland), having originally been the property of his paternal grandmother, Mary Frost (Freeman) Frank (1825–1892, Standish and Poland, Maine), wife of Whitney Frank (1815–1898) of Poland. In 1983 the book was in very poor condition, completely disbound with only the top board remaining and this was detached. Several leaves were missing from the extremes of the volume, but the two leaves of the family register were intact.

Method of Transcription and Annotation

The register was transcribed verbatim. The footnotes cite references, compare the Bible's data with other primary or secondary sources, or provide supplemental information. A more complete analysis of this family, which closes gaps in the genealogical record and extends the Bible's data for one additional generation for each named individual, has been prepared but exceeds the scope of this article. Persons having questions concerning these lines are welcome to contact the author by email.

Physical Description

The Holy Bible: Containing the Old and New Testaments; Translated Out of the Original Tongues and with the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised with Canne's Marginal Notes and References Together with the Apocrypha to which are added an Index: An Alphabetical Table, of All the Names in the Old and New Testaments with their Significations. Also Tables of Scripture Weights, Measures, and Coins, Authorized (King James) Version, H. & E. Phinney's stereotype edition (Cooperstown, N.Y.: H. & E. Phinney, 1841). The Bible is lacking the title page and all the preliminary material in addition to the first sixteen and last eight pages of text. The text block begins at page 17 of the Old Testament. In 1990 the Bible was rebound in leather and had several pages of text repaired. A second title page, which follows the Old Testament and Apocrypha and precedes the New Testament, identifies this as an 1841 Phinney Bible. The two leaves of the "Family Record" follow page 576.

The Phinney Stereotype Bibles

Between 1822 and 1848 Henry and Elihu Phinney Jr. published 138 editions of the King James Bible in Cooperstown, New York. The Phinney brothers' success was in large measure due to their aggressive and ingenious marketing techniques. Perhaps inspiring Christopher Morley's fictitious traveling bookshop, the so-called "Parnassus on Wheels," the brothers constructed large mobile bookstores from wagons

which had movable tops and counters and which were stocked with hundreds of various titles—including their bestselling Bible of course. When the Erie Canal opened, they built a floating bookstore and hawked their books all along the new waterway.¹ The Phinney brothers thereby delivered books and Bibles to the doorsteps of even fairly remote communities. The Phinneys sold over 150,000 of these Bibles during the thirty-odd years they produced them.² They did future genealogists a great service in including in their quarto family Bibles two leaves for the recording of a family register. Given the number of Bibles of this type which have survived, it seems these pages were seldom left blank. For this reason Phinney Stereotyped Quarto Family Bibles are fairly common family heirlooms today and examples are frequently found on the antiquarian book market. It was the 1828 edition of the Phinney Bible that the Latter-day Saints founder Joseph Smith used when he crafted his revision of the Bible in 1830.³ The various editions of the famed quarto Bible produced by the Phinney brothers did not vary very much in format or content. The brothers also produced, in addition to a varied selection of secular material, miniature versions and illustrated editions of the Bible, though the “family quarto edition” was their most popular. The word “stereotype,” coined in 1798, referred in printing to the duplicate impression of the typeface made by inking and pressing the type to paper. The word has only been used in the modern sense—to refer to generalizations made about specific classes or groups of people—since 1922.⁴

The Freeman Family of Gorham

John Freeman, the father of the first Freeman to receive mention in this Bible register, was the first of that name to settle in Gorham. He was born in Eastham, Massachusetts, on 5 January 1709/10, and probably died before 1790 in Gorham, Maine, where he was among the original settlers of the town.⁵ John Freeman purchased a Gorham land grant from Eastham neighbors with whom he shared a surname but no known blood relationship. The grant was originally the property of Major John Freeman (1627–1719), son of the immigrant Edmund Freeman (1596–1682) and a

¹ Margaret T. Hills, ed., *The English Bible in America: A Bibliography of Editions of the Bible and the New Testament Published in America 1777–1957* (New York, 1962); Ralph Birdsall, *The Story of Cooperstown* (Cooperstown, N.Y., 1917), 122. The 1841 Phinney edition is #1100 in the Hills bibliography.

² Paris Marion Simms, *The Bible in America: Versions that Have Played Their Part in the Making of the Republic* (New York, 1936), 131: “H. and E. Phinney commenced printing 4to Bibles August 1, 1822 (in Cooperstown, New York), and published from that time to the winter of 1848, when their establishment was destroyed by fire, 138 editions, of 154,000 copies.”

³ H. M[ichael] Marquardt, *The Rise of Mormonism: 1816–1844* (Longwood, Fla., 2005), 326.

⁴ The first modern use of the term is attributed to journalist Walter Lippmann in his 1922 book *Public Opinion*.

⁵ Robert R. Freeman, *Freeman Families of New England, in the 17th and 18th Centuries*, 3 vols. (Westminster, Md., 2005), 1:33 (hereafter cited as Freeman, *Freeman Families*). John Freeman of Gorham was probably dead by 1790 when he would have been about 80 years old. He is not found in the 1790 census.

veteran of King Phillip's War. Upon his death it passed to his son Nathaniel (1669–1760) and thence to Nathaniel's three sons Nathaniel (1694–1767), John (1696–1792), and Eleazer (1701–1782). These three sons sold it to their neighbor, John Freeman. Gorham was one of seven townships granted by the General Court of Massachusetts to 840 people who either fought or were descendants of veterans of King Philip's War. McLellan's *History of Gorham* notes, "that a proclamation was made to the army in the name of the government, before they began their march against King Philip, that if they would play the man and take the fort and drive the enemy out of the Narragansett country, they should have a gratuity of land besides their wages."⁶ All of the original lots granted were thirty acres in size. John Freeman expanded his original Gorham land holdings (lot # 34) when he purchased an additional tract in 1754.⁷

While McLellan provides much valuable and largely verifiable information on the early families of Gorham, he is in error as to the descent of John Freeman of Eastham and Gorham. This John Freeman descended from Samuel Freeman of Watertown rather than Edmund Freeman of Cape Cod. Although there were descendants of Edmund Freeman among the early settlers of the environs of Falmouth and many of Edmund Freeman's descendants were absentee landlords of property in the area that is now Gorham, genealogist Robert Freeman has established conclusively "that all of the early settlers of Gorham of the surname *Freeman* were descendants of Samuel Freeman of Watertown who had come to Maine from Eastham and nearby Truro, Massachusetts."⁸

John Freeman was the second husband of Bethiah (Harding) Cobb, with whom he filed marriage intentions on 5 December 1741.⁹ She was born in Eastham, 12 May 1716, daughter of Josiah and Hannah (Welch) Harding.¹⁰ She was married first (m. int. Eastham, 17 Jan. 1735) to Nathan Cobb,¹¹ born 15 June 1713, son of James and Elizabeth (Hallett) Cobb of Barnstable,¹² died in Eastham, say 1740. Bethiah

⁶ Hugh D. McLellan, *History of Gorham, Me.* (Portland, 1903), 17 (hereafter cited as McLellan, *History of Gorham*).

⁷ Robert R. Freeman, "The Identity of Jonathan Freeman and His Wife Sarah Parker Freeman, Early Residents of Falmouth and Gorham, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 19(1997):125–36 (hereafter cited as Freeman, "Jonathan Freeman").

