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EDITOR'S PAGE

We live in dangerous times. News reports of rampant unemployment, global terrorism, environmental change, plummeting 401(k) balances, violent neighborhood crime, and eroding family values seem to be everyday occurrences. Many of us yearn for better, perhaps a return to life as it was in days of yore when things were supposedly less complicated and less stressful. Some people think of genealogy as a means to fantasize about such notions, but we are deluding ourselves if we think life was any easier then than it is now. The articles in this issue plainly make that point.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries in Maine, Indian raids were a frequent threat. In her article on the family of Ebenezer Hilton of Pownalborough, Merrylyn Sawyer includes a deposition made by Ebenezer's daughter Mary (Hilton) Savage. Mary describes in grisly detail the Indian raid that occurred on 31 July 1747, in which her father, brother, and brother-in-law were killed, and another brother was captured and taken prisoner to Canada. In a similar incident, Priscilla Eaton recounts the story of Joseph Frye, who was captured by Indians from his home in Kittery about 1695, when he was about fifteen years old. Joseph next appears on a 1710 list of English prisoners, still in the hands of the French and Indians fifteen years later. One can only imagine what it was like for him to be torn from his family and familiar surroundings as a teenager and led into forced captivity for so many years.

By the nineteenth century, the Indian threat was gone, but other problems, including poverty and neglect, were just as devastating to people's lives. In the May 2010 issue, we published an 1847 letter from the Overseers of the Poor of Bangor to the town of Athens, Maine. Loring Plummer and his family, inhabitants of Athens, were then living as paupers in Bangor. The Overseers wrote: "We [write] that you may order their removal. We have charged the expenses of their support to your town, and shall continue to do so as long as we are obliged to furnish them with supplies." New research on Loring's family shows that they moved back to Athens and later settled in the Dover-Foxcroft area, but they continued to lead a hardscrabble existence, owning only \$575 in property in 1860, among the lowest of the residents then in Dover. Poor education and a lack of opportunity in rural America in those times made it nearly impossible for Loring and other indigent persons to improve their standard of living.

The lead article in this issue by Michael Dwyer recounts the chilling tale of Emeline (Bacheller) (Chamberlain) Gurney of Fayette. Emeline's story has been the subject of a popular novel by Judith Rossner (of *Looking for Mr. Goodbar* fame) and of a segment on the PBS *American Experience* series called "Sins of Our Mothers." While her tale has been told before, it was not until the case was examined by a skilled genealogist that the truth is now finally unraveled from all of the legends that sprouted from Emeline's tragic life. It is hard to believe that an old woman living in central Maine in the late 1800s could die in the manner in which she did while her neighbors turned a blind eye to her misery.

As we read through these articles, we are poignantly reminded that the lives of our ancestors were certainly not idyllic.

—Joseph C. Anderson II, FASG, Editor

REVISITING THE SHOCKING LEGEND OF FAYETTE, MAINE: EMELINE (BACHELLER) (CHAMBERLAIN) GURNEY

By Michael F. Dwyer

One only has to type the words *Emeline* and *Fayette* into an internet search engine and links appear to the story. What had remained a local tale about the tribulations of a hapless nineteenth-century Maine woman took on a wider context in the 1980s with the publication of Judith Rossner's novel, *Emmeline*.¹ Rossner's source for the life of Emeline (Bachelier) (Chamberlain) Gurney (1816–1897) had been the oral testimony of Nettie (Plant) Mitchell (1886–1981), a Fayette story-teller, librarian, and reporter. Nettie and her family had lived near Emeline in Fayette, Maine, and Nettie recalled vivid childhood memories about the old lady whom she visited in a forlorn cabin at the edge of Mosher Pond.

For many years, Nettie kept public silence about what the neighbors had to say about Emeline's plight and how the townspeople shunned her. Nettie's videotaped recollections, made in 1975, when she was eighty-nine, have been preserved in the PBS documentary, "Sins of Our Mothers." This one-hour television program, written by filmmaker Matthew Collins, premiered in 1989 for the first season of the long-running television series, *American Experience*. Collins created a powerful documentary that explored the extent to which Emeline's story was based on historical fact. He supplemented Nettie's testimony with additional research and interviews with several Fayette residents including Nettie's niece and daughter. Such an unusual departure from the typical subjects of television history received critical acclaim, prompting historian David McCullough to call it "an old-fashioned detective story." Nevertheless, this memorable episode has always left me with some lingering doubts about how all the pieces of the puzzle fit together.

Before proceeding to a deeper investigation of Emeline and the community in which she lived, the nucleus of her compelling story needs to be heard in Nettie Mitchell's own words:

I knew this old lady when I was a tiny child. She was very sweet and lovely. She was one of a large family of children in a very impoverished home in the early 1800s. At the age of 13, visitors from Lynn, Massachusetts, arrived at the home and seeing the poverty and the deprivation there said why don't you let Emeline come back with us to Lynn and she can work in the cotton mills. She is old enough to work . . . and send some money to help with the expenses back home. They thought it over and decided to let her go. . . . She was an efficient, hard-working little girl, but she was entirely among strangers in a strange land, very, very different from anything she had known before. Among those who were friendly to her, as most of them were not because she was entirely different, was her young boss, and he became very friendly, and she yielded to him, to his persuasion. By the time she was 14, she

¹ Judith Rossner, *Emmeline* (New York, 1980). Rossner called her title character Emmeline Mosher. The novel also inspired an opera of the same name, which premiered at the Santa Fe Opera in 1996.

was the mother of his child. She did not dare let her people back home know what occurred. The people where she was staying made arrangements to sell her baby to a childless couple nearby who would pay her expenses and her transportation back home where she would go as soon as she was able. She returned to her home. And she worked hard in the fields but did not join the social life of the community. As she grew older, her parents and others began to wonder why she shunned all the young children around her. She was a very pretty girl, and they couldn't understand it. In her early 30s, while she was working at home, a young man came to town to build highways. He was a personable young chap, and he came to board at their home. Although she was so many years older than he, he fell desperately in love with her, and she with him, and they decided to marry and have a home of their own. They did and built a little cottage down by the shore of Mosher Pond. They moved in there and had been married something less than a year when his people from Massachusetts decided to come visit them. They came down, and to their horror, they discovered he had married his own mother.²

Nettie's final revelation still leaves its listener aghast. While essentially not deviating from the substance of legend, "Sins of Our Mothers" points out several errors in the oral history. First, the location of where the teenage Emeline likely went to work was Lowell, and not Lynn, Massachusetts. Emeline had also, in fact, married twice. Her first marriage took place in Fayette, on 20 August 1843,³ when she was 27, to George Chamberlain, and they had one child, Gustavus Chamberlain, born in 1844.⁴ Theirs was a penurious existence. About ten years into the marriage, George vanished, plunging Emeline and their son deeper into poverty. Emeline consequently is listed as a pauper in Fayette town records. Upon reaching adulthood, Gustavus is said to have "disappeared into history." Emeline, meanwhile, did not venture far from home. On 23 April 1878, at the age of 62, and not in her early thirties as the legend purports, Emeline remarried Leonard Gurney,⁵ allegedly from Massachusetts, and the missing son whom she had given up years before.

Notwithstanding those corrections concerning the different location in Massachusetts as well as finding an additional husband for Emeline, Matthew Collins's documentary adheres to the key points of Nettie Mitchell's narrative: In the wake of the exposure of her incestuous marriage, Emeline was subjected to the censure of the townspeople. As Nettie said, "She was ostracized entirely. No one went near her. No one went to help her."⁶ Emeline lived in malnourishment and solitude for her remaining days. Nettie talked of bringing food her parents sent to this isolated soul whom the community treated as a pariah. Other Fayette residents interviewed for "Sins of Our Mothers" recalled snippets of stories they had heard from older

² "Sins of Our Mothers," *American Experience*, PBS, aired 17 Jan. 1989.

³ *Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities, Town of Fayette* (Picton Press CD, 2005), image 246 (hereafter cited as *Fayette VRs*).

⁴ Gustavus is listed as 6 years old in the household of his grandfather, Aaron Bachelder (1850 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 422, #377/425).

⁵ *Fayette VRs*, image 96.

⁶ "Sins of Our Mothers," note 2.

family members. One community member recalled the warning, “Don’t be like Emeline.” Of course, with the passage of time, no one but Nettie Mitchell, as the last surviving eyewitness, could claim the same sense of immediacy to the narrative.

More than mere sensationalism, the story of Fayette’s Emeline harkens back to the simultaneous fascination and revulsion of the Oedipus myth. For someone who relishes historical mysteries, I sensed several key elements of this “old-fashioned detective story,” including the full identities of Emeline’s two husbands, needed more probing genealogical scrutiny. First though, an analysis of the real Emeline begins with her family, the Bachellers⁷ of Fayette, Maine.

EMELINE’S PARENTS AND SIBLINGS

Emeline’s grandfather, Nathaniel Gilman Bacheller (1741–1817), an early proprietor of Fayette, loomed formidably in the collected remembrances of his descendants, as this passage from the *Batchelder Genealogy* recalls:

He was a powerful man, all round, and had a voice like a lion. When he sneezed he shook the solid earth, and the report could be heard more than a mile away. In religious views he was an orthodox of the straitest [*sic*] sect. He would not allow his children to read any other book but the Bible on the Sabbath day, and would not allow them to read the Apocrypha.⁸

Nathaniel owned about 1500 acres in Fayette and another 600 in Chesterville. He deeded substantial plots of land to his children.⁹ However, in the instance of Emeline’s father, Aaron Bacheller, his life was one of steady material decline. Aaron’s entry in the same genealogy quoted above stands in stark contrast to the entries and achievements of some of his brothers. Beyond the dates of his death and the births of his children, nothing further is stated about Aaron, not even his wife’s name.¹⁰ Aaron *Bacheldor*’s intention to marry Sophia Gould on 26 April 1808 is found in Fayette records, but the actual marriage date has not been found.¹¹ Their union produced, over ten years, four surviving children: Henrietta, the eldest, followed by David, Emeline, and Hannah. Another daughter, Lucy, died when Emeline was just two months old. Beginning in the early 1820s, after the death of his father, Aaron Bacheller began selling off parcels of his inheritance to the extent that, by the end of his life, he had very little left.¹² In the 1830 census, Aaron’s household shows

⁷ Spelling variations abound in this family, and sometimes the same person will appear under several different spellings. The Fayette branch usually spelled it as *Bacheller*.

⁸ Frederick Clifton Pierce, *Batchelder, Batcheller Genealogy: Descendants of Rev. Stephen Bachiler of England . . .* (Chicago, 1898), 147 (hereafter cited as *Batchelder Genealogy*).

⁹ Henry D. Kingsbury and Simeon L. Deyo, eds., *Illustrated History of Kennebec County, Maine* (New York, 1892), 948.

¹⁰ *Batchelder Genealogy*, 180. The absence of his wife’s name is also reflected in *Fayette VRs*, image 200, which reads “Aaron Bacheller Family.”

¹¹ *Fayette VRs*, image 190.

¹² Kennebec Co. Deeds, 59:211, 113:519, 97:70, 111:9, 115:287.

only one male between the age of 40 and 50 (Aaron) and four females in the appropriate age categories to represent his wife, Sophia, and their three daughters.¹³

Aaron's only son David Stephen Bacheller, over 18 at the time of the enumeration, had already left Fayette for Lowell, Massachusetts. David appears in Lowell city directories by the late 1830s as an employee of the Merrimac Print Works.¹⁴ Thus, David's early departure from Fayette is indicative of his seeking a future elsewhere, and his migration to Lowell creates a tangible link between the Bacheller family and the thriving Massachusetts industrial city. David S. Bacheller remained in Lowell where he married Climena Pearson on 2 February 1842.¹⁵ By 1860, David and Climena were running a boarding house while he continued to work as a mechanic.¹⁶ Ten years later, the number of their boarders increased to the extent that David no longer worked in a factory.¹⁷ Although David did not acquire property in Lowell, a comparison between the two censuses shows that the value of his personal estate increased from \$300.00 in 1860 to \$1000.00 in 1870. While it is plausible to conjecture his sister Emeline may have accompanied David to Lowell in their early years, no documentary evidence survives to prove she ever lived, worked, or gave birth to a child there. Interestingly, several other members of Emeline's family would continue migrating from Fayette to Lowell in the next generation, as will be presented.

Meanwhile, in Fayette, the fortunes of Aaron Bacheller's household did not improve. Change came slowly to the second generation of his family, with each of his daughters marrying at later age than many of their rural Maine counterparts. Henrietta, age 29, was the first of the daughters to wed. On 2 April 1839, she married Philip Davis,¹⁸ son of early Fayette settler, Joseph Davis.¹⁹ They would have no children and spent the rest of their lives along the Fayette ridge, several miles south of where Emeline lived.²⁰ Their close neighbor was James H. Hutchinson, a farmer who had married Philip Davis's younger sister, Martha.²¹ In the 1850 census, James

¹³ Aaron Bacheller household, 1830 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 124.

¹⁴ Benjamin Floyd, *The Lowell Directory* (Lowell, 1838), 87.

¹⁵ *Vital Records of Lowell, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 4 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1930), 3:148 (hereafter cited as *Lowell VRs*).

¹⁶ David S. Batchelder household, 1860 U.S. Census, Lowell, Ward 2, Middlesex Co., Mass., p. 225, #409/479.

¹⁷ David S. Bachelder household, 1870 U.S. Census, Lowell, Ward 2, Middlesex Co., Mass., p. 494, #669/755.

¹⁸ *Fayette VRs*, image 216. Gideon Powers, Justice of the Peace, performed the marriage.

