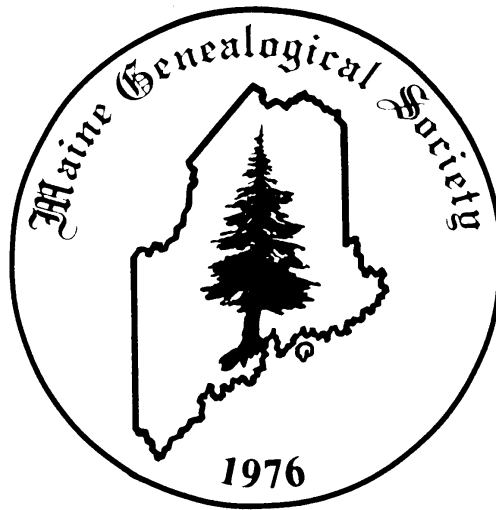


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## EDITOR'S PAGE

Not too long ago, an author contributed an article that treated the family of an eighteenth-century ancestor. While the study was well researched and solved several long-standing genealogical problems, the author oddly refused to accept evidence clearly demonstrating that the eldest child of the progenitor and his wife was born a year or so before his parents were married. The author rationalized that the records must be wrong, as such a situation would never have happened in his family!

Nowadays, this author's attitude seems quaintly antiquated. I doubt that most of us would be particularly distressed to uncover a similar event in our own families many generations back. In fact, we might even be excited to have uncovered a bit of humanity among the bare-bones vital records. The fact that the event in question occurred many generations ago makes all the difference. It is natural that we might be more prone to covering up similar indiscretions of family members who we or our parents might have known personally.

A little premarital dalliance, however, is tame compared to murder and accusations of witchcraft, both of which are treated forthrightly by our authors in this issue of *The Maine Genealogist*. In the opening article, Rick Davis follows the story of Freeman Patterson, who was murdered in 1863 by his brother-in-law William D. Blake, a crime that was sensationally reported in the local newspapers of the day. The article delves into the families of both men, revealing some interesting parallels in the next generations. Patterson's daughter Harriet was also the victim of gun violence, and his son George had a colorful career involving women, saloon-keeping, gambling, and run-ins with the local authorities.

Contributing Editor Priscilla Eaton shares her research into the last witchcraft-related case in Maine, involving Arundel-resident Elizabeth Smith, an event that occurred more than a hundred years after the Salem witch trials. Noteworthy is the difference in attitude towards the alleged witches between the Massachusetts courts of 1692 and the York County court overseeing Elizabeth's trial in 1796. Analysis of the Maine case reveals that Elizabeth and many of her accusers were closely related. With a surname as common as Smith, Eaton tackles the difficult task of unraveling the relationships, a job that even made Elizabeth's identity difficult to sort out.

This issue welcomes articles by two new authors for our journal. Jane Belcher, a board member of the Genealogical Society of Vermont, presents a meticulous study of the Giles family of York County. This family, often confused with the Gile family (Giles pronounced with a soft *g*, Gile or Guile with a hard *g*), has stymied some of Maine's best genealogists. Using an array of primary sources, Belcher has produced the definitive account of this difficult family. And Richardson B. Allen, a genealogist from Sandy, Utah, contributes the Bible record of his ancestor Ebenezer Francis Allen of Bath, Maine, with some helpful annotations.

*The Maine Genealogist* seeks to provide well researched, honest, and non-judgmental accounts of the lives of our ancestors. Comments from readers on how we are doing are always welcome.

—Joseph C. Anderson II, Editor

## THE MURDER OF FREEMAN PATTERSON

Camden, Maine, 1863

By Rick Davis

In-laws often get a bad rap in popular culture. Articles and books about how to get along with them abound. Brothers-in-law, in particular, are sometimes portrayed as lazy, mooching, or just plain annoying. Freeman Patterson's brother-in-law William Blake may or may not have been any of those things, but we do know one thing for sure about him: William Blake was a murderer. He shot and killed Freeman Patterson at point-blank range on 11 February 1863 in Camden, Maine.

Freeman C. Patterson was born 19 November 1820 in Belfast, Maine, son of Andrew and Mary/Polly (Stephenson) Patterson and grandson of Robert Patterson, one of Belfast's first proprietors.<sup>1</sup> He worked as a sailmaker and was likely the "F. Patterson, sailmaker," who was a passenger on the bark *Suliotte*, sailing from Belfast on 30 January 1849 and arriving in San Francisco the following 19 July.<sup>2</sup>

Freeman Patterson married Ruhannah/Ruth E. Blake about 1842. She was born in Brooksville, Maine, daughter of Daniel and Mary/Polly (Moore) Blake.<sup>3</sup> Her age at death (84 years, 4 months, 7 days on 8 May 1902) implies she was born 1 January 1818,<sup>4</sup> but that date is assuredly wrong. Her parents' marriage intentions were dated 29 September 1819,<sup>5</sup> and their household in the 1820 census included no children,<sup>6</sup> so Ruth was likely born afterwards, say 1821.<sup>7</sup> The Pattersons lived in Waldoboro and Belfast, Maine, before moving to Camden not long before Patterson was murdered by his brother-in-law William Blake.

William D. Blake, born on or about 28 July 1822,<sup>8</sup> was Ruth's brother.<sup>9</sup> Like Freeman Patterson, he was a sailmaker. He married Rebecca Ann Marshall about

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<sup>1</sup> Alfred Johnson, ed., *Vital Records of Belfast, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (Boston, Mass., 1917–19), 1:143 (hereafter cited as *Belfast VRs*); his parents m. 23 Sept. 1804 per *ibid.*, 2:323; Joseph Williamson, *History of the City of Belfast, Maine, From Its First Settlement in 1770 to 1875* (Portland, 1877), 102 (hereafter cited as Williamson, *History of Belfast*).

<sup>2</sup> Williamson, *History of Belfast*, 707.

<sup>3</sup> Carlton E. Blake, *Descendants of Jasper Blake* (Baltimore, 1980), 35 (hereafter cited as Blake, *Jasper Blake*).

<sup>4</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com. The death record also confirms that she was born in Brooksville, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Moore) Blake.

<sup>5</sup> James H. Wick, *Vital Records of Brooksville, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2010), 10 (hereafter cited as Wick, *Brooksville VRs*).

<sup>6</sup> Daniel Blake Jr. household, 1820 U.S. Census, Brooksville, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 586.

<sup>7</sup> Ruhannah was aged 29 (hence b. ca. 1821) in the 1850 census (Freeman C. Patterson household, Waldoboro, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 29), but later censuses make her older, and there is no consistency in the records as to her exact age. At her second marriage in 1865, she was listed as aged 43 (hence b. ca. 1822).

<sup>8</sup> Calculated from his age at death: 66y 7m 4d on 2 or 3 March 1889.

<sup>9</sup> While no record has been found that directly names his parents, newspaper accounts of the murder specifically call William D. Blake and Freeman C. Patterson brothers-in-law.

1856.<sup>10</sup> She was born [calc.] 22 March 1836 in Saint George, Maine, daughter of John and Rebecca (—) Marshall.<sup>11</sup>

On Wednesday, 11 February 1863, Freeman Patterson was working away in the Berry sail loft in Camden. It was his second day on the job. A contemporary account related the events that followed:

MURDER IN CAMDEN. One of the most cold blooded murders on record, was committed in this town last Wednesday. Wm. D. Blake shot his brother-in-law, Freeman C. Patterson. There had been some misunderstanding between them since last fall, growing out of some family quarrels. On the day of the murder they had both been hired to work in the sail loft. Patterson commenced work in the morning. Blake came in shortly after, when seeing him at work, remarked that they both could not work in the same building, and turned and went out. Patterson soon followed him and told him he did not wish to prevent his working and would give up his chance; but Blake refusing to go back he returned and went to work. About four in the afternoon Blake went into the loft with a gun in his hand and walked up to Patterson calling him by name at the same time cocking the gun. Patterson started and exclaimed: "For God's sake don't shoot me." Blake fired, the shot taking effect just forward of his left ear, killing him instantly.<sup>12</sup>

The same account mentions that Blake was "addicted to the use of liquor, and was probably under the influence of it at the time."

Upon being arrested, Blake acknowledged the killing. The grand jury convened quickly and indicted him. At his arraignment, Blake pleaded not guilty,<sup>13</sup> but later changed his plea and was sentenced to be hanged. The death penalty was commuted to life imprisonment by Gov. Joshua Chamberlain on 23 April 1870, and in May 1879, the Executive Council recommended that Blake be pardoned for his crime.<sup>14</sup> He was discharged from prison 24 May 1879.<sup>15</sup> His prison experience apparently helped to turn his life around. He was such a model prisoner that the warden hired him as an overseer after his pardon.<sup>16</sup>

Freeman Patterson left a wife and six children when he was murdered. By 1875 his widow Ruth moved back to Belfast, where she died 8 May 1902.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Their oldest child, West, was age 3 in 1860 (Wm. D. Blake household, 1860 U.S. Census, Camden, Knox Co., Maine, p. 147); West's 1909 marriage record gives his parents as Wm. D. Blake and Annie R. Marshall (Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, image, ancestry.com).

<sup>11</sup> Aged 75y 5m 21d on 13 Sept. 1911, Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com, which gives her mother's name as Rebecca "Marshall"; Rebecca, age 15, was living in the John and Rebecca Marshall household, 1850 U.S. Census, St. George, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 43.

<sup>12</sup> Belfast (Maine) *Republican Journal*, 20 Feb. 1863, p. 2 [genealogybank.com].

<sup>13</sup> Portland (Maine) *Daily Eastern Argus*, 20 Feb. 1863, p. 2 [genealogybank.com].

<sup>14</sup> Portland (Maine) *Daily Press*, 22 May 1879, p. 2 [genealogybank.com].

<sup>15</sup> *Maine State Prisoners 1824–1915*, extracted from the 1848–1915 Annual Reports of the Maine State Prison, foreword by Lewis Bunker Rohrbach (Rockport, Maine, 2001), 18.

<sup>16</sup> Reuel Robinson, *History of Camden and Rockport, Maine* (Camden, 1907), 360n.

<sup>17</sup> Death notice, Belfast (Maine) *Republican Journal*, 15 May 1902; Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com.

William Blake had a wife and two sons when he went to prison. His wife, Rebecca (Marshall) Blake, moved back to Saint George, where her family lived.<sup>18</sup> She married Sylvester Davis there on 6 March 1892.<sup>19</sup> Rebecca (Marshall) (Blake) Davis died in Friendship, Maine, on 13 September 1911.<sup>20</sup>

William Blake's life ended tragically. He committed suicide by hanging, 2 or 3 March 1889, almost ten years after his pardon. He was sixty-six years old.<sup>21</sup>

#### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **DANIEL BLAKE** [Jr.] was born about 1803, son of Daniel and Sarah (Bakeman) Blake.<sup>22</sup> He married MARY/POLLY MOORE, their intentions filed in Brooksville, 29 September 1819.<sup>23</sup> She was born in Penobscot, Maine, 18 June 1803, daughter of Daniel and Bethiah (Webb) Moore.<sup>24</sup> The town of Brooksville was formed in 1817 from parts of Castine, Penobscot, and Sedgwick, Maine. In the 1820 census for Brooksville, the household of Daniel Blake Jr. consisted of a male (Daniel) age 18–25, a female (Mary) age 16–25, and no other persons.<sup>25</sup> Neither Daniel nor Mary/Polly Blake was found in the 1830 or later censuses. A search of probate records for Hancock County was also unsuccessful.

Known children of Daniel and Mary/Polly (Moore) Blake, b. Brooksville:<sup>26</sup>

- 2 i RUHANNAH/RUTH E. BLAKE, b. say 1820–21; m. (1) FREEMAN C. PATTERSON, m. (2) CHARLES BROW.
- 3 ii WILLIAM D. BLAKE, b. [calc.] 28 July 1822; m. REBECCA A. STEVENS.
- iii DANIEL BLAKE, b. 29 July 1823. No further information found.

2 **RUHANNAH/RUTH E. BLAKE** was born in Brooksville, probably about 1821.<sup>27</sup> She died 8 May 1902 in Belfast.<sup>28</sup> She married first, circa 1842, FREEMAN

<sup>18</sup> In the 1880 U.S. Census, Rebecca "Marshall," 40, "sister," was living in the Josephus B. Marshall household, Saint George, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 112, p. 219.

<sup>19</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>20</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>21</sup> Ruth and Charles Candage, comps., *Obituaries from Lime Rock Gazette, Rockland Gazette, Courier Gazette of Rockland, Maine* (1983), 1127 (2 March, "at South Thomaston"); Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Rockland, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 2001), 149 (3 March, no place of death given); Springfield (Mass.) *Republican*, 6 March 1889, p. 7 [genealogybank.com]; Williamson, *History of Belfast*, 2:440, states that the death of William D. Blake, "formerly of Belfast," occurred on 3 March 1889 in Rockland.

<sup>22</sup> Blake, *Jasper Blake*, 35.

<sup>23</sup> Wick, *Brooksville VRs*, 10.

<sup>24</sup> Daniel Moore's family record (which includes her mother's maiden name) published in D. Hoffman, *Penobscot Vital Records 1700–1890* (Brewer, Maine, n.d.), 31, Mary Moore's daughter Ruth's death record shows Mary's birthplace as Appleton.

<sup>25</sup> Daniel Blake Jr. household, 1820 U.S. Census, Brooksville, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 586.

<sup>26</sup> The birth of son Daniel is recorded in Brooksville (Wick, *Brooksville VRs*, 50). Ruhannah and William D.'s births are unrecorded, but the discussion above establishes them as siblings and children of Daniel and Mary (Moore) Blake.

C. PATTERSON.<sup>29</sup> He was born 19 November 1820 in Belfast, son of Andrew and Mary (Stephenson) Patterson,<sup>30</sup> and was shot to death by William D. Blake in Camden, 11 February 1863, aged 42.<sup>31</sup>

Ruth E. Patterson, widow, age 43, married second CHARLES BROW, aged 45, divorced, laborer, the marriage certificate issued in Belfast, 6 November 1865.<sup>32</sup> Brow was born about 1820, his birthplace listed as “Monhegan” on his Civil War registration record,<sup>33</sup> but nothing else has been learned about him, and he and Ruth evidently soon separated. On 10 September 1872, “Ruhama Patterson,” widow, filed intentions in Belfast to marry Aaron Lear, laborer, but the marriage was refused by the Clerk, who stated “Ruhama has one husband Chas Brow.”<sup>34</sup> Lear married another woman two years later.<sup>35</sup>

In 1850 Freeman C. Patterson, age 30, sailmaker, and Ruhannah, age 29, were living in Waldoboro with children Chas. F., 6, Geo. W., 4, and Daniel E., 2.<sup>36</sup> Ten years later the family was in Belfast, the household consisting of Freeman, 41, sail maker, Rahamah, 43 [*sic*], and five children: Chas., 17, George, 15, Daniel, 12, Mary E., 7, and Hellen A., 3.<sup>37</sup> The family is not found in the 1870 census under either the Patterson or Brow surnames, but in 1880 Ruth E. Patterson, age 63 [*sic*], was still in Belfast, living with her son Daniel E., 33, and daughters Hattie F. Patterson, 18, and Mary E. Bird, 25.<sup>38</sup>

Children of Freeman and Ruhannah/Ruth E. (Blake) Patterson:<sup>39</sup>

- i CHARLES F. PATTERSON, b. Waldoboro, ca. 1843, d. Belfast, of consumption, 26 July 1874, aged 31y.<sup>40</sup> Charles Patterson was a seaman. He enlisted in Company B, 1st Maine Cavalry, on 24 Dec. 1863, and mustered out, 29 Aug. 1864.<sup>41</sup>
- 4 ii GEORGE W. PATTERSON, b. (calc.) 28 Feb. 1845; m. (1) HARRIET FRANCES PRINCE; m. (2) SARAH ADALINE (BUSHEY) FELTON.

<sup>27</sup> See the discussion of Ruth’s birth date on the first page of this article.

<sup>28</sup> Ruth Patterson death notice, Belfast (Maine) *Republican Journal*, 15 May 1902; Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com. As noted above, her age at death of 84y 4m 7d on her death record is most likely incorrect.

<sup>29</sup> Freeman C. Patterson household, 1850 U.S. Census, Waldoboro, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 29; the estimated date based on the birth date of their first child.

<sup>30</sup> *Belfast VRs*, 1:143; his parents m. 23 Sept. 1804 per *ibid.*, 2:323.

<sup>31</sup> *Belfast VRs*, 2:608.

<sup>32</sup> *Belfast VRs*, 2:329.

<sup>33</sup> U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863–1865, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>34</sup> *Belfast VRs*, 2:329.

<sup>35</sup> Aaron Lear m. Belfast, 22 April 1866, Mrs. Hannah J. Burgin (*Belfast VRs*, 2:251).

<sup>36</sup> Freeman C. Patterson household, 1850 U.S. Census, Waldoboro, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 198.

<sup>37</sup> Freeman Patterson household, 1860 U.S. census, Belfast, Waldo Co. Maine, p. 132.

<sup>38</sup> Ruth E. Patterson household, 1880 U.S. Census, Belfast, Waldo Co., Maine, E.D. 75, p. 250.

<sup>39</sup> Children i–v from census records (see notes 36 and 37); birth of child vi as noted.

<sup>40</sup> *Belfast VRs*, 2:607.

<sup>41</sup> U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861–1865, database, ancestry.com.



- iii DANIEL EDWARD PATTERSON, b. ca. 1847–48, d. Belfast, 19 Dec. 1921.<sup>42</sup> He filed intentions, 21 Feb. 1868, to marry Mary Ann Wilson, but the certificate was “forbidden”; he filed intentions again with her 28 May 1868, and again the certificate was forbidden, Mary Ann being just age 17 at the time and Daniel age 21.<sup>43</sup> Daniel was listed in the 1860 census as a seaman, aged 12,<sup>44</sup> and in 1880 he was a single man, aged 33 living with his mother and two sisters.<sup>45</sup> In 1910 he was living in a boarding house in Gloucester, Mass., aged 64, working as a fisherman.<sup>46</sup> In 1920, he was listed as single, living on the Poor Farm in Belfast, aged 72.<sup>47</sup>
- iv MARY E. PATTERSON, b. ca. 1852–53,<sup>48</sup> d. Northport, Maine, 11 Sept. 1936;<sup>49</sup> m. (1) Northport, 24 May 1874, ALBION K. BIRD,<sup>50</sup> b. Northport, (calc.) 14 Sept. 1831, son of David and Mary (Brainard) Bird, d. Northport, 27 Nov. 1909, aged 78y 2m 13d.<sup>51</sup> Mary and Albion divorced in the Oct. term 1877 of the Waldo Co. Supreme Judicial Court.<sup>52</sup> Mary stated that Bird “is a man of most violent temper and harsh disposition, and regardless of his marriage covenant and duty was accustomed to beat your libellant with great indignity using toward her violent, profane and opprobrious language; that then existed between [them] such incompatibility of temper and disposition, that it was impossible for them to live together in peace and harmony and that in consequence thereof and on account of said libellee’s cruel treatment of her that in the month of April 1875 [she] separated herself from [him] and since that time has lived separate and apart from him.” Mary added that she “has no love or affection for said libellee and has determined that she can never again attempt to live with him.” Mary m. (2) Northport, 25 July 1897, JOHN JAMES MELLEN, b. ca. 1849 in Saint John, N.B., Canada, his parentage unknown.<sup>53</sup> He immigrated to the U.S. in 1887.<sup>54</sup>

<sup>42</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com. His age, 76, is probably overstated.

<sup>43</sup> *Belfast VRs*, 2:324, 472.

<sup>44</sup> Freeman Patterson household, 1860 U.S. Census, Belfast, Waldo Co. Maine, p. 132.

<sup>45</sup> Ruth E. Patterson household, 1880 U.S. Census, Belfast, Waldo Co., Maine, E.D. 75, p. 250.

<sup>46</sup> James P. Gleason household, 1910 U.S. Census, Ward 4, Gloucester, Essex Co., Mass., E.D. 293, p. 6B.

<sup>47</sup> Belfast Poor Farm, 1920 U.S. Census, Ward 4, Belfast, Waldo Co., Maine, E.D. 126, p. 49A.