⁸ Freeman, "Jonathan Freeman," 133; Freeman, *Freeman Families*, 1:33.

⁹ Col. Leonard H. Smith Jr. and Norma H. Smith, eds., *Vital Records of the Towns of Eastham and Orleans, An Authorized Facsimile Reproduction of Records Published Serially 1901–1935 in The Mayflower Descendant* (Baltimore, 1993), 150 (hereafter cited as Smith, *Eastham VRs*).

¹⁰ Smith, *Eastham VRs*, 13; Clarence Almon Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* (Baltimore, 1985), 343 (hereafter cited as Torrey, *New England Marriages*).

¹¹ Leonard H. Smith, *Vital Records of Southeastern Massachusetts: An Authorized Facsimile Reproduction of Records Published Serially 1901–1935 in the Mayflower Descendant* (Clearwater, Fla., 1982), 3:119.

¹² Philip L. Cobb and John L. Cobb *A History of the Cobb Family* (Cleveland, 1907), 63, 100 (hereafter cited as Cobb, *Cobb Family*); Torrey, *New England Marriages*, 164.

had one daughter, Mary, with her first husband,¹³ and with John she had six more: Nathan (b. 1744, d. after 1793), Mercy (b. 1746), Betty, (b. 1747, d. 1748), Nathaniel (b. probably 1749, the first name in this Bible), Betty (b. 1750), and Hannah (b. 1750, d. 1786). Their individual lineages, at least through 1799, receive treatment in Robert Freeman's *Freeman Families in America*.¹⁴

The Hamblen Family of Gorham

The Hamblens of Gorham all descend from Jacob Hamblen, one of the town's founders who emigrated there from Barnstable, Massachusetts, say 1743. The Hamblens were a prolific family and often confound genealogists by their propensity to alter the spelling of their surname even within the same line of the family. Thus we have cousins and even siblings variably spelling their surname *Hamblen*, *Hamlin*, *Hamblin*, *Hambling*, and *Hamline*¹⁵—with *Hamblen* and *Hamlin* being the most common variations within the Gorham line. Jacob was a grandson of the immigrant, James Hamblen, through his son Israel. Jacob left Barnstable about 1733 and had purchased about 400 acres in Gorham by 1743. He was a successful innkeeper and landowner.¹⁶ It is Jacob's grandson Joseph⁵ Hamblen (*Joseph*⁴, *Jacob*³, *Israel*², *James*¹) who is the first of the line to be mentioned in the Freeman Bible register.

The Freeman-Hamblen Family Register

The two leaves of the Freeman family register appear to have been inscribed in two different hands. Based upon the data that is recorded in each hand, we can presume that the first entries were made before 1860.¹⁷ The second entries were made around 1894. The author's grandfather believed that the more recent entries were made by his uncle J. Grenville Chipman (1837–1924, Poland, Maine). It is probable that the first entries were copied from an earlier Bible which may have been in the possession of another family member. The author has heard that at least one earlier Bible from this branch of the Freeman family survives in the possession of descendants.¹⁸

Each of the four pages comprising the two leaves of the register bear the heading "Family Record." Each page is divided into two columns. On the first of these pages the word "Marriages" appears at the top of each column, "Births" appears at the head of each column on the second and third pages, and "Deaths" at the head of each of the two columns on the fourth and last page. The printed headings have

¹³ Cobb, *Cobb Family*, 100; *Eastham VRs*, 65.

¹⁴ Freeman, *Freeman Families*, 1:33, 47, 48, 49.

¹⁵ Simon Moulton Hamlin, *The Hamlins of New England: Descendants of James and Anna Hamlin, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, 1639–1936* (n.p., 1936), 1.

¹⁶ McLellan, *History of Gorham*, 531–32. The Gorham Hamblens are well treated by McLellan, Hamlin, and others.

¹⁷ The latest entry in the first hand records a date of 1854, while some individuals who died in the 1860s are listed as though they were still living. Dates after 1860 are in a different hand.

¹⁸ Patricia G. (Cook) Dinsmore of Fredericksburg, Va., related to the author that a cousin owns a Freeman Bible that was passed down through the family of Jane Freeman and Ebenezer Lombard from whom her husband, Donald, descends (email, 11 Dec. 2004; telephone conversation, Jan. 2005).

been modified by the person making the entries. The left-hand column on the first page has the word “Marriages” lined through and the word “Names” written in its place. The right hand column has the word “Marriages” lined through and the word “Died” written in its place. Over the line dividing the two columns is written the word “Born.” Thus each name given in the left hand column is followed by a birth date and in turn by a death date.

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Nathaniel Freeman [born] Feb 1st 1747:¹⁹ [d] Feb 1st 1814²⁰

Mary Chase [b] April 1st 1755:²¹ [d] October 19th 1812²²

Married February 9th 1775 in Gorham²³

Jane Freeman [b] Nov 5th 1775:²⁴ [d] Oct 27: 1854 Westbrook²⁵

Mary Freeman [b] Jan 10th 1778²⁶

Lydia Freeman [b] Aug 5th 1780²⁷ [d] Sept 14th: 1852 in York, Sandusky Co, Ohio²⁸

David Freeman [b] Nov 25th 1782²⁹

Be[t]hiah Freeman [b] Sept 12th 1785³⁰

Nathaniel Freeman [b] May 16th 1788: [d] Nov 15: 1788³¹

¹⁹ Conflicting birth dates are given in Eastham VRs (7 Jan. 1749) (Smith, *Eastham VRs*, 65) and the Freeman-Hamblen family Bible (1 Feb. 1747). The date given in vital records is probably correct. The death date is given in the Bible as 1 Feb. 1814. The Bible record was likely transcribed from an earlier 19th-century source—probably an older Bible and the discrepancy, which has his date of birth exactly 67 years to the day before his date of death, is likely a transcriptional error.

²⁰ This Bible is the only known source for Nathaniel Freeman’s date of death. The location of his grave is not known.

²¹ Mary Chase’s birth date is given as 1 April in the Bible entry and 10 April in Samuel Thomas Dole, *Windham in the Past* (Auburn, Maine, 1916), 337.

²² This Bible is the only known source for the death date of Mary (Chase) Freeman.

²³ While the date of marriage intentions, 31 Dec. 1774, is given in the Gorham VRs (Marquis F. King, comp., *Publishments, Marriages, Births and Deaths from the Earlier Records of Gorham, Maine*, 2nd ed., Russell S. Bickford, ed. [Camden, Maine, 1991], 35 [hereafter *Gorham PMB&D*]), the marriage date, recorded in the Bible as 9 Feb. 1775, is not found in heretofore published sources.

²⁴ Birth date accords with Gorham VRs (*Gorham PMB&D*, 123) where she is called “Jenny”—a 19th-century diminutive form of “Jane” (Richard S. Charnock, *Prænomina: Or, the Etymology of the Principal Christian Names of Great Britain and Ireland* [London, 1882], 67).

²⁵ There is a one-day discrepancy between the date of death recorded in the Bible and the date recorded in the Westbrook VRs (Pre-1892 Delayed Returns, Maine State Archives, roll #67). Her date of death in this record is given as 26 Oct. 1854. The death record also gives Jane’s age at death as 87 years which is certainly incorrect. An age of 87 at the time of her death would suggest a birth year of about 1767, but her parents were not married until 1775. Such a date would also contradict her birth date as given in both this Bible and by Dole. She was likely one month shy of her 80th birthday at the time of her death. Her place of death is given in the VRs as Portland rather than Westbrook and her place of burial is given as Gorham.