¹⁹ Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, 2:10 (database at AmericanAncestors.org); Joseph H. Underwood, *History of Fayette* (Augusta, Maine, 1956), 103, 117 (hereafter cited as *History of Fayette*).

²⁰ Philip and Henrietta Davis, as well as his sister Sally Randall, are buried in Fayette Corner Yard next to his parents, Joseph and Hannah Davis ("Fayette Cemeteries," DAR typescript, 1934, pp. 16–17, at Maine State Archives). This older compilation preserves the arrangement of the graves and has not been alphabetized.

²¹ Intention recorded 2 Jan. 1831 (*Fayette VRs*, image 212).

Hutchinson's family, including Philip and Martha's mother, Hannah Davis, age 73, immediately precedes Philip and Henrietta's household.²² Hutchinson also served as a Justice of the Peace and would later officiate at the marriages of Henrietta's two sisters, Emeline and Hannah.

Over the next forty years, there would be little movement among the Bachellers and their neighbors in North Fayette. Living on an adjoining plot to Emeline's household was the family of another David Bacheller (1815–1876), this one an almost exact contemporary of her brother, David, of Lowell. David of Fayette, who stayed in his native town for his entire life, was Emeline's first cousin, a son of her father's younger brother, Nathaniel Bacheller (1788–1826).²³ David married three times: the first time in Fayette on 27 November 1841 to Hannah Huse;²⁴ secondly, in Chesterville, on November 1853, to Eunice Cobb;²⁵ and lastly, in Fayette, on 14 March 1870 to Lucy Lumbert who was twenty-five years younger than he.²⁶ This last marriage lasted only six years until David's death in 1876.²⁷ Lucy (Lumbert) Bacheller outlived her husband by more than forty years and died on 9 November 1917.²⁸ Their oldest son, David G. Bacheller, born in 1871, remained on the property that once adjoined that of Emeline's family until his death in 1944.²⁹ David certainly would have had firsthand encounters with Emeline. The 1940 census for Fayette reveals that David Bacheller's immediate neighbor was none other than Nettie Mitchell, already a widow at the age of 54.³⁰ Thus, there remained in Fayette, well into the twentieth century, a strong web of familial associations to Emeline and probably whispered remembrances.

EMELINE'S FIRST HUSBAND, GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN

Emeline Bacheller married George Chamberlain on 20 August 1843.³¹ Only two weeks elapsed between their intention and the actual marriage.³² Since George was listed as living in Fayette at the time of their marriage, it was logical to pursue him belonging to a family in the area. He is matched to the man born in Belgrade,

²² James H. Hutchinson household, 1850 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 424, #405/460.

²³ *Batchelder Genealogy*, 179–80.

²⁴ *Fayette VRs*, image 245. Hannah died after the 1850 census.

²⁵ "Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907," database at FamilySearch.org; *Fayette VRs*, image 120, for the deaths of both Eunice and David.

²⁶ *Fayette VRs*, image 37.

²⁷ *Fayette VRs*, image 120.

²⁸ "Maine Death Records 1617–1922," Maine State Archives, database at Ancestry.com.

²⁹ Kennebec Co. Probate records, 758:385.

³⁰ Nettie Mitchell household, 1940 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 6-30, p. 6A, #103.

³¹ *Fayette VRs*, image 246.

³² *Fayette VRs*, image 243.

Maine, on 9 October 1806, to George (Sr.) and Cynthia (Gould) Chamberlain,³³ a couple who had married earlier that year.³⁴ Since the mothers of both George and Emeline shared the same maiden name, Gould, the possibility needed to be pursued whether or not the two women were related.

Kennebec County deeds reveal the clues to illuminate these relationships. On 9 September 1826, George Chamberlain (Sr.) purchased for \$140.00 from Esther Gould, single woman, part of the Gould farm in Belgrade.³⁵ In turn, Esther Gould had purchased the property from her sister, Jemima Gould, who bought it from their father, Jabez Gould in 1813.³⁶ Continuing to work back in time, Jabez was the grantor to his son Elihu Gould of Belgrade, and his wife Esther signed off her right of dower for what was the largest chunk of the Belgrade farm.³⁷ Examining every one of Jabez Gould's land transactions as both grantee and grantor unequivocally traces his movements in the "District of Maine." In the first instance, on 27 March 1787, Jabez Gould, yeoman, of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, paid sixty pounds to Joseph Gould, of Franklin, Massachusetts, for a tract of land in Hallowell.³⁸ Two years later, on 29 October 1789, Jabez purchased Lot 12 in Hallowell from Samuel Prescott.³⁹ Jabez, enumerated in Augusta in the 1800 census,⁴⁰ was still of Augusta when he sold the Hallowell lot to Levi Morgan on 22 April 1805.⁴¹ Some of the early Kennebec County property divisions crossed town lines, as when Jabez, as a resident of Belgrade, bought for \$800.00 from Ananias Cottle, lot no. 190 "*lying partly in Sidney & partly in Augusta & partly in Belgrade & partly in Readfield.*"⁴²

Jabez Gould became a Revolutionary War pensioner, and details within his application file give social context to him and his family in a way that land deeds alone could not convey.⁴³ In May 1818, Jabez Gould, age 73, deposed that he was the man from Wrentham, Massachusetts, who served as a private in Captain Wheelock's Company.⁴⁴ He stated further, "I served at Ticonderoga and was in the expedition against the Indians, and in the battle with enemy at Lake Champlain, at which

³³ *Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities, Town of Belgrade* (Picton Press CD, 2005), image 280, citing Births and Deaths 1798–1880, p. 3 (hereafter cited as *Belgrade VRs*).

³⁴ *Belgrade VRs*, images 203–4. George Chamberlain and Cynthia Gould declared their intention to marry on 7 May 1806 and were married on 6 July 1806.

³⁵ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 59:162.

³⁶ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 16:513, Jemima to Hannah.

³⁷ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 21:512.

³⁸ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 1:437. Witnesses were Otis Gould and Lewis Gould.

³⁹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 1:438. Jabez Gould is enumerated in the Maine 1790 census for Hallowell, a perplexing enumeration with only one person in the household. It is improbable that Jabez Gould would have moved to Maine without his large family.

⁴⁰ Jabez Gould household, 1800 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 293.

⁴¹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 8:54.

⁴² Kennebec Co. Deeds, 13:386.

⁴³ Jabez Gould/Esther Gold, Revolutionary War pension file #W23127.

⁴⁴ Details of the Revolutionary War service are corroborated in *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908), 6:672.

I suffered much from the British and the Indians.”⁴⁵ His own words reveal he was dogged by poverty: “I am now old and poor.” Following the inventory of one cow worth \$25.00, one swine worth \$8.00, and household furniture worth \$5.00, he said, “I owe more than I am worth. . . . I was assisted by the town until I received my pension.”⁴⁶ Jabez subsequently collected a pension until his death in July 1825. Later, on 9 August 1838, when his widow Esther Gould, age 92, applied for a widow’s pension, she provided evidence for documenting her marriage to the former soldier. Statements from the Town Clerk of Attleboro verify the marriage of Jabez Gould of Cumberland, Rhode Island, and Esther Sweetland of Attleboro, Massachusetts, as having taken place on 2 April 1766.

Movement of families between border towns of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was not at all unusual. While Jabez served in the Revolution from the town of Wrentham, his and Esther’s ten children were recorded in the town records of Cumberland, Rhode Island, the last birth in the family record that of Cynthia Gould, mother of George Chamberlain, on 16 May 1785.⁴⁷ Given her father’s presence in land records, it is likely Cynthia and her siblings moved to Maine when she was a small child. Married to George Chamberlain (Sr.) at the age of 21, she would bear eight children over seventeen years and was left a widow at the age of 44.⁴⁸ Before his death, George Chamberlain had sold off or mortgaged most of the Gould farm he had acquired from Cynthia’s sister, Esther Gould.⁴⁹ Whereas George Chamberlain (Sr.) signed his deeds with the mark X, Cynthia Chamberlain could sign her own name to relinquish her dower rights.

In addition to George Chamberlain Jr., Emeline’s husband, Cynthia had five other surviving children who eventually married: Charles, Alfred, and Lois had their marriages recorded in Belgrade, and Hannah and Eunice had theirs recorded in Augusta.⁵⁰ The only instance that lists Cynthia Chamberlain as a head of household is the 1830 census wherein she was recorded at Augusta with five other people in her household.⁵¹ Then she literally seems to disappear from the historical record until her death. Certainly, it is understandable that she might not appear as a head of household in 1840, but there is no trace of her in either the 1850 or 1860 censuses, even with a name by name search within the households of her married children, all of whom except George stayed in Kennebec County. Cynthia Chamberlain, who

⁴⁵ Jabez Gould/Esther Gold, Revolutionary War pension file #W23127.

⁴⁶ Jabez Gould/Esther Gold, Revolutionary War pension file #W23127.

⁴⁷ Town of Cumberland records, 2:11, housed at the Cumberland Town Hall. The children of Jabez Gould and Esther his wife were recorded in three groups. The entry of *Cynthia Goold their 6th daughter* was recorded on 17 July 1786 by Jn. L. Dexter, Town Clerk.

⁴⁸ George Chamberlain [Sr.] d. 10 Sept. 1829 (*Belgrade VRs*, image 280).

⁴⁹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 59:240.

⁵⁰ “Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907,” database at FamilySearch.org.

⁵¹ Cynthia Chamberlain household, 1830 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 97.

died in Augusta on 28 May 1861, age 76,⁵² fits the chronology exactly, but her death record does not tell us where she was in the intervening years.

Given the accusation that Cynthia's daughter-in-law Emeline Chamberlain married her own son, was there any marriage within the Chamberlain family between two people of unusually disparate ages? In 1850, Cynthia's eldest daughter, Hannah Chamberlain, age 40, lived in the household of Asahel Merchant of Augusta. Also living in the household was Lauriston Trask, age 14, son of Hannah's sister, Eunice Trask, and a 21-year-old laborer Miles Keen.⁵³ Hannah's and her nephew Lauriston's presence in a non-family household reflects the economic reality that people had to live and work where they could find it. What makes the census entry worthy of note is that Hannah and Miles would marry five years later, on 24 March 1855, the marriage record noting Miles's age, 27, birthplace, Damariscotta, as well as the names of their fathers.⁵⁴ Though Hannah did marry a man young enough to be her son, her marriage to Miles endured through his Civil War service until Hannah's death, at the age of 84, on 19 September 1892.⁵⁵ These details about George's Chamberlain's maternal connections are relevant to Emeline's story because the Goulds of Belgrade turn out to be her maternal family as well.

Emeline's own death certificate has every field filled out completely including her mother's full name, Sophia Gould, and birthplace, Belgrade.⁵⁶ Even though the Jabez Gould family is the only one of that name to be associated with Belgrade in the early nineteenth century, what further proof is there that Emeline's mother was the sister of Cynthia (Gould) Chamberlain? Sophia Bacheller's name appears only in one census, that of 1850, when she is listed, after her husband, Aaron Bacheller, as 69 years old and born in

RECORD OF A DEATH.	
Name	Emeline Gurney
Place of Death	Yazelle
Date of Death	Oct 9 18 97
Age, Years, Months, Days	17 Months, 9 Days
Place of Birth	Maine
Sex	♀
Color	W
Married, Single, Widowed, or Divorced.	Widow
Occupation	House Keeper
Cause of Death	Spending
Place of Burial	Yazelle
Name of Father	Aaron Bacheller
Maiden Name of Mother	Sophia Gould
Birthplace of Father	Kingston, Mass
Birthplace of Mother	Belgrade

⁵² Ethel Colby Conant, ed., *Vital Records of Augusta, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (Augusta, Maine, 1933), 2:256 (hereafter cited as *Augusta VRs*).

⁵³ Asahel Merchant household, 1850 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 93, #1105/1256.

⁵⁴ *Augusta VRs*, 1:420.

⁵⁵ "Maine Death Records 1617-1922," Maine State Archives, database at Ancestry.com. The record includes her mother's full name, Cynthia Gould, and birthplace of Cumberland.

⁵⁶ "Maine Death Records 1617-1922," Maine State Archives, database at Ancestry.com. Her father's birthplace is listed as Kingston, Mass., rather than N.H.

Massachusetts.⁵⁷ As one of Jabez and Esther Gould's children, her birth, circa 1781, should appear within their family recorded in Cumberland, Rhode Island. While there is no child listed with the name Sophia, *Zerviah Goold their 5th daughter* was born 15 April 1780.⁵⁸ Most likely *Zerviah* became known by the phonetically similar name of *Sophia*, perhaps by her own choice.⁵⁹ Since Sophia Gould was 28 years old at the time of her marriage intention in Fayette, it is not unusual in the wider context of this Gould family that she would have been living apart from her parents. Two of her sisters appear on the same deed as living in two different locations: In 1814, Hannah Gould was a single woman of Readfield and, likewise, Jemima Gould was of Hallowell.⁶⁰ Moreover, like her sister Cynthia (Gould) Chamberlain, Sophia (Gould) Bacheller could sign her name, as she did several times to relinquish dower rights when her husband sold land.

