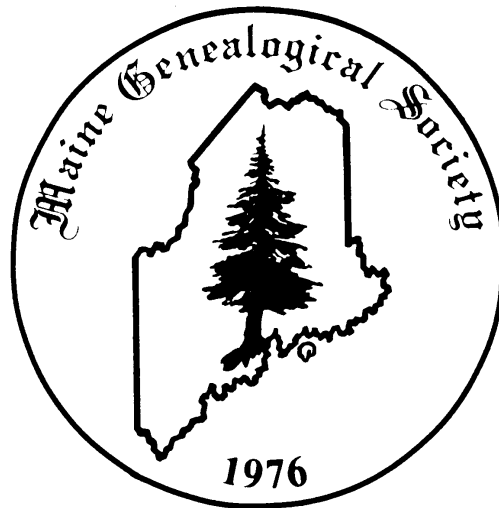


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THE PARENTAGE OF LOUISA (PRESCOTT) WING,  
WIFE OF STEPHEN LANDERS WING  
OF FRANKLIN PLANTATION, MAINE:  
Dissecting the Evidence

*By Gregory S. Childs*

Ambiguous or erroneous information published in a town history and conflicting information in records generated by descendants are common traps when trying to identify an elusive ancestor. A close examination of the evidence, as subtle as it may be, can often provide potential explanations for conflicting data.

“Miss Eliza Prescott” married Stephen L. Wing in Wayne on 3 September 1822,<sup>1</sup> and the couple moved shortly afterwards to Plantation No. 2, Oxford County (organized in 1842 as Franklin Plantation), where the births of seven of their children are recorded.<sup>2</sup> Although the Wayne marriage intentions and marriage record name Stephen’s bride as “Eliza,” all other known records created during her lifetime identify her as *Louisa* or various misspellings thereof, and she will be referred to solely as Louisa in the present article. Hollis Turner’s *History of Peru* states that Louisa was the “dau. of Newell and Eunice Prescott of Winthrop,”<sup>3</sup> yet there is no evidence that such a couple ever existed. The family Bible of one of Louisa’s sons calls his mother “Louzia P. Hopkins” and indicates that she was a “native of Wayne,” born in 1806. No Prescott or Hopkins families are documented as residents of Wayne at the time of Louisa’s birth or marriage to Stephen L. Wing. Who, then, were the parents of Louisa Prescott?

**Louisa’s date and place of birth**

A typed transcription of the family record from the Bible of Louisa’s son Ira B. Wing indicates the following (copied as written):

Stephen L. Wing was Born in Livermore 1801 Married 1823 to Louzia P. Hopkins  
She was Born 1806 Both Native of Wayne. . . .<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Wayne, “Vital Records, 1819–1853” (Marriages, Book 9), p. 17 [DGS #7596987, image 207].

<sup>2</sup> Stephen and his wife were in Plantation No. 2 (often also called “Township No. 2” in contemporary records) by early 1826 when their second child was born. See Geo. W. Wing household, 1870 U.S. Census, Leeds, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 141B (George’s place of birth “Franklin”). For the family record of “Stephen and Loisa [*sic*] Wing,” see Franklin Plantation, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 82 [DGS #7595543, image 47]. For a summary of Franklin Plantation’s organization, see *mainegenealogy.net*, “Maine Places: Resource Guide,” Peru.

<sup>3</sup> Hollis Turner, *The History of Peru in the County of Oxford and State of Maine from 1789 to 1911, Residents and Genealogies of Their Families, Also a Part of Franklin Plan* (Augusta, Maine, 1912), 272.

<sup>4</sup> Certified typed transcription, dated “Rumford, Maine / September 12th, 1934,” of the family record from the “Bible formerly the property of Ira B. Wing, of Franklin Plantation, Maine, . . .

Louisa died in Franklin Plantation on 8 November 1879, aged 72 years 8 months, therefore born about February or March 1807.<sup>5</sup> Louisa's ages in censuses, however, support a birth in both 1806 and 1807:

1850 census: aged 44 [*b. ca. 1806*], born in Maine<sup>6</sup>  
 1860 census: aged 53 [*b. ca. 1807*], born in Maine<sup>7</sup>  
 1870 census: aged 63 [*b. ca. 1807*], born in "Wayne"<sup>8</sup>

Louisa's entry in the 1880 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule indicates that she was born in Maine and 73 years of age when she died. The entry adds that both of her parents were born in Massachusetts.<sup>9</sup>

Taken as a whole, the evidence points to Louisa's birth in Wayne in either February/March 1806 or February/March 1807.

#### **Louisa's maiden name**

As noted, Stephen L. Wing's bride in 1822 was named Miss Eliza *Prescott*. Her son's Bible, however, identifies her as a *Hopkins*. The death records of all of Louisa's eleven children name their mother as a Prescott, except for three:<sup>10</sup>

<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Mother's name</u>	<u>Mother's birthplace</u>
Geo. W. Wing (4 Sept. 1915, Leeds)	Louisa <b>Foss</b>	Wayne
Charles A. Wing (29 April 1927, Leeds)	— <b>Hopkins</b>	Franklin Plt.
Tillotson P. Wing (20 Oct. 1928, Peru)	Louisa <b>Hopkins</b>	Franklin Plt.

On the surface, these discrepancies appear to be simple errors on the part of the informants, but in fact, they are key clues to Louisa's possible origin: her marriage record clearly identifies Louisa as a *Prescott*, but the surnames *Hopkins* and *Foss* possibly also pertained to her in some way.

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now being in the possession of Julia B. Coolidge, of Greenwood (Oxford County), Maine . . . Said Bible was published by the American Bible Society, New York, 1866" (Wayne town records, Book 2, loose paper inserted at end of the book [DGS #7596987, image 194]). Ira B. Wing, the original owner of the Bible, was a son of Stephen L. and Louisa Wing (see Genealogical Summary). Julia B. (Wing) Coolidge was a daughter of Ira B. Wing; see "Mrs. Charles Coolidge," *The Lewiston Daily Sun*, 26 April 1949, p. 2, col. 1.

<sup>5</sup> Louisa P. Wing, 1880 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Franklin Plantation, Oxford Co., Maine, E.D. 135, p. 2 (place of death). Also, gravestone photo, findagrave.com #92729922 (exact date of death and age at death).

<sup>6</sup> Stephen L. Wing household, 1850 U.S. Census, Franklin Plantation, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 163A.

<sup>7</sup> Stephen S. [*sic*] Wing household, 1860 U.S. Census, Franklin Plantation, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 350.

<sup>8</sup> Stephen L. Wing household, 1870 U.S. Census, Leeds, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 132A.

<sup>9</sup> 1880 U.S. Mortality Schedule [note 5]. Louisa's age may have been rounded up from the age listed on her gravestone.

<sup>10</sup> See Genealogical Summary below for source citations.

## LOUISA'S REPUTED FATHER, NEWELL PRESCOTT

Hollis Turner's assertion of Louisa's parentage may have derived from a family sketch published in the September 1910 issue of the Wing Family of America's newsletter, *The Owl*, which stated:

Stephen L. Wing son of Reuben, was born at Livermore, Maine, in 1802, and died at Franklin Plantation, Maine, at the age of 74 years. He was married about the year of 1822, to Louisa Prescott, daughter of Newell and Eunice Prescott, at Winthrop.<sup>11</sup>

For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that *The Owl* states simply that Stephen L. Wing and Louisa Prescott *married at Winthrop*, not that Louisa's alleged parents were *of Winthrop*; Hollis Turner may have miscopied or misinterpreted the information when he published *History of Peru* two years later.<sup>12</sup> In March 1933, however, the editor of *The Owl* retracted the statement:

At page 2125, it is stated that Stephen Landross [*sic*] Wing (4218) married Louisa, daughter of Newell and Eunice Prescott. On recent enquiry, information has come to us from various grandchildren of this couple, that their grandmother's name was Louisa Hopkins. We therefore venture the theory that there was a typographical error at page 2125, and that it should have read: "Louisa, daughter of Newell and Eunice (Prescott) HOPKINS."<sup>13</sup>

*The Owl's* erratum only creates further confusion: there is no evidence that a man named "Newell Hopkins" of an appropriate age ever existed in Maine, much less one with a wife named Eunice Prescott. On the other hand, Newell *Prescott* most definitely did exist: he was doubtlessly Newell Prescott of Monmouth, Kennebec County, the only man of that name in Maine of age to be Louisa's father. In 1894 Harry H. Cochrane published a sketch of Newell Prescott in his *History of Monmouth*:

Newell Prescott, a son of Simon [*sic*] Prescott, of Deerfield, was another immigrant of 1808. He had worked for Major Wood of Winthrop, and it probably was while he was living at the Major's that he was married to Sally Danielson. On coming to Monmouth, he first settled at North Monmouth, on the farm now occupied by Christopher Hammond. Thence he removed to the Lyon district. The house in which he lived while a resident of the latter part of the town disappeared many years ago. It stood on a knoll east of the Oscar True place.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>11</sup> "Reuben Wing of Maine," *The Owl* 12(Sept. 1910):950 (repeated in edited form in *The Owl* 23[Dec. 1921]:2125–26). *The Owl*, published since 1899, contains numerous genealogical articles relating to the Wing family with data often provided by various family contributors. As always when dealing with unsourced family-submitted data, the information presented in *The Owl* should be verified for accuracy against primary sources.

<sup>12</sup> Turner, *History of Peru* [note 3], 272.

<sup>13</sup> George W. Wing, "The Wing Family of America: A History and Genealogical Record of the Descendants of the Rev. John and Deborah Wing, Whose Four Sons with Their Widowed Mother Came to New England in 1632," *The Owl* 34(March 1933):3060.

<sup>14</sup> Harry H. Cochrane, *History of Monmouth and Wales*, 2 vols. (East Winthrop, Maine, 1894), 1:452.

While not entirely inaccurate, Cochrane's account warrants clarification. Newell doubtlessly arrived in Maine with his father, *Nathan* Prescott of Deerfield, New Hampshire, who first appears in Monmouth as early as 1800, when he purchased two pews in the town meeting house.<sup>15</sup> After the family's arrival in Maine, Newell may indeed have gone a few miles north into Winthrop to work for "Major Wood" until the time of his marriage, which Cochrane dates as 3 July 1806.<sup>16</sup> Less than a week after the marriage, Newell Prescott, then styled a yeoman of Monmouth, purchased his father's Monmouth land and leased it back to him the same day.<sup>17</sup> Newell had therefore settled in Monmouth by 1806, and not 1808. No record of Newell's marriage to Sally Danielson has been found, but the couple had three children recorded in Monmouth:<sup>18</sup>

George Prescott, b. 21 April 1809  
 Dolly H. [Prescott], b. 30 March 1812  
 Sally [Prescott], b. 15 Aug. 1815

The birth of Louisa Prescott, if indeed it occurred in February or March 1807 (and not 1806), would fit comfortably into the gap between the July 1806 marriage of Newell Prescott and Sally Danielson and the birth of their first child in April 1809. *The History of Monmouth*, however, makes no mention of other children:

Newell Prescott had three children. Sally, the oldest daughter, married Harrison Allen, of Litchfield. One of their daughters is the wife of Jeff. Coburn, the Lewiston architect. Dolly, the second child, remained at home. The only son, George Prescott, married Mary, daughter of James Smith, of Monmouth Neck. . . .<sup>19</sup>

Probate records discourage suspicion that Cochrane omitted any children of Newell and Sally (Danielson) Prescott. Newell Prescott's will, dated 17 July 1858, names only his son George Prescott, his daughter Dolly H. Prescott, and his daughter Sally Allen.<sup>20</sup> Census tallies also do little to support an extra daughter. In 1810 Newell's household consisted of himself and Sally, and only one male aged under 10.

<sup>15</sup> Monmouth, "No. 2, Town Clerk's Book," pp. 217-218 [DGS #8128462, image 107]. Nathan Prescott purchased one of the pews jointly with Robert Withington. He claimed he lived in Deerfield several years before moving to Monmouth (Revolutionary War pension file #W10923). Nathan is identified as Newell Prescott's father in Cochrane, *History of Monmouth* [note 14], 2:141 [Genealogical Appendix].

<sup>16</sup> Cochrane, *History of Monmouth* [note 14], 2:141 [Genealogical Appendix]. Newell Prescott witnessed three deeds for Elijah Wood in 1806 (Kennebec Co. Deeds, 9:477 [Newell witnessed the signature of Elijah's wife Sarah], 11:155 and 13:1).

<sup>17</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 11:590, 13:170.

<sup>18</sup> Monmouth, "Vital Records, 1774-1891," p. 38 [DGS #8128462, image 505].

<sup>19</sup> Cochrane, *History of Monmouth* [note 14], 1:453. Cochrane obviously erred in the order of births of Newell's children.

<sup>20</sup> Newell Prescott, probate estate file, Kennebec Co., drawer P-3-W, packet #39 [DGS #4116345, file begins at image 904].



In 1820 the household included only two children aged under 16.<sup>21</sup> Notably, *The Owl* named Louisa Prescott's parents as "Newell and Eunice," not Newell and Sally. Louisa was born in Wayne and was a resident there when she married Stephen L. Wing in 1822, yet Newell Prescott is not known to have ever lived in Wayne. If the dates of birth and marriage listed by Cochrane are correct, Newell was twenty-one years old when he married Sally Danielson, making a previous marriage unlikely.<sup>22</sup> What is less unlikely, however, is that Newell could have fathered an illegitimate child with another woman shortly before his 1806 marriage to Sally.

#### THE HOPKINS FAMILIES OF PERU AND FRANKLIN PLANTATION

There were two Hopkins families living near Stephen L. and Louisa (Prescott) Wing after their move to Plantation No. 2. Since Louisa was remembered by several of her descendants as a Hopkins, both of these families deserve a closer look.

##### **Oliver and Nancy (Prescott) Hopkins**

Oliver Hopkins married Nancy Prescott—a sister of Newell Prescott—on 4 July 1806, the day after Newell Prescott is said to have married Sally Danielson.<sup>23</sup> Oliver was about twenty years old at the time of the marriage, and Nancy was seventeen. Oliver and Nancy moved from Monmouth to Plantation No. 1, Oxford County (incorporated in 1821 as the town of Peru), between 1814 and 1820.<sup>24</sup> Their first child recorded in Peru was born in February 1809, leaving a convenient gap for the birth of Louisa in early 1807.<sup>25</sup> While the pairing of the names *Prescott* and *Hopkins*

<sup>21</sup> Newell Prescott household, 1810 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 892; Newell Prescott household, 1820 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 605. For reasons unknown, one of Newell's daughters was missing in the 1820 enumeration.

<sup>22</sup> Cochrane, *History of Monmouth* [note 14], 2:141 [Genealogical Appendix], gives Newell Prescott's date of birth as 17 Sept. 1784.

<sup>23</sup> Turner, *History of Peru* [note 3], 147. For Nancy's relationship to Newell Prescott, see Cochrane, *History of Monmouth* [note 14], 2:141 [Genealogical Appendix], which calls her "Ann."

<sup>24</sup> See sketch of Peter Hopkins Jr. in Joseph C. Anderson II., ed., *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 12* (Waterville, Maine, 2021), 331–35.

<sup>25</sup> Peru, "Record of Births & Deaths, 1813–[18]42," p. 100 [DGS #7724804, image 126]. There were two unidentified females aged under 10 in Oliver's household in 1810, and aged 10–15 in his 1820 household (Oliver Hopkins household, 1810 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 890; Oliver Hopkins household, 1820 U.S. Census, Peru or No. 1, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 118). One of these may have been Melinda Hopkins who m. William Brown in Winthrop on 29 Nov. 1827 and d. there 28 Jan. 1845 aged 39 years, said to have been a daughter of Oliver Hopkins per Everett S. Stackpole, *History of Winthrop, Maine, with Genealogical Notes* (Auburn, Maine, 1925), 305. Oliver's household in 1830, however, *also* contained two unidentified females, then aged 20–29, presumably the same enumerated with him in the previous two censuses (Oliver Hopkins household, 1830 U.S. Census, Peru, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 16). Neither of the two is named as a member of Oliver Hopkins's family in the census of Peru inhabitants at the time of incorporation in 1821 (Peru, "Record of Births & Deaths, 1813–[18]42," p. 54 [DGS #7724804, image 103]). Their identities and relationship to Oliver Hopkins and/or Nancy Prescott remain undetermined.

makes this family particularly interesting, no other clear associations are found between Oliver and Nancy Hopkins and Stephen and Louisa Wing.

**Peter [Jr.] and Unity (Frost) Hopkins<sup>26</sup>**

The family of Peter and Unity (Frost) Hopkins was studied in a recent article which proposed other possible children of the couple and explored the origin of Unity (Frost) Hopkins, who was likely a daughter of Samuel [Jr.] and Sarah (Rhodes) Frost of Wayne.<sup>27</sup> Peter Hopkins [Jr.] was nearly twenty-seven years of age when he married Unity in 1811, and Unity Frost was anywhere between twenty-five and twenty-nine. The couple arrived in Plantation No. 2 at roughly the same time as Stephen L. and Louisa (Prescott) Wing, or not long afterwards.<sup>28</sup> Not only was the timing of the two families' arrival in sync, so was their choice of residence: Peter Hopkins [Jr.] and Stephen L. Wing were enumerated immediately adjacent to each other in the 1830 census.<sup>29</sup> On 27 August 1831, Stephen L. Wing purchased the southerly halves of lots #103 and #105 in Plantation No. 2 at public vendue from the estate of Joseph Baxter.<sup>30</sup> He eventually extended his land holdings to portions of adjoining lots #104 and #32, where his family remained until 1869.<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile, Peter Hopkins [Jr.] had evidently been living on a lot in exactly the same area. On 26 November 1835, he quitclaimed lot #31, "where I now live," to [his presumed son] John Hopkins, and likely continued living there for several years afterward.<sup>32</sup> After John's death, lot #31 passed to [John's presumed brother] George Hopkins, who expanded his real estate holdings to portions of adjoining lots #32 and #33 and remained there until 1873.<sup>33</sup> The families of Peter [Jr.] and Unity (Frost) Hopkins and Stephen L. and Louisa (Prescott) Wing never strayed far from each other: all of these lots were clustered together in the northeastern corner of Franklin Plantation along the border with the town of Peru, and subsequent land transactions of Peter [Jr.]'s children

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<sup>26</sup> Peter Hopkins, husband of Unity Frost, was the son of another Peter Hopkins, who is also discussed in this article. To distinguish between the two men, Peter Hopkins (b. say 1758, d. 1814, m. Silence King; see *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 12* [note 24], 325–30) will appear here as "Peter [Sr.]." His son Peter Hopkins who married Unity Frost will appear as "Peter [Jr.]"

<sup>27</sup> Gregory S. Childs, "A Belated Family Reunion: Additional Children of Peter Hopkins of Franklin Plantation, Maine, and the Parentage of his Wife, Unity Frost," *The Maine Genealogist* 43(2021):3–13.

<sup>28</sup> Stephen L. and Louisa Wing were in Plantation No. 2 presumably by early 1826 (see note 2). Peter and Unity Hopkins were likely there by June 1828 when their infant daughter was buried in a local cemetery (Childs, "A Belated Family Reunion" [note 27], 10), and possibly earlier.

<sup>29</sup> Peter Hopkins and Stephen L. Wing households (non-alphabetical listing), 1830 U.S. Census, Plantation 2, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 14.

<sup>30</sup> Oxford Co. Deeds, 46:253.

<sup>31</sup> Oxford Co. Deeds, 156:304.

<sup>32</sup> Oxford Co. Deeds, 46:458.

<sup>33</sup> Oxford Co. Deeds, 61:172, 100:466, 114:73, 135:406, 178:431. No probate has been found for John Hopkins in Oxford Co. The title to his land appears to have been assumed by George Hopkins through an unrecorded arrangement.

consistently name Stephen L. Wing or his immediate family members as parties to the deed or abutters.<sup>34</sup>

Stephen and Louisa Wing were therefore demonstrably closer to Peter and Unity (Frost) Hopkins than they were to Oliver and Nancy (Prescott) Hopkins, and the Hopkinses were obviously not strangers to Newell Prescott.