<sup>48</sup> Aged 7 in Freeman Patterson household, 1860 U.S. census, Belfast, Waldo Co. Maine, p. 132.

<sup>49</sup> Waldo County Town Reports database, Northport, [www.belfastlibrary.org/files/Index-of-Town-Records/T15.html](http://www.belfastlibrary.org/files/Index-of-Town-Records/T15.html); John J. Mellen household, 1930 U.S. census, Northport, Waldo Co., Maine, E.D. 19, p. 147B.

<sup>50</sup> Divorce petition, Waldo Co. Supreme Judicial Court, 20:500; on the marriage certificate, he was described as a 43y-old farmer of Northport, son of David Bird, his 2nd marriage; she was described as age 19y [*sic*], of Northport, 1st marriage, daughter of Freeman and Ruth Patterson (Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Northport, Waldo County, Maine, Prior to 1892* [Camden, Maine, 1995], 106).

<sup>51</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com. Her parents m. 17 June 1827 (*Belfast VRs*, 2:32).

<sup>52</sup> Divorce petition, Waldo Co. Supreme Judicial Court, 20:500.

<sup>53</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1922, image, ancestry.com. It was his 3rd marriage, her 2nd.

<sup>54</sup> John J. Mellen household, 1930 U.S. census, Northport, Waldo Co., Maine, E.D. 19, p. 147B. The census entry shows his birthplace as England, his age as 89 [*sic*], and his name as John J. Mellen. The marriage record shows his name as James J. Mellen.

After her divorce from Albion Bird, Mary moved back home and worked as a dress maker.<sup>55</sup> No known children.

- v HELEN A./NELLIE PATTERSON, b. 11 Sept. 1857, d. Belfast, 18 Dec. 1884;<sup>56</sup> m. (1) Belfast, 31 Dec. 1873, WILLIAM KIMBALL, a 19 year-old shoemaker,<sup>57</sup> b. therefore ca. 1854 and poss. the William A. Kimball, b. Belfast, 1854, d. Belfast, 26 Aug. 1929, aged 74,<sup>58</sup> who m. (?) Belfast, 22 Oct. 1881, Fannie J. Clark.<sup>59</sup> Helen m. (2) Boston, Mass., 22 May 1880, SAMUEL DAYTON SARGENT,<sup>60</sup> b. 30 Nov. 1854, son of Benjamin Jr. and Caroline (Rogers) Sargent,<sup>61</sup> d. Belfast, of heart disease, 29 Aug. 1885, aged 31.<sup>62</sup> Samuel Sargent was a railroad brakeman. No known children.
- vi HARRIET FRANCES/KITTIE PATTERSON, b. Camden, 12 Sept. 1862,<sup>63</sup> d. Belfast, of consumption, 24 March 1898, aged 35y 6m 12d,<sup>64</sup> m. Belfast, 27 Aug. 1883, CHARLES M. LEAVITT, b. Athens, Maine, ca. 1856–57, son of Dudley and Esther B. (McFarland) Leavitt, d. in the Bangor State Hospital, Bangor, Maine, 25 March 1915, aged 58.<sup>65</sup> Charles M. Leavitt, aged 44, widow, was living in Belfast and working in a shoe factory in 1900; residing with him was his daughter, Helen R. Leavitt, aged 13.<sup>66</sup> On his death record in 1915, he was called a butcher.

Like her father, Harriet was shot by an assailant with a gun. This incident, which occurred on 11 Nov. 1897, was covered in detail in the newspapers:<sup>67</sup>

STARTLING TRAGEDY AT BELFAST, ME., YESTERDAY

Edmund Elliot Shoots Mrs. Charles Leavitt.

Motive for Assault Unknown—Woman Likely to Die

Belfast, Me., Nov. 12—Mrs. Charles Leavitt of this city was shot and dangerously wounded by Edmund Elliott, a treer in the Belfast shoe factory, at their lodging house here just after noon yesterday. The motive for the attempted murder is unknown, and it is believed that Elliott was crazed with drink at the

<sup>55</sup> Ruth E. Patterson household, 1880 U.S. Census, Ward 3, Belfast, Waldo Co., Maine, E.D. 75, p. 250A.

<sup>56</sup> Her birth and death dates from her gravestone in Grove Cemetery, Belfast, as given in *Belfast VRs*, 1:170 (birth of Helen A., wife of Samuel D. Sargent) and 2:630 (death).

<sup>57</sup> *Belfast VRs*, 2:239.

<sup>58</sup> Gravestone, Grove Cemetery, Belfast, findagrave.com #119054149, no photo.

<sup>59</sup> *Belfast VRs*, 2:239.

<sup>60</sup> Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840–1915, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>61</sup> *Belfast VRs*, 1:170 (birth date citing gravestone), his parents Benjamin and Caroline J. given on the marriage record; his parents m. (cert.) 11 Sept. 1847 per *Belfast VRs*, 2:380.

<sup>62</sup> *Belfast VRs*, 2:630; gravestone, Grove Cemetery, Belfast, findagrave.com #126551070.

<sup>63</sup> Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Camden/Rockport, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2006), 415 (hereafter Groves, *Camden/Rockport VRs*).

<sup>64</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>65</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com; gravestone photo, Grove Cemetery, Belfast, findagrave.com #129243695. His parents m. 17 Oct. 1846 in Montville, Maine (Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, ancestry.com).

<sup>66</sup> Charles M. Leavett household, 1900 U.S. Census, Belfast, Waldo Co., Maine, E.D. 167, p. 25B.

<sup>67</sup> *Boston Journal*, Friday, 12 Nov. 1897, p. 7 [genealogybank.com].

time. . . . The shooting occurred in a Cross Street lodging house, where Elliott and the woman had rooms. Mrs. Leavitt's room is on the second floor of the house and Elliott occupied a room adjoining.

In Mrs. Leavitt's statement, she says that Elliott was ill yesterday forenoon and that she carried a cup of tea to him. He asked her to get him some liquor. . . . She refused to get the liquor, but told him she would go after ginger, which, she thought would do him more good than liquor. At noon, while eating dinner in a restaurant across from the house, she sent her little daughter after ginger.

Mrs. Leavitt then returned to the house and told Elliott that her little girl would be in soon with ginger. . . . He was sitting on the foot of his bed, and while there he seemed to be handling a revolver.

Mrs. Leavitt immediately went into his room and asked him if he had a revolver. At that instant she caught sight of the shining barrel under the edge of the bed. She secured the weapon and attempted to escape. . . . Elliott jumped up and seized her by the throat and wrested the revolver from her grasp. She started for the front hallway, but she had hardly left the doorway when Elliott fired a shot which entered her right breast. The woman fled to the front hallway where Elliott fired at her again. This time the shot missed. As Mrs. Leavitt started to run downstairs Elliott fired a third shot, which struck her in the back.

Mrs. Leavitt says that as she reached the foot of the stairs another shot struck her again in the back. She thinks that Elliott fired a fifth shot, but does not know whether it hit her or not. She rushed out of doors with her clothes afire and her assailant followed, but his revolver was empty. . . .

Mrs. Leavitt is 35 years old, and has been ill all summer. Her husband is clerk at the Commonwealth Hotel. Elliott is a native of New Hampshire and about 40 years old. He will be arraigned today.

On 7 Jan. 1898, the grand jury returned six indictments against Elliott, one of which charged him with attempting to murder by shooting Mrs. Kitty Leavitt, who had been in critical condition for several weeks after the incident.<sup>68</sup> Elliott was found guilty on 13 Jan. by the Superior Court and was sentenced to four years of hard labor in the state prison at Thomaston—the same institution in which Harriet's uncle William Blake had been incarcerated.<sup>69</sup> A little more than two months later, Harriet died of consumption. The newspaper notice of her death stated "it was considered very remarkable that Mrs. Leavitt recovered from her wounds, as she was known to be in an advanced stage of consumption at the time, and four bullets from Elliott's revolver entered her body."<sup>70</sup>

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<sup>68</sup> "Attempt to Murder. Edmund Elliott Indicted for Shooting Mrs. Kitty Leavitt," *Boston Journal*, Saturday, 8 Jan. 1898, p. 5 [genealogybank.com].

<sup>69</sup> "Four Years in Prison. Sentence Imposed upon Edmund Elliott for the Attempted Murder of Mrs. Kittle Leavitt," *Boston Journal*, Friday, 14 Jan. 1898, p. 1; Maine State Prison, 1900 U.S. Census, Thomaston, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 268, p. 273B. Elliott was discharged from prison 23 April 1901, after serving three years and three months (*Maine State Prisoners 1824–1915* [note 15], 73).

<sup>70</sup> "Elliott's Victim Gone. Mrs. Kittie P. Leavitt of Belfast Dies of Consumption," *Boston Journal*, Friday, 25 March 1898, p. 7; Maine State Prison, 1900 U.S. Census, Thomaston, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 268, p. 273B.

Child of Charles and Harriet Frances (Patterson) Leavitt:

- 1 *Helen Ruth Leavitt*, b. Belfast, 18 Aug. 1886,<sup>71</sup> d. Belfast, 29 March 1972;<sup>72</sup> m. Belfast, 21 Oct. 1907, Charles A. Harmon. Helen was working in a shirt factory and Charles was a bookkeeper when they married.<sup>73</sup>

3 **WILLIAM D. BLAKE** was born on or about 28 July 1822. He died by hanging himself, 2 or 3 March 1889, age 66 years, 7 months, 4 days.<sup>74</sup> He married about 1856 (birth of first child), REBECCA ANN/ANNIE MARSHALL.<sup>75</sup> She was born (calc.) 23 March 1836 in Saint George, Maine, daughter of John and Rebecca (—) Marshall, and died in Friendship, Maine, 13 September 1911, aged 75 years, 5 months, 21 days.<sup>76</sup> She married, second, in Saint George, 6 March 1892, Sylvester M. Davis.<sup>77</sup> He was born in December 1828 in Friendship, son of John and Margaret (—) Davis, and died 8 December 1903 in Friendship, age 74.<sup>78</sup> He had married first, circa 1853 (birth of first child), Eliza J. Orne,<sup>79</sup> born circa 1835.<sup>80</sup>

Children of William and Rebecca Ann (Marshall) Blake, b. Rockport:<sup>81</sup>

- i WEST BLAKE, b. 10 July 1857, d. after 1930, when he was living in Exeter, Maine;<sup>82</sup> m. Exeter, 30 June 1909, ESTHER/ETTA SMITH, b. Monroe, Maine, ca. 1863, daughter of M. B. and Laura (Caster) Smith,<sup>83</sup> d. after 1930. No children.
- ii GEORGE WILLIAM BLAKE, b. 19 Aug. 1859. No further information found.

<sup>71</sup> Joseph Williamson, *History of the City of Belfast*, Volume II 1875–1900, completed and edited by Alfred Johnson (Boston, 1913), 356.

<sup>72</sup> Gravestone, Grove Cemetery, Belfast, findagrave.com #128591060, no photo; Social Security Death Index [genealogybank.com].

<sup>73</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>74</sup> Ruth and Charles Candage, comps., *Obituaries from Lime Rock Gazette, Rockland Gazette, Courier Gazette of Rockland, Maine* (1983), 1127 (2 March, “at South Thomaston”); Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Rockland, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 2001), 149 (3 March, no place of death given); Springfield (Mass.) *Republican*, 6 March 1889 [genealogybank.com]; Williamson, *History of Belfast* [note 71], 2:440, states that the death of William D. Blake, “formerly of Belfast,” occurred on 3 March 1889 in Rockland.

<sup>75</sup> See note 10.

<sup>76</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com. This record shows her parents as John and Rebecca Marshall. Her son West Blake’s marriage record shows her maiden name as Annie R. Marshall. See John Marshal household, 1850 U.S. Census, St. George, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 43.

<sup>77</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>78</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com; Sylvester M. Davis household, 1900 U.S. Census, Friendship, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 143, p. 58A.

<sup>79</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1907, familysearch.org, marriage record for son Elden W. Davis and Flora A. Light.

<sup>80</sup> Sylvester Davis household, 1870 U.S. Census, Friendship, Knox Co., Maine, p. 91.

<sup>81</sup> Groves, *Camden/Rockport VRs*, 407; Wm. D. Blake household, 1860 U.S. Census, Camden, Knox Co., Maine, p. 147.

<sup>82</sup> West Blake household, 1930 U.S. Census, Exeter, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 46, p. 26A.

<sup>83</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, image, ancestry.com.

4 **GEORGE W. PATTERSON** was born (calc.) 28 February 1845 in Belfast, Maine. He died in Belfast, 18 January 1912, aged 66 years, 10 months, 18 days.<sup>84</sup> He married first, in Camden, Maine, 20 November 1867, HARRIET FRANCES/HATTIE PRINCE.<sup>85</sup> She was born in Camden, 22 February 1842, daughter of William and Sarah (Moore) Prince,<sup>86</sup> and died there, 22 March 1919.<sup>87</sup> They divorced 2 January 1882.<sup>88</sup> George married second, in Gloucester, Massachusetts, 28 August 1883, SARAH ADALINE (BUSHEY) FELTON.<sup>89</sup> She was born (calc.) 18 February 1858 in Saint Mary's Bay, Digby County, Nova Scotia, daughter of David and Mary (Allen) Bushey.<sup>90</sup> She died in Gloucester, 22 June 1900, age 42 years, 4 months, 4 days.<sup>91</sup> The identity of her Felton husband has not been learned.

George Patterson was listed as a 15-year-old seaman in the 1860 census.<sup>92</sup> He may have been the George W. Patterson, age 21, born in Belfast, Maine, who entered the U.S. Navy in Boston on 12 February 1863.<sup>93</sup> If so, he actually would have been only 18 years old. He was discharged from the Navy on 18 January 1865.<sup>94</sup>

In the 1870 census, Hattie Patterson, age 28, and daughter Nellie, age 2, were enumerated in Camden living in the household of Hattie's brother Alphonso Prince; George was not listed with them and has not been located living elsewhere.<sup>95</sup> Two years later, George allegedly abandoned her, as claimed in Harriet's divorce petition dated 15 November 1881:

In a libel of divorce wherein the libellant [Harriet] says that she was married to the libellee [George W. Patterson] on the fifteenth of November A.D. 1867 [*sic: the Camden vital records give 20 November 1867*], and resided with him as his wife at said Camden about six years: that since their said intermarriage one child has been born to them to wit, Nellie F. Patterson aged twelve years; that she has always behaved herself towards her said husband as a kind chaste and affectionate wife, but that he disregarding his marriage covenant and duty has neglected and wholly refused to support her; and that in the month of December A.D. 1872, he left her, deserting her without

<sup>84</sup> Waldo County Town Records database, Belfast, 1911-12, p. 99, *belfastlibrary.org*; George O. Patterson death notice, Belfast (Maine) *Republican Journal*, 25 January 1912; Maine, Death Records, 1617-1922, *Ancestry.com*, gives his age at death as 66 years 10 months 18 days.

<sup>85</sup> Groves, *Camden/Rockport VRs*, 722.

<sup>86</sup> Groves, *Camden/Rockport VRs*, 312; her parents m. 18 April 1829 per *ibid.*, 84 (her mother's surname given as "Mores" on the marriage record, but "Moore" on Harriet's death record).

<sup>87</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617-1922, image, *ancestry.com*.

<sup>88</sup> Knox Co., Maine, Supreme Judicial Court, 13:306.

<sup>89</sup> Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840-1915, image, *ancestry.com*. Her middle name given in the record of her son George Patterson's first marriage.

<sup>90</sup> The marriage record gives her birthplace and names of her parents; her birth date is calculated from her age at death. Her mother's maiden name is given on Sarah's death record.

<sup>91</sup> Massachusetts, Death Records, 1841-1915, image, *ancestry.com*

<sup>92</sup> Freeman Patterson household, 1860 U.S. census, Belfast, Waldo Co. Maine, p. 132.

<sup>93</sup> U.S., Naval Enlistment Rendezvous, 1855-1891, image, *ancestry.com*.

<sup>94</sup> George W. Patterson, 1890 U.S. census, Veterans Schedule, Gloucester, Essex Co., Massachusetts, E.D. 174, p. 1, line 17.

<sup>95</sup> Alphonso Prince household, 1870 U.S. Census, Camden, Knox Co., Maine, p. 32.

any provision for her support and has never since returned to her, or in any way contributed to her support, being more than three years desertion. Wherefore the libellant prays that she may be divorced from the bonds of matrimony existing between herself and the said George W. Patterson.

In the 1880 census, George W. Patterson, aged 34, was enumerated as a saloon keeper in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Living with him was a “wife,” whose first name was indexed as “Henriet,” aged 32 and born Maine, and a son Freeman C., aged 2, born Massachusetts.<sup>96</sup>

Patterson	George	W.	M.	34	
—	Henriet	W.	F.	32	Wife
—	Freeman	C.	M.	2	Son

While the name of the wife in this census is not at all clear, George at the time was still married to his first wife Harriet, and it seems possible, therefore, that the census taker was attempting to write “Harriet.” On the other hand, Harriet’s 1881 divorce petition makes it very doubtful that she was living with George in 1880. She explicitly stated that George had deserted her in 1872 and had never returned to her. Furthermore, Harriet said that one child had been born to them, a daughter Nellie, and made no mention of a son Freeman. The “wife” in this census record was apparently someone else. No further record of this woman has been located.

The birthplace of son Freeman C. Patterson was given in this census record as Massachusetts, but there is no birth for him in the Massachusetts vital records. At the time of his marriage in 1894, Freeman stated his parents were George W. Patterson and Sarah A. “Butcher.”<sup>97</sup> This claim is dubious, as George did not marry his second wife, Sarah A. (Bushey) Felton, until 1883, and Freeman was born 6 September 1877.<sup>98</sup> The woman living with George in the 1880 census (and presumably the mother of Freeman) was certainly not Sarah.

George was a saloon keeper in Gloucester, Massachusetts, at least as early as 1874, and his establishment was frequently raided by the police for various infractions. On 15 March 1874, “officers Wilkes, Hodgkins, McKenny and Strong, of the night police, made a raid on the saloon of George W. Patterson, Sea street, early on Sunday morning, where they caught a party of six persons engaged in gambling.”<sup>99</sup> On Tuesday, 31 March 1874, “officer Moore made seizures of liquor” from the

<sup>96</sup> George W. Freeman household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gloucester, Essex Co., Mass., E.D. 176, p. 477D.

<sup>97</sup> Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840–1915, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>98</sup> Massachusetts, Mason Membership Cards, 1733–1990, image, ancestry.com. Curiously, on the 1920 census sheet, the birthplace of Freeman’s mother was given as France (Freeman C. Patterson, Foxborough State Hospital, Foxborough, Norfolk Co., Mass., E.D. 194, p. 5B).

<sup>99</sup> [Gloucester, Mass.] *Cape Ann Advertiser*, Fri., 20 March 1874, p. 2 [genealogybank.com].

premises of George W. Patterson and several others.<sup>100</sup> On 20 November 1874, George W. Patterson was convicted of “keeping a common gaming nuisance,” and was fined \$75 and costs of \$6.05.<sup>101</sup> He was still running a saloon when he married Sarah (Bushey) Felton in 1883. After Sarah’s death, George moved back to Belfast where he was enumerated in 1910 as a restaurant keeper, living with his sons Freeman C. and George W. [Jr].<sup>102</sup>

On 18 June 1885, George W. Patterson purchased a house and lot on Bay View Street in Camden, Maine.<sup>103</sup> There are two deeds, one dated 2 March 1887 and another dated 11 October 1889, in which he sold the property for \$1 to his minor children, Nellie F. and Freeman C. Patterson.<sup>104</sup> In December 1890, George W. Patterson, of Gloucester, Massachusetts, was appointed guardian of Nellie F. Patterson of Camden, and Freeman C. Patterson of Gloucester, in order to protect their interest in the property, valued at \$1600.<sup>105</sup> On the third Tuesday of May 1896, George petitioned the Court to sell Freeman’s undivided half of the house and lot, which was granted, whereas Nellie and her heirs retained their ownership for many years afterwards.<sup>106</sup>

Children of George W. and his 1st wife Harriet Frances/Hattie (Prince) Patterson:

- i NELLIE F. PATTERSON, b. prob. Camden, Feb. 1869,<sup>107</sup> d. 1939 and bur. in Mount View Cemetery, Camden;<sup>108</sup> m. (cert.) Camden, 24 Oct. 1891, JOHN FRANK THOMAS of Rockport,<sup>109</sup> b. 10 June 1866, son of John H. and Mercy (Grant) Thomas,<sup>110</sup> d. 1958 and bur. with Nellie in Mount View Cemetery.<sup>111</sup>

Children of John Frank and Nellie F. (Patterson) Thomas, b. Camden:<sup>112</sup>

- 1 *George Harvey Thomas*, b. 1 Sept. 1892,<sup>113</sup> d. 1 April 1963 and bur. in Mount View Cemetery, Camden;<sup>114</sup> m. ca. 1924, Frances C. —.<sup>115</sup>

<sup>100</sup> [Gloucester, Mass.] *Cape Ann Advertiser*, Sat., 4 April 1874, p. 2 [genealogybank.com].