The marriage therefore of George Chamberlain and Emeline Bachelder was one between first cousins. Although consanguineous marriages of this degree in the nineteenth century were neither illegal nor rare, they waned in communities that were more dynamic with numbers of people moving in or out in search of greater opportunities. While the personal motivations of this couple may never fully be known, their match poses two significant questions: Did George and Emeline marry on their own initiative, or did their families actively encourage the match? George was a 37-year-old widower when he married Emeline. He had first married, at the age of 22, Polly Maxey on 6 August 1829 in Belgrade;⁶¹ they had two children: Mary Ann Chamberlain, born 28 May 1830, and Charles Henry Chamberlain, born 1 January 1833.⁶² The young couple started their married life not far from George's maternal uncle in Belgrade, as evidenced by the name of Elihu Gould immediately preceding that of George *Chamberlin* in the 1830 census.⁶³ George's wife Polly died just a year after the birth of Charles, on 4 June 1834.⁶⁴ It may be inferred from George's absence from the Kennebec County land records as well as the head of households from the 1840 census that he lived in someone else's household following Polly's

⁵⁷ Aaron Bachelder household, 1850 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 422, #377/425.

⁵⁸ Cumberland Town Records, 2:11.

⁵⁹ I have five other examples of *Zerviah* becoming *Sophia*, a fashionable name from the middle of the 18th century. According to name expert Julie Otto of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Old Testament *Zeruah* was King David's sister. The "u" was replaced by a "v" and the name could be pronounced *Zer/VEE/ah* to rhyme with *So/FEE/ah*. See *The Weekly Genealogist*, Vol. 15, No. 26, Whole No. 589, 27 June 2012.

⁶⁰ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 16:513.

⁶¹ *Belgrade VRs*, image 134. The marriage, performed by Elias Taylor, J.P., indicates that they were both of Mount Vernon. Elias Taylor also provided a deposition in Esther Gould's pension application that she was indeed the widow of soldier Jabez Gould.

⁶² *Belgrade VRs*, image 302.

⁶³ 1830 U.S. Census, Belgrade, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 354 (Elihu Gould), p. 355 (George Chamberlin).

⁶⁴ *Belgrade VRs*, image 302.

death. The 1850 Maine census shows that George's two children were already living in households separate from their father. His son Charles H., age 17, lived with "Deacon" Allen Bachelder (1786–1862), a childless but moderately prosperous younger brother of Emeline's father.⁶⁵ George's daughter, Mary Ann Chamberlain, age 20, lived in nearby East Livermore, within the household of Columbus and Anna Haines.⁶⁶ In the same census, Emeline, age 34, and George Chamberlain, age 44, occupation shingle weaver, lived in the same house with Emeline's parents and their last unmarried daughter, Hannah.⁶⁷ This living arrangement, especially with George's children living elsewhere, undoubtedly reflected this family's straightened circumstances. A look at the page on which the Bachelders are enumerated in the 1850 census reveals the comparative impoverishment of the Bachelder household. Cousin David Bachelder's \$1,200.00 of real estate contrasts with neighbor Davis Mosher with \$500.00.⁶⁸ Living in the Mosher household were three paupers, forerunners of Emeline's own misfortune to come. Aaron Bachelder apparently did not have any value for real estate listed. On 6 September 1852, within just a month of his death, Aaron Bachelder, for the sum of \$40.00, deeded the house to unmarried daughter Hannah. Details of the deed give specifics of the extent to which the property had been mortgaged: "A certain dwelling house and shed adjoining the same, said house and shed are now standing on land owned by Davis Mosier in Fayette aforesaid, said house is twenty four feet long by eighteen wide having a small shed attached to the same."⁶⁹ Two years later, on 26 June 1854, Hannah Bachelder, at the age of 36, married neighbor Amos K. Mosher, son of Davis, who was nine years her junior.⁷⁰

It is not known exactly how long George and Emeline lived together as a married couple. The 1860 census underscores George Chamberlain's absence from Fayette, leaving Emeline, age 44, listed as a housekeeper, and Gustavus Chamberlain, age 16, as a farmer in Amos Mosier's household, following his wife Hannah and their young sons, Dennis and Frank.⁷¹ George Chamberlain's departure put Emeline in financial peril and reduced their son to a pauper's status. Fayette town records from 1860 show that Dr. Noah Watson was paid throughout the year for the

⁶⁵ Allen Bachelder household, 1850 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 420, #350/396. He held \$1500 in real estate. The *Batchelder Genealogy*, 147, notes that he was "Deacon of the Baptist Church for many years." He also left a legacy to the Baptist Missionary Society.

⁶⁶ Columbus Haines household, 1850 U.S. Census, East Livermore, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 85, #129/135. Anna (Townsend) Haines's younger brother Charles H. Townsend would later become Mary Ann's 2nd husband. Born in Sidney, Maine, they were children of Dodivah and Sabra (Price) Townsend.

⁶⁷ Aaron Bachelder household, 1850 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 422, #377/425.

⁶⁸ See note 67.

⁶⁹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 182:337.

⁷⁰ *Fayette VRs*, image 256.

⁷¹ Amos Mosier household, 1860 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 632, #322/339.

support of Gustavus Chamberlain.⁷² At the very least, it reveals Gustavus needed ongoing medical care. His mother Emeline almost disappears in the next census. In the 1870 census, below, one has to look hard for Emeline because she is not even recorded under her full name. She is found as the last person in the household of Davis Mosher: *Chamberlain*^E, with surname Mosher.⁷³

Mosher Davis	66	M.	Chamberlain
Betsy	65	F.	Keeping House
Amos M.	43	M.	From Sabara
Heannah	57	F.	Keeping House
Dennis C.	12	M.	Attending School
Frank E.	11	M.	Attending School
Willie J.	9	M.	Attending School
Chamberlain	54	F.	House Keeper

Gustavus Chamberlain stayed in Fayette until he was 20. Even though he would have been old enough to have participated in the last phases of the Civil War, Gustavus did not see any service. By 1866 he was in Lowell, Massachusetts, where he married Eliza Reynolds on 25 May of that year.⁷⁴ Did Gustavus migrate to Lowell because his uncle David S. Bacheller lived there? In the 1866 Lowell directory, “G. Chamberlain, machinist,” boarding at 12 Massachusetts Corporation may be Gustavus.⁷⁵ Other Lowell directories show David Bacheller’s boarding establishment listed as both 11 and 12 Massachusetts Corporation.

62	62	Ticket's Olive	69	F.	Keeping House	2000	742
62	63	Chamberlain	54	F.	From Sabara		
		Eliza	25	F.	Keeping House		
		Robert	2	F.			

⁷² Fayette Town Record, Fayette Town Office, 1860, pp. 173, 178, 182. Dr. Noah Watson had also spent some time in Lowell where his marriage was recorded (*Lowell VRs*, 3:366).

⁷³ Davis Mosher household, 1870 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 236, #37/37.

⁷⁴ “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910” (from original records held by the Mass. Archives), database, AmericanAncestors.org, 190:175 (hereafter cited as Mass. VRs, 1841–1910). Last named spelled *Chamberlin*.

⁷⁵ 1866 Lowell Directory, 63.

Shortly after his marriage, Gustavus returned to Fayette where he lived for at least ten years, but not in the household of his aunt and mother. In the 1870 census above, Gustavus *Chamberlin*, along with his wife and daughter, worked as a farm laborer in the same house headed by Olive Tibbets (see above).⁷⁶ On the surface, there does not appear to be any family relationship to this woman who had \$2,000.00 worth of real estate, but Olive's connections through marriage will be developed later. For reasons not known, Gustavus left Fayette again and returned to Lowell about two years before his mother married Leonard Gurney. His son Charles E. Chamberlain's birth, on 1 January 1877, is found in city records, and by 1878 Gustavus *Chamberlin* was listed in the Lowell directory as a teamster living at 3 Brown's Block.⁷⁷ This time he would continue living in Lowell for the rest of his life.

LEONARD GURNEY, EMELINE'S SECOND HUSBAND

The marriage intention recorded on 16 April 1878⁷⁸ of *Mr. Leonard Gurney*, and *Mrs. Emeline Chamberlain*, both of Fayette, and the actual certificate just a week later, on 23 April 1878,⁷⁹ emit no hint of the controversy that was to come. Like Emeline's first marriage, this one was performed by the same Justice of the Peace, James H. Hutchinson. It is unlikely that a man who knew Emeline and her family most of their lives would have presided over an illegal marriage. The claim that Leonard Gurney was Emeline's son immediately shatters with the fact he was twelve years older than Emeline. In the 1880 census, we find for the first time Emeline, at the age of 64, living in an independent household with her husband Leonard Gurney, age 76, occupation farmer.⁸⁰ The census further shows that there had been little change among the neighbors in Emeline's immediate community. Northward, along the road to Chesterville was the Davis Mosher family, which included Emeline's sister Hannah Davis, and continuing a little further, Emeline's recently widowed cousin-by-marriage, *Mrs. Bacheller*, née Lucy Lumbert. Fayette's map in Caldwell and Halfpenny's 1879 *Atlas of Kennebec County Maine*, pictured below, visualizes well where they were living. Lane's Pond became known as Mosher's Pond in the twentieth century.⁸¹ From these facts, there would be no clue that something would happen to change the way that Emeline would be perceived in the community. How did this marriage turn into the legend that Emeline had unknow-

⁷⁶ Olive Tibbets household, 1870 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 237, #62/62. The indexer garbled Gustavus's name which follows that of Olive: "Chamberlin," with what could be read as "Gen" with "tous" written above it.

⁷⁷ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 287:117; 1878 Lowell Directory, 72.

⁷⁸ *Fayette VRs*, image 52.

⁷⁹ *Fayette VRs*, image 96.

⁸⁰ Leonard Gurney household, 1880 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 92, p. 211C, #111/120.

⁸¹ *Atlas of Kennebec County, Maine* (Philadelphia, 1879), 43.

ingly married her son? What there anything in Leonard's background that could connect him with Emeline's family?

Leonard Gurney had a hardscrabble life, knowing poverty firsthand. He was the youngest son of Revolutionary War veteran Eliab Gurney and his wife, Sarah Townsend, whose marriage intention had been filed in Abington, Massachusetts, on 8 April 1780.⁸² After the Revolution, they moved to Freeport, Maine, where their growing family was enumerated in the 1790 census.⁸³ In April 1818 Eliab Gurney, still of Freeport, reported that he had only the clothes on his back and needed the support of his country: "I live in a small house which my son hires for me. I have no income . . . I owe thirty dollars and have been helped by the town."⁸⁴ His deposition stated that he still had three children living with him: Sally, age 23, deaf and dumb, Leonard, age 16, able to support himself, and Nancy, age 14, able to keep house. He describes his wife Sarah, age 60, as "a feeble woman." Eliab subsequently collected \$10.00 per year until his death in July 1826.⁸⁵ Though some of Eliab's children had begun to scatter, Leonard remained in Freeport until he was in his sixties. He married first Rachel Byram in 1826,⁸⁶ and their eight children, born between 1827 and 1848, are listed in Freeport records.⁸⁷ At the time of the 1850 census, Leonard, Rachel, Rachel's mother, Polly Byram, and six of their children were enumerated in the Freeport poorhouse.⁸⁸ Ten years later, their circumstances improved somewhat because Leonard, a farm laborer, was listed as head of household with real estate valued at \$140.00. Rachel is listed as a washerwoman, followed by four of their children.⁸⁹

On 27 January 1866, Rachel (Byram) Gurney died,⁹⁰ and four years later, on 30 April 1870, Leonard married the twice widowed Sarah (Carter) (Town) Hardy in Hallowell.⁹¹ Sarah, too, had spent some time in Lowell, Massachusetts, where she married her second husband, Moses Hardy, on 27 January 1856.⁹² Their marriage record states that he was running a boarding house in Lowell. Soon thereafter, they

⁸² *Vital Records of Abington, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1912), 2:89.

⁸³ *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* (Washington, 1908), 16, col. b.

⁸⁴ Eliab Gurney/Sarah Gurney Revolutionary War pension file #W23167.

⁸⁵ Sarah could not recall the exact date of her husband's death.

⁸⁶ Freeport VR, 1:219. The intention was dated 5 Nov. 1826 and the certificate was given on 29 Nov. 1826.

⁸⁷ Freeport VR, 2:56.

⁸⁸ Corydon Walker household, 1850 U.S. Census, Freeport, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 27, #493/432.

⁸⁹ Leonard Gurney household, 1860 U.S. Census, Freeport, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 2, #12/13.

⁹⁰ Freeport Records, B:297.

⁹¹ Mabel Goodwin Hall, *Vital Records of Hallowell Maine to the Year 1892*, 6 vols. (Auburn, Maine, 1924-29), 3:76 (hereafter cited as *Hallowell VRs*).

⁹² Mass. VRs 1841-1910, 100:147.

moved to Hallowell where they bought property. Moses Hardy died 15 June 1866.⁹³ It is not known what drew Leonard Gurney to Hallowell. Just six weeks after his marriage to Sarah, the 1870 Hallowell census provide a snapshot of their complex household of blended families: Leonard Gurney, day laborer, Sarah Gurney, keeping house, and two of her sons from her first marriage, Elijah and Elisha Towns, were enumerated within the same family unit.⁹⁴ In the same building but in a separate household, Sarah's youngest son, Reuben Towns, could be found with living Wallace Carter, Sarah's son-in-law as well as her nephew.⁹⁵ None of Leonard's children are found in the area. The only two times Leonard ever appears in land records occur in the context of his short marriage to Sarah. Leonard and Sarah Gurney of Litchfield in October 1870 sold for \$800.00 the land in Hallowell that Moses Hardy had originally bought.⁹⁶ Sarah Gurney, "wife of Leonard Gurney," then bought forty acres in Litchfield,⁹⁷ but five years later, on 30 April 1875, Leonard and Sarah sold the Litchfield parcel for \$900.00.⁹⁸ Five months later, Sarah died on 11 September 1875.⁹⁹ For the second time in nine years, Leonard was left without a wife. How then did Leonard, age 71, last residence Litchfield, meet up with Emeline who had been living in Fayette without a husband for two decades?