²⁶ Accords with *Gorham PMB&D*, 123.

²⁷ Accords with *Gorham PMB&D*, 123.

²⁸ Accords with her gravestone inscription, Wales Corner Cemetery, Clyde, Sandusky Co., Ohio.

²⁹ Accords with *Gorham PMB&D*, 123.

³⁰ Accords with *Gorham PMB&D*, 123.

³¹ This is the only record of Nathaniel Freeman who died before his first birthday.

Hannah Freeman [b] Dec 25th 1789³² [d] Aug 28: 1817³³
 Betsey Freeman [b] Sept 4th 1792:³⁴ [d] Nov 30th 1844³⁵
 Eunice Freeman [b] Dec 26th³⁶ 1794 [d] Nov 10th 1796³⁷
 John Freeman [b] Jan 31st 1797³⁸

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[The printed heading "Births" has been crossed out on the left hand column and the words "Parents Names" inscribed there.]

Parents Names	Births
Joseph Hamblen	April 10th 1763 ³⁹ Died 183[2] ⁴⁰ October [Aged] 69
Polly Frost	April 18th 1767 ⁴¹ [d] March 1860 Aged 93 ⁴²
Children	All Born in Gorham
Cyrus Hamblen	October 5th 1789 ⁴³
Charles Hamblen	September 19th 1791 ⁴⁴

³² Accords with *Gorham PMB&D*, 123.

³³ Accords with McLellan, *History of Gorham*, 538, and her gravestone inscription, Fort Hill Cemetery, Gorham.

³⁴ Accords with *Gorham PMB&D*, 123.

³⁵ Accords with her gravestone inscription in Fort Hill Cemetery, Gorham, as given in Karen S. Ketover, comp., *Westbrook, Maine, Cemeteries: Plus the Surrounding Towns of Cumberland, Falmouth, Gorham, Portland and Windham* (Westminster, Md., 2009), 339 (hereafter cited as *Westbrook Cemeteries*).

³⁶ Slight discrepancy in birth date for Eunice between VRs (26 Dec. 1794 per *Gorham PMB&D*, 123) and Bible (19 Dec. 1794).

³⁷ This Bible is the only known source for the date of Eunice Freeman's death which occurred just a few days shy of her second birthday. This accords with *Gorham PMB&D*, 123.

³⁸ John Freeman was probably still living when this entry was written in the Bible register. He d. 7 Sept. 1864 (gravestone inscription, Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn, Maine).

³⁹ Accords with year of birth calculated from his gravestone in Fort Hill Cemetery, Gorham (*Westbrook Cemeteries*, 339).

⁴⁰ Accords with his gravestone which, unlike the Bible record, gives the exact date of death as 21 Oct. 1832.

⁴¹ The Bible record for Polly Frost's date of birth varies by one day from the Gorham VRs which give 17 April 1767 (*Gorham PMB&D*, 123). Family lore holds that one of the Frost or Freeman women, possibly Polly Frost, was either residing at or visiting a dwelling which was attacked by Indians. She hid under a pile of brush and was not discovered. Leroy W. Frank, who heard the story from his father, thought the tale referred to his grandmother Mary (Frost) Freeman, but she was born long after Indians were a threat to Gorham, so it likely involved one of her ancestors, perhaps Polly Frost, who was a young girl during the French and Indian Wars. There is unfortunately no historical record to substantiate this account.

⁴² The Bible register gives only Polly's month and year of death (March 1860); *Gorham PMB&D*, 123, gives the date of death as 7 March 1860 and her gravestone is inscribed 8 March 1860 (*Westbrook Cemeteries*, 339, Fort Hill Cemetery, Gorham).

⁴³ Accords with *Gorham PMB&D*, 128.

⁴⁴ Accords with *Gorham PMB&D*, 128.

Sally Hamblen	July 5th 1793 ⁴⁵
Nathaniel Hamblen	November 5th 1794 ⁴⁶
Mary Hamblen	September 5th 1796 ⁴⁷
Isaac F Hamblen	September 6 1798 ⁴⁸
Joseph Hamblen	November 26th 1800 ⁴⁹
Levi Hamblen	April 12th 1803 ⁵⁰
Hannah Hamblen	July 13th 1805 ⁵¹
Sabrina Hamblen	July 7th 1809 ⁵²
Eleanor Hamblen	October 14th 1812 ⁵³

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[The left column has a line through the heading "Births" and the words "Family Names" written in its place. The word "Parents" is then written in the left-hand column, below which two parents names are given. Below their names is the heading "Children" which is followed by a list of the progeny of John and Sarah (Hamblen) Freeman. Under the right-hand "Births" Column is a second heading which is written "When and Where." Birth dates and locations follow.]

Family Names	Births
Parents	When and Where
John Freeman	Jan 31 1797 Gorham
Sally Hamblen	July 9th 1794 Gorham
Children	
Nathaniel Freeman	July 23 1817 Gorham ⁵⁴

⁴⁵ The Bible register gives two birthdates for Sally (or "Sarah"): 5 July 1793 here and, on the next page, 9 July 1794. There is no obvious explanation for this discrepancy, as there is no indication that more than one daughter by this name was born to Joseph and Polly (Frost) Hamblen. The correct year of birth was probably 1793, though *Gorham PMB&D*, 128, gives 7 July rather than 5 July 1793. Her gravestone (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn, Maine) gives her date of death as 16 April 1863, aged 68 years, 9 months, 10 days, which calculates to a birth date of 6 July 1794.

⁴⁶ Varies slightly from *Gorham PMB&D*, 128, which gives 8 Nov. 1794.

⁴⁷ Accords with her gravestone inscription (North St. Cemetery, Gorham), but varies slightly from *Gorham PMB&D*, 128, which gives 7 Sept. 1796.

⁴⁸ Accords with his gravestone inscription in Trivoli Cemetery, Trivoli, Peoria Co., Ill., which states he d. 15 Aug. 1880, aged 81 years, 11 months, 9 days, calculating to a birth date of 6 Sept. 1798.

⁴⁹ Bible birth date accords with *Gorham PMB&D*, 128.

⁵⁰ Date accords with *Gorham PMB&D*, 128, where his name is given as "Joseph Frost Hamblen."

⁵¹ Varies slightly from VRs (Pre-1892 Delayed Returns, Maine State Archives, roll #67) and McLellan, *History of Gorham*, 537, which give her birth date as 15 July 1805.

⁵² Accords with Gorham VRs (Pre-1892 Delayed Returns, Maine State Archives, roll #67) and McLellan, *History of Gorham*, 537.

⁵³ In contrast to the Bible register's 14 Oct. birth date, the Gorham VRs [Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City, film #10930, p. 223] give 12 Oct 1812. A second entry in the Gorham VRs [FHL Film #10930, p. 79] says 11 Oct. 1812.

⁵⁴ This Bible register is the only record of Nathaniel who died in infancy.