<sup>101</sup> [Gloucester, Mass.] *Cape Ann Advertiser*, Sat., 28 Nov. 1874, p. 2 [genealogybank.com].

<sup>102</sup> “Jordan G.” Patterson household, 1910 U.S. Census, Ward Two, Belfast, Waldo Co., Maine, E.D. 243, p. 20A.

<sup>103</sup> Knox Co. Deeds, 69:252.

<sup>104</sup> Knox Co. Deeds, 74:172, 77:267, wife Sarah released her dower rights on the second deed.

<sup>105</sup> Knox Co. Probate Records, #3109.

<sup>106</sup> On 4 Nov. 1946, seven years after Nellie’s death, her sons George H. Thomas of Camden and Ralph E. Thomas of Detroit, Mich., quitclaimed the property to their father; four days later, on 7 Nov., J. Frank Thomas sold it to one Kathryn B. Cucinotta (Knox Co. Deeds, 284:528, 296:54).

<sup>107</sup> John F. Thomas household, 1900 U.S. Census, Camden, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 140, p. 7B.

<sup>108</sup> Birth and death years from her gravestone, findagrave.com #174261387 (no photo).

<sup>109</sup> Groves, *Camden/Rockport VRs*, 679.

<sup>110</sup> Groves, *Camden/Rockport VRs*, 431; his parents m. (cert.) 4 Feb. 1865 per *ibid.*, 594.

<sup>111</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com #174261376 (no photo).

<sup>112</sup> John F. Thomas household, 1900 U.S. Census, Camden, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 140, p. 7B; John F. Thomas household, 1910 U.S. Census, Camden, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 139, p. 1B.

<sup>113</sup> U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>114</sup> Birth and death years from his gravestone, findagrave.com #174261400 (no photo).

<sup>115</sup> George H. Thomas household, 1930 Census, Camden, Knox Co., Maine, E.D. 7-3, p. 13A.

- 2 *Ralph Edwin Thomas*, b. 7 June 1900,<sup>116</sup> d. Detroit, Mich., 28 May 1988;<sup>117</sup> m. Bangor, Maine, 13 Aug. 1927, Ruth Milton Coombs.<sup>118</sup>
- ii ADDIE M. PATTERSON, b. prob. Camden, [calc.] Aug. 1870, d. Camden, 23 Feb. 1873, aged 2y 6m.<sup>119</sup>

Child of George W. Patterson, mother unidentified, b. Gloucester, Mass.:

- iii FREEMAN CHANDLER PATTERSON, b. 6 Sept. 1877, d. Foxboro, Mass., 29 Dec. 1924;<sup>120</sup> m. (1) Gloucester, 9 May 1894, ANNIE COOK, b. Rockport, Mass., 28 Feb. 1877, daughter of Leonard L. and Annie (Norwood) Cook;<sup>121</sup> m. (2) ca. 1907, GERTRUDE M. —, b. R.I., ca. 1885.<sup>122</sup>

In 1920, Freeman and Gertrude Patterson were living and working at the Foxborough State Hospital, he as an assistant supervisor and she as a nurse.<sup>123</sup>

Children of Freeman Patterson and Annie Cook, all b. and d. Gloucester, Mass.:<sup>124</sup>

- 1 *Walter Chandler Patterson*, b. 18 Oct. 1894, d. 11 Nov. 1904, aged 10y 23d.
- 2 [male] *Patterson*, twin, b. 11 July 1901, d. 16 July 1901, aged 5d.
- 3 [male] *Patterson*, twin, b. 11 July 1901, d. 17 July 1901, aged 6d.

Children of George W. and Sarah A. (Bushey) (Felton) Patterson, b. Gloucester:<sup>125</sup>

- iv LILLIAN F. PATTERSON, b. 4 Oct. 1885,<sup>126</sup> d. 16 Sept. 1953, prob. in Suffolk Co., New York;<sup>127</sup> m. (1) Gloucester, 23 Nov. 1903, JOSEPH L. L'ORANGE, b. Vancouver, B.C., Canada, ca. 1874, son of Henry O. and Milina (Beaudriault) L'Orange;<sup>128</sup> m. (2) Boston, Mass., 28 Dec. 1912, PETER LAMONT, b. Worcester, Mass., ca. 1873, son of Joseph and Almira (Vandal/Evandel) Lamont,<sup>129</sup> d. New York, N.Y., 26 March 1936.<sup>130</sup> Lillian m. (3) New York, N.Y., 20 Sept. 1922, AUGUST LOUIS

<sup>116</sup> Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>117</sup> Michigan, Death Index, 1971–1996, ancestry.com.

<sup>118</sup> Maine, Marriage Index, 1892–1966, 1977–1996, familysearch.com.

<sup>119</sup> Groves, *Camden/Rockport VRs*, 440.

<sup>120</sup> Massachusetts, Mason Membership Cards, 1733–1990, image, ancestry.com; Massachusetts, Death Index, 1901–1980, ancestry.com.

<sup>121</sup> Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, image, ancestry.com. On this record, Freeman's mother is named as Sarah ("Butcher") Patterson. Annie's parents m. Rockport, 5 Jan. 1877 per Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840–1915, image, ancestry.com).

<sup>122</sup> "Jordan G. Patterson," 1910 Census, Ward 2, Belfast, Waldo Co., Maine, E.D. 243, p. 20A.

<sup>123</sup> Foxborough State Hospital, 1920 U.S. Census, Foxborough, Norfolk Co., Mass., E.D. 194, p. 5B; U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>124</sup> Massachusetts, Birth Records, 1840–1915, images, ancestry.com; Massachusetts, Death Records, 1841–1915, images, ancestry.com.

<sup>125</sup> Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, images, ancestry.com.

<sup>126</sup> U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1935–2007, ancestry.com.

<sup>127</sup> Lillian Frances Zietz gravestone (no photo), Long Island National Cemetery, East Farmingdale, Suffolk Co., N.Y., findagrave.com #2858735.

<sup>128</sup> Massachusetts Marriages, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org.

<sup>129</sup> Massachusetts Marriages, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org. This record shows this as Lillian Patterson's first marriage and Peter Lamont's second. He had m. (1) Worcester, Mass., 27 May 1893, Margaret T. Cassidy.

<sup>130</sup> New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795–1949, familysearch.org.



- ZIETZ, b. New York, N.Y., 2 Oct. 1888, son of Henry and Mathilda (Hoeweler) Zietz,<sup>131</sup> d. New York, 3 Nov. 1965.<sup>132</sup> Lillian was a nurse.<sup>133</sup> No children found.
- v MABEL F. PATTERSON, b. 25 April 1888, d. Gloucester, Mass., 21 April 1893.<sup>134</sup>
- vi GEORGE W. PATTERSON, b. 2 April 1892, d. Togus Veterans Administration Hospital, Augusta, Maine, 8 March 1950;<sup>135</sup> m. (1) Belfast, 4 Nov. 1911, CLARA L. HART, b. Belfast, 22 Sept. 1892, daughter of Everett and Flora (Sawyer) Hart,<sup>136</sup> divorced before 10 April 1917 when she m. Percy A. Cunningham.<sup>137</sup> George m. (2) Belfast, 22 Jan. 1920, ETHEL E. DICKINSON, b. Bath, Maine, 28 June 1901, daughter of Willard and Sunie Adella (Waltz) Dickinson,<sup>138</sup> d. Brunswick, Maine, 4 March 1992,<sup>139</sup> divorced before 1935; m. (2) 22 March 1957 in Maine, Harry L. Gross.<sup>140</sup> George m. (3) Belfast, 19 Jan. 1935, IDA F. (SMITH) MOSES,<sup>141</sup> b. Smith Mills, Quebec, 30 March 1890, daughter of Ernest W. and Mary (Buzzell) Smith,<sup>142</sup> d. Belfast, 15 Nov. 1967.<sup>143</sup> Ida had m. (1) Lyndon, Vt., 15 Oct. 1904, John Moses.<sup>144</sup>
- George served in World War I as a private in the Headquarters Company of the 212th Engineers, from 2 Sept 1918 to 21 Jan. 1919.<sup>145</sup> He worked as a sewer in a shoe factory and as a painter. George Patterson had six children: two with Clara Hart and four with Ethel Dickinson.

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<sup>131</sup> New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829–1940, familysearch.org; U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918, image, familysearch.org.

<sup>132</sup> Social Security Death Index, genealogybank.com; U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca. 1775–2006, ancestry.com.

<sup>133</sup> August L. Zietz household, 1920 U.S. Census, Assembly District 9, Manhattan, New York N.Y., E.D. 684, p. 5B.

<sup>134</sup> Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org.

<sup>135</sup> George W. Patterson, Sr., obituary, Belfast (Maine) *Republican Journal*, 9 March 1950.

<sup>136</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, image, Ancestry.com; Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>137</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, image, Ancestry.com, record for Clara Patterson and Percy A. Cunningham, m. Belfast, 10 April 1917.

<sup>138</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, image, Ancestry.com; Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>139</sup> Maine Death Index, 1969–1997, ancestry.com; Social Security Death Index, genealogybank.com.

<sup>140</sup> Maine, Marriage Index, 1892–1996, ancestry.com.

<sup>141</sup> Maine, Marriage Index, 1892–1996, ancestry.com.

<sup>142</sup> Ernest Smith household, 1891 Canada Census, Granby, Shefford, Quebec, p.14, family 72. Parents’ marriage at Vermont, Vital Records, 1729–1908, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>143</sup> Ida F. Patterson obituary, Belfast (Maine) *Republican Journal*, 23 Nov. 1967; Vermont, Vital Records, 1720–1908, image, ancestry.com, record of marriage of Ida Smith and John Moses shows Ida’s birthplace as Lancaster, N.H., and shows her father’s first name as Willard, which may have been Ernest’s middle name.

<sup>144</sup> Vermont, Vital Records, 1720–1908, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>145</sup> U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925–1963, image, ancestry.com.

FAMILY BIBLE OF EBENEZER FRANCIS ALLEN  
OF BATH, MAINE

*Submitted and Annotated by Richardson B. Allen*

Ebenezer Francis Allen, generally identified as Eben F. Allen in almost all of his records, was the son of Holway Allen of Fairfield, Maine, and grandson of Ebenezer Allen of Sandwich, Massachusetts, and Fairfield, Maine. Eben was born in Fairfield and moved to Bath, Maine, with his brother John. Both were carpenters on ships in what is now the Bath Iron Works.

The family Bible treated below was published in Hartford by Silas Andrus and Son in 1855. There are five pages of family information in the Bible, although four of the pages are now loose. Four of the pages have family data of the same style. The fifth page is a family chart, probably not originally in the Bible. Some of the entries require explanation, so additional notes are given below in italics within square brackets. The Bible entries are transcribed verbatim.

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*[This page lists the births of Humphrey Purington, son of Hezekiah and Isabella (Smalley) Purinton, and Humphrey's wife, Sarah (Higgins) Purington, daughter of Simeon and Elizabeth (McIntire) Higgins, and the births of Humphrey and Sarah's fifteen children. Humphrey and Sarah's daughter Rachel (also called Rachel Jane) married Eben F. Allen. This page also lists the death of Humphrey and Sarah's son Simeon Purington in 1875. All of the text uses the same writing hand, suggesting that the page was prepared after this latter date.]*

Family Record

Births

Humphrey Purington March 20<sup>th</sup> 1761  
Sarah Purington Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1782  
William Purington May 24 1802  
Levi & Samuel Purington Aug 20 1803  
Hezkiah Purington Apr 4 1805  
David Purington Jun 19 1807  
Joseph Purington Oct 2 1808  
Thankful Purington Nov 4 1810  
Fanny Purington Sept 23 1812  
Sarah Purington Mar 26 1814  
Simeon Purington Apr 23 1816  
Rachel Purington Mar 8 1818  
Humphrey Purington Feb 13 1820  
Isaac Purington Nov 16 1822  
Henry Purington June 16 1824  
Charles Purington June 30 1826

Deaths

Simeon Purington May 12 1875

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## Family Records

## Births

Eben Francis Allen Born Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1827 Fairfield Maine & Rachel Jane Purington March 8<sup>th</sup>  
1818 Bath Maine

Frank Henry Allen Born June 18<sup>th</sup> 1857 Bath Maine

Alice V. Allen Born Aug 15 1880 at Bath Me. [*on side*] Sunday Morning

Herbert L. Allen Born Mar 29 1882 at Portland Me. [*Herbert was a son of Frank Henry Allen*]

Lotta Bell Allen Born Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1884 Bath Me. Sunday Morning

## Deaths

Rachel J. Allen June 28 1876 aged 58 years

Jennie M. Allen Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1894 aged 43

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## Family Record

## Marriages

John P. Allen to Crispiannas Young Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1849 By Elbridge G. Brooks at Bath Me

Eben F. Allen to Rachel J. Purington August 8<sup>th</sup> 1855 By Nahum Brooks at Bath Maine

Eben F. Allen and Jennie M. Gatchell Nov 8 1879 By Geo Morse at Bath Me.

Frank H. Allen and Eleanor S. Kinsley [*note: McKinley on side*] By Rev M Ketchum Dec 8  
1880 at Portland Me

[Page 4] [*the text all written in the same hand*]

## Family Record

## Births

John Page Allen Feby 22<sup>d</sup> 1826 Fairfield Maine

Crispannas Young Bath Me Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1830

Mary Ann Cruse Allen Bath Me Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1850 [*on side*] Tuesday 3 oclock 25 m A.M.

John Young Allen Bath Me Jany 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

Frank Eugene Allen Bath Me Sept 3<sup>d</sup> 1853

Katie H. Allen Bath Me. Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1856 [*on side*] Saturday 10 o.clk A.M.

## Deaths

John Young Allen July 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

Frank Eugene Allen July 21<sup>st</sup> 1855

[*John and Crispianna Allen moved to Placerville, California, in the early 1860's, and had 4  
other children there between 1863 and 1871.*]

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[*This page is a four-column chart listing Eben's parents and all of their children, with their  
dates and places of birth and dates and places of marriage. Curiously, the names of the chil-  
dren's spouses are not given.*]

## Family Register

## Parents

Halway Allen, b. Apr 5<sup>th</sup> 1776 ~~Durham Me~~ Sandage Me [*sic, doubtless Sandwich, Mass.,  
was meant*], d. March 3<sup>d</sup> 1852 Oakland Me [*Eben's father's name was spelled Holway Al-*

len in all other records. He was the son of Ebenezer and Mary (Allen) Allen, who moved in 1782–1783 from Sandwich, Mass., to Fairfield, Maine, so Holway was born in Sandwich. Holway's death is listed in Oakland, but the western part of Waterville was incorporated as West Waterville in 1873, and later Oakland in 1883. This suggests that the chart was prepared after 1883.]

Hannah Page Spaulding, b. Jan 30th 1793 Portland ME [*Hannah was Hannah (Spaulding), widow of John Page, and the second wife of Holway. See Charles Warren Spaulding, The Spaulding Memorial: A Genealogical History of Edward Spaulding of Virginia and Massachusetts Bay (Chicago, 1897), p. 140. Holway and Hannah were married 2 Nov. 1823 in Durham, Maine. She died in Bath, 29 Aug. 1891, at the age of 98. Her death is not listed in the chart, suggesting that the chart was prepared before this date.*]

#### Children

Phebe Page, b. Feb 10th 1820, m. Nov 3th 1840, Exeter. By Mr. Hurd [*Phebe was the daughter of Hannah and her first husband, John Page. Phebe married John S. Girdler, 2 Nov 1840, in Exeter N.H.*]

Arel C. Allen, b. Aug 2<sup>d</sup> 1824 Fairfield Me, m. Nov 16th 1847. Mercer by Blanding, d. April 8th 1861 Baltimore M.D. Comp 8 Me 7<sup>th</sup> Reg. Vol. [*Arel's first name is Asahel in his marriage intentions in Fairfield and Mercer, his marriage in Mercer, and in the 1850 census of Holway Allen's household in Fairfield. When he enlisted in the 7th Maine Regiment, his residence was Norridgewock, Maine.*]

John P. Allen, b. Feb 22th Fairfield Me, m. Nov 25th 1849 Bath, by E. G. Brooks Esq. [*see Bible record, p. 4.*]

Ebenezer F. Allen, b. Dec 11th 1827 Fairfield Me, m. Aug<sup>t</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1855 by N. Brooks Bath [*see Bible record, pp. 2–3*]

Elisha T. Allen, b. Nov 25th 1829 Fairfield Me, d. ~~January 7th 1838 Fairfield ME~~ March 4th 1885 Norridgewock, Me

Henry G. Allen, b. July 16th 1831 Fairfield Me, d. January 7 1838 Fairfield Me

Emily J. Allen, b. Sept 13th 1833 Fairfield Me, m. March 10 1852 Winthrop by Powers, d. May 2 1881 Bath Maine [*Emily married Amos Welts, and lived in Bath after her husband died. She is buried with Eben.*]

*Richardson B. Allen has been collecting information for over twenty-five years on the family of his great-great-grandfather, Ebenezer Francis (Eben. F) Allen of Fairfield and Bath, Maine. Much of the early information given in this Bible was not recorded, and thus might be of interest to other readers. Mr. Allen can be reached at 1659 E. Stanley Dr., Sandy, UT 84093; or at rballenr@comcast.net.*

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

*By Jane Belcher*

About the time of the outbreak of the Revolutionary War in 1775, two likely brothers, Joseph and John Giles, migrated from Raymond, New Hampshire, to York County, Maine, with five presumably younger men of the Giles surname: Joseph Jr., John Jr., Daniel, Samuel, and Paul. The younger men were born between 1745 and 1762 and were of an age to have been the sons of either Joseph or John. All the Giles men except the elder John had military service during the war. The connections among six of the seven Giles men are known from their land records, onomastics, and from the pension and probate records of Joseph Jr. who had no surviving children at the time of his death.

Joseph and John Giles were probably the sons of Daniel Giles (ca. 1682–ca. 1769), who was born in Dover, New Hampshire, and lived most of his life in the part of Exeter, New Hampshire, that became Brentwood in 1742. Late in life Daniel Giles lived briefly in Raymond, New Hampshire. There are several clues in the Maine records of the Giles family connecting them to New Hampshire, most often to Rockingham County. Samuel Giles’s gravestone inscription in Aurora Cemetery, Aurora, Hancock County, Maine, provides his birthplace, “Raymon, Mass.”<sup>1</sup> Daniel Giles’s military record indicates he was of “‘Bessick’ (Massabesec), also given Brentwood.”<sup>2</sup> In 1783 a suit was brought against John Giles “of a place called Massabesick not incorporated in York County” by the estate of Jonathan Norris of Exeter, New Hampshire, who had died in 1769.<sup>3</sup> Joseph Giles Jr.’s military service was under Capt. James Osgood in Col. Timothy Bedel’s New Hampshire regiment.<sup>4</sup>

This article builds upon and revises the sketches of the Giles families written by Frederick A. Boyle in his *Early Families* series on Shapleigh, Maine, and neighboring towns, and seeks to document their probable family of origin. In *Early Families of Shapleigh and Acton, Maine*, Boyle suggested that the four Giles men (Daniel,

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<sup>1</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #41910516. “Ramon, Mass.” refers to Raymond, N.H., where Joseph Sr. was living in 1768. There is no Ramon or Raymond in Massachusetts, except Raymond Red Brook in Plymouth and Raymond’s Corner in Westminster (William Francis Galvin, ed., *Historical Data Relating to Cities and Towns in Massachusetts* [Boston, 1997], 93, 126). No vital records for the Giles family have been found in Plymouth or Westminster.