Answers to that question lie deeper within the pension file of Leonard's Gurney's mother. Sarah Gurney's deposition made on 25 September 1838 reveals she had trouble proving, to the satisfaction of Washington pension officials, that she had been married to Eliab Gurney. It did not help her case that the town clerk of Abington, Massachusetts, could only find their marriage intention and not an actual record of their marriage. By this time in her life, Sarah Gurney was living in Fayette in the household of her married daughter, Nancy Moody. Nancy's husband, George Moody, made a deposition on behalf of his mother-in-law, Sarah, affirming that she was Eliab Gurney's widow. "She was the wife of his youth and the mother of his children, this family consisting of five sons and seven daughters, the youngest of whom is my lawful wife . . . that the said Sarah is very feeble in health and in unable to leave her residence without endangering her life."¹⁰⁰ This statement helped Sarah

⁹³ *Hallowell VRs*, 5:223.

⁹⁴ Leonard Gurney household, 1870 U.S. Census, Hallowell, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 326, #338/402. This entry has Leonard b. 1808 in N.Y. of parents of foreign birth. Since there is no other Leonard Gurney of the right age and location, this aspect of the enumeration is an error.

⁹⁵ Wallace was the son of Hiram and Virtue (Averill) Carter, Hiram being a brother of Sarah. Wallace m. Ruth Towns circa 1869.

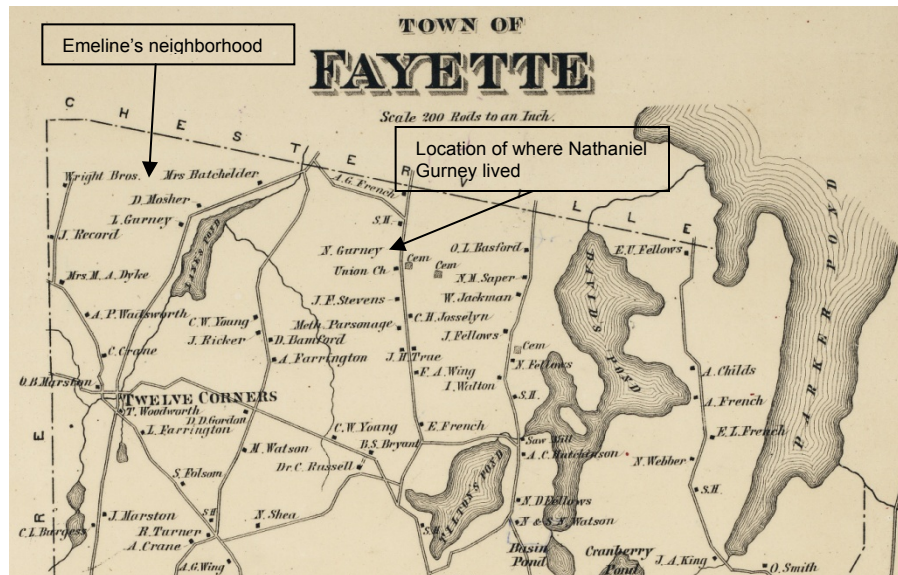
⁹⁶ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 276:155.

⁹⁷ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 276:211.

⁹⁸ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 301:137.

⁹⁹ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1657. Sarah is buried in her son Elijah C. Town's lot in the Village Cemetery, Hallowell.

¹⁰⁰ Eliab Gurney/Sarah Gurney Revolutionary War pension file #W23167.



Gurney secure her pension. The Moody family was not Leonard Gurney's only connection to Fayette.¹⁰¹ Another of Leonard's sisters, Huldah Gurney, married in 1831, as his second wife, Benjamin Clifford of Fayette.¹⁰² In 1845 Benjamin Clifford's daughter from his first marriage, Fanny Clifford, age 40, married Huldah and Leonard's brother Nathaniel Gurney, age 45, a deaf-mute since the age of 13.¹⁰³ They lived on a plot of land adjoining that of Huldah, less than a mile due east of Emeline.¹⁰⁴ An arrow points to the location of *N. Gurney* on the 1879 map above. Nathaniel and Fanny's only son, John J. Gurney, who enlisted in Company C of the 31st Maine Infantry, died at the age of 19.¹⁰⁵ He is listed among the Maine Civil War soldiers who are buried in Andersonville National Cemetery.¹⁰⁶ In 1870 Nathaniel and Fanny Gurney were managing alone on a farm of 39 improved acres, with

¹⁰¹ Nancy and George Moody's unmarried daughter, Susan, age 77, died at the "Old Ladies Home" in Lowell on 9 May 1913 ("Massachusetts Vital Records, 1911–1915" [from original records held by the Mass. Archives], database, AmericanAncestors.org, 1913/59:48 [hereafter cited as Mass. VRs, 1911–1915]).

¹⁰² *Fayette VRs*, image 212. Intention published 9 March 1831.

¹⁰³ *Fayette VRs*, image 246. Marriage date 10 April 1845, performed by James H. Hutchinson.

¹⁰⁴ 1880 U.S. Census, Schedule of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes, Nathaniel Gurney, age 80, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 15. The fact there were two deaf-mute children in the Eliab Gurney family suggests they may have been the childhood victims of an epidemic, such as an outbreak of scarlet fever.

¹⁰⁵ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1329. John's name is listed on his parents' stone. Nathaniel and Fanny both died in 1883.

¹⁰⁶ Maine State Archives, online at <www.maine.gov/sos/arc/research/civilwar2/andersonville.shtml>.

two milking cows and four working oxen.¹⁰⁷ Perhaps Leonard came to live with them. In the intervening years, Fanny's stepmother, Huldah (Gurney) Clifford, had married Harvey Josselyn as his second wife, on 27 November 1841.¹⁰⁸ This page from the Fayette 1850 census brings to light another set of relevant family connections:

33	358	403	Nathaniel Gurney	50	M	Farmer	12.00	"	
34			Fanny	44	F			"	
35			John	4	M			"	1
36	359	404	Harvey R. Josselyn	30	M	Farmer	10.00	"	
37			Josephine	35	F			"	
38			Oliver C.	2	F			"	
39			Mary	1/2	F			"	
40	407		Harvey Josselyn	17	M	Carpenter		Mass	
41			Huldah	52	F			Maine	
42			Sarah M. Clifford	17	F			"	1

Between the households of Nathaniel Gurney and the elder Harvey Josselyn is that of his son, by his first wife, Harvey R. Josselyn, age 30. The younger Harvey had married Josephine Folsom, raised with Olive Tibbetts.¹⁰⁹ In the census of 1860, Olive Tibbetts would be enumerated in the Harvey Josselyn household.¹¹⁰ By 1870, Olive was head of her own household, this time with the Gustavus Chamberlain family living with her. Since Olive's extended family network reached Leonard's Gurney's sisters, these associations may have put Gustavus's mother, Emeline, in the ken of Leonard Gurney.

As the wife of Leonard Gurney, why did Emeline go to live for the first time, without extended family, in a small cabin on Mosher Pond, but still on the property of her brother-in-law Amos Mosher and sister Hannah? There is no further trace of Leonard after the 1880 census. No record of his death has been found. Since the evidence is irrefutable that theirs was not an incestuous marriage, what truly happened that would have turned Emeline's family and neighbors against her?

GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN'S MISSING YEARS

A viable explanation lies in the unresolved chapter of Emeline's first marriage. George Chamberlain had walked out on his Fayette family, but he did not disappear.

¹⁰⁷ Nathaniel Gurney, 1870 U.S. Agricultural Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 3, line 20.

¹⁰⁸ Fayette VRs, image 245; Kennebec Co. Deeds, 186:215.

¹⁰⁹ Fayette VRs, 243, intention dated 5 Feb. 1845. Olive Tibbetts, no relationship stated, and Josephine Marston, "a girl now resident in my family," are named in Theodore Marston's 1834 will (Kennebec Co. Probate Records, #M 7-R).

¹¹⁰ H. R. Josselyn household, 1860 U.S. Census, Chesterville, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 757, #241/232.

He can be traced through three subsequent Maine censuses, which locate him in Aroostook County, about 175 miles to the north of Fayette. The 1860 census finds George living in Township 3, Aroostook County, with his elder son Charles H., who was head of household.¹¹¹ Charles had earned, through road labor and other duties under the “Act Regulating the Sale of Land for Settlement” in Aroostook County, lot number 120 containing 102 acres.¹¹² Then Charles married Caroline Sleeper on 8 January 1862 and left to fight in the Civil War.

When Charles enlisted in Company B of the 8th Maine Infantry, he was described as 28 7/12 years old, 5 feet, 5½ inches tall, brown hair, light complexion, blue eyes.¹¹³ He served for the duration of the war and saw action at Cold Harbor and Petersburg. After mustering out in June 1865, Charles returned to his farm in Sherman. George Chamberlain continued to live with Charles as evidenced by the 1870 census, which lists him after his daughter-in-law Caroline and his two grandchildren George and Mary Ann.¹¹⁴ The “injury of diaphragm and resulting disease of heart” that Charles sustained while in the army prompted him to file for a pension in September 1872. The letter he wrote to Col. Boynton of his former regiment puts a human face on Charles’s plight: “I have not been well since <my discharge> but have been able to work a part of the time until a year ago since that time have not done a days work I have a wife and two children to support.” Charles’s claim for a disability pension was rejected and appealed. A final denial was dated 7 June 1875, but Charles had died on 20 March 1875.¹¹⁵ Afterwards, Caroline was successful in obtaining a widow’s pension and support for her minor children.

Given these circumstances, it may be that George Chamberlain’s labor on the farm was necessary for the support of his son’s family. Even after Charles Chamberlain’s death, George remained in his Caroline’s household, where he was enumerated in 1880, but not again thereafter.¹¹⁶ George Chamberlain’s descendants, however, left a footprint on Sherman for another generation. Caroline remarried Leland Dennett nine years after Charles’s death, and that action terminated her widow’s pension.¹¹⁷ She and Leland ran a variety store in Sherman until Leland’s death in

¹¹¹ Charles H. Chamberlain household, 1860 U.S. Census, Township 3, Range 5, Aroostook Co., Maine, p. 88, #610/610. The image quality is poor. Ancestry.com’s index mistakenly gives Charles’s age as 56, instead of 26.

¹¹² Aroostook Co. Deeds, 44:6.

¹¹³ Caroline R. Chamberlain Civil War widow pension file, NARA, application no. 241,982, certificate no. 193,003.

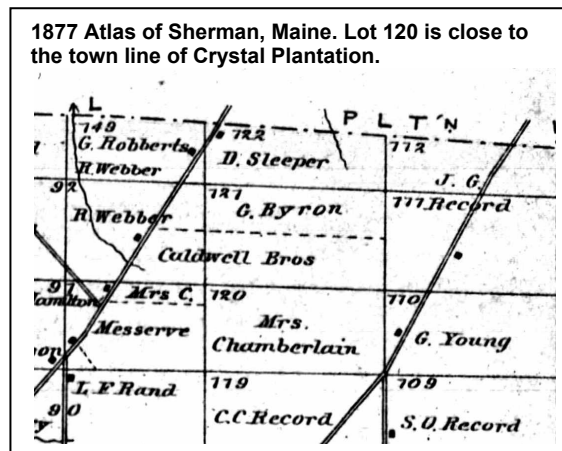
¹¹⁴ Charles Chamberlain household, 1870 U.S. Census, Sherman, Aroostook Co., Maine, p. 702, #92/90.

¹¹⁵ Caroline R. Chamberlain pension file, note 113. Charles is buried in lot 55, in Cemetery #3, from information provided by the Sherman, Maine, Public Library.

¹¹⁶ Caroline Chamberlain household, 1880 U.S. Census, Sherman, Aroostook Co., Maine, E.D. 215, p. 355c, #176/187. There is no record of George’s death in Sherman, and no record of his burial in Charles’s lot.

¹¹⁷ Caroline R. Chamberlain pension file, see note 113.

1911.¹¹⁸ Because Leland Dennett left no will and had three children from a previous marriage, Caroline was only entitled to one third of his real estate. Once again, Caroline successfully applied for a pension based on Charles's Civil War service. She collected \$12.00 per month until her death on 21 October 1912.¹¹⁹



George Chamberlain's daughter Mary Ann had also left Kennebec County in the early 1850s. She lived for a time in Natick, Massachusetts, where she married Franklin Freeman Young on 25 January 1854.¹²⁰ By 1870 Mary Ann (Chamberlain) Young and family had also removed to Sherman. Following her husband's death in 1874, Mary Ann remarried on 3 October 1877 Charles H. Townsend, a veteran of Company G, 22nd Maine Infantry.¹²¹ That marriage lasted only six years when Mary Ann was widowed once again at the death of Charles on 5 March 1883.¹²² The United States government provided for Charles's headstone, as part of the effort to commemorate deceased Union veterans.¹²³ Supported by her Civil War widow's pension and two daughters who lived with her, Mary Ann remained in Sherman until her death, at the age of 90, on 11 December 1920.¹²⁴

¹¹⁸ Leland Dennett household, 1910 U.S. Census, Sherman, Aroostook Co., Maine, E.D. 6, p. 6a, #113/117.

¹¹⁹ Caroline R. Chamberlain Civil War widow pension file, NARA, application no. 241,982, certificate no. 193,003.

¹²⁰ Mass. VRs 1841–1910, 79:140. Her birthplace, Belgrade, as well as her parentage are given.

¹²¹ Mary A. Townsend Civil War widow pension file, NARA, application no. 315,384, certificate no. 208,781.

