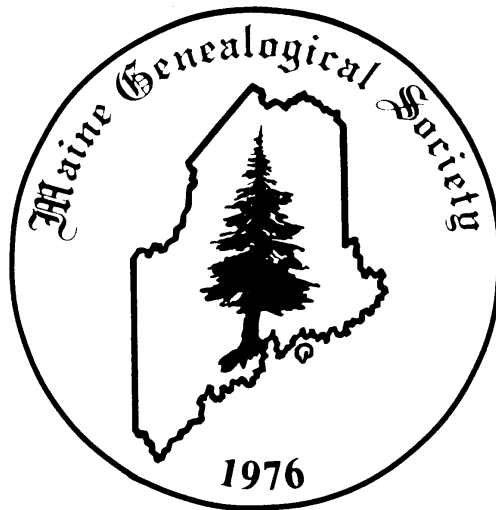


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EDITOR'S PAGE

In conducting family research, experienced genealogists learn to pay as close attention to negative evidence as they do to the direct evidence. By negative evidence I am referring to what the records *don't say*, as opposed to direct evidence in which a record makes a clear statement of fact. A good example of the use of negative evidence is found in the case of the three Wakefield brothers.

Homer Wakefield's *Wakefield Memorial*, published in 1897, has been the standard genealogy for more than a century for the Wakefields of Maine. Describing the family of Benjamin and Eleanor (Littlefield) Wakefield who were married in Wells in 1767, the *Wakefield Memorial* (p. 124) states they had a family of five children: sons Benjamin Jr., Dominicus, and Jeremiah, and daughters Joanna and Susanna. However, direct evidence proves only the daughters, with Joanna receiving baptism at the Wells church in 1773 and Susanna being baptized there in 1779, both as daughters of "Benjamin & Eleanor Wakefield." There are no baptisms for any of the three boys, though the baptismal records are complete for the time period in question.

The boys Dominicus and Jeremiah Wakefield were enumerated separately in the 1790 census in Pittston, both apparently married, and Dominicus with one child and Jeremiah with two children. Both were therefore born surely no later than 1770. Benjamin Sr.'s household in Wells in 1790 included himself and three females (Eleanor, Joanna, and Susanna). Benjamin Jr. therefore is unaccounted for in both Benjamin Sr.'s household and elsewhere. In summary, no direct evidence was found to link any of the boys to the family of Benjamin Wakefield Sr.

Additional negative evidence found in this case argues persuasively against Benjamin and Eleanor being the parents of the boys. In the colonial churches of Maine and Massachusetts, children could receive baptism only if their parents had first accepted the church's covenant and received baptism themselves. In the records, we often see married couples "owning the covenant," receiving baptism, and then having all of their children baptized together. On 26 September 1773, after nearly six years of marriage, Benjamin and Eleanor Wakefield owned the covenant at the Wells church "in Order to have ye Ordinance of Baptism administred to their Children." The same day their daughter Joanna was baptized. The significant negative evidence from this chain of events is that *only* Joanna was baptized that day. If Benjamin and Eleanor had other living children, surely they would have been baptized with Joanna. The lack of a baptism record for any of the boys strongly argues that Benjamin and Eleanor were not their parents. It has been postulated that the reason the boys were not baptized was that they were illegitimate, born before Benjamin and Eleanor's marriage. But that reasoning is fallacious, as it would have been the parents in that case who would have been barred from the church's sacraments. By repenting and being accepted again into the church's covenant, all of their children, legitimate or illegitimate, would have been eligible for baptism.

Joseph C. Anderson II, FASG, Editor

NANCY CLARK, WIFE OF ROLAND SMITH OF HALLOWELL, MAINE

By Priscilla Blount

When the search for Nancy Clark's ancestry began, the only known facts concerning her were obtained from the published vital records of Augusta, Maine—Nancy Clark and “Mr. Smith” were married 24 November 1793; Nancy Smith, wife of Roland, died 14 February 1864, aged 96 years, 3 months.¹ There was no mention of where she was born, but a considerable amount of information is available concerning Nancy's husband, Roland Smith.

“Rowland” Smith was born on 27 August 1761 in Middleborough, Massachusetts, son of Nathaniel⁵ Smith (*Nathaniel⁴, John³, Henry²⁻¹*) and Susanna⁵ (Clark) (*Roland⁴, Thomas³, Andrew², Thomas¹*).² He was the second child born into a family of ten children between the years 1759 and 1776. On 5 June 1780, at the age of 18, Rowland enlisted as a private in the Revolutionary War for a period of six months serving in Captain John Fuller's company in the 14th Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Colonial Gamaliel Bradford. Revolutionary War service files described Rowland as a yeoman, 5 feet 9 inches tall, with a light complexion, dark hair, and dark eyes. After returning to winter quarters at West Point, he was honorably discharged on 16 January 1781. Within five months of his discharge, on 10 May 1781, he reenlisted for a period of three years serving in the Third Massachusetts Regiment, in Captain James Tisdale's company commanded by Colonel William Hull, and was again honorably discharged on 3 November 1783 at West Point by Major General Henry Knox.³

Maine apparently appealed to Roland and by 1785 he was well established as a merchant in Hallowell selling various goods such as brooms, snuff, brandy, and calico.⁴ His parents removed to the nearby town of Winthrop in 1795, with the ma-

¹ Ethel Colby Conant, *Vital Records of Augusta, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (Auburn, Maine, 1933), 1:250 (marriage), 2:433 (death) (hereafter cited as *Augusta VRs*).

² Birth of Rowland Smith in Barbara Lambert Merrick and Alicia Crane Williams, eds., *Middleborough, Massachusetts, Vital Records*, 2 vols. (Taunton, Mass., 1986–90), 1:136; Nathaniel Smith and Susanna Clark m. Harwich, Mass., 8 March 1759, recorded online at <http://plymouthcolony.net/barnstable/vitalrecords/harwich/harmarriages1759.html>; lineage of Nathaniel Smith in Carroll F. Smith, “The Descendants of Henry and Judith Smith of Rehoboth, Mass., An Abbreviated Record of the Manuscript of Carroll Fraser Smith,” 2 vols., typescript (Attleboro, Mass., 1938), at The New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass. (hereafter cited as Smith, “Descendants of Henry and Judith Smith”); lineage of Susanna Clark in Arthur H. Radasch and Katharine W. Radasch, *The Thomas Clark Family: Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas Clark of Plymouth, 1623* (South Yarmouth, Mass., 1972), 1, 3, 5–6, 14, 16, 29–30.

³ *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908), 14:527; Revolutionary War Pension File, #W22348. In the records, he was called alternately “Rowland,” and “Roland.”

⁴ Robert R. McCausland and Cynthia M. McCausland, eds., *The Diary of Martha Ballard 1785–1812* (Camden, Maine, 1992), 8, 260, 285, 335, 357 (hereafter cited as *Martha Ballard Diary*).

jority of their children also settling in the area. Nathaniel's eldest child, John, father of six children, had settled in Canaan, Maine, and drowned on 31 July 1803.⁵ Nathaniel's will dated 21 March 1816, bequeathed his estate of \$1,735, which included 56 acres of land on lot 57, to his wife, nine surviving children, and five grandchildren.⁶ Nathaniel died shortly after writing his will on 8 April 1816, aged 86 years; his wife Susanna died fourteen months later on 12 August 1817, aged 84 years. He and Susanna are buried in the Metcalf Cemetery, Winthrop, near their son Isaac, Isaac's wife Sally (Clark) Smith,⁷ and five members of their extended family.⁸

The discovery of Nancy Clark's ancestry was found accidentally while reading James W North's *History of Augusta*. The first settler of Hallowell, Maine, was Pease⁴ Clark (*Uriah*³⁻², *Hugh*¹), who had removed from Attleboro, Massachusetts, in May 1762 with his wife, Abigail (Wedge) Clark, his son Peter, Peter's wife, and one child. Pease's sons, Uriah, David, Jonas, Isaac, and Simeon, soon followed their father to the Kennebec. David, Simeon, and Peter settled on the west side of the Kennebec river; Uriah, Jonas, and Isaac settled on the east side of the river, each obtaining a grant of 250 acres of land. Isaac and his wife Alice (Philbrick) Clark, daughter of Eliphalet and Alice (Searle) Philbrick of Cumberland, Rhode Island, settled on lot 46, which was granted to him on 28 April 1762. They were the parents of six children, the eldest of whom was "Anna Burlingame Clark, born 21 November 1767; married 24 November 1793 Roland Smith of Augusta. She died 14 February 1864." In a small footnote at the bottom of the page it stated "In her record of marriage at Hall ___ she was called Nancy,"⁹ and Nancy is a nickname for Anna. In all the published records that were found, Anna Burlingame Clark is called Nancy.

Nancy was the only child of Isaac and Alice with a middle name. *Burlingame* is an unusual middle name and thought to have been the surname of a favorite ancestor. Searching for the origin of it in her paternal ancestry did not produce results, but while researching Nancy's maternal ancestry, it was found that her mother, Alice (Philbrick) Clark, had a younger sister, also named Anna, who married Nehemiah Burlingame.¹⁰ It therefore appears that Nancy was named for her aunt Anna (Philbrick) Burlingame.

⁵ Smith, "Descendants of Henry and Judith Smith," 1:248.

⁶ Will of Nathaniel Smith of Winthrop, Kennebec Co. Probate Records, Executor's Account, 19:63. Nathaniel's probate records included one note for \$271.44 due from Henry Smith, one note for \$106.27 due from Samuel Smith, and one note for \$211.24 from Rowland Smith.

⁷ Smith, "Descendants of Henry and Judith Smith," 1:491.

⁸ Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Kennebec County*, Picton Press CD-Rom (Rockport, Maine, 1999), images 3421-22 (hereafter cited as *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*).

⁹ James W North, *The History of Augusta, from the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time* (Augusta, Maine, 1870), 84-86, 97-98, 829-33 (hereafter cited as North, *History of Augusta*).

¹⁰ "Descendants of Thomas Philbrick," online database at <<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nvjack/fylbrigg/descendants.htm>>, John Philbrick section, images 25-26.

As Isaac and Alice Clark's daughter Lydia, wife of Alfred Martin, gave birth to her sixth child on 15 August 1810, Alice Clark died, aged 61 years.¹¹ Isaac was the owner of extensive tracts of land in Augusta, Hallowell, and Monmouth. He remained very active in his real estate holdings in all three towns until he was in his late seventies. Nancy's sibling, the fourth child of her parents, and first born son, Isaac Jr., made his home in Monmouth. He was the owner of a sawmill there and like his father, also owned tracts of land in Augusta, Hallowell, and Monmouth.¹² He died on 26 January 1813, aged 32 years, but his place of burial is unknown.¹³ His father and brother William were administrators of his estate.¹⁴ Nancy's father fell on 30 June 1825 striking his head on a rock and died at the age of 83 years.¹⁵ Isaac and Alice are both buried in Hallowell Village Cemetery near several of their children and grandchildren.¹⁶

Roland escaped the bonds of matrimony, remaining a bachelor for eight years while living in Hallowell, but on 24 November 1793, at the age of 32, he and Nancy Smith were married by Daniel Cony. The wedding was held three days after Nancy's twenty-sixth birthday and three months before the birth of their first child. As the snow fell in Hallowell, the local midwife, Martha Ballard, safely delivered the first of their three children—son Clark on 7 March 1794, a second son William on 22 December 1795, and daughter Anna joining the family on 11 February 1799.¹⁷

The Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax of 1798 records Roland as the owner of one dwelling house located on the second range in Hallowell subject to evaluation. His four acres and thirty perches were assessed at \$140.¹⁸ The 1800 census of Hallowell enumerated "Rowland" as head of a household consisting of two males under 10 (Clark and William), one male 26–44 (Rowland), one female under 10 (Anna), one female 16–25 (unidentified), and one female 26–44 (Nancy).¹⁹

¹¹ *Martha Ballard Diary*, 818, entry of 15 Aug. 1810: "I was Called 30^m after mid night by mr Martin of Hallowell to go and See his wife who is in Labour. . . . I went from her to See her Mother who apears to be near y^e Close of life. God grant her Change may be happy."

¹² Harry H Cochrane, *History of Monmouth and Wales* (East Winthrop, Maine, 1894), 371–73 (hereafter Cochrane, *History of Monmouth*).

¹³ John Clark, *Records of the Descendants of Hugh Clark of Watertown, Mass., 1640–1866* (Boston, 1866), 61 (hereafter cited as Clark, *Descendants of Hugh Clark*), which states that Isaac Clark Jr. d. in Hallowell, but he more likely d. Monmouth where he and his family were then living.

¹⁴ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 25:322, in which Isaac Clark and William Clark of Hallowell, administrators of the estate of Isaac Clark Jr., of Monmouth, deceased, sell at public auction, for \$250, land located in Hallowell to Daniel Evans of Hallowell; 25:286, in which Isaac Clark and William Clark sell at public auction to Ebenezer T Warren, for \$985, the mill lot in Monmouth, held in common by Isaac Clark and Isaac Clark Jr.

¹⁵ Clark, *Descendants of Hugh Clark*, 60.

¹⁶ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 1478.

¹⁷ *Martha Ballard Diary*, 282, 291, 355, 470–71.

¹⁸ Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, 1:532, 572, online database at <www.NewEnglandAncestors.org>.

¹⁹ Rowland Smith household, 1800 U.S. Census, Hallowell, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 254.

On 1 April 1818, Roland, aged 57, applied for a Revolutionary War pension, stating he was indigent and requested “to be placed upon the Pension list of the District of Maine.” His application was approved. Two years later, on 20 June 1820, he made the following declaration concerning his estate and income: “Two cows of the value of forty dollars, one swine of the value of eight dollars, furniture, besides my necessary bedding, of the value of forty dollars; and books of the value of two dollars. I have no debts due to me which are collectable, and owe as much as one hundred dollars. The income from the above property may be six dollars a year, but not exceeding that sum, besides which I have no income derived from property, trade or profession. I am infirm and able to labor very little. Except the above, I have no estate or income whatever, besides my necessary clothing and bedding.” John Davis, Clerk for the County of Kennebec, Maine, certified that in the “opinion of the Court the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule including debts due to the declared is eighty dollars and deducting the amount of what he owes, the value of said property in the opinion of the Court, is nothing.”²⁰

Clark Smith had married Rachel Titus in 1815.²¹ He was not found as head of his own household in the 1820 census of Augusta, but Roland Clark’s family recorded a large increase that year with three males under 10 (unidentified), two males 16–25 (son William and unidentified), one male 26–44 (unidentified), one male 45 and over (Roland), two females 16–25 (one unidentified and daughter Anna), one female 26–44 (unidentified), and one female 45 and over (Nancy). It is possible that Clark and his family may have been living with his parents in 1820. Two of the unidentified males 10 and under were probably Clark and Rachel’s sons Augustus and William. One of the unidentified males 26–44 may have been Clark and the unidentified female 26–44 probably was Rachel.²²

“Rowland,” who had never made a public profession of religion, joined the Congregational Church in the North Parish of Augusta on 20 June 1830, where he was baptized by sprinkling. He was chosen as one of the delegates to the Kennebec County Conference in Chesterfield, Maine, and remained a member of the church until his death on 21 March 1840, aged 79 years.²³ Signing his name “Roland,” he hired Robert C. Vose, an attorney in Augusta, to obtain a land grant for his service in the Revolutionary War. The claim was satisfactorily proved and Roland received 200 acres of land on 29 October 1835.²⁴ Nancy was granted a widow’s pension on 6

²⁰ Revolutionary War Pension File #W22348.

²¹ Monmouth Historical Society, “Births, Intentions and Marriages 1775–1818 of Monmouth, Kennebec County, Maine,” online at <<http://files.usgwarchives.net/me/kennebec/monmouth/vitals/vr1.txt>> (hereafter cited as “Monmouth Vital Records 1775–1818”).

²² Roland Smith household, 1820 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 559.

²³ “Records of the Congregational Church in the North Parish in Augusta, 1829–1865,” typescript, Maine State Library, Augusta, call #974.1 VA92r, pp. 6, 9, 24 (hereafter cited as North Parish Augusta Church Records).

²⁴ Revolutionary War Pension File #W22348.

February 1843 when she was aged 74. In her application she stated that Roland had been receiving \$96 per annum, payable at the agency at Portland where he received it.²⁵ On 30 March 1855, aged 88 years, signing her name as Nancy Smith, she applied for a Bounty Land Warrant with Isaac Clark and Eleazer Smith attesting to her credibility.²⁶

Roland and Nancy owned the North half of lot number 46 in the first range of lots on the east side of the Kennebec river, where they made their home. Nancy's father was the original owner of the lot, and he may have transferred this particular piece of property to them. In a deed dated 21 August 1835, they sold the property to their son Clark for \$100 with the stipulation that during Nancy's natural life she had the right to use, occupy, and improve the premises.²⁷ Nancy Smith, "widow woman," sold her interest in the real estate to her grandson William H. Smith, son of Clark Smith, for \$50 on 29 November 1843. The deed released "all my right, title and interest being my life estate or right to improve and occupy the North half of Lot Number 46 in the first range of lots on the East side of the Kennebec River, including all my right to the shore of the river which lies between the side lines of the North half of Lot No 46."²⁸

After the death of her husband, Nancy made numerous land transactions; the first of which occurred on 20 June 1843 when James Wiggins of Windsor conveyed to Nancy for \$65 "all the part of Lot No 48 situated in the first range of lots on the East side of the Kennebec River in Augusta which lies between the Kennebec River on the West, and the County Road on the East."²⁹ One month later, on 19 July 1843, John Clark sold for \$10 "all my right title and interest in and to the estate of my late father Jessie Clark and particularly in and to that part of Lot No 48 situated on the East side of Kennebec River, together with all the buildings, and I assign to said Nancy all claims due, and demands of mine against the estate of Jesse Clark to be held and collected for her own benefit to use forever."³⁰

On 12 June 1845 William Clark, husband of her daughter Ann(a), conveyed to Nancy for \$600, the farm on which he and his family lived. It was a part of the original lots 47 and 48.³¹ The same day she transferred ownership of the property to Ann for \$1.00, "in consideration of the love and affection I have for my daughter."³² On 4 September 1850 William again conveyed ownership, for \$300, "all my right, title and interest in any and all lands situated in said Augusta, especially all the lands being any part of Lot Number 48, intending hereby to convey all the land or

²⁵ Revolutionary War Pension File #W22348.

²⁶ Bounty Land Warrant #6264-160-55.

²⁷ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 92:204-5.

²⁸ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 135:482-83.

²⁹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 133:199-200.

³⁰ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 133:318-19. John Clark was the son of Nancy's cousin Jessie Clark.

³¹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 145:551-52.