<sup>2</sup> “Jiles, Daniel” entry, in *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908), 8:800 (hereafter cited as *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*). The Indian name *Massabesick* was the early name given to what later became Waterboro and North Alfred (W. W. Clayton, *History of York County Maine* [Philadelphia, 1880], 388 [hereafter cited as Clayton, *History of York Co.*]).

<sup>3</sup> York Co., Maine, Court of Common Pleas, 18:471; York Co. Deeds, 47:190. Jonathan Norris’s will was proved 27 Dec. 1769 (Otis G. Hammond, ed., *Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire*, vol. 9: 1767–1771, vol. 39: N.H. State Papers Ser. [n.p., 1941], 120–24).

<sup>4</sup> Revolutionary War Pension #S35346.

Joseph, Samuel, and John) in the 1790 Shapleigh census may have been related. He described the Giles land in Shapleigh as lying in proximity to the Waterboro line. Boyle also noted that Daniel Gile of Sanford and later Alfred appears to have been a different man from the Daniel Giles who settled in Shapleigh. He correctly identified the Samuel Giles of Shapleigh as the man of that name who later lived in Aurora.<sup>5</sup> *Early Families of Waterborough, Maine*, provided a sketch of John Giles, which noted he was called “John Giles, Jr.” in the record of his 1778 military service.<sup>6</sup>

No comprehensive genealogy of Daniel<sup>2</sup> Giles (*Mark*<sup>1</sup>) and his children has been published. Daniel is known to have had six children, three daughters (Abigail, Lydia, and Mary) and three sons (Daniel Jr., Joseph, and John) (see discussion below). The *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* provided information about Daniel Giles and named four of his six children: Daniel Jr., Abigail, Mary, and Joseph.<sup>7</sup> *The Giles Memorial* by John Adams Vinton (1864) included more comprehensive records of Daniel Jr., but did not include Daniel Sr.’s five other children.<sup>8</sup>

The descendants of Mark Giles of Dover are often confused with those of Samuel Guile/Gile, one of the founders of Haverhill, Massachusetts.<sup>9</sup> Samuel Guile’s descendants migrated from Haverhill to Plaistow, New Hampshire, and then, to add to the confusion, were early settlers in much of the same region as the descendants of Mark Giles, settling first in Sanford and later in Alfred, Maine. The Guile/Gile family of Haverhill has been well documented.<sup>10</sup> Though he did not specifically say that the Gile and Giles families were related, Edwin Emery wrote in his *History of Sanford* that Ephraim, John, Joseph, Joseph Jr., and Paul were “all undoubtedly residents of the same neighborhood with Daniel Giles. Prior to 1782 Daniel, John, Joseph and Joseph Junior settled in the east part of Shapleigh.”<sup>11</sup> John E. Frost, in the introduction to his “Alfred (Maine) Record Book,” identified Daniel Giles, not

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<sup>5</sup> Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Shapleigh and Acton, Maine* (Portsmouth, N.H., 2002), 171–74 (hereafter cited as Boyle, *Early Families of Shapleigh & Acton*).

<sup>6</sup> Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Waterborough, Maine* (Portsmouth, N.H., 2012), 193–94 (hereafter cited as Boyle, *Early Families of Waterborough*).

<sup>7</sup> Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (Portland, Maine, 1928–1939), 260–61 (hereafter cited as *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*)

<sup>8</sup> John Adams Vinton, *The Giles Memorial* (Boston, 1864), 151–53 (hereafter cited as Vinton, *Giles Memorial*).

<sup>9</sup> Two other Giles families in early New England were not prominent early settlers of York Co. Vinton wrote about both of those families, the descendants of the immigrants Edward Giles and Thomas Giles (Vinton, *Giles Memorial*, 4–100, 101–50). Edward Giles was a Great Migration immigrant (Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633* [Boston, 1995], 764–66).

<sup>10</sup> John Charles Gile, *The Guile-Giles-Guiles Family: Descendants of Samuel Guile, One of Twelve Founders of Haverhill, Massachusetts, in 1640* (Salem, Mass., 1997); Charles Burleigh, *The Genealogy and History of the Guild, Guile and Gile Family* (Portland, Maine, 1887).

<sup>11</sup> Edwin Emery, *History of Sanford, 1661–1900* (Fall River, Mass., 1901), 76 (hereafter cited as Emery, *History of Sanford*).

Daniel Gile, as an early settler of Alfred.<sup>12</sup> Frederick R. Boyle did not resolve the confusion when he suggested a Haverhill, Massachusetts, origin for Daniel, Joseph, and John Giles.<sup>13</sup>

The differences in residence (Shapleigh and Waterboro for Giles and Alfred for Gile) and spelling of the surname can sometimes aid in sorting the two families, while the use of the given names *John* and *Daniel* by both families, as well as multiple Johns and Josephs in the Giles family, only add to the confusion. John Adams Vinton wrote that Giles and Gile, “though so nearly alike in form, are far from being the same name.”<sup>14</sup> This was echoed by M. T. Runnels, who noted that Giles is pronounced with a soft *g* and Gile with a hard *g*.<sup>15</sup>

To provide a probable family of origin for John and Joseph Giles of Shapleigh and Waterboro, this article begins by documenting Daniel Giles and his children in Rockingham County, New Hampshire, and then focuses on his sons and grandsons who settled in York County, Maine. Joseph, Joseph Jr., Daniel, Samuel, John, John Jr., and Paul Giles appeared in Sanford, Maine, about the time the Revolution began. John Jr. moved to the unincorporated area of Massabesick, which later became Waterboro, at the time of his 1784 marriage to Mary Thing; John Sr. likely moved from Shapleigh to Waterborough just after the 1790 census, and Samuel moved about 1810 from Shapleigh to Hancock County, Maine.

1 **DANIEL**<sup>2</sup> **GILES** was born in Dover, New Hampshire, circa 1682, son of Mark<sup>1</sup> Giles and his first wife whose name is unknown. Daniel is said to have been living in Brentwood, New Hampshire, in 1769 when he was aged 87.<sup>16</sup> On 2 Febru-

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<sup>12</sup> John Eldridge Frost, “Alfred (Maine) Record Book,” typescript (1968) at The New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass.

<sup>13</sup> In their article on the Russell family, Priscilla Eaton and Frederick R. Boyle stated incorrectly that “The names Giles and Gile, although originating from the same family, took on separate spellings in Shapleigh and Alfred, Maine” (“The Two Joseph Russell Families of Waterboro and Alfred, Maine,” *The American Genealogist* 79[2004]:142, n. 70 [hereafter cited as Eaton and Boyle, “Two Joseph Russells”]). In this article, the authors identified a Haverhill, Mass., origin for Patience Russell’s husband Daniel “Gile” (ibid., 142). Boyle corrected this in his *Early Families of Alfred, Maine*, published in 2006, identifying New Hampshire as the birthplace of Patience Russell’s husband Daniel Giles (Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred, Maine* [Portsmouth, N.H., 2006], 319 [hereafter cited as Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*]). The sketch of Daniel Giles in Boyle, *Early Families of Shapleigh & Acton*, 173, does not provide a birthplace for Daniel Giles. Boyle noted the baptismal date (13 July 1746) of a Joseph “Giles/Guile” and a father (Joseph) from the Haverhill, Massachusetts, vital records (Boyle, *Early Families of Shapleigh & Acton*, 172), and suggested that John Giles had also been born in Mass. (Boyle, *Early Families of Waterborough*, 193).

<sup>14</sup> Vinton, *Giles Memorial*, 3.

<sup>15</sup> M[oses] T[hurston] Runnels, *History of Sanbornton, New Hampshire*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1882), 2:301–2 (hereafter cited as Runnels, *History of Sanbornton*).

<sup>16</sup> *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 260. The original document providing Daniel’s age in 1769 has not been found. Daniel’s last known deed, the sale of half of his mill in Raymond to his son-in-law Stephen Butler, was executed 9 March 1767 (Rockingham Co. Deeds, 79:373).

ary 1721/2, Daniel's wife was EUNICE —, when she released her dower rights in a deed.<sup>17</sup> It is said that Daniel was apprenticed to Capt. Peter Coffin.<sup>18</sup> Daniel lived in Exeter, New Hampshire, between 1708 and 1742, buying and selling land and receiving his share of common land.<sup>19</sup> After Brentwood was separated from Exeter in 1742, Daniel was known as a Brentwood resident until the end of his life, except in two documents dated in 1766 and 1767, which styled him "of Raymond."<sup>20</sup> In May 1724 Daniel served as a sergeant under Capt. Daniel Ladd of Exeter on a six-day scouting expedition in search of Indians.<sup>21</sup> Daniel Giles and his son Daniel Jr. assaulted Daniel Ladd of Exeter on 29 May 1736.<sup>22</sup> In October of 1753, Daniel quit-claimed to his nephew Mark Giles of Dover all of his right to the real estate in Dover, which his father Mark Giles Sr. had at the time of his death, as well as his right to all the real estate of his late brother Mark Giles Jr.<sup>23</sup> A few months later Daniel brought two court actions of ejectment, one against his nephew Mark Giles, and the other against his brother Mark's widow, Sarah Giles, and her son-in-law John Randall, husband of Esther Giles.<sup>24</sup> In 1763 Daniel purchased from Charles Rundlet of Exeter one hundred acres with a house and sawmill in the part of Chester that became Raymond in 1764.<sup>25</sup> In 1764 Daniel sold one half of this land, dwelling, and sawmill, with utensils, to his son John. Later he sold the other half of the land to his grandson Daniel Leavitt and to his daughter Lydia Roberts and her husband Alexander Roberts in three separate transactions.<sup>26</sup> In his final deed, Daniel

<sup>17</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 12:466. Eunice Giles also witnessed the will of Jonathan Moody of Exeter, 27 Feb. 1729/30 (Otis Grant Hammond, ed., *Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire*, vol. 2: 1718–1740, vol. 32: N.H. State Papers Ser. [Bristol, N.H., 1914], 374). *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 261, identified Eunice in the latter transaction as either the wife or daughter of Daniel.

<sup>18</sup> *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 260. The original source has not been found.

<sup>19</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 10:10; 12:202, 466; 17:551; 18:282; 20:35, 307; 27:271; Charles Henry Bell, *History of the Town of Exeter* (Boston, 1888), 142 (hereafter cited as Bell, *History of Exeter*).

<sup>20</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 44:174; 70:498; 76:245, 247, 248, 250; Nathaniel Bouton, ed., *Documents and Records Relating to Towns in New Hampshire*, vol. 9: N.H. State Papers Ser. (Concord, N.H., 1875), 77, 274; Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:23; New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #s 28838, 29917, 29925, 2571. Daniel was "of Raymond" in two deeds: Rockingham Co. Deeds, 79:373, 89:343.

<sup>21</sup> Bell, *History of Exeter*, 229.

<sup>22</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #2114.

<sup>23</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 44:75.

<sup>24</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #s 29917, 29925.

<sup>25</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 76:245.

<sup>26</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 76:250, to John Giles with Joseph Giles, Daniel's son, as a witness. Rockingham Co. Deeds, 89:343, to Lydia Roberts, for which the description of the land included the phrase "save what lays the north side of Jones Branch which I sold to my grandson Daniel Leavitt." No deed of sale to Daniel Leavitt has been found. The deed further identified the land sold as the place where Daniel Giles was living. Rockingham Co. Deeds, 79:379, to Alexander Roberts, with Samuel Johnson, Alexander's son-in-law, as a witness. There was no mention of the remaining half of the dwelling in the deeds to Lydia and Alexander Roberts. Daniel's relationship to John Giles, Lydia Roberts, and Alexander Roberts was not specified. It is of note that in 1764



sold the second half of the sawmill, with appurtenances, to Stephen Butler, husband of his daughter Mary.<sup>27</sup>

Daniel Giles had six children, four of whom can be identified by statements of relationship found in deeds and court records. Since the name *Eunice* was continued among his descendants, it seems likely that Eunice was the mother of at least some of Daniel's children. Daniel Giles Jr. was confirmed as the son of Daniel in the 1736 record of their assault on Daniel Ladd.<sup>28</sup> In another court record in 1743, Daniel Giles Jr. assigned a note to "my brother John Giles."<sup>29</sup> Lydia (Giles) (Judkins) Roberts referred to Daniel as her "honored father" in her 1766 deed to Stephen Butler.<sup>30</sup> Daniel Giles's grandson Daniel Leavitt was referenced when Daniel deeded land to his daughter Lydia Roberts.<sup>31</sup> The *Genealogical Dictionary* identified two additional "presumed" children of Daniel Giles: Mary Giles, who married William Gilman, and Joseph Giles, who married Joanna Akers.<sup>32</sup> While there is no single document confirming that Mary and Joseph were children of Daniel Giles, a number of interactions as well as signatures on petitions are noted. William Gilman of Kingston was taken as bail for John Giles of Exeter in 1742.<sup>33</sup> In 1756 Daniel Giles of Brentwood was taken as bail for Joseph Giles of Chester.<sup>34</sup> The deeds executed by Daniel Giles selling the one hundred acres in Raymond, which he had purchased from Charles Rundlet in 1763, involved two of Daniel's children, John and Lydia, and members of the families of two others, Abigail and Mary.<sup>35</sup> In 1739 Daniel Giles, Daniel Giles Jr., Joseph Giles, and John Giles were among the Exeter residents who petitioned to be annexed to Massachusetts.<sup>36</sup> In 1743 Daniel, John, Jo-

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Daniel Giles with Daniel Leavitt failed to deliver white oak planks to Daniel Smith as promised (New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #7571).

<sup>27</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 79:373, with Hannah Gilman, likely Daniel's granddaughter, as a witness. Again there was no mention of the remaining half of the dwelling, nor was Daniel's relationship to Stephen Butler indicated.

<sup>28</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #2114. Daniel also deeded land to his "beloved" son Daniel in 1741 (Rockingham Co. Deeds, 27:271).

<sup>29</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #23675.

<sup>30</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 89:343. Lydia Judkins's marriage to Alexander Roberts is documented in "Kingston First Church Records, Marriages by Rev. Joseph Secomb," *New Hampshire Genealogical Record* [NHGR] 3(1905):40 (hereafter cited as "Kingston First Church Records").

<sup>31</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 89:343. Daniel Leavitt was the son of Abigail Giles and her husband John Leavitt (Brentwood Town Records, 1742-1841, 1:736).

<sup>32</sup> *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 261. Marriage records of Mary Giles to William Gilman and of Joseph Giles to Joanna Akers in "Kingston First Church Records," NHGR 3(1905):41. Marriage record of Mary Gilman to Stephen Butler in "Kingston First Church Records," NHGR 3(1905):86.

<sup>33</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #8977.

<sup>34</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #22080.

<sup>35</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 76:250; 79:373, 379; 89:343. Joseph Giles was a witness to the sale to John Giles.

<sup>36</sup> D. Hamilton Hurd, *History of Rockingham and Strafford Counties, New Hampshire* (Philadelphia, 1882), 263 (hereafter cited as Hurd, *History of Rockingham and Strafford Cos.*).

seph Giles, and Alexander Roberts signed a petition seeking to have Brentwood set off as a parish separate from Exeter.<sup>37</sup>

Children of Daniel<sup>2</sup> Giles, and perhaps also of his wife Eunice —, all presumably b. Exeter, N.H., where Daniel was living by 1708, birth order uncertain:

- i DANIEL<sup>3</sup> GILES Jr., b. by 1710, as he was of an age to purchase land in Exeter, 15 March 1730/1,<sup>38</sup> d. after 19 Jan. 1743/4, when he sold land in Brentwood,<sup>39</sup> perhaps in 1758 “storming of the fort” at Cape Breton “with the Colonial forces in the French war.”<sup>40</sup> Daniel seemed to be anticipating his absence on 25 Oct. 1743, when he signed a document assigning “the within note . . . therein mentioned to my brother John Giles for value of him received do hereby authorize and empower him to sue for and recover the same to his own use.”<sup>41</sup> Daniel m. Kingston Second Church, 5 Jan. 1743, SARAH MAGOON,<sup>42</sup> daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Wadleigh) Magoon of Exeter.<sup>43</sup> She d. after 1779, when her mother’s dower rights were distributed.<sup>44</sup> Numerous records bear witness to Daniel Giles Jr.’s presence as a laborer or husbandman in Exeter (or after 1742, Brentwood) between 1731 and 1744.<sup>45</sup> Child of Daniel and Sarah (Magoon) Giles:<sup>46</sup>

<sup>37</sup> N.H. State Papers Ser., vol. 9 [note 20], 77. Alexander Roberts was the husband of Lydia Giles.

<sup>38</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 18:146.

<sup>39</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 29:199.

<sup>40</sup> Vinton, *Giles Memorial*, 156–57. Nicholas Giles reported in 1864 to Vinton (author of *The Giles Memorial*) that he believed his great-grandfather was Daniel Giles of Exeter who was killed at Cape Breton in the French war and that his great-grandmother was Daniel’s wife, — “Magoun.” Because Vinton thought Daniel was a son of Mark and Lydia (Tibbets) Giles and thus born “perhaps” in 1732, he speculated that Daniel’s death occurred at the second capture of Louisburg by Amherst and Wolfe in 1758. Vinton’s informant, Nicholas Giles, was a bookbinder, b. Sanbornton, N.H., 11 Feb. 1819, d. Concord, N.H., 13 Dec. 1885 (Runnels, *History of Sanbornton*, 2:302; New Hampshire, Death and Disinterment Records 1754–1947, image, ancestry.com). Daniel Giles is not on the list of N.H. soldiers who fought at Louisburg in 1745 (*Roll of New Hampshire Men at Louisburg, Cape Breton, 1745* [Concord, N.H., 1895], 35). There was a “Da[*misprint*] Gile” who served under Capt. Trueworthy Ladd, 28 April–19 Oct. 1758, possibly at Louisburg (Chandler E. Potter, *Military History of the State of New Hampshire from Its Settlement in 1623 to the Rebellion in 1861*, 2 vols. [Concord, N.H., 1866], 1:220 [hereafter cited as Potter, *Military History of N.H.*]).

<sup>41</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #23675.

<sup>42</sup> Second Church of Kingston, New Hampshire, database, americanancestors.org.

<sup>43</sup> *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 452, 707.

<sup>44</sup> Otis G. Hammond, ed., *Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire*, vol. 4: 1750–1753, vol. 34: N.H. State Papers Ser. (n.p., 1933), 407–17.

<sup>45</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 18:148; 27:271, 273; 29:199; New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #s 12436, 14869, 16392, 23675; *Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire*, vol. 9: 1767–1771 [note 3], 272–74; Hurd, *History of Rockingham and Strafford Cos.*, 263.