¹²² Mary A. Townsend Civil War widow pension file, NARA, application no. 315,384, certificate no. 208,781.

¹²³ "Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, 1879–1903," database at Ancestry.com.

¹²⁴ "Maine Death Records 1617–1922," Maine State Archives, database at Ancestry.com. Her death certificate states she had lived in Sherman 61 years and had previously lived in East Livernore. Her father's name, George W. Chamberlain, and his birthplace, Belgrade, are also given.

CONCLUSIONS

In separating the encounters with the elderly neighbor Emeline whom Nettie Mitchell experienced as a child and with what people later said about the scandalous Mrs. Gurney long after her death, there are kernels of truth that get wrapped in fabrication. Right around the time of Emeline's second marriage, many tales of popular fiction had some elements parallel to why a child like Emeline might have been sent to Lowell. For example, a story published in *Gleason's Monthly Companion* in 1879 was titled "Anna Archdale, or the Lowell Factory Girl." Like Emeline, the heroine of this story had to leave her home to go work in Lowell as a way of saving her father's ruined finances. Rather than take charity, the fictional Anna says to her father, "I can go to Lowell, get work in one of those factories and earn enough to make both of us comfortable."¹²⁵ Of course, readers would not have followed the story unless there were complications along the way. Anna perseveres through the unfounded accusation by her fiancé that she was having a tryst with a man who turns out to be her brother. Cleared of any impropriety, Anna eventually marries her beau.

Similar stories carried warnings of what could happen in the morally perilous climate of Lowell to naive country girls. In the real world, Emeline's story did not have the happy ending of some fictional heroines. Emeline's second marriage did set off a reaction as to how Emeline was perceived. With no evidence that Emeline and George Chamberlain ever divorced, her marriage to Leonard was unwittingly bigamous. With her first husband very much alive in Aroostook County, word may have ultimately reached Fayette he was still living. Who brought the news? If there were a denunciation of bigamy, did that result in Leonard Gurney leaving Emeline? As the story spread of the illegality of Emeline's second marriage, the tale evidently took on more damning allegations. One wonders if fragments of other recollections, like the marriage of Emeline's sister-in-law Hannah Chamberlain to the much younger Miles Keen, were incorrectly imputed to Emeline. These negative perceptions may have the culmination of a long series of "slights" that the community harbored towards a woman who always lived on the fringes. For the granddaughter of a larger-than-life town founder to have endured the humiliation of her son being supported by the town must have left lasting scars. There's a long historical record of vulnerable women like Emeline becoming targets of local anger and moral censure.

Another aspect of Emeline's life that may have been a source of friction within the community, especially in the wider context of evangelical Baptists in her family, was church membership. Although her funeral service took place at the Moose Hill Baptist Church, there is no evidence that in her lifetime Emeline ever had a church affiliation. In "Sins of Our Mothers," Nettie Mitchell remembered Emeline's sister Hannah Mosher placing a hand on Emeline's coffin and saying, "At last, now she has paid for her sin." That statement could have applied to many things; the context could range from Emeline never having joined the church to her bigamy.

¹²⁵ Anna Archdale, *Gleason's Monthly Companion* (1879), p. 117.

There were tensions in Hannah Mosher's household as well. After the death of his aged mother, Betsy Mosher, in 1898,¹²⁶ Amos and Hannah moved just up the road to Chesterville. In the 1900 census, Dennis Mosher, age 44, was the head of household, followed by his father, Amos, and mother, Hannah. Dennis had been married and divorced within the space of seven years. Oddly, it is recorded in columns 11 and 12 of the census that Hannah Mosher gave birth to only one child, still living.¹²⁷ Yet Hannah and Amos's second son, Frank Mosher, had also moved to Lowell, paralleling the migration path of his cousin Gustavus Chamberlain. In fact, prior to his marriage in 1890, Frank Mosher boarded with Gustavus Chamberlain.¹²⁸ It also seems peculiar that when Hannah and Dennis Mosher made a quitclaim deed in 1905 to the farm homestead of Davis Mosher, Frank Mosher was not included.¹²⁹ By this first decade of the twentieth century, the differences in lifestyles between Fayette and Lowell were even more marked than they were in the previous century. Frank predeceased his mother by three years, the victim of a workplace accident.¹³⁰ News of his death made the front page of the *Lowell Sun*.¹³¹

Another land record fortuitously reveals an unexpected detail: that Gustavus Chamberlain traveled from Lowell to Fayette for his mother's burial. Only three days after Emeline's death, he made a quitclaim deed "in consideration of value received paid by the town of Fayette" to the parcel of land where Emeline had lived. This deed was not recorded until thirteen years later, after Gustavus's early death.¹³² Gustavus had outlived his mother only by four years. His death notice in the *Lowell Sun* makes no connection at all to Fayette: "He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter."¹³³ Though Gustavus's daughter, Mabel Dresser, died childless in 1910,¹³⁴ his son, Charles E. Chamberlain, has living descendants today.¹³⁵

Whatever mysteries went to the grave with Emeline, it can be stated definitively that she did not marry her son. As captured in "Sins of Our Mothers," Emeline's legend still possesses a fascinating power. Even if some aspects of what happened to her have been misunderstood or misinterpreted, Emeline (Bacheller) (Chamber-

¹²⁶ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1325; Kennebec Co. Deeds, 391:470.

¹²⁷ Dennis Mosher household, 1900 U.S. Census, Chesterville, Franklin Co., Maine, E.D. 88, p. 7b, #175/185.

¹²⁸ 1883 Lowell Directory, p. 89, lists Gustavus Chamberlain and Frank Mosher at 6 Frye St.

¹²⁹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 461:498.

¹³⁰ Mass. VRs, 1841-1910, 1906/54: 301.

¹³¹ *Lowell Sun*, issue of 8 June 1906, p. 1: "Mosher is Dead. Fall from Staging was Fatal."

¹³² Kennebec Co. Deeds, 503:599.

¹³³ *Lowell Sun*, issue of 27 May 1901, p. 8. His funeral notice, in *Lowell Sun*, issue of 29 May 1901, p. 6, lists pallbearers: "Thomas Mason, John Williams and Messrs. Greenleaf and Norton."

¹³⁴ Mass. VRs, 1841-1910, 1910/62:231.

¹³⁵ A cemetery stone, dating from the 1970s, with the name Chamberlain has been placed on Lot 766 of Edson Cemetery in Lowell, Mass. The inscription names Charles Chamberlain, his wife, brother, uncle, and mother. Missing from the stone but buried in the lot are his father Gustavus and aunt Mabel.

lain) Gurney's life and marriages provide a compelling glimpse into a nineteenth-century intersection of private shame and public excoriation. It is especially troubling that in her old age, Emeline was within sight of her sister, brother-in-law, and his parents, people with whom she had spent most of her life, and they did not speak to her. The most moving aspects of Nettie Mitchell's testimony are her recollection of the circumstances of Emeline's death in October 1897. Nettie cried when she heard from her mother that Emeline's body had been found. Emeline's cabin was almost totally bare of food with "only a few grains of corn meal and a few drops of molasses in the barrel." In Nettie's estimation, Emeline had starved to death.¹³⁶ In his introduction to "Sins of Our Mothers," David McCullough said Emeline's story reveals "the strengths and failures of community." What moves me most about the tragedy of Emeline is the harshness of how she was judged. For she was indeed, in the words of *King Lear*, a woman "more sinned against than sinning."

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

AARON BACHELDER/BACHELLER was born in Kingston, New Hampshire, 12 October 1780, son of Nathaniel Gilman Bachelder and his second wife, Sarah Davis.¹³⁷ He died at Fayette, Maine, 16 October 1852.¹³⁸ He married at Fayette, ZERVIAH/SOPHIA GOULD, their intentions dated 26 April 1808.¹³⁹ She was born in Cumberland, Rhode Island, 15 April 1780, daughter of Jabez and Esther (Sweetland) Gould,¹⁴⁰ and died after 6 September 1852¹⁴¹ and before the 1860 census.

Children of Aaron and Sophia (Gould) Chamberlain, all b. Fayette.¹⁴²

- i HENRIETTA BACHELLER, b. 11 March 1810, d. prob. Fayette, 11 Nov. 1886,¹⁴³ m. Fayette, 2 April 1839, PHILIP DAVIS,¹⁴⁴ b. Fayette, 20 May 1801, d. prob. Fayette, 27 March 1869, son of Joseph and Hannah (Walton) Davis.¹⁴⁵ No children.
- ii DAVID STEPHEN BACHELLER, b. 13 Sept. 1811, d. Salem, Mass., 22 July 1882;¹⁴⁶ m. Lowell, Mass., 2 Feb. 1842, CLIMENA B. PEARSON,¹⁴⁷ b. Saratoga, N.Y., [calc.] 6 Jan. 1821, d. Concord, N.H., 16 Jan. 1911, daughter of Daniel and Mehitabel (Merrill) Pearson.¹⁴⁸

¹³⁶ Emeline's cause of death, as written on her death certificate, is dysentery.

¹³⁷ *Batchelder Genealogy*, 180.

¹³⁸ *Batchelder Genealogy*, 180. There are no surviving gravestones for Aaron or Sophia.

¹³⁹ *Fayette VRs*, image 190.

¹⁴⁰ Cumberland, R.I., Town Records, 2:11.

¹⁴¹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 182:337, when she signed her right of dower.

¹⁴² *Fayette VRs*, image 200, Aaron Bacheldor family record.

¹⁴³ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1335.

¹⁴⁴ *Fayette VRs*, image 216.

¹⁴⁵ *History of Fayette*, 103.

¹⁴⁶ Certificate of death, City of Salem. 15:105. David died of typhoid pneumonia at Juniper Point, a summer resort in the 1880s.

¹⁴⁷ *Lowell VRs*, 3:148.

¹⁴⁸ "New Hampshire, Death Records, 1654–1947," database at FamilySearch.org.



Gravestone of David S. Bacheller in Edson Cemetery, Lowell, Mass.

Children of David Stephen and Climena (Pearson) Bacheller, b. Lowell:¹⁴⁹

- 1 *Albert Bacheller*, b. 22 Nov. 1843, d. Lowell, 2 June 1844.¹⁵⁰
- 2 *Flora Mehitable Bacheller*, b. 6 June 1845, d. Lowell, 15 May 1901;¹⁵¹ m. (1) Lowell, 1 Jan. 1866, Frank Parker,¹⁵² b. Dracut, Mass., 25 July 1846, d. Lowell, 5 Apr. 1882, son of Aiken and Susan (Austin) Parker;¹⁵³ m. (2) Lowell, 1 May 1884, William A. Delmage,¹⁵⁴ b. Great Barrington, Mass., abt. 1844, d. Taunton, Mass., 28 May 1915, son of William and Rachel (Lawrence) Delmage.¹⁵⁵
- 3 *Albert LaForest Bacheller*, b. 6 Sept. 1848, d. Lowell, 8 Oct. 1914,¹⁵⁶ m. Lowell, 25 Dec. 1878, Annie Fay, b. Manchester, N.H., 4 Nov. 1854,¹⁵⁷ d. Lowell, 8 March 1924, daughter of James and Mary (White) Fay.¹⁵⁸
- 4 *Jennie Selina Bacheller*, b. Lowell, 17 July 1853, d. Concord, N.H., 1 May 1942,¹⁵⁹ m. Lowell, 13 Sept. 1881, Carmi A. Phelps,¹⁶⁰ b. Vermont, March

¹⁴⁹ First three recorded in *Lowell VRs*, 1:24–25; birth of Jennie Selina in Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 73:100. Unnamed female.

¹⁵⁰ *Lowell VRs*, 4:23.

¹⁵¹ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 517:547.

¹⁵² Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 190:172.

¹⁵³ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 338:106.

¹⁵⁴ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 353:135.

¹⁵⁵ Mass. VRs, 1911–1915, 1915/78:485.

¹⁵⁶ Mass. VRs, 1911–1915, 1914/60:37.

¹⁵⁷ “U.S. Passport Applications, 1795–1925,” database at Ancestry.com.

¹⁵⁸ Certificate Record of Death, Lowell, Mass.

¹⁵⁹ “New Hampshire, Deaths and Burials, 1784–1949,” database at FamilySearch.org.

¹⁶⁰ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 326:151.

1851,¹⁶¹ d. Bombay, Franklin Co., N.Y., 5 Sept. 1905,¹⁶² son of Noah and Julia (Carr) Phelps.¹⁶³

iii LUCY BACHELLER, b. 21 March 1814, d. Fayette, 27 March 1816.¹⁶⁴

iv EMELINE BACHELLER, b. 30 Jan. 1816, d. Fayette, 9 Oct. 1897;¹⁶⁵ m. (1) Fayette, 20 Aug. 1843,¹⁶⁶ GEORGE W. CHAMBERLAIN, b. Belgrade, Maine, 9 Oct. 1806,¹⁶⁷ d. prob. Sherman, Maine, aft. 1880,¹⁶⁸ son of George and Cynthia (Gould) Chamberlain. He had married (1), Belgrade, 6 Aug. 1829, Polly Maxey,¹⁶⁹ b. Belgrade, 10 Jan. 1808, d. Belgrade, 4 June 1834, daughter of Jeremiah and Phebe (Downs) Maxey.¹⁷⁰ Emeline m. (2) Fayette, 23 April 1878, LEONARD GURNEY,¹⁷¹ b. prob. Freeport, Maine, abt. 1804,¹⁷² d. aft. 1880,¹⁷³ son of Eliab and Sarah (Townsend) Gurney. He had m. (1) Freeport, 29 Nov. 1826, Rachel Byram, b. abt. 1806, d. Freeport, 27 Jan. 1866.¹⁷⁴ He m. (2) Hallowell, 30 April 1870, Sarah (Carter) (Town) Hardy,¹⁷⁵ b. Bow, N.H., [calc.] 1 Sept. 1812,¹⁷⁶ d. Hallowell, 11 Sept. 1875, daughter of Plato and Eunice (Flanders) Carter.¹⁷⁷

Child of George and Emeline (Bachelder) Chamberlain, b. Fayette:

1 *Gustavus Chamberlain*, b. [calc.] May 1845, d. Lowell, 26 May 1901;¹⁷⁸ m. Lowell, 25 May 1866, Eliza Sargent Reynolds,¹⁷⁹ d. Derry, N.H., 15 Sept.