#### PRESCOTT—HOPKINS—FROST CONNECTIONS

When Louisa Prescott would have been conceived in May–June 1805 or May–June 1806, the Prescott, Hopkins and Frost families were all living within a two-mile radius of Wilson Pond, where the borders of Wayne, Winthrop, and Monmouth intersect.

According to the *History of Monmouth*, Newell Prescott was living with “Major Wood” before his marriage in July 1806. Major Wood was Elijah Wood, who had been living on a parcel of land within Lot #80 in Winthrop, which he purchased from David Hinkley of Winthrop on 7 March 1805.<sup>35</sup> Lot #80 lies in the southern-most portion of the town, roughly two miles to the east of Wilson Pond. If, however, Newell was living with his father, Nathan Prescott, he was doubtlessly living on his father’s tract of land within “Great Back Lot” #22 which spanned across the northernmost part of Monmouth along the borders with Winthrop and Wayne, and a large part of which was also owned by Elijah Wood. Nathan Prescott’s lot, which had been surveyed for him in 1802, was located roughly halfway between Wilson Pond and Annabessacook Lake, near the village of North Monmouth.<sup>36</sup> Either way, Newell Prescott was residing very close to the eastern shores of Wilson Pond.

Samuel Frost Sr. of New Sandwich (now Wayne), presumed grandfather of Unity (Frost) Hopkins, was in possession of Lot #176 by 1788, when he sold the eastern part of it to John Chandler of Winthrop.<sup>37</sup> Lot #176 lies in the southern section of

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<sup>34</sup> As examples, Oxford Co. Deeds, 70:43 (Stephen L. Wing to Ebenezer K. Hopkins, 12 Aug. 1843; George Hopkins an abutter); 70:44 (Ebenezer K. Hopkins to Benjamin Lovejoy, 10 May 1844; George Hopkins, Stephen L. Wing abutters); 72:203 (George Hopkins to Benjamin Lovejoy, 18 July 1845; Stephen L. Wing an abutter); 95:143 (Benjamin Lovejoy to George Hopkins, 8 March 1850; Stephen L. Wing, Tillotson and George Wing abutters); 96:73 (Tillotson & George W. Wing to David F. Brown, 10 April 1852; George Hopkins and Stephen L. Wing abutters); 135:497 (Peter Hopkins Jr. to Columbus H. Wing, 25 Nov. 1864). Tillotson, George W., and Columbus H. Wing were sons of Stephen L. and Louisa Wing (see Genealogical Summary below). A map of the ranges and lots of Franklin Plantation can be found at Oxford Co. Registry of Deeds, Plan #145 (old ref. Plan Book B, p. 46).

<sup>35</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 8:70. See also Stackpole, *History of Winthrop* [note 25], 52–53. For a map of the lots mentioned in this section, see “Map of Pond Town Plantation, Maine” (1908 copy of 1790 original), DigitalMaine.com, citing Maine State Library, identifier CIWINT7901.

<sup>36</sup> Plan #32, Kennebec Co. Plan Books, 4:67, which conveniently shows the location of Nathan Prescott’s lot in respect to Wilson Pond and the Winthrop town line. Elijah Wood purchased a large swath of the northern half of Great Back Lot #22 from John Chandler of Monmouth on 29 March 1804 (Kennebec Co. Deeds, 6:404).

<sup>37</sup> Lincoln Co. Deeds, 22:76.

the town of Wayne and spans across Wilson Pond. After his sale to John Chandler, Samuel evidently kept the section of the lot lying along the west side of Wilson Pond. The lot was still held by the Frost family on 1 July 1806, when Samuel Sr.'s son Noah, who by then had title to the land through an apparently unrecorded deed, leased the lot back to his father.<sup>38</sup> Lacking any recorded land transactions indicating otherwise, it can be inferred that Samuel Frost and his family—and presumably his son Samuel Jr. from the time of his arrival in Wayne by 1804—were residing together slightly over two miles from Elijah Wood's homestead lot in Winthrop, and roughly three miles from Nathan Prescott's homestead in Monmouth, on the opposite side of Wilson Pond.

In May 1805, Peter Hopkins [Sr.], the father of Peter Hopkins [Jr.] who would marry Unity Frost in 1811, had recently sold sixty-four acres lying within Winthrop's Lot #78, which was located along the border with Monmouth and less than a mile south of Elijah Wood's newly-acquired homestead farm.<sup>39</sup> Records are silent on Peter [Sr.]'s destination immediately after the sale, but it's likely he didn't go far. On 7 February 1806, Peter Hopkins [Sr.], styled a yeoman of Monmouth, purchased a section of "Great Back Lot" #22 in Monmouth from Elijah Wood.<sup>40</sup> Peter [Sr.]'s portion of the lot began at the north line of the lot (along the Monmouth-Wayne border), at the west side of Wilson Pond.

The Prescotts, Hopkinses, and Frosts were therefore part of the same community and doubtlessly knew each other:

1. William Frost, son of Samuel Frost Sr. and younger half-brother of Samuel Frost Jr., was a witness to the 1805 deed by which Elijah Wood purchased his homestead farm on Lot #80 in Winthrop.<sup>41</sup> If Newell Prescott was working for Elijah Wood during this time, he may well have also known William Frost and, by extension, other members of the Frost family.
2. A witness to the 1805 deed by which Peter Hopkins [Sr.] sold his portion of Lot #78 in Winthrop was Alexander Pierce, who was a plaintiff against Samuel Frost Jr. of Wayne in two cases at the Kennebec Co. Court of Common Pleas in May and Aug. 1805.<sup>42</sup>
3. As noted above, Peter Hopkins [Sr.] purchased a tract of land from Elijah Wood in Feb. 1806.<sup>43</sup>
4. Newell Prescott's sister Nancy m. Oliver Hopkins, a son of Peter Hopkins [Sr.], in July 1806.
5. Peter Hopkins [Jr.], another son of Peter Hopkins [Sr.], m. Unity Frost, doubtlessly a daughter of Samuel Frost Jr., in 1811.

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<sup>38</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 10:50.

<sup>39</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 9:381.

<sup>40</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 9:382.

<sup>41</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 8:70.

<sup>42</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 9:381; Kennebec Co. Court of Common Pleas, 4:324 [DGS #5523360, image 372]; *ibid.*, 5:207 [DGS #5523361, image 209].

<sup>43</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 9:382.

6. On 16 March 1813, Elijah Wood sold another portion of “Great Back Lot” #22, “situate in said Leeds, and formerly supposed to be in Monmouth,” to Zadoc Bishop, whose son Zadoc Bishop Jr. had m. Charlotte Frost, almost certainly another daughter of Samuel Frost Jr., in 1810.<sup>44</sup>
7. In 1820 Samuel Frost [Jr.] m. Patience (Smith) Stetson, whose brother Jacob had m. Peter Hopkins [Sr.]’s sister in 1787.<sup>45</sup>

#### A POTENTIAL LINK

The question remains: if Stephen L. Wing’s wife, Louisa, was indeed a Prescott, what was her connection to the town of Wayne and to the Hopkins family of Franklin Plantation? What would have caused some of her descendants to remember her maiden name as Hopkins? Louisa’s use of the surname *Prescott* when she married is a strong indicator that she was not a daughter of Peter Hopkins [Jr.], but it doesn’t preclude her from being a daughter of Peter’s wife, Unity Frost, whose marriage in her mid to late 20s allows plenty of time for the birth of an illegitimate daughter in the years before the marriage. If Unity (Frost) Hopkins was the mother of Louisa (Prescott) Wing, the discrepancies and contradictions surrounding Louisa’s origin begin to make sense:

1. Several of Louisa’s descendants remembered her as a “Hopkins” for good reason: Louisa’s mother had married a Hopkins, and Louisa’s siblings in Franklin Plantation (i.e., her half-siblings) were all named Hopkins.
2. Louisa’s association with the town of Wayne—a town where no Hopkins or Prescott families resided when Louisa was born or married—is explained by her connection to the Frost family, who are documented in Wayne as early as 1788.
3. The name of Louisa’s mother was not exactly “Eunice,” but the alliteratively similar *Unity*.<sup>46</sup>

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<sup>44</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 25:17. For Zadoc Bishop Jr. and Charlotte Frost, see Childs, “A Belated Family Reunion” [note 27], 9.

<sup>45</sup> Wayne, “Vital Records, 1819–1853,” p. 5 [DGS #7596987, image 200]. Patience and Jacob were children of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Pierce) Smith of Stoughton, MA (see Norfolk Co., Mass., Deeds, 36:216 and 36:217). For Jacob’s marriage, see sketch of Peter Hopkins, *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 12* [note 24], 329.

<sup>46</sup> Unity Frost would not have been the last of the family to have her uncommon first name transformed into “Eunice.” Unity Isabell Knowles, b. Wilton 25 June 1862, likely a great-granddaughter of Unity (Frost) Hopkins, m. Wilton, 21 June 1879, Edgar D. Wing and generally appears in records as Isabell(a) U. Wing, having inverted her first and middle names before marriage. Her death record, however, names her as “Isabell *Eunice* Wing.” For Unity Isabell Knowles’s full name and date of birth, see Judith T. Knowles, “Widow’s Application for an Army Pension,” dated 18 May 1865, Civil War Widow’s Pension #WC-104412, service of Humphrey T. Knowles [fold3.com]. For her marriage to Edgar D. Wing, see Wilton, “Vital Records, 1864–1891,” n.p. [DGS #7596943, image 705]. For her death, see Isabell Eunice Wing, record of a death (1942), Maine Vital Records, Augusta. Unity Isabell Knowles was a daughter of Judith T. (Royal) Knowles, who in turn was a daughter of Polly W. (Hopkins) Royal, proposed daughter of Unity (Frost) Hopkins; see Childs, “A Belated Family Reunion” [note 27], 10.

4. The death record of George W. Wing naming his mother as “Louisa Foss” is perhaps the most intriguing anomaly. If Louisa’s out-of-wedlock birth was common family knowledge, it could have been reasonably assumed by a descendant that she carried her mother’s maiden name. The informant who provided the information for George Wing’s death record may have misremembered the surname *Frost* as “Foss.”

As shown above, Newell Prescott and Unity Frost would have had ample opportunity to meet and conceive a child together in early 1805 or 1806, five or six years before Unity would marry the brother-in-law of Newell’s sister. Although it appears to have been common knowledge among Louisa (Prescott) Wing’s descendants that she was a daughter of Newell Prescott, the role that Newell played in Louisa’s life is questionable. The wording of his will, in which he described himself as “desirous of controlling [*sic*] the distribution of my property” and named only his three children with wife Sally Danielson, suggests that he may not have recognized Louisa as his daughter.<sup>47</sup>

#### LOUISA’S MARRIAGE IN WAYNE

A final loose end needs to be addressed. Louisa Prescott was a resident of Wayne when she married Stephen L. Wing in 1822, although Louisa’s proposed mother and stepfather were living in Monmouth at the time of the 1820 census.<sup>48</sup> Peter [Jr.] and Unity (Frost) Hopkins could of course have briefly moved to Wayne between 1820 and their appearance in Plantation No. 2 in 1830,<sup>49</sup> but a more logical explanation may be that Louisa had remained at her maternal grandfather’s home in Wayne after her mother’s marriage. In 1810 Samuel Frost [Jr.]’s household in Wayne consisted of himself, his wife, a male aged 16–25 (unidentified), three females aged 16–25 (one of whom was likely Unity Frost) and, most importantly, a female aged under 10, who may well have been Louisa Prescott.<sup>50</sup> In April 1820, Samuel married widow Patience (Smith) Stetson for his second wife, who then had several young children from her previous marriage to Jacob Stetson, and the headcount of Samuel’s Wayne household in the 1820 census potentially reflects the recomposed family:<sup>51</sup> a male aged 45 or over (Samuel), a female aged 45 or over (Patience), a female aged 26–44 (perhaps Patience’s daughter Rhoda Stetson, born 1 September 1796, if her age was slightly overstated),<sup>52</sup> two females aged 10–15 (possibly Pa-

<sup>47</sup> Newell Prescott, probate estate file [note 20].

<sup>48</sup> Peter Hopkins household, 1820 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 601.

<sup>49</sup> 1830 U.S. Census [see note 29].

<sup>50</sup> Samuel Frost household, 1810 U.S. Census, Wayne, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 931.

<sup>51</sup> Samuel Frost household, 1820 U.S. Census, Wayne, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 667.

<sup>52</sup> Rhoda was aged 23 on the official enumeration day of the census (7 Aug. 1820). Her date of birth per Wayne, “Vital Records, 1773–1900,” p. 2 [DGS #7596987, image 12]. Rhoda m. Wayne, 6 March 1822, Elijah Morrell per “Vital Records, 1819–1853” (Marriages, Book 9), p. 16 [DGS #7596987, image 207].

tience's daughter Betsey Stetson, born 19 August 1805,<sup>53</sup> and Louisa Prescott, born 1806 or 1807), and a male aged under 10 (perhaps Patience's son Ephraim Stetson, born 10 November 1808, if his age was understated).<sup>54</sup>

That Louisa Prescott may have spent her childhood years with her maternal grandfather, Samuel Frost, is particularly significant when considering the name she and her husband gave to one of their sons: Samuel F. Wing.

### CONCLUSION

Circumstantial evidence and subtle clues provided by perplexed descendants help build a compelling case for the identification of Unity Frost as the mother of Louisa (Prescott) Wing. Currently, no evidence has been found to either confirm or refute the claim that Louisa's father was Newell Prescott, and Louisa used his surname when she married in 1822. Likewise, no evidence suggests that Newell Prescott and Unity Frost ever married. When Louisa Prescott was four or five years old, her proposed mother married—as her first and only husband—Peter Hopkins [Jr.]. Louisa remained a part of the Hopkins family for the rest of her life, which resulted in several of her descendants remembering her as a Hopkins long after her death.

### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY<sup>55</sup>

1 **LOUISA<sup>7</sup> PRESCOTT** was born in Wayne, Maine, in about February–March 1806 or February–March 1807, probably an illegitimate daughter of Newell<sup>6</sup> Prescott (*Nathan<sup>5</sup>, Nathan Gove<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3-2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>*) of Monmouth and Unity Frost of Wayne. Louisa died in Franklin Plantation, 8 November 1879, aged 72 years 8 months, and is buried in Franklin Cemetery, Dickvale, Peru. As “Eliza” Prescott, she married in Wayne, 3 September 1822, STEPHEN LANDERS WING. Stephen was born in Livermore about April 1801, son of Reuben and Joanna (Landers) Wing,<sup>56</sup> and died in Franklin Plantation, 26 October 1872, aged 71 years 6 months, and is buried with Louisa in Franklin Cemetery.<sup>57</sup>

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<sup>53</sup> Wayne, “Vital Records, 1773–1900,” p. 2 [DGS #7596987, image 12].

<sup>54</sup> Ephraim Stetson would have been 11 years old at the time. His date of birth per Wayne, “Vital Records, 1773–1900,” p. 2 [DGS #7596987, image 12]; the day appears to be “10” written over “26”.

<sup>55</sup> Source citations appearing earlier in this article are not repeated here.

<sup>56</sup> Stephen's full name from Harold C. Perham, “Reuben Wing, Senior, of Old Winthrop, Old Livermore's Town, Wayne and Monmouth and His Two Wives, Priscilla and Sally” (West Paris, Maine, 1973 [typescript at Maine State Library, Augusta]), 221. Perham's typescript is loosely organized and relies heavily on information provided by descendants. As with *The Owl*, independent verification of the data presented in the work is recommended. Stephen indicated his place of birth as “Livermore” on the 1870 census (see note 8); his parents m. Paris, Maine, 23 May 1797, per Paris Marriages 1795–1828, p. 8 [DGS #8131220, image 89].

<sup>57</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #92729876.

Children of Stephen Landers and Louisa (Prescott) Wing (ii–viii recorded Franklin Plantation).<sup>58</sup>

- i COLUMBUS HAINES<sup>8</sup> WING, b. Plantation No. 2 or Winthrop, 9 June 1823,<sup>59</sup> d. Leeds, 17 March 1914, aged 91y [sic] 9m 8d,<sup>60</sup> bur. Franklin Cemetery, Dickvale;<sup>61</sup> m. Franklin Plantation, 3 March 1845, SARAH FULLER LORD,<sup>62</sup> b. prob. Plantation No. 2 [calc.] 12 June 1827, daughter of Thomas S. and Mary (Dorr) Lord, d. Leeds, 21 March 1915, aged 87y 9m 9d,<sup>63</sup> bur. with her husband in Franklin Cemetery.<sup>64</sup>
- ii GEORGE WASHINGTON WING, b. Plantation No. 2, 7 April 1826,<sup>65</sup> d. Leeds 4 Sept. 1915;<sup>66</sup> m. (1) Peru, 17 Nov. 1853, NANCY OLA CANWELL,<sup>67</sup> b. Peru 26 July 1839, daughter of Oliver Billings and Philena (Andrews) Canwell,<sup>68</sup> d. Leeds, 14 Jan. 1870 of “Typhoid Fever.”<sup>69</sup> George m. (2) Monmouth, 6 Dec. 1871, SARAH FRANCES HARRINGTON,<sup>70</sup> b. Wayne, 11 Feb. 1850, daughter of Isaac and Emeline (Merrill) Harrington, d. Leeds, 4 Sept. 1918, aged 68y 6m 24d.<sup>71</sup>

<sup>58</sup> Franklin Plantation, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 82 [DGS #7595543, image 47].

<sup>59</sup> Columbus’s full name from Samuel Harrison Lovewell, “The Lovewell Family in America - Volume One: The Descendants of Joseph and Deborah (Morse) Lovewell” (Arlington, Mass., 1932 [typescript at New England Historic Genealogical Society]), 249. His death certificate (see note 60) lists his place of birth as “Franklin Pl. now Peru,” while *The Owl* 34(March 1933):3061 says “Winthrop.” Columbus’s age at death calculates to a date of birth of 9 June 1822, although he gave his month and year of birth as “June 1823” on the 1900 census (Columbus H. Wing household, 1900 U.S. Census, Peru, Oxford Co., Maine, E.D. 193, p. 1A), which is more consistent with his parents’ marriage in Sept. 1822.

<sup>60</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>61</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #25890956.

<sup>62</sup> Franklin Plantation, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” pp. 13–14 [DGS #7595543, images 12–13]. Sarah’s full name from Lovewell, “The Lovewell Family in America” [note 59], 249.

<sup>63</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Sarah’s death certificate indicates her place of birth as “Peru,” but a declaration by Sarah’s mother in the pension file of Thomas S. Lord states that the family lived in Franklin Plt. for 20 years beginning in about 1827; see Polly Lord, “Claim of Widow for Service Pension” dated 21 May 1878, War of 1812 pension file #WC-23054, service of Thomas S. Lord. Sarah’s parents m. Livermore, 12 Aug. 1817, per “Marriages and Marriage Intentions, 1811 to 1842 [Book No. 2],” n.p. [DGS #7834679, image 343].

<sup>64</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #25908245.

<sup>65</sup> Full name from Samuel Timberlake Wing, copy of an old record of a birth (1881 [citing “Family Record”]), Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. George’s place of birth “Franklin” in the 1870 census (see note 2).

<sup>66</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>67</sup> Peru, “Record of Marriages, 1849–[18]88,” p. 12 [DGS #7596428, image 81]. Nancy’s full name from her death record (see note 69).

<sup>68</sup> Peru, “Record of Births & Deaths, 1813–[18]42,” p. 73 [DGS #7724804, image 113]. Her parents m. Sumner, 27 Dec. 1826, per Sumner, “Record of Births, Deaths, Marriages, 1733–1852,” p. 225 [DGS #8006710, image 128]; Oliver B. Canwell’s full name from marriage intention at *ibid.*, p. 173 [image 102].