Isaac H. Freeman	May 5th 1820, Standish ⁵⁵
Thomas J. Freeman	Sept 26 1821 Standish ⁵⁶
John Freeman Jr	Dec 18 1822 Standish ⁵⁷
Mary F[rost] Freeman	Sept 25 1825 Standish ⁵⁸
William Freeman	Jan 18 1829 Standish ⁵⁹
Charles H. Freeman	Oct 14 1831 Standish ⁶⁰
George E[dward] Freeman	Feb 5 1835 Gorham ⁶¹

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[Two Columns, both headed "Deaths." "Deaths" is crossed out in first column and replaced with "Married When, Where and By Whom."]

Family Record

Married When

Where and By Whom

Oct 20th 1816 Gorham

By Rev. E. Lombard⁶²

Deaths:

When and Where

Nathaniel Freeman

Nov 14 1818 Standish

Isaac H. Freeman

July 25 1839 Trivoli Co. Peoria, Illinois

Charles H. Freeman

November 3rd 1858 in Danville, Me⁶³

George E Freeman

September 4th 1862 aged 27 yrs 7 months 11 days

Died of a wound in his head received August 30 Washington in a Battle near Centerville, Virginia aet 27 y 7 mo⁶⁴

⁵⁵ The Bible register provides the only known record of Isaac H. Freeman. He probably immigrated to Illinois from Maine with his uncle Isaac F. Hamblen and aunt Sarah (Freeman) Hamblen only to die shortly after his arrival there.

⁵⁶ Birth date accords with his gravestone inscription (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn).

⁵⁷ Birth date accords with his gravestone inscription (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn).

⁵⁸ Mary F. Freeman was the author's great grandmother. Although it is not recorded, the author's grandfather knew her middle name to be "Frost." The birth date given in the Bible accords with the birth date inscribed on her gravestone (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn).

⁵⁹ The birth date given in the Bible register accords with his gravestone inscription, where his name reads "William F. Freeman." (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn).

⁶⁰ The birth date given in the Bible register is one day later than the date of death inscribed on his gravestone—2 Nov. 1858 (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn).

⁶¹ His birth date in the Bible register accords with both his compiled military service record in the National Archives and his gravestone inscription (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn).

⁶² The scribe likely originally intended to include marriage data for multiple individuals but only gives it for John and Sarah (Hamblen) Freeman, noting that they were married on "Oct 20 1816, Gorham, by Rev. E. Lombard," who was almost certainly John Freeman's brother-in-law, Ebenezer Lombard. Details of this family are given in the fully annotated transcript of this Bible record.

⁶³ The date as given in the Bible register, 3 Nov. 1858, is one day later than the date of death inscribed on his gravestone (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn).

⁶⁴ He was mortally wounded at Second Bull Run. The date of death accords with both his compiled military service record in the National Archives and the date of death inscribed on his gravestone (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn).

Sally Freeman	Died April 16th 1863 in Danville aged 68 yrs 9 mo & 10 days ⁶⁵
John Freeman	Died 1864 in Auburn, Me ⁶⁶
Mary F[rost] Freeman	Died Feb 5. 1892 in Poland, Me ⁶⁷
Thomas J. Freeman	Died Feb 28, 1893 in Auburn, Me ⁶⁸

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⁶⁵ The date as given in the Bible accords with the date inscribed on her gravestone (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn).

⁶⁶ The gravestone inscription provides a more specific date of death, i.e. 7 Sept. 1864 (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn).

⁶⁷ The Bible register date of death accords with both the vital records ("Maine Death Records, 1617-1922," database at Ancestry.com) and the date inscribed on her gravestone (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn).

⁶⁸ The date of death as given in the Bible register accords with the date inscribed on his gravestone (Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn).

TO THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TOWN OF LIVERMORE, MAINE

Submitted by Leslie D. Sanders

Letter sent to Isaac Strickland, Livermore, Maine:

Milo, March 12 1857

Dear Sir,

Yours to Allen Monroe is before us and at the request of Mr. Monroe we answer your questions as far as we are able to do. We herewith send a bill of items as shown by the books kept by the overseers of the poor of last year. One of our board has visited the family this morning. They are very destitute and there [*sic*] only resource for a living is from 5 to 8m of poor brick which Mr. Norton made last year. The family think they can support themselves with a trifling assistance this spring and he intends to make a kiln of brick the coming season which is considered good business here. The family is in health and wish to remain but will go without objection. If the remain in health we think they will not be a great expence [*sic*], we shall supply them a trifle today. We suppose Mr. N owns the old house in which he lives (but not the land) it is of trifling value. He is not wholly blind. If they should be moved it would require a two horse team.

Russell Kittridge and Phinius [?], Overseers of the Poor, Milo.

Leslie Dow Sanders, P.O. Box 13, Marblehead MA 01945-0013.

THE FAMILY OF CORNELIUS BASSETT NORTON OF MAINE AND MASSACHUSETTS

By Linda Longley

Cornelius Bassett Norton, *aka* Bassett Cornelius Norton, is named in Banks's *History of Martha's Vineyard* as the son of Eliakim and Hannah (Butler) Norton. The entry says that Cornelius Bassett Norton was born 5 June 1778 and died young.¹ In Butler's *History of Farmington, Maine*, the birth date for Cornelius Bassett Norton agrees with Banks, but Butler does not mention him having an early death. Cornelius's father, Eliakim Norton, an early settler of Farmington, is given as the fourth son of Major Peter and Sarah (Bassett) Norton. Sarah Bassett's father was Cornelius Bassett, with Cornelius Bassett Norton obviously being his namesake. Eliakim Norton lived in Farmington for a few years, but died in Norridgewock, Maine. All of his children were reportedly born in Edgartown, Massachusetts, as also noted by Banks.²

Cornelius Bassett Norton [hereafter Bassett Norton] married Phebe Reed, probably about 1805 based on the birth dates of their children. She was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, 16 July 1773, daughter of John and Hannah (Austin) Reed,³ and died in Avon, Maine, 9 April 1860, aged 87.⁴

Eliakim Norton is first found in Maine in the 1810 census living in Strong.⁵ Bassett Norton was also in Maine that year, enumerated in Farmington among nine other Norton families in an alphabetized census listing.⁶ Butler provides an extensive genealogy of this Norton family, profiling Eliakim and naming his children.⁷ Bassett Norton was mentioned in a 13 December 1817 issue of the *American Advocate*, a Farmington newspaper, where he is listed as a resident of Farmington in 1816 and said to own 150 acres of land for which he owed \$2.04 in taxes.⁸

By 1820 both Eliakim and Bassett Norton were living in Avon (enumerated in another alphabetized census listing). Eliakim, aged 45+, and wife, Hannah, aged 45+, in one household, and Bassett, aged 26–44, heading the second household with

¹ Charles Edward Banks, *The History of Martha's Vineyard, Dukes County, Massachusetts*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1911–25), 3:369.

² Francis Gould Butler, *A History of Farmington, Franklin County, Maine, from the Earliest Explorations to the Present Time, 1776–1885* (Farmington, 1885), 536–38 (hereafter cited as Butler, *History of Farmington*); Town and Vital Records 1794–1892, Farmington Town Clerk [Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City, film #10,865].

³ *Vital Records of Taunton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1928–29), 1:361; *Reed Genealogy*, 2:451 (hereafter cited as *Taunton VRs*).

⁴ 1860 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Avon, Franklin Co., Maine; p. 2; gravestone, Riverside Cemetery, Phillips.