<sup>46</sup> Vinton listed three children of Daniel: Daniel, a Revolutionary soldier who died in the army, Sally, who died young, and Nicholas (Vinton, *Giles Memorial*, 156). Daniel and Sally are not included here, as no records have been found to confirm their existence. In 1882 Runnels, who identified Nicholas as a grandson of the immigrant Mark without naming his father, provided additional information not found in *The Giles Memorial*. Onomastics supports the inclusion of Nicholas as a son of Daniel and Sarah (Magoon) Giles. Nicholas named two of his sons Daniel and one of his daughters

- 1 (prob.) *Nicholas Giles*, b. ca. 1749, d. Sanbornton, N.H., 20 Sept. 1831, aged 82, and bur. in Giles Cemetery, Sanbornton;<sup>47</sup> m. (1) Tabitha Smith, daughter of Reuben Smith, d. 18 Sept 1796, bur. in Giles Cemetery;<sup>48</sup> m. (2) Sanbornton, 17 April 1797 (by Rev. John Crockett), Betsey Hersey,<sup>49</sup> daughter of James and Jemima (Burley) Hersey, d. 26 June 1841, bur. in Giles Cemetery.<sup>50</sup>
- ii ABIGAIL GILES, b. 10 June 1710, d. Brentwood, 20 Sept. 1755;<sup>51</sup> m. Kingston, N.H., 16 June 1735 (by Rev. Ward Clark), JOHN LEAVITT,<sup>52</sup> b. 16 Oct. 1712, son of Nehemiah<sup>3</sup> Leavitt,<sup>53</sup> d. Raymond, N.H., 25 Jan. 1790.<sup>54</sup> [For information about Abigail and John Leavitt and their family, see the author's article "John Leavitt of Rockingham County, New Hampshire" in a forthcoming issue of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*.] One of the nine children of Abigail and John Leavitt, Daniel Leavitt, b. Brentwood, 17 Oct. 1744,<sup>55</sup> is particularly relevant to this article. The mention of him in one of his grandfather Daniel Giles's land transactions aids in constructing the Giles family.<sup>56</sup> Eunice Leavitt, b. Brentwood 10 Oct. 1740, was another child of Abigail and John Leavitt.<sup>57</sup>
- iii LYDIA GILES, b. say 1715,<sup>58</sup> d. between 1784 and 1790;<sup>59</sup> m. say 1735, BENJAMIN JUDKINS,<sup>60</sup> son of Job Judkins, probably by Job's known wife Elizabeth (York) Judkins,<sup>61</sup> d. (prob.) before 10 March 1738, when his daughter Susanna was

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Sally (Runnels, *History of Sanbornton*, 2:303). Also, Nicholas was a resident of Exeter where his widowed maternal grandmother and perhaps his widowed mother lived when he purchased land in Sanbornton in 1772 (*Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 452; Rockingham Co. Deeds, 103:314).

<sup>47</sup> Runnels, *History of Sanbornton*, 2:302–3; Sanbornton Historical Society website, <http://lane-tavern.org/BurialGround/BG%20Alpha%20Details%20Oct%202006-web-G.htm>. Nicholas's stated age of 82 at death would have been more likely ca. age 86 if his father died at Louisburg in 1745.

<sup>48</sup> Runnels, *History of Sanbornton*, 2:302; Sanbornton Historical Society website [note 47]. Tabitha was called "Susanna" in Nicholas Giles's deed of 1 April 1797, quitclaiming to her brother Noah Smith her right to their father Reuben Smith's estate (Old Strafford Co. Deeds, 3:9, citing Strafford Co. Deeds, 26:89).

<sup>49</sup> Runnels, *History of Sanbornton*, 2:302; New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659–1947, ancestry.com

<sup>50</sup> Runnels, *History of Sanbornton*, 2:302, 338; Sanbornton Historical Society website [note 47].

<sup>51</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:736.

<sup>52</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:736; "Kingston First Church Records, Marriages by Rev. Ward Clark," NHGR 2(1904):46.

<sup>53</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:736.

<sup>54</sup> Jonathan Swain's "Record of Mortality," in Joseph Fullonton, *The History of Raymond, New Hampshire* (Dover, N.H., 1874), 328.

<sup>55</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:736.

<sup>56</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 89:343

<sup>57</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:736.

<sup>58</sup> Age 20 at first marriage assumed.

<sup>59</sup> Lydia Roberts and her co-administrator and son-in-law, Samuel Johnson, presented an account of Alexander Robert's estate to the court, 19 May 1784. As surviving administrator, Samuel Johnson presented an additional account of the estate, 3 Sept. 1790 (Rockingham Co. Probate Records, #4376).

<sup>60</sup> Their daughter Susanna was b. 11 Aug. 1736 (Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:713).

<sup>61</sup> *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 393.

given a legacy in his father's will;<sup>62</sup> m. (2) Kingston, 9 May 1739 (by Rev. Joseph Secomb), ALEXANDER ROBERTS,<sup>63</sup> b. Exeter, ca. 1710, son of John and Elizabeth (Magoon) Roberts,<sup>64</sup> d. Brentwood, prior to 29 July 1777 when his probate proceedings began.<sup>65</sup> Lydia purchased land in Raymond from her father, 5 June 1766, and sold it to Stephen Butler, 9 June 1766.<sup>66</sup> On 15 June 1767, Lydia joined with her husband and Stephen Butler to sell their rights to this land to Enoch Poor.<sup>67</sup>

Child of Benjamin and Lydia (Giles) Judkins:

- 1 *Susanna Judkins*, b. Brentwood, 11 Aug. 1736;<sup>68</sup> m. Kingston, 5 Aug. 1755 (by Rev. Joseph Secomb), Zadock Sanborn,<sup>69</sup> b. Brentwood, 19 April 1733, son of Zadock and Sarah (—) Sanborn,<sup>70</sup> d. after 11 Dec. 1804, when he sold land in New Hampton to his son Zadock Jr.<sup>71</sup> Zadock Sanborn was a surety for his mother-in-law, Lydia (Giles) (Judkins) Roberts, and for his brother-in-law Samuel Johnson, husband of Lydia (Roberts) Johnson, when they were appointed administrators of the estate of Alexander Roberts in 1777.<sup>72</sup>

Child of Alexander and Lydia (Giles) (Judkins) Roberts:

- 2 *Lydia Roberts*, bp. Brentwood, 12 June 1745 (by Rev. Woodbridge Odlin),<sup>73</sup> d. Northwood, N.H., ca. 1807;<sup>74</sup> m. 1 March 1762, Samuel Johnson,<sup>75</sup> b. Hampton, 12 Sept. 1739, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (—) Johnson,<sup>76</sup> d. Northwood, 30 March 1822,<sup>77</sup> bur. Johnson Family Cemetery, Northwood.<sup>78</sup> Samuel m. (2) Lee, N.H., 1808 (by Elder John Osborn), Elizabeth Bracket of Lee.<sup>79</sup>

<sup>62</sup> *Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire*, vol. 2: 1718–1740 [note 17], 689.

<sup>63</sup> “Kingston First Church Records,” NHGR 3(1905):40.

<sup>64</sup> Thomas A. Jacobsen, *The Robertses of Northern New England* (Bowie, Md., 1995), 230.

<sup>65</sup> Rockingham Co. Probate Records, #4376.

<sup>66</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 89:343.

<sup>67</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 107:475.

<sup>68</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:713.

<sup>69</sup> “Kingston First Church Records,” NHGR 3(1905):88.

<sup>70</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:713; Victor C. Sanborn, *Genealogy of the Family of Samborne or Sanborn in England and America, 1194–1898* (Concord, N.H., 1899), 106, 137.

<sup>71</sup> Old Strafford Co. Deeds, 5:18 citing Strafford Co. Deeds, 54:136.

<sup>72</sup> Rockingham Co. Probate Records, #4376.

<sup>73</sup> Woodbridge Odlin, *Record of Exeter Baptisms, 1744–1763* (Exeter, N.H., 1923), 2, at New Hampshire Historical Society Library, Concord, N.H.

<sup>74</sup> Elliott Colby Cogswell, *History of Nottingham, Deerfield and Northwood, Comprised within the Original Limits of Nottingham, Rockingham County, New Hampshire . . .* (Manchester, N.H., 1878), 729 (hereafter cited as Cogswell, *History of Nottingham*).

<sup>75</sup> Cogswell, *History of Nottingham*, 728; 21 June 1762 Alexander Roberts deeded half an acre of land in Brentwood with half of a frame or house to Samuel and Lydia Johnson, calling Samuel “my son” and Lydia “my daughter” (Rockingham Co. Deeds, 69:320).

<sup>76</sup> Cogswell, *History of Nottingham*, 728, gives his birth date and location. Samuel's parents are identified in George Freeman Sanborn and Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *Vital Records of Hampton, New Hampshire: to the End of the Year 1900*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1992), 1:169.

<sup>77</sup> Cogswell, *History of Nottingham*, 729.

<sup>78</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com #56048600, with photos of tablets affixed to rocks, which identify him as one of the two earliest settlers of Northwood Narrows.

<sup>79</sup> N.H., Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659–1947, database, ancestry.com.

- 2 iv JOSEPH GILES, b. Rockingham Co., N.H., by 1718; m. JOANNA AKERS.
- 3 v JOHN GILES, b. Rockingham Co., N.H., ca. 1719. No record of a marriage has been found.
- vi MARY GILES, b. Rockingham Co., N.H., say 1720,<sup>80</sup> d. after 17 Oct. 1781, when she acknowledged a deed;<sup>81</sup> m. (1) Kingston, 10 Dec. 1740 (by Rev. Joseph Secomb), WILLIAM GILMAN,<sup>82</sup> son of Cartee and Hannah (Towle) Gilman,<sup>83</sup> d. before 7 Dec. 1752;<sup>84</sup> m. (2) Kingston, 8 Nov. 1753 (by Rev. Joseph Secomb), STEPHEN BUTLER,<sup>85</sup> b. ca. 1707–8, d. Brentwood, 19 Aug. 1775 in the 68th year of his age.<sup>86</sup> Stephen had m. (1) Gloucester, Mass., 11 Dec 1730, Sarah Ingalls,<sup>87</sup> b. 1711, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Thompson) Ingalls,<sup>88</sup> d. Brentwood, 14 March 1753.<sup>89</sup>
- Children of William and Mary (Giles) Gilman, b. prob. Kingston:
- 1 daughter, d. 16 Oct. 1745.<sup>90</sup>
  - 2 *Dorothy Gilman*, b. 12 July 1746,<sup>91</sup> bp. Kingston, 17 Aug. 1746 (by Rev. Joseph Secomb),<sup>92</sup> d. Brentwood, 12 Jan. 1792,<sup>93</sup> bur. Dudley Family Cemetery, Brentwood;<sup>94</sup> m. Brentwood, 26 Aug. 1765, Thomas Gordon, b. 28 Nov. 1742,<sup>95</sup> son of Thomas and Mary (Scribner) Gordon,<sup>96</sup> d. 28 July 1819,<sup>97</sup> bur. Old Gordon Road Cemetery, Brentwood.<sup>98</sup> Thomas m. (2) Mary Swain, b.

<sup>80</sup> Age 20 at first marriage assumed.

<sup>81</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 118:7. In this deed, executed with her son William Butler and his wife Mehitable, Mary was called widow of William Butler in error.

<sup>82</sup> "Kingston First Church Records," NHGR 3(1905):41.

<sup>83</sup> *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 264, 689; Constance Le Neve Gilman Ames, *The Story of the Gilmans and a Gilman Genealogy of the Descendants of Edward Gilman of Hingham, England, 1550–1950* (Yakima, Wash., 1950), 38. The father/son relationship is referenced in two deeds: Rockingham Co. Deeds, 41:46 and 53:355.

<sup>84</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 41:46. William Gilman was of Kingston, N.H.

<sup>85</sup> "Kingston First Church Records," NHGR 3(1905):86.

<sup>86</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:735. Mary Butler, with her son-in-law Thomas Gordon as a surety, administered Stephen's estate (Rockingham Co. Probate Records, #4180).

<sup>87</sup> *Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 3 vols. (Topsfield, Mass., 1917–24), 2:117; Charles Burleigh, *The Genealogy and History of the Ingalls Family in America: Giving the Descendants of Edmund Ingalls Who Settled at Lynn, Mass. in 1629* (Malden, Mass., 1903), 27 (hereafter cited as Burleigh, *Ingalls Family*).

<sup>88</sup> Burleigh, *Ingalls Family*, 27.

<sup>89</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:735.

<sup>90</sup> "An abstract of the Kingston church record of Kingston, N.H." (1947), 10, at New Hampshire Historical Society Library, Concord, N.H.

<sup>91</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:726.

<sup>92</sup> "Kingston First Church Records," NHGR 5(1908):154.

<sup>93</sup> Marian Otis, *Alexander Gordon and His Descendants* (Camden, Me., 1999), 24 (hereafter cited as Otis, *Alexander Gordon and His Descendants*).

<sup>94</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com #82496874, without photo. Inscription said to identify Dorothy, age 45y, as the wife of Capt. Thomas Gordon.

<sup>95</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:736.

<sup>96</sup> Otis, *Alexander Gordon and His Descendants*, 12.

<sup>97</sup> Otis, *Alexander Gordon and His Descendants*, 24.

<sup>98</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #40714152.

Kensington, N.H., 9 Oct. 1757, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (—) Swain,<sup>99</sup> d. 23 June 1825,<sup>100</sup> bur. Old Gordon Road Cemetery, Brentwood.<sup>101</sup> Thomas and Dorothy named their first child William Gilman Gordon.<sup>102</sup>

- 3 *Hannah Gilman*, b. 21 Nov. 1748,<sup>103</sup> bp. Kingston, 4 Dec. 1748 (by Rev. Joseph Secomb),<sup>104</sup> d. Tamworth, N.H., 1817;<sup>105</sup> m. Brentwood, 1770, Jonathan Philbrick, b. North Hampton, N.H., 27 April 1749, son of John and Judith (Biley) Philbrick,<sup>106</sup> bp. North Hampton, 21 May 1749,<sup>107</sup> d. Tamworth, 31 July 1818.<sup>108</sup> As noted above, Hannah Gilman was likely a witness to her grandfather Daniel Giles's final deed in 1767.<sup>109</sup> Jonathan and Hannah (Gilman) Philbrick named their third son Thomas Gordon Philbrick.<sup>110</sup>

Children of Stephen and Mary (Giles) (Gilman) Butler, b. Brentwood, N.H.:<sup>111</sup>

- 4 *Mary Butler*, b. 14 Sept. 1754, d. Gilmanton, N.H., 13 Dec. 1832, bur. Copp Cemetery, Gilmanton;<sup>112</sup> m. 1773, Ebenezer Eastman, b. Kingston, N.H., 24 April 1746, son of Samuel and (prob.) Sarah (Brown) (Clough) Eastman, d. Gilmanton, 27 Oct. 1794,<sup>113</sup> bur. Copp Cemetery, Gilmanton.<sup>114</sup> Stephen Butler purchased land in Gilmanton for Ebenezer Eastman, 3 Nov. 1773.<sup>115</sup> Mary Butler's ride to learn of her husband's safety after the Battle of Bunker Hill was the subject of a poem, "Mary Butler's Ride," first published in 1874.<sup>116</sup>

<sup>99</sup> Otis, *Alexander Gordon and His Descendants*, 24. Mary's parents and birth location from New Hampshire, Birth Records, 1659–1900, database, ancestry.com.

<sup>100</sup> Otis, *Alexander Gordon and His Descendants*, 24.

<sup>101</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #82495805.

<sup>102</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:736.

<sup>103</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:726.

<sup>104</sup> "Kingston First Church Records," NHGR 5(1908):157.

<sup>105</sup> Jacob Chapman, *A Genealogy of the Philbrick and Philbrook Families, Descended from the Emigrant, Thomas Philbrick, 1583–1667* (Exeter, N.H., 1886), 55 (hereafter cited as Chapman, *Philbrick Genealogy*).

<sup>106</sup> Chapman, *Philbrick Genealogy*, 54–55.

<sup>107</sup> William Haslet Jones, *Vital Statistics of North Hampton, New Hampshire, 1742–1942* (Bowie, Md., 1999), 56.

<sup>108</sup> Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818–1864, database, fold3.com. Date given in Chapman, *Philbrick Genealogy*, 55, is 29 July 1818.

<sup>109</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 79:373.

<sup>110</sup> Chapman, *Philbrick Genealogy*, 93.

<sup>111</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:734–35.

<sup>112</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #50733887. The transcription of the somewhat illegible inscription gives a death date of 13 Dec. 1832, age 78. Death date of 10 Dec. 1836 from Guy S. Rix, *Eastman Family of America: Containing Biographical Sketches and Genealogies of Both Males and Females*, 2 vols. (Concord, N.H., 1904), 1:106 (hereafter cited as Rix, *Eastman Family*).

<sup>113</sup> Rix, *Eastman Family*, 1:50, 113. Several undocumented entries at ancestry.com indicate that Mary and Ebenezer m. Kingston, 15 Nov. 1773. *Eastman Family* does not name Mary's parents or give her full birth date, nor does it provide a location for the marriage.

<sup>114</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #50733886.

<sup>115</sup> Old Strafford Co. Deeds, 1:88, citing Strafford Co. Deeds, 2:447.

<sup>116</sup> Benjamin F. Taylor, "Mary Butler's Ride," *Scribner's Monthly* 7(1874), 641–44. See also Benjamin F. Taylor, *Complete Poetical Works of Benj. F. Taylor* (Chicago, 1886), 140–47, which is a slightly different version of the poem.

- 5 *William Butler*, b. 24 April 1756, d. after 2 March 1807, when he was vendue master in Warren, N.H.;<sup>117</sup> m. Warren, N.H., 15 Feb. 1779, Mehitable Mills, b. Portsmouth, N.H., 23 Jan. 1756,<sup>118</sup> daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Salter) Mills,<sup>119</sup> d. after 16 Oct. 1802, when she released her claim to her deceased father's real estate in Portsmouth.<sup>120</sup>
- 6 *Ruth Butler*, b. 12 March 1759. Ruth Butler was witness to two deeds of Ebenezer Eastman in 1782 and 1787.<sup>121</sup>

2 **JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> GILES** was born, probably in Exeter, New Hampshire, by 1718, as by 1739 he was old enough to establish a credit account with Josiah Gilman, physician of Exeter.<sup>122</sup> Joseph died after 1782 when he, with Joseph Jr., was granted fifty acres in Shapleigh, Maine,<sup>123</sup> and before the 1790 Shapleigh census when there was only one Joseph Giles in town.<sup>124</sup> Joseph married in Kingston, 26 June 1742 (by Rev. Joseph Secomb), JOANNA AKERS.<sup>125</sup> While Joanna's family has not been identified, she may have been the daughter of Samuel Akers who was on an Indian scouting expedition in 1724 with Daniel Giles. Both Samuel Akers and Daniel Giles received land grants in Exeter in 1725.<sup>126</sup>

In 1739 Daniel Giles, Daniel Giles Jr., Joseph Giles, and John Giles were among the Exeter residents who petitioned to be annexed to Massachusetts.<sup>127</sup> Joseph Giles, with John Giles and Daniel Giles, signed a petition to form Brentwood in 1743.<sup>128</sup> Joseph Giles of Brentwood served in Capt. John Light's company which went to Louisburg in 1745.<sup>129</sup> Court records related to his failure to pay debts or deliver lumber as promised refer to Joseph as a laborer or husbandman of Exeter between 1739 and 1750,<sup>130</sup> and as a laborer or husbandman of Chester between 1751 and 1763.<sup>131</sup> In 1756 Daniel Giles of Brentwood was taken as bail for Joseph

<sup>117</sup> Warren Town Records, 1764–1815, 2:258.

<sup>118</sup> Warren Town Records, 1764–1815, 2:354–55.

<sup>119</sup> David Lang Clark, "John Mills of Bristol, England and Portsmouth, New Hampshire," NEHGR 153(1999):108.

<sup>120</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 163:60.

<sup>121</sup> Old Strafford Co. Deeds, 2:45, citing Strafford Co. Deeds, 13:380; 2:111, citing Strafford Co. Deeds, 14:356.

<sup>122</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #10778.

<sup>123</sup> Amasa Loring, *History of Shapleigh, Maine* (Portland, Me., 1854), 20 (hereafter cited as Loring, *History of Shapleigh*).

<sup>124</sup> Joseph Giles household, 1790 U.S. Census, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 68. Joseph's household had only one man over the age of 16.

<sup>125</sup> "Kingston First Church Records," NHGR 3(1905):41.

<sup>126</sup> Bell, *History of Exeter*, 229, 141–42.

<sup>127</sup> Hurd, *History of Rockingham and Strafford Cos.*, 263.

<sup>128</sup> N.H. State Papers Ser., vol. 9 [note 20], 76–77.

<sup>129</sup> Bell, *History of Exeter*, 231; *Roll of New Hampshire Men at Louisburg, 1745* [note 40], 35.

<sup>130</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #s 10778, 10780, 9658.

<sup>131</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #s 29643, 9751, 27170, 27502, 5980, 4511, 11688, 29437, 22080, 9914, 9659, 3270.