<sup>69</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Cause of death per 1870 U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedule, Leeds, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 1, line 16.

<sup>70</sup> Monmouth, “Vital Records, 1865–1891,” p. 13 [DGS #8128462, image 540]. Sarah’s full name from Wing-Harrington, copy of an old record of a marriage (1871), Maine Vital Records,



- iii TILLOTSON PLINY WING,<sup>72</sup> b. Plantation No. 2, 19 Sept. 1828, d. West Peru, 20 Oct. 1928, aged 100y 1m 1d, bur. 22 Oct. 1928 in Demeritt Cemetery, West Peru.<sup>73</sup> Tillotson m. (cert.) Franklin Plantation, 25 July 1851, CLARINDA H. LOVEJOY,<sup>74</sup> b. Plantation No. 2, 22 June 1833, daughter of Ezekiel F. and Lucretia (Dorr) Lovejoy,<sup>75</sup> d. Rumford, 1 Jan. 1911, bur. with Tillotson in Demeritt Cemetery.<sup>76</sup>
- iv STEPHEN P. WING,<sup>77</sup> b. Plantation No. 2, 26 Feb. 1831, d. Leeds, 10 July 1911, aged 80y 9d [*sic*];<sup>78</sup> m. Franklin Plantation, 2 Nov. 1851, MERCY B. ANDREWS,<sup>79</sup> b. Plantation No. 2, 15 May 1835, daughter of Darius and Dorothy C. (Moore) (Damon) Andrews,<sup>80</sup> d. Leeds, 1 Aug. 1894, aged 59y 2m 5d [*sic*], bur. in Leeds Plains Cemetery.<sup>81</sup>

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1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; this certificate records George and Sarah’s marriage intention in Leeds and not the actual marriage.

<sup>71</sup> Records generated by Sarah’s children consistently list her place of birth as Wayne; see for example Childs–Wing, record of a marriage (1906), Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Sarah’s death per Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Sarah’s age at death on her death certificate calculates to a date of birth of 11 Feb. 1850, while on the same certificate her date of birth is given as 11 Feb. 1860 [*sic*], doubtlessly a clerical error. Sarah was not enumerated in her parents’ household in 1850 (Isaac Harrington household, 1850 U.S. Census, Wayne, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 10A), which suggests that she may have been born the following year—or even later—and that her age at death was slightly inflated. Sarah’s parents m. Livermore. 12 Oct. 1840, per “Vital Records, 1841–1876,” p. 12 [DGS #7834679, image 460].

<sup>72</sup> Full name from *The Owl* 34(March 1933):3061.

<sup>73</sup> Tillotson P. Wing, record of a death (1928), Maine Vital Records, Augusta (the informant was Herbert Wood, Tillotson’s son-in-law). Also, “Tillotson [*sic*] Wing 100 Years Old Dies at West Peru,” *Lewiston Evening Journal*, 22 Oct. 1928, p. 12, col. 8. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #183825574.

<sup>74</sup> Franklin Plantation, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 27 [DGS #7595543, image 19].

<sup>75</sup> Franklin Plantation, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 79 [DGS #7595543, image 45]. Her parents m. Peru, 1 March 1832, per “Record of Births & Deaths, 1813–[18]42,” p. 190 [DGS #7724804, image 172].

<sup>76</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #186609026.

<sup>77</sup> His full name given as “Stephen Prescott Wing” in *The Owl* 34(March 1933):3061, and as “Stephen Pond Wing” in Perham, “Reuben Wing” [note 56], 286.

<sup>78</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Stephen’s mother’s name appears to be “Elisja” Prescott on the record.

<sup>79</sup> Franklin Plantation, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 28 [DGS #7595543, image 20].

<sup>80</sup> Peru, “Record of Births & Deaths, 1813–[18]42,” p. 73 [DGS #7724804, image 113]. Mercy’s birth was recorded in the family record of [her brother-in-law and half-sister] Oliver B. and “Philindia” (Andrews) Canwell. Her death record (see note 81) names her parents as “Tobin” Andrews and Dorothy Moore, doubtlessly the Derius [*sic*] Andrews and Miss [*sic*] Dolly Dammon both of Township No. 2 who m. (int.) Rumford, 9 Sept. 1832 (Rumford, “Record of Births, Deaths, Marriages, 1800–[18]55,” p. 54 [DGS #7596438, image 58]). Dolly was divorced from Samuel Damon, whom she had m. Sumner 17 April 1825 (Sumner, “Births, Deaths, Marriages, 1733–1852,” p. 223 [DGS #8006710, image 127]; Oxford Co. Supreme Judicial Court, 1:296 [DGS #5062265, image 299]). Dorothy/Dolly’s middle initial from gravestone photo, findagrave.com #116402358.

<sup>81</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #115393670.

- v CORDELIA B. WING, b. Plantation No. 2, 19 May 1834, d. Peru 31 July 1900, aged 65y 2m 13d per death certificate and 65y 2m 9d per gravestone, bur. Wyman Cemetery, South Rumford;<sup>82</sup> m. Peru, 15 Aug. 1864, as his third wife, GARDNER C. LOVEJOY,<sup>83</sup> b. Livermore, 24 July 1809, son of Jacob and Mehitable (Wing) Lovejoy,<sup>84</sup> d. South Rumford, 27 or 28 March 1899, bur. Wyman Cemetery.<sup>85</sup> Gardner had m. (1) Peru, 19 May 1828, Sarah Burgess,<sup>86</sup> and (2) (cert.) Peru, 22 March 1838, Loama Burgess.<sup>87</sup>
- vi SAMUEL F. WING, b. Plantation No. 2, 23 Feb. 1837, d. West Peru, 5 March 1916, bur. Demeritt Cemetery, West Peru;<sup>88</sup> m. Franklin Plantation, 31 Dec. 1854, his cousin JOANNA LANDERS WING,<sup>89</sup> b. Plantation No. 2, 23 Aug. 1838, daughter of Pliny Brett and Lois Elmina (Hayward) Wing,<sup>90</sup> d. Rumford, 26 Dec. 1917, bur. with Samuel in Demeritt Cemetery on 28 Dec. 1917.<sup>91</sup>
- vii IRA B. WING,<sup>92</sup> b. Plantation No. 2, 2 Jan. 1840, d. Peru, 27 June 1907, from “heart failure caused by being choked [*sic*] by a piece of meat,” bur. Franklin Cemetery, Dickvale;<sup>93</sup> m. (1) 6 Jan. 1861 DELILAH ELIZA KNOWLES,<sup>94</sup> b. Temple, 1842,

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<sup>82</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #181963547.

<sup>83</sup> “Reuben, Stephen, Shubael and Joseph,” *The Owl* 13(Sept. 1911):1055. The original marriage record has not been found.

<sup>84</sup> Livermore, “Vital Records, 1786–1840,” p. 159 [DGS #7834679, image 110]. Gardner’s parents named in Turner, *History of Peru* [note 3], 202, and on his death record (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]).

<sup>85</sup> “South Rumford,” *The Oxford Democrat*, 4 April 1899, p. 2, col. 5: “Gardner Lovejoy, an aged man living in ‘Peru annex,’ died Monday, March 27.” Gardner’s death certificate (see note 84) and gravestone say 28 March 1899 (photo, findagrave.com #217513005).

<sup>86</sup> Recorded in Sumner, “Record of Births, Deaths, Marriages, 1733–1852,” p. 227 [DGS #8006710, image 129].

<sup>87</sup> Peru, “Record of Births & Deaths, 1813–[18]42,” p. 236 [DGS #7724804, image 196].

<sup>88</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; “Died,” *The Oxford Democrat*, 21 March 1916, p. 3, col. 7: “In West Peru, March 5, Samuel Wing, aged 79 years.” Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #126252278.

<sup>89</sup> Franklin Plantation, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 94 [DGS #7595543, image 55]. Joanna’s full name from Perham, “Reuben Wing” [note 56], 229, citing family Bible in possession of Harold Perham, which gives Joanna’s year of birth as “1839.”

<sup>90</sup> Franklin Plantation, “Vital Records, 1842–1856,” p. 80 [DGS #7595543, image 46]. Her parents m. Peru, 1 Dec. 1831, per “Record of Births & Deaths, 1813–[18]42,” p. 257 [DGS #7724804, image 207].

<sup>91</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #126252335.

<sup>92</sup> His full name given without source info as “Ira Bishop Wing” in Perham, “Reuben Wing” [note 56], 298; it should be noted that Ira’s first (and presumably namesake) son was named “Ira Blossom Wing” (Franklin Plantation, “Vital Records, 1878–1889,” p. 16 [DGS #7595543, image 133]).

<sup>93</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #211060402.

<sup>94</sup> Ira B. Wing family Bible [note 4], which calls her both “Delilah E.” and “Eliza D.”; location of marriage unknown. Her name given as “Delia Eliza” in Turner, *History of Peru* [note 3], 271.

daughter of John T. and Priscilla A. (Tripp) Knowles,<sup>95</sup> d. 2 Oct. 1888 and bur. with Ira in Franklin Cemetery.<sup>96</sup> Ira m. (2) Franklin Plantation, 7 Aug. 1889, MARY JANE (BURNHAM) TRASK,<sup>97</sup> b. Leeds, 13 Feb. 1842, daughter of Abner and Rhoda (Halloway/Hallowell) Burnham,<sup>98</sup> d. Avon, 1 Nov. 1907.<sup>99</sup> Mary Jane had m. (1) Leeds, 17 Aug. 1862, Rufus Trask who d. Monmouth, 19 June 1882.<sup>100</sup> After Ira's death, Mary Jane m. (3) Peru, 29 Sept. 1907, John F. Smith.<sup>101</sup>

viii FRANCIS AUGUSTUS WING,<sup>102</sup> b. Plantation No. 2, 21 April 1842, d. Oxford, 24 July 1902, bur. Craigie Cemetery, Welchville, Oxford;<sup>103</sup> m. Franklin Plantation, 31 Dec. 1865, LOUISA STURTEVANT,<sup>104</sup> b. Leeds, 18 Aug. 1848, daughter of David and Sophronia (Richards) Sturtevant,<sup>105</sup> d. Greenwood, 7 March 1927.<sup>106</sup>

ix AUSTIN H. WING,<sup>107</sup> b. Franklin Plantation, April 1845,<sup>108</sup> d. Leeds, 5 Feb. 1916, aged 73y [*sic*] 10m 1d, bur. 8 Feb. 1916 in Leeds Plains Cemetery;<sup>109</sup> m. (1) Franklin

<sup>95</sup> For Delilah's place of birth, see Ira B. Wing household, 1870 U.S. Census, Leeds, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 132A; her grave marker (see note 96) indicates only her year of birth. Delilah's parents m. (int.) Wilton, 30 Aug. 1833, per Wilton Marriages, 2:1 [DGS #7596943, image 450].

<sup>96</sup> Ira B. Wing, family Bible [note 4]; gravestone photo, findagrave.com # 92729785, her name spelled "Deliah" on marker. Turner, *History of Peru* [note 3], 271, says that she "d. in 1888, ae. 46 years, seven months," while Ira B. Wing's family Bible gives her age at death as "47 [years] and 7 months."

<sup>97</sup> Franklin Plantation, "Vital Records, 1862–1892," p. 58 [DGS #7595543, image 96].

<sup>98</sup> Leeds, "Vital Records, 1817–1891," p. 89 [DGS #7595728, image 343]; her parents m. Leeds, 24 July 1837 per "Vital Records, 1868–1891," p. 13 [DGS #7595728, image 133].

<sup>99</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>100</sup> Leeds, "Vital Records, 1823–1868," p. 135 [DGS #7595728, image 75]; "Died," *Lewiston Evening Journal*, 20 June 1882, p. 3, col. 7: "Monmouth—June 19th, Mr. Rufus Trask, aged 54 years."

<sup>101</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. John's middle initial from the will of his father Amos Smith, dated 12 Dec. 1893 (Oxford Co., Maine, probate estate files, Amos Smith, box S105 [DGS #7147652, file begins at image 900]).

<sup>102</sup> He is named as "Francis A. Wing" in the family record of Stephen and Loisa Wing [note 58] but evidently also used the name "Augustus F. Wing" (Willis Wing, copy of an old record of a birth [1874], Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org], father named as "Augustus Francis Wing"; death record of "Augustus F. Wing" [see note 103]).

<sup>103</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #214442465.

<sup>104</sup> Franklin Plantation, "Vital Records, 1862–1892," p. 136 [DGS #7595543, image 102].

<sup>105</sup> Recorded in Wayne, "Vital Records, 1773–1900," p. 112 [DGS #7596987, image 70]; her name recorded as what appears to be "Lizz" in her parents' family record. For Louisa's place of birth, see Francis Wing household, 1870 U.S. Census, Leeds, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 132A. Her parents m. (int.) Parkman. 9 Oct. 1837, per "Vital Records, 1782–1866," n.p. [DGS #7595793, image 77].

<sup>106</sup> Louisa Wing, record of a death (1927), Maine Vital Records, Augusta, which indicates her place of birth as "Chesterville" and names only her father, David Sturtevant (mother "unknown").

<sup>107</sup> His full name given as "Austin Homer Wing" in *The Owl* 34(March 1933):3061, and as "Austin Holmes Wing" in Perham, "Reuben Wing" [note 56], 302.

<sup>108</sup> Austin H. Wing household, 1900 U.S. Census, Leeds, Androscoggin Co., Maine, E.D. 11, p. 8A. *The Owl* 34(March 1933):3061 indicates Austin's date of birth as 13 April 1844. His age at death from death certificate (see note 109) calculates to a date of birth of 4 April 1842, an impossibility given his elder brother Francis's birth that same month and year. On the same certificate,

Plantation, 2 June 1866, ROSANNA B. (STURTEVANT) BURNHAM,<sup>110</sup> b. Parkman, 3 Nov. 1833, daughter of David and Betsey (Burnham) Sturtevant,<sup>111</sup> d. Leeds 1 Jan. 1886.<sup>112</sup> Rosanna was the widow of Azel Augustus Burnham, whom she had m. Leeds, 15 Sept. 1850,<sup>113</sup> and a half-sister of Louisa Sturtevant who married Austin's brother Francis A. Wing.<sup>114</sup> Austin m. (2) Leeds, 21 May 1886, BETSEY ANN BURNHAM,<sup>115</sup> b. Leeds, 5 July 1852, daughter of Abner and Rhoda (Halloway/Hallowell) Burnham and sister of Mary Jane (Burnham) Trask who m. Austin's brother Ira and Sarah Elizabeth Burnham who m. Austin's brother Charles,<sup>116</sup> d. Livermore Falls, 18 July 1936, bur. 22 July 1936 with Austin in Leeds Plains Cemetery.<sup>117</sup>

- x CHARLES ALBERT WING,<sup>118</sup> b. Franklin Plantation, 6 May 1849, d. Leeds, 29 April 1927, bur. 1 May 1927 in Leeds Plains Cemetery.<sup>119</sup> Charles m. Leeds, 17 Jan.

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Austin's date of birth is indicated as "Year: 1842, Month: 10, Day: 1"; it appears the digits for the month and day of Austin's age at death were inadvertently copied by the clerk onto the lines intended for his date of birth. Austin's place of birth from Austin Wing household, 1870 U.S. Census, Leeds, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 129B.

<sup>109</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #202789565.

<sup>110</sup> Franklin Plantation, "Vital Records, 1862–1892," p. 6 [DGS #7595543, image 66].

<sup>111</sup> Parkman, "Vital Records, 1807–1839 [Vol. 2]," p. 85 [DGS #7595793, image 127]. Her parents m. (int.) Leeds, 19 July 1829, per "Vital Records, 1823–1868," p. 19 [DGS #7595728, image 17].

<sup>112</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>113</sup> Leeds, "Vital Records, 1823–1868," p. 82 [DGS #7595728, image 53].

<sup>114</sup> Rosanna B. Sturtevant is often confused with her cousin Rosanna (no middle initial), b. 30 Sept. 1831, daughter of Warren and Charlotte (Maines) Sturtevant (Leeds, "Vital Records, 1817–1891," p. 33 [DGS #7595728, image 314]). Warren and Charlotte's daughter used the name "Rose" or "Rose A." and m. (1) Dexter, 2 April 1870, David F. Pierce (Dexter VRs, 1:260 [DGS #7595365, image 166]) and m. (2) Willimantic, 11 July 1900, David F. Averill (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; marriage record names father as Warren Sturtevant). She d. Willimantic, 4 April 1909 (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; death record names parents as Warren Sturtevant and Charlott [*sic*] Maines). The confusion doubtlessly arose from the delayed marriage return of Azel Burnham and "Miss Rosannah Sturtevant," submitted by Albert S. Bryant, town clerk of Leeds, which misidentifies this Rosannah's parents as Warren and Charlotte (Maines) Sturtevant (Burnham–Sturtevant, copy of an old record of a marriage [1850], Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]). Albert S. Bryant evidently dabbled in genealogy and regularly augmented delayed state returns of vital records with data he had compiled in his research, often citing "Clerks Records" with no other clear source of the information. The original Leeds marriage record of "A. Azel Burnham" and "Rosannah B. Sturtavent" (Bryant omitted Rosanna's middle initial in his delayed state return) does not name the parents of either party.

<sup>115</sup> Leeds, "Vital Records, 1868–1891," p. 66 [DGS #7595728, image 160].

<sup>116</sup> Leeds, "Vital Records, 1817–1891," p. 89 [DGS #7595728, image 343].

<sup>117</sup> Annie B. Wing, record of a death (1936), Maine Vital Records, Augusta. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #202789565 (grave marker shared with Austin H. Wing).

<sup>118</sup> His full name from *The Owl* 34(March 1933):3062.

<sup>119</sup> Charles A. Wing, record of a death (1927), Maine Vital Records, Augusta (the informant was Charles's daughter, "Mrs. Ora Knox"); gravestone photo, findagrave.com #115319243. Charles's date of birth from death certificate. His place of birth, "Franklin," in 1870 census (Francis Wing household, 1870 U.S. Census, Leeds, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 132A).

1869, SARAH ELIZABETH BURNHAM,<sup>120</sup> b. Leeds, 5 July 1846, daughter of Abner and Rhoda (Halloway/Hallowell) Burnham and sister of Mary Jane (Burnham) (Trask) Wing and Betsey Ann (Burnham) Wing above,<sup>121</sup> d. Monmouth, 11 Sept. 1913, and bur. with Charles in Leeds Plains Cemetery.<sup>122</sup>

- xi CAROLINE ALMEDA WING,<sup>123</sup> b. prob. Franklin Plantation, 21 May 1853,<sup>124</sup> d. Groveton, Northumberland, N.H., 16 Oct. 1918;<sup>125</sup> m. Franklin Plantation, 4 March 1868, as his second wife, EDWARD W. HAINES,<sup>126</sup> b. Plantation No. 2, 30 Sept. 1831, son of Samuel and Polly (Lovejoy) Haines,<sup>127</sup> d. Peru, 16 Aug. 1889, bur. Wyman Cemetery, South Rumford.<sup>128</sup> Edward had m. (1) Peru, 1 Nov. 1853, Ellen M. Austin who d. Peru, 15 Nov. 1865.<sup>129</sup>

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<sup>120</sup> Leeds, "Vital Records, 1823–1868," p. 152 [DGS #7595728, image 85].

<sup>121</sup> Leeds, "Vital Records, 1817–1891," p. 89 [DGS #7595728, image 343].

<sup>122</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]. Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #115319251.

<sup>123</sup> Her full name from *The Owl* 34(March 1933):3062.