⁵ Eliakim Norton household, 1810 U.S. Census, Strong, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 536.

⁶ Bassett Norton household, 1810 U.S. Census, Farmington, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 836.

⁷ Butler, *History of Farmington*, 538

⁸ *American Advocate*, 13 Dec. 1817 [*Early American Newspapers, Series 1: 1690–1876, an Archive of Americana* collection, published by Readex, a division of NewsBank, in cooperation with the American Antiquarian Society, online at <www.americanancestors.com>].

Phebe, aged 26–44, and four children: one male 10–15 and three females under 10.⁹ In 1830 Bassett was again enumerated in Avon, aged 50–60, with Phebe, aged 50–60, and the same number of children: one male and one female 20–30, and two females 15–20.¹⁰ In 1840 Bassett and Phebe were still in Avon, both aged 60–70, and living there without any children. Son-in-law John Cook, aged 20–30, headed the adjacent household, and three doors away from Cook was son Eliakim Norton, aged 30–40.¹¹

Recapping the census, Bassett Norton is shown in the following age brackets:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Calculated Birth Year</u>
1810	Farmington	26–44	1766–1784
1820	Avon	26–44	1776–1794
1830	Avon	50–60	1770–1780
1840	Avon	60–70	1770–1780

These show consistently that he was born between 1776 and 1780, which agrees with his birth date of 5 June 1778 as reported by Banks and Butler.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

CORNELIUS BASSETT NORTON (*aka* Bassett Norton) was born at Edgartown, Massachusetts, 5 June 1778, eldest son of Eliakim and Hannah (Butler) Norton.¹² He died in Franklin County, Maine, by 7 December 1847, when his estate was under administration.¹³ He married by about 1805, probably in Bristol County, Massachusetts, PHEBE REED. Phebe was born at Taunton, Massachusetts, 16 July 1773, daughter of John and Hannah (Austin) Reed, and died 9 April 1860, aged 87.¹⁴

On 7 December, 1847, John T. Cook of Avon [as shown below, Bassett's son-in-law] was named administrator of the estate of Bassett Norton. Cook posted a notice on 12 June 1848 that within three months he had published two notifications in the *Chronicle*, a newspaper printed in Farmington. Phebe Norton, widow of Bassett Norton, who died seized of personal estate, was given an allowance of \$32.53 out of her husband's estate, granted by the court of probate held at Farmington on the first Tuesday of April 1848.¹⁵

Phebe Norton is buried in Riverside Cemetery in Phillips, called "wife of Bassett Norton Esq." Her gravestone is found beside that of her daughter, Rebeckah Cook, "wife of John T. Cook."¹⁶

⁹ Bassett Norton household, 1820 U.S. Census, Avon, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 285.

¹⁰ Bassett Norton household, 1830 U.S. Census, Avon, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 177.

¹¹ Bassett Norton, John Cook, and Eliakim Norton households, 1840 U.S. Census, Avon, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 49.

¹² Butler, *History of Farmington*, 538

¹³ Bassett Norton Estate, administration, Franklin Co. Registry of Probate, #3220.

¹⁴ *Taunton VRs*, 1:361; gravestone, Riverside Cemetery, Phillips.

¹⁵ Bassett Norton Estate, administration, Franklin Co. Registry of Probate, #3220.

¹⁶ Riverside Cemetery, Phillips.

Children of Cornelius Basset and Phebe (Reed) Norton:¹⁷

- i possible son, b. say 1806,¹⁸ no further information found.
- ii ELIAKIM NORTON, b. Farmington, [calc.] 10 Feb. 1808, d. Gardiner, 10 May 1892, aged 84 years, 3 months, 0 days;¹⁹ m. (1) 1831, SUSAN SHAW,²⁰ b. Winthrop, Maine, 15 July 1799, daughter of Capt. Abraham and Hannah (Miller) Shaw,²¹ d. 7 Dec. 1839, aged 34 years [*sic*], and bur. in Riverside Cemetery, Phillips;²² m. (2) between 20 Sept. 1840 (intentions) and 10 Oct. 1840 (notice published), CAROLINE NELSON,²³ b. Winthrop, 2 Aug. 1810, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Ward) Nelson,²⁴ d. Gardiner, 30 Sept. 1873, aged 62 years.²⁵ Eliakim first resided in Avon, Maine, where he was enumerated in 1840, but apparently moved to Gardiner in the early 1840s where he lived for the rest of his life.²⁶
 - Children of Eliakim and his 1st wife, Susan (Shaw) Norton:²⁷ 1. poss *Mary L. Norton*, who is buried next to her mother in Riverside Cemetery, Avon, no dates visible on her stone.²⁸ 2. *Susan A. Norton*, b. Phillips, 9 Jan. 1836, d. Gardiner, 4 March 1924;²⁹ m. (1) Gardiner, 27 Sept. 1855, Dexter Libby,³⁰ m. (2) Gardiner, 3

¹⁷ All named without birth dates in John Ludovicus Reed, *The Reed Genealogy, Descendants of William Reade of Weymouth, Massachusetts, from 1635 to 1902*, 2 vols. (Baltimore, 1901), 2:451 (hereafter cited as *Reed Genealogy*).

¹⁸ Two males and one female aged 0–9 were enumerated in Bassett Norton's household in 1810, one of the males undoubtedly being his son Eliakim, b. 1808, and the female being Phebe, b. 1810 (Bassett Norton household, 1810 U.S. Census, Farmington, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 836).

¹⁹ "Maine Death Records, 1617–1922," database at Ancestry.com, which gives his birthplace of Farmington.

²⁰ Everett S. Stackpole, *History of Winthrop, Maine, with Genealogical Notes* (Auburn, Maine, 1925), 581 (hereafter cited as Stackpole, *History of Winthrop*). See also, Archie Lee Talbot, "Shaw Family, Middleborough, Mass.; Winthrop, Me.," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 51(1897):192 (hereafter cited as Talbot, "Shaw Family").

²¹ Stackpole, *History of Winthrop*, 580–81.

²² *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Franklin County*, Maine Old Cemetery Association Special Publication No. 15, CD-Rom (Rockport, Maine, 2004), image 1016 (hereafter cited as *Franklin Co. Inscriptions*).

²³ Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Wayne, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2008), 155 (intentions); Elizabeth Keene Young and Benjamin Lewis Keen, *Marriage Notices from the Maine Farmer, 1833–1852* (Bowie, Md., 1995), 296.

²⁴ Stackpole, *History of Winthrop*, 521.

²⁵ Henry Sewall Webster, ed., *Vital Records of Gardiner, Maine, to the Year 1892* (Gardiner, 1914), 621 (hereafter cited as *Gardiner VRs*).

²⁶ Eliakim Norton household, 1840 U.S. Census, Avon, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 49.

²⁷ Susan and Emeline, aged 15 and 12, respectively, were living in Eliakim's household in 1850 (Eliakim Norton household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 307, #636/789).

²⁸ *Franklin Co. Inscriptions*, image 1016.

²⁹ John Libby database in collaboration with the John Libby Family Association and Allen Humphries, Ancestry World Tree Project, online at <<http://awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=jlibby&id=138970>>; Susan's birth date given as Jan. 1835 in Dexter Libby household, 1900 U.S. Census, Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 118, sheet 8A–B, #158/196.