Giles of Chester.<sup>132</sup> When he was unable to pay his debts in 1757, it was noted that Joseph was a soldier serving His Majesty.<sup>133</sup>

Military records document the service of a Joseph Giles under Capt. Trueworthy Ladd in 1758 and under Capt. Samuel Gerrish in 1760.<sup>134</sup> In 1763 Joseph Giles of Chester signed a petition to form the North Parish (later Raymond, New Hampshire) separate from Chester.<sup>135</sup> The following year Joseph signed a petition for incorporation of the town.<sup>136</sup> Many records between 1764 and 1768, including continued court actions for non-payment of debt,<sup>137</sup> document that Joseph Giles was a resident of Raymond. Joseph was a witness, 4 September 1764, when Daniel Giles sold land to John Giles.<sup>138</sup> Joseph's only deed in Rockingham County was dated 3 March 1766, when he sold his one-quarter share of a sawmill in Raymond known as Lovering's old mill to Ephraim Currier.<sup>139</sup> Joseph Giles and Joseph Giles Jr., along with John Leavitt (husband of Abigail (Giles) Leavitt) and John Leavitt Jr., signed a petition about the location of the meeting house in Raymond in October 1768.<sup>140</sup> As a resident of Sanford, Maine, Joseph marched to the alarm in April of 1775 (i.e., the Battle of Lexington) as a private in Captain Morgan's company and served three days.<sup>141</sup> In 1778 Joseph's name was on the alarm list, a man over age 45.<sup>142</sup> Joseph Giles and Joseph Giles Jr. were granted the fifty acres they had settled upon in Shapleigh in 1782.<sup>143</sup>

3 **JOHN<sup>3</sup> GILES** was born probably in Exeter, New Hampshire, before 1719, as on 11 November 1740 John Giles of Exeter was old enough to enter into a contract to provide "good merchantable white pine boards or good ship timber" to Henry Marshall of Exeter.<sup>144</sup> He is probably the John Giles who died in Waterboro, Maine, after 6 May 1799, when the town of Waterboro last auctioned his support to the lowest bidder.<sup>145</sup> No record of a marriage has been found. In 1739 Daniel Giles,

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<sup>132</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #22080.

<sup>133</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #s 27502, 27170, 9751.

<sup>134</sup> Potter, *Military History of N.H.*, 1:221, 235.

<sup>135</sup> N.H. State Papers Ser., vol. 9 [note 20], 110.

<sup>136</sup> Hurd, *History of Rockingham and Strafford Cos.*, 445.

<sup>137</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #s 6833, 4038, 590, 4041.

<sup>138</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 76:250.

<sup>139</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 93:1.

<sup>140</sup> Isaac W. Hammond, ed., *Town Papers. Documents Relating to Towns in New Hampshire, New London to Wolfeborough*, vol. 13: N.H. State Papers Ser. (Concord, N.H., 1884), 308.

<sup>141</sup> *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 6:430.

<sup>142</sup> B. N. Goodale, "Soldiers in Massabesick (Waterborough) Enlisted in Captain John Smith's Company, Reported to Col. Cutts, Aug. ye 20<sup>th</sup>, 1778," *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder* [MHGR] 8(1895):85 (hereafter cited as Goodale, "Soldiers in Massabesick"); Boyle, *Early Families of Waterborough*, 431.

<sup>143</sup> Loring, *History of Shapleigh*, 20.

<sup>144</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #8977.

<sup>145</sup> Town of Waterborough, York Co., Maine, Town Records 1787–1825, 1:45.



Daniel Giles Jr., Joseph Giles, and John Giles were among the Exeter residents who petitioned to be annexed to Massachusetts.<sup>146</sup> William Gilman Jr. of Kingston was taken as bail for John Giles on 14 May 1742, when he failed to fulfill his agreement with Henry Marshall.<sup>147</sup> In 1743 John signed two petitions concerning Brentwood. Joseph and Daniel Giles also signed the first petition; Daniel Giles and Daniel Giles Jr. were signers of the second.<sup>148</sup> As mentioned previously, on 25 October 1743, Daniel Giles signed a document assigning “the within note . . . therein mentioned to my brother John Giles for value of him received do hereby authorize and empower him to sue for and recover the same to his own use.”<sup>149</sup> In the twenty-one years between 1744 and 1765, there were a number of court records concerning John Giles of Brentwood, actions of suing or being sued for failure to pay money or provide lumber in accordance with an agreement.<sup>150</sup> On 4 September 1764, John’s father, Daniel, sold him one half of the land, dwelling house, and sawmill in Raymond that Daniel had purchased of Charles Rundlet.<sup>151</sup> John’s last records in Rockingham County, New Hampshire, were in 1765. That year he sold to Daniel Smith one half of the lot and dwelling house and one quarter of the sawmill in Raymond that he had purchased the prior year.<sup>152</sup> In the same year, John Giles of Raymond was accused with Daniel Leavitt (his nephew) of cutting timber in Raymond on the land of John Steel.<sup>153</sup> John’s 1764 (tax) rate in Brentwood was declared “given in” (uncollectable) in 1767.<sup>154</sup> Similarly his 1765 and 1766 rates in Raymond were declared uncollectable in 1768, and his taxes in Raymond for 1769 were “given in” in 1772.<sup>155</sup> By the early 1770s, John Giles had moved to York County, Maine. Unlike Joseph and Joseph Jr., the suffix “Jr.” was seldom used to distinguish John and John Jr. in their early years in York County.<sup>156</sup> John Giles received thirty acres in Shap-

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<sup>146</sup> Hurd, *History of Rockingham and Strafford Cos.*, 263.

<sup>147</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #8977.

<sup>148</sup> N.H. State Papers Ser., vol. 9 [note 20], 76–77, 272–74.

<sup>149</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #23675

<sup>150</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #s 23674, 22937, 2520, 5527, 29135, 3245, 29921, 979, 2475, 4383, 7572, 5247.

<sup>151</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 76:250.

<sup>152</sup> Rockingham Co. Deeds, 76:241.

<sup>153</sup> New Hampshire Provincial Court Records, #7216.

<sup>154</sup> Brentwood Town Records, 1742–1841, 1:215.

<sup>155</sup> Raymond Town Records, 1763–1802, 1:14, 38.

<sup>156</sup> The only early occurrence of the name John Giles Jr. is found in the listing of Massabesick soldiers with military service under Captain John Smith in 1778 (Goodale, “Soldiers in Massabesick,” *MHGR* 8(1895):84–86). The marriage of John Giles to Hannah Russell in 1774 and all of the military service of John Giles in the Revolutionary War are here credited to the younger John, as those actions seem more consistent with the man of a younger age. Similarly, because the 1783 judgment against John Giles originated in a debt to Jonathan Norris of Exeter, N.H., who died prior to 27 Dec. 1769, the judgment is here placed with the elder John. Not until 1784, when the younger John married Mary Thing and moved to Waterboro, can the two Johns be separated by place of residence. Depositions of Gilman Giles and Mary Giles indicate that John and Mary lived

leigh in 1782.<sup>157</sup> His farm in the first range on the east side of Shapleigh near the Waterboro border was owned by William Pike in 1854.<sup>158</sup> In 1783 Jonathan Norris of Wakefield, New Hampshire, executor of the last will of Jonathan Norris late of Exeter, New Hampshire, obtained judgment against John Giles of “Massabesick,” an unincorporated place in York County. 52¼ acres were taken by the sheriff in full satisfaction of the debt.<sup>159</sup> At the time of the first U.S. Census in 1790, there was a John Giles living in Shapleigh, with one male over 16 and one female, and a John Giles living in Waterboro with one male over 16, two males under 16, and two females.<sup>160</sup> This was the last record found for John Giles in Shapleigh. He was probably the John Giles who was supported by the town of Waterboro between 1791 and 1799.<sup>161</sup>

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in Waterboro, formerly Massabesick, from the time of their marriage until his death (Revolutionary War Pension #W23102, fold3.com, images 7 and 9).

<sup>157</sup> Loring, *History of Shapleigh*, 20.

<sup>158</sup> Allen Raymond Pike, *The Family of John Pike of Newbury, Massachusetts (Some Descendants)* (Carmel, N.Y., 1994), 71 (hereafter cited as Pike, *The Family of John Pike*).

<sup>159</sup> York Co. Deeds, 47:190; York Co., Maine, Court of Common Pleas 1773–1783, 17:471, 517; will of Jonathan Norris (*Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire*, vol. 9 [note 3], 120–24).

<sup>160</sup> John Giles household, 1790 U.S. Census, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine, p. 230; John Giles household, 1790 U.S. Census, Waterboro, York Co., Maine, p. 68.

<sup>161</sup> Town of Waterborough, York Co., Maine, Town Records 1787–1825, 1:19, 20, 22, 27, 30, 34, 36, 40, 43, 45. Waterborough Town Records are the only records that consistently distinguish between the pauper John Giles and John Giles Jr., the holder of a number of minor town offices. Clayton, *History of York Co.*, 389, notes: “In 1790, old Mr. John Giles, who was an early settler, and had outlived his youthful energy, was sold for support to the lowest bidder at 2s. a week. He was the sole charge of the town for several years.”

## MAINE'S LAST WITCHCRAFT-RELATED CASE:

### A Family Affair

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The last known witchcraft-related case in Maine, one involving the 1796 trials and tribulations of the widow Elizabeth Smith of Arundel, appears frequently in print.<sup>1</sup> All those involved in the case are related, but the precise relationships are difficult to determine, made particularly challenging by the fact that the complainant and the first defendant are both named Elizabeth Smith, and that *Smith* is such a common name. The attempt here will be to lend context to the case by documenting the relationships of those involved, as well as identify the complainant, Elizabeth Smith.

According to an account which appeared in the 17 November 1796 *Eastern Herald and Gazette of Maine*, the story goes as follows: In early October 1796, John Hilton of Arundel was returning home on the Brimstone Road<sup>2</sup> just before dark when Widow Elizabeth Smith appeared before him. John held an ox goad in his hand, which suddenly began to move of its own accord. He immediately determined that this phenomenon must be the result of Widow Smith's witchcraft. This was confirmed to him when he went to strike her with the goad, only to discover that the goad, by some supernatural force, proceeded to beat him upon his own back.<sup>3</sup>

According to the testimony of his father-in-law, Eaton Cleaves, John Hilton was completely sane up until the time he met the widow Smith on the road. Yet John was in a state of insanity when he returned home, and publicly proclaimed that Widow Smith was a witch. As was customary in cases of insanity, Eaton Cleaves confined the young man, but then asked Widow Smith to visit them. Cleaves testified that while Widow Smith "was in the house he appeared to be much better, and talked very rationally; that it was proposed to obtain some of her blood as an antidote, and that she consented her blood should be shed." Nevertheless, the bouts of insanity continued.

This naturally aroused the concern of John's wife, Sarah (Cleaves) Hilton, his sister Elizabeth (Hilton) Smith, the wife of Daniel Smith,<sup>4</sup> as well as two single

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<sup>1</sup> A few examples include *America Bewitched: The Story of Witchcraft After Salem* (2013), by Owen Davies; *A Storm of Witchcraft: The Salem Trials and the American Experience* (2014), by Emerson W. Baker; and *Haunted York County: Mystery and Lore from Maine's Oldest Towns* (2010), by Roxie J. Zwicker, as well as numerous local histories and online blogs.

<sup>2</sup> Named not for its association with witchcraft, but for a nearby mineral spring.

<sup>3</sup> *The Eastern Herald and Gazette of Maine*, 17 Nov. 1796, p. 2 [genealogybank.com]. See also Dane Yorke, *A History and Stories of Biddeford* (Biddeford, Maine, 1994), 144–46. The story was reprinted in several Boston newspapers. My thanks to Sharon Cummins of Kennebunkport for assistance in gathering the various local history and newspaper accounts.

<sup>4</sup> In some tellings of the tale, Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Abraham Hilton and widow of Daniel Smith, is said to be the one accused of witchcraft, when in fact, court documents make clear that Elizabeth (Hilton) Smith, wife of Daniel Smith, was one of the defendants. In another account, Dolly Smith, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Smith, is said to be the accused witch. See the Genealogical Summary below for documentation regarding the various relationships.

women, Dolly Smith, his niece, and Molly Hilton, his younger sister. They sought to find a cure for the spell that Widow Smith had cast upon him, or perhaps even kill her. They first turned to a widely used method, which involved boiling John Hilton's urine. They then tried assorted other "projects," but none of their remedies seemed to end John's torment. At one point, not only the widow Smith's "neighbors, but her relations had been so incensed against her, that she was obliged to fly to a neighboring town for safety."<sup>5</sup>

Then on 15 October, events escalated to the point where the women were threatening the widow Smith's life, saying she "ought to have been long ago in hell with the damned; that they would let loose the man whom she had bewitched, John Hilton, to kill her." John subsequently escaped or was released from his confinement, and he ran to Widow Smith's house where he beat her with a stick and nearly choked her to death. The four women joined in or otherwise offered encouragement, with Dolly Smith crying out, "Kill her Uncle John." They stopped short of this objective.

Who was the widow Smith? Three possibilities were examined. The first was the Elizabeth Burnham who married in Arundel, 15 January 1767, William Smith.<sup>6</sup> This Elizabeth Smith, however, predeceased her husband, as he married second in Arundel, 7 August 1792, Rachel Patten.<sup>7</sup> The second to be examined was the Elizabeth Lassell who married William Smith of Arundel,<sup>8</sup> but she also predeceased her husband, as he married Esther Dearing as his second wife.<sup>9</sup>

It seems we needed to look no further than close family members. As *The Eastern Herald and Gazette* article noted, not only the widow's neighbors, "but also her relatives" were incensed against her. Daniel's Smith's brother Joshua Smith had married at Biddeford, 31 December 1772, one Elizabeth Smith of Biddeford.<sup>10</sup> Joshua had apparently died before 1790, as he does not appear as head of household in the 1790 census. His wife is likely the "Widow Smith" enumerated in 1790 in Arundel.<sup>11</sup> It also seems likely that she was the same "Widow Smith of Arundel" who was assaulted and accused of witchcraft. But unlike in 1692, the defendant in this case is not the accused witch, but those who assaulted her. The defendants included many of Elizabeth Smith's relatives by marriage: her sister-in-law Elizabeth (Hilton) Smith, her niece Dolly Smith, her niece Sarah (Cleaves) Hilton, Sarah's husband, John Hilton, and John's sister Molly Hilton. Witnesses included her

<sup>5</sup> *The Eastern Herald and Gazette of Maine*, 17 Nov 1796, p. 2 [genealogybank.com].

<sup>6</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>7</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org. See also Charles Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port from Its Discovery* (Kennebunk, 1837), 274 (hereafter cited as Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*). It is interesting that Bradbury makes no mention of this case.

<sup>8</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 275.

<sup>9</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>10</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 275; "A Record of Marriages of those that were Married by Mr. Moses Morrill," *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder* 6(1889):300.

<sup>11</sup> Widow Smith household, Arundel, York Co., Maine, in *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in 1790: Maine* (Washington D.C., 1908), 55.

brother-in-law and sister-in-law Eaton and Miriam (Smith) Cleaves, and her sister-in-law Abigail (Martin) Smith. The case was soon heard in court:<sup>12</sup>

To Prentiss Mellen Esq. one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace within and for the County of York

Elizabeth Smith of Arundel in the said County widow on oath complains that John Hilton of said Arundel, yeoman, did at said Arundel on the fifteenth day of October instant with force and arms make an assault on the body of your complainant, she then being in the peace of God and this Commonwealth, and he did then and there beat, wound, and evilly treat ag<sup>st</sup> law & the peace, and that Elizabeth Smith, wife of Daniel Smith of said Arundel, Sarah Hilton, wife of John Hilton, Molly Hilton, singlewoman & spinster and Dolly Smith, singlewoman & spinster and both of said Arundel, did at said Arundel on the same fifteenth day of said October threaten to beat and kill your Complainant and that your Complainant is afraid that the said John Hilton, Elizabeth Smith wife of said Daniel, Sarah Hilton, Molly Hilton and Dolly Smith will kill your complainant or do her some great bodily harm and therefore she prays surety of the peace against the said John Hilton, Elizabeth Smith wife of said Daniel, Sarah Hilton, Molly Hilton & Dolly Smith, not for any private malice, but simply because she is afraid as aforesaid.

Elizabeth Smith + her mark Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1796

Then the above named Elizabeth Smith personally appeared and made an oath to the truth of the foregoing complaint by her subscribed before me Prentiss Mellen, Justice of the Peace.

Judge Mellen then required that all five defendants be arrested and brought to trial, and ordered the appearance of five witnesses, also family members.

To the Sheriff of the County of York or either of his Deputies or any constable of the town of Arundel in said County—Greeting

Complaint having been made to me the Subscriber on oath as above, and Surety of the peace requested as above, you are therefore hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to arrest the bodies of the said John Hilton, Elizabeth Smith wife of Daniel Smith of said Arundel, Sarah Hilton wife of said John Hilton, Molly Hilton & Dolly Smith all mentioned in the foregoing complaint, and then bring them before me or carry before some other justice of the peace in and for said County, to answer to the complaint aforesaid and severally to find sureties for their personal appearances before the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace next to be holden at Biddeford within & for said County on the second tuesday of Nov<sup>r</sup> next and also that in the mean time they keep the peace toward all the Citizens of said Commonwealth & especially toward the said Elizabeth Smith the Complainant, and further to do & [*illegible word*] that which said Court shall there order & enjoin, and notify the complainant of the time & place of hearing where and when you shall have the said accused persons. Hereof fail not on your peril. Given under my hand & seal at Biddeford in said County this twenty fourth day of October Anno Domini 1796. Prentiss Mellen, Justice of the Peace

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<sup>12</sup> York Co. Court of General Sessions of the Peace, 13-250, Nov. 1796 session. My thanks to Samuel N. Howes at the Maine State Archives for his assistance in the accessing court documents.

To Eaton Cleaves, William Cleaves [*most likely Eaton's nephew*], of Arundel in said County of York, yeomen, and Abigail Smith, wife of David Smith [*brother of Daniel Smith*] of Arundel aforementioned and Miriam Cleaves [*wife of Eaton Cleaves*]. You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to make your Appearance before the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace now holden at Biddeford within and for to give Evidence of what you know relating to an indictment then and there to be Heard and tried against Dolly Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Sarah Hilton, and Molly Hilton. Hereof fail not, as you will answer your Default under the Pains and Penalty in the Law in that Behalf made and provided. Dated Biddeford, the tenth day of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety six,  
Daniel Sewall, Clerk

However, on the second Tuesday [10th] of November, 1796, as noted above, only the four women were indicted. Perhaps because of his insanity, John Hilton was not brought before the court. No mention of witches, spells, or enchantments appears in the court record. The court records reflect a simple case of assault and battery:<sup>13</sup>

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts against Elizabeth Smith, wife of Daniel Smith, Dolly Smith, singlewoman, and Sarah Hilton, wife of John Hilton, all of Arundel in the county of York, Def<sup>ts</sup> upon an indictment of the grand Jury, found against them, (and one Molly Hilton, singlewoman) at this term in substance as follows:

That the said Elizabeth, Dolly, Molly, and Sarah on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October last past [1796], with force and arms, at Arundel aforesaid, in and upon one Elizabeth Smith of Arundel aforesaid widow, in the peace of God and of the Commonwealth then and there being, did make an assault and her the said Elizabeth Smith widow did beat wound and ill treat, whereby her life was much in danger, and other wrongs to her then and there did, to the great damage of the said Elizabeth Smith widow, and against the law and the peace of the Commonwealth aforesaid, and the dignity of the same.

The said Elizabeth, Dolly, and Sarah<sup>14</sup> are set at the bar and have the said indictment read to them to which they severally plead and say that thereof they are not guilty. Whereupon a Jury is impannelled and sworn to try the issues; and after the cause is opened to the Jury, the Court recommend to the Attorney for the Commonwealth, that in case the Def<sup>ts</sup> will recognize to the Commonwealth in one hundred dollars each for their personal appearance at next term, and in the meantime to keep the Peace and be of good behaviour towards all the good citizens of this Commonwealth, more especially toward the said Elizabeth Smith widow, to enter a nolo prosequi on said indictment.

Eaton Cleaves of Arundel aforesaid yeoman, accordingly enters into three several recognizances of one hundred dollars each, for each of the Def<sup>ts</sup> that they shall severally appear at next term and keep the peace &c as aforesaid And the said Attorney accordingly enters a nolo prosequi on said indictment.