<sup>124</sup> Typed transcription (undated) of family record from "Bible formerly owned by Edward W. Haines, then of Franklin Plantation, Oxford County, Maine, now the property of Mertie E. Haines Ettinger, of Providence, R. I.," Letter E Plantation, "Vital Records, 1817–[18]94," loose paper at beginning of the book [DGS #7595543, image 146]. Several typed transcriptions of family Bible records appear together at the beginning of a volume of Letter E Plantation (Franklin Co.) records immediately after the collection of Franklin Plantation records on the same microfilm. These Bible records all pertain to Franklin Plantation families and were apparently included in the Letter E segment of the microfilm by error. Caroline's death certificate (see note 125) lists her place of birth as "Peru," but she was likely born in Franklin Plantation, most of which had been annexed to Peru nineteen years prior to her death.

<sup>125</sup> New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947 [image, familysearch.org], which gives her date of birth as 20 May 1864 [sic].

<sup>126</sup> Franklin Plantation, "Vital Records, 1862–1892," p. 12 [DGS #7595543, image 70].

<sup>127</sup> Franklin Plantation, "Vital Records, 1842–1856," p. 81 [DGS #7595543, image 46]. His parents named in Turner, *History of Peru* [note 3], 141.

<sup>128</sup> "Died," *Lewiston Saturday Journal*, 24 Aug. 1889, p. 10, col. 6: "Peru—16th, Edward W. Haines, aged 55" [sic]; familysearch.org, "Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1980," Edward W. Haines [DGS #7586585, image 1327], date of death on gravestone given as "8-15-1888(?)."

<sup>129</sup> For marriage, see Peru, "Record of Marriages, 1849–[18]88," p. 13 [DGS #7596428, image 81]. For Ellen's death, see Peru, "Record of Births & Deaths, 1813–[18]42," p. 127 [DGS #7724804, image 141].

PHEBE COLE, WIFE OF ABNER COLSON  
OF FRANKFORT (NOW WINTERPORT), MAINE

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By 1790 Abner Colson had come to Frankfort, Maine, from Penobscot, a town across the Penobscot River.<sup>1</sup> He was married about 1795 to a wife named Phebe and they raised a family of at least ten children.<sup>2</sup> He was the son of James and Susannah (—) Colson,<sup>3</sup> who also came to Frankfort from Penobscot.<sup>4</sup> But who was Phebe? Several years ago, Stanton Colson, a respected Colson family researcher, suggested in personal correspondence that Phebe's maiden name may have been Cole. Numerous online trees allege that Phebe was the daughter of Eleazer and Lucy (Shurtleff) Cole, and that she was born in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, 31 October 1777, and baptized in Brockton, Massachusetts, 4 October 1778; that she married Abner Colson about 1795 and died in Maine in 1815.<sup>5</sup> In typical fashion, these trees give no sources whatsoever for the assertion that this Phebe Cole married Abner Colson.

Research on the family of Eleazer and Lucy (Shurtleff) Cole makes it clear that their daughter Phebe did not marry Abner Colson. Eleazer brought his wife and as many as five children from Massachusetts to Plantation No. 4 (now Paris), Maine, in the late 1780s.<sup>6</sup> They were enumerated there in the 1790 census in a household containing one adult male, two males under 16, and six females.<sup>7</sup> Their daughter Phebe married John Billings there about 1797 and had seven children, the first of whom was born 7 January 1798, and two who were named Lucy and Eleazer C. Billings, no doubt for their grandparents.<sup>8</sup> The family moved to Woodstock where

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<sup>1</sup> James Collson household, 1790 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 78. Abner was likely one of four males under 16 years of age; Abner Colson household, 1800 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 111, which indicates Abner came to Frankfort from Penobscot.

<sup>2</sup> "Frankfort Births from the Notebooks of Former Town Clerk," *Downeast Ancestry* 8, No. 2 (Aug. 1984):73. Frankfort town records were destroyed by fire in the early 1900s. Years later the historical and contemporary Frankfort family records compiled by Frank L. Hopkins, a Frankfort Town Clerk, were discovered, transcribed, and printed serially in *Downeast Ancestry*, a now defunct genealogical periodical.

<sup>3</sup> Stanton Danbrook Colson and Douglas Herman Colson, *The Descendants of Cornelius Cursonwhit of Dover, New Hampshire*, 3 vols. (Leesburg, Va., 1991–2010), 1:99.

<sup>4</sup> James Colson household, 1790 U.S. Census [note 1]; James Colson household, 1800 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 111.

<sup>5</sup> A search on Ancestry.com for Phebe Cole, b. Mass. in 1777, yields hundreds of trees alleging she m. Abner Colson.

<sup>6</sup> William Berry Lapham, *History of Paris, Maine, from Its Settlement to 1880* (Paris, Maine, 1884), Part II, Genealogical Registers, 560.

<sup>7</sup> Eleazer Cole household, 1790 U.S. Census, Plantation No. 4, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 10.

<sup>8</sup> Lapham, *History of Paris* [note 6], 516–17; William Berry Lapham, *History of Woodstock, Me., With Family Sketches* (Portland, 1882), 178–79.

Phebe was living in 1850 and 1860 in the household of her son Eleazer Billings, she aged 72 and 82, respectively.<sup>9</sup> Eleazer, Lucy, and all of their children lived in the surrounding area most of their adult lives.<sup>10</sup>

A search of the records of all of Abner and Phebe Colson's children revealed no information about their mother's parents or her date and place of birth. Intriguing clues, however, were discovered in a court case filed at the Hancock County Court of Common Pleas, first entered at the May Term, 1809, but continued to the August term, 1810:<sup>11</sup>

Edward Cole of Orleans in the County of Barnstable, mariner, Joseph H. Shaw, yeoman, and Rachel his wife, Ebenezer Colson, yeoman, and Elizabeth his wife, Abner Colson, Gentleman, and Phebe his wife, John Carlton, Gentleman, and Huldah his wife, all of Frankfort in our County of Hancock, and Jonathan Pickard of Hampden in said County of Hancock, yeoman, and Eunice his wife, represent that they are interested in and seized in their desmesne as of fee of the two undivided third parts of the following described tract of land as tenants in common: . . . the said Edward Cole in his own right of one undivided sixth part of two undivided third parts of the same, and the said Shaw and Rachel his wife, Ebenezer Colson and his wife, Abner Colson and his wife, John Carlton and his wife and Jonathan Pickard and Eunice his wife are each seized in the respective rights of said wives of one undivided sixth part of two undivided third parts of the same. Which said tract of land is bounded as follows to wit: southeasterly on Baldhill Cove so called, northeasterly on land improved by John Holbrook and northwesterly on land of the Patent Proprietors, and southwesterly on the land of John Aldershaw [*sic*: Haldershaw] jun<sup>r</sup> and run so far back from said Cove as to make one hundred acres, which said tract of land is situated in Frankfort aforesaid. And said Petitioners being desirous to hold their said shares in severalty pray that partition may be made agreeably to the statute in such case made and provided.

This case indicates that the land in question in Frankfort was jointly owned by six parties:

1. Edward Cole of Orleans, Massachusetts
2. Joseph H. Shaw of Frankfort in the right of his wife Rachel
3. Ebenezer Colson of Frankfort in the right of his wife Elizabeth
4. Abner Colson of Frankfort in the right of his wife Phebe
5. John Carlton of Frankfort in the right of his wife Huldah
6. Jonathan Pickard of Hampden in the right of his wife Eunice

These six parties owned two thirds of the land in equal shares, and they were petitioning the court for their joint holding to be partitioned.

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<sup>9</sup> Eleazer C. Billings household, 1850 U.S. Census, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 204; Eleazer Billings household, 1860 U.S. Census, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 763.

<sup>10</sup> Benjamin Shurtleff, *Descendants of William Shurtleff of Plymouth and Marshfield, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Revere, Mass., 1912), 1:90.

<sup>11</sup> Hancock Co., Maine, Court of Common Pleas, August Term 1810, 12:147 [DGS #5401652, image 294].

How was this property obtained and what is the relationship between Edward Cole and Rachel, Elizabeth, Phebe, Huldah, and Eunice? A Hancock County deed, executed in August of the next year, seemed to provide some answers:<sup>12</sup>

Know all men by these presents, that we Abner Colson, Phebe Colson wife of said Abner, both of Frankfort, John Carlton Jun<sup>r</sup> & Huldah Carlton wife of said John, Jonathan Pickard Jun<sup>r</sup> and Eunice Pickard wife of said Jonathan, both of Hampden, all in the County of Hancock, in consideration of seventy five dollars paid us by Silvanus Rogers of Hampden in the County aforesaid, Yeoman, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant, sell, and quit-claim unto the said Silvanus Rogers his heirs and assigns, all our right, title, claim and demand in and to three undivided parts or shares of eighty acres of land situate in Frankfort and bounded as follows, viz, Northerly by land in possession of John Holbrook, Westerly by land owned by James Young, Southerly by land formerly the property of John Shaw, Easterly by Bald-hill-cove so called, the same being the same land which Edward Cole died possessed of.

To have and to hold the same to the said Silvanus his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. And we do covenant to warrant and defend the said granted and quit-claimed premises to the said Silvanus his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons, claiming by, or under us. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eleven.

Signed, sealed and delivered, in presence

of us. Abner Bicknell

Stephen Littlefield

Abner Colson

Phebe [her X mark] Colson

John Carlton 2<sup>d</sup>

Huldah Carlton

Jonathan Pickard J<sup>r</sup>

Eunice Pickard

In this deed, three of the women—Phebe, Huldah, and Eunice, along with their husbands—were selling their portions of what appears to be the same land, or at least very close to the same land, described in the court case, with Bald Hill Cove to the east (it was southeast in the court document), John Holbrook’s land to the north (it was northeast in the court document), and John Shaw (his surname shortened from Holdershaw) to the south (his land was southwest in the court document).<sup>13</sup> The key piece of new information in the deed is that the property was “the land which Edward Cole died possessed of.”

Instruments of this kind, in which multiple grantors sold a piece of “undivided” property owned jointly, were frequently heirship transactions. This was especially true when the owners included married women who held the property “in their right.” If that were the case with this deed and with the court petition, then it seems likely that Edward Cole [Jr.] of Orleans along with Rachel, Elizabeth, Phebe, Huldah, and Eunice had inherited the land as heirs of Edward Cole [Sr.] of Frankfort. The research next focused on proving that thesis.

<sup>12</sup> Hancock Co. Deeds, 31:177.

<sup>13</sup> This land is located today in Winterport (set off from Frankfort in 1860), very close to Winterport’s border with Hampden to the north and Orrington across the Penobscot River to the east.



The marriage of Joseph Holdershaw and Rachel Cole was solemnized in Orrington on 25 November 1790.<sup>14</sup> In later years, Joseph went by the name of Joseph H. Shaw. On 4 April 1808, Joseph H. Shaw of Frankfort, yeoman, quitclaimed to Asa Bean of Frankfort one undivided sixth part of a lot of land that was part of the estate of John H. Shaw of Frankfort, deceased.<sup>15</sup> John H. Shaw was undoubtedly the same John Holdershaw/Shaw whose property abutted the Cole property in Frankfort.

John and Huldah Carlton were married about 1801 (their first child was born in 1802) and they had at least nine children.<sup>16</sup> The death record of their youngest son, John C. L. Carlton (1827–1909), reports that his mother’s name was Hulda[h] Cole, born in Hampden, Maine.<sup>17</sup>

The Hampden vital records indicate that Jonathan Peckard [*sic*] Jr. of Hampden and Eunice Cole of Orrington filed marriage intentions on 30 September 1802.<sup>18</sup> The marriage of Jonathan Pickard of Hampden and Eunice Cole on 18 November 1802 was recorded in Orrington, a town across the Penobscot River from Hampden.<sup>19</sup>

These records confirm that the maiden name of Rachel Shaw, Huldah Carlton, and Eunice Pickard was Cole. While no documentation was found to prove that Elizabeth and Phebe were also Coles, the evidence was mounting that all were Edward Cole’s heirs.

Another record may be the culprit causing some to conclude that Eunice (Cole) Pickard was the daughter of Peter and Nancy (Buck) Cole of Orrington. In a history of Orrington, the following entry appears in the section entitled “Olde Orrington Book”:<sup>20</sup>

Peter Cole drowned at mouth of Penobscot River  
 wife Nancy Buck  
 Widow Cole m Ephraim Doane  
 1 Peter b Ag 1786 [*sic*]  
 2 Susannah b Feb 12 1788 [*sic*]  
 Eunice m Jona Pickard of H Nov 18 1802  
 Sarah of Henry m Amasa Snow 1790  
 Rachel Cole m Joseph Holdershaw Nov 25 1790

<sup>14</sup> “Orrington, Maine, Marriages,” in Joseph W. Porter, ed., *The Bangor Historical Magazine Later the Maine Historical Magazine, 1885–1894*, 4 vols. (Camden, Maine, 1993), 1:115. This compilation reprints 9 volumes of the original magazine, issued by Joseph W. Porter from July 1885 to Dec. 1894. The Orrington marriages appeared in 1(Jan. 1886):108–12, 135–36, of the original magazine.

<sup>15</sup> Hancock Co. Deeds, 24:192–93.

<sup>16</sup> “Frankfort Births” [note 2], *Downeast Ancestry* 8, No. 2 (Aug. 1984):71.

<sup>17</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>18</sup> Arthur Gibbs Sylvester and Richard E. Spinney, eds., *Vital Records of Hampden, Maine Prior to 1892* (Rockland, Maine, 2007), 14.

<sup>19</sup> David Livingstone Swett, comp., *Vital Records of Orrington, Penobscot County, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Rockport, Maine, 1995), 186.

<sup>20</sup> Mildred N. Thayer and Mrs. Edward W. Ames, *History of Brewer, Orrington, Holden and Eddington* (Brewer, Maine, ca. 1962), Part II, xxxvii–xxxviii.

*The Bangor Historical Magazine* has a similar entry, with notable differences. In an article entitled “Early Settlers in Orrington, Maine,” the following appears:<sup>21</sup>

Peter Cole, in Orrington; married Nancy Buck. He was drowned at Mouth of Penobscot River. Children: Susanna, born Aug. 29, 1786, at Chatham; married Isaiah Baker, June 20, 1806. Peter Cole, born Feb. 12, 1788, at Chatham. Widow married second Ephraim Doane about 1790.

Marriages in Orrington

Emma [*sic*: Eunice] Cole married Jona Pickard, of Hampden, Nov. 18, 1802.

Sarah Cole, of Henry, married Amasa Snow, May 6, 1790.

Rachel Cole married Joseph Holdershaw, Nov. 25, 1790.

There are three substantive differences between these two accounts. In the latter the birth dates of Susannah and Peter are correct, Susannah’s marriage to Isaiah Baker has been added, and, of importance to the question of Eunice’s parents, the caption “Marriages in Orrington” has been inserted. This caption separates the Peter Cole family data from other Orrington-associated Cole events. While it is clear that Sarah was the daughter of Henry Cole, there are no parents named for Eunice and Rachel. Nothing implies they were the children of Peter and Nancy. On the contrary, these entries seem to indicate that the names of their parents were not found.

Peter Cole and Nancy Buck were married in Chatham, Massachusetts, on 21 October 1782.<sup>22</sup> The Orrington vital records name two children from this marriage, both born in Chatham: Susannah, born 29 August 1786, and Peter, born 12 February 1788. The Orrington records also list the two children of Nancy’s second husband, Ephraim Doane, from his prior marriage, and the five children of Ephraim and Nancy from their marriage.<sup>23</sup> If Eunice had been a child of this Cole-Doane family, it is curious that she was not listed.

#### THE EDWARD COLE FAMILY

Edward Cole, the deceased former owner of the land conveyed in the 1811 deed, is not listed in the 1790 census for Frankfort. The only Cole living in Frankfort that year was Phoebe Cole, with a household consisting of a male aged 16 or above, two males under 16, and three females.<sup>24</sup> That Phebe was the widow of Edward is suggested by her neighbors in that 1790 census listing. Immediately preceding her entry in the census is that of John Holbrook, whose property adjoined Edward Cole’s land in the deed. John Holdershaw was two households away from Phebe in the census, his land also adjoining the Edward Cole property in the deed. No death

<sup>21</sup> *Bangor Historical Magazine* [note 14], 2:940–41 (or 4[May 1889]:216–17 of the original magazine).

<sup>22</sup> Chatham, Mass., Vital Records, 3:71 [DGS #7010727, image 41].

<sup>23</sup> Swett, *Orrington VRs* [note 19], 37.

<sup>24</sup> Phoebe Cole household, 1790 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 78.

record or probate file is found for Edward Cole, but it is apparent he was dead by 1790, when Phebe headed the household.

Following the American Revolution, towns along the lower Penobscot River experienced substantial population growth, much of which had resulted from the migration of people from Massachusetts, especially Cape Cod. A search of records of Massachusetts towns produced two significant clues in the towns of Eastham and Orleans:

Edward Cole and Phebe Rogers both of Eastham intend marriage May 16 1772<sup>25</sup>

Abiel Cole Son of Edward Cole & Phebe his wife was born in Frankfort, County of Hancock, 18 August 1789.<sup>26</sup>

No additional children attributed to Edward and Phebe were found in Massachusetts or Maine town records. Nonetheless, the notation in the Orleans record that Abiel Cole was born in Frankfort confirms that this is the correct family and that Phebe Cole, in the 1790 census, was unquestionably Edward's widow.

The Nickerson genealogy reports that "Edward Cole, b. Orleans, Mass., 18 Feb 1781; son of Edward and Phebe (Rogers) Cole . . ." married in Harwich, Massachusetts, 6 April 1802, Rebecca Nickerson, daughter of Phineas and Reliance (Taylor) Nickerson. They lived in Orleans where their first four children were born, the last about 1812. By 1814 they had moved to Cumberland, Rhode Island, and then to Providence where their last child was born in 1815. Soon thereafter they were in Frankfort where Rebecca died in March 1816.<sup>27</sup> The Edward Cole family (he apparently with a second wife) is found in Frankfort in the 1820 census with just one family separating them from that of Abner and Phebe Colson.<sup>28</sup>

Further consideration of the 1809 court case and 1811 deed raises a question. Why was widow Phebe Cole not mentioned? Absent a will or other instrument with contrary instructions, common practice would have given her lifetime use of one-third of the property, a "widow's thirds." The 1809 court case showed that the petitioners were requesting the partition of their two-thirds of the Frankfort property. The likelihood, therefore, is that Phebe held the other third as her dower.

A search for Abiel Cole produced no other information. He was likely one of the males under sixteen in the Phoebe Cole household in 1790, but no unaccounted for male of his age group was found in 1800 or later. It is presumed, therefore, that he died sometime in the 1790s.

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<sup>25</sup> Eastham, Mass., Vital Records [DGS #7009735, image 712]. This intention is found on p. 14 of a copy of "an old book 5 called a book of births & marriages in Eastham by William P. Myrick Town Clerk of Orleans."

<sup>26</sup> Orleans, Mass., Vital Records, 1:58 [DGS #7009735, image 499].

<sup>27</sup> Nickerson Family Association, *The Nickerson Family, the Descendants of William Nickerson, 1604–1689, the First Settler of Chatham, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Yarmouth, Mass., 1973–97), 1:417.

<sup>28</sup> Edward Cole household, 1820 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 682.

In summary, here are the arguments supporting Edward and Phebe (Rogers) Cole as the parents of Phebe Colson.

1. The birth surnames of four of the co-owners of Edward Cole's property—Edward [Jr.], Rachel, Huldah and Eunice—have been confirmed as Cole. Under the circumstances, it is likely that Phebe and Elizabeth were Coles as well.
2. The acquisition of the Frankfort property has the earmarks of children inheriting from their father. Other than by inheritance, there is no feasible way that Edward [Jr.] and the five girls would have gained joint ownership of Edward's land.
3. The Orleans birth record of Abiel Cole places his parents, Edward and Phebe Cole, in Frankfort in 1789.
4. The Nickerson genealogy names the younger Edward Cole's parents as Edward and Phebe (Rogers) Cole, and places him in Frankfort by 1816. It also places him in Orleans, Mass., until at least 1812; Edward Cole of the 1809 court case was of Orleans, Mass. The 1820 census shows him as a Frankfort neighbor of Abner Colson.<sup>29</sup>
5. Abner and Phebe Colson's first four children (see Genealogical Summary) were named for a forebear. Their first son, James, was named for his father; their second son, Abner, was named for himself, and their third son, Edward, was named for her proposed father. The first daughter, Susanna, was named for his mother.<sup>30</sup>

Phebe, wife of Abner Colson, was undoubtedly a daughter of Edward and Phebe (Rogers) Cole. Upon Edward's death, about 1789, his property passed to his surviving children, with his widow, Phebe, granted lifetime use. Widow Phebe Cole headed her household in 1790 but in 1800 and 1810 she was probably the female aged 45+ living in the Abner Colson household.<sup>31</sup> Her daughters may not have wished to sell their share of the property during their mother's lifetime, so the sales date of 6 May 1811 may be an indication that Phebe was by then deceased.