³² Kennebec Co. Deeds, 145:553-54.

farm where I know reside with my family, which I have not here to fore conveyed to said Nancy Smith.”³³ This property was also sold the same day for \$5 to Ann, “for the love and affection which I bear to her as my daughter.”³⁴

Nancy entered into many other land transactions, but the last one examined occurred on 28 January 1858 when, at the age of 91, she held a mortgage for her grandson Isaac Clark in the amount of \$219. The land was described “as one undivided sixth part of Lot Number 48, on the first range of lots East of the Kennebec River,” which Nancy had conveyed to Ann Clark, wife of William Clark, by deed dated 4 September 1850. The mortgage was discharged on 21 November 1859.³⁵

The 1850 census enumerates Nancy, aged 84, living with her son-in-law William Clark and daughter Ann. The extended family included her grandchildren Isaac, aged 19; Anson, aged 14; Theodore, aged 13; Henry, aged 10; Delia, aged 7; and Roland, aged 5.³⁶ Nancy’s daughter Ann died on 31 May 1856,³⁷ and Nancy remained in the household of her son-in-law William Clark,³⁸ until her death on 14 February 1864. Nancy had disposed of all her real estate holdings before she died, leaving a personal estate consisting of a small balance of a pension due from the United States. On 14 March 1864, Anson S. Clark was appointed administrator of Nancy’s estate in answer to a petition filed by her heirs Isaac, Henry, and Delia Clark. Isaac and Henry were appointed sureties.³⁹ Nancy had survived her husband by twenty-four years and outlived all of her siblings and all of her children.⁴⁰ The land which Isaac Clark purchased in 1762 remained in the hands of his descendants in varying amounts over the next 248 years with some of his descendants still living today on the Bangor Road in Augusta.⁴¹

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **ANNA/NANCY BURLINGAME⁶ CLARK** (*Isaac⁵, Pease⁴, Uriah³⁻², Hugh¹*), was born at Hallowell, Maine, on 21 November 1767, daughter of Isaac⁵ and Alice (Philbrick) Clark. She died in Augusta on 14 February 1864, aged 96 years, 3 months. She married at Hallowell on 24 November 1793, **ROLAND⁶ SMITH** (*Nathaniel⁵⁻⁴, John³, Henry²⁻¹*), born at Middleborough, Massachusetts, on 27 August 1761,

³³ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 173:38–39.

³⁴ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 173:39–40.

³⁵ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 214:51–52.

³⁶ William Clark 3rd household, 1850 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 161, #936/1073.

³⁷ *Augusta VRs*, 2:262.

³⁸ William Clark household, 1860 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 135, #950/1025.

³⁹ Estate of Nancy Smith, Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 126:415 (Letters of Administration), 114:358 (Appointment of Administrator), 109:119 (Bond of Administration).

⁴⁰ Clark, *Descendants of Hugh Clark*, 61, 106.

⁴¹ The 5th great-granddaughter of Isaac Clark lives on the Bangor Road in Augusta with her husband.

son of Nathaniel⁵ and Susanna (Clark) Smith. Roland died in Augusta on 21 March 1840, aged 79 years. They are buried in the Riverside Cemetery, Augusta, beside their daughter Ann, her husband William Clark, and three of their grandchildren.⁴²

Children of Roland⁶ and Anna/Nancy Burlingame (Clark) Smith, b. Hallowell:

- 2 i CLARK⁷ SMITH, b. 7 March 1794; m. RACHEL TITUS.
- 3 ii WILLIAM SMITH, b. 22 Dec. 1795; m. MARGARET CLARK.
- 4 iii ANNA SMITH, b. 11 Feb. 1799; m. WILLIAM CLARK Jr.

2 **CLARK⁷ SMITH** (Roland⁶, Nathaniel⁵⁻⁴, John³, Henry²⁻¹) was born at Hallowell on 7 March 1794,⁴³ and died at Augusta on 9 or 10 February 1842, aged 47 years, 11 months.⁴⁴ He married at Monmouth, Maine on 20 May 1815, RACHEL TITUS of Monmouth.⁴⁵ She was born about April 1792, probably a daughter of Samuel Titus of Monmouth,⁴⁶ and died at Augusta on 2 December 1871, aged 79 years, 8 months.⁴⁷ Clark and Rachel are buried on the G. A. Colburn Farm in Augusta. He died intestate. On 24 April 1843 his son William H. Smith was appointed administrator of Clark's estate after submitting a \$500 bond. An inventory was taken by Thomas Little, Esq., Joseph Denison, and Jarvis Lawson. On 3 May 1843 the appraised value of the property amounted to \$103.53, and included a family Bible, a smaller Bible, an encyclopedia, a history of England, and a history of Latin America. After submitting a petition to the Probate Court, Rachel received \$50.00 and her husband's wearing apparel.⁴⁸

The 1830 census enumerates Clark as head of a large household: two males 5–9, one male 10–15, two males 15–19, one male 30–39, one female under 5, and one female 30–39,⁴⁹ however, only three children have been identified. Clark joined the Congregational Church in the North Parish on 27 December 1830, where he was baptized by sprinkling. He remained a member until his death. Clark was chosen as one of the delegates to the Kennebec County Convention at Albion, Maine, and also

⁴² *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, images 544–45, 581.

⁴³ *Martha Ballard Diary*, 291, entry of 7 March 1794: "Cloudy, Snowd Some. mrs Smith was Safe Deld at 6h pm of a fine Son & is as well as Could be Expected; her illness was very Severe. mr Smith Conducted me home a^l 9^h Evn^e. he gave me 18/7 as a reward for my Service."

⁴⁴ *Augusta VRs*, 2:431.

⁴⁵ "Monmouth Vital Records 1775–1818."

⁴⁶ Samuel and William Titus were early settlers in Monmouth. William's family has been documented and did not include a daughter Rachel (see Cochrane, *History of Monmouth*, Genealogical Summary, 183–84). Samuel Titus's household in 1800 included two girls aged 0–9, one of whom may have been Rachel (1800 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 259). Samuel Titus m. Rehoboth, Mass., 13 June 1877, Rachel Fisher (Rehoboth, Mass., Vital Records, online database at <newenglandancestors.org>) and it is therefore likely they would have named a daughter Rachel.

⁴⁷ *Augusta VRs*, 2:433.

⁴⁸ Estate of Clark Smith, Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 58:318 (Letters of Administration), 61:104 (Appointment of Administrator), 66:1 (Inventory), 39:184 (Rachel Smith Allowance).

⁴⁹ Clark Smith household, 1830 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 91.

served as a delegate “to proceed to Bloomfield for the purpose of choosing a minister.” He was chosen Clerk *pro tem* on 13 March 1833 and on 19 June 1836 he was one of two committee members to investigate an accusation of a criminal nature brought against another church member.⁵⁰

Like his mother, Clark entered into various land transactions which included buying, selling, or mortgaging of property, but he disposed of all his holdings before his death. He made one such land purchase on 24 April 1826; he and his second cousin, Alfred Clark (son of Jesse), bought one hundred acres of land located on lot 50 for \$300 from John Eveleth and John H. Hartwell.⁵¹ Alfred sold his share of the land to Clark, who in turn mortgaged seventy-five acres of it to Reuel Goodwin on 25 January 1827 for \$375. Clark “reserved the right to cut wood of timber on the premises until the land is forfeited to Goodwin, if ever.” The mortgage was discharged 10 August 1829.⁵² The last deed reviewed that Clark entered into was on 9 September 1839 when he sold to his son Augustus C. Smith for \$1,000 the north half of lot 46, which he had purchased from his parents four years previously for \$100.⁵³

Identified children of Clark⁷ and Rachel (Titus) Smith, b. Augusta:

- i AUGUSTUS C.⁸ SMITH, b. [calc.] Aug. 1818, d. 30 Nov. 1886, aged 68 years, 3 months;⁵⁴ m. Augusta, 17 Dec. 1835, PHEBE ANN BAKER,⁵⁵ b. ca. 1816, d. Augusta, 5 July 1886, aged 71 years.⁵⁶ Phebe Ann’s parentage is unknown, but a clue may be found in the fact that her place of birth was given as Rhode Island on the 1850 census return.⁵⁷ Augustus was described as a farmer and a raftsman.⁵⁸ He and Phebe are buried in the Old Smith Farm, Augusta. They were the parents of at least five children.⁵⁹ His will, probated 4 Feb. 1887, bequeathed “to my grandson, Charles H. Smith, of Augusta, one acre of land in the southeast corner of the Jesse Clark lot, so called, which land said Charles H. Smith has recently erected a house and stable on. All the rest and residue of my said estate of every nature and wherever situated, I give, and bequeath to my wife, Phebe A. Smith, in trust to be held, used, appropriated and disposed of for such support and maintenance for and during her natural life, and upon the decease of my said wife, I then direct that such portion of

⁵⁰ North Parish Augusta Church Records, 5–6, 9–10, 12–13, 24.

⁵¹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 53:422.

⁵² Kennebec Co. Deeds, 57:137–39.

⁵³ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 117:330.

⁵⁴ *Augusta VRs*, 2:431.

⁵⁵ *Augusta VRs*, 2:124.

⁵⁶ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 536.

⁵⁷ Augustus C. Smith household, 1850 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 80, #938/1075.

⁵⁸ Augustus C. Smith household, 1850 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 80, #938/1075 (farmer); Augustus C. Smith household, 1860 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 251, #949/1024 (raftsman); Augustus C. Smith household, 1870 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 38, #208/332 (farmer).

⁵⁹ Augustus C. Smith household, 1850 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 80, #938/1075.

said trust estate as shall remain undisposed of by my said wife, shall then be transferred, delivered and paid over to my daughter, Carrie B. Little of Minneapolis, Minn.”⁶⁰

- ii WILLIAM H. SMITH, b. 1820, d. 1897 and bur. in Riverside Cemetery, Augusta;⁶¹ m. Augusta, 7 Dec. 1843, MARY JANE BABCOCK,⁶² b. 1824, d. 1870,⁶³ daughter of Abel and Lucy (Stone) Babcock.⁶⁴ William and Mary Jane are buried in the Riverside Cemetery, Augusta.⁶⁵ He was enumerated in the 1870 census of Augusta, aged 48, policeman, value of real estate owned \$1,200. His wife Mary J., aged 42 [sic], and 5 children, aged 9 through 22, make up the household.⁶⁶ William deeded to his mother, Rachel Smith, widow, on 19 Dec. 1844, for \$250, the north half of Lot 46 in Augusta, on the east side of the Kennebec, including “all my right to the shore of that river lies between the said lines of the north half of lot Number 46.”⁶⁷
- iii AUGUSTA A. SMITH, b. March 1830,⁶⁸ d. after 5 June 1919;⁶⁹ m. Augusta, 5 Dec. 1847, GEORGE WASHINGTON DUDLEY,⁷⁰ b. Readfield, Maine, 30 May 1821, son of James and Lucinda (Whittier) Dudley,⁷¹ d. 6 April 1892, aged 70 years, 10 months;⁷² m. (2) Augusta, 26 Nov. 1899, WILLIAM EMERY LOWELL as his 4th wife,⁷³ b. Monmouth, circa 1825, son of William and Jemima (Maxim) Lowell,⁷⁴ d. Augusta, 1901, aged 76.⁷⁵ William had m. (1) (int.) Augusta, 17 Dec. 1853, Hannah

⁶⁰ Kennebec Co. Deeds, extract of the will of Augustus C. Smith, 363:378–79.

⁶¹ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 582.

⁶² *Augusta VRs*, 2:130.

⁶³ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 582.

⁶⁴ Henry D Kingsbury and Simeon L. Deyo, *Illustrated History of Kennebec County, Maine, 1799–1892* (New York, 1892), 482 (hereafter cited as *History of Kennebec Co.*); see Samuel Badcock/Babcock Jr. sketch in Joseph C. Anderson II, ed., *Maine Families in 1790*, vol. 8 (Camden, Maine, 2003), 13–16.

⁶⁵ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 582.

⁶⁶ Wm H. Smith household, 1870 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 32, #245/ 270.

⁶⁷ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 142:305–6.

⁶⁸ William E. Lowell household, 1900 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 131, p. 5B, #130/133.

⁶⁹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 565:395, dated 15 June 1919, Augusta A Lowell, for \$1.00, released a mortgage she held for Fred C. Dudley.

⁷⁰ *Augusta VRs*, 2:124; *History of Kennebec Co.*, 469b: “George Frank Dudley, born 1849, is the oldest son of George W. Dudley. He built his present home in 1884 near where his mother’s father, Clark Smith, lived.”

⁷¹ Original Records of Maine Town and Cities, *Town of Readfield* (Picton Press CD, 2005), CD #1, image 127, citing Readfield Births and Deaths 1752–1890, p. 251 (hereafter cited as *Readfield VRs*); his parents m. (int.) Readfield, 13 March 1819 (*Readfield VRs*, CD #1, image 39, citing Readfield Marriage Intentions 1794–1838, p. 63).

⁷² *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 757.

⁷³ Index to Maine Marriages 1892–1966, online at <www.NewEnglandAncestors.org>.

⁷⁴ *Augusta VRs*, 1:455. On the records of his first two marriages, his age was given, respectively, as 28 in 1853 and 29 in 1855, b. Monmouth, son of William Lowell Jr. William Lowell and Jemima Maxim m. (int.) Winthrop, Maine, on 25 Nov. 1821 (Everett S. Stackpole, *History of Winthrop, Maine, With Genealogical Notes* [Auburn, Maine, 1925], 483).

⁷⁵ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 566.

Caton of Hallowell,⁷⁶ m. (2) (int.) Augusta, 2 July 1855, Mary H. Cogswell of Canaan, Maine,⁷⁷ who d. in 1881;⁷⁸ m. (3) Augusta, 11 May 1881, Abby Robinson Leighton,⁷⁹ who d. in 1893.⁸⁰ The 1870 census of Augusta records George W. Dudley, aged 49, farmer, value of real estate \$2,500, Augusta A., aged 40, and their six children.⁸¹ An extract of his will, probated on 30 June 1892, left "All the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal, and wherever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to my wife, Augusta A. Dudley, to her sole use and benefit forever."⁸²

3 **WILLIAM⁷ SMITH** (*Roland⁶, Nathaniel⁵⁻⁴, John³, Henry²⁻¹*) was born in Hallowell on 22 December 1795.⁸³ He "drowned" in 1845.⁸⁴ He married at Augusta on 6 April 1821, his second cousin, MARGARET CLARK.⁸⁵ She was born in the period 1798–1802, daughter of Jesse and Deborah (Savage) Clark.⁸⁶ She is last found living in Haddam, Connecticut, in 1880, with her daughter and son-in-law.

In the 1830 census of Augusta, William Smith headed his family made up of Margaret and four small children.⁸⁷ By 1840 the William Smith family now included eight children: one male under 5 (Henry H.), two males 5–10 (Jessee C. and Francis O. J.), one male 15–20 (William A.), one male 40–50 (William Sr.), one female under 5 (Sarah L.), one female 10–15 (Cordelia A.), two females 15–20 (Mary A. and Margaret L.), and one female 40–50 (Margaret). William was listed then next to Beniah P. Ingraham, William Clark, and Jesse Clark.⁸⁸

Samuel Howard, administrator of the goods and estate of William Howard, on 25 September 1817 sold to William and his brother Clark, for \$108, one undivided half part of a sawmill on the east side of the Kennebec river, commonly called the Sav-

⁷⁶ *Augusta VRs*, 2:455.

⁷⁷ *Augusta VRs*, 2:455.

⁷⁸ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 566, buried with her husband.

⁷⁹ *Augusta VRs*, 2:455.

⁸⁰ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 566, buried with her husband.

⁸¹ George W. Dudley household, 1870 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 32, #71/77.

⁸² *Kennebec Co. Deeds*, 392:172.

⁸³ *Martha Ballard Diary*, 355, entry of 22 Dec. 1795: "Birth Roland Smiths Son. . . Mrs Smith was Deld of a Son, her Second Child, a¹ 1h m. I tarried till morn, left my Patient Cleverly and returned home. Receivd 18/as a reward."

⁸⁴ *Hallowell VRs*, 6:44.

⁸⁵ *Augusta VRs*, 1:130.

⁸⁶ Clark, *Descendants of Hugh Clark*, 59. Jesse Clark's heirs disputed the estate concerning his land, they signing as John Clark, Alfred Clark, William Smith, and Margaret Smith (Jesse Clark estate, Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 88:384). Margaret was aged 48 in 1850, aged 60 in 1860, aged 69 in 1870, and aged 82 in 1880 (Margaret Smith household, 1850 U.S. Census, Hallowell, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 192, #403/459; Margaret Smith household, 1860 U.S. Census, Hallowell Ward 3, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 385, #47/51; Margaret Smith household, 1870 U.S. Census, Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., p. 168, #25/28; Lewis N. Bailey household, 1880 U.S. Census, Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., E.D. 72, p. 200B, #206/233).

⁸⁷ William Smith household, 1830 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 81.

⁸⁸ Household of William Smith, 1840 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 52.

age mill, together with one acre of land on the west side of the stream and sawmill for the convenience of a mill yard.⁸⁹ Samuel and William Howard had originally formed a partnership with Daniel and Edward Savage in 1773, which resulted in a mill built on the Riggs Brook on lot 34. This may have been the mill that William and Clark purchased.⁹⁰ Four years later, on 18 June 1821, Suitliff Lawson purchased the mill from the two brothers for \$58. Clark, his wife Rachel, William, and his wife Margaret all made their seal. Roland Smith witnessed the deed.⁹¹

On 27 March 1843, widow Mary Ann Clark and Beniah P. Ingraham were appointed administrators of the estate of Margaret's father, Jesse Clark,⁹² with John Cross and Benjamin Brown as sureties. The inventory of his property, taken on 4 April 1843, included "2 acres of land, last end of lot 48, value \$10, 12 acres of land with a homestead, which James Wiggins holds a deed of, value \$116.66; 1 coat, vest, and pantaloons, \$1.50; 1 pair thick boots, \$2.00; 3 shirts and 3 pairs footing, \$1.00." His estate totaled \$303.79. Jessie's widow was allowed \$175, including the deceased's wearing apparel as her dower right, but on 1 October 1843 William and Margaret Smith (his wife), Alfred and John Clark, heirs at law, disputed the application of Mary concerning her dower right in the real estate of Jesse, stating "that said application is for Dower in land of which said Clark was never seized in during the cover time of said Mary and Jesse and that the said application claims of Dower is invalid."⁹³

In 1850 Margaret Smith, aged 48 and now a widow, was living in Hallowell. Her household was made up of her children Jesse, 18, Francis O. J., 16, Sarah L., 13, Henry H., 11, and Ella, 6, as well as her daughter Cordelia M. Runnels, 21, her son-in-law Elisha W. Runnels, 26, and grandson George H. Runnels, aged three months. In the adjoining residence was her son William A. Smith, aged 28, blacksmith, William's wife Elvira, 27, and their two sons Fernando, 4, and Frederick, 1.⁹⁴ In 1860 Margaret, aged 60, was still residing in Hallowell, described as "keeps boarders," living with her daughter Sarah, 23, son Henry, 19, and daughter Ella, 15.⁹⁵ By 1870 she had moved to Haddam, Connecticut, where at age 69 she was living with

⁸⁹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 30:251–52.

⁹⁰ North, *History of Augusta*, 114.

⁹¹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 39:293–94.

⁹² Jesse Clark was b. 2 July 1777 and d. 5 March 1843, aged 66 years (Clark, *Descendants of Hugh Clark*, 59). He m. (1) 10 July 1796, Deborah Savage, b. 25 Dec. 1770, daughter of Edward Savage (Clark, *Descendants of Hugh Clark*, 59; Edward Savage sketch in Joseph C. Anderson II, ed., *Maine Families in 1790*, vol. 10 [Rockland, Maine, 2009], 515–18). Deborah d. Augusta, 6 Aug. 1832, aged 62 years (*Augusta VRs*, 2:263). Three months later, Jesse m. (2) 8 Nov. 1832, Mrs. Mary Ann Babcock (*Augusta VRs*, 2:249).

⁹³ Jesse Clark estate, Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 58:316 (Petition for Administration), 61:103 (Bond of Administration), 66:2 (Inventory), 55:384 (Dower).