Whereupon it is considered by the Court, that the said Elizabeth, Dolly, and Sarah be discharged and go thereof without day.  
Att<sup>y</sup> Daniel Sewall, Clerk

<sup>13</sup> York Co. Court of General Sessions of the Peace, 13:250–51.

<sup>14</sup> For reasons which are not clear, Molly Hilton was not set before the bar or indicted. Her name seems to have been added as an afterthought.

According to the article published in *The Eastern Herald and Gazette of Maine*, while the court was in session, news was received that, on account of the trial, a house had been entirely demolished in the neighborhood of the complainant. Apparently the “delusion appeared to be general, and the ignorance of the people profound.” The judges, Rishworth Jordan, Benjamin Hooper, and Nathaniel Wells, refused to listen to any justification of witchcraft. Unlike in 1692, this time it was the witchcraft accusers who were on trial. Nathaniel Wells, “in an address to the defendants, endeavored to convince them of the gross error into which they had fallen; that the difficulties and dissension of their neighborhood arose from their ignorance, not the poor old woman’s witchcraft.” The accusers were convicted of assault and battery. Each was required to pay a very stiff bond of \$100 to be returned to them if they kept the peace with Widow Smith through the next August. Judge Wells was going to make accusations of witchcraft very expensive.<sup>15</sup>

#### THE CLEAVES FAMILY

**EATON CLEAVES** was born in Arundel, probably after 1741, as his name does not appear on the 1757 militia list of Arundel.<sup>16</sup> He was a son of Robert and Sarah (Harding) Cleaves. Robert Cleaves was a blacksmith who brought his family from Beverly, Massachusetts, to Arundel, where he bought land from James Smith, 11 November 1732, additional land from Thomas Huff near Beaver Pond, and was named a proprietor in 1737.<sup>17</sup> Eaton married his first cousin, MIRIAM SMITH, the daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Harding) Smith.<sup>18</sup>

Eaton Cleaves, his wife Miriam, and his nephew William were ordered to appear before the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to give evidence relating to the indictment.

Eaton bought John Hilton’s farm sometime before 6 March 1810 when he wrote his will. Miriam Cleaves likely died before then, as she was not mentioned. Eaton, being “very sick and weak” at the time, named his sons Daniel, Jonathan, Joshua, Ezekiel, and Eaton, as well as his daughter Sarah Hilton.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Sharon Cummins, “The Witches of York County,” online blog (Nov. 2009), *someoldnews.com*.

<sup>16</sup> Arthur Adams, “The Corey, Cleaves, and Smith Family Line,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* [NGSQ] 6(1917):3.

<sup>17</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 128, 234.

<sup>18</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 274. Sarah and Hannah Harding were sisters, both daughters of Stephen Harding, an early Arundel proprietor. It is interesting to note that Eaton Cleaves was a great-grandson of Giles Corey, who was accused of witchcraft in Salem and pressed to death, 19 Sept. 1692. Eaton’s grandfather William Cleaves married Margaret, daughter of Giles Corey (Arthur Adams, “The Corey, Cleaves, and Smith Family Line,” NGSQ 6[1917]:3).

<sup>19</sup> Joseph C. Anderson II, *York County, Maine, Will Abstracts, 1801–1858*, 2 vols. (Camden, Maine, 1997), 1:129, citing York Co. Probate Records, 22:368 (hereafter cited as Anderson, *York Co. Will Abstracts*).

Children of Eaton and Miriam (Smith) Cleaves, prob. all b. Arundel, order uncertain:

- i DANIEL CLEAVES. His father left him half of his real estate except the farm he bought from John Hilton. He may be the Daniel Cleaves who m. Arundel, 11 April 1799, HANNAH SMITH.<sup>20</sup> A Daniel Cleaves was in Arundel in 1810 and 1820.<sup>21</sup>
- ii JONATHAN CLEAVES. Jonathan was the only son to receive no property from his father's will. His brother Daniel was to pay him \$200. Jonathan never appeared as a head of household, and no marriage record for him could be discovered.
- iii SARAH CLEAVES, m. Lyman, 4 Dec 1791, JOHN HILTON (see below).<sup>22</sup> Sarah Hilton was one of the defendants in the Elizabeth Smith case. Eaton Cleaves entered \$100 recognizance for his daughter, and her husband, John Hilton, entered an additional \$50. Per the terms of her father's will, Sarah's brother Daniel was to pay her \$1.
- iv JOSHUA CLEAVES, b. say 1774, d. at sea, June 1805;<sup>23</sup> m. Arundel, 5 July 1796, HANNAH WAKEFIELD,<sup>24</sup> b. Steuben, Maine, 15 Oct. 1776, daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Burbank) Wakefield.<sup>25</sup> Their son Joshua was b. Arundel, 12 Aug. 1797,<sup>26</sup> and they were still living in Arundel in 1800.<sup>27</sup> In the fall of 1805, Joshua Cleaves and Nathaniel Dorman left Arundel in a "small pinky bound for Nova Scotia, intending to touch at Steuben, either going or coming, never heard from again."<sup>28</sup> Hannah m. (2) Gouldsboro, 27 Oct. 1807, Samuel Tracy,<sup>29</sup> b. Gouldsboro, 28 Aug. 1784, son of Asa and Dorcas (Leighton) Tracy, d. Gouldsboro, 6 July 1781.<sup>30</sup> Per the terms of Joshua's father's will, his children were to receive \$1 from his brother Eaton.
- v EATON CLEAVES, b. 2 March 1783, d. Kirkersville, Licking Co., Ohio, 16 Jan. 1870.<sup>31</sup> A month after his father's death, he m. Arundel, 9 April 1810, ELIZABETH/BETSY STIMPSON,<sup>32</sup> b. probably Coxhall, 31 Dec. 1787, daughter of Stephen and Mary/Polly (Day) Stimpson,<sup>33</sup> d. Kirkersville, Ohio, 29 Oct. 1865.<sup>34</sup> Per

<sup>20</sup> "A Book of Records of the Church of Christ (Now First Congregational), in Arundel (Kennebunkport), Maine," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 108 [1954]:189 (hereafter cited as "Arundel Church of Christ").

<sup>21</sup> Daniel Cleaves household, 1810 and 1820 U.S. Censuses, Arundel, York Co., Maine, p. 872 [1810] (Daniel "Clever"), p. 872 [1820]. Daniel Cleaves had a cousin of the same name.

<sup>22</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>23</sup> Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>24</sup> "Arundel Church of Christ," NEHGR 108(1954):188.

<sup>25</sup> Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, database, familysearch.org. Oddly, the record does not include the date of her death. Her parents m. (int.) Wells, 27 Nov. 1757 (Hope Moody Shelley, ed. *Vital Records of Wells, Maine, 1619–1950* [Rockport, Maine, 2005]), 45 [hereafter cited as Shelley, *Wells VRs*]).

<sup>26</sup> Gravestone photo, Steuben Village Cemetery, findagrave.com #121581627.

<sup>27</sup> Joshua Cleaves household, 1800 U.S. Census, Arundel, York Co., Maine, p. 17.

<sup>28</sup> Handwritten notation on Joshua Cleaves entry, Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, database, familysearch.org. Pinky schooners were a common type of New England fishing vessel.

<sup>29</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>30</sup> Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>31</sup> Gravestone photo, Kirkersville Cemetery, findagrave.com #80228134.

<sup>32</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>33</sup> Date from gravestone; her parents m. Wells, 8 June 1767 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 66), but were in Coxhall in 1790 (Stephen Stimpson household, 1790 U.S. Census, Coxhall, York Co., Maine, p. 297.

<sup>34</sup> Gravestone photo, Kirkersville Cemetery, findagrave.com #80228235.



the terms of his father's will, Eaton received half his father's real estate, exclusive of the farm given to Ezekiel. Eaton was his father's sole executor. By 1820 Eaton had removed to Liberty Twp., Fairfield Co., Ohio,<sup>35</sup> which could have been prompted by 1816's so-called "year without a summer," when so many New Englanders left home for the Ohio Valley. On 13 March 1830, Eaton was named executor of the will of his uncle, Jonathan Smith, also of Liberty.

- vi EZEKIEL CLEAVES, b. 10 Oct. 1783, according to his family record in the Smithfield, Maine, vital records, or b. 1787, according to his gravestone in Cleaves Cemetery, Smithfield,<sup>36</sup> d. Smithfield, 1872;<sup>37</sup> m. Lyman, 26 Jan. 1816, MARTHA/PATTY STIMPSON of Lyman.<sup>38</sup> Her gravestone gives her birth year as 1800, but the Smithfield records say she was b. Lyman [then Coxhall], 10 May 1794,<sup>39</sup> d. Smithfield, Maine, either in 1860 (gravestone) or 18 Dec. 1861 (Smithfield record). Per the terms of his father's will, Ezekiel Cleaves was to receive the Arundel farm his father had purchased from John Hilton, with him paying the \$200 due for said farm.

Martha's age is given as 57 in 1850 and 64 in 1860 (see note 36). She was probably born too late to be a daughter of Stephen and Mary/Polly (Day) Stimpson. Mary (Day) Stimpson, b. Wells, 11 Dec. 1747,<sup>40</sup> would have been 46 in 1794, and Stephen Stimpson Sr. died in 1795.<sup>41</sup> There is no certain place for her as a daughter of one of the Stimpson sons. Stephen Jr. married Hannah Emmons at Lyman, 11 July 1790.<sup>42</sup> While their 1800 household does include a girl under ten,<sup>43</sup> the births of the parents and their three sons, from 1795–1800, are included together in the Lyman town records with no mention of a daughter Martha.<sup>44</sup> Benjamin and Ruth (Emmons) Stimson can probably be eliminated from consideration, as they did not marry until 23 Nov. 1801.<sup>45</sup> Son Joseph, a blind man, was still single at the time of his death.<sup>46</sup> Polly Stimpson's household, in 1810, included a woman over 45 (Polly), a man 26–45 (son Joseph), two women 16–26 (daughters Dorothy and Lydia), and an unidentified girl under age ten.<sup>47</sup> Although this girl is seemingly too young, it is possible that Martha was illegitimate, possibly the daughter of either Dorothy or Lydia Stimpson,<sup>48</sup> which might explain the lack of a birth record.

<sup>35</sup> Eaton Cleaves household, 1830 U.S. Census, Liberty Twp., Fairfield Co., Ohio, p. 1.

<sup>36</sup> Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Smithfield, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2009), 69 (hereafter cited as Groves, *Smithfield VRs*); Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #22248245. His age was 67 in the 1850 census and 76 in the 1860 census, supporting the earlier date (Ezekiel Cleaves household, 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census, Smithfield, Somerset Co., Maine, pp. 79 [1850], 10 [1860]).

<sup>37</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #22248245.

<sup>38</sup> "Early Vital Records of Lyman, Maine," NEHR 96(1942):337.

<sup>39</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #23175766; Groves, *Smithfield VRs*, 69.

<sup>40</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 33.

<sup>41</sup> John Eldridge Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts, 1775–1800*, 2 vols. (Camden, Maine, 1991), 1088 (hereafter cited as Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*).

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

<sup>43</sup> Stephen Stimpson household, 1800 U.S. Census, Coxhall, York Co., Maine, p. 778.

<sup>44</sup> "Early Vital Records of Lyman, Maine," NEHR 95(1941):198.

<sup>45</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>46</sup> Joseph Stimpson d. Malden, Mass., 12 Aug. 1860, age 78, son of Stephen Stimpson (Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, database, americanancestors.org).

<sup>47</sup> Polly Stimpson household, 1810 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co. Maine, p. 3.

<sup>48</sup> York Co. Deeds, 124:178–79, 170:123.

## THE HILTON FAMILY

**ABRAHAM HILTON** married DOROTHY LINDSEY, their marriage intentions recorded in Biddeford, 2 November 1753.<sup>49</sup> The parents for this couple cannot be proven with certainty, but since Abraham and Dorothy were both of Biddeford at the time of their marriage, a look at the vital records may provide some clues.

There was only one Hilton couple in Biddeford with children born in the right time range to be Abraham's parents. Benjamin and Elizabeth (Crockett) Hilton had six children recorded at York, from 1714 to 1726,<sup>50</sup> and then a son Joseph was born in Biddeford, 22 August 1729.<sup>51</sup> Conceivably, there could have been one additional child, Abraham, whose birth was not recorded, born say 1731, who married Dorothy Lindsey in 1753. As for Dorothy, the only Lindsey couple in the early Biddeford records is "John and Darcles Liensey," whose son John was born there, 20 February 1720/1.<sup>52</sup> John and Dorcas Lindsey certainly could have had a daughter of the right age to have married in 1753. Bradbury notes that Matthew Lindsey was a brother and Sarah (Lindsey) White was a sister of Mrs. Hilton,<sup>53</sup> so there may have been other Lindsey children as well.

According to Bradbury, Abraham Hilton was in Arundel as early as 1766. Abraham's was the only Hilton household in Arundel in 1790, where he was enumerated just after Eaton Cleaves. The household included two males, likely Abraham and his son John, who did not marry until 1791. There are also three females, likely one being his wife Dorothy, the woman over 45 in his household in 1800. The other two were likely his daughters: Mary/Molly Hilton, a defendant in the 1796 Elizabeth Smith case, and Margaret Hilton, who married in 1802.

Abraham Hilton was still in Arundel in 1800, when his household included one male over 45 (Abraham), one unknown female under 10, one female aged 16–25, likely his daughter Margaret, and one female over 45, probably his wife Dorothy. Bradbury notes that Abraham Hilton moved to Ohio, but no record of him has been discovered in that state, and in 1802, when his youngest daughter married in Arundel, Abraham Hilton was probably over 70 years old. On the other hand, his son John Hilton and his daughter Elizabeth (Hilton) Smith, those directly involved in the Widow Smith case, appear to have left the state.

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<sup>49</sup> John D. Beatty, *Vital Records of Biddeford, Maine, Prior to 1856* (Camden, Maine, 1998), 24 (hereafter cited as Beatty, *Biddeford VRs*). Dorothy's name given as "Dorothy Linze."

<sup>50</sup> "Vital Records of York, Maine," NEHGR 58(1956):58.

<sup>51</sup> Beatty, *Biddeford VRs*, 8.

<sup>52</sup> Beatty, *Biddeford VRs*, 6. Noyes, Libby, and Davis make no mention of this early Lindsey family, but do note two contemporary men with the same surname: Alexander Lindsey of Portsmouth and James Lindsey of Oyster River (Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical History of Maine and New Hampshire* [Portland, Maine, 1928–39], 435).

<sup>53</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 257, 284.

- Children of Abraham and Dorothy (Lindsay) Hilton, prob. b. Biddeford, order uncertain:<sup>54</sup>
- i SARAH HILTON. No further record found, but Bradbury did not say that she d. young.
  - ii ABRAHAM HILTON. Bradbury says that he d. young,<sup>55</sup> but he was still living on 19 Aug 1778, when the names of both Abraham Hilton and Abraham Hilton Jr. appeared on a list of soldiers in Capt. Nason's train band, which included many other Arundel men, including both Cleaveses and Smiths.<sup>56</sup> But he probably d. by 1790, when there was only one Abraham Hilton enumerated in the Maine census.
  - iii JOHN HILTON, bp. 1 Sept 1771;<sup>57</sup> m. Lyman, 4 Dec 1791, SARAH CLEAVES,<sup>58</sup> daughter of Eaton and Miriam (Smith) Cleaves (above). John's wife, Sarah Hilton, was one of the defendants in the Widow Smith case in Nov. 1796, but for some reason, perhaps due to insanity, John was never indicted. He was Arundel in 1800,<sup>59</sup> but by 1810 he had sold his farm to his father-in-law, Eaton Cleaves, and Bradbury notes that he went to Ohio. He may be the John Hilton living in Walnut, Fairfield Co., Ohio, in 1820, the same county where Eaton Cleaves Jr. was living in 1820.
  - iv ELIZABETH HILTON, m. Arundel, Oct. 1779, DANIEL SMITH,<sup>60</sup> son of Capt. Daniel and Hannah (Harding) Smith. "Elizabeth Smith, wife of Daniel Smith," was one of the four women tried for assault in 1796. According to Bradbury, they moved to Ohio, where Elizabeth was a widow at the time Bradbury wrote his book in 1837. See Daniel Smith below.
  - v MARY/MOLLY HILTON. Molly was a defendant and still single in the 1796 Widow Smith case. No marriage record could be discovered.
  - vi MARGARET HILTON, m. Arundel, 11 Feb. 1802, ANDREW GREEN Jr.,<sup>61</sup> son of Benjamin and Lucy (Benson) Green.<sup>62</sup> Andrew was living in Arundel, 19 Feb. 1835, when his father, Benjamin Green of Kennebunkport, wrote his will and left his son Andrew \$1.<sup>63</sup> Andrew was not enumerated in the 1840 census as a household head.

#### THE SMITH FAMILY

Captain **DANIEL SMITH** was baptized at Berwick, Maine, 4 July 1715, as the last listed of four siblings baptized that day, son of Samuel and Margaret (Emery) Smith.<sup>64</sup> He came to Arundel from Saco around 1730. He married HANNAH

<sup>54</sup> These children and their birth order are according to Bradbury. Writing in 1837, and sometimes speaking with close family members, he is generally correct. But these records seem to suggest that Elizabeth was much older than John.

<sup>55</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 250.

<sup>56</sup> "A List of the Train Band in Capt. Nason's Co. at Pepperellborough," *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder* [MHGR] 7(1893):221.

<sup>57</sup> "Arundel Church of Christ," NEHGR 107(1953):195.

<sup>58</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>59</sup> John Hilton household, 1800 U.S. Census, Arundel, York Co., Maine, p. 671.

<sup>60</sup> "Arundel Church of Christ," NEHGR 108(1954):121.

<sup>61</sup> "Arundel Church of Christ," NEHGR 108(1854):190.

<sup>62</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 248.

<sup>63</sup> Anderson, *York Co. Will Abstracts*, 2:647, citing York Co. Probate Records, 46:560.

<sup>64</sup> Joseph Crook Anderson II, *Records of the First and Second Churches of Berwick, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1999), 9; *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 647.

HARDING, daughter of Stephen Harding and a sister of Sarah Harding who married Robert Cleaves.<sup>65</sup>

Children of Capt. Daniel and Hannah (Harding) Smith, birth order uncertain.

- i DANIEL SMITH, d. Ohio, before 1837, when Bradbury noted that his widow is “now” living in Ohio; m. Arundel, Oct. 1779, ELIZABETH HILTON,<sup>66</sup> daughter of Abraham and Dorothy (Lindsey) Hilton (above). Daniel Smith was a Revolutionary War soldier, drafted from Cambridge, 10 March 1778, likely for service against General Burgoyne’s army.<sup>67</sup> He married soon after, and his wife, Elizabeth Smith, was one of the defendants in the Elizabeth Smith case. It is likely that the niece who cried out “Kill her Uncle John,” was their daughter, Dolly Smith, as Elizabeth Hilton was the only one of John Hilton’s siblings to marry a Smith, and her mother was also named as a defendant. “Dolly” was a nickname for Dorothy, suggesting that she was named for her grandmother, Dorothy (Lindsey) Hilton. Dolly was under 21 in Nov. 1796. If she was born shortly after her parents’ marriage in 1779, she would have been 16 when she was brought before the court. Eaton Cleaves entered \$100 recognizance for Elizabeth and Dolly Smith. For reasons which are not clear, James Wakefield of Coxhall also entered a \$50 recognizance on behalf of Dolly Smith, the recognizance to be voided if “Dolly Smith of Arundel singlewoman and under the age of twenty one years shall personally appear before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace . . . to answer . . . to the complaint of Elizabeth Smith of said Arundel Widow for threatening the life of the said Elizabeth.” Daniel Smith and his family may have moved to Ohio shortly after this case, as he could not be discovered in the 1800 census for Arundel.
- ii MIRIAM SMITH, m. EATON CLEAVES (above). Miriam was called as a witness in the Elizabeth Smith case.
- iii JOSHUA SMITH, m. Biddeford, 31 Dec. 1772, ELIZABETH SMITH of Biddeford,<sup>68</sup> quite possibly the “Betty Smith” bp. Biddeford, 6 May 1750, daughter of Roger and Mary (Jordan) Smith.<sup>69</sup> Joshua apparently d. before 1790, as he does not appear as a head of household in the 1790 census. His wife is likely the “Widow Smith” enumerated in 1790 in Arundel.<sup>70</sup> It seems likely that she was the same “Widow Smith of Arundel,” who was assaulted and accused of witchcraft. Two Arundel households were headed by “Widow” Smith in 1800, both with women over the age of 45.<sup>71</sup> But no Elizabeth Smith or Widow Smith appears as head of household in 1810.