#### ONE FINAL RECORD

Here the search might have ended, with a strong but still circumstantial case for Phebe's parents. Final proof in genealogy is not always attainable, but in this case diligence played a crucial role. Having completed the research in Maine records, the next goal was to determine the parents of Edward Cole and Phebe Rogers. For Phebe, the answer was easily found in published records. For Edward, the discovery of the will of Joseph Cole Jr. of Eastham solved the question of Edward's paternity—and much more. Joseph Cole Jr. of Eastham, yeoman, made his will on 26 January 1794, and it was proved in Barnstable County on 30 October 1800.<sup>32</sup> In it he named his beloved wife Anna Cole, his daughters Mary Snow and Sarah Shaw, and his

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<sup>29</sup> Edward Cole and Abner Colson families, 1820 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 682.

<sup>30</sup> "Frankfort Births" [note 2], *Downeast Ancestry* 8, No. 2 (Aug. 1984):73.

<sup>31</sup> Abner Colson household, 1800 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 111; Abner Collson household, 1810 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 569.

<sup>32</sup> Barnstable Co., Mass. Probate Records, 30:22–25 [DGS #7705361, images 314–15].

sons Reuben, Abiel, Henry, and Jesse Cole.<sup>33</sup> He also made bequests to nine grandchildren, as follows:

I give to my two grandsons Joseph Cole and Edward Cole all my wearing apparel . . . I give to my granddaughter Rachel Shaw six shillings and to my granddaughter Elizabeth Cole six shillings and to my granddaughter Phebe Cole six shillings and to my granddaughter Eunice Cole six shillings and to my granddaughter Huldah Cole six shillings and to my grandson Henry Cole six shillings and to my grandson Abiel Cole six shillings to be paid out of my personal estate.

Joseph's son Edward was deceased, but Joseph took special care to remember each of Edward's nine surviving children.

#### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

**EDWARD COLE** was born say 1752 (if age 20 at marriage), probably in Eastham, Massachusetts, son of Joseph and his first wife, Sarah (Nickerson) Cole.<sup>34</sup> He died, probably in Frankfort, Maine, anytime from late 1787 (when his son Abiel was conceived) to the time of the taking of the 1790 census for Frankfort (in which Phebe was the head of household). He married PHEBE ROGERS, their intentions recorded in Eastham, 16 May 1772.<sup>35</sup> Phebe was born in Harwich, Massachusetts, 3 November 1755, daughter of Richard and Sarah (Higgins) Rogers.<sup>36</sup> She died, probably in Frankfort, apparently after the taking there of the 1810 census and possibly before 6 May 1811 when her daughters sold their share of their father's property. There are no Hancock County deeds in Edward's name, nor was his estate probated. No record has been located to indicate when he first came to Maine, and how and when he acquired the land that his children inherited.

Children of Edward and Phebe (Rogers) Cole, order partially speculative:

- i RACHEL COLE, b. say 1772 (if age 18 at marriage): m. Orrington, 25 Nov. 1790, her probable first cousin, JOSEPH H. SHAW (a.k.a Joseph Holdershaw).<sup>37</sup> Joseph was apparently a son of John and Sarah (Cole) Holdershaw/Shaw who m. Eastham,

<sup>33</sup> Reuben and Henry Cole also moved to Maine, Reuben to Buckstown and later Frankfort, and Henry to Orrington (Reuben Cole household, 1800 U.S. Census, Buckstown, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 121; Reuben Cole household, 1810 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 569, and Henry Cole household, 1800 U.S. Census, Orrington, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 87.

<sup>34</sup> Edward was a sixth-generation descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Stephen Hopkins, the lineage being: *Edward*<sup>6</sup> *Cole*, *Joseph*<sup>5</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>4</sup>, *Ruth*<sup>3</sup> *Snow*, *Constant*<sup>2</sup> *Hopkins*, *Stephen*<sup>1</sup> (*Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, 6: Stephen Hopkins, by John D. Austin, FASG [Plymouth, Mass., 2001], 329). Joseph and Sarah Nickerson m. Eastham, Mass., 17 Nov. 1737 (Eastham VRs 1770–1886, n.p. [DGS # 7010731, image 158]). Joseph's second wife was Anna (Harding) Dyer, whom he m. Truro, Mass., 2 April 1793 (George Ernest Bowman, ed., *Vital Records of the Town of Truro, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [Boston, 1933], 157)

<sup>35</sup> See note 25.

<sup>36</sup> "Harwich, Mass., Vital Records," *The Mayflower Descendant* 34(1937):108; her parents m. (int.) 19 Dec. 1746 (Eastham VRs, copied from the orig. Book 8, p. 47 [DSG #7009735, image 28]).

<sup>37</sup> See note 14.

- Mass., 4 Dec. 1760,<sup>38</sup> and whose property in Frankfort adjoined Edward's. Sarah was Edward Cole's sister, as noted in their father's will.
- ii JOSEPH COLE, b. by 1774 if he was the male aged 16 and above in Phebe Cole's 1790 household. On 2 March 1797, Ebenezer Colson of Buckstown, yeoman, purchased land in Frankfort bounded on the east by land of Abner Colson and on the south by "land improved by Joseph Cole."<sup>39</sup> He is probably the Joseph Cole enumerated in 1810 in Frankfort, aged 26–44.<sup>40</sup> No further record.
  - iii ELIZABETH COLE, b. say 1776; m. as his 2nd wife, between 1805 and 1809, EBENEZER COLSON. Ebenezer was a son of Hatevil Colson, an early settler in Frankfort.<sup>41</sup> Ebenezer had m. (1) Ruth —, who was still his wife on 3 Oct. 1805, when she released her dower rights on a deed.<sup>42</sup> On 20 Aug. 1791, Ebenezer Colson of Township No. 1 [later Buckstown, now Bucksport] sold to his brother James Colson of Frankfort, 100 acres of land in Frankfort, "being the same land my honored Father Hate Eavil Colson now lives on."<sup>43</sup> Ebenezer Colson, yeoman, was still "of Buckstown" on 2 March 1797 when he purchased 100 acres in Frankfort, bounded east by land of Abner Colson and south on land improved by Joseph Cole.<sup>44</sup> By 1800 he was in Frankfort, listed in the census between James and Abner Colson.<sup>45</sup>
  - iv PHEBE COLE, b. say 1778; m. ABNER COLSON (see Abner Colson family below).
  - v EDWARD COLE, reportedly b. Orleans, Mass., 18 Feb. 1781, d. 18 Sept. 1848;<sup>46</sup> m. (1) Harwich, Mass., 6 April 1802, REBECCA NICKERSON,<sup>47</sup> b. Harwich, 13 April 1780, daughter of Phineas and Reliance (Taylor) Nickerson, d. Frankfort, in March 1816.<sup>48</sup> The name of his 2nd wife (mentioned in his death notice) is not known. Edward served as a lighthouse keeper on Matinicus Rock. He lost an arm in government service and received a pension.<sup>49</sup> His death was caused by drowning: "Capt. Edward Cole, of Frankfort, started from Matinicus on Sept. 20th, for home, in a small boat. Since then the boat has been picked up adrift, and there is no doubt that Capt. Cole was drowned. His age was 67, and he leaves a wife, and a large circle of friends."<sup>50</sup>
  - vi HENRY COLE, b. say 1783. He was living in 1794 (grandfather's will). He is likely one of the two males under 16 in Phoebe Cole's 1790 household. No further record.

<sup>38</sup> Eastham Marriages, 1764 [*sic*]–1844, p. 109 [DGS #7010726, image 64]. On 4 April 1808, Joseph H. Shaw of Frankfort, yeoman, quitclaimed an undivided 6th part of a lot of land which was part of the estate of John H. Shaw of Frankford, deceased (Hancock Co. Deeds, 24:192).

<sup>39</sup> Hancock Co. Deeds, 6:256.

<sup>40</sup> Joseph Cole household, 1810 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 569.

<sup>41</sup> Ada Douglas Littlefield, *An Old River Town, Being a History of Old Winterport, (Old Frankfort), Maine* (New York, 1907), 12. Hatevil's wife is said to be Elizabeth Downs, but proof for her identity is not seen.

<sup>42</sup> Hancock Co. Deeds, 16:185, Ebenezer Colson of Frankfort to John Carleton 2nd.

<sup>43</sup> Hancock Co. Deeds, 2:263.

<sup>44</sup> Hancock Co. Deeds, 6:256.

<sup>45</sup> Ebenr Colson household, 1800 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 111.

<sup>46</sup> *Nickerson Family* [note 25], 1:417.

<sup>47</sup> *Nickerson Family* [note 25], 1:417; their marriage intentions on 12 March 1802, he of Orleans, she of Harwich (Orleans Marriage Intentions, 1763–1905, p. 35 [DGS #7009735, image 628]).

<sup>48</sup> *Nickerson Family* [note 25], 1:417.

<sup>49</sup> *Nickerson Family* [note 25], 1:417.

<sup>50</sup> *Maine Farmer*, Thurs., 9 Nov. 1848, p. 2,

- vii HULDAH COLE, b. [calc] 23 Dec. 1784, d. 4 Feb. 1859, age 74y 1m 12d, and bur. in Ellingwood Corner Cemetery, Winterport;<sup>51</sup> m. say 1801 (1st child b. 1802), JOHN CARLTON Jr.,<sup>52</sup> b. [calc] 28 Aug. 1780, possibly a son of John and Hannah (—) Carlton (who were the only Carltons in the area in 1790 and 1800<sup>53</sup>), d. Winterport, 18 May 1860, age 79y 8m 20d.<sup>54</sup> In 1850 John Carlton, aged 72 [sic], a farmer, and Huldah, aged 67, were living in Frankfort.<sup>55</sup>
- viii EUNICE COLE, b. say 1786,<sup>56</sup> d. before 1827; m. Orrington, 18 Nov. 1802, JONATHAN PICKARD Jr. of Hampden,<sup>57</sup> b. Rowley, Mass., 9 May 1777, son of Jonathan and Mary (Kilborn) Pickard,<sup>58</sup> d. 16 Dec. 1855, aged 78y 4m [sic] 6d, and bur. in West Hampden Cemetery.<sup>59</sup> Jonathan m. (2) (int.) Hampden, 20 Feb. 1827, Abigail Simpson of Hampden,<sup>60</sup> who d. after 1870 when she was living in Newburgh, aged 82,<sup>61</sup> and bur. with Jonathan in West Hampden Cemetery.<sup>62</sup>
- ix ABIEL COLE, b. Frankfort, 18 Aug. 1788.<sup>63</sup> He was living in 1794 (grandfather's will). He is likely one of the two males under 16 in Phoebe Cole's 1790 household. No further record.

**ABNER COLSON** was born say 1774 (if age 21 at marriage), son of James and Susannah (—) Colson.<sup>64</sup> He died, probably in Frankfort, before 29 October 1814 when "Widow Phebe Colson" acknowledged a receipt for five dollars.<sup>65</sup> He married

<sup>51</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #26669840.

<sup>52</sup> "Frankfort Births" [note 2], *Downeast Ancestry* 8, No. 2 (Aug. 1984):71. He was also called John Carlton "2nd."

<sup>53</sup> John Carlton household, 1790 and 1800 U.S. Censuses, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, pp. 79 (1790), 109 (1800). John Carlton Revolutionary War Pension Application, #W8278, in which wife Hannah is named. John and Huldah Carlton named their first daughter Hannah ("Frankfort Births" [note 2], *Downeast Ancestry* 8, No. 2 [Aug. 1984]:71).

<sup>54</sup> Gravestone photo, Ellingwood Corner Cemetery, Winterport, findagrave.com #26669832; 1860 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Winterport, p. 1, line 3, saying he d. from "a wound in 1812."

<sup>55</sup> John Carlton household, 1850 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 51.

<sup>56</sup> She was aged 16–25 in Jonathan Pickard household, 1810 U.S. Census, Hampden, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 567, and aged 26–44 in Jonathan Pickard household, 1820 U.S. Census, Newburgh, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 72.

<sup>57</sup> Swett, *Orrington VRs* [note 19], 186.

<sup>58</sup> *Vital Records of Rowley, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1928–31), 1:164; his parents m. (int.) 4 Feb. 1776 per *ibid.*, 1:372.

<sup>59</sup> "Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1980" [DGS #7586403, image 270].

<sup>60</sup> Sylvester and Spinney, *Hampden VRs* [note 18], 84.

<sup>61</sup> Benjamin Grant household, 1870 U.S. Census, Newburgh, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 238A.

<sup>62</sup> "Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, 1780–1980" [DGS #7586403, image 270]. Her stone is broken and the dates are missing.

<sup>63</sup> See note 26.

<sup>64</sup> *Cornelius Cursonwhit* [note 3], 1:99. He was one of four males aged under 16 in the James Collson household, 1790 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 78, and he was aged 26–44 in Abner Colson household, 1800 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock, Maine, p. 111. *Cornelius Cursonwhit* [note 3], 1:99, gives his place of birth as Berwick, but the family probably moved afterwards to the Penobscot area, from where Abner was said to have come to Frankfort (1800 census, above).

<sup>65</sup> Hancock Co. Probate Records, #574 [DGS #4138791, image 135].

in Frankfort, say 1795, PHEBE COLE. She was born probably in Eastham or Orleans, Massachusetts, say 1778, daughter of Edward and Phebe (Rogers) Cole,<sup>66</sup> She died after 1820, when she was possibly the older female in the household of her son Abner Colson Jr.,<sup>67</sup> and probably before 1830.<sup>68</sup> On 9 February 1815, Phebe was appointed administratrix of the estate of Abner Colson, late of Frankfort, gentleman.<sup>69</sup> The inventory of the estate, dated 23 February 1815, amounted to \$285.26 and, being insufficient to satisfy the debts, the estate was declared insolvent.<sup>70</sup>

Children, b. Frankfort:<sup>71</sup>

- i JAMES COLSON, b. 19 July 1796. A male of his age is found in Abner's family in 1800 and 1810,<sup>72</sup> but is not found in subsequent records.
- ii ABNER COLSON, b. 11 July 1798, d. 20 June 1863 and bur. in Ellingwood Corner Cemetery, Winterport;<sup>73</sup> m. Frankfort, 16 Jan. 1820, MARIA LITTLEFIELD,<sup>74</sup> b. 1801–4,<sup>75</sup> d. after 1870.<sup>76</sup> Abner was a farmer.<sup>77</sup> At least twelve children.<sup>78</sup>
- iii EDWARD COLSON, b. 23 May 1800, d. Frankfort, 10 April 1850, aged 50y, and bur. in Cole Cemetery, Winterport;<sup>79</sup> m. prob. Frankfort, about 1826, ELEANOR LITTLEFIELD,<sup>80</sup> b. [calc.] 18 March 1805, d. 1 Jan. 1883, aged 77y 9m 13d, and bur. with Edward in Cole Cemetery.<sup>81</sup> Edward was a farmer.<sup>82</sup>

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<sup>66</sup> See preceding discussion.

<sup>67</sup> Abner Colson household, 1820 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 682.

<sup>68</sup> No female of her age was enumerated in the Abner Colson [Jr.] household, 1830 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 290.

<sup>69</sup> Hancock Co. Probate Records, #574 [DGS #4138791, image 136].

<sup>70</sup> Hancock Co. Probate Records, #574 [DGS #4138791, images 125, 127].

<sup>71</sup> Names and birth dates from "Frankfort Births" [note 2], *Downeast Ancestry* 8, No. 2 [Aug. 1984]:73, which also includes birth dates for all except Lucenda. An incomplete entry on the same page shows: "[Colson] Pheba, b. 17 \_\_\_," suggesting there may have been an earlier child who died very young.

<sup>72</sup> Abner Colson [Sr.] household, 1800 and 1810 U.S. Censuses, Frankfort, Hancock Co., Maine, pp. 111 and 569.

<sup>73</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #51632921.

<sup>74</sup> "Frankfort Marriages from the Notebooks of Former Town Clerk," *Downeast Ancestry* 11, No. 1 (June 1987):12.

<sup>75</sup> She was aged 47 in 1850, 56 in 1860, and 69 in 1870 (Abner Colson household, 1850 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, pp. 56; Abner Colson household, 1860 U.S. Census, Winterport, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 43; Page Moor household, 1870 U.S. Census, Winterport, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 436B.

<sup>76</sup> 1870 U.S. Census [note 75].

<sup>77</sup> Abner Colson households, 1850 and 1860 U.S. Censuses [note 75].

<sup>78</sup> "Frankfort Births" [note 2], *Downeast Ancestry* 8, No. 2 [Aug. 1984]:74.

<sup>79</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #47795273.

<sup>80</sup> 23 June 1895 Winterport death record for Lucy A. Howe gives her parents' names as Edward Colson and Eleanor Littlefield, both b. Frankfort (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, family search.org]). In 1850 Eleanor's oldest child living with her was aged 23, suggesting a marriage date in about 1826 (Ellinor Colson household, 1850 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 86).

<sup>81</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #47795280.

<sup>82</sup> 1850 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 677.



- iv SUSANNA COLSON, b. 28 Nov. 1801, d. 19 Jan. 1861, aged 59y 2m, and bur. in Bald Hill Cemetery, Winterport;<sup>83</sup> m. Frankfort, Dec. 1823, DANIEL DOWNS,<sup>84</sup> b. Frankfort, ca. 1797,<sup>85</sup> d. Jan. 1870 in So. Deer Isle, Maine, where he spent his final years living with his son Stephen Colson Downs.<sup>86</sup> Daniel was a farmer. In 1850 Daniel and Susan headed a household in Frankfort of 6 children.<sup>87</sup>
- v STEPHEN COLSON, b. 27 Aug. 1803, d. 21 Nov. 1864, and bur. in Oak Hill Cemetery, Winterport;<sup>88</sup> m. Hampden, 12 Dec. 1828, ELVIRA ROBERSON,<sup>89</sup> b. 27 July 1807, d. 10 Oct. 1870, and bur. in Oak Hill Cemetery.<sup>90</sup> Stephen was a farmer.<sup>91</sup>
- vi MELINDA COLSON, twin, b. 10 July 1805, d. 3 Sept. 1889, and bur. in Lakeview Cemetery, Hampden;<sup>92</sup> m. (1) (int.) Hampden, 5 Dec. 1825, JAMES GOODELL,<sup>93</sup> b. [calc.] April 1796, d. 14 Dec. 1863, aged 67y 8m, and bur. with Melinda in Lakeview Cemetery.<sup>94</sup> Melinda m. (2) Hampden, 11 Sept. 1870, WILLIAM MILLER,<sup>95</sup> b. [calc.] 28 March 1805, d. 16 Aug. 1888, age 83y 4m 19d, and bur. in Lakeview Cemetery.<sup>96</sup> William was a Methodist minister and a farmer.<sup>97</sup> He had m. (1) (int.) Hampden, 25 Sept. 1838, Matilda G. Myrick,<sup>98</sup> b. ca. 1813, prob. daughter of Nathaniel and Matilda (Gorton) Myrick,<sup>99</sup> d. 20 March 1868, aged 55y.<sup>100</sup>
- vii LUCINDA/LUCENDA COLSON, twin, b. 10 July 1805,<sup>101</sup> d. Ellsworth, Maine, 19 March 1892, aged 88y 7m, and bur. in Ellingwood Corner Cemetery, Winter-

<sup>83</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #19347937.