³⁰ *Gardiner VRs*, 363.

Jan. 1869, Orison Dill.³¹ 3. *Emeline V. Norton*, b. ca. 1838; m. (int.) Gardiner, 21 Sept. 1855, Sanford W. Siphers,³² whom she divorced in Aug. 1878.³³

Children of Eliakim and his 2nd wife, Caroline (Nelson) Norton: 4. *Catherine/Katie Ward Norton*, b. 9 Oct. 1843, d. Gardiner, 2 Aug. 1877; m. Gardiner, 30 Aug. 1868, W. Scott Hill, M.D.³⁴ 5. *Jacob N. Norton*, b. [calc.] July 1844, d. Augusta, Maine, 23 April 1874, aged 29 years, 9 months.³⁵ 6. *Mary L. Norton*, b. [calc.] March 1848, d. 3 Aug. 1849, aged 1 year, 5 months.³⁶ 7. *Charles Eliakim Norton*, b. 4 Sept. 1852,³⁷ d. 19 Feb. 1937 and bur. in Riverside Cemetery, Lewiston;³⁸ m. Lewiston, 14 June 1910, Daisy Dill.³⁹ On 13 Feb. 1899 Charles Eliakim Norton, physician and surgeon, applied for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, and was approved on 24 April 1899. He stated that he was the son of Eliakim and Caroline (Nelson) Norton, grandson of Bassett and Phebe (Reed) Norton, great-grandson of Eliakim and Hannah (Butler) Norton, and 2nd great-grandson of Revolutionary War patriot Peter and Sarah (Bassett) Norton.⁴⁰

- iii PHEBE REED NORTON, b. Farmington, 13 Aug 1810,⁴¹ d. Keokuk, Lee Co., Iowa, 8 Aug. 1896;⁴² m. Strong, Maine, 7 Oct. 1830, HENRY COOK,⁴³ b. 8 April 1807,⁴⁴ probable son of Abel & Olive (Plummer) Cook,⁴⁵ d. Keokuk, Iowa, 27 April 1888.⁴⁶ Phebe's obituary was published in the Keokuk newspaper:⁴⁷ "Mrs. Phoebe Reed Cook, after a long and useful life, she peacefully passes away. At the home of her daughter Mrs. Sophia D. Duncan, 718 Morgan Street, last night at 9:30 o'clock occurred the death of Mrs. Phoebe Reed Cook of old age. Deceased's maiden name

³¹ *Gardiner VRs*, 365.

³² *Gardiner VRs*, 410.

³³ Maine Divorce Records, 1798–1891, database at Ancestry.com.

³⁴ *Gardiner VRs*, 135, 583, 410.

³⁵ Ethel Colby Conant, *Vital Records of Augusta, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (Auburn, Maine, 1933), 2:384.

³⁶ Henry Sewall Webster, ed., *Vital Records of West Gardiner, Maine, to the Year 1892* (Gardiner, 1913), 98 (hereafter cited as *West Gardiner VRs*).

³⁷ *West Gardiner VRs*, 26.

³⁸ Gravestone photo, <[findagrave.com](#)>, memorial #38806893.

³⁹ Maine Marriages, 1892–1996, database at Ancestry.com.

⁴⁰ U.S. Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889–1970 [database at Ancestry.com].

⁴¹ Her birth date and birthplace given on her gravestone.

⁴² Phebe R. Norton, gravestone photo, <[findagrave.com](#)>, memorial #44369567, Oakland Cemetery, Keokuk, Lee Co, Iowa, block N.

⁴³ *Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities, Town of Strong* (Picton Press CD, 2005), image 145 (hereafter cited as Picton's Strong VRs); *Reed Genealogy*, 2:451.

⁴⁴ Madrid, Maine, VRs [Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City, film #11,553].

⁴⁵ Abel Cook was the only family of that surname in the Madrid area at the time of Henry's birth; Abel Cook and Olive Plummer m. Windham 7 Nov. 1802 ("Marriages Copied from Original Town Records by Dole, 1894, Windham, Maine," online at Windham Historical Society website, <[www.windhamhistorical.org/VitalRecords.htm](#)>).

⁴⁶ Henry Cook, gravestone photo, <[findagrave.com](#)>, memorial #44369489, Oakland Cemetery, Keokuk, Lee, Iowa, block N. His gravestone includes his birth date and birthplace.

⁴⁷ Though the name and date of the paper is not given, the obituary can be found online at <[http://awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=:2111033&id=1105249455](#)>.

was Norton. She was born in Franklin County near Farmington, Me., Aug. 13, 1810. In her girlhood her parents moved to Avon Me., where she was married to Henry Cook, Oct. 7, 1831. They moved to Ohio in 1843, to Iowa County, Iowa, in 1854 and to Wilton, Iowa, in 1870. Since 1886 she has resided in Keokuk. She was the mother of eight children, four of whom survive her, Mrs. L.D. [sic] Tufts of Los Angeles, Calif., R.H. Cook of Kimball, S.D., Mrs. A.S. McFerren of Pasadena, Calif., and Mrs. Sophia D. Duncan of this city.”

Children as found of Henry and Phebe Reed (Norton) Cook:⁴⁸ 1. *Harriet Ellen Holden Cook*, b. Madrid, Maine, 28 July 1831, living Pasadena, Calif., in 1900;⁴⁹ m. Warren Co., Ohio, 21 Oct. 1853, Alexander McFerren.⁵⁰ 2. *Sophia Des Abbeys Cook*, b. Madrid, 22 Sept. 1833; m. Warren Co., Ohio, 2 April 1854, John A. Duncan.⁵¹ 3. *Phoebe Reed Cook*, b. Madrid, 22 Aug. 1835, no further information found.⁵² 4. *Flora Maria Cook*, b. Madrid, 26 Aug. 1837, d. prob. in Troy, Iowa Co., Iowa, in the period 1870–80,⁵³ m. Iowa Co., Iowa, 30 Aug. 1859, George C. House.⁵⁴ 5. *Susan Shaw Cook*, b. March 1841,⁵⁵ d. 6 May 1912 and bur. in Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, Calif.;⁵⁶ m. Iowa Co., Iowa, 10 Oct. 1861, John Quincy Adams Tufts.⁵⁷ 6. *Anna Melvina Cook*, b. near Bloomington, Ill., 14 Nov. 1842, d. 27 April 1889, and bur. in Kirwin Cemetery, Kirwin, Phillips Co., Kans.; m. 28 April 1864, George W. Willis.⁵⁸ 7. *Roland Henry Cook*, b. 10 July 1849, d. 2 March 1920, aged 70 years, 7 months, 21 days, and bur. in Kimball City Cemetery, Kimball, Brule Co., S.D.;⁵⁹ m. ca. 1877, Emma Brush.⁶⁰

⁴⁸ The first four are recorded in Madrid, Maine [FHL, film #11,553]. It is noted in Phebe’s obituary that she was the mother of 8 children, of whom 7 have been identified.

⁴⁹ Alexander McFarren household, 1900 U.S. Census, Pasadena, Los Angeles Co., Calif., E.D. 111, p. 12A, #269/309.

⁵⁰ Ohio County Marriages, 1789–1994, database at FamilySearch.org.

⁵¹ Ohio County Marriages, 1789–1994, database at FamilySearch.org.