⁹⁴ Margaret Smith household, 1850 U.S. Census, Hallowell, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 192, #403/459. The William A. Smith household was at #403/460.

⁹⁵ Margaret Smith household, 1860 U.S. Census, Hallowell Ward 3, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 385, #47/51.

her son Henry, aged 26; she was still in Haddam in 1880, aged 82, then living with her son-in-law and daughter, Lewis N. and Cordelia Bailey.⁹⁶

Children of William⁷ and Margaret (Clark) Smith:⁹⁷

- i WILLIAM A.⁸ SMITH, b. Augusta, April 1823, living in 1900 in Haddam, Connecticut, aged 81 [*sic*] and described as a widow and farmer;⁹⁸ m. Augusta, 24 May 1846, ALVIRA RICHARDSON of Readfield, Maine,⁹⁹ b. Readfield, 18 July 1821, daughter of Asa and Sarah (Cottle) Richardson.¹⁰⁰ William, a blacksmith, aged 28, resided in 1850 next to his mother in Hallowell with Alvira, 27, and their sons Fernando, 4, and Frederick, 1.¹⁰¹ In 1860 William A. Smith, aged 38, blacksmith, b. Maine, and Elvira, aged 37, were living in Middletown, Conn., with their son Frederick.¹⁰²
- ii MARY A. SMITH, b. Augusta, Sept. 1824. She is possibly the Mary Ann Smith of Hallowell who m. Augusta, 25 March 1844, JOHN F. WADE.¹⁰³ The death of Mary A. Wade, aged 29 [*sic*], wife of John F. Wade, was reported in the *Maine Farmer* issue of 17 July 1851.¹⁰⁴ In 1850 John F. Wade, aged 34, farmer, and Mary A., 27, were enumerated in Augusta with their daughter Caroline A. Wade, 4.¹⁰⁵ It would appear that both John and Mary Ann were deceased by 1860, when Caroline A. Wade, aged 14, was enumerated in Augusta in a household headed by Janet Wade, aged 37, which also included several younger children.¹⁰⁶ Janet was possibly John F. Wade's widow and a second wife.
- iii MARGARET L. SMITH, b. Augusta, Sept. 1825, d. 25 Jan. 1851, aged 26.¹⁰⁷
- iv CORDELIA M. SMITH, b. Augusta, 26 Dec. 1829, d. 9 Aug. 1894, aged 65, and bur. in New Higganum Cemetery, Haddam, Conn.;¹⁰⁸ m. (1) Hallowell, 25 Jan. 1848,

⁹⁶ Margaret Smith household, 1870 U.S. Census, Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., p. 168, #25/28; Lewis N. Bailey household, 1880 U.S. Census, Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., E.D. 72, p. 200B, #206/233.

⁹⁷ Their births recorded in *Hallowell VRs*, 1:267–72, with a notation saying the place of birth for all except Ella was Augusta.

⁹⁸ William A. Smith household, 1900 U.S. Census, Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., E.D. 276, p. 1A, #1/2. At the time he was living in the same residence as his brother-in-law, Lewis Bailey.

⁹⁹ *Augusta VRs*, 2:130.

¹⁰⁰ *Readfield VRs*, CD #1, image 104, citing Readfield Births and Deaths, 1752–1890; her parents m. (int.) Readfield, 19 Oct. 1813 (*Readfield VRs*, CD #1, image 31, citing Readfield Marriage Intentions 1794–1838).

¹⁰¹ William A. Smith household, 1850 U.S. Census, Hallowell, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 192, #403/460.

¹⁰² William A. Smith household, 1860 U.S. Census, Middletown, Middlesex Co., Conn., p. 726, #224/247.

¹⁰³ *Augusta VRs*, 2:128.

¹⁰⁴ David C. Young and Benjamin Lewis Keene, *Abstracts of Death Notices (1833–1852) and Miscellaneous News Articles (1833–1924) from the Maine Farmer* (Bowie, Md., 1997), 352.

¹⁰⁵ John F. Wade household, 1850 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 90, #1075/1225.

¹⁰⁶ “Jeanett” Wade household, 1860 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, pp. 197–98, #555/592.

¹⁰⁷ *Hallowell VRs*, 6:43.

¹⁰⁸ Inscription online at <http://dunhamwilcox.net/ct/new_higganum_cem_haddam.htm>.

ELISHA WHITE RUNNELS,¹⁰⁹ b. 1 May 1825, son of John and Philura (Robbins) Runnels.¹¹⁰ Elisha White Runnels “sailed on the ship *Hungarian*, from Bath, 1856, and was probably lost with that vessel the same year, aged 31. [Cordelia] has since m. again, and moved to Connecticut.”¹¹¹ Cordelia and Elisha had four children b. 1848–1855.¹¹² Cordelia m. (2) March 1870, LEWIS BAILEY,¹¹³ b. Conn., Jan. 1827,¹¹⁴ d. 16 Nov. 1901, aged 73 years, and bur. with Cordelia in New Higganum Cemetery, Haddam, Conn.¹¹⁵ Lewis’s gravestone contains a Civil War marker saying he served in Co. I, 21st Regt. of Conn. Volunteers. Cordelia and Lewis Bailey were living in Haddam, Conn., in 1870 and 1880, where he was described as a “shoemaker” and “works in shoe shop.”¹¹⁶ In the latter year, Cordelia’s mother, Margaret Smith, was living with them.

- v JESSEE C. SMITH, b. Augusta, 16 July 1831. He was living in his mother’s household in 1850, but has not been located after that date.
- vi FRANCIS O. J. SMITH, b. Augusta, April 1833. He was living in his mother’s household in Hallowell in 1850, but has not been located after that date. He was undoubtedly named for Francis Ormand Jonathan Smith, representative from Maine to the U.S. House of Representatives from 1833 to 1839.
- vii SARAH L. SMITH, b. Augusta, April 1836. She was living in her mother’s household in Hallowell in 1850 and 1860, but has not been located after the latter date.
- viii HENRY H. SMITH, b. Augusta, Jan. 1840, d. between 1885 (birth of last child) and 1900 (wife a widow in the census); m. Augusta, 25 Dec. 1872, GRACE W. A. YOUNG of West Waterville, Maine,¹¹⁷ b. Feb. 1849,¹¹⁸ daughter of George Jr. and Ann F. (Rich) Young of Thorndike and Waterville, Maine.¹¹⁹ Grace was living in

¹⁰⁹ *Hallowell VRs*, 5:65.

¹¹⁰ Moses Thurston Runnels, *A Genealogy of the Runnels and Reynolds Families in America* (Boston, 1873), 79–80 (hereafter cited as Runnels, *Runnels Families*).

¹¹¹ Runnels, *Runnels Families*, 108.

¹¹² Runnels, *Runnels Families*, 108.

¹¹³ Lewis Bailey household, 1870 U.S. Census, Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., p. 182, #298/304. In their entry, March is noted in the column “married with the year.”

¹¹⁴ Lewis Bailey household, 1900 U.S. Census, Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., E.D. 276, p. 1A, #1/1.

¹¹⁵ Inscription online at <http://dunhamwilcox.net/ct/new_higganum_cem_haddam.htm>.

¹¹⁶ Lewis Bailey household, 1870 U.S. Census, Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., p. 168, #25/28; Lewis N. Bailey household, 1880 U.S. Census, Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., E.D. 72, p. 200B, #206/233.

¹¹⁷ *Augusta VRs*, 2:127.

¹¹⁸ Henry H. Smith household, 1880 U.S. Census, West Waterville, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 111, p. 526D, #184/200.

¹¹⁹ Grace W. A. Young, aged 2, included in George Young Jr. household, 1850 U.S. Census, Thorndike, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 4, #45/50; Grace W. A. Young, aged 12, included in George Young household, 1860 U.S. Census, Waterville, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 766, #360/386. Interestingly, in this latter census return George Young’s occupation was listed as “ax polisher,” the same occupation given for his son-in-law, Henry H. Smith, in 1880. The marriage of George Young of Unity and Ann F. Rich of Thorndike on 14 Oct. 1844 is documented in Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Thorndike, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Rockport, Maine, 1998), 78.

Unity, Maine, in 1910, aged 61 years, as a servant in a private household.¹²⁰ In 1870 Henry resided with his mother in Haddam, Conn.¹²¹ Henry H. Smith, aged 38, “ax polisher,” and Grace A., aged 31, were enumerated in West Waterville, Maine, in 1880 with children Ella V., 6, William Alfred, 4, Rose Aurilla, 3, Margaret A., 1. In 1900 Grace A. Smith, aged 51, widow, was living in Oakland, Maine, with three children, the mother of nine children, five of whom were still living.¹²²

- ix ELLA V. SMITH, b. Hallowell, March 1844, living Middletown, Conn., in 1920, aged 75 years;¹²³ m. say 1873 (oldest child 6 years old in 1880), CHARLES S. RICH, b. Conn., ca. 1838, sailor.¹²⁴ He d. by 1900 when Ella was called a widow on the census return.¹²⁵ She was living in her mother’s household in 1850 and 1860. In the period 1880–1920 she was enumerated in census returns in Middletown, the same town where her brother William had settled by 1860.

4 ANN[A]⁷ SMITH (*Roland*⁶, *Nathaniel*⁵⁻⁴, *John*³, *Henry*²⁻¹) was born at Hallowell on 11 February 1799.¹²⁶ She died at Augusta on 31 May 1856, aged 57 years.¹²⁷ She married at Augusta on 16 December 1830, WILLIAM CLARK JR.¹²⁸ William’s parentage is unknown, but census records suggest he was born about 1802–3,¹²⁹ although he was listed as age 90 on 12 March 1890 when he died of “old age.”¹³⁰ He and Ann are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Augusta, beside her parents and three of their children.¹³¹ She was called Ann in all records found for her.

¹²⁰ Edwin T. Reynolds household, 1910 U.S. Census, Unity, Waldo Co., Maine, E.D. 266, p. 1A, #10/10.

¹²¹ Margaret Smith household, 1870 U.S. Census, Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., p. 168, #25/28.

¹²² Henry H. Smith household, 1880 U.S. Census, West Waterville, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 111, p. 526D, #184/200.

¹²³ She listed as “mother” in the Frank Rich household, 1920 U.S. Census, Middletown, Middlesex Co., Conn., E.D. 220, p. 5A, #40/108.

¹²⁴ Charles S. Rich household, 1880 U.S. Census, Middletown, Middlesex Co., Conn., E.D. 64, p. 34C, #59/66.

¹²⁵ Ella Rich household, 1900 U.S. Census, Middletown, Middlesex Co., Conn., E.D. 280, p. 8A, #110/143.

¹²⁶ *Martha Ballard Diary*, 471, entry of 11 Feb. 1799: “Birth Roland Smiths Dagt. . . . I was at mr Smiths till Evn when I was Calld to Capt Littlefields. . . . was Calld from there to mrs Smith again, and Shee was Safe Deld at 10h of her first Dagt and 3^d Child and is Cleverly.”

¹²⁷ *Augusta VRs*, 2:262.

¹²⁸ *Augusta VRs*, 1:251.

¹²⁹ He was aged 47 in William Clark 3d household, 1850 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 80, #936/1073; aged 54 in William Clark household, 1860 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 251, #950/1025; aged 67 in Adison S. Clark household, 1870 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 38, #310/334; and aged 78 in Henry Clark household, 1880 U.S. Census, Augusta Ward 7, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 85, p. 106A, #449/503.

¹³⁰ *Daily Kennebec Journal*, Augusta, Maine, 14 March 1890: “Wm Clark, Esq., a resident of the North Parish, died Wednesday morning at the residence of his son of old age, aged ninety years. . . . He had three sons who enlisted in the war of the rebellion, one being killed at Anderson, one at Baton Rouge, and the third is now an inmate of the National Home.”

¹³¹ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 544.

On 16 July 1828, “Ann Smith, single woman,” bought one hundred acres of land on lot 50 in Augusta from her brother Clark Smith for \$50.¹³² Her future husband, William Clark, had either purchased or was in possession of land located on the south part of lot 48 in 1826.¹³³ Two years later, on 9 January 1830, signing his name as “William Clark 3rd,” John Eveleth and John H. Hartwell held a mortgage for William in the amount of \$225 for land located on lot 50; Clark Smith and Daniel Williams were witnesses to the deed. The mortgage was discharged on 1 November 1836.¹³⁴ As “William Clark Jr.,” on 3 April 1837, he purchased a tract of land from Clark and Rachel Smith located on lot 47 at the southwest corner of land belonging to Benion Ingraham for \$125.¹³⁵ Ann transferred the land that her mother conveyed to her by deed dated 4 September 1850 to her children Anson, Henry, and Isaac, as each one owned “one undivided sixth part of Lot 48 in the first range of Lots east of the Kennebec River in Augusta.”¹³⁶ It is not known what became of the remaining land.

William entered into numerous land transactions after the death of his wife. The last deed reviewed was dated 9 May 1883, when he transferred to his son Anson, “for a valuable consideration, land situated in said Augusta on the East side of Bangor road, bounded on the West by said Bangor road; on the North by land of Jeremiah T. Sibley; on the East by land of Gideon Hallowell; and on the South by land of Henry Brann. . . . Also, all my interest in the following described parcel of land situated on the West side of the Bangor road in said Augusta, bounded on the East by said road; on the North by land of Augustus C. Smith; West by Kennebec River; on the South by land of Henry Brann. My interest in the last lot or parcel being one third undivided fee simple; one third undivided life interest, excepting the Railroad, which crosses the same.” A bond to the land transfer was given the same day by Anson in the amount of \$600, with the stipulation that “Anson S. Clark, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators shall well truly and faithfully maintain and support the said Wm Clark during the remainder of his the sd Wm’s natural life at sd Wm’s old homestead place in sd Augusta according to tenor of a certain Bond given by sd Anson S. Clark to sd Wm Clark of this date.”¹³⁷ William lived another seven years at his old homestead.

¹³² Kennebec Co. Deeds, 62:543–44.

¹³³ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 59: 254–55.

¹³⁴ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 68:6, 100:388–89.

¹³⁵ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 109:59.

¹³⁶ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 361:459, in which Anson Clark mortgaged the land he had inherited from his mother to Eugene S Fogg for \$20 on 27 Jan. 1887; 266:556, in which Henry Clark sold his one undivided sixth part to his sister Delia for \$50 on 25 Nov. 1869; 214:51–52, in which Isaac Clark mortgaged his one undivided sixth part to Nancy Smith on 28 Jan. 1858 and subsequently repaid the mortgage.

¹³⁷ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 344:186, 342:299.

Children of William and Ann⁷ (Smith) Clark, all b. Augusta.

- i ISAAC⁸ CLARK, b. ca. 1832, d. Augusta, 1 May 1899, aged 67, from “apoplexy”,¹³⁸ m. Bangor, Maine, 10 March 1855, NANCY W. LYNN,¹³⁹ born Windsor, Maine, ca. July 1828, daughter of Joseph and Ester (Fletcher) Lynn, d. 8 Sept. 1906, aged 78 years, 2 months, from “Cholera Morbus.”¹⁴⁰ They are buried in the Riverside Cemetery, Augusta, next to their son Fred E Clark (1856–1879) and Julia A. Lynn, (1825–1909).¹⁴¹ The 1880 census records Isaac’s occupation of carpenter.¹⁴²
- ii ANSON S. CLARK, b. ca. 1835, d. Augusta, 2 March 1895, from “disease of the heart,” aged 60,¹⁴³ m. Augusta, 5 Dec. 1865, ANNIE M. SIMPSON,¹⁴⁴ b. Brunswick, Maine,¹⁴⁵ [calc.] July 1846, d. Augusta, 20 Nov. 1884, aged 38 years, 4 months, due to consumption.¹⁴⁶ They are buried in Riverside Cemetery in the family plot next to Anson’s parents, his brother Henry, sister Delia, and son Stanley.¹⁴⁷ Anson and Annie were the parents of four children born 1866–79. The youngest child was aged five when her mother died.¹⁴⁸ Anson, like his father, transferred the ownership of his land on 21 Nov. 1894 to his son-in-law Chester H. Smith, husband of his daughter Ellen/Nellie L. (Clark) Stevens. He deeded for \$300.00 “all my right, title and interest in the parcel of land situated in said Augusta on the West side of River road, so called, and bounded on the East by said River road; South by land of Henry H. Bryant; West by Kennebec river, and North by land of Charles Smith, containing 25 acres, more or less, signed Anson Clark, single man.”¹⁴⁹ Chester, in return, submitted a bond of \$600 stating, “I, the said Chester H. Stevens, shall well truly and faithfully maintain and support the said Anson S. Clark at his said Stevens home in Augusta during the remaining years of said Clark’s life according to said

¹³⁸ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 544: Isaac Clark 1832–1899; Maine Vital Records, Augusta (hereafter cited as Maine VRs), deaths 1899: Isaac Clark d. of apoplexy, 1 May 1899.

¹³⁹ Ruth Gray, ed., *Marriage Returns of Penobscot County, Maine, Prior to 1892*, 2 vols. (Camden, Maine, 1994), 1:187.

¹⁴⁰ Maine VRs, deaths 1906, which provides her place of birth and the names of her parents.

¹⁴¹ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 544.

¹⁴² Isaac Clark household, 1880 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 85, p. 90A, #142/178. The household included three other sons, Franklin I., 20, Elmer E., 17, and Edward E., 15.

¹⁴³ Maine VRs, deaths, 1895, death record of Anson S Clark, b. Augusta, d. Augusta, 2 March 1895, aged 60 years, farmer, cause of death “disease of the heart,” father William Clark, farmer, birthplace unknown, mother Ann Smith, born Augusta; *Daily Kennebec Journal*, Augusta, Maine, 4 March 1895: “Anson S. Clark died in his house North Parish Sunday morning, aged 62. Three daughters survive him, he was for many years a trusted employee of the Augusta Lumber Company. The funeral will be today at 1:30 P.M. from the residence.”

¹⁴⁴ *Augusta VRs*, 1:247, 2:121.

¹⁴⁵ Death record of Anson and Annie’s daughter, Nellie Louise (Clark) Stevens, “birthplace of mother, Brunswick, Maine.”

¹⁴⁶ *Augusta VRs*, 2:262; *Daily Kennebec Journal*, Augusta, Maine, 21 Nov. 1884: “Died in Augusta, November 20, Mrs Annie M Clark, age 38, consumption.”

¹⁴⁷ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 544.

¹⁴⁸ Adison S. Clark household, 1870 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co. Maine, p. 38, #310/334; Anson S. Clark household, 1880 U.S. Census, Vassalboro, Kennebec Co. Maine, E.D. 105, p. 426B, #312/327.

¹⁴⁹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 401:256.

Clark's degree and station in life." He agreed to "provide good and suitable food, drink, clothing, and in case of sickness, good and suitable medicine, medical attendance, nurse, and nursing during said Clark's natural life, and shall at all times be kind and respectful to him, said Clark. In fact, to do all things necessary for said Clark's comfortable support and maintenance. The said Clark, when he shall and feels to work on the place, to do so without cost or expense to him said Stevens." Chester H. and Nellie L. Stevens made their seal.¹⁵⁰ Anson died three months later.