¹⁶¹ Carmi A. Phelps household, 1900 U.S. Census, Concord, Ward 4, Merrimac Co., N.H., E.D. 152, p. 8b, #179/190.

¹⁶² Obituary notice, *Malone Farmer*, issue of 5 Sept. 1905: "At the home of his brother, Byron Phelps, Bombay, N.Y., Sept 5, 1905, C. A. Phelps of Concord, NH age 55 years. Deceased leaves his wife and two sisters besides his brother."

¹⁶³ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 326:151.

¹⁶⁴ *Fayette VRs*, image 200.

¹⁶⁵ "Maine Death Records 1617–1922," Maine State Archives, database at Ancestry.com. There are no surviving gravestones for Emeline or either of her husbands. Stories that she was buried outside "consecrated ground" are part of the legend.

¹⁶⁶ *Fayette VRs*, image 246, married by James H. Hutchinson, J.P. The intention was filed 6 Aug. (ibid., image 243).

¹⁶⁷ *Belgrade VRs*, image 280.

¹⁶⁸ Caroline Chamberlain household, 1880 U.S. Census, Sherman, Aroostook Co., Maine, E.D. 215, p. 355c, #176/187.

¹⁶⁹ *Belgrade VRs*, image 134.

¹⁷⁰ *Belgrade VRs*, image 302.

¹⁷¹ *Fayette VRs*, image 96.

¹⁷² Eliab Gurney/Sarah Gurney, Revolutionary War pension file #W23167. Leonard was age 16 on 9 June 1820.

¹⁷³ Leonard Gurney household, 1880 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 92, p. 211C, #111/120.

¹⁷⁴ Freeport Vital Records, B:297.

¹⁷⁵ *Hallowell VRs*, 3:76.

¹⁷⁶ Sarah's parentage is given in the record of her 2nd marriage to Moses Hardy (Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 100: 147). In the 1850 census Sarah and her 1st husband, Solomon Towns, are enumerated next to Moses Hardy (Solomon Towns and Moses Hardy households, Kingsbury, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 212, #s 4/4, 5/5).

¹⁷⁷ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1533. She is buried in her son Elijah C. Towns's lot.

¹⁷⁸ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 517:550. Cause of death: La grippe.

¹⁷⁹ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 190:175. Married by Rev. G. F. Warren, Baptist Minister.

1845,¹⁸⁰ d. Lowell, 18 Feb. 1922, daughter of William and Hannah (Copp) Reynolds.¹⁸¹

- v HANNAH BACHELLER, b. 15 Sept. 1818, d. Chesterville, Maine, 17 April 1909;¹⁸² m. Fayette, 26 June 1854,¹⁸³ AMOS K. MOSHER/MOSIER, b. [calc.] 3 July 1827, d. Chesterville, Maine, 13 Feb. 1901, son of Davis and Betsy (Lane) Mosher.¹⁸⁴

Children of Amos K. and Hannah (Bachelder) Mosher, all b. Fayette:

- 1 *Dennis Mosher*, b. July 1856,¹⁸⁵ d. aft. 1910;¹⁸⁶ m. East Livermore, Maine, 16 Jan. 1893, divorced 1895, Carrie (Prescott) Collins,¹⁸⁷ b. Range No. 2, Somerset Co., Maine, 24 July 1860,¹⁸⁸ d. 1954,¹⁸⁹ daughter of David and Mary (Parsons) Prescott. She had m. (1) Charles Collins,¹⁹⁰ and m. (3) Livermore, Maine, 15 March 1900, Henry F. Smith.¹⁹¹
- 2 *Frank E. Mosher*, b. abt. 1859,¹⁹² d. Lowell, 7 June 1906,¹⁹³ m. Lowell, 27 Aug. 1890, Edith Belle Cheever,¹⁹⁴ b. Lowell, 1 Feb. 1871,¹⁹⁵ d. Lawrence, Mass., 18 May 1944,¹⁹⁶ daughter of Joel B. and Mary M. (Wheeler) Cheever.
- 3 *Willie D. Mosher*, b. May 1860, d. Fayette, 28 March 1880.¹⁹⁷

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¹⁸⁰ Moses Thurston Runnels, *A Genealogy of the Runnels and Reynolds Families in America* (Boston, 1873), p. 72.

¹⁸¹ Certificate record of death, City of Lowell, File #238.

¹⁸² "Maine Death Records 1617–1922," Maine State Archives, database at Ancestry.com.

¹⁸³ *Fayette VRs*, image 256.

¹⁸⁴ "Maine Death Records 1617–1922," Maine State Archives, database at Ancestry.com.

¹⁸⁵ Dennis Mosher household, 1900 U.S. Census, Chesterville, Franklin Co., Maine, E.D. 88, p. 7b, #175/185.

¹⁸⁶ Albion Gordon household, 1910 U.S. Census, Chesterville, Franklin Co., Maine, E.D., 133, p. 5a, #121/124. Dennis, age 54, divorced, is listed as a boarder. Dennis and his parents were enumerated next to the Gordons in the 1900 census.

¹⁸⁷ "Maine Marriage Records, 1705–1922," Maine State Archives, database at Ancestry.com (hereafter cited as "Maine Marriage Records, 1705–1922").

¹⁸⁸ Date of birth from a family record in possession of her descendant, Jeffrey James.

¹⁸⁹ Date of death from her gravestone in Pleasant View Cemetery, East Livermore. No record of her death on file in the State of Maine.

¹⁹⁰ She was widowed when she married Dennis Mosher. The date of Carrie's 1st marriage has not been found, but the name of her 1st husband appears on her daughter's marriage record.

¹⁹¹ "Maine Marriage Records, 1705–1922."

¹⁹² Amos Mosier household, 1860 U.S. Census, Fayette, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 632, #322/339.

¹⁹³ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 1906/54:301. He died of a head injury

¹⁹⁴ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 407:164.

¹⁹⁵ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 233:256

¹⁹⁶ *Lowell Sun*, issue of 19 May 1944, p. 43.

¹⁹⁷ *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 1325; 1880 mortality schedule shows he died from typhoid.

EBENEZER AND MARY (LORD) HILTON OF BERWICK AND POWNALBOROUGH, MAINE, AND THEIR FAMILY

By Merrylyn Sawyer

Ebenezer Hilton of Berwick, his wife, Mary, and their children disembarked at Montsweag in the town of Pownalborough in the early days of settlement there, about 1737. Fifty years later, their daughter Mary (Hilton) Savage remembered that time:

I Mary Savage testifie and say that about fortynine or fifty years ago I came from Berwick with my father Mr. Ebenezer Hilton and the Rest of our family in a vessel which was sent by Mr. Christopher Toppas of Newbery as I was told and landed at a place Caled Monsweag on a track of land Called Toppans Right now in Pownalborough and my father and Mr. James Grant improved a Double Saw Mill belonging to sd Toppas, which mill appeared to have been built some years before, which mill stood in the same place where now stands the mill belonging to the Hiltons and others, my father told me that for his encouragement Mr. Toppas promised to Give him one hundred Acres of Land for himself and fifty acres for each of his sons. . . .¹

More than thirty years prior to this landing in Montsweag, on 6 July 1705, Elizabeth Thompson appeared before the Court of General Sessions in York, Maine, to answer two separate charges of fornication leveled against her. Admitting her guilt, she was sentenced to receive “Seaven Stripes on her Naked back at the post and to pay fees of Courts 15s; or to pay a fine to her Majesty of thirty shillings.” In the same session, Elizabeth swore that “Thomas Ball of Kittery was the father of the [older] Child, And that Mannerell [Mainwaring] Hilton of York was the father of the [younger child].”² Elizabeth’s child by Thomas Ball was presumably Joanna, who later married Edward Hopkins.³ As shown below, her child by Mannerell Hilton was a son named Ebenezer. A short time later, Elizabeth married Alexander Gray of Berwick.⁴

Elizabeth’s son, Ebenezer Hilton, born about 1704,⁵ lived in Berwick with his mother and stepfather, Alexander Gray. In various records Ebenezer’s surname was given as *Hilton*, *Gray*, or *Gray alias Hilton*.⁶ On 28 February 1719/20, “Ebenezer

¹ Mary’s statement is reproduced in *Proceedings of the Four Hundred and Thirty-First Quarterly Meeting of the Wiscasset Fire Society* (Wiscasset, 1908), 13–14 (hereafter cited as *Wiscasset Fire Society Proceedings*).

² *Province and Court Records of Maine*, ed. by Charles Thornton Libby (vols. 1–2), Robert Earle Moody (vol. 3), and Neal Woodside Allen, Jr. (vols. 4–6), 6 vols. (Portland, 1928–1975), 4:314–15 (hereafter cited as *Maine Province and Court Records*).

³ Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (Portland, Maine, 1928–39), 177 (hereafter cited as *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*), 74.

⁴ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 283.

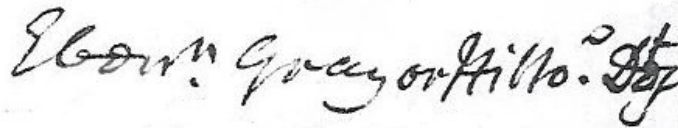
⁵ Elizabeth’s first accusation of fornication occurred in the court session of 7 Jan. 1700/1, presumably related to her pregnancy with Joanna, and her second case was first noted in the court session of 4 April 1704, when she was summoned to appear at a future court, that likely being related to her pregnancy with Ebenezer (*Maine Province and Court Records*, 4:257, 300).

⁶ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 333

son of Elizabeth Gray owned the Cov[enan]t at the Berwick church and [was] baptised.”⁷ Less than a month later, another Berwick resident, Mary Lord, the oldest daughter of William Lord, was baptized on 20 March 1719/20.⁸ Ebenezer and Mary would marry a few years afterwards.

The circumstances surrounding Mary Lord’s birth were similar to those of Ebenezer’s birth. William Lord, father of Mary, was called to court with Patience Abbott, “now his wife,” both appearing before the General Sessions of York County on 2 April 1706 to answer a charge against them for fornication.⁹ A recent study of the Lord family indicates that the child born to William and Patience at that time was most likely Mary.¹⁰ Ebenezer Hilton and Mary Lord therefore were both babes of fornication. This pattern would continue when Ebenezer and Mary had their first child. At “a Court of Gen’l Sessions of the peace holden at York for & within the county of York Octob’r 6th 1724,” Mary Lord, “now the reput’d wife of Ebenezer Gray,” was charged with fornication.¹¹ This suggests that Ebenezer and Mary were unmarried when their child was conceived, but married by the date of the court session, although no marriage record survives and the exact date is unknown.

Ebenezer Hilton built a house in Berwick on the land of his father-in-law, William Lord.¹² In 1730 Ebenezer and Capt. Elisha Plaisted of Berwick were disputing the ownership of the land. In a deposition dated 8 July 1730, Nicholas Jellison testified that Capt. Elisha Plaisted of Berwick was in possession of land he worked on for four years, starting in 1725. The land was described as being bounded by Great Works River on one side and on the east side by a brook known as “Cutts Brook on part of w^{ch} Land Ebenezer Hilton had built a House in w^{ch} he liveth.”¹³ An accounting of expenses associated with this case names “Eben^r Gray or Hiltoⁿ Def[endan]!” which indicates the court still did not know whether to call him Gray or Hilton.



On 29 August 1736, Ebenezer and Mary Hilton owned the Covenant at the Berwick church.¹⁴ Five days later, on 3 September, their first eight children were

⁷ Joseph Crook Anderson II, ed., *Records of the First and Second Churches of Berwick, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1999), 14 (hereafter cited as Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*).

⁸ Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 14.

⁹ *Maine Province and Court Records*, 4:320.

¹⁰ Priscilla Eaton, “The Descendants of Nathan¹ Lord of Kittery and Berwick, Maine,” *The Maine Genealogist* 33(2011):10.

¹¹ *Maine Province and Court Records*, 6:168.

¹² *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 333, citing York Co. Deeds, 19:50, in which on 29 Sept. 1737 Ebenezer Hilton sold land which had belonged to his father-in-law, William Lord.

¹³ *York Deeds*, 18 vols. in 19 (Portland, 1887–1910), 13:249.

¹⁴ Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 44.

baptized: Abigail, Mary, Sarah, Joshua, William, Moses, Ebenezer, and John.¹⁵ On 30 March 1738, near the time when the family settled in Pownalborough, Ebenezer sold his house in Berwick to Ichabod Goodwin. The deed described the sale as that of a dwelling house and barn on twenty-four acres of land.¹⁶ After his move to Pownalborough, Ebenezer was consistently known as “Hilton.”