<sup>84</sup> "Frankfort Marriages" [note 74], *Downeast Ancestry* 11, No. 1 (June 1987):13.

<sup>85</sup> He was aged 52y in Daniel Downs household, 1850 U.S. Census, Frankfort, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 270, and aged 63y in James Bicknell household, 1860 U.S. Census, Winterport, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 24. In those same years, Susan was aged 50 and 59y, respectively. The 14 March 1897 death record of Daniel and Susan's son Stephen C. Downs of Deer Isle reports that Daniel was born in Winterport, which at the time of his birth was Frankfort.

<sup>86</sup> From a typescript of Daniels Downs's Bible data found in B. L. Noyes Collection, Maine Historical Society, Portland, Coll. 90. This also reports that Daniel Downs is bur. Watson Cemetery, South Deer Isle, but the burial is not found at findagrave.com or in Maine Old Cemetery Association transcriptions.

<sup>87</sup> Daniel Downs household, 1850 U.S. Census [note 85].

<sup>88</sup> Maine Old Cemetery Association [MOCA], Maine Cemetery Inscriptions (typescript, 3 series, at Maine State Library and Maine Historical Society), Series 3, Waldo Co., p. 146. His gravestone gives b. 27 Aug. 1802.

<sup>89</sup> Sylvester and Spinney, *Hampden VRs* [note 18], 77.

<sup>90</sup> MOCA [note 88], Series 3, Waldo Co., p. 146.

<sup>91</sup> Stephen Colson household, 1860 U.S. Census, Winterport, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 4.

<sup>92</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #24360773.

<sup>93</sup> Sylvester and Spinney, *Hampden VRs* [note 18], 83. [Shown as Goodale.]

<sup>94</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #24360764.

<sup>95</sup> Sylvester and Spinney, *Hampden VRs* [note 18], 268.

<sup>96</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #24269246.

<sup>97</sup> William Miller household 1850 U.S. Census, Newburgh, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 371A; William Miller household, 1860 U.S. Census, Hampden, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 76.

<sup>98</sup> Sylvester and Spinney, *Hampden VRs* [note 18], 62.

<sup>99</sup> Sylvester and Spinney, *Hampden VRs* [note 18], 5.

<sup>100</sup> Gravestone photo, Lakeview Cemetery, Hampden, findagrave.com #24269233.

<sup>101</sup> Clara A. Avery, *The Averell-Averill-Avery Family. A Record of the Descendants of William and Abigail Averell of Ipswich, Massachusetts*, 2 vols. (Cleveland, Ohio, 1914), 2:653–54.

- port;<sup>102</sup> m. Frankfort, 24 Sept. 1825, ENOCH AVERY,<sup>103</sup> b. Jefferson, Maine, 5 Aug. 1804, son of Enoch and Margaret (Shepherd) Avery,<sup>104</sup> d. 23 May 1879, and bur. in Ellingwood Corner Cemetery.<sup>105</sup>
- viii ELI COLSON, b. 30 May 1807, d. Portland, 3 Aug. 1875, aged 67y, and bur. in Winterport;<sup>106</sup> m. (1) Frankfort, 2 Dec. 1830, CLARISSA COLSON,<sup>107</sup> b. Frankfort, 17 March 1809, daughter of Hatevil and Elizabeth/Betsy (Perkins) Colson,<sup>108</sup> d. 6 Sept. 1843, age 34y 6m and bur. in Cole Cemetery, Winterport.<sup>109</sup> Eli m. (2) ca.1844–45 (1st child b. 30 March 1846), LORENA COLBURN,<sup>110</sup> b. Maine, ca. 1813, d. after 1880.<sup>111</sup> In 1870 Lorena was living with her son Prentice Colson in Winterport.<sup>112</sup> Eli Colson, a teamster, was boarding in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.<sup>113</sup>
- ix LIANA/LICINA COLSON, b. 2 April 1809, d. 16 Jul. 1856, aged 47y 3m 14d, and bur. in Snow's Corner Cemetery, Hermon, Maine;<sup>114</sup> m. (int.) Hampden, 22 Nov. 1830, ALVA PATTEN,<sup>115</sup> b. 7 July 1807, son of William and Hannah (Goodell) Patten and brother of Margaret J. Patten, below,<sup>116</sup>d. Hermon, Maine, 8 April 1902, aged 95y 9m, and bur. in Snow's Corner Cemetery.<sup>117</sup> He m. (2) (cert.) Carmel, Maine, 20 Feb. 1858, Mrs. Sarah J. (Perry) Spearing,<sup>118</sup> widow of John Spearin,<sup>119</sup> b. Maine, ca. 1826, d. Hermon, 22 Oct. 1891, age 65, and bur. in Snow's Corner Cemetery.<sup>120</sup> Alva was an inn holder and a farmer.<sup>121</sup>

<sup>102</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, family search.org]; gravestone photo, findagrave.com #51632697.

<sup>103</sup> Avery, *Averell-Averill-Avery Family*, [note 102], 2: 653, image 684, ancestry.com.

<sup>104</sup> Jefferson Vital Records, 1757–1864, p. 50 [DGS #7595718, image 816], the record supplying his birth date and his mother's maiden name.

<sup>105</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #51632667.

<sup>106</sup> Portland Deaths, 7:43 [DGS #7595804, image 370].

<sup>107</sup> Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Frankfort, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1999), 50.

<sup>108</sup> "Frankfort Births" [note 2], *Downeast Ancestry* 8, No. 2 [Aug. 1984]:74, where her name is transcribed as "Clarrince"; her parents m. Penobscot, Maine, 16 June 1802 (Penobscot Vital Records typescript [DGS #8128456, image 259]).

<sup>109</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #47795259.

<sup>110</sup> 11 June 1896 death record of Otis J. Colson names his parents as Eli Colson and Lorena Colburn (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, family search.org]).

<sup>111</sup> Eli Colson [Jr.] household, 1880 U.S. Census, Winterport, Waldo Co., Maine, p.551B.

<sup>112</sup> Prentice Colson household, 1870 U.S. Census, Winterport, Waldo Co., Maine, p.435B.

<sup>113</sup> Tobias Holt household, 1870 U.S. Census, Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 146A.

<sup>114</sup> MOCA [note 88], Series 3, Penobscot Co., p. 454.

<sup>115</sup> Sylvester and Spinney, *Hampden VRs* [note 18], 89.

<sup>116</sup> Clara Patten Bowen, *John Patten 1751–1820 and His Descendants* (Augusta, Maine, 1976), photocopy of Family Record page from Patten Bible, between pp. 16–17.

<sup>117</sup> MOCA [note 88], Series 3, Penobscot Co., p. 454.

<sup>118</sup> Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Carmel, Maine* [Rockport, Maine], 46.

<sup>119</sup> John Spearin household, 1850 U.S. Census, Carmel, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 360B; Bowen, *John Patten Descendants* [note 116], 10, calls her Sarah Perry. John C. Spearin m. (int.) Carmel, 8 Jan. 1843, Miss Sarah Perry both of Carmel (Mosher, *Carmel VRs* [note 118], 29).

<sup>120</sup> MOCA [note 88], Series 3, Penobscot Co., p. 454.

<sup>121</sup> Alva Patten household, 1860 and 1870 U.S. Censuses, Hermon, Penobscot Co., Maine, pp. 684 (1860), 83A (1870).

- x AMBROSE COLSON, b. 15 Sept. 1811, d. 18 Aug. 1894, and bur. in Plainview Memorial Park Cemetery, Plainview, Pierce Co., Nebr.;<sup>122</sup> m. (1) say 1835 (first child, Nancy, b. ca. 1836),<sup>123</sup> MARGARET JANE PATTEN,<sup>124</sup> b. Hermon, 27 April 1815, daughter of William and Hannah (Goodell) Patten and sister of Alva Patten, above,<sup>125</sup> d. 9 Oct. 1851, age 36y 6m, and bur. in Hill Cemetery, Newburgh.<sup>126</sup> Ambrose m. (2) say 1852 (first child, Katherine, b. ca. 1853<sup>127</sup>), KATHERINE (ARNOLD) HOWES,<sup>128</sup> b. New Brunswick, Canada,<sup>129</sup> 6 June 1815, d. 27 June 1897 and bur. with Ambrose in Plainview Memorial Park Cemetery, Plainview, Nebr.<sup>130</sup> Katherine was the widow of Snow Howes,<sup>131</sup> b. 1813, d. 20 Aug. 1848, and bur. in Hill Cemetery, Newburgh, Maine.<sup>132</sup> A biographical sketch on Ambrose and Katherine's son, Ambrose A. Colson, includes the following: "His father, Ambrose Colson, of American blood, was also a native of Maine, and never left his home county until he was seventy years of age, always running a large farm there. Of a family of fourteen children our subject was the youngest, his father having married twice."<sup>133</sup>

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<sup>122</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #210549796.

<sup>123</sup> Ambrose Colson household, 1850 U.S. Census, Newburgh, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 370A.

<sup>124</sup> The 15 Sept. 1900 second marriage record of their daughter Jane M. Pinkham names her parents as Ambrose Colson and Margaret J. Patten (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]). "Jane Colson, a deceased child of said William Patten" was named in William's probate file in a distribution document dated the last Tuesday of April 1853 (Penobscot Co. Probate Records, 19:162–63 [DGS #7139096, image 378]).

<sup>125</sup> Bowen, *John Patten Descendants* [note 119], image from Patten Bible, found between pp. 16–17.

<sup>126</sup> MOCA [note 88], Series 1, Penobscot Co., p. 1458.

<sup>127</sup> Ambrose Colson household, 1860 U.S. Census, Dixmont, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 450.

<sup>128</sup> Her maiden name from 1888 marriage record of son Amos Colson (Nebraska Marriage Records, 1855–1908, database, ancestry.com).

<sup>129</sup> Ambrose Colson household, 1860 U.S. Census, Dixmont, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 450.

<sup>130</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #210550287.

<sup>131</sup> Catherine Colson obituary notice, *The Plainview Gazette*, 1 July 1897, p. 4.

<sup>132</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #163530657.

<sup>133</sup> *Compendium of History, Reminiscence and Biography of Western Nebraska Containing a History of the State of Nebraska* (Chicago, 1909), 1069.

DANIEL ESTES/ESTEY [JR.] OF BERWICK, MAINE,  
AND MIRAMICHI, NEW BRUNSWICK

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Daniel “Easty,” along with George Hubbard, appeared in Miramichi, New Brunswick, on a land petition dated 24 June 1791, which described them as “natives of the American states” and residents of the province for the last two years. Daniel married a New Brunswick native and had eight children whose descendants stayed in the area for generations. In 1906 Dr. William F. Ganong conducted a study on the origins of New Brunswick settlements. Daniel’s grandson George Estey (1851–1937) informed Ganong that “the first Estey on the North West Miramichi was a man from Massachusetts who settled on the south side of the river ten miles below Red Bank.” Nothing in New Brunswick records has been found to identify where Daniel was from in Massachusetts (which would have included Maine) and who were his parents or siblings.<sup>1</sup>

A patrilineal descendant of Daniel Estey took a Y-DNA test and matched several agnate descendants of the Estes family of Dover, New Hampshire. This was a significant clue, as it eliminated the need to search early Estes families of New England who were demonstrated by Y-DNA *not* to be related to the Dover family. We focused the research on the descendants of the relevant family—brothers Matthew and Richard Estes, who were in northern New England by 1675 and 1684, respectively.<sup>2</sup> By 1800 only one family was found with any connection to New Brunswick.<sup>3</sup>

An earlier Daniel Estes of Berwick is treated in the 1894 Estes genealogy:

He with his four sons Benjamin, John, Stephen and Richard came from Shapleigh to Bethel, prior to 1795. His oldest son went to New Brunswick and has posterity there.<sup>4</sup>

Similar information regarding this Daniel Estes is given in the 1891 history of Bethel:

Daniel Estes, who with wife Mary came to Bethel late in life, was probably the great grandson of Mathew. He was of Berwick and subsequently Shapleigh, and about the year 1795, he came to Bethel with his sons, Benjamin, Stephen, John and Richard. Still another son went to New Brunswick and remained there. His daughter Anna married Stephen Hodson of Rumford.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> W. D. Hamilton, *Old North Esk on the Miramichi, Northumberland County, New Brunswick, Canada* (Saint John, N.B., 2004), 145.

<sup>2</sup> Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (Portland, Maine, 1928–39), 223–24.

<sup>3</sup> For a full discussion of the Y-DNA study, see Donald Christopher Reagan, “Finding My Only Known Colonial New England Line: An Estey DNA study,” to be published in *American Ancestors* 22, No. 2 (Summer 2021).

<sup>4</sup> Charles Estes, *Estes Genealogies 1097–1893* (Salem, Mass., 1894), 75–76.

<sup>5</sup> William Berry Lapham, *History of the Town of Bethel, Formerly Sudbury, Canada, Oxford County, Maine, 1768–1890* (Augusta, Maine, 1891), 525.

Following this promising lead, within the Berwick church records was a marriage of “Daniel Eastes jun” and “Patience Heirl,” both of Berwick, on 5 July 1787.<sup>6</sup> Daniel Estey of Miramichi is identified with a wife Louise Crowe, a native of New Brunswick, and they likely married in the 1790s.<sup>7</sup> Patience (Hearl) Estes had almost certainly died by 1790, when her father, Benjamin Hearl, mentioned in his will his granddaughter “Lydda Easty,” but omitted naming any living daughter Patience.<sup>8</sup>

The young and widowed Daniel Estes Jr., who does not appear in any Berwick records after his marriage in 1787, fits perfectly as the elder Daniel’s “eldest son” who “went to New Brunswick and has posterity there,” appearing there by 1789 and receiving land in 1791. This conclusion is consistent with the Y-DNA evidence. The pre-New Brunswick identification of Daniel [Jr.]’s co-petitioner, George Hubbard, has not been determined, although on 16 July 1772, James Hubbard of Wells, joiner, sold two tracts of land in Berwick to Daniel Estis [Sr.] of Berwick.<sup>9</sup>

As Daniel Estes Jr. had moved to New Brunswick in 1789, the Daniel enumerated in Berwick on the 1790 census was the elder Daniel and his wife, Mary.<sup>10</sup>

#### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **DANIEL**<sup>3</sup> **ESTES** (*Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1725, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Long) Estes.<sup>11</sup> He was living in 1795 when he moved to Bethel, Maine, but probably died soon after. He is not found on the 1800 census or in any York or Oxford County land records made in the 1790s or later. Daniel married in Berwick, 27 December 1750, MARY STILLING. She was probably living in 1790 in Berwick, as the female in Daniel’s household.<sup>12</sup>

Daniel Estes of Berwick, husbandman, purchased on 25 June 1759 fifty-two acres of land at Beach Ridge in York for £26 from Richard Curtis of Kittery.<sup>13</sup> On 11 August 1767, Daniel and his wife, Mary, of Berwick sold these fifty-two acres to Benjamin Heard of Dover, husbandman.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Joseph Crook Anderson II, ed., *Records of the First and Second Churches of Berwick, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1999), 261.

<sup>7</sup> Hamilton, *Old North Esk* [note 1], 144–45.

<sup>8</sup> York County Probate Records, #9012 [DGS #7315366, image 716].

<sup>9</sup> York County Deeds, 52:65–66. Curiously, this deed was not recorded until 10 Sept. 1789.

<sup>10</sup> 1790 U.S. Census, Berwick, York Co., Maine, p. 225, “Dan<sup>1</sup> Estees” household.

<sup>11</sup> *Estes Genealogies* [note 4], 56–59, 75–76. Daniel’s parentage is based on statements from Nicholas Estes (1776–1866) and George Estes (1815–1896), whose fathers, John and Jedediah (themselves half-brothers, sons of Henry<sup>3</sup> Estes [*Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>]), were “own cousins” [i.e. first cousins] to Joseph Estes, son of Daniel, making Daniel a brother of Henry<sup>3</sup> Estes and therefore a son of Benjamin<sup>2</sup> Estes. Benjamin Eastes m. Nantucket, Mass., 11 9m [Nov.] 1719, Elizabeth Long (*Vital Records of Nantucket, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 5 vols. [Boston, 1925–28], 3:398).

<sup>12</sup> Anderson, *1st and 2nd Churches of Berwick* [note 12], 141 (marriage); 1790 U.S. Census, Berwick, York Co., Maine, p. 225, “Dan<sup>1</sup> Estees” household.

<sup>13</sup> York Co. Deeds, 36:278.

<sup>14</sup> York Co. Deeds, 39:231.

The order of Daniel's children is not entirely clear; some dates and estimates are given in *Estes Genealogies*. Benjamin's birth there is given as "abt. 1756," although his gravestone would suggest a birth in about "1764." Daniel is given as the eldest son here, as stated in *Estes Genealogies* (but not directly in the history of Bethel), although he certainly could be younger, given that he did not marry until 1787.

Children of Daniel<sup>3</sup> and Mary (Stilling) Estes, all prob. b. Berwick:

- 2 i DANIEL<sup>4</sup> ESTES/ESTEY Jr., b. say 1753 or later; m. (1) PATIENCE HEARL, (2) LOUISE CROWE.
- ii ANNA ESTES, b. ca. 1757, d prob. Rumford, Maine, by 1830, when no female of her age was shown in Stephen Hodsdon's household;<sup>15</sup> m. Berwick, 28 Feb. 1781, STEPHEN HODSDON,<sup>16</sup> b. Berwick, ca. 1758, prob. the Stephen bp. there 4 May 1759, son of John and Mary (Guptell) Hodsdon,<sup>17</sup> d. prob. Rumford, 1843.<sup>18</sup> Stephen received a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War, his application describing him as aged 62 on 15 June 1820 and his wife, Anna, as aged 63 on 24 June 1820.<sup>19</sup> Stephen's last pension payment was made in "2nd qtr. 1842."<sup>20</sup> 9 children, including a son Daniel.<sup>21</sup> His daughter Theodocia ("Dosh") Hodsdon married her cousin Peter Estes, a son of Anna's brother Richard.<sup>22</sup>
- iii JOHN ESTES, b. 7 Jan. 1759, living in Bethel in 1810;<sup>23</sup> m. (1) Berwick, 31 Jan. 1788, ALICE HARDISON;<sup>24</sup> m. (2) Bethel, 16 Dec. 1827, Mrs. POLLY BEATTY.<sup>25</sup> She was prob. Polly (Patterson) Beattie, widow of James Beattie of Bethel who had d. 10 March 1822.<sup>26</sup> 9 children.<sup>27</sup>
- iv JOSEPH ESTES, b. 29 March 1760;<sup>28</sup> m. Berwick, 10 Feb. 1783, HULDAH HODSDON,<sup>29</sup> prob. the Huldah bp. Berwick, 17 July 1763, daughter of John and Mary (Guptell) Hodsdon and sister of Stephen Hodsdon (above).<sup>30</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Stephen Hodsdon household, 1830 U.S. Census, Rumford, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 198.

<sup>16</sup> Anderson, *1st and 2nd Churches of Berwick* [note 12], 257.

<sup>17</sup> Anderson, *1st and 2nd Churches of Berwick* [note 12], 218 (baptism), 248 (parents' marriage on 9 March 1756).

<sup>18</sup> William Berry Lapham, *History of Rumford, Oxford County, Maine: from Its Earliest Settlement in 1779 to the Present Time* (Augusta, Maine, 1890), 345–46

<sup>19</sup> Stephen Hodsdon, Revolutionary War Pension Application, #S35398 [images fold3.com].

<sup>20</sup> Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818–1864 [image, fold3.com].

<sup>21</sup> Lapham, *History of Rumford* [note 18], 345–46.

<sup>22</sup> Rumford Town Records, 1:21 [DGS #7596438, image 41], the marriage occurring 25 Nov. 1815. See also Lapham, *History of Bethel* [note 5], 528).