- iii THEODORE CLARK, b. ca. 1836, d. 31 Oct. 1864, aged 26 years. Theodore was recruited on 19 Feb. 1864 as a private, serving in Company G, 1st Regiment, Maine Cavalry, for 3 years. His war records describe him as "sandy complexion, blue eyes, light hair, 5 feet 7 inches tall, and a former lumberman." He was captured 4 months later at Reams Station, Va., on 26 June 1864, and transferred to Andersonville Prison, Georgia, where he died as a result of "Scorbutus" (scurvy).¹⁵¹
- iv HENRY CLARK, b. ca. 1837, d. Augusta, 4 Oct. 1894, aged 57 years, and bur. in the family plot in Riverside Cemetery, Augusta;¹⁵² m. Carmel, Maine, 23 Dec. 1879, CHRISTA ANNA CHAMBERLAIN,¹⁵³ b. ca. 1845, daughter of Samuel and Prudence (—) Chamberlain of Augusta.¹⁵⁴ She was living in 1882, but d. before 1886, her place of burial unknown.¹⁵⁵ Henry enlisted in the Civil War on 22 Sept. 1861, serving in Company C, 9th Regiment, Infantry. His records described him as a river driver, aged 24, 5 feet 9 inches tall, dark complexion, hazel eyes, and dark hair. While in the second battle on 18 July 1863 at Fort Wagner, S.C., Henry was wounded in the left foot, resulting in the amputation of the fourth and fifth toes. He was discharged on 29 Dec. 1863, receiving \$4 pension monthly. Henry was a resident of Togus House for Soldiers, Chelsea, Maine, several times after his discharge.¹⁵⁶ On 7 March 1882 he mortgaged 25 acres located on the east side of the Kennebec river by the Bangor Road to Josiah Brown of Vassalboro for \$100 with interest of 7% per annum The first payment of \$50 was due in six months. He apparently did not make the payment as notice to foreclose was filed 28 June 1883. His lands were attached and on

¹⁵⁰ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 404:288; 405:338–39.

¹⁵¹ Theodore Clark's Civil War papers, NARA M543, roll 4. The stone dedicated to Theodore in Riverside Cemetery states that he died in 1863.

¹⁵² *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 545.

¹⁵³ Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Carmel, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 2003), 91.

¹⁵⁴ "Christian" Chamberlain aged 5 in Samuel and Prudence Chamberlain household, 1850 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 97, #1172/1324; "Christie" A. Chamberlain aged 15 in Samuel and Prudence Chamberlain household, 1860 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 253, #970/1045; Henry Clark household, 1880 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co. Maine, E.D. 85, p. 106A, #449/503, Henry Clark, age 41, farmer; Anna C. Clark, age 35, wife; Fred A. Hoyt, age 11, wife's son; Wm Clark, age 78, father, enumerated next door to Samuel and Prudence Chamberlain household at #450/503. Christa Anna had evidently m. (1) Joseph Hoyt with whom she had a son Fred A. Hoyt who was living with her in 1880; in the 1870 U.S. Census, Joseph and Anna Hoyt were enumerated with Fredrick Hoyt, age 2, and Mary Hoyt, age 9, in Burrillville, Providence Co., R.I., pp. 45–46, #617/734.

¹⁵⁵ U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Togus, Maine, 1866–1938, online database at <www.ancestry.com>, #5674: 1886, Henry Clark, wife Mrs. Christa Ann Clark, dead.

¹⁵⁶ Henry Clark's Civil War Records, NARA M543, roll 4; Declaration for Invalid Pension #26624, in which Henry agreed to pay his attorneys a fee of \$10 for prosecution of his claim.

1 May 1890, while a resident of Togus, he signed the property over to Josiah Brown.¹⁵⁷ His medical records dated 27 Aug. 1891 state that Henry had consumption for the past eleven years and was in the final stages of the disease.

- v DELIA A. CLARK, b. [calc.] 1 May 1842, d. Augusta, 30 March 1917, aged 74 years, 10 months, 29 days. At the time of her death, she was living at 19 Gannett Street, Augusta. She died as a result of “sclerotic condition cerebral arteries.”¹⁵⁸ Delia never married and is buried in the family plot in Riverside Cemetery, Augusta.¹⁵⁹ In 1800 she was working as a nurse in the Bangor Children’s home.¹⁶⁰ In 1910 she was listed as “aunt” while living in the household of Frank I. Clark in Augusta, son of her brother Isaac Clark.¹⁶¹
- vi ROWLAND S. CLARK, b. [calc.] June 1844, d. Baton Rouge, La., 27 Feb. 1863, aged 18 years, 9 months. His untimely death was a result of typhoid fever. Rowland enlisted in the Civil War as a private in Company E, 21st Regiment, Maine Infantry, for a period of 9 months. He d. at the regional hospital there as a result of the disease.¹⁶² There are two stones located in the family plot in Riverside Cemetery, dedicated to the memory of Rowland and his brother Theodore.¹⁶³

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¹⁵⁷ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 337:41 (Mortgage); 340:43–45 (Court); 380:135 (Deed).

¹⁵⁸ Death Record of Delia A. Clark, Maine VRs, deaths 1917.

¹⁵⁹ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 545.

¹⁶⁰ 1880 U.S. Census, Bangor, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 28, p. 188A, #250/281.

¹⁶¹ Frank I. Clark household, 1910 U.S. Census, Augusta Ward 7, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 93, sheet 14B, #220/245.

¹⁶² Rowland Smith’s Civil War papers, NARA M543, roll 4; Rowland’s Casualty Sheet, Register of Deceased Soldiers, 1:1803.

¹⁶³ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 545.

HATHERLY FOSTER THROUGH FOUR GENERATIONS

By Glenn D. Nasman

Hatherly Foster is a name that has been found in Maine for at least four generations in the family of Joseph Foster, who moved his family from Scituate, Massachusetts, to Topsham, Maine, shortly after 1760. Joseph Foster was the great grandson of the immigrant Edward Foster, who came to the Plymouth Colony by 1632 and settled in Scituate. Edward soon married Lettice Hanford, daughter of Jeffrey and Elgin (Hatherly) (Downe) Hanford, on 8 April 1635 in Scituate, Capt. Miles Standish officiating. Lettice Hanford's uncle, Timothy Hatherly, had first arrived in Plymouth on the *Ann* in June 1623, but had to return to England in 1625 after his house was destroyed by fire. When the Plymouth Colony's financial affairs were reorganized in 1627, he became one of the four London Associates. He made annual trips to Plymouth in 1631, 1632, 1633 and 1634, until he settled permanently in Scituate in 1634.¹ He became a large property owner and was considered the guardian and patron of Scituate.² He was Plymouth Colony Assistant for thirteen years, treasurer of the colony in 1640, and commissioner of the United Colonies in 1646 and 1651, dying in 1666.³ The Foster family was proud of its relationship to Timothy Hatherly and Timothy² Foster named a son Hatherly (Joseph's father) and Joseph⁴ named a son Hatherly. Based on Foster family history, it is easy to understand why the name *Hatherly* has been used in the family for generations.

There were at least four and maybe even more Hatherly Fosters living in Maine from about 1761 to at least 1891, a period of 130 years:

1. Hatherly⁵ Foster (1737–1788) of Topsham and Bath, son of Joseph⁴.
2. Hatherly⁶ Foster (1767–1802) of Bath and Ducktrap (Lincolntonville), son of Hatherly⁵.
3. Hatherly⁷ Foster (1807–unknown) of Bowdoin, son of Benjamin⁶.
4. Hatherly⁸ Foster (1838–1901) of Cape Elizabeth and Portland, son of George⁷.

But “Hatherly” Foster is only found once in the U.S. censuses for Maine in all those years.⁴ There is a similar problem for the Hatherly Fosters of Massachusetts, where a Hatherly Foster born in 1845 is included only on the 1850, 1880, and 1910 Massachusetts censuses and another Hatherly Foster born in 1885 is found only on the 1930 Massachusetts census. The most likely reason the Hatherly Foster name is

¹ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Pilgrim Migration* (Boston, 2004) (hereafter cited as Anderson, *The Pilgrim Migration*). The biographical sketch on Edward Foster is at 212–14, while the biographical sketch on Timothy Hatherly is at 234–40.

² “Marriages and Deaths,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 11(1857):185. The *Hatherly* name is memorialized in the Town of Scituate, where the main shore road is called Hatherly Road, the first beach north of Scituate Harbor is called Hatherly Beach, and one of the schools is named Hatherly Elementary School.

³ Anderson, *The Pilgrim Migration*, 235.

⁴ Hatherly Foster household, 1800 U.S. Census, Ducktrap, Hancock Co., Maine, p.153.

found so infrequently is because the census takers misspelled the name. However, in one case I discovered that the census taker had spelled Hatherly correctly, but the person who prepared the index transcribed it as “Matherly” [*sic*].⁵ The misspelling of Hatherly occurs in other places besides the census. In the Topsham vital records, most spellings are correct, but it is also spelled “Hetherly”⁶ and “Hathery”;⁷ while in the Bowdoin vital records, it is spelled “Hetherley,” and in the Georgetown vital records, it is spelled “Heatherly.”⁸ Wheeler and Wheeler in their *History of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell* spell it “Hatherby.”⁹ Even in the thoroughly researched biographical sketches included in “*The Pilgrim Migration*,” the spelling of the surname is inconsistent. In the sketch on Timothy Hatherly, the surname is spelled “Hatherly,” but in the sketch on Edward Foster, it is spelled “Hatherley.”¹⁰

The great thing about a unique name is that when you come across it, you know it is of interest. For example, I had thought for years that Hatherly⁵ Foster had lived his entire adult life in Topsham, Maine. The Topsham vital records include his two marriages, the births of seven children, and the date of his death. I had no reason to think he might have lived in a town other than Topsham or that he had additional children. However, when searching the published Lincoln County probate records, I came across five cases that greatly expanded my knowledge of this family:¹¹

William Swanton and David Trufant, both of Georgetown, sureties. Inventory by Isaiah Crooker, **Hatherly Foster** and Joshua Philbrook, all of Bath, 7 Mar., 1782. [II, 185.]

John McFarland and Samuel Beal, both of Bath, sureties. Inventory by Henry Sewall, **Hatherly Foster** and Joseph Lambard, all of Bath, 16 Jan., 1784, £464: 17: 4. [II, 210.]

John Springer, residing at a place called Frenchman’s Bay, and George Andrew, of Bath, sureties. Inventory by **Hatherly Foster**, Isaiah Crooker and James Owen, 23 Ap., 1783. [III, 38.]

Hatherly Foster, late of Bath. Mary Foster, of Bath, widow, Adm’x, 28 July, 1788; Dummer Sewall and Edward Hall Page both of Bath, sureties. [III, 164.]

Hatherly Foster, late of Bath. **Hatherly Foster**, of Bath, Adm’r, 15 Mar., 1792. [V, 23.] Consider Turner and Caleb Marsh, both of Bath, sureties. Inventory by Joshua Philbrook,

⁵ George Foster household, 1850 U.S. Census, Topsham, Lincoln Co., Maine, p.358, #240/256.

⁶ Mary Pelham Hill, ed., *Vital Records of Topsham, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (Maine Historical Society, 1929), 1:68 (hereafter cited as *Topsham VRs*).

⁷ *Topsham VRs*, 2:320.

⁸ Rachel Townsend Cox, ed., *Vital Records of Bowdoin, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 3 vols. (Maine Historical Society, 1944–45), 1:91 (hereafter cited as *Bowdoin VRs*); Mary Pelham Hill, ed., *Vital Records of Georgetown, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 3 vols. (Maine Historical Society, 1941), 2:42 (hereafter cited as *Georgetown VRs*).

⁹ George Augustus Wheeler and Henry Warren Wheeler, *History of Brunswick, Topsham and Harpswell Maine* (Boston, 1878), 848 (hereafter cited as Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*).

¹⁰ Anderson, *The Pilgrim Migration*, 214, 235.

¹¹ William D. Patterson, ed. *The Probate Records of Lincoln County, Maine, 1760 to 1800* (Portland, 1895), 64, 124, 140, 164, 220–21 (hereafter cited as Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*).

Ephraim Fitts and Joseph Lambard, all of Bath, 2 June, 1792, £190:19:0. [V, 94.] John, minor son, and Martha, minor daughter, chose Dummer Sewall, of Bath, to be their guardian, 26 May, 1797. [VII, 55.] Dummer Sewall, guardian unto Benjamin, Alexander and Thomas, minor sons, 26 May, 1797. [VII, 55–56.] Yearly value of real estate appraised at \$42 by Joshua Philbrook, Christopher Cushing and Laban Loring, all of Bath, 8 Sep., 1797. [VII, 157.] Account filed 19 Sep., 1797. [VII, 157.] Division of personal estate among Charles, **Hatherly**, William, John, Benjamin, Martha, Alexander and Thomas, 19 Sep., 1797. [VII, 211–212.] Division of real estate among same by Joshua Philbrook, Christopher Cushing and Joseph Sewall, all of Bath, 19 Ap., 1798. [VII, 70.] Account of Dummer Sewall, guardian of Alexander, filed 24 Aug., 1804. [Unrecorded.]

From these records we see that Hatherly⁵ Foster was living in Bath as early as 1782, that his widow, Mary, was administratrix of his estate in July 1788, and that this responsibility was reassigned to Hatherly⁶ Foster of Bath in March 1792. We also find that Hatherly and Mary had two additional children, Alexander and Thomas, who are not recorded in the Topsham records. In addition we discover that Mary Foster must have died prior to 26 May 1797, as her minor children—Martha, John, Benjamin, Alexander, and Thomas—were placed under the guardianship of Dummer Sewall on that date. Finally, we can confirm the names of all Hatherly's living children at the division of his estate in September 1797 and April 1798.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **JOSEPH⁴ FOSTER** (*Hatherly³, Timothy², Edward¹*)¹² was born at Scituate, Massachusetts, on 8 August 1702, the son of Hatherly³ and Bathshua (Turner) Foster.¹³ He died at Topsham, Maine, on 6 August 1772.¹⁴ He married at the First Parish Church in Scituate, on 11 January 1727, ABIGAIL STEEL.¹⁵ Abigail, the daughter of John and Abigail (Lobdell) Steel, was born about 1708, probably at Hull, Massachusetts,¹⁶ and died on 14 February 1792, aged 84.¹⁷ Joseph and Abigail removed to Topsham about 1761.¹⁸

¹² The line from Edward Foster, the immigrant, to Joseph is included in Frederick Clifton Pierce, *Foster Genealogy* (Chicago, 1899), 920–27 (hereafter cited as Pierce, *Foster Genealogy*).

¹³ *Vital Records of Scituate, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1909), 1:156 (hereafter cited as *Scituate VRs*); his parents' marriage on 1 Dec. 1698 in *Scituate VRs.*, 2:123.

¹⁴ Joseph is "Father" in *Topsham VRs*, 2:320.

¹⁵ *Scituate VRs*, 2:124.

¹⁶ The births of Abigail's two older brothers in Hull, Mass. (John Steel on 20 March 1697 and James Steel on 25 June 1702) are included in Thomas W. Baldwin, comp., *Vital Records of Hull, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1911), 35.

¹⁷ Abigail is "Mother Foster" in *Topsham VRs*, 2:320. She was living in Bath with the widow of her son Hatherly at the time of her death.

¹⁸ The exact year that the Joseph Foster family moved to Topsham is unknown, but they may have moved at the same time as their daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Ezra Randall, who bought land in Topsham in 1761. See note 26. However, they may not have moved until after the marriage in Scituate in 1763 of their daughter Abigail to Elisha Turner.

Children of Joseph⁴ and Abigail (Steel) Foster, all b. Scituate:

- i MARGARET⁵ FOSTER, b. 20 May 1734,¹⁹ d. Topsham, 26 Jan. 1792, aged 57 years, 8 months;²⁰ m. 2nd Church of Scituate, 14 Nov. 1751, EZRA RANDALL,²¹ b. Scituate, 9 April 1729, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Oakman) Randall of Scituate,²² d. Bowdoinham, about 1818, aged 88 years.²³ Ezra was a shipwright who was in Topsham by 15 Oct. 1761 when he bought Lot 18 on the town plan from Jacob Eaton. The following year on 7 May 1762, he bought Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16 from Michael Malcolm. He sold Lots 13 and 14 to his brother Paul a week later on 14 May 1762, and on 4 June 1766, he sold fifty acres to his brother William.²⁴ He was still in Topsham in 1790 when he headed a household with two males 16 or over, one male under 16, and three females.²⁵ He later removed to Bowdoinham where he died.
- Children of Ezra and Margaret (Foster) Randall:²⁶ 1. *Joseph Randall*, b. Scituate, 23 March 1755, d. Bowdoin, 7 Aug. 1818, aged 63 years;²⁷ m. (int.) Topsham, 6 April 1778, Martha Reed,²⁸ daughter of John and Susanna (Stanwood) Reed of Topsham.²⁹ 2. *Abigail Randall*, b. Scituate, 13 Dec. 1756; m. (1) 22 Jan. 1778, John Mustard, who d. 21 Feb. 1779, aged 25 years,³⁰ m. (2) (int.) Topsham, 29 April 1783, Alexander Potter of Potterstown.³¹ 3. *Ezra Randall*, b. Scituate, 30 Nov. 1758, d. young before his brother Ezra was born. 4. *Benjamin Randall*, b. 13 Oct. 1760, d. Nov. 1783, lost at sea a day or two after his marriage;³² m. (int.) Topsham, 8 Nov. 1783, Charity Reed, daughter of John and Susanna (Stanwood) Reed of Topsham.³³ 5. *Margaret Randall*, b. Topsham, 6 Aug. 1762, d. 17 Jan. 1836, aged 73 years;³⁴ m. 30 May 1782, Robert Hunter.³⁵ 6. *Ezra Randall*, b. Topsham,

¹⁹ *Scituate VRs*, 1:156; *Topsham VRs*, 1:69.

²⁰ *Topsham VRs*, 2:369.

²¹ *Scituate VRs*, 2:124; 2:244.

²² *Scituate VRs*, 1:306; his parents' marriage on 17 May 1722 in *Scituate VRs*, 2:244. *Topsham VRs*, 1:152, has an incorrect birth year of 1722, instead of 1729.

²³ *Topsham VRs*, 2:369; Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 849.

²⁴ Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 848–49.

²⁵ *Heads of Families of the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* (Washington, D.C., 1908), 46, col. c (hereafter cited as *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*).

²⁶ The births of the three oldest children are included in *Scituate VRs*, 1:305–7. The births of all of the children, except the first Ezra who d. young, are included in *Topsham VRs*, 1:152–53, although the birth dates of Joseph, Abigail and Benjamin were taken from the Randall Family Bible rather than town records. This undoubtedly means that the Randalls moved from Scituate to Topsham sometime between the births of the first Ezra in 1758 and Margaret in 1762; probably in 1761 when Ezra bought land in Topsham. The location of Benjamin's birth in 1760 is unknown.

²⁷ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:105.

²⁸ *Topsham VRs*, 2:214.

²⁹ Glenn D. Nasman, "The John Reed Family of Topsham, Maine" *The Maine Genealogist* 32 (2010):51–64, at 58 (hereafter cited as Nasman, "John Reed Family").

³⁰ *Topsham VRs*, 2:214 (marriage), 354 (death of John).

³¹ *Topsham VRs*, 2:212.

³² *Topsham VRs*, 2:369.

³³ *Topsham VRs*, 2:212 (marriage); Nasman, "John Reed Family," 62 (wife's parents).

³⁴ *Topsham VRs*, 2:340.

³⁵ *Topsham VRs*, 2:213.