Word must have circulated around Berwick concerning Toppan’s Right. Christopher Toppan (1671–1747) of Newbury, Massachusetts, had purchased four thousand acres between Montsweag Great River, now called Back River, and Montsweag Little River, now called Montsweag Brook.¹⁷ He was granting land there to men who would settle and clear a tract. Any man who would do so would be granted one hundred acres for himself and his family. Settlers had seven years to clear fields and construct a home in order to receive the acreage as their own. Ebenezer’s step-brother Alexander Gray, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Thompson) Gray, and Samuel Gould settled there in 1738.¹⁸ A garrison known as the Grant-Hilton block-house was built in 1738–40 to provide protection for settlers from the Indians. One of the mills on the Montsweag Stream was built as a double sawmill and owned by Christopher Toppan. This mill was later operated by Ebenezer Hilton, as noted above in the deposition of his daughter Mary.¹⁹

The year 1747 brought many deaths to settlers at the hands of the Indians, all through New Hampshire, the District of Maine, and New York. The General Court of Massachusetts passed a security order on 1 April 1747, ordering three hundred and seventy men to be employed in protecting the frontier from “Berwick to Damariscotty.”²⁰ Not long afterwards, on 31 July 1747, the war descended disastrously on the small settlement at Montsweag. According to the account of Mary (Hilton) Savage:

I then lived in [the] Garrison and saw the indians when they Run out of my fathers barn & took my brother William and soon after I saw them Killing my father, they shot and wounded him and saw them striking at him with their Hatchets, I saw him fall and saw him no more till he was brought in Dead, Sculped, and much mortified, my eldest brother Joshua was shot at the same time and mortaly wounded as he was Runing to the Garison, and Died two Days after, my brother in law John Boyinton was Killed at the same time. . . . The above Bloody transaction was Committed on the Lot Mr. Toppan gave my father.²¹

¹⁵ Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 44.

¹⁶ York Co. Deeds, 19:88.

¹⁷ Fannie S. Chase, *Wiscasset in Pownalborough* (Wiscasset, 1967), 85–86 (hereafter cited as *Wiscasset in Pownalborough*).

¹⁸ Burnette Bailey Wallace and Frances Soule Maher, comps., *History of Woolwich, Maine, A Town Remembered* (Woolwich, Maine, 1994), 29.

¹⁹ *Wiscasset in Pownalborough*, 349; *Wiscasset Fire Society Proceedings*, 14.

²⁰ Samuel Gardner Drake, *A Particular History of the Five Years French and Indian War in New England and Parts Adjacent, from Its Declaration by the King of France, March 15, 1744 to the Treaty with the Eastern Indians, Oct. 16, 1749, Sometimes Called Governor Shirley’s War* (Albany, N.Y., 1870), 137–38. This security order was dissolved prior to the Montsweag attack.

²¹ *Wiscasset Fire Society Proceedings*, 14.

William Hilton was captured and carried to Canada by the Indians and presumably handed over to the French.²² William returned home the following autumn. The *Boston News Letter* on 13 August 1747 reported: "We hear from the Eastward That one Mr. Hilton, his Son and Son in Law was lately kill'd by a Party of Indians at a Place call'd Wiscasset . . . and another of his sons carried away Captive."²³

Ebenezer and Mary (Lord) Hilton had twelve children when Ebenezer was killed. Mary was pregnant at that time and some months later gave birth to a son whom she named Joshua in memory of the first Joshua who was killed alongside his father. Of the eight sons who survived to adulthood, nearly all of them served their country either in the French and Indian War or in the American Revolution. Mary was still living as late as 8 October 1766 when she was a party to a deed.²⁴ She and Ebenezer had at least seventy-five grandchildren and many descendants living today.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

EBENEZER HILTON was born probably in Berwick, Maine, about 1704, the out-of-wedlock son of Mannerell Hilton of York and Elizabeth Thompson. He was slain by Indians in an attack on the settlement at Montsweag, Maine, on 31 July 1747. He married, probably in 1724, **MARY LORD**. Mary was born in Berwick about 1706, daughter of William Jr. and Patience (Abbott) Lord. She died after 8 October 1766 when she was grantor of a deed in Pownalborough.

Children of Ebenezer and Mary (Lord) Hilton, the first 8 bp. Berwick, 3 Sept. 1736, order of birth partially speculative:

- i **MARY HILTON**, b. [calc.] 21 March 1723, d. Woolwich, Maine, 7 or 8 Nov. 1825, reportedly aged 102 years, 7 months, 16 days, "probably the oldest person in the State at the time of her death";²⁵ m. say 1740, **JAMES SAVAGE** Jr., b. Coleraine, Ireland, ca. 1709, son of James and Christian (Hunter) Savage of Ireland and Phippsburg, Maine,²⁶ d. Woolwich, Oct. 1805, aged 96 years "leaving a wife and the most numerous progeny it is supposed of any man in Maine."²⁷ James and Mary settled on land that now holds a farm house museum used by the Woolwich Historical Society. "Mary was a familiar figure in Woolwich as she walked along the streets knitting when she was 100 years old."²⁸ 17 children.²⁹

²² Emma Lewis Coleman, *New England Captives Carried to Canada*, 2 vols. (Portland, Maine, 1925), 2:237.

²³ *Boston News-Letter* 13 Aug. 1747.

²⁴ Lincoln Co. Deeds, 32:249.

²⁵ Marion L. Dunn, comp., "James Savage of Woolwich, Me. (-1748) & Some of His Descendants," typescript, Maine Historical Society, Portland (n.d.), 7 (hereafter cited as Dunn, "James Savage"). Note that this same source, on p. 7, gives her date of birth as 14 May 1723.

²⁶ Dunn, "James Savage," 7.

²⁷ [Portland] *Eastern Argus*, issue of 11 Oct. 1805.

²⁸ Dunn, "James Savage," 7.

²⁹ For a full account of this family, see the James Savage sketch by Janice D. Gower in Joseph C. Anderson II, *Maine Families in 1790 Vol. 9* (Rockport, Maine, 2006), 423-27.

- ii SARAH HILTON, m. say 1742 (birth of 1st child 10 July 1743), JOHN BOYNTON, b. York, Maine, 4 March 1717/8, son of Caleb and Christian (Parsons) Boynton,³⁰ killed by Indians, 31 July 1747. 4 children, the last b. posthumously.³¹
- iii ABIGAIL HILTON, m. Berwick, 27 Dec. 1744, CHARLES LIBBY,³² b. Berwick, 29 Dec. 1721, son of Dea. Benjamin and Sarah (Stone) Libby, d. Berwick, 8 Sept. 1772.³³ Abigail Hilton owned the covenant 27 Dec. 1741 at the Berwick church.³⁴ They resided in Berwick on his father's homestead.³⁵ In his will dated 13 July 1772, Charles Libby left to each of his five daughters and his wife Abigail 2s. To his six sons he left varying sums. The executors were his brother Daniel Libby and son Ebenezer. Abigail's dower was set off to her on 13 July 1773.³⁶ 12 children.³⁷
- iv JOSHUA HILTON, d. 2 Aug. 1747, having been mortally wounded in the same Indian attack that resulted in the deaths of his father and brother-in-law.
- v WILLIAM HILTON, b. ca. 1731,³⁸ living Pownalborough in 1800;³⁹ m. say 1752 (1st child b. 1 Oct. 1753), HEPSIBAH BOYNTON,⁴⁰ b. York, 5 May 1731, daughter of Caleb and Christian (Parsons) Boynton and sister of John above.⁴¹ In the 1747 Indian attack on Montsweag, William was captured and taken to Canada. By late autumn he was back in Wiscasset relating details of his 150-mile journey with the Indians and his escape by way of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.⁴² William settled on the homestead where his parents had lived in Pownalborough. He shared the original one-hundred-acre tract with his brother Moses. The two of them ran the mills on the Montsweag.⁴³ Six children are recorded in Wiscasset, the first named Ebenezer after his grandfather.⁴⁴ Four of their sons served in the Revolutionary War: Ebenezer at

³⁰ Lester MacKenzie Bragdon and John Eldridge Frost, *Vital Records of York, Maine* (Camden, Maine, 1992), 11 (hereafter cited as *York VRs*). See also John Farnham Boynton, *The Boynton Family: A Genealogy of the Descendants of William and John Boynton . . .* (n.p., 1897), 195, 198 (hereafter cited as *Boynton Family*).

³¹ *Boynton Family*, 198.

³² Charles T. Libby, *The Libby Family in America, 1602–1881* (Portland, Maine, 1882), 61 (hereafter cited as *Libby, Libby Family*).

³³ Libby, *Libby Family*, 39, 61.

³⁴ Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 55.

³⁵ Libby, *Libby Family*, 61.

³⁶ York Co. Probate Records, #11474.

³⁷ Libby, *Libby Family*, 61.

³⁸ William gave his age as 54 in 1785 (William Hilton deposition, *Smith v Williams*, 1785, Supreme Judicial Court of Suffolk Co., Mass., Suffolk Court Files, #140610).

³⁹ William Hilton household, 1800 U.S. Census, Pownalborough, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 501.

⁴⁰ Ernest George Walker, *Embden Town of Yore: Olden Times and Families There and in Adjacent Towns* (Skowhegan, Maine, 1929), 85 (hereafter cited as Walker, *Embden Town of Yore*). This source erroneously states that Hepzibah “died about 1760” and that William had a 2nd wife with whom he had 3 more children. On the births of his children recorded in Wiscasset, however, Hephzibah is given as the mother of all of the children (*Wiscasset VRs*, 158).

⁴¹ *York VRs*, 11.

⁴² Walker, *Embden Town of Yore*, 84.

⁴³ Moses Hilton, deposition, *Smith v Williams*, 1785, Supreme Judicial Court of Suffolk Co., Mass., Suffolk Court Files, #140610.

⁴⁴ Marlene A. Groves, comp., *Vital Records of Wiscasset, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2011), 41 (hereafter cited as *Wiscasset VRs*).

Winter Hill, Mass.; William for three years at various locations; John in a naval capacity and taken prisoner by the British; and Samuel on the Bagaduce Expedition.⁴⁵

Sons Ebenezer and John settled in the area of the upper Kennebec that is today Anson, Maine, reportedly first scouted by their father on his return from Canada.

- vi MOSES HILTON, b. ca. 1733,⁴⁶ d. Wiscasset, 16 June 1820, aged 92 [*sic*] years;⁴⁷ he is said to have m. (1) in 1754, RACHEL ANNA [THOMPSON?],⁴⁸ m. (2) Pownalborough, 22 March 1781, DORCAS (GRAY) GREENLEAF, both of Pownalborough, widow of Joseph Greenleaf of York;⁴⁹ m. (3) (cert.) Wiscasset, 31 July 1813, Mrs. RUTH (—) YOUNG,⁵⁰ who d. Wiscasset, 21 March 1826, aged 62.⁵¹ On 1 July 1776 Moses was commissioned a Lieutenant in the 1st Lincoln Co. Regiment under Capt. Solomon Walker.⁵² In his deposition in 1785, Moses noted that he and his brother William shared the ownership of the mills on the Montsweag and that his father had nine sons, five of whom—William, Moses, John, Joseph, and Joshua—were still [in 1785] living on the land given to them by Christopher Toppan.⁵³

Moses and his first wife, Rachel, had a large family of children, as suggested by the 1766 Pownalborough census, which shows Moses with six children under the age of sixteen and three people over the age of sixteen in his household.⁵⁴ One of the adults in 1766 might have been widow Mary Hilton, his mother.

- vii EBENEZER HILTON, m. (int.) Falmouth, Maine, 13 March 1756, AMEY SAWYER,⁵⁵ bp. Falmouth, 1737, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Brackett) Sawyer of Falmouth.⁵⁶ In 1757 Ebenezer and Amey owned the Covenant at the First Church in Falmouth.⁵⁷ Ebenezer owned a 22-ton vessel for which he was taxed.⁵⁸ In 1763 and

⁴⁵ Ethel Henry Cook, *William Hilton, Pilgrim*. (Ramaley Printing, St. Paul, MN, 1944) Letter written by John⁵ Hilton of Cincinnati (great grandson of William² and Hepsibah), dated 20 August 1852. (hereafter referred to as Cook, Pilgrim.)

⁴⁶ Moses gave his age as 52 in 1785 (Moses Hilton deposition, see note 43).

⁴⁷ *Wiscasset VRs*, 158.

⁴⁸ Rachel's purported surname, Thompson, is not proven. That Moses's wife was named Rachel is seen on the baptism of son Calvin on 3 Feb. 1771 ("Records of the Rev. Josiah Winship, Woolwich Church," DAR Misc. Recs., 13 [Part 2], p. 18 [copy at Maine Hist. Soc., Portland]).

⁴⁹ *Wiscasset VRs*, 60; James Edward Greenleaf, *Genealogy of the Greenleaf Family* (Boston, 1896), 337.

⁵⁰ *Wiscasset VRs*, 121.

⁵¹ *Wiscasset VRs*, 163.

⁵² *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908), 7:926 (hereafter cited as *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*).

⁵³ Moses Hilton deposition, see note 43.

⁵⁴ "A Return and true Representation of the East side of the Town of Pownalboro' . . . , in James Phinney Baxter, ed., *Documentary History of the State of Maine, Vol. XIII, Containing the Baxter Manuscripts*, Maine Hist. Soc. Coll., 2nd Series, 13[1909], 448–57, at 448–49 (hereafter cited Pownalborough 1766 census). Moses owned a framed house with one floor and two of the rooms with fireplaces. The house had a brick chimney, but no sashed glass. About half of the residences on the east side of Pownalborough were framed and the other half were "logg."

⁵⁵ Falmouth VRs, 1728–1773, p. 77.

⁵⁶ Marquis F. King, *Baptisms and Admission from the Records of First Church in Falmouth, now Portland, Maine* (Portland, 1898), 49 (hereafter cited as *Falmouth 1st Church Records*).

⁵⁷ *Falmouth 1st Church Records*, 99.