<sup>65</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 274–75.

<sup>66</sup> “Arundel Church of Christ,” NEHGR 108(1954):121.

<sup>67</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 293.

<sup>68</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 275; “A Record of Marriages of those that were Married by Mr. Moses Morrill,” MHGR 6(1889):300.

<sup>69</sup> Beatty, *Biddeford VRs*, 64. The baptism was performed by Mr. Moses Morrill, the same minister who married Joshua Smith and Elizabeth Smith. Roger Smith m. (int.) Biddeford, Aug. 1742, Mary Jordan (*ibid.*, 20).

<sup>70</sup> Widow Smith household, Arundel, York Co., Maine, *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in 1790: Maine* (Washington, D.C., 1908), 55. This household had a male over 16, two males under 16, and four females.

<sup>71</sup> 1800 U.S. Census, Arundel, York Co., Maine, pp. 686, 687.

- iv SAMUEL SMITH, a Revolutionary War soldier, d. Halifax, Nova Scotia,<sup>72</sup> most likely as a prisoner of war.
- v JEREMIAH SMITH, b. ca. 1757, d. Kennebunkport, 6 Oct. 1847, aged 90 years;<sup>73</sup> m. (int.) Wells, 3 Feb 1787, MIRIAM WATERHOUSE of Wells,<sup>74</sup> b. ca. 1765, and given the rarity of the name, probably the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Whitten) Waterhouse,<sup>75</sup> d. Kennebunkport, 12 July 1843, aged 78 years.<sup>76</sup> Miriam Waterhouse, b. about 1765, could easily fit into the nine-year gap between the Kennebunk baptisms of Lydia Waterhouse, 14 Oct. 1759, and Molly Waterhouse, 18 March 1768.<sup>77</sup>
- vi DAVID SMITH, twin, b. Arundel 7 Jan 1755,<sup>78</sup> d. Ohio, bef. 1837, when Bradbury noted that his widow is “now” living in Ohio; m. Arundel, 23 Sept. 1779, ABIGAIL MARTIN,<sup>79</sup> bp. Wenham, Mass., 30 May 1756, daughter of Lewis and Sarah (Killam) Martin.<sup>80</sup> Abigail Smith, wife of David Smith, was among those ordered to appear before the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to give evidence relating to her sisters-in-law and niece. A David Smith was enumerated in Arundel in 1800 and 1810,<sup>81</sup> but Bradbury reports that David and his family later moved to Ohio. David could be the David Smith in the 1820 census in Walnut,

<sup>72</sup> W. W[oodford] Clayton, *History of York County, Maine* (Philadelphia, 1880), 382.

<sup>73</sup> Gravestone data, findagrave.com #56887651, Arundel Cemetery, Kennebunkport. Since Bradbury tended to list the children in birth order, and Jeremiah precedes the twins David and Jonathan, it is possible that Jeremiah was a bit older than 90 at the time of his death.

<sup>74</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 107.

<sup>75</sup> They m. 16 Aug. 1750 (Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 282–83).

<sup>76</sup> Gravestone data, findagrave.com #56887732, Arundel Cemetery, Kennebunkport.

<sup>77</sup> Joseph P. Thompson, comp., “Records of the First Parish Church of Kennebunk . . . 1750–1890,” MS (Maine Historical Society, Portland, MvK37), 23, 31, 49 (hereafter cited as Thompson, “Kennebunk First Parish Records”). In fact, it likely that there are a few other unrecorded children of Samuel Waterhouse, possibly including John, Hannah, and Sarah Waterhouse, whose marriages also appear in early Wells and Kennebunk records. Thompson noted: “There were several loose leaves in the church records and it would appear that some of them are probably lost.” As for the mother of these children, the church records include a puzzling entry: “7 May 1758, Sarah, the wife of Samuel Waterhouse, dismissed from the chh. in Newington, recd. to full communion with this church” (Thompson, “Kennebunk First Parish Records,” 22). This seems to suggest that Samuel’s first wife, Mary Whitten, had died, and second wife, Sarah, was now joining the church. If so, Sarah would be the mother of Lydia, Sarah, Miriam, Molly, and William. Yet, it may also be that “Sarah” was an error for “Mary,” as the Wells records note that Widow Mary Waterhouse, age 84y 6m, d. 2 July 1815 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 183). With a birth date of about 1730, she was the right age to have married Samuel Waterhouse, b. about 1727. No wife is buried with Samuel Waterhouse, who d. in 1795 (Gravestone data, findagrave.com #6400400, Waterhouse Cemetery, West Kennebunk), or at least one who has a burial stone.

<sup>78</sup> Bradbury notes that David and Jonathan were twins.

<sup>79</sup> “Arundel Church of Christ,” NEHGR 107(1954):121.

<sup>80</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850, database, americanancestors.org. Lewis Martin’s 16 Dec 1793 will names his daughter Abigail Smith and his son-in-law David Smith (Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:1081). Lewis Martin m. Wenham, 12 March 1750/1, Sarah Killam (Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850, database, americanancestors.org).

<sup>81</sup> David Smith household, 1800 and 1810 U.S. Censuses, Arundel, York Co., Maine, pp. 671 (1800), 890 (1810).

Fairfield Co., Ohio, the same county where his twin brother, Jonathan Smith, and nephew Eaton Cleaves were known to reside.

- vii JONATHAN SMITH, twin, b. Arundel, 7 Jan. 1755, d. Liberty Twp., Fairfield Co., Ohio, 22 March 1830; m. Arundel, 10 Oct 1784, JEMIMA MERRILL,<sup>82</sup> daughter of Gideon and Dorothy (Wildes) Merrill.<sup>83</sup> Jonathan and Jemima Smith moved to Liberty Twp., where on 22 June 1819, age 64, Jonathan applied for a pension for his military service.<sup>84</sup> In 1830 Jemima Smith was enumerated as head of household, a near neighbor of her nephew, Eaton Cleaves.<sup>85</sup> Jonathan wrote a will 13 March 1830, probated July 1830, mentioning his beloved wife, Jemima, and naming Eaton Cleaves as sole executor.<sup>86</sup>
- viii HANNAH SMITH, b. ca. 1760;<sup>87</sup> m. Arundel, 12 Feb. 1782, SHADRACH AVERILL,<sup>88</sup> b. Arundel, son of Joseph and Hannah (Watson) Averill,<sup>89</sup> d. 1817.<sup>90</sup> Shadrach was enumerated (as “Shedrick Avery”) in the 1810 census.<sup>91</sup> Hannah was a head of household in Kennebunkport in 1840.<sup>92</sup> She was a Revolutionary War pensioner, apparently collecting her last payment, 1 Sept. 1849.<sup>93</sup> She could not be discovered in the 1850 census.
- ix LUCY SMITH, b. ca. 1763, d. Kennebunkport, 18 Oct. 1855, aged 92;<sup>94</sup> m. (1) Arundel, 1 June 1789, JOSEPH CREDIFORD,<sup>95</sup> b. 1764, son of Abner and Ruth (Watson) Crediford,<sup>96</sup> d. Arundel, 1801.<sup>97</sup> Lucy Crediford m. (2) Arundel, 16 March 1801, NATHANIEL WARD,<sup>98</sup> b. Salem, Mass., 18 Feb. 1768, son of John and Bethia (Archer) Ward, d. Arundel, 27 May 1813.<sup>99</sup> Nathaniel had m. (1) Arundel, 9 Dec. 1788, Lydia Harding, daughter of Stephen and Ruth (Sampson) Harding,<sup>100</sup> d. Arundel, 5 June 1800.

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<sup>82</sup> “Arundel Church of Christ,” NEHGR 107(1954):121.

<sup>83</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 262.

<sup>84</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application, #W4809.

<sup>85</sup> Jemima Smith household, 1830 U.S. Census, Liberty Twp., Fairfield Co., Ohio, p. 19.

<sup>86</sup> Ohio Wills and Probate Records, 1786–1998, image, ancestry.com

<sup>87</sup> She was aged 78y on 6 Aug. 1838 (Revolutionary War Pension Application, #W23479).

<sup>88</sup> “Arundel Church of Christ,” NEHGR, 108[1954]:122.

<sup>89</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 225.

<sup>90</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application, #W23479.

<sup>91</sup> Shedrick Avery household, 1810 U.S. Census, Arundel, Maine, p. 869.

<sup>92</sup> Hannah Averill household, 1840 U.S. Census, Kennebunkport, York, Maine, p. 352.

<sup>93</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application, #W23479.

<sup>94</sup> Gravestone data, Perkins Cemetery, Kennebunkport, findagrave.com #110256155.

<sup>95</sup> “Arundel Church of Christ,” NEHGR 107(1954):123.

<sup>96</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 235.

<sup>97</sup> Gravestone data, Kennebunkport Village Cemetery, findagrave.com, #68131180.

<sup>98</sup> “Arundel Church of Christ,” NEHGR 107(1954):190.

<sup>99</sup> George R. Curwen, “Materials for a Genealogy of the Ward Family in Salem, or Notices of the Descendants of Miles Ward,” *Historical Collections of the Essex Institute* (Salem, 1863) 209–11. The entry for Nathaniel reads: “Nathaniel, son of John, born 18 Feb. 1768, died 27 May 1813; married Lydia Harding. She died 5 June 1800. He m. (2) a Mrs. Crediford.”

<sup>100</sup> Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 249.

LINCOLN COUNTY, MAINE, WILL ABSTRACTS  
1800–1830

(continued from vol. 38, p. 190)

**38. JOSEPH WHITE of Bath, yeoman (LCP 11:187)**

[No statement of health]

To my wife Mary, the use & income of all my RE dur her nat life; also all my PE. And aft my wife Mary shall dec, I give to each of my chn [*unnamed*] eq part and share of all my est that shall remain.

Appt my son Joseph White exec.

Dated: 24 Aug 1805

Signed with his signature (“Joseph White”)

Witnesses: Caleb Marsh, Levi Marsh, Dum<sup>r</sup> Sewall

In Probate: 10 May 1806

**39. MARY M<sup>c</sup>COBB of Georgetown, widow and relict of James M<sup>c</sup>Cobb, late of sd Georgetown, Esqr. dec<sup>d</sup> (LCP 12:2)**

[No statement of health]

To my sons John Storee, Samuel Storee, Seth Storee, Eben<sup>r</sup> Storee and Woodbury Storee, \$200 each to be pd them within 1y aft my dec.

To my son Mark Langdon Hill, all the residue of my RE & PE.

Appt the sd Mark Langdon Hill sole exec.

Dated: 1 Apr 1801

Signed with her signature (“Mary M<sup>c</sup>Cobb”)

Witnesses: Joseph Bowker, John Reed, Dum<sup>r</sup> Sewall

In Probate: 9 Sep 1806

**40. ELIHU GETCHEL of Bowdoinham (LCP 12:4)**

[No statement of health]

To my wife Mary Getchell, \$1,000 out of my PE, \$600 of the above sum in Kennebec and Lincoln Bank, and the other \$400 to be pd in cash in 1y aft my death; also all my h/h furniture, and 1/2 of all my stock of cattle and also 1/3 of all the farm I now live on with 1/3 of the house I now live in with 1/3 of the barn on sd farm, and all the money above named forever; and all the other articles dur her nat life. And aft her death then to go to my grson Ebenezer Hatch.

To my grson Ebenezer Hatch, 2/3 of all the lot of land and 2/3 of all the house I now live in and 2/3 of the barn on sd farm and 1/2 of all the stock of cattle on my sd farm and \$300 out of my PE in 1y aft my death.

To my dau Marcy Bunker, \$500 out of my PE in 1y aft my death, and to each of her children by James Bunker her 2nd husband \$10 apiece to them in 1y aft my dec.

To my grson John Hatch, \$300 out of my PE to be pd in 1y aft my dec.

To my grson Samuel Hatch, \$300 out of my PE to him 1y aft my dec.

To my grson Elihu Hatch, \$500 in 1y aft my dec.

To my grson Ebenezer Hatch, \$300 for him in 1y aft my dec.

To my grdaus Mary Hatch and Joanna Hatch, a lot of land containing abt 86a adj Jonathan Preble's land to the N of his land which I bgt of Isaac Hurd of Concord, to them and their heirs forever in eq halves.

To Sines, the black woman who lives with me, not as save [*sic, slave?*] I do not hold her, to be pd her \$300 for her forever to be pd in 1y aft my dec.

To my grdau Mary Hatch, \$200 out of my PE to be pd in 1y aft my dec.

To my grdau Joanna Hatch, \$200 to be pd out of my PE in 1y aft my death or when Joanna Hatch come to be out of her time.

To my 2 grsons Elihu Hatch and Eben<sup>r</sup> Hatch, a lot of land in Bowdoinham I bgt of Isaac Hurd and others containing abt 86a joining to the N of the lot I herein give to Mary and Joanna Hatch, to my 2 grsons and their heirs forever in eq halves.

To my wife Mary Getchell and my dau Mary Bunker, my grsons John Hatch, Elihu Hatch, Samuel Hatch, Eben<sup>r</sup> Hatch, and my 2 grdaus Mary Hatch and Joanna Hatch, all the remainder of my RE & PE to be eq div in eq shares for each one to dispose of as they shall think proper or best.

Appt my wife Mary Getchell and my grson Elihu Hatch sole execs.

Dated: 17 Aug 1806

Signed with his signature ("Elihu Getchell")

Witnesses: James Maxwell, Timothy Merrill, John Dinsmore

In Probate: 27 Sep 1806

**41. GEORGE DEMUTH SMOUSE of Waldoborough, mariner (LCP 12:6)**

Being weak in body

To my wife Jane Smouse, the use & income of all my RE dur the time she shall remain single and my wid until my chn hereafter mentioned become to ae 21y, she properly educating them and maintaining and clothing them in a proper manner; her 1/3 part of my est will of course accrue to her by the laws of the land.

I will that my father George Smouse and my mother Christine Smouse be maintained in my house out of my est as long as they are willing to remain peaceably there and that my mother at all events be decently maintained, clothed and boarded out of my est as aforesd.

I will that my wife's mother, Susanna Kinsel, be maintained out of my est in the same manner as my own mother bef mentioned.

To my sister Margaret Aichorn, \$50.

To my sister Mary Creamor, \$50.

To my sister Catharine Reed, \$50.

To my sons George Smouse Jun<sup>r</sup> and Gorham Smouse, all my RE & PE whatever under the reservations aforesd, they paying to my dau Berthelancy Smouse, when she shall arrive at ae 18y, the value of 1/3 part of every kind of my RE & PE at the time she shall be ae 18y to be pd eq betw them, and the remaining 2/3 of my est as aforesd to be eq div betw my 2 sons.

Appt Frederick Kinsel, yeoman, and Joshua Head Esq<sup>r</sup> execs.

Dated: Waldoborough, 1 Mar 1806

Signed with his signature ("George D. Smouse")



Witnesses: Jacob Ludwig, Tho<sup>s</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gayer, George Seidinsbarger  
In Probate: 25 Jun 1806

**42. ESTHER KENON of Lisbon, widow (LCP 12:9)**

Being weak in body

To my dau Anne Hewey, \$1 to be pd her within 6m aft my dec.

To my other dau Mary Colbee, my horse and 1 cow and 7 sheep and 1 feather bed and 2 pillows, 1 bed quilt and 2 blankets and two sheets and all my wearing apparel; also 1/2 of the glass, earthen ware, pewter and tin that I have and my frying pan, and 1 bedstead and cord.

To my son Joseph Wood, all the possession of the farm that I now live on, and a yoke of steers and 1 cow.

To my son Joseph Wood, all the residue of my PE.

Appt Joseph Small of a place called Wales, gentleman, sole exec.

Dated: 7 Jun 1806

Signed with her mark (“X”)

Witnesses: Sam<sup>l</sup> Tebbets, John Gould, Isaac Yeaton

In Probate: 10 Sep 1806

**43. WILLIAM STRINGFELLOW, by trade a cooper, late of Liverpool in the Kingdom of Great Britain, but now of Wiscasset (LCP 12:34)**

Being indisposed in body

To my wife Ann Stringfellow, the house in which I now live, with the land on which it stands, with all places, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, being bd E on water street so called in Wiscasset, and being the whole of the estate I lately bgt from Mr. Joseph T. Wood, with all the improvements made thereon; also the whole of that lot of land I own on the W side of middle street so called in Wiscasset and being the same land I bgt from Anne Holbrook, widow, with all the privileges thereto belonging; also all my PE, being all my goods in my store, money, book debts, notes of hand, h/h goods or whatever else I am possessed of, except as hereafter excepted.

To my 3 chn Hannah Stringfellow, Elizabeth Stringfellow, and Richard Stringfellow my youngest son, \$1 each to be pd to them when they shall severally attain ae 21y.

To my wife Ann Stringfellow, all other my RE & PE together with all residue and remainders be they of whatever kind.

Appt my wife Ann Stringfellow sole exec.

Dated: Wiscasset, 16 Jul 1806

Signed with his signature (“William Stringfellow”)

Witnesses: John Stuart, Betsey Clark, Ann Hearsey

In Probate: 6 Sep 1806

**44. CHRISTOPHER HOPKINS of Newcastle, yeoman (LCP 12:62)**

Being aged and weak of body

To my wife Abigail Hopkins, the improvement or benefit of a back lot of land in Newcastle bd as follows: on the N by Robert Robinson, on the W by land belonging to the

Nickels, on the S on land belonging to the Nickels and Col<sup>o</sup> George Barstow, and on the E on Nickels back line so called, which lot of land aft my wife's dec I give to my grson James Hopkins if he shall live to ae 21y. If he should not live to that age, then it is to go to my grson William Hopkins. If he should not live to ae 21y, then I give the aforesd lot to my son William Hopkins to do and dispose of at his pleasure.

To my wife, all the stock of cattle, horse and sheep if she should outlive me; also all my h/h furniture dur her nat life, likewise my own wearing apparel she is to do with as she thinks proper.

To my son William Hopkins, the privilege of taking firewood off the aforesd lot and not to make waste. Also, aft my wife's dec, the h/h furniture is to go to my son William Hopkins to do and dispose of at his pleasure.

Appt my son W<sup>m</sup> Hopkins exec.

Dated: 20 Jan 1806

Signed with his mark (similar to an upside down 'h')

Witnesses: Rob<sup>t</sup> Robinson, Abner Stetson, John Mitchell, Eph<sup>m</sup> Taylor

In Probate: 8 Jan 1807

**45. HENRY EWELL of Waldoborough, yeoman (LCP 12:68)**

Being weak of body

To my wife Mary, the improvement of all my RE & PE not hereafter disposed of dur her nat life and a decent interment.

To my son Henry, 50a of land at the south pond on which he now lives, being the N side of sd lot of land which I own.

To my son Charles, \$30.

To my son Malachi, \$40.

To my son Nathan, my homestead farm aft my wife's dec.

To my dau Mary Vinal, wife of Francis Vinal, \$1.

To my dau Hannah Ewell, 1 cow and \$20 and a feather bed and a home in my dwl house so long as my wife lives.

To my dau Elizabeth Young, \$1.

To my Rachel Ewell, 1 cow, feather bed and \$20, and a home in my dwl house so long as my wife lives.

To my grson Charles Ewell, a cow when he arrives to ae 21y.

To my grson Joseph Ewell, son of Henry Ewell, a watch.

To my son Nathan, the S 1/2 of the lot of land at south pond on which Henry lives, together with all my fresh meadows and all the residue of my est aft my wife's dec.

Appt my 2 sons Malachi Ewell and Nathan Ewell execs.

Dated: 29 May 1806

Signed with his signature ("Henry Ewell")

Witnesses: Waterman Thomas [*sic*], Henry Purket (by his mark, "X"), Thomas Waterman, Hulda House (by her mark, "X")

In Probate: 10 Jan 1807

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