- 28 Aug. 1764; m. (int.) Topsham, 17 Sept. 1785, Mary Whitten of Topsham.³⁶ 7. *Hatherly Randall*, b. Topsham, 26 Aug. 1766; m. (int.) Bowdoinham, 16 June 1792, Elizabeth (Stinson) Mustard of Bowdoinham, widow of David Mustard.³⁷ 8. *John Randall*, b. Topsham, 24 Feb. 1769; m. 1 March 1792, Sarah Hewey of Topsham.³⁸ 9. *Isaiah Randall*, b. Topsham, 4 Nov. 1772, possibly the Randall with given name ending in “iah” who d. 6 July 1785.³⁹ 10. *Isaac Randall*, b. Topsham, 1 June 1776, d. 27 May 1852, aged 76 years,⁴⁰ m. prior to 26 May 1811 (birth date of oldest son Otis), Thankful —, who d. 22 March 1834, aged 53 years.⁴¹ 11. *Elizabeth Randall*, b. Topsham, 28 Nov. 1779; m. (int.) Topsham, 30 Sept. 1796, David Reed.⁴²
- ii Unnamed child, b. 16 Oct. 1735,⁴³ d. 16 Oct. 1735, aged 3 hours.⁴⁴
- 2 iii **HATHERLY FOSTER**, b. 21 April 1737,⁴⁵ m. (1) MARTHA —, m. (2) MARY POTTER.
- iv ABIGAIL FOSTER, b. 2 Feb. 1738,⁴⁶ d. Scituate, 13 April 1764 after only 3½ months of marriage, aged 25;⁴⁷ m. Scituate, 29 Dec. 1763, Capt. ELISHA TURNER,⁴⁸ b. Scituate, 24 Feb. 1729, son of Benjamin Jr. and Mercy (Turner) Turner.⁴⁹ No children. Elisha m. (2) Scituate, 18 Sept. 1766, Prudence James.⁵⁰
- v ELIZABETH/BETTY FOSTER, b. 19 May 1741.⁵¹ No further record found, but possibly the “Batte” Foster who d. Topsham, 29 Oct. 1774.⁵²
- vi JOSEPH FOSTER, b. 27 Feb. 1742,⁵³ d. 29 July 1816 in his 75th year;⁵⁴ m. Topsham, 25 Jan. 1770, JANE REED,⁵⁵ b. say 1750 (if married at age 20), daughter of John and Susanna (Stanwood) Reed of Topsham.⁵⁶ Joseph Foster was elected in March

³⁶ *Topsham VRs*, 2:213.

³⁷ Original Records of Maine Town and Cities, *Town of Bowdoinham* (Picton Press CD, 2005), CD#1, images 123, 274 (hereafter cited as *Bowdoinham VRs*). Elizabeth m. (1) Topsham, 28 July 1786, David Mustard (*Topsham VRs*, 2:248).

³⁸ *Topsham VRs*, 2:213.

³⁹ *Topsham VRs*, 2:369.

⁴⁰ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:105.

⁴¹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:164 (birth of son Otis), 2:105 (death of Thankful).

⁴² *Topsham VRs*, 2:212.

⁴³ *Topsham VRs*, 1:69.

⁴⁴ *Topsham VRs*, 2:321.

⁴⁵ *Scituate VRs*, 1:155; *Topsham VRs*, 1:68, taken from Foster Family Bible, states date of birth was 1 April 1737.

⁴⁶ *Scituate VRs*, 1:154.

⁴⁷ *Scituate VRs*, 2:455 reads: “TURNER, Abigail, w. Capt. Elisha, d. Capt. Joseph Foster.”

⁴⁸ *Scituate VRs*, 2:123, 301.

⁴⁹ *Scituate VRs*, 1:372; his parents’ marriage on 11 Sept. 1722 in *Scituate VRs*, 2:300.

⁵⁰ *Scituate VRs*, 2:301. Elisha had 10 children with Prudence.

⁵¹ *Scituate VRs*, 1:154; *Topsham VRs*, 1:68.

⁵² *Scituate VRs*, 1:156; *Topsham VRs*, 1:68.

⁵³ *Topsham VRs*, 2:319.

⁵⁴ *Topsham VRs*, 2:320.

⁵⁵ *Topsham VRs*, 2:98.

⁵⁶ Nasman, “John Reed Family,” 57. Jane Reed’s father, John Reed, and her brother, David Reed, both included “Jane, wife of Joseph Foster,” as a beneficiary in their wills (Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*, 258, 261).

1777 at the Topsham town meeting as a member of the Committee of Safety, Correspondence and Inspection.⁵⁷

Identified children of Joseph and Jane (Reed) Foster:⁵⁸ 1. *Elizabeth/Betty/Betsey Foster*, b. ca. 1782, d. 12 July 1865, aged 85 years;⁵⁹ m. Topsham, 6 Dec. 1798, Samuel Springer of Bath.⁶⁰ 2. (prob.) *Jane Foster*, b. ca. 1783, d. Buxton, Maine, 5 Sept. 1861, aged 79 years; m. Topsham, 8 Aug. 1802, Hall Jackson Came.⁶¹ 3. (poss.) *Joseph Foster Jr.* of Topsham who m. Georgetown, 3 March 1811, Eleanor Connelly of Georgetown.⁶²

vii TIMOTHY FOSTER, b. 23 March 1744.⁶³ No further record found.

viii STEEL[E] FOSTER, b. 17 Dec. 1750,⁶⁴ d. of consumption, 10 Dec. 1816, aged 66 years;⁶⁵ m. Topsham, 6 Feb. 1777, MARTHA POTTER,⁶⁶ b. ca. 1748–49, d. 2 Jan. 1832, aged 83 years.⁶⁷ Steel, a shipwright of Topsham, bought 160 acres of land along the Androscoggin River from Matthew Patten in 1782.⁶⁸ In 1790 he headed a household in Topsham with one male 16 or over, four males under 16, and seven females.⁶⁹ He was first lieutenant in the Topsham militia company in 1795.⁷⁰ He was living at Pownalborough in 1800 according to the census,⁷¹ but his name is included on the voters list for Bath that same year.⁷² He was back at Topsham in 1810.⁷³

Identified children of Steel and Martha (Potter) Foster: 1. *Abigail Foster*, b. Bath, 30 Jan. 1777, d. Higginsport, Ohio, 16 Feb. 1856;⁷⁴ m. Topsham, 28 Jan. 1804,

⁵⁷ Maine Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, *Maine in War, Organization and Officers of the Society, What the Society Has Accomplished, Constitution of the Society, Roll of Members, Officers of National Society, Constitution of the National Society* (Portland, 1897) 99, online at: <www.archive.org/stream/maineinwarorgani00sonsuoft/maineinwarorgani00sonsuoft_djvu.txt>.

⁵⁸ Nasman, "John Reed Family," 57–58.

⁵⁹ William B. Jordan Jr., *Burial Records 1811–1980 of the Western Cemetery in Portland, Maine* (Bowie, Md., 1987), 126.

⁶⁰ *Topsham VRs*, 2:97. Elizabeth Springer, age 68, was living with her daughter and son-in-law in George W. Turner household, 1850 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 36, #421/611. In 1860, now aged 80, she was living in Westbrook in the Oliver E. Sillsbee household, 1860 U.S. Census, Westbrook, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 37, #300/301.

⁶¹ See Arthur Came family submitted by Elaine M. Wood in Joseph Crook Anderson II, ed., *Maine Families in 1790, Vol. 10* (Rockland, Maine, 2009), 82–86.

⁶² *Georgetown VRs*, 2:42.

⁶³ *Scituate VRs*, 1:157; *Topsham VRs*, 1:69.

⁶⁴ *Scituate VRs*, 1:157; *Topsham VRs*, 1:69.

⁶⁵ *Topsham VRs*, 2:320.

⁶⁶ "Record of Marriages by John Merrill of Topsham, 1776–1797," *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder*, (Portland, 1893), 7:169 (hereafter cited as *Record of Merrill Marriages*).

⁶⁷ *Topsham VRs*, 2:320.

⁶⁸ Walter Goodwin Davis, *Massachusetts and Maine Families in the Ancestry of Walter Goodwin Davis*, (Baltimore, 1996), 3:118, citing Lincoln Co. Deeds, 16:269.

⁶⁹ *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*, 46, col. c.

⁷⁰ Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 690.

⁷¹ Steel Foster household, 1800 U.S. Census, Pownalborough, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 80.

⁷² Henry Wilson Owen, *The Edward Clarence Plummer History of Bath Maine* (Bath, 1936), 138 (hereafter cited as Owen, *Plummer History of Bath*).

⁷³ Steel Foster household, 1810 U.S. Census, Topsham, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 306.

⁷⁴ Eben Putnam, comp., *The Holden Genealogy* (Boston, 1923), 1:300.

Maj. Daniel Holden as his 2nd wife.⁷⁵ 2. *David Foster*, b. 30 Sept. 1779, d. 24 Sept. 1867, aged 88 years;⁷⁶ m. (1) Topsham, 16 Jan. 1805, Susanna “Sukey” Haley of Topsham,⁷⁷ b. 8 Oct. 1783, daughter of Joseph and Esther (Towns) Haley, d. 3 Sept. 1845, aged 63 years;⁷⁸ m. (2) Mary F. —, who d. 11 May 1856.⁷⁹ David and both his wives are bur. in Riverview Cemetery, Topsham. 3. *Timothy Foster*, b. ca. 1781,⁸⁰ d. before 1844 if the Mrs. Esther Foster of Bowdoin who m. Topsham, 3 Jan. 1844, 80-year-old Joshua Whitten (b. 28 Oct. 1763, d. 14 July 1851⁸¹) of Topsham⁸² was his widow; m. Topsham, 23 Oct. 1806, Esther Haley,⁸³ b. 6 May 1787, daughter of Joseph and Esther (Towns) Haley of Topsham.⁸⁴ 4. *Margaret Foster*, b. say 1784, probably d. by 12 April 1837 when Peter H. Green Esq. of Bath m. Mrs. Louisa Burt of Bath,⁸⁵ m. Topsham, 27 April 1807, Peter H. Green of Topsham.⁸⁶ 5. *Joseph Foster 3d*, b. Topsham, 22 July 1787, d. 17 April 1862, aged 74 years, 9 months;⁸⁷ m. Litchfield, 25 April 1813, widow Mary (Randall) Hunter of Litchfield,⁸⁸ b. Lewiston, 3 June 1791, d. 3 Aug. 1876, aged 85 years.⁸⁹ Joseph and Mary are bur. in Riverview Cemetery, Topsham. 6. *Samuel Foster*, bp. Topsham, 31 March 1790, d. 13 June 1796, aged 6 years.⁹⁰

2 **HATHERLY⁵ FOSTER** (*Joseph⁴, Hatherly³, Timothy², Edward¹*) was born at Scituate, Massachusetts, on 21 April 1737,⁹¹ and died at Bath, Maine, on 3 February 1788, aged 51 years.⁹² Hatherly married first, say 1764 (prior to the birth of the oldest child), MARTHA —.⁹³ After her death he married second at Topsham, on 18

⁷⁵ *Topsham VRs*, 2:135.

⁷⁶ Pierce, *Foster Genealogy*, 930; *Topsham VRs*, 2:320.

⁷⁷ *Topsham VRs*, 2:97.

⁷⁸ *Topsham VRs*, 1:89 (birth), 2:119 (parents’ marriage), 2:320 (death).

⁷⁹ Gravestone, Riverview Cemetery, Topsham.

⁸⁰ *Topsham VRs*, 1:69, gives his age at 29 years in 1810.

⁸¹ *Topsham VRs*, 1:206 (birth), 2:396 (death).

⁸² *Topsham VRs*, 2:97.

⁸³ *Topsham VRs*, 2:99.

⁸⁴ *Topsham VRs*, 1:89 (birth), 2:119 (parents’ marriage).

⁸⁵ Original Records of Maine Town and Cities, *City of Bath, 1740–1892* (Picton Press CD, 2005), image 56, citing Bath Marriages, 1773–1848, p. 244 (hereafter cited as *Bath VRs*).

⁸⁶ *Topsham VRs*, 2:98.

⁸⁷ *Topsham VRs*, 1:68 (birth), 2:320 (death).

⁸⁸ Marlene A. Groves, comp., *Vital Records of Litchfield, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2010), 100 (hereafter cited as *Litchfield VRs*). Mary, daughter of Ezra and Mary (Whidden) Randall, had m. (1) Lewiston, 28 Aug. 1808, Robert Hunter (Douglas I. Hodgkin, comp., *Records of Lewiston, Maine, Volume II* [Rockport, Maine, 2002], 289 [birth of Polly on 3 June 1791, the same date as recorded in the Topsham records], 445 [marriage]).

⁸⁹ *Topsham VRs*, 2:69 (birth, her parents not named on the record), 2:320 (death).

⁹⁰ *Topsham VRs*, 1:69 (baptism), 2:320 (death).

⁹¹ *Scituate VRs*, 1:155; *Topsham VRs*, 1:68, taken from Foster Bible, gives 1 April 1737.

⁹² *Topsham VRs*, 2:320.

⁹³ Pierce, *Foster Genealogy*, 930.

April 1777, MARY POTTER,⁹⁴ daughter of Alexander and (—) Potter of Topsham.⁹⁵ Hatherly was appointed second lieutenant in the militia (Capt. John Perry's company, Col. Samuel McCobb's Regiment) on 3 April 1775, the rank he still held in 1781.⁹⁶ In May 1775 he was a member of a group of patriotic citizens who drove back to their ships forty British carpenters who were cutting trees for ship masts for the British navy.⁹⁷ He was a resident of Georgetown (later Bath) when he joined the militia and when he married Mary.⁹⁸ In 1786 Hatherly was one of fifty-five inhabitants of Lincoln County who signed a petition requesting that a lighthouse be built on Seguin Island at the mouth of the Kennebec River.⁹⁹ Widow Mary was assigned administratrix of his estate, 28 July 1788.¹⁰⁰ In 1790 Mary Foster headed a household in Bath with one male 16 or over, two males under 16, and three females.¹⁰¹ She died before 26 May 1797, as on that date Dummer Sewall of Bath (a friend and neighbor) was chosen guardian for the five minor children: Martha, John, Benjamin, Alexander, and Thomas.¹⁰² The personal estate was divided among Charles, Hatherly, William, John, Benjamin, Martha, Alexander, and Thomas on 19 September 1797, and the real estate was divided among the same on 19 April 1798.¹⁰³

Children of Hatherly⁵ and Martha Foster, all probably b. Georgetown:

- i CHARLES⁶ FOSTER, b. Aug. 1765,¹⁰⁴ living in 1798. No further record found.
- ii **HATHERLY FOSTER**, b. 3 April 1767,¹⁰⁵ d. Lincolnville, Maine, 3 Aug. 1802;¹⁰⁶ m. Bath, 14 June 1792, OLIVE BUSSEY,¹⁰⁷ b. Georgetown, 24 Feb. 1772, daugh-

⁹⁴ *Record of Merrill Marriages*, 7:169; *Topsham VRs*, 2:97, states date of marriage was 16 April 1777. Intention included in *Georgetown VRs* 2:42.

⁹⁵ Wheeler, *History of Brunswick*, 848.

⁹⁶ *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908), 5:902 (hereafter cited as *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*); Parker McCobb Reed, *History of Bath and Environs* (Portland, 1894), 58 (hereafter cited as Reed, *History of Bath*); Owen, *Plummer History of Bath*, 115, 503, 508, 513.

⁹⁷ Reed, *History of Bath*, 50–51.

⁹⁸ Hatherly was a resident of Georgetown on 1 July 1776 (*Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 5:902) and on 16 April 1777 (*Topsham VRs*, 2:97) and of Bath on 7 March 1782 (Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*, 64). The 2nd parish of Georgetown was incorporated as the town of Bath on 17 Feb. 1781. It was named by the postmaster, Dummer Sewall, after Bath in England.

⁹⁹ James Phinney Baxter, *Documentary History of the State of Maine*, Series II, 24 vols. (Portland, 1869–1916), 21:198–99. A very interesting history of Seguin Island Light can be found online at: <www.lighthouse.cc/seguin/history.html>.

¹⁰⁰ Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*, 164.

¹⁰¹ *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*, 33, col. b.

¹⁰² Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*, 220.

¹⁰³ Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*, 220. The town of Bath purchased from the estate of "Hetherly" Foster three acres of land for use as a burying ground, now known as Maple Grove Cemetery (Reed, *History of Bath*, 286).

¹⁰⁴ *Topsham VRs*, 1:68.

¹⁰⁵ *Topsham VRs*, 1:68. Hatherly's date of birth is shown as 10 May 1769 in the Lincolnville vital records (see note 106), but this date is probably less reliable than the date in the Topsham records, since the Topsham records include the birth dates of all his siblings as well.

ter of David and Sally (—) Bussey.¹⁰⁸ Olive m. (2) Silas Varney before 24 May 1804 (birth date of oldest son, William Varney),¹⁰⁹ and possibly m. (3) (int.) Lincolnville, 11 Sept. 1833, Charles Rackliff of Lincolnville.¹¹⁰ Hatherly was assigned administrator of his father's estate in March 1792, when he was a resident of Bath.¹¹¹ He was on the voter list in Bath in 1800,¹¹² but that same year he was enumerated as a resident of Ducktrap [Lincolnville], when he headed a household with one male 26–44, two males under 10, one female 26–44 and two females under 10.¹¹³

Identified children:¹¹⁴ 1. (poss.) *Charles Foster*.¹¹⁵ 2. *Benjamin Foster*, b. 14 June 1798.¹¹⁶ 3. *David Foster*, b. 3 Jan. 1801.

iii WILLIAM FOSTER, b. Oct. 1770,¹¹⁷ living in 1798; no further record found.

iv MARGARET FOSTER, b. 1 May 1773,¹¹⁸ d. 13 July 1773.¹¹⁹

Children of Hatherly⁵ and Mary (Potter) Foster, all probably b. Georgetown/Bath:¹²⁰

v MARTHA FOSTER, b. 7 July 1778, living in 1798. No further record found.

vi JOHN FOSTER, b. 10 March 1780, living in 1798. No further record found.

3 vii BENJAMIN FOSTER, b. 5 Aug. 1782; m. ANNA WATSON.

viii ALEXANDER FOSTER, b. ca. 1785, living in 1798. No further record found.

ix THOMAS FOSTER, b. ca. 1787, living in 1798. No further record found.

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¹⁰⁶ Isabel Morse Maresh, Elizabeth M. Mosher, and Jacqueline Young Watts, *Vital Records of Lincolnville, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1993), 123 (hereafter cited as *Lincolnville VRs*).

¹⁰⁷ *Bath VRs*, image 48, citing Bath Marriage Intentions and Marriages, 1773–1848, p. 229.

¹⁰⁸ *Lincolnville VRs*, 123; Pierce, *Foster Genealogy*, 944.

¹⁰⁹ *Lincolnville VRs*, 123; Pierce, *Foster Genealogy*, 944.

¹¹⁰ *Lincolnville VRs*, 211.

¹¹¹ Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*, 220.

¹¹² Owen, *Plummer History of Bath*, 138.

¹¹³ Hatherly Foster household, 1800 U.S. Census, Ducktrap, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 153.

¹¹⁴ Births of Benjamin and David are found in Pierce, *Foster Genealogy*, 944; birth of David is also recorded in *Lincolnville VRs*, 123.

¹¹⁵ A petition was signed by a Charles Foster in 1816, requesting that the inhabitants of Lincolnville be allowed to pass over Ducktrap Bridge free of toll (*Lincolnville Early Days* [Camden, Maine, 1976], Volume I, online at: <www.lincolnvillehistory.org/pubs/onlineearlydays.pdf>).