⁵² Various online postings claim that Phebe married a Mr. Willis, but that may be a confusion with Phebe’s sister Anna Melvina Cook who m. George W. Willis.

⁵³ She was present in Geo. C. House household, 1870 U.S. Census, Troy, Iowa Co., Iowa, p. 322, #8/9, but her husband was remarried in George C. House household, 1880 U.S. Census, Troy, Iowa Co., Iowa, E.D. 208, p. 236, #8/8.

⁵⁴ Iowa Marriages, 1809–1992, database at FamilySearch.org.

⁵⁵ John Henry Tufts household, 1900 U.S. Census, Los Angeles Ward 5, Los Angeles Co., Calif., E.D. 48, p. 12B, #279/282.

⁵⁶ Gravestone photo, Rosedale Cemetery (<findagrave.com>, memorial #76914768). Her stone gives her birth date as 21 March 1842, but based on the birth date of her sister Anna Melvina in Nov. 1842, it seems more likely Phebe was b. in 1841, which agrees with the 1900 census.

⁵⁷ Iowa Marriages, 1809–1992, database at FamilySearch.org.

⁵⁸ All information from her obituary notice posted at <www.findagrave.com>, memorial #51311163; she was aged 16 in Henry Cook household, 1860 U.S. Census, Troy, Iowa Co., Iowa, p. 96, #645/672–73. That year her future husband, G. W. Willis, age 23, b. England, was also a member of Henry Cook’s household.

⁵⁹ Kimball City Cemetery transcript, online at <<http://sdgenweb.com/brule/kimball.txt>>; he was aged 11 in Henry Cook household, 1860 U.S. Census, Troy, Iowa Co., Iowa, p. 96, #645/672–73.

⁶⁰ Emma’s maiden name given on the birth record of her son, John Thomas Cook (Iowa, Births and Christenings Index, 1857–1947, database at Ancestry.com).

iv HANNAH BUTLER NORTON, b. Farmington, 13 Sept. 1811, d. after 1885 when she was living in Greenwood, Phillips Co., Kan., aged 70;⁶¹ m. Avon, 30 April 1835, JASON CARY PLUMMER, b. Lisbon, Maine, 5 March 1812, son of Lemuel D. and Sarah (Dain) Plummer,⁶² reportedly d. Phillips Co., Kan., 2 Jan. 1883.⁶³ Jason Cary Plummer and family were enumerated in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1850, in Troy, Iowa, in 1860, in Swan City, Nebr., in 1870, and in Greenwood, Kans., in 1880.⁶⁴ On 24 July 1925, Finelia Temple Dunning, deposed that she was the granddaughter of Bassett Norton, b. Edgartown, Mass., 5 June 1778, and that her grandmother was Phoebe Reed who was b. Taunton, Mass., 16 July 1773, and d. at Avon, 2 March [*sic*] 1860. Finelia said of her parents: "That her father was Jason Cary Plummer, born at Farmington Lisbon, Maine, March 5, 1812, and her mother was Hannah Butler Norton, born at Farmington, Maine, September 13th, 1811, they having been married at Avon, Maine April 30th, 1835."⁶⁵

Children of Jason Cary and Hannah Butler (Norton) Plummer: 1. *Cornelius N. Plummer*, b. Maine, 2 Sept. 1837, d. Phillips Co., Kan., 3 Jan. 1910; unmarried. 2. *Eleanor Phebe "Ellen" Plummer*, b. Pittston, Maine, 10 Sept. 1839, d. Fairbury, Jefferson Co., Nebr., 16 March 1910;⁶⁶ m. ca. 1864, Benjamin Franklin Helvey.⁶⁷ 3. *Hannah Amelia Plummer*, b. Ohio, 30 Sept. 1847, d. March 1883;⁶⁸ m. Saline Co., Nebr., 19 Dec. 1869, James Harrison Evans.⁶⁹ 4. *Alferetta "Alfie" Plummer*, b. Ohio, 3 Nov. 1850, d. Kan., bef. 1900;⁷⁰ m. Saline Co., Nebr., 25 Oct. 1871, James Leonard Dunning.⁷¹ 5. *Finelia "Fanny" Temple Plummer*, b. Iowa, 20 Dec. 1854, d. Colo., 26 Dec. 1928;⁷² m. Swan, Saline Co., Nebr., 19 Dec. 1869, John Theodore

⁶¹ 1885 Kansas State Census, Greenwood, Phillips Co., Kan., p. 2, #9/9 (Kansas State Census Collection, 1855–1925, database at Ancestry.com). Internet sources disagree as to her death date, with some claiming she d. in 1890 and others claiming she d. 19 July 1903 in Kans. She has not been found in the 1900 U.S. Census.

⁶² Marlene Alma Hinkley Groves, *Vital Records of Lisbon, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1995), 41. An account of Jason Cary Plummer's family, under "Foster Family Tree," is available on Ancestry.com at <<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/30973592/person/12341028149>> (hereafter cited as Foster Family Tree). This information is partially documented and appears to be generally reliable, and includes a number of family photographs. Jason Cary Plummer's father, Lemuel D. Plummer, was a sister of Olive Plummer who m. Abel Cook, father of Henry and John Tufts Cook.

⁶³ Foster Family Tree.

⁶⁴ Jason Plummer household, 1850 U.S. Census, Cincinnati Ward 1, Hamilton Co., Ohio, p. 3, #33/33; Jason C. Plummer household, 1860 U.S. Census, Troy, Iowa Co., Iowa, p. 96, #645/674; Jason Plumer household, 1870 U.S. Census, Swan City, Richardson Co., Nebr., p. 227, #53/53; J. C. Plumer household, 1880 U.S. Census, Greenwood, Phillips Co., Kan., E.D. 228, p. 93, #186/188.

⁶⁵ Finelia Temple Dunning, Boulder, Colorado, deposition, 24 July 1925, a copy in the possession of Gail Carolyn (Cook) Stern of Berkeley, Calif.

⁶⁶ Foster Family Tree.

⁶⁷ Frank F. Helvey household, 1900 U.S. Census, Eureka, Jefferson Co., Nebr., E.D. 85, p. 8B, #140/145, which reports Eleanor and Frank had been married for 36 years.

⁶⁸ Foster Family Tree.

⁶⁹ Nebraska Marriages, 1855–1995, database at FamilySearch.org.

⁷⁰ Foster Family Tree.

⁷¹ Nebraska Marriages, 1855–1995, database at FamilySearch.org.

⁷² Foster Family Tree.