<sup>23</sup> John Eastes household, 1810 U.S. Census, Bethel, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 393.

<sup>24</sup> Anderson, *1st and 2nd Churches of Berwick* [note 12], 261; *Estes Genealogies* [note 4], 103. She is possibly the Alice, bp. Berwick, 17 May 1760, daughter of Nathaniel and Charity (Shorey) Hardison (Anderson, *1st and 2nd Churches of Berwick* [note 12], 219 [baptism], 249 [parents' marriage on 25 Oct. 1758]).

<sup>25</sup> Bethel Town Records, 2:n.p. [DGS #7595322, image 179].

<sup>26</sup> Lapham, *History of Bethel* [note 5], 487.

<sup>27</sup> Lapham, *History of Bethel* [note 5], 526.

<sup>28</sup> *Estes Genealogies* [note 4], 104.

<sup>29</sup> Anderson, *1st and 2nd Churches of Berwick* [note 12], 259.

<sup>30</sup> Anderson, *1st and 2nd Churches of Berwick* [note 12], 225.

- v STEPHEN ESTES, b. ca. 1763; m. 24 Oct. 1790, RELIEF BARTLETT, b. Newton, Mass., 2 May 1769, daughter of Enoch and Elizabeth (Segar) Bartlett.<sup>31</sup> Relief m. (2) Bethel, 10 March 1848, Abner Foster of Freeman, Maine.<sup>32</sup> *Estes Genealogies* notes that Stephen “‘was largely engaged in farming and lumbering trade. He left his home to purchase goods in New York and never returned and his disappearance was ever a mystery to his family and friends.’ The last letter received from him written in New York said ‘that if he did not succeed in buying goods at satisfactory prices he should go to Philadelphia to see how he could trade there.’ He had considerable money with him.”<sup>33</sup> On 4 March 1806, Stephen and “Leafy” Estes of Howard’s Gore, husbandman, sold to [his brother] Benjamin Estes of Bethel, yeoman, 100 acres in Bethel.<sup>34</sup> 9 children.<sup>35</sup>
- vi BENJAMIN ESTES, b. ca. 1764,<sup>36</sup> d. 9 Sept. 1825, aged 61, and bur. in East Bethel Cemetery;<sup>37</sup> m. Berwick, 24 Feb. 1791, DOLLY ROBERTS,<sup>38</sup> b. ca. 1766, d. 10 Sept. 1857, aged 91, and bur. in East Bethel Cemetery.<sup>39</sup> Benjamin was voted a hog reeve on 1 April 1799 and a surveyor of highways on 6 April 1801.<sup>40</sup> “His death is said to have been caused by his being thrown from a carriage in the pine woods above Rumford Corner.” 9 children.<sup>41</sup>
- vii RICHARD ESTES, b. 7 Sept. 1767,<sup>42</sup> d. 6 April 1861, aged 93, and bur. in East Bethel Cemetery;<sup>43</sup> m. 27 May 1792, BETSEY BARTLETT,<sup>44</sup> b. [calc.] May 1774, daughter of Enoch and Elizabeth (Segar) Bartlett and sister of Relief (above),<sup>45</sup> d. 17 Nov. 1859, aged 85y 6m, and bur. in East Bethel Cemetery.<sup>46</sup> On 13 June 1808, Richard Estes of Bethel, yeoman, sold the 100-acre lot #103 in Rumford to [his brother-in-law] Stephen Hodsdon of Rumford.<sup>47</sup> 10 children.<sup>48</sup>

<sup>31</sup> Aldis Everard Hibner, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bartlett of Newton, Mass., for Seven Generations* (Rutland, Vt., 1934), 54–55, 116. See also Enoch Bartlett family sketch in Joseph Crook Anderson II and Lois Ware Thurston, *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 4* (Camden, Maine, 1994), 19–21.

<sup>32</sup> Bethel, Maine, Town records, 2:n.p. [DGS #7595322, image 251].

<sup>33</sup> *Estes Genealogies* [note 4], 104–5.

<sup>34</sup> Oxford Co. Deeds, 3:315.

<sup>35</sup> Lapham, *History of Bethel* [note 5], 525.

<sup>36</sup> This date based on his gravestone, even though *Estes Genealogies* [note 4], 103, says he was “born about 1756(?)”

<sup>37</sup> Maine, Faylene Hutton Cemetery Collection [DGS #7586219, image 3017].

<sup>38</sup> Anderson, *1st and 2nd Churches of Berwick* [note 12], 263.

<sup>39</sup> Maine, Faylene Hutton Cemetery Collection [DGS #7586219, image 3017].

<sup>40</sup> Shapleigh Town Records, 1:150, 170 [DGS #8218636, images 164, 185].

<sup>41</sup> Lapham, *History of Bethel* [note 5], 525–26.

<sup>42</sup> Hibner, *Descendants of Joseph Bartlett* [note 31], 117.

<sup>43</sup> Maine, Faylene Hutton Cemetery Collection [DGS #7586219, image 3161].

<sup>44</sup> Hibner, *Descendants of Joseph Bartlett* [note 31], 117.

<sup>45</sup> Hibner, *Descendants of Joseph Bartlett* [note 31], 54–55, 117; *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 4* [note 31], 19–21.

<sup>46</sup> Maine, Faylene Hutton Cemetery Collection [DGS #7586219, image 3161].

<sup>47</sup> Oxford Co. Deeds, 3:332.

<sup>48</sup> Lapham, *History of Bethel* [note 5], 526.

2 **DANIEL**<sup>4</sup> **ESTES/ESTEY Jr.** (*Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1753 or later, probably in Berwick. He died between 1819 and 1826, probably at South Esk, Northumberland County, New Brunswick.<sup>49</sup>

He married first in Berwick, 5 July 1787, **PATIENCE HEARL**, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (—) Hearl.<sup>50</sup> She died before her father's will was written on 12 April 1790, and probably before Daniel went to New Brunswick.<sup>51</sup>

He married second in New Brunswick, probably shortly after 1791, **LOUISA CROWE**. She was born in New Brunswick, about 1771. In 1861 Louisa Esty, aged 90, "mother in law," was living in North Esk in the household of her son-in-law Michael McKendrick and his second wife, Mary.<sup>52</sup> Louisa was described as a "native" of New Brunswick and a Methodist.

Child of Daniel<sup>4</sup> and Patience (Hearl) Estes, prob. b. Berwick:

- i LYDIA<sup>5</sup> ESTES, b. ca. 1788, living in 1790 when named in her grandfather's will.<sup>53</sup>

Children of Daniel and Louise (Crowe) Estey (list possibly incomplete), b. N.B.:<sup>54</sup>

- ii STEPHEN ESTEY, d. 6 May 1813, bur. Wilson's Point, N.B.<sup>55</sup>
- iii (prob.) JOHN ESTEY, "a surveyor of lumber in North Esk during the years 1823 to 1833."<sup>56</sup>
- iv (prob.) RICHARD ESTEY, living in 1839, when assessed for property in Northumberland Co., N.B.<sup>57</sup>
- v JAMES ESTEY, b. ca. 1797, living in North Esk in 1881;<sup>58</sup> m. Northumberland Co., 9 Aug. 1825, MARGARET WALSH/WELSH, b. Co. Cork, Ireland, ca. 1806, d. 4

<sup>49</sup> Hamilton, *Old North Esk* [note 1], 144–45, 147. Daniel Estey was referred to as the owner of lots 12 and 13 at South Esk in 1819, and referred to as "the late Daniel Easty" on 9 Nov. 1826 (Northumberland Co. Registry Office, 26:327).

<sup>50</sup> See notes 6 and 8.

<sup>51</sup> Sketch of Benjamin Hearl of Berwick in *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 3* (Camden, Maine, 1992), 129–30; Joseph C. Anderson II, "The Hearl/Earl Family of Berwick, Maine," *York County Genealogical Society Journal* [YCGSJ] 7(1992):19–20.

<sup>52</sup> Michael McKendrick household, 1861 Canadian Census, Northesk, Northumberland Co., N.B., roll C-1003-1004; Hamilton, *Old North Esk*, 145, 147, notes Louisa's surname is not perfectly legible and could be "Clun," "Clim," "Clemn," or "Clum."

<sup>53</sup> Anderson, "Hearl Family" [note 51], YCGSJ 7(1992):19–20. A Lydia Estes m. Berwick, 18 Sept. 1817, William Frost.

<sup>54</sup> Hamilton, *Old North Esk* [note 1], 145: "John and Richard are included in the following list on the basis of surname alone."

<sup>55</sup> Hamilton, *Old North Esk* [note 1], 145: "In 1962, James R. Estey [son of James and Margaret (Walsh) Estey] gave Louise Manny a genealogical chart showing Stephen, James, and an unnamed Estey who supposedly lost his life in the Miramichi Fire as brothers." As James and Margaret's son James (who had no middle initial) had died in 1907, Hamilton was likely referring to the younger James's son Joseph Raymond Estey (1892–1979), a grandson of James and Margaret (Walsh) Estey.

<sup>56</sup> Hamilton, *Old North Esk* [note 1], 145.

<sup>57</sup> Hamilton, *Old North Esk* [note 1], 145.

<sup>58</sup> George Estey household, 1881 Canadian Census, Northesk, Northumberland Co., N.B., roll C-13815, p. 9, family no. 38.



July 1875 and bur. in St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Cemetery, Red Bank, Northumberland Co.<sup>59</sup> James and Margaret's household in 1851 included 10 children, aged from 1 to 21.<sup>60</sup>

- vi DANIEL ESTEY, b. ca. 1799, d. ca. 1849, prob. in Matthews Settlement, N.B.;<sup>61</sup> m. Northumberland Co., 13 June 1825, BRIDGET WARD, b. ca. 1807. In 1851 Bridget Estey, aged 44, headed her household of 11 children in Chatham, Northumberland Co., N.B., in 1851.<sup>62</sup>
- vii LOUISA ESTEY, d. ca. 1846; m. Northumberland Co., 2 Nov. 1820, MICHAEL McKENDRICK, b. Prince Edward Island, ca. 1796, son of Hugh and Mary (—) McKendrick, d. North Esk, 15 Dec. 1870. He m. (2) North Esk, Mary White.<sup>63</sup>
- viii PETER ESTEY, b. ca. 1803, living in Chatham, Northumberland Co. in 1871, unmarried.<sup>64</sup>
- ix ANN ESTEY, b. ca. 1810, d. Bass River, Weldford Parish, Kent Co., N.B., 31 Aug. 1887; m. Northumberland Co., 20 July 1831, MALCOLM McKENDRICK, b. Prince Edward Island, ca. 1804, son of Malcolm and Nancy (McKay) McKendrick, d. Bass River, Aug. 1888.<sup>65</sup>

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<sup>59</sup> Hamilton, *Old North Esk* [note 1], 145–46; Northumberland Co., N.B.. marriage registers, A:207, no. 918 [DGS #5418863, image 158]; gravestone photo by Jeff Estey on findagrave.com #206537778. Margaret's gravestone says "Welsh," while her marriage record and baptisms of her children say "Walsh."

<sup>60</sup> James Eastey household, 1851 Canadian Census, Northesk, Northumberland Co., N.B., roll C-996, p. 11.

<sup>61</sup> Hamilton, *Old North Esk* [note 1], 146–47, 522.

<sup>62</sup> Northumberland Co., N.B. marriage registers, A:203, no. 906 [DGS #5418863, image 156]; Bridget Estey household, 1851 Canadian Census, Chatham, Northumberland Co., N.B., roll C-995, p. 47.

<sup>63</sup> Hamilton, *Old North Esk* [note 1], 333–35; Northumberland Co., N.B. marriage registers, A:88, no. 412 [DGS #5418863, image 96] (Louisa and Michael's marriage), 2:215, no. 3184 [ibid., image 454] (Michael's second marriage);

<sup>64</sup> Hamilton, *Old North Esk* [note 1], 145; 1871 Canada Census, Chatham, Northumberland Co., N.B., roll C-10389, p. 90 (county almshouse).

<sup>65</sup> Hamilton, *Old North Esk* [note 1], 333, 336; Northumberland Co., N.B., marriage registers, A:360, no. 1500 [DGS #5418863, image 239].

## FINDING THE ROOTS OF JONATHAN JOHNSON OF YORK AND SANFORD, MAINE

*By Edward G. Hubbard*

Jonathan Johnson was of York, Maine, on 19 December 1730, when he published his intentions of marriage with Sarah Babb, also of York.<sup>1</sup> They were married in York nine months later, on 29 September 1731.<sup>2</sup> An account of his life and of several generations of his descendants, published in 1988 by genealogist Fred Boyle, describes his purchase of land in Phillipstown (later incorporated as Sanford) and the offices he held there over the years.<sup>3</sup> Jonathan served in the French and Indian Wars and built the Johnson Inn in south Sanford, which served as a meeting place for Revolutionary War soldiers and the site of town meetings.<sup>4</sup> His second wife was widow Mary Tripe of York, whom he married in York on 12 October 1763.<sup>5</sup> Jonathan died in Sanford before 1 November 1781, when Mary was appointed administratrix of Jonathan's estate.<sup>6</sup> On 13 July 1784 his estate was divided among his widow and his eleven children—sons Jonathan, Sampson, and Stephen; daughters Sarah wife of John Penny, Elizabeth wife of Nehemiah Annis, Olive wife of Abraham Hatch, Mary wife of Jethro Bragdon, Anna wife of Daniel Young, Esther wife of John Waterhouse, Susanna wife of John Hus[t]on, and Mercy wife of John Stan-  
yon).<sup>7</sup> Widow Mary Johnson died in Sanford, 19 May 1788, aged 81.<sup>8</sup>

Boyle gave Jonathan's date of birth as "ca 1710" (perhaps based on the assumption that he was of age when he married), but he did not address Jonathan's parents. In a terse account, Noyes, Libby, and Davis mentioned only his marriage in York and his settlement in Sanford.<sup>9</sup> They did not place him among the various other Johnson families they described at some length in their work. This suggests that Jonathan was from farther afield than the areas they covered. But where?

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<sup>1</sup> Lester MacKenzie Bragdon and John Eldridge Frost, *Vital Records of York, Maine* (Camden, Maine, 1992), 119.

<sup>2</sup> Bragdon & Frost, *York VRs* [note 1], 119.

<sup>3</sup> Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Sanford-Springvale, Maine* (Portsmouth, N.H., 1988), 173–80.

<sup>4</sup> Edwin Emery, *The History of Sanford, Maine, 1661-1900* (Fall River, Mass., 1901), 186, 470; Boyle, *Early Families of Sanford* [note 3], 173.

<sup>5</sup> Bragdon & Frost, *York VRs* [note 1], 146. Mary was the widow of Robert Tripe of York who d. by 5 March 1763 when an inventory of his estate was ordered by the probate court (York Co. Probate Records, #19172 [DGS #7315235, image 339]).

<sup>6</sup> York Co. Probate Records, #10379 [DGS #7315385, image 1038].

<sup>7</sup> York Co. Probate Records, #10379 [DGS #7315385, image 1048].

<sup>8</sup> Boyle, *Early Families of Sanford* [note 3], 173, 296.

<sup>9</sup> Sibyl Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (Portland, Maine, 1928–39), 383.

A likely place is northeastern Massachusetts, from where many others came to Maine in the two decades or so before Jonathan appeared there. A review of the abundant vital records of Johnson families in that region revealed three males named Jonathan who were born at about the right time.

1. Jonathan Johnson, b. Rowley, Mass., 28 March 1710, son of Samuel and Frances (Wicom) Johnson.<sup>10</sup> He cannot have been the man who settled in York, since he m. (int.) Ipswich, Mass., 27 Feb. 1730, Hannah Lancaster.<sup>11</sup> They had seven children bp. in Rowley from 1735 through 1750.<sup>12</sup>
2. Jonathan Johnson Jr., b. Haverhill, Mass., 16 June 1704, son of Joseph Jr. and Hannah (Barker) Johnson.<sup>13</sup> He too can be ruled out. He m. Haverhill, 19 April 1726, Mary Lad and subsequently had five children b. there from 1726 through 1736.<sup>14</sup>
3. Jonathan Johnson, b. Andover, Mass., in 1705, son of Francis and Sarah (Hawkes) Johnson.<sup>15</sup> The lack of any further record of him in Andover could be taken to indicate that he died at an early age, but deaths, even those of children, in that town were usually recorded. His absence from subsequent records there could also be due to his having settled elsewhere. Such, indeed, was the case with his father's younger brother, Stephen Johnson, who was b. Andover, 7 Dec. 1679, son of Stephen and Elizabeth (—) Johnson.<sup>16</sup> He relocated as a young man to the neighboring town of Haverhill, where he had eight children, born 1709–27, by two wives.<sup>17</sup> Like his uncle Stephen, Jonathan was a younger son (he had an older brother, Francis “Jr.,” who was b. 28 Feb. 1695/6 and remained in Andover<sup>18</sup>), so it is credible that he too may have left Andover and settled elsewhere. If he did so, the records in the area offer no clue as to where he may have gone, so it was likely farther afield.

Several points support identifying Jonathan of Andover with Jonathan of York and Sanford. The first is onomastics. Jonathan Johnson of Maine had three sons, Jonathan, Sampson, and Stephen.<sup>19</sup> The first was Jonathan's namesake, while the second bore the name of his father-in-law, Sampson Babb.<sup>20</sup> Given that pattern, it is

<sup>10</sup> *Vital Records of Rowley, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1928–31), 1:118. Samuell [sic] and Frances were married in Rowley, 31 May 1694 (*ibid.*, 1:332).

<sup>11</sup> *Vital Records of Ipswich, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 3 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1910–19), 2:246.

<sup>12</sup> *Rowley VRs* [note 10], 1:117–19.

<sup>13</sup> *Vital Records of Haverhill, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Topsfield, Mass., 1910–11), 1:186. Joseph and Hannah m. Haverhill, 30 June 1693 (*ibid.*, 2:183).

<sup>14</sup> *Haverhill VRs* [note 13], 2:182 (marriage), 1:184, 186, 188 (births of the children).

<sup>15</sup> *Vital Records of Andover, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Topsfield, Mass., 1910–12), 1:228 (the day and month are missing from the record, as the page was torn). Francis and Sarah m. Andover, 1 Feb. 1693 (*ibid.*, 2:199)

<sup>16</sup> *Andover VRs* [note 15], 1:232.

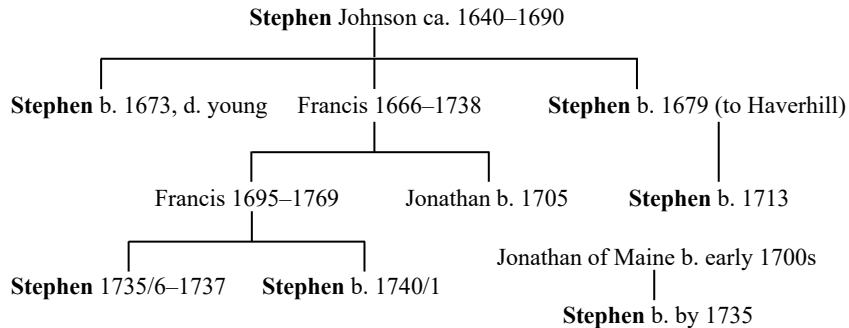
<sup>17</sup> *Andover VRs* [note 15], 1:232 (birth of Stephen). *Haverhill VRs* [note 13], 1:184, 185, 188, 189 (births of the children).

<sup>18</sup> *Andover VRs* [note 15], 1:227. He m. Andover, 22 Jan. 1723/4 Mary Fisk (*ibid.*, 2:199).

<sup>19</sup> Estate distribution, York Co. Probate Records, #10379 [DGS #7315385, image 1048].