¹¹⁶ He is possibly the Benjamin Foster who d. 9 April 1829, aged 29, and is bur. in Ridge Cemetery, Bowdoinham (Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Sagadahoc County*, CD-Rom [Rockland, Maine, 2006], image 510). As Benjamin Foster of Bath, he m. (1) (int.) Bowdoinham, 4 Oct. 1823, Cordelia White of Bowdoinham (*Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 46). He m. (2) Bowdoinham, 16 Nov. 1826, Abigail Watson both of Bowdoinham (*Bowdoinham VRs*, CD#1, image 51).

¹¹⁷ *Topsham VRs*, 1:69.

¹¹⁸ *Topsham VRs*, 1:69.

¹¹⁹ *Topsham VRs*, 2:320.

¹²⁰ Births of the first three in *Topsham VRs*, 1:68–69; all of the children are named in the guardianship records (Patterson, *Lincoln Co. Probate Records*, 220).

OLIVER MAYBERRY BIBLE RECORD

Contributed by Leslie D. Sanders

Family Bible published by Luther Roby, Concord, New Hampshire, 1846:

Marriages

Oliver Mayberry and Betsy Haskill Sept 25, 182? [*the last number is marked through; written in pencil above the date is 1823*]

Laura J Mayberry [*spouse's name not given*] May 16, 1848

Rebecca E Mayberry [*spouse's name not given*] Oct. 13, 1850

Births

Oliver Mayberry April 16, 1795 Windham

Betsy Mayberry June 8 1799 Gorham

Anna B Mayberry July 31, 1824 Casco

Laura J Mayberry March 4, 1826 Casco

Rebecca E Mayberry Sept 7, 1828 Casco

Mary M Mayberry June 10, 1831

Alonzo S Mayberry May 4, 1836

Rachel Mayberry March 19, 1842

Deaths

Anna B Mayberry Dec 22, 1851

FAMILY SUMMARY

OLIVER MAYBERRY was born in Windham, Maine, on 16 April 1795, son of William and Rebecca (Bodge) Mayberry.¹ He died on 5 June 1872, aged 77 years.² He married on 25 September 1823, BETSEY HASKELL.³ She was born in Gorham, Maine, on 8 June 1799, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Bolton) Haskell.⁴ She died on 25 January 1879, aged 79 years.⁵ Oliver Mayberry lived in the part of Raymond, Maine, that was set off in 1841 as Casco. For many years his unmarried sister Lucy Mayberry lived with his family. In 1870 his son Oliver A. S. Mayberry and Oliver's wife and two young children resided with Oliver Sr. and Betsey.⁶

¹ Oliver Mayberry Bible; the names of his parents given in Samuel Thomas Dole, *Windham in the Past*, ed. Frederick Howard Dole (Auburn, Maine, 1916), 486–87.

² Gravestone, Lakeside Cemetery, Casco.

³ Oliver Mayberry Bible.

⁴ Oliver Mayberry Bible; Hugh D. McLellan, *History of Gorham, Me.* (Portland, 1903), 566.

⁵ Gravestone, Lakeside Cemetery, Casco.

⁶ Oliver Mayberry household, 1840 U.S. Census, Raymond, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 138; Oliver Mayberry household, 1850 U.S. Census, Casco, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 133, #155/103; Oliver Mayberry household, 1860 U.S. Census, Casco, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 5, #40/39; Oliver Mayberry household, 1870 U.S. Census, Casco, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 178, #50/51.

Children of Oliver and Betsey (Haskell) Mayberry, b. Casco:⁷

- i ANNA B. MAYBERRY, b. 31 July 1824, d. 22 Dec. 1851, aged 27 years 4 months.⁸
- ii LAURA JANE MAYBERRY, b. 4 March 1826, living Casco in 1880, aged 54 years;⁹ m. Casco, 14 May 1848, her 1st cousin, JOSEPH S. MAYBERRY,¹⁰ b. Windham, ca. 1821, son of Francis and Susannah (Stuart) Mayberry,¹¹ living Casco in 1880. Joseph S. Mayberry was a farmer in Casco and Otisfield, Maine.
Children of Joseph S. and Laura J. (Mayberry) Mayberry:¹² 1. *Susannah Mayberry*, b. Casco, ca. 1849. 2. *Linetta Mayberry*, b. Casco, ca. 1851. 3. *Anna B. Mayberry*, b. Casco, ca. 1852. 4. *Wendall S. Mayberry*, b. Poland, Maine, 4 July 1855. 5. *Howard H. Mayberry*, b. Otisfield, 13 June 1857. 6. *Clara E. Mayberry*, b. Otisfield, 25 Jan. 1859. 7. *Cora E. Mayberry*, b. Otisfield, 22 Feb. 1861. 8. *Joseph A. Mayberry*, b. Otisfield, 31 Jan. 1863. 9. infant daughter, b. Otisfield, 9 Dec. 1864, d. young. 10. *Letitia Mayberry*, b. Otisfield, 9 Dec. 1865. 11. *Oliver W. Mayberry*, b. Otisfield, 22 Dec. 1867. 12. *Solomon S. Mayberry*, b. Otisfield, 13 Dec. 1869.
- iii REBECCA E. MAYBERRY, b. 7 Sept. 1828, d. 8 Sept. 1901, and bur. in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco,¹³ m. 13 Oct. 1850, JAMES W. SANDS,¹⁴ b. 6 June 1831, son of James and Charity (Gould) Sands, d. 30 May 1895 and bur. with his wife in Laurel Hill Cemetery.¹⁵ James Sands was a farmer and carpenter in Saco.¹⁶
Children of James W. and Rebecca E. (Mayberry) Sands: 1. *Thomas G. Sands*, b. 22 May 1852.¹⁷ 2. *Ella F. Sands*, b. ca. 1855.¹⁸
- iv MARY M. MAYBERRY, b. 10 June 1831, d. 27 Aug. 1922, unmarried.¹⁹ She resided many years in Lynn, Mass., and Raymond, Maine, in the family of her brother-in-law and sister, Hosea Q. and Rachel Staples.²⁰

⁷ Births from Oliver Mayberry Bible.

⁸ Oliver Mayberry Bible; gravestone, Lakeside Cemetery, Casco.

⁹ Joseph S. Mayberry household, 1880 U.S. Census, Casco, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 28, p. 168C, #55/56.

¹⁰ Judith Holbrook Kelley and Clayton Rand Adams, eds., *Marriage Returns of Cumberland County, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Rockport, Maine, 1998), 309 (hereafter cited as *Cumberland Co. Marriage Returns*). The Oliver Mayberry Bible gives the marriage date as 16 May 1848.

¹¹ William Samuel Spurr, *A History of Otisfield, Maine* (Oxford, Maine, 1853), 491 (hereafter cited as Spurr, *History of Otisfield*).

¹² Names and birthplaces of first 6 from Francis Mayberry household 1860 U.S. Census, Otisfield, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 10, #75/75; others named in Spurr, *History of Otisfield*, 491–92.

¹³ Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: York County*, 4 vols. (Camden, Maine, 1995), 2:1519 (hereafter cited as *York Co. Inscriptions*).

¹⁴ Robert L. Taylor, *Early Families of Raymond, Maine* (Bowie, Md., 1998), 104 (hereafter cited as Taylor, *Early Families of Raymond*); Oliver Mayberry Bible.

¹⁵ Dates of birth and death from *York Co. Inscriptions*, 2:1519; he is bur. with both parents.

¹⁶ James W. Sands household, 1870 U.S. Census, Saco, York Co., Maine, p. 594, #911/986; James W. Sands household, 1880 U.S. Census, Saco, York Co., Maine, E.D. 205, p. 533B, #396/445.

¹⁷ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 2:1519, bur. with his parents.

¹⁸ James W. Sands household, 1860 U.S. Census, Casco, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 5, #39/38.

¹⁹ Gravestone, Lakeside Cemetery, Casco.

²⁰ Hosea Q. Staples household, 1870 U.S. Census, Lynn Ward 5, Essex Co., Mass., p. 575, #255/349; Hosea Q. Staples household, 1880 U.S. Census, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., E.D. 211, p. 135D, #192/298; Hosea Q. Staples household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lynn Ward 3, Essex Co., Mass.,

- v OLIVER ALONZO S. MAYBERRY, b. 4 May 1836, d. 16 April 1931;²¹ m. 21 Nov. 1861, CHARLOTTE MASTERS NICHOLS, both of Casco,²² b. Nova Scotia, 21 Feb. 1841, daughter of Danforth Dunbar and Catherine E. (Cogswell) Nichols,²³ d. 12 Oct. 1918.²⁴ O. A. S. Mayberry was described as a “preacher, advent,” in 1900 when he and Charlotte were living in Waterville, Maine.²⁵
- Children of Oliver Alonzo S. and Charlotte Masters (Nichols) Mayberry:²⁶ 1. *Lizzie Mayberry*, b. 1868. 2. *Gilbert Haskell Mayberry*, b. 29 March 1870. 3. *Edith Mayberry*, b. 13 Aug. 1875.
- vi RACHEL MAYBERRY, b. 19 March 1842, d. 2 March 1935;²⁷ m. Mechanic Falls, Maine, ca. 1869, HOSEA QUIMBY STAPLES as his 2nd wife,²⁸ b. Raymond, Maine, 8 Feb. 1836, son of Nathaniel and Esther (Mann) Staples,²⁹ d. 19 Oct. 1835.³⁰ Hosea had m. (1) Casco, 26 Jan. 1858, Armorilla Shaw.³¹ Hosea and Rachel Staples moved to Lynn, Mass., soon after their marriage, being enumerated there in census returns from 1870 through 1900.³² By 1910 they had returned to Maine and were living in Raymond.³³
- Children of Hosea Quimby and Rachel (Mayberry) Staples, b. Lynn, Mass.: 1. *Oliver Everett Staples*, b. 21 March 1872.³⁴ 2. *Bertha M. Staples*, b. 25 Feb. 1874.³⁵ 3. *Nathaniel Loten Staples*, b. 2 July 1876.³⁶

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E.D. 372, p. 157A, #54/69; Hosea Staples household, 1900 U.S. Census, Raymond town, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 48, sheet 2B, #28/28; Hosea Q. Staples household, 1920 U.S. Census, Raymond town, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 10, sheet 10A, #81/82.

²¹ Gravestone, Lakeside Cemetery, Casco.

²² *Cumberland Co. Marriage Returns*, 620, his name given as O.A.S. Mayberry.

²³ Ancestry World Tree, entry 57360.

²⁴ Gravestone, Lakeside Cemetery, Casco.

²⁵ O.A.S. Mayberry household, 1900 U.S. Census, Waterville, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 132, sheet 4B, #66/81.

²⁶ Ancestry World Tree, entry 57360.

²⁷ Ancestry World Tree, entry 156434.

²⁸ Ancestry World Tree, entry 156434; Hosea Q. Staples household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lynn Ward 3, Essex Co., Mass., E.D. 372, p. 157A, #54/69, which entry states that Hosea and Rebecca had been married 31 years.

²⁹ Taylor, *Early Families of Raymond*, 161.

³⁰ Taylor, *Early Families of Raymond*, 161.

³¹ *Cumberland Co. Marriage Returns*, 579.

³² Hosea Q. Staples household, 1870 U.S. Census, Lynn Ward 5, Essex Co., Mass., p. 575, #255/349; Hosea Q. Staples household, 1880 U.S. Census, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., E.D. 211, p. 135D, #192/298; Hosea Q. Staples household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lynn Ward 3, Essex Co., Mass., E.D. 372, p. 157A, #54/69.

³³ Hosea Staples household, 1910 U.S. Census, Raymond town, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 48, sheet 2B, #28/28.

³⁴ “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910” (from original records held by the Massachusetts Archives), online database at <www.NewEnglandAncestors.org>, 241:265 (hereafter cited as Mass. VRs, 1841–1910).

³⁵ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 259:263.

³⁶ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 277:238.

LUCY BESSE: TO MAINE AND BACK?

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At first glance, it seems unlikely that a young woman still in her teens whose family had moved to Maine during the American Revolution would have married a fellow teenager in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in July 1796. In the case of Lucy Besse (circa 1778–1817) who married Prince Manter (1779–1854) on 17 July 1796,¹ that scenario is plausible when one takes a wider view of family connections. Although Lucy and Prince had at least ten children, none of their births were recorded in Plymouth records. Lucy's calculated year of birth comes from her gravestone in South Pond Cemetery in Plymouth, which reads, "Mrs. Lucy Manter, wife of Mr. Prince Manter, died February 16, 1817, in the 39th year of her age, also their infant."² No single record survives that definitively states her parentage or her exact date of birth.

Since Lucy was "of Plymouth" for both the intention and actual marriage, a search of her parents logically began in that general area. One candidate was Lucy Besse, baptized in the First Church of Wareham on 30 April 1780, daughter of John and Hannah (Cushman) Besse.³ That family, however, had removed to Plantation No. 4, later Paris, Maine, by the time of the 1790 Maine census.⁴ Their daughter Lucy's marriage intention with Joseph Cole of Buckfield is recorded in Paris records on 11 October 1802.⁵ The same information is repeated in the *History of Paris* and *The Cushman Genealogy*.⁶

Another possibility for finding a Lucy Besse in greater Plymouth was to look among the children of Barzilla Besse, who married Lucy Barrows on 16 November 1769 in Wareham.⁷ Their children are not recorded in the vital records, so perhaps they had a daughter Lucy. That hypothesis was confirmed through both the probate records of Barzilla's Besse's intestate estate and subsequent Plymouth County deeds,⁸

¹ Lee D. van Antwerp, comp., *Vital Records of Plymouth, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, ed. Ruth Wilder Sherman (Camden, Maine, 1993), 388 (marriage), 283 (intention on 9 Jan. 1796) (hereafter cited as *Plymouth VRs*). The marriage was solemnized by Josiah Cotton. Perhaps the reason for waiting seven months is that at the time of the intention, Prince was not yet seventeen.

² South Pond Cemetery, Plymouth, Mass., author's transcription.

³ Col. Leonard H. Smith, *Records of the First Church of Wareham, Massachusetts, 1739–1891* (Baltimore, 1993), 65 (hereafter cited as *First Church of Wareham*).

⁴ *Heads of Families of the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* (Washington, D.C., 1908), 22, column c (hereafter cited as *Heads of Families 1790: Maine*).

⁵ Original Records of Maine Town and Cities, *Town of Paris* (Picton Press CD, 2005), 2:92.

⁶ William B. Lapham and Silas P. Maxim, *History of Paris, Maine, from Its Settlement to 1880* (Paris, Maine, 1884), 513; Henry Wyles Cushman, *A Historical and Biographical Genealogy of the Cushmans* (Boston, 1855), 162.

⁷ *First Church Wareham*, 74.

⁸ Plymouth Co., Mass., Probate Records #1951; Plymouth Co. Deeds, 129:34, 165:251, 168:128, with thanks to Richard W. Griffith, CG.

but tracing Barzilla's heirs-at-law confirms that his daughter Lucy married Beza Perkins at Wareham on 25 November 1802.⁹

The remaining possibility for a Lucy Besse, born around Plymouth in the late 1770s, comes from an entry for the family of Ebenezer Besse in the history of Wayne, Maine: "Ebenezer Besse settled on the farm where H.A. Lowell now lives. He married first — Doughty. They had three children: Lucy, Cynthia, and Margery. His second wife was Lucy Kent. They had one son, Elisha."¹⁰ Names for these three daughters likely reflect their birth order. Cynthia's full birth date is recorded in Wayne records within her husband's family record,¹¹ and Margery's birth year (circa 1784) can be deduced through her enumeration in the 1850 census.¹² *Doughty* is a phonetic pronunciation of the name *Doty/Doten*. This early settler of Wayne, Ebenezer Besse, son of Jabez and Margery (Norris) Besse, was born in Wareham and baptized in the First Church on 28 April 1754.¹³ He was of Wareham when he married Betsey Doten in Plymouth on 26 September 1776,¹⁴ in between what he described as a twelve-month and a four-month term of service in the American Revolution.¹⁵ By 1818, when Ebenezer stated he was 65 years old and a resident of Wayne, Maine, he applied for a Revolutionary War pension: "From my reduced circumstances, I need the assistance of my country for support." He was not, however, successful in obtaining that pension until 1832, when he was 79. His file contains specific details about his military service and movement to Maine, but nothing about his family.¹⁶ The 1790 census for New Sandwich (later Wayne) shows Ebenezer as the only male in the household with five females.¹⁷ The census details support the family information in the history of Wayne, whose likely informant was

⁹ *Plymouth VRs*, 291 (intention, 20 March 1802), Wareham Vital Records 1:299, copy at Wareham Library.

¹⁰ George Walton, *History of the Town of Wayne* (Augusta, 1898), 22 (hereafter cited as Walton, *History of Wayne*).

¹¹ Marlene A. Groves, comp., *Vital Records of Wayne, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2008), 20 (hereafter cited as *Wayne VRs*).

¹² Aged 66 years in David Adkins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Peru, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 142, #131/143.

¹³ *First Church of Wareham*, 14; his parents' marriage on 28 Sept. 1752 in *First Church of Wareham*, 73.

¹⁴ *Plymouth VRs*, 265 (intention, 9 Aug. 1776), 384 (marriage). The intention and marriage state he was of Wareham. They were married by Rev. Ivory Hovey of the First Congregational Church.

¹⁵ *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908), 2:2–3. Ebenezer's two terms are listed under different spellings, Bessee and Besse. The rolls state his service in 1775 totaled three months and his service in 1776 about a month. Because documentation other than recollected memory was lacking for a full six months of service, that is undoubtedly why Ebenezer was delayed in receiving his pension.

¹⁶ Revolutionary War Pension Application #S29628. When Ebenezer went through the application process a second time in 1832, he also made a deposition for the service of his younger brother, Jabez Besse (Revolutionary War Pension Application #W2187).

¹⁷ *Heads of Families 1790: Maine*, 41, column b.

a descendant of Elisha Besse, the son of Ebenezer's second marriage to Lucy Kent. No information survives in the form of a vital record or a cemetery stone to state exactly when each of his wives died, but Betsey (Doten) Besse must have died after the birth of Margery, circa 1784, and before 2 September 1787, when Ebenezer married again. Ebenezer appears as a head of household in Wayne in 1800, 1810, and 1820.¹⁸ By 1822 he had removed to Ripley, Maine, in Somerset County, where he was likely enumerated in the household of his son, Elisha, as a male between the ages of 70 and 80 at the time of the 1830 census.¹⁹ Ebenezer lived a long life and died on 24 October 1846,²⁰ living into his 93rd year, but as the pension documents indicate, he struggled to earn a living. By the fact he is buried with his daughter Margery (Besse) Atkins in Dickvale Cemetery in Peru, Ebenezer likely spent the last years of his life residing with his youngest daughter.²¹ There are no probate records or deeds that further illuminate any of his children. Margery married David Atkins, their marriage intentions recorded in Leeds on 17 January 1807,²² and Cynthia married Reuben Besse, her second cousin.²³ Census enumerations further reveal that the Reuben Besse and Nathaniel Atkins families were Ebenezer's neighbors, as well as representing families that came from Wareham, Rochester and Sandwich. The same is true for the family of Ebenezer's daughter-in-law, Lois Dexter, who married his son Elisha.²⁴ Nothing further, however, can be found in Maine records about Lucy, Ebenezer's eldest daughter. Did she die in childhood, or could she have moved and lived elsewhere?