- Dunning.⁷³ 6. *Samuel Foster* (adopted), b. Nebr., 4 Sept. 1863, d. Phillipsburg, Kan., 30 Sept. 1946; m. 20 Sept. 1888, Lillie Mae Rumbaugh.⁷⁴
- v REBECKAH NORTON, b. (prob. Farmington) 27 Oct. 1813,⁷⁵ d. 12 Sept. 1852, aged 39;⁷⁶ m. Strong, 12 Nov. 1833, JOHN TUFTS COOK,⁷⁷ b. 29 Nov. 1811,⁷⁸ probable son of Abel & Olive (Plummer) Cook and brother of Henry Cook who m. his sister Phebe above. He d. 7 Jan. 1868, aged 57, and is bur. in Riverside Cemetery, Farmington, beside his 2nd wife and son Virgil.⁷⁹ John Tufts Cook m. (2) Elizabeth Smith Norton, b. Farmington, 26 Feb. 1808, daughter of Peter and Lydia (Bassett) Norton, d. 29 March 1882, aged 74 years.⁸⁰ In the 1850 census, Rebeckah and John were living in Avon with their children. Also living in their household was Phebe Norton, Rebeckah's mother.⁸¹ In 1860 John was still in Avon, living now with his 2nd wife Elizabeth and his four youngest children.⁸² In his will dated 28 Dec. 1867, John T. Cook of Farmington named his wife Elizabeth and children Julia F. Pease, John R. Cook, Benjamin F. Cook, Eliza A. Shaw, Emma V. Shaw, Edward L. Cook, Virgil D. Cook, Delphina A. Cook, and Edwin E. Cook.⁸³
- Children of John Tufts and Rebeckah (Norton) Cook, recorded Phillips:⁸⁴ 1. *Julia Frances Cook*, b. 13 Dec. 1834; m. Ephraim W. Pease,⁸⁵ who remarried in Boston in Oct. 1870.⁸⁶ Several of their children resided in Boston and in adulthood went by the surname *Fairfield*.⁸⁷ 2. *Benjamin Francis Cook*, b. 22 Dec. 1836. No further information found. 3. *Eliza Angela Cook*, b. 17 Dec. 1838, living Mattapoisett, Mass., in

⁷³ Nebraska Marriages, 1855–1995, database at FamilySearch.org.

⁷⁴ Foster Family Tree.

⁷⁵ *Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities, Town of Phillips* (Picton Press CD, 2005), image 197 (hereafter cited as Picton's Phillips VRs).

⁷⁶ Riverside Cemetery, Phillips, gravestone photo taken by and in the possession of Gail Carolyn (Cook) Stern of Berkeley, Calif.

⁷⁷ Picton's Strong VRs, image 149.

⁷⁸ Picton's Phillips VRs, image 197.

⁷⁹ *Franklin Co. Inscriptions*, image 353.

⁸⁰ Butler, *History of Farmington*, 541.

⁸¹ John T. Cook household, 1850 U.S. Census, Avon, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 127, #39/39.

⁸² John T. Cook household, 1860 U.S. Census, Avon, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 800, #296/302.

⁸³ Franklin Co. Probate Records, 32:283.

⁸⁴ First seven recorded Phillips (Picton's Phillips VRs, image 197); last two living in their parents' household in 1850 and 1860 in Avon.

⁸⁵ Ephraim W. Pease household, 1860 U.S. Census, Avon, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 790, #234/237.

⁸⁶ Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910" (from original records held by the Mass. Archives), database at <www.AmericanAncestors.org>, 228:146 (hereafter cited as Mass. VRs, 1841–1910). On 22 Oct. 1870 Ephraim W. Pease m. Julia Delenny in Boston. The record does not state whether he was a widower at the time.

⁸⁷ For example, their daughter Flora Edith Pease m. Boston, 13 Oct. 1870, Frank B. Gerts (Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 228:143). In the 1870 census of Boston, just before the marriage, Flora was listed as Flora Fairfield (John Gerts household, 1870 U.S. Census, Boston Ward 11, Suffolk Co., Mass., p. 66, #673/966). Their son John Frederick Pease m. Boston, 6 June 1879, Ella M. Reed (Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 309:61). In 1910, he was enumerated in Boston as Frederick P. Fairfield, living with his father Ephraim Pease (Frederick P. Fairfield [indexed Fanfield] household, 1910 U.S. Census, Boston Ward 18, Suffolk Co., Mass., E.D. 1529, p. 3B, #44/75).

1920;⁸⁸ m. Rochester, Mass., 15 March 1855, Bruce F. Shaw.⁸⁹ 4. *John Read Cook*, b. 9 Jan. 1841, reportedly d. Sacramento, Calif., 20 April 1895, aged 54; m. Emma Jane Brown.⁹⁰ 5. *Emma Victoria Cook*, b. 11 Dec. 1842, living Mattapoisett, Mass., in 1920;⁹¹ m. Fairhaven, Mass., 15 March 1860, John Aiken Shaw.⁹² 6. *Edward Linscott Cook*, b. 6 Jan. 1845.⁹³ 7. *Virgil Dexter Cook*, b. 1 Sept. 1846, d. 26 Aug. 1870, aged 23 years, 11 months, and bur. beside his father in Riverside Cemetery, Farmington;⁹⁴ m. (int.) Farmington, 5 Dec. 1869, Mary J. Gay.⁹⁵ 8. *Delphina Almira Cook*, b. 9 May 1848; m. Mattapoisett, Mass., 28 Oct. 1871, George Edward Cheeseborough.⁹⁶ 9. *Edwin E. Cook*, b. ca. Dec. 1849,⁹⁷ poss. the Edwin E. Cook enumerated in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1900 and in San Francisco, Calif., in 1910.⁹⁸

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⁸⁸ Eliza A. Shaw household, 1920 U.S. Census, Mattapoisett, Plymouth Co., Mass., E.D. 120, p. 4A, #81/83.

⁸⁹ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 88:252.

⁹⁰ His death date is found in a short biography of his life, online at <<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/c/o/o/John-R-Cook/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0016.html>>. This indicates the John R. Cook was a minister in the LDS church and that he was originally buried in New Helvetia Cemetery in Sacramento, but that his remains moved elsewhere when the cemetery was replaced. This source also relates that he m. Emma Jane Brown about 1879 in Mormon Island, Calif. Mormon Island, near Folsom in Sacramento Co., was once a mining community and had an abundance of Mormon immigrants seeking fortune along the American River during the Gold Rush.

⁹¹ John A. Shaw household, 1920 U.S. Census, Mattapoisett, Plymouth Co., Mass., E.D. 120, p. 12B, #286/311.

⁹² Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 135:84.

⁹³ His birth record in Phillips gives his name as “Mark” Linscott Cook, though he is named as “Edward” L. Cook in all subsequent records found.

⁹⁴ *Franklin Co. Inscriptions*, image 353.

⁹⁵ Farmington Historical Society and Farmington Public Library, *Town of Farmington Early Vital Records*, Printed in Conjunction with Farmington’s Bicentennial (n.p., 1994), 52.

⁹⁶ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 236:401.

⁹⁷ He was aged 5 months in the 1850 census, which was taken “as of” 1 June 1850 (John T. Cook household, 1850 U.S. Census, Avon, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 127, #39/39).

⁹⁸ An Edwin E. Cook, b. Maine, Nov. 1849, was listed as a “inmate” in the Cleveland City Infirmary in 1900 (1900 U.S. Census, Cleveland Ward 38, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, E.D. 242, p. 6A); an Edwin E. Cook, aged 60, b. Maine, was an “inmate” in the San Francisco “Relief home for Aged and Infirm” in 1910 (1910 U.S. Census, San Francisco Assembly District 39, San Francisco Co., Calif., E.D. 240, p. 5A).

REVIEWS

GENEALOGIST'S HANDBOOK FOR NEW ENGLAND RESEARCH, 5th edition, edited by Michael J. Leclerc (Boston, Mass.: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2012), soft cover, 418 pp., illustrations, subject and place index, \$24.95 + shipping. Order from the publisher, 99–101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116-3007; <www.americanancestors.org>.

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