<sup>20</sup> Jean A. Sargent, *Babb Families of America*, 2nd ed. (Laurel, Md., 1994), 165. At least 5 of Jonathan's 8 daughters bore “Babb” names, i.e., those of their mother, Sarah, and four of her sisters.

likely that Stephen's name came from Jonathan's family. Indeed, as already seen, Jonathan of Andover had a paternal uncle named Stephen. Furthermore, Jonathan's father, Francis Johnson, who was born in Andover, 15 March 1666, was the son of another Stephen Johnson and his wife Elizabeth.<sup>21</sup> The Andover Johnson family was replete with the name Stephen. Jonathan's brother, the aforementioned Francis Jr., had not one but two sons named Stephen, born in Andover 1 January 1735/6 and 13 January 1740/1.<sup>22</sup> In addition, besides the brother who moved to Haverhill, Jonathan's father, Francis, also had had an older brother named Stephen, born in Andover, 4 February 1672/3, who must have died at an early age.<sup>23</sup> Finally, the Stephen who moved to Haverhill also had a son Stephen, born in that town 10 June 1713.<sup>24</sup> This abundant occurrence of the name in this Johnson family lends itself to confusion and so is best illustrated graphically:



There is another onomastic consideration. Jonathan of Maine had a daughter, Elizabeth, who had several children by her first husband, Joseph Morrison. Only one of their children was recorded with a middle name: Francis Johnson Morrison, baptized in Wells, Maine, 15 April 1764.<sup>25</sup> At a time when middle names were rare, they were usually given in honor of a close relative.<sup>26</sup> Can the occurrence of the names *Francis* and *Stephen* in both the Andover and Maine Johnson families have been a mere coincidence?

<sup>21</sup> *Andover VRs* [note 15], 1:227. Steven [*sic*] Johnson and Elizabeth Dane m. Andover, 5 Nov. 1661 (*ibid.*, 2:202). They both d. in Andover, he on 30 Nov. 1690, she on 15 April 1722 (*ibid.*, 2:482 and 479, respectively).

<sup>22</sup> *Andover VRs* [note 15], 1:232.

<sup>23</sup> *Andover VRs* [note 15], 1:232.

<sup>24</sup> *Haverhill VRs* [note 13], 1:189.

<sup>25</sup> "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 76(1922):104.

<sup>26</sup> A contemporary example was examined in a recent article. See Edward G. Hubbard, "Who Was Elizabeth, Wife of Joseph Day of Wells, Maine?," *The Maine Genealogist* 42(2020):103 (Elizabeth's youngest son).

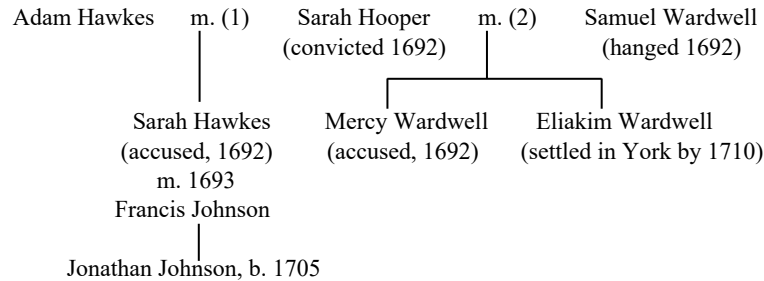
It is not known why Jonathan of Andover would have moved to York, but he had a near relative who had made the same move several decades earlier. His mother, Sarah (Hawkes) Johnson, had a half brother Eliakim Wardwell, who was born in Andover, 17 August 1687, but who as a young man moved to York where he married Ruth Bragdon and received a grant of land in 1714/5.<sup>27</sup>

In light of these considerations, Jonathan Johnson of Andover is likely the man of that name who settled in York and, later, Sanford, Maine.

#### JONATHAN'S ANCESTORS AND THE WITCHCRAFT HYSTERIA

Only a dozen years or so before Jonathan was born, New England was the scene of the witchcraft hysteria that centered on Salem Village (today Danvers, Massachusetts). More than a few of Jonathan's ancestors in Andover, on both sides, were among those accused and, in one case, executed.

His mother, the then still-single Sarah Hawkes, and her half sister Mercy Wardwell, were accused but found not guilty. Their mother, Sarah (Hooper), widow of Adam Hawkes and at the time wife of Samuel Wardwell, was not as fortunate. She was found guilty and was imprisoned, but she was later pardoned by Governor William Phips. Her husband, Samuel Wardwell, fared far worse. He was the last man in America to be hanged for witchcraft, on 22 September 1692. He and Sarah were the parents of Eliakim Wardwell who eventually settled in York.<sup>28</sup>

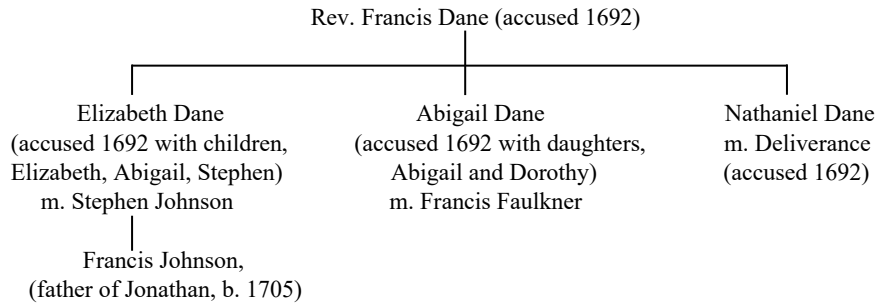


On his father's side, even more of Jonathan's ancestors and relatives were the objects of accusations. His father's maternal grandfather, Francis Dane, had been pastor of the North Parish Church in Andover since 1648, but this did not protect him and many of his relatives from being accused, although he himself was never charged. It was said that his family had more members accused than did any of the other families in the area. Among them were his daughters Elizabeth (widow of

<sup>27</sup> Marjorie Wardwell Otten, "Sgt. Thomas Wardwell of Boston and Exeter and His Maine Descendants: Setting the Record Straight on the Early Generations," *The Maine Genealogist*, 18(1996): 149–151.

<sup>28</sup> See Otten, "Sgt. Thomas Wardwell and Descendants" [note 27], for more details as to what transpired and its impact on the family.

Stephen Johnson and thus grandmother of Jonathan) and Abigail (wife of Francis Faulkner), who were arrested, as was his daughter-in-law Deliverance Johnson (wife of his son Nathaniel). Five of his grandchildren, most of them quite young, were also accused. They were Elizabeth's children, Elizabeth, Abigail, and Stephen Johnson (he who later settled in Haverhill), and Abigail's daughters, Abigail and Dorothy Faulkner.<sup>29</sup>



On the positive side, Rev. Francis Dane spoke out as early as 1658 against the possibility that witchcraft was real, and he opposed the witch hunt in 1692, even by petitioning the General Court on behalf of the accused. His stance may have incited the high number of accusations against his family. He died in Andover, 17 February 1696/7,<sup>30</sup> and he lies in an unmarked grave in the North Parish Burying Ground in North Andover.<sup>31</sup>

#### EARLY SETTLERS IN JONATHAN'S ANCESTRY

Jonathan's ancestors were early settlers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. His paternal great-grandfather, John Johnson, born about 1607, came from Strood, Kent, England, on the *James* in 1635, with his wife Susan and their two children. They settled in Ipswich, but removed to Andover in 1657. He survived his wife, who died in Andover, 12 September 1683, and was the father of Stephen Johnson (born ca. 1640). The latter married Rev. Francis Dane's daughter, the above-mentioned Elizabeth Dane, in Andover, 5 November 1661. They were "fined upon their presentation for fornication before their marriage, they having confessed."<sup>32</sup> Stephen died in Andover, 30 November 1690; Elizabeth had been a widow for more than three dec-

<sup>29</sup> The following websites contain additional information about the individuals in the Salem witchcraft frenzy and about Francis Dane's life: (1) [legendsofamerica.com/ma-francisdane/](http://legendsofamerica.com/ma-francisdane/) and (2) [legendsofamerica.com/ma-witches](http://legendsofamerica.com/ma-witches).

<sup>30</sup> *Andover VRs* [note 15], 2:420

<sup>31</sup> Per website [legendsofamerica.com/ma-francisdane/](http://legendsofamerica.com/ma-francisdane/).

<sup>32</sup> Source for all information: Robert Charles Anderson et al., *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635*, 7 vols. (Boston, 1999–2011), 4:78–81.

ades when she died in Andover, 15 April 1722.<sup>33</sup> Stephen was styled “Ens[ign]” in his own death record and as “L[ieu]t[enant]” in Elizabeth’s. His titles undoubtedly relate to his involvement in the Andover militia during the Indian wars.<sup>34</sup>

Francis Dane was baptized 20 November 1615 in Bishop’s Stortford, Hertfordshire, England, son of John and Frances (—) Dane.<sup>35</sup> He was enrolled in King’s College, Cambridge, in 1633, but did not graduate.<sup>36</sup> He may have emigrated to New England with his father, settling in Ipswich, Massachusetts, about 1636.<sup>37</sup> Following his first wife’s death, John Dane settled in Roxbury by about 1641, where he married secondly, 2 July 1643, Ann Chandler and died 14 September 1658.<sup>38</sup>

Francis settled in Andover, where he served as pastor from 1648 on.<sup>39</sup> His first wife, Elizabeth (Ingalls), died in Andover, 9 June 1676, and he married secondly in Andover, 22 September 1677, “Mrs.” Mary Thomas.<sup>40</sup> After Mary died in Andover, on 18 February 1688/9, he married third Hannah (Chandler) Abbott, who died in Andover, 2 June 1711.<sup>41</sup>

Francis Dane’s first wife, Elizabeth Ingalls, was the daughter of Edmund [or Edward in some records] Ingalls of Lynn, who died between 28 August 1648 (date of will) and 14 November 1648 (will proved).<sup>42</sup> Edmund was born about 1588, son of Robert and Elizabeth (—) Ingalls.<sup>43</sup> Edmund was church warden for Skirbeck, Lincolnshire, England (today a suburb of Boston, Lincolnshire), in 1632,<sup>44</sup> and he came

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<sup>33</sup> *Andover VRs* [note 15], 2:479, 482.

<sup>34</sup> He and three others from Andover signed a 9 March 1689/90 petition to the General Court protesting a planned reorganization of “the upper regiment in Essex [County]” (Sarah Loring Bailey, *Historical Sketches of Andover, Massachusetts* (Boston, Mass., 1880), 178. This source also mentions that he was a carpenter (p. 151) and owned a sawmill as early as 1667 (p. 152).

<sup>35</sup> St. Michael, Bishop’s Stortford, Hertfordshire, parish register [image, findmypast.com]; Mary Walton Ferris, *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines*, 2 vols. (n.p., 1943, 1931), 1:239, which cites a “Benefaction” for the parish of Bishop’s Stortford strongly suggesting that John Dane’s wife’s maiden name was Frances Bowyer.

<sup>36</sup> Ferris, *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines* [note 35], 1:241.

<sup>37</sup> Ferris, *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines* [note 35], 1:239.

<sup>38</sup> *Vital Records of Roxbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1925–26), 2:103 (marriage), 2:502 (death).

<sup>39</sup> He was still in Ipswich as late as Dec. 1648 (“Ipswich Proceedings,” *NEHGR* 2[1848]:50, town meeting held 19 Dec. 1648).

<sup>40</sup> *Andover VRs* [note 15], 2:243 (Elizabeth’s death), 2:102 (second marriage); Ferris, *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines* [note 35], 1:241.

<sup>41</sup> *Andover VRs* [note 15], 2:420 (both deaths); Ferris, *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines* [note 35], 1:241.

<sup>42</sup> *Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts*, 9 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1911–75), 1:145–46. In his will, he mentioned his daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Francis Dane.

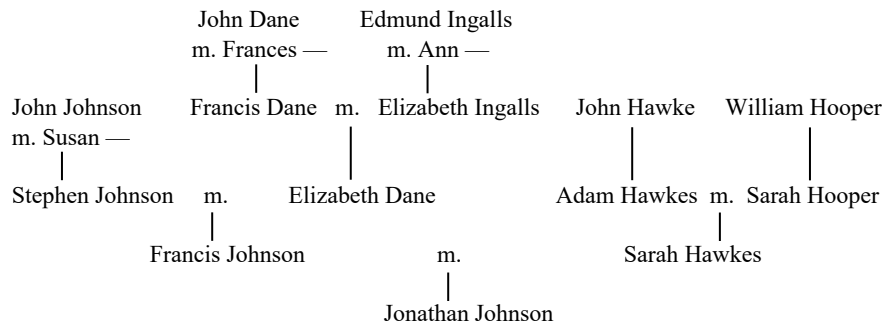
<sup>43</sup> John Brooks Threlfall, “Some English Material Pertaining to Edmund and Francis Ingalls of Lynn, Mass.,” *The American Genealogist* 52(1976):241–43.

<sup>44</sup> Threlfall, “Edmund and Francis Ingalls of Lynn” [note 43], 242.

to New England sometime in the following years. The first record of him in New England is his presence in Lynn in 1638.<sup>45</sup>

As for Jonathan's maternal ancestry, his mother, Sarah Hawkes (1671–1716) was the only child of Adam Hawkes and his second wife, Sarah Hooper, daughter of William Hooper. Adam was baptized in Hingham, Norfolk, England, 26 January 1604/5, son of John Hawke. Adam arrived in New England in 1634 and settled in Charlestown, but he moved in 1636 to Lynn, where he died, 13 March 1671/2. He had two children by his first wife, Anne (—) Hutchinson, who died in Lynn, 4 December 1669.<sup>46</sup> After Adam Hawkes died, his widow Sarah married Samuel Wardwell, and she died sometime between 1703 and 1712.

Sarah (Hooper) (Hawkes) Wardwell was born in Reading, 7 December 1650, daughter of William “Hupper.”<sup>47</sup> William was in Reading by 1644, where he was admitted as a freeman, 10 May 1648.<sup>48</sup> He died in Reading, 5 December 1678.<sup>49</sup> He married first, by 1647,<sup>50</sup> Elizabeth, who was a member of the Reading church in 1648. His second wife was Ruth —, who as a widow married Thomas Dutton of Billerica, 10 November 1684.<sup>51</sup> The intervals between the recorded births of William's children suggest that Elizabeth was probably the mother of most of them.



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<sup>45</sup> *Essex Quarterly Court Records* [note 42], 2:270.

<sup>46</sup> Anderson, *Great Migration, 1634–1635* [note 32], 3:253–57.

<sup>47</sup> *Vital Records of Reading, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Boston, Mass., 1912), 1:131. The record does name her mother. The surname was also written Houper, Hoopper, and Hupper.

<sup>48</sup> Charles Henry Pope, *Hooper Genealogy* (Boston, Mass., 1903), Part 1: The Reading Family, p. 1. Pope identified him as the William, age 18, who arrived on the *James* from London in 1635, but this has been challenged. See Anderson, *The Great Migration* [note 32], 3:410.

<sup>49</sup> *Reading VRs* [note 47], 533. The record gives his surname as “Hupper.”

<sup>50</sup> Birth of first child, Mary, 24 Nov. 1647 (*Reading VRs* [note 47], 131).

<sup>51</sup> Pope, *Hooper Genealogy* [note 48], 1, 4; *Reading VRs* [note 47], 371 (Ruth's remarriage).



LINCOLN COUNTY, MAINE, WILL ABSTRACTS  
1800–1830

*(continued from p. 48)*

**133. PETER GROSS of Waldoborough, yeoman (LCP 17:188)**

[No statement of health]

To my sons John Peter Gross and Jacob Frederick Gross, my homestead and the lot of land I bought of the heirs of John Hittenham, and all the farming utensils.

I also give to my wife Anna Mariah, 1/3 of all my RE & PE, or otherwise to be maintained by my sons John Peter and Jacob Frederick aforesd dur her nat life.

To my son John Gross, \$50.

To my son Bertram Gross, \$100.

To my son Conrad Gross or his heirs, \$100.

To my dau Catharina or her heirs, \$50. Also to her chn, \$50, not to be pd until sd chn arrive to their age.

To my granddau Polly Burnheimer, \$50, if my granddau stays with me until she is of age, also a cow.

It is also my will that my sons John Peter and Jacob Frederick 4y aft my dec and my wife's dec, they shall give to my sons John, Bertram, Conrad, and my dau Catharina, each one a 2½y old horn creature out of my est; they also to pay \$10 a year to each of my chn until the whole is pd.

Appt my sons John Peter Gross and Jacob Frederick Gross sole execs.

Dated: 16 Oct 1804

Signed with his signature ("Peter Gross")

Witnesses: Charles Miller, Charles Ewell, Jacob Ludwig

In Probate: 7 Jan 1814

**134. GABRIEL STONE of Boothbay, yeoman (LCP 17:194)**

Being weak in body

To my wife Mary Stone, one undiv half of all my RE & PE at her sole use dur her nat life, or while she may remain my wid.

To my son Shubael Stone, \$1.

To my dau Juda Kinson, 1 cow in 12m aft my dec.

To my dau Abigail Elms, 1 cow to be delivered in 2y aft my dec.

To my dau Mary Barter, 1 cow to be delivered in 3y aft my dec.

To my dau Patty Stone, 1 cow to be delivered her when she shall have arrived to ae 18y or at her marriage if she should marry bef that time.

To my son William Stone, the other undiv half of all my RE & PE with all the appurtenances thereof forever, together with the first mentioned one undiv half at the death or marriage of my wife, and all the residue of all my PE.

Appt my wife Mary Stone sole exec.

Dated: 6 Dec 1813

Signed with his mark ("X")

Witnesses: Samuel Loomis, Eben<sup>r</sup> Chase, Samuel Barter  
In Probate: 21 Feb 1814

**135. THOMAS WILLIAMS of Bath, gentleman (LCP 17:198)**

[No statement of health]

To my son James Williams, all my right & title to the farm on Parkers Island in Georgetown whereon he now lives.

To my son John Williams, the W end of my homestead farm, being all the land that lies W of a line drawn at right angles across sd lot, so that it shall bound on the SW end of a large fresh meadow, the lot containing by estimation 100a.

To my son Patrick Williams, all my right & title to a lot of land which I bgt of Alexander Campbell Esq, containing about 100a of land and marsh, whereon the sd Patrick Campbell [*sic*] now lives.

To my son Thomas Williams, a lot of land given me and my decd wife by her father Patrick Drummond Esq in his LW&T and whereon the sd Thomas now lives.

To my dau Francis Clifford wife of Jeremiah Clifford, \$100 to be pd by my sons bef mentioned, that is to say John, Patrick and Thomas, within 1y aft my dec.

To my dau Susannah, 1/3 of the residue of my homestead farm for her to use and improve so long as she shall remain single and unnm, and 1/3 of all my PE with the u & i of 1/4 of my dwl house and a barn dur her unnm state, and at her death or on her being married, I thereby give the sd 1/3 of my homestead farm to my son Elijah Williams to whom I also devise the other 2/3 of my homestead farm, the house and barn, also the remaining 2/3 of all my PE, and this conveyance of the homestead farm is to include all the salt marsh adjoining the same.

I give to my sd sons James, John, Patrick, Thomas and Elijah, all my right and title to a lot of land owned and claimed by Elijah Drummond and myself adjoining the lots I have given to my 2 sons Thomas and Patrick, the same to be eq div betw all my sons. I hereby will that my landing at Seals cove shall be improved for the common benefit & convenience of all my sons as aforesd with a convenient road to and from thence to the Country as usual.

Appt my son James Williams sole exec.

Dated: 9 Jun 1807

Signed with his mark ("X")

Witnesses: Mark L. Hill, Joseph Donnoghue, Elijah Drummond

Codicil

I give to my dau Susannah Williams 1/3 of the residue of my homestead farm over and above what is devised to my son John; and Susannah should have all my h/h furniture excepting 2 feather beds, which I give to my son Elijah; also 2 cows and the young mare and half of my sheep, the other moiety I give to my son Elijah.

Codicil dated: 20 Jun 1807

Codicil signed with his signature ("Thomas Williams")

Codicil witnesses: [Fran?] Winter, John Campbell, James Raymond

In Probate: 18 Feb 1814

(to be continued)

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