Post-Revolutionary migration from Massachusetts to various settlements in Maine must be seen in the wider context of dozens of families who lived in the

¹⁸ Ebenezer Besse household, 1800 U.S. Census, Wayne, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 269; Ebenezer Bessey household, 1810 U.S. Census, Wayne, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 929; Ebenezer Besse household, 1820 U.S. Census, Wayne, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 664.

¹⁹ Elisha Besse household, 1830 U.S. Census, Ripley, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 86. A document in Ebenezer's pension file indicates he was of Ripley in 1832 (Revolutionary War Pension Application #S29628).

²⁰ Hollis Turner, *The History of Peru in the County of Oxford and State of Maine* (Augusta, 1912), 49 (hereafter cited as Turner, *History of Peru*).

²¹ Cemetery inscription, Dickvale Cemetery, Peru, Maine. The 1840 census for the David Atkins household in Peru, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 146, shows a male between 80 and 90, certainly Ebenezer.

²² Original Records of Maine Town and Cities, *Town of Leeds* (Picton Press CD, 2005), image 89, citing Leeds Marriage Intentions and Marriages, 1802–1868, p. 160 (hereafter cited as *Leeds VRs*). The surname is spelled alternately Adkins and Atkins.

²³ Lydia B. (Phinney) Brownson and Maclean W. McLean, "Richard Handy of Sandwich, Mass. (ca. 1645–1719)," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 125(1971):184–94, at 193–94. This article documents the migration of the Handy and Besse families to Maine.

²⁴ Walton, *History of Wayne*, 292. The birth of her father, Constant Dexter, on 27 Nov. 1707, is found in *Vital Records of Rochester, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1914), 1: 109 (hereafter cited as *Rochester VRs*).

Plymouth, Wareham, and Sandwich area and moved together in clusters. Indeed, the original name for Wayne was New Sandwich, and one recognizes in the 1790 census such other “Cape Cod” names as *Wing*, *Norris*, and *Handy*. Within the extended Besse(y) family, Ebenezer’s brothers and dozens of cousins all settled in Maine. The Besse family used recurring names, so it becomes difficult to differentiate among some families. Ebenezer had a younger cousin of the same name who lived in Hallowell and married Patience Burgess, and some researchers have mistaken him for Ebenezer of Wayne. With the frequency of travel from southeastern Massachusetts, it anticipates the question: Were there any known connections between the Manter and Besse families?

Prince Manter’s elder half-brother, David Manter (1763–1820), also settled in Wayne.²⁵ David, the father of eleven children, was active in town politics.²⁶ Rebecca Manter, Prince’s sister, married Ephraim Besse, younger brother of Ebenezer, in 1794,²⁷ and shortly thereafter they removed to Albion, Maine. Among their children was a son Prince Besse, born 13 December 1801.²⁸ As another example of family associations, Prince Manter purchased land at South Pond in Plymouth on 5 April 1805 from Solomon Besse, another brother of Ebenezer.²⁹ Prince and Lucy did not name any children for their parents. However, there may be one clue in naming their fifth child Cynthia, for that was an uncommon name in the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries. Perhaps Cynthia Manter³⁰ was named for her aunt, Cynthia, wife of Reuben Besse; the name also recurs *twice* among the children of Margery (Atkins) Besse, whose two youngest two daughters were named Cynthia, the latter named for a sibling who died just before the last child’s birth (see Genealogical Summary).

Without looking at the larger family connections between the Manter and Besse families, as well as the regular travel patterns between Plymouth, Massachusetts, and various points in Maine, it would seem improbable that Lucy Besse might have returned from Maine to Plymouth sometime in the 1790s. Lucy may have been living in the household of one of her relatives, and there are many possibilities since

²⁵ Walton, *History of Wayne*, 324; *Wayne VRs*, 20.

²⁶ In the original Wayne records of whole family entries, the David Manter family is preceded by the listing of the Perry, Dexter, Wing, and Fuller families, all from Barnstable Co., Mass., and it would be immediately followed by the families of Hosea Washburn, Jabez Besse 2nd, Braddock Weeks, and Simeon Wing.

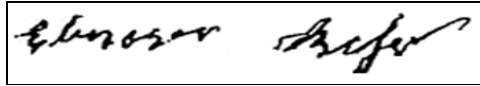
²⁷ *Plymouth VRs*, 281 (intention, 6 May 1794).

²⁸ Elizabeth M. Mosher, trans., *Vital Records of Albion, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1989), 22.

²⁹ Plymouth Co. Deeds 100:221. Solomon had just acquired this land from his brother Ephraim, who inherited it through their father’s will, written in 1801.

³⁰ Cynthia (Manter) (Lucas) Thrasher also had a daughter named Cynthia. Cynthia Thrasher’s death record names both of her parents (“Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910” [from original records held by the Massachusetts Archives], online database at <www.NewEnglandAncestors.org>, 347:332 [hereafter cited as Mass. VRs, 1841–1910]).

her mother's ancestry remains conjectural. In spite of the fact that the Ebenezer Besse family description in the history of Wayne mentions only Lucy's name without any further description, it was meaningful enough to be mentioned in 1898 and suggests an important familial recollection.



Signature of Ebenezer Besse in 1832
from Revolutionary War pension files.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

EBENEZER⁵ BESSE (*Jabez⁴, Robert³, Nehemiah², Anthony¹*) was born in Wareham, Massachusetts, on 7 March 1754, and was baptized there on 28 April 1754, the eldest son of Jabez and Margery (Norris) Besse.³¹ He died in Peru, Maine, on 24 October 1846.³² He married first, on 26 September 1776, in Plymouth, Massachusetts, BETSY DOTEN,³³ her birth date and parentage unknown. She died before 1787. Ebenezer married second LUCY KENT, their intentions recorded in Winthrop, Maine, on 2 September 1787.³⁴ She was probably the Lucy born in Marshfield, Massachusetts, on 5 October 1750, daughter of Elisha and Susanna (Ford) Kent.³⁵ She died probably after 1820.³⁶

³¹ Wareham Vital Records, 1:269, copy at Wareham Library; *First Church of Wareham*, 14; his parents' marriage on 28 Sept. 1752 in *First Church of Wareham*, 73.

³² Turner, *History of Peru*, 49.

³³ *Plymouth VRs*, 384.

³⁴ Original Records of Maine Town and Cities, *Town of Winthrop* (Picton Press CD, 2005), image 598, citing Winthrop Marriages 1777–1851, p. 6.

³⁵ Robert M. Sherman and Ruth Wilder Sherman, *Vital Records of Marshfield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 3rd printing (Camden, Maine, 1993), 76; L. Vernon Briggs, *Genealogies of the Different Families Bearing the Name of Kent in the United States* (Boston, 1898), 35. Lucy's two brothers, Charles and Warren, were among the early settlers of Winthrop, Maine. "Warrant Kint" was enumerated there in the 1790 census (*Heads of Families 1790: Maine*, 51, column a). Warren's daughter Betsy married Woodin Besse (*Wayne VRs*, 123), another connection between these two families. Lucy's late age at marriage may explain why there was only one surviving child from this union. Ebenezer's entry in the 1800 census shows both a male and female in the household over the age of 45 (Ebenezer Besse household, 1800 U.S. Census, Wayne, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 269).

³⁶ The 1810 census for Ebenezer's household shows only one male over 16 and one over 45 and one female over 45 (Ebenezer Bessey household, 1810 U.S. Census, Wayne, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 929). This is consistent with Elisha being the only child remaining with his parents. The 1820 census shows two females over 45, one likely to have been Lucy (Ebenezer Besse household, 1820 U.S. Census, Wayne, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 664).

Children of Ebenezer⁵ and Betsey (Doten/Doty) Besse:³⁷

- i LUCY⁶ BESSE, b. prob. Plymouth, Mass., ca. 1778, d. there, 16 Feb. 1817, “in the 39th year of her age”;³⁸ m. there, 17 July 1796, PRINCE MANTER,³⁹ bp. Rochester, Mass., 11 July 1779, son of Belcher and Rebecca (Palmer) (Hiller) Manter,⁴⁰ d. Plymouth, Mass., 7 Nov. 1854.⁴¹ He m. (2) (int.) Plymouth, Mass., 24 Aug. 1820, Lydia Douglas,⁴² b. Plymouth, Mass., 16 Jan. 1799, daughter of John and Lydia (Southworth) Douglas,⁴³ d. Plymouth, Mass., 9 March 1880.⁴⁴ Prince had another five children with Lydia.

Children of Prince and Lucy (Besse) Manter, all b. Plymouth, Mass.:⁴⁵ 1. *Sally Manter*, 2. *George Manter*, 3. *Thomas Manter*, 4. *Prince Manter*, 5. *Cynthia Manter*, 6. *Lucy Manter*, 7. *Parnell Manter*, 8. *Timothy Manter*, 9. *David Manter*, 10. unnamed infant.

- ii CYNTHIA BESSE, b. New Sandwich, Maine, 20 June 1781,⁴⁶ d. Wayne, Maine, 3 July 1856;⁴⁷ m. probably before 1800, REUBEN BESSE,⁴⁸ b. 24 July 1770,⁴⁹ bp. Sandwich, Mass., 21 Nov. 1770, son of Reuben and Keziah (Handy) Besse,⁵⁰ d. Wayne, 11 Jan. 1864.⁵¹

Children of Reuben and Cynthia (Besse) Besse, probably b. Wayne:⁵² 1. *Sophronia Besse*, 2. *Deborah Besse*, 3. *Arthur P. Besse*, 4. *Ebenezer Besse*, 5. *Elizabeth*

³⁷ As named in Walton, *History of Wayne*, 22.

³⁸ Lucy’s gravestone is next to that of Prince’s parents, Belcher and Rebecca Manter, in South Pond Cemetery, Plymouth.

³⁹ *Plymouth VRs*, 388.

⁴⁰ *Rochester VRs*, 1:210; his parents’ marriage on 31 Oct. 1774 in *Rochester VRs*, 2:210.

⁴¹ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 85:218.

⁴² *Plymouth VRs*, 318.

⁴³ J. Lufkin Douglas, “The Douglas Family of Massachusetts and Maine,” *NEHGR* 28(1874): 73–74.

⁴⁴ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 320:303.

⁴⁵ As named in William T. Davis, *Genealogical Register of Plymouth Families* (Boston, 1899), 183. Davis also names Prince’s five children with his 2nd wife. Six of the children with Lucy—George, Thomas, Prince Jr., Timothy, Lucy, and Parnel [*sic*]—are mentioned in the will of their grandfather, Belcher Manter, signed 22 Feb. 1822 (Plymouth Co. Probate Records, 59:334–35). Sally and Cynthia Manter were already of legal age by the time their grandfather made his will. The unnamed infant is buried with Lucy.

⁴⁶ *Wayne VRs*, 20.

⁴⁷ Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Kennebec County*, Picton Press CD-Rom (Rockport, Maine, 1999), images 3161 (hereafter cited as *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*), cemetery stone, Evergreen Cemetery, Wayne, aged 75 years.

⁴⁸ Brownson and McLean, “Richard Handy of Sandwich, Mass.,” *NEHGR* 125(1971):193–94.

⁴⁹ *Wayne VRs*, 20.

⁵⁰ Caroline Lewis Kardell and Russell A. Lovell Jr., comps., *Vital Records of Sandwich, Massachusetts, to 1885*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1996), 2:1400 (hereafter cited as *Sandwich VRs*); his parents’ marriage on 7 Jan. 1768 in *Sandwich VRs*, 1:220.

⁵¹ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 3161, cemetery stone, Evergreen Cemetery, Wayne, aged 93 years, 6 months.

⁵² *Wayne VRs*, 20.

Besse, 6. Lucy K. Besse, 7. George Washington Besse, 8. Anna Besse, 9. Alexander Hamilton Besse, 10. Alice Kent Besse, 11. Lewis Fairbanks Besse.

- iii MARGERY BESSE, b. probably New Sandwich, ca. 1784,⁵³ d. Peru, Maine, 9 Jan. 1857;⁵⁴ m. Leeds, Maine, 4 March 1807, DAVID ATKINS,⁵⁵ b. New Sandwich 1784,⁵⁶ son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Blackwell) Atkins, d. Peru, 24 Feb. 1859.⁵⁷

Children of David and Margery (Besse) Atkins:⁵⁸ 1. *Levi J. Atkins*, 2. *Lucy M. Atkins*, 3. *Sylvanus Atkins*, 4. *Hannah Atkins*, 5. *Elizabeth Atkins*, 6. *Lois Atkins*, 7. *Lucretia Howe Atkins*, 8. *Owen Atkins*, 9. *Cynthia Besse Atkins*, 10. (again) *Cynthia Besse Atkins*.

Child of Ebenezer and Lucy (Kent) Besse:⁵⁹

- iv ELISHA BESSE, b. ca. 1792, d. Wayne, 28 Oct. 1881, aged 89 years,⁶⁰ m. (int.) Wayne, 6 Sept. 1812, LOIS DEXTER,⁶¹ b. Wayne, 27 Feb. 1797, daughter of Constant and Rebecca (Billington) Dexter,⁶² d. Wayne, 31 March 1882, aged 86 years.⁶³ Elisha's gravestone indicates he was a veteran of the War of 1812.

Children of Elisha and Lois (Dexter) Besse:⁶⁴ 1. *Rebecca Besse*, 2. *Constant Besse*, 3. *Lucy Besse*, 4. *Elisha Besse*, 5. *Louisa Besse*, 6. *Caroline Besse*, 7. *Samuel Besse*, 8. *Mercy Besse*, 9. *Lois Besse*, 10. *George Besse*, 11. *Mary Besse*.

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⁵³ Aged 66 years in David Adkins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Peru, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 142, #131/143.

⁵⁴ Turner, *History of Peru*, 49.

⁵⁵ *Leeds VRs*, image 89, citing Leeds Marriage Intentions and Marriages, 1802–1868, p. 160.

⁵⁶ Turner, *History of Peru*, 49; his parents' marriage on 18 Feb. 1767 in *Sandwich VRs*, 1:218.

⁵⁷ Turner, *History of Peru*, 49.

⁵⁸ Turner, *History of Peru*, 49.

⁵⁹ As named in Walton, *History of Wayne*, 22.

⁶⁰ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 3162, citing gravestone in Evergreen Cemetery, Wayne.

⁶¹ *Wayne VRs*, 91.

⁶² *Wayne VRs*, 2, her name entered as "Louis."

⁶³ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, image 3162, cemetery stone, Evergreen Cemetery, Wayne.

⁶⁴ Walton, *History of Wayne*, 23.

THE MAXWELL FAMILY
OF SCOTCH HILL, OGUNQUIT, AND WELLS

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(Continued from p. 130)

6 SUSANNA⁴ MAXWELL (*Gershom*³, *David*², *Alexander*¹) was baptized at the Wells church on 2 March 1733/4.³⁶⁹ She died in Wells before 29 June 1771 when her husband published intentions to marry his second wife.³⁷⁰ Susanna married in Wells, 4 December 1760, ROGER LITTLEFIELD.³⁷¹ He was born in Wells on 4 October 1738, son of Nathan and Lydia (Winn) Littlefield.³⁷² He died in Wells on 14 October 1796.³⁷³ Roger married second in Wells, 16 July 1771, Anna Ricker,³⁷⁴ daughter of Maturin and Lois (Downs) Ricker of Wells.³⁷⁵

On 4 July 1762 Roger and Susanna Littlefield owned the covenant in order to have the ordinance of baptism administered to their children at the Wells church.³⁷⁶ Roger was mentioned in the 18 October 1781 will of his mother, widow Lydia Littlefield: "to my son Roger Littlefield, my executor, my bed with all my other household furniture, my cow heifer & sheep with all my other estate, real & personal, he paying my debts, funeral charges, and legacies."³⁷⁷ Many of the family are buried together in a small five-generation cemetery off Harriseeket Road in Wells. Few dates are provided, but inscriptions include: Roger Littlefield, son of Nathan and Lydia; Susanna Maxwell, first wife of Roger; and Anna Ricker, second wife of Roger.³⁷⁸

Children of Roger and Susanna⁴ (Maxwell) Littlefield, all b. Wells.³⁷⁹

- i MARY⁵ LITTLEFIELD, bp. 4 July 1762. Undocumented internet sources note that she married STEPHEN ROWELL, the son of Jacob and Anne (Currier) Rowell.³⁸⁰ Their son Jacob was born at Newton, N.H., in 1796.
- ii SUSANNA LITTLEFIELD, bp. 30 June 1765. She is possibly the Susanna Littlefield who m. Wells, 20 June 1786, JOSEPH SHACKLEY of Wells.³⁸¹ If so, Susanna d.

³⁶⁹ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 75(1921):117.

³⁷⁰ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 69.

³⁷¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 50.

³⁷² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 30. His parents m. Wells, 23 Sept. 1724 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 30).

³⁷³ "Edmund of Wells, Me., Line," *Littlefield Family Newsletter* 2(1992):7

³⁷⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 79.

³⁷⁵ Percy Leroy Ricker and Elwin R. Holland, *A Genealogy of the Ricker Family* (Bowie, Md., 1996), 28.

³⁷⁶ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 76(1922):257.

³⁷⁷ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:813, citing York Co. Probate Records, 13:448.

³⁷⁸ "Additional Inscriptions, Wells, Maine, Gravestones," NEHGR 98(1944):205.

³⁷⁹ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 76(1922):180, 180, 105.

³⁸⁰ Stephen's parents m. South Hampton, N.H., 6 Sept. 1759 ("South Hampton Church Records," NEHGR 52[1898]:430).

³⁸¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 76.

before 28 March 1803, when Joseph Shackley, now of Lyman, published intentions to marry his 2nd wife.³⁸² Joseph was b. 10 July 1763, son of Samuel and Amy (Lord) Shackley,³⁸³ and d. Lyman, 1 May 1837.³⁸⁴ He m. (2) Lyman, May 1803, Judith (Denico) Hall,³⁸⁵ daughter of Joseph Denico and widow of John Hall.³⁸⁶

Joseph was a Revolutionary War soldier. A receipt dated Wells, 1 March 1782, confirms his three-year enlistment in the Continental Army. He served as a private in Capt. Ebenezer Smith's company, Col. Michael Jackson's regiment. He never finished the three years; the balance of his term, 21 months, 27 days, not served.³⁸⁷ He received a pension 18 July 1820, giving his age as 57, and mentioning his wife Juda, age, 50, sons Ebenezer, 15, and Reuben, 9.³⁸⁸ On 11 Feb. 1829, Joseph gave his age as 66 and mentioned his wife Judith, age 55, son Ebenezer, 24, daughter Hannah, 22, and son John, 17.³⁸⁹ These children were all b. after 1803 to Joseph's second wife, Judith. Possible children of 1st wife Susanna include Joseph Shackley, b. about 1792, who m. (int.) Alfred, 1 Jan. 1825, Louisa Emmons,³⁹⁰ and Susanna Shackley of Lyman who m. (int.) Lyman, 19 Feb. 1819, Daniel Shackley Jr. of Wells.³⁹¹

iii NATHAN LITTLEFIELD, bp. Wells, 19 April 1767. No further record found.

7 **MARTHA⁴ MAXWELL** (*Gershom³, David², Alexander¹*) was baptized at the First Church in Wells on 18 April 1736.³⁹² She died before 15 March 1765, probably in childbirth, when her husband filed intentions to remarry.³⁹³ She married in Wells on 11 December 1755, BENJAMIN BOURNE.³⁹⁴ Benjamin was baptized at the Wells church on 23 December 1733, son of John and Mary (Cousins) Bourne.³⁹⁵ He died before 29 April 1778, probably as a prisoner of war in Halifax, Nova Scotia.³⁹⁶ Benjamin married second Hannah Sewell, their intentions filed at Wells on 15

³⁸² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 126.

³⁸³ Joseph P. Thompson, trans., "Records of the First Parish Church of Kennebunk, Including Records of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1750–1890," MS (Maine Historical Society, Portland, call #Mv K37, n.d.), hereafter, Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 27. His parents m. Berwick, 21 May 1745 (Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs*, 191).

³⁸⁴ Revolutionary War Pension #W589.

³⁸⁵ Revolutionary War Pension #W589.

³⁸⁶ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*, 238.

³⁸⁷ *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 14:2.

³⁸⁸ Revolutionary War Pension #W589.

³⁸⁹ "Revolutionary Soldiers of York County, Maine," NEHGR 65(1911):338.

³⁹⁰ Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred, Maine* (Portsmouth, N.H., 2006), 107 (hereafter cited as Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*).

³⁹¹ "Early Vital Records of Lyman, Maine," [NEHGR] 96(1942):27.

³⁹² "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 75(1921):117.

³⁹³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 56.

³⁹⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 40.

³⁹⁵ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 75(1921):107. His parents m. Wells, 8 Nov. 1727 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 12).

³⁹⁶ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:765, citing York Co. Probate Records, 13:211.

March 1765.³⁹⁷ Hannah was born in York on 8 March 1738/9, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Kelley) Sewall.³⁹⁸ “Widow Hannah Bourne” died in Wells on 23 January 1829, aged 90 years.³⁹⁹ Martha Maxwell was the grandmother of Wells historian, Edward E. Bourne.

[For more information on John Bourne, his son Benjamin, and Benjamin’s children, see Priscilla Eaton, “The Family of Captain John Bourne of Wells and Kennebunk, Maine: Ships and Shipwrights,” *The Maine Genealogist* 31(2009):25-41.]

Children of Benjamin and Martha⁴ (Maxwell) Bourne, all bp. Wells:⁴⁰⁰

- i MARTHA⁵ BOURNE, bp. 5 June 1757, d. Wells, 18 Feb. 1808, aged 50 years;⁴⁰¹ m. Wells, 18 Nov. 1777, WILLIAM JELLISON “of Wells,”⁴⁰² b. ca. 1755, d. Wells, 15 Nov. 1804, aged 49 years.⁴⁰³
- ii JOHN BOURNE, bp. 19 Aug. 1759, d. Kennebunk, 6 June 1837, aged 78 years;⁴⁰⁴ m. (1) Wells, 6 Feb. 1783, ABIGAIL HUBBARD,⁴⁰⁵ b. ca. 1763, daughter of Capt. James and Mary (Bean) Hubbard,⁴⁰⁶ d. Kennebunk, 10 Dec. 1787, aged 24 years.⁴⁰⁷ John m. (2) Wells, 19 June 1788,⁴⁰⁸ SARAH KIMBALL, b. Wells, 23 July 1765, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Gilpatrick) Kimball,⁴⁰⁹ d. Kennebunk, 29 May 1794.⁴¹⁰ John m. (3) Arundel, 10 Sept. 1794, ELIZABETH (PERKINS) WILDES,⁴¹¹ b. Arundel, 20 Aug. 1765, daughter of Thomas and Susanna (Hovey) Perkins,⁴¹² d.

³⁹⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 56. Benjamin and his 2nd wife, Hannah, had five children bp. Wells (“Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine,” NEHGR 76[1922]:105 [Samuel and Benjamin], 183 [Hannah], 184 [Susanna], 185 [Mercy]).

³⁹⁸ Charles Nelson Sinnett, *The Sewall Genealogy* (Fertile, Minn, n.d.), 56. Her parents m. (int.) York, 11 Dec. 1736 (Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs*, 124).

³⁹⁹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 401.

⁴⁰⁰ All recorded in “Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine,” NEHGR 75(1921):315 [Martha], 76(1922):102 [John], 103 [Benjamin], 104 [Ebenezer].

⁴⁰¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 179.

⁴⁰² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 81.

⁴⁰³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 178. William is possibly the son of Benjamin and Agnes (Patten) Jellison who m. (int.) Wells, 8 July 1749 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 28). They appear to be the only Jellison family in Wells at the time of William’s birth.

⁴⁰⁴ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 2:825.

⁴⁰⁵ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 165.

⁴⁰⁶ Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk*, 756. Her parents m. Kittery, 28 Feb. 1752 (Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 131).

⁴⁰⁷ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 2:825, buried with her husband.

⁴⁰⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 85.

⁴⁰⁹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 148. Her parents m. Wells, 8 Dec. 1763 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 51).

⁴¹⁰ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 2:952.

⁴¹¹ “A Book of the Records of the Church of Christ (Now First Congregational) in Arundel (Kennebunkport) Maine,” NEHGR 108(1954):188 (hereafter cited as “Arundel Church of Christ”).

⁴¹² L. M. and G. W. Yerkes, comps. “Kennebunk and Kennebunkport Records Prior to 1892,” CD (2005), citing Kennebunkport VRs 1:587.

Kennebunk, 6 Sept. 1844, aged 79 years.⁴¹³ She had m. (1) Arundel, 19 Oct. 1785, Israel Wildes,⁴¹⁴ who d. at sea in Dec. 1791.⁴¹⁵

- iii BENJAMIN BOURNE, bp. 27 Dec. 1761, d. before 10 Jan. 1768, when a 2nd son named Benjamin by Benjamin Sr.'s 2nd wife, Hannah, was baptized.⁴¹⁶
- iv EBENEZER BOURNE, bp. 14 Aug. 1764. No further information. He most likely d. young, and his mother with him.

8 **GERSHOM⁴ MAXWELL** (*Gershom³, David², Alexander¹*) was baptized at the Wells church on 30 March 1740.⁴¹⁷ He probably died before 1800 when he was not enumerated in the census.⁴¹⁸ He married in Wells, 21 August 1766, SARAH LITTLEFIELD.⁴¹⁹ She was baptized at the Wells church on 17 July 1748, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Hatch) Littlefield.⁴²⁰ She is probably the Sarah Maxwell who married 62-year-old Ithamar Littlefield of Sanford, 7 January 1809.⁴²¹ Sarah Littlefield died at Sanford on 21 March 1835, age 86 years.⁴²²

Gershom and Sarah Maxwell recognized their baptismal vows at the Wells Church on 21 August 1768.⁴²³ In 1769 Gershom was assigned seating in the gallery of the meeting house along with those of the second rank.⁴²⁴ In 1773 Gershom was involved in a controversy regarding the assignment of thatch beds on the Ogunquit River. The thatch bed which had been assigned to Gershom had very much increased and a committee assigned to review the matter were of the opinion that "this increase ought to belong to the lot, and that the thatch beds which had been given to Josiah Winn and George Jacobs, by the Providence of God, in covering them with sand, had been greatly diminished." Gershom was given liberty to purchase the thatch beds from the heirs of the two men for the value of it, deemed to be about \$10.⁴²⁵

⁴¹³ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 2:824.

⁴¹⁴ "Arundel Church of Christ," NEHGR 108(1954):123.

⁴¹⁵ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:813, citing York Co. Probate Records, 2:1033, citing York Co. Probate Records, 16:219.

⁴¹⁶ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 76(1922):105.

⁴¹⁷ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 75(1921):109.

⁴¹⁸ 1800 U.S. Census, Wells, York Co., Maine, p. 859. The "Gersham Maxcy" who does appear is likely his nephew Gershom, son of his brother David, as the household includes three boys under 10.

⁴¹⁹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 77. Many genealogists have without evidence Gershom's wife as the Sarah Littlefield bp. 20 April 1740, daughter of David and Sarah (Butland) Littlefield ("Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 75[1921]:119). This Sarah's parents m. (int.) Wells, 20 Oct. 1737 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 20). But the Sarah Littlefield bp. in 1748 is the right age to have been about 86 years old in 1835. Also note that Gershom and Sarah Maxwell named a son Jeremiah.

⁴²⁰ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 75(1921):122. Her parents m. Wells, 26 Dec. 1739 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 15).

⁴²¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 151.

⁴²² See Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Sanford-Springvale Maine* (Portsmouth, N.H., 1988), 202, for the Ithamar Littlefield family.

⁴²³ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," NEHGR 76(1922):259.

⁴²⁴ Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk*, 450.

⁴²⁵ Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk*, 658.

There is a six-year gap between the baptism of Sarah in 1769 and Jeremiah in 1775, and a significant eleven-year gap between the baptism of daughter Abigail in 1779 and the baptisms of Daniel, Elizabeth, and Stephen, all baptized the same day, 26 April 1790. Wife Sarah is likely the “Widow Maxwell” who appeared in the 1800 census.⁴²⁶ It may be that this family was struck by some kind of illness, as Gershom, sons Jeremiah, and Stephen, and daughter Elizabeth all apparently died within a relatively short period of time. No record of any of their deaths, no cemetery inscriptions, and no probate records were discovered.

Children of Gershom⁴ and Sarah (Littlefield) Maxwell, bp. Wells:⁴²⁷

- i LYDIA⁵ MAXWELL, b. 18 Jan. 1767,⁴²⁸ bp. 21 Aug. 1768, d. Kennebunk, 14 Feb. 1835;⁴²⁹ m. Wells, 16 Dec. 1794, DANIEL STEVENS of Wells,⁴³⁰ b. prob. Wells, 5 Jan. 1768,⁴³¹ d. prob. before 1840 when he did not appear in the census.⁴³² The births of their five children, 1794–1808, are listed together in the Wells records.⁴³³ Their daughter Deborah Stevens m. Kennebunk, 12 Oct. 1820, Richard Phoenix, b. Alfred, 24 Aug. 1798, the son of Richard and Ruth (Wilson) Phoenix, and the brother of Ruth Phoenix who married Lydia’s brother, Seth. Richard Phoenix Sr. married Lydia’s sister Abigail.⁴³⁴
- ii SARAH MAXWELL, bp. 25 June 1769,⁴³⁵ d. Lyman, Oct. 1849, aged 81 years;⁴³⁶ m. Wells, 3 Sept. 1807, JAMES DROWN of Lyman,⁴³⁷ b. ca. 1773,⁴³⁸ son of Aaron and Mary (Emmons) Drown,⁴³⁹ d. after 20 Sept. 1850 when he was enumerated in the census. James had m. (int.) (1) Lyman, 4 Dec. 1797, Susannah Stevens,⁴⁴⁰ daughter of Benjamin Stevens.⁴⁴¹ In his will of 16 June 1826, Aaron Drown of Lyman left his

⁴²⁶ “Widow Maxwell” household, 1800 U.S. Census, Wells, York Co., Me, 982. The household included a boy under 10, likely Seth, a boy 16–25, likely Daniel, a girl under 10, likely Elizabeth, 3 girls 16–25, likely Sarah, Abigail, and Miriam, and one woman over 45, likely the widow Sarah.

⁴²⁷ “Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine,” NEHGR 76(1922):182 [Lydia and Sarah], 109 [Jeremiah], 186 [Abigail], 247 [Stephen and Daniel], 252 [Elizabeth], and 248 [Seth].

⁴²⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 220.

⁴²⁹ Thompson, “First Parish Church of Kennebunk,” 161.

⁴³⁰ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 89.

⁴³¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 220.

⁴³² Daniel Stevens household, 1830 U.S. Census, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, p. 117. Daniel was between 60 and 70 years old.

⁴³³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 220.

⁴³⁴ Stephen Whitney Phoenix, *The Descendants of John Phoenix, an Early Settler in Kittery, Maine* (New York, 1867), 12 (hereafter cited as Phoenix, *Descendants of John Phoenix*).

⁴³⁵ The Drummond article neglects to include Sarah (Drummond, “Maxwells of Wells,” 265).

⁴³⁶ Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*, 97.

⁴³⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 170.

⁴³⁸ Benj. Drown household, 1850 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, p. 156, #208/217. James was 77 years old, residing with his son Benjamin.

⁴³⁹ Anderson, *York Co. Will Abstracts*, 1:511, citing York Co. Probate Records, 40:3. His parents m. Wells, 26 Dec. 1771 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 79).

⁴⁴⁰ “Early Vital Records of Lyman, Maine,” NEHGR]95(1941):193.

⁴⁴¹ Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred, Maine*, 97.

second son James Drown “18 acres of land of the east end of my lot adjacent to his land by paying my daughter Mary Emmons \$15 in one year after my decease.”⁴⁴²

- iii JEREMIAH MAXWELL, bp. 9 Feb. 1775. Jeremiah was probably still living in 1790, about age 15, when three boys under 16 were enumerated in Gershom’s household.⁴⁴³ But he was apparently dead by 1800 when he does not seem to be a member of the Widow Maxwell’s household or have established one of his own.⁴⁴⁴
- iv ABIGAIL MAXWELL, b. Wells, 16 Sept. 1778,⁴⁴⁵ bp. 9 June 1779,⁴⁴⁶ d. Alfred, 18 May 1829;⁴⁴⁷ m. Alfred, 1 June 1814, RICHARD PHOENIX, b. Kittery, 11 March 1764, the son of Richard and Abigail (Moore) Phoenix, d. Alfred, 14 Aug. 1859, aged 96 years, 5 months.⁴⁴⁸ He had married (1) Kittery, 2 Nov. 1791, Ruth Wilson,⁴⁴⁹ b. 3 May 1769, daughter of Samuel and Eleanor (Brooks) Wilson, d. Alfred, 8 Aug. 1810.⁴⁵⁰ *The History of York County* notes that Richard lived in Alfred between Powers and the Hay Brook. He was a shoemaker by trade, and had his leg amputated in 1799.⁴⁵¹
- v (poss.) MIRIAM MAXWELL,⁴⁵² d. before 11 Aug. 1832 when her husband remarried; m. (int.) Wells, 29 Nov. 1800, AARON DROWN JR.,⁴⁵³ b. ca. 1773,⁴⁵⁴ son of Aaron and Mary (Emmons) Drown of Lyman,⁴⁵⁵ and brother of James Drown who m. Sarah Maxwell, d. prob. Lyman, after 11 Sept. 1850, when he was enumerated

⁴⁴² Anderson, *York Co. Will Abstracts*, 1:511, citing York Co. Probate Records, 40:3.

⁴⁴³ *Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*, Wells, York Co. 70, column b. Gershom’s 1790 household included three boys, likely Jeremiah, Daniel, and Stephen.

⁴⁴⁴ He does not fit the profile of Jeremiah “Maxie” of Belgrade, who was born between 1780 and 1790 (Jeremian Maxie household, 1830 Census, Belgrade, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 354).

⁴⁴⁵ Phoenix, *Descendants of John Phoenix*, 11.

⁴⁴⁶ The Drummond article neglects to include Abigail (Drummond, “Maxwells of Wells,” 265).

⁴⁴⁷ Phoenix, *Descendants of John Phoenix*, 11.

⁴⁴⁸ Phoenix, *Descendants of John Phoenix*, 10. Abigail was “of Sanford” at the time of her marriage, probably residing with her mother.

⁴⁴⁹ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 181. The record calls him Richard Finnix Jr.

⁴⁵⁰ Phoenix, *Descendants of John Phoenix*, 10.

⁴⁵¹ Clayton, *History of York County*, 264.

⁴⁵² John, David, and Barak faithfully had their children baptized as infants at the first church, and in the case of Barak, all his children are accounted for together as a family in the town records. This makes Gershom the best candidate to be Miriam’s father, particularly since a known daughter, Sarah, married into the same Drown family of Coxhall. Gershom’s 1790 household included six females: wife Sarah, daughters Lydia, Sarah, Abigail, and Elizabeth, leaving room for a fifth daughter, possibly Miriam (*Heads of Families, 1790: Maine*, Wells, York Co., 70, column b). As noted above, there is also a place for Miriam in the Widow Maxwell’s 1800 household. Miriam (Maxwell) Drown of Lyman was between ages 26–34 in 1810 (Aaron Drown household, 1810 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, 1027). The dates are a bit off, but there was also a “Miriam” bp. Wells, 15 Sept. 1773, no parents given (“Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine,” NEHGR 76(1922):184). While Drummond does not include Miriam in this family, he also fails to include Sarah and Abigail, known daughters of Gershom.

⁴⁵³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 123.

⁴⁵⁴ He was 77 years old in 1850 (Aaron Drown household, 1850 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, p. 143, #16/16).

⁴⁵⁵ Anderson, *York Co. Will Abstracts*, 1:511, citing York Co. Probate Records, 40:3. His parents m. Wells, 26 Dec. 1771 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 79).

in the census.⁴⁵⁶ Aaron m. (2) (cert.) Lyman, 11 Aug. 1832, Elizabeth Eldridge, who d. before 1850.⁴⁵⁷ Aaron and Miriam Drown named a son Jeremiah,⁴⁵⁸ perhaps for Miriam's recently deceased brother. Aaron was mentioned in the 16 June 1826 will of his father Aaron Drown of Lyman, who bequeathed him the 18 acres of land on which he was then residing.⁴⁵⁹ In 1850 Aaron was living with his son Jeremiah and family.

- vi DANIEL MAXWELL, bp. 26 April 1790 with his brother and sister, but he was probably b. 1784 or earlier if he was the boy, aged 16–25, in his mother's 1800 household. In 1820 Daniel was living in Alfred next to his brother Seth.⁴⁶⁰ He was aged 26–44, as was his wife, and his household included three boys under age ten.
- vii STEPHEN MAXWELL, bp. 26 April 1790, but possibly born earlier as he was bp. with Daniel and Elizabeth after a 12-year gap during which time Gershom and Sarah baptized no children. He probably d. before 1800 as he does not seem to be present in his mother's household that year.
- viii ELIZABETH MAXWELL, bp. 26 April 1790. She may have been born near this date, as there is a girl aged 0–9 in her mother's household in 1800. No further record found.
- ix SETH MAXWELL, bp. 20 Oct. 1791, d. prob. Sanford, after 1860,⁴⁶¹ m. Sanford, 16 Sept. 1819, RUTH PHOENIX,⁴⁶² b. Sanford, 29 Jan. 1796, daughter of Richard and Ruth (Wilson) Phoenix.⁴⁶³ Ruth's father had married Seth's older sister Abigail as his 2nd wife. Seth served as a private in the War of 1812, Capt. Thompson's company of the Massa. Militia.⁴⁶⁴ Seth and Ruth had seven children b. Alfred 1820–33.⁴⁶⁵ In 1860, Seth was living with his son Seth Jr. He is buried in the Maxwell Plot in Alfred.⁴⁶⁶

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⁴⁵⁶ Aaron Drown household, 1850 U.S. Census, Lyman, York Co., Maine, p. 143, #16/16.

⁴⁵⁷ Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*, 97.

⁴⁵⁸ Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred*, 97.

⁴⁵⁹ Anderson, *York Co. Will Abstracts*, 1:511, citing York Co. Probate Records, 40:3.

⁴⁶⁰ Daniel Maxwell household, 1820 U.S. Census, Alfred, York Co., Maine, p. 557.

⁴⁶¹ Seth Maxwell household, 1860 U.S. Census, Alfred, York Co., Maine, p. 777, #226/244.

⁴⁶² "Town Records of Alfred, Maine," *Maine Historical and Genealogical Register* 3(1887):204.

⁴⁶³ Phoenix, *Descendants of John Phoenix*, 12. Her parents m. Kittery, 2 Nov. 1791 (Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 181).

⁴⁶⁴ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 1:73.

⁴⁶⁵ Phoenix, *Descendants of John Phoenix*, 16.

⁴⁶⁶ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 1:73.

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