⁵⁸ *Falmouth 1st Church Records*, 99.

1764, Ebenezer is listed as a subscriber helping to build a church in Falmouth. In both years he contributed £13 6s. 8d. to the cause.⁵⁹ 4 children baptized Falmouth,⁶⁰ but family sources list 7 children.

Ebenezer served as a private in the Revolutionary War in Capt. William Crocker's regiment at Falmouth for 6 months, defending the seacoast.⁶¹ The family suffered severe loss from the 18 Oct. 1776 burning of Falmouth by Mowatt. Not only did they lose their home, but also the 22-ton vessel they owned. Ebenezer died sometime after the attack by Mowatt, before 2 Nov. 1777. On that date, "Ammi [*sic*]," his widow was due payment of £276 for the losses the family had endured.⁶²

- viii JOHN HILTON, b. before 3 Sept. 1736 when he was listed last among the 8 siblings baptized that day, d. by Dec. 1773 when his estate was in probate; m. (cert.) Wiscasset, 7 April 1773, REBECCA CHASE of "head of the tide."⁶³ The administration of John's estate was granted to Rebecca Hilton of Pownalborough, widow, 18 Dec. 1773. The inventory, dated 23 Dec. 1773, was valued at £152 19s. 4d.⁶⁴

John was one of the five brothers who settled on and around their father's original tract in Montsweag,⁶⁵ although his name does not appear on the 1766 Pownalborough census along with his brothers William, Moses, Joseph, and Joshua.⁶⁶

- ix BENJAMIN HILTON, b. 11 Jan. 17[39?]/40,⁶⁷ d. 7 March 1802, aged 62 years, and bur. in Hilton Cemetery, Starks, Maine;⁶⁸ m. Woolwich, 15 July 1766, SUSANNAH HARNDEN,⁶⁹ b. Woolwich, 23 Nov. 1744, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Edgar) Harnden,⁷⁰ d. 14 Jan. 1820, aged 74 years, and bur. with her husband.⁷¹ Benjamin and family moved to Starks and located on a small tributary of the Sandy River, now called Hilton Brook. The cellar hole of his house stands a few feet from the present Rte. 43 near the Dill Road in Starks. Benjamin had a mill privilege and soon built a grist and sawmill powered by Hilton Brook. The remnants of the mill dam are still visible about 100 yards down the Hilton Brook from Rte. 43. Two of

⁵⁹ William Stevens Perry, *A Century of Episcopacy in Portland: A Sketch of the History of the Episcopal Church in Portland, Maine* (Portland, 1863), 4.

⁶⁰ *Falmouth 1st Church Records*, 75.

⁶¹ *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 7:924.

⁶² William Willis, *The History of Portland, from 1632 to 1864* (Portland, 1865), 900.

⁶³ *Wiscasset VRs*, 11.

⁶⁴ William D. Patterson, *The Probate Records of Lincoln County, Maine, 1760 to 1800* (Portland, 1895), 65, citing Lincoln Co. Probate Records, 1:261, 3:33.

⁶⁵ William Hilton deposition, see note 38.

⁶⁶ See note 54.

⁶⁷ "Families of Woolwich, Maine, compiled by Dr. Buck of Woolwich," typescript copied by Mary Pelham Hill, Maine Historical Society, 1933, 14 (hereafter cited as "Families of Woolwich").

⁶⁸ *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Somerset County*, Maine Old Cemetery Association Special Publication No. 12, Picton Press CD (Rockland, Maine, 2006), image 2063 (hereafter cited as *Somerset Co. Inscriptions*). The cemetery, near the Anson-Starks town line, is on a knoll overlooking the Hilton Brook in Starks.

⁶⁹ "Families of Woolwich," 14.

⁷⁰ Woolwich VRs, 4(1782–1895):20; her parents m. Boston, Mass., 16 March 1726 (*Boston Marriages, 1700–1751*, Boston Record Commissioners' Report, 28[Boston, 1898]:133).

⁷¹ *Somerset Co. Inscriptions*, image 2063.

his sons, Edgar and Joshua, went to Ohio reportedly after the mill dams washed out for a second time in the year 1817.

- x JOSEPH HILTON bp. Berwick, 14 Dec. 1741;⁷² m. (int.) Pownalborough, 21 Oct. 1763, ANNA GRAY.⁷³ He was one of the five brothers who settled on 50-acre tracts of land that were included in Ebenezer's agreement with Christopher Toppan.⁷⁴ On the 1766 Pownalborough census, the first three names on the East Side are Moses Hilton, William Hilton, and Joseph Hilton. All three owned a framed, one-story house.⁷⁵ On 25 June 1772, Joseph purchased a pew in the Pownalborough meeting house for £41.⁷⁶ Joseph appears on the 1790 Pownalborough census with two males over 16, one male under 16, and 4 females.⁷⁷
- xi HANNAH HILTON, b. Wiscasset, 18 April 1744;⁷⁸ m. (1) Georgetown, 11 July 1763, JOHN BRYANT;⁷⁹ m. (2) Pownalborough, 28 Aug. 1773, BARTHOLOMEW FOWLER as his 2nd wife.⁸⁰ Bartholomew, b. Ireland ca. 1720, and Hannah lived in the Benton/Clinton, Maine, area. Hannah was reportedly living as late as 1843, when she needed assistance from the town of Clinton, but is not found on the 1850 census of Maine.⁸¹ 2 daughters with 1st husband, 7 children with 2nd husband.
- xii DANIEL HILTON, b. about 1745,⁸² d. 28 June 1816, aged 69 [*sic*] years;⁸³ m. SARAH ROBINSON,⁸⁴ b. Georgetown, 27 July 1745, daughter of Bryant and Jane (Savage) (Alexander) Robinson,⁸⁵ d. 13 April 1828, aged 83 years.⁸⁶ In his 1785 testimony, Daniel stated his older brothers William and Moses settled him on 112 acres of land with a house they helped Daniel build. He further described the land as a lot between the lots of John Gray and Amasa Delano, with one side of his lot bounding on Montsweag Stream.⁸⁷

By 1763 Daniel was living in an unorganized region near Georgetown along the Kennebec River.⁸⁸ On 9 Nov. of that year, he was granted Lot 30, bordering the Kennebec River, upon which he was to build a house no less than 20 ft. square with

⁷² Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 54.

⁷³ *Wiscasset VRs*, 8.

⁷⁴ Moses Hilton deposition, see note 38.

⁷⁵ See note 54.

⁷⁶ *Wiscasset VRs*, 17.

⁷⁷ *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* (Washington, 1908), 44, col. a (hereafter cited as *Heads of Families, 1790, Maine*).

⁷⁸ *Wiscasset VRs*, 38.

⁷⁹ Mary Pelham Hill, ed., *Vital Records of Georgetown, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 3 vols. (n.p., 1939–43), 2:63 (hereafter cited as *Georgetown VRs*).

⁸⁰ *Wiscasset VRs*, 57.

⁸¹ Maj. Gen. Carleton Edward Fisher, *History of Clinton, Maine* (Augusta, Maine, 1970), 43.

⁸² He stated he was age 40 on 23 June 1785 (Daniel Hilton deposition, *Smith v Williams*, 1785, Supreme Judicial Court of Suffolk Co., Mass., Suffolk Court Files, #140610).

⁸³ Ethel Colby Conant, ed., *Vital Records of Augusta, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (Auburn, Maine, 1933–34), 2:329 (hereafter cited as *Augusta VRs*).

⁸⁴ For Sarah's identity, see detailed discussion below.

⁸⁵ See discussion below.

⁸⁶ *Augusta VRs*, 2:330.

⁸⁷ Daniel Hilton deposition, see note 82.

⁸⁸ Lincoln Co. Deeds, 2:163.

seven foot studs. He was to bring five acres fit for tilling within three years of the date of the grant. He or his heirs were to dwell there for seven years after the initial three years' duration.⁸⁹ On 29 July 1772, Daniel sold two lots in Hallowell (present-day Augusta) to David Thomas, his brother-in-law from Pownalborough, with Daniel's wife Sarah releasing her dower rights.⁹⁰ Daniel Hilton's wife and David Thomas's wife were half-sisters.⁹¹ On the same day that Daniel sold his two lots (noted as #30) to David, James Howard sold Daniel one-half of lot #36, comprising about fifty acres.⁹² North claimed Daniel lived for many years in a small home near Fort Western, as Daniel Hilton started as a young soldier with Col. James Howard prior to Col. Howard owning Fort Western in 1767.⁹³

- xiii JOSHUA HILTON, b. ca. 1747–48, d. Wiscasset, “at one o'clock in the morning,” 25 Dec. 1811, aged 67 [*sic*] years,⁹⁴ m. JANE —, who d. Wiscasset as “Mrs Jane Hilton widow of the late Capt Joshua Hilton of this town,” 14 Dec. 1814, aged 70 years.⁹⁵ Joshua was a mariner and ship owner in Wiscasset and was called Capt. Joshua Hilton on his gravestone.⁹⁶ Census records would suggest 5 children.⁹⁷

IDENTIFYING SARAH ROBINSON, WIFE OF DANIEL HILTON

Deeds indicate that Daniel Hilton, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Lord) Hilton, had a wife named Sarah as early as 29 July 1772, when he sold two lots in Hallowell (in present-day Augusta) to David Thomas, with Sarah releasing her dower rights.⁹⁸ Sarah was born about 1745 and died in Augusta 13 April 1828, aged 83.⁹⁹ Augusta historian James W. North wrote (*emphasis added*):

Daniel Hilton was a young man who came early to the fort. . . . He obtained a grant of lot number thirty, east side, in 1763, but soon relinquished it to David Thomes [*sic*], whose wife's sister he married.¹⁰⁰

The Lincoln County Court of Sessions for the September 1761 term reveals that David Thomas of Pownalborough and Mary Wright, widow, of Georgetown, were

⁸⁹ Lincoln Co. Deeds, 2:163.

⁹⁰ Lincoln Co. Deeds, 9:41.

⁹¹ For the two half-sisters' identities, see discussion below.

⁹² Lincoln Co. Deeds, 9:40.

⁹³ James W. North, *The History of Augusta, from the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time* (Augusta, 1870), 94 (hereafter cited as North, *History of Augusta*); lecture, “Commerce on the Banks of the Kennebec,” by Michael A. Duguay, Director of Development, Augusta, Old Fort Western, Augusta, 15 April 2012.

⁹⁴ *Wiscasset VRs*, 146.

⁹⁵ *Wiscasset VRs*, 149.

⁹⁶ “Inscriptions from Grave Stones in Old Burying Ground in Wiscasset, Me.,” *Bangor Historical Magazine*, 2(1886–87):235.

⁹⁷ *Heads of Families, 1790, Maine*, 43, col. b; Joshua Hilton household, 1800 and 1810 U.S. Censuses, Pownalborough (1800) and Wiscasset (1810), Lincoln Co., Maine, pp. 501 (1800), 160 (1810).

⁹⁸ Lincoln Co. Deeds, 9:41.

⁹⁹ *Augusta VRs*, 2:330.

¹⁰⁰ North, *History of Augusta*, 94.

charged with the “sin of fornication . . . sometime about the Tenth Day of November last past at Georgetown.”¹⁰¹ They had filed marriage intentions in Georgetown 3 November 1760.¹⁰² Mary was probably the Mary Alexander who had filed marriage intentions, 1 May 1754, with Joseph Wright.¹⁰³ While a death record has not been located for Joseph Wright, he is not named again in Georgetown records after 22 March 1756 when his daughter was born,¹⁰⁴ and his wife, Mary, is the only candidate for the “widow” Mary Wright who would later marry David Thomas.

Mary Alexander was born in Georgetown 2 July 1732, daughter of George and Jane (Savage) Alexander.¹⁰⁵ Her father, George Alexander, was reportedly killed by an Indian at Topsham and her mother, Jane, married second by 1737 (birth of their eldest child) Bryant Robinson.¹⁰⁶ Among the children of Bryant and Jane (Savage) (Alexander) Robinson was a daughter Sarah Robinson, born in Georgetown 27 July 1745.¹⁰⁷ Mary Alexander and Sarah Robinson were therefore half-sisters, both daughters of Jane (Savage) (Alexander) Robinson.

The evidence meshes well. According to her death record, the wife of Daniel Hilton was born about 1745, the same year that Sarah Robinson was born in Georgetown. James North’s assertion that Daniel’s wife was a sister of David Thomas’s wife is not inconsistent with Mary Alexander (who married first Joseph Wright and second David Thomas) and Sarah Robinson being in fact half-sisters. Finally, it is the girls’ mother, Jane (Savage) (Alexander) Robinson, who provides an additional link tying all of these families together with the Hiltons. Jane was a daughter of James Sr. and Christian (Hunter) Savage of Woolwich¹⁰⁸ and therefore a sister of James Savage Jr. who married Daniel Hilton’s sister Mary. Daniel Hilton’s wife was undoubtedly Sarah Robinson.

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¹⁰¹ Douglas A. Hall, “Maine’s Lost Babes: Charges of Fornication and Alleged Paternity in Lincoln County 1760–1786,” *The Maine Genealogist* 18(1996):29.

¹⁰² *Georgetown VRs*, 2:175.

¹⁰³ *Georgetown VRs*, 2:197.

¹⁰⁴ *Georgetown VRs*, 1:187.

¹⁰⁵ *Georgetown VRs*, 1:15.

¹⁰⁶ Parker McCobb Reed, *History of Bath and Environs, Sagadahoc County, Maine, 1607–1894* (Portland, 1894), 303; *Georgetown VRs*, 1:134.

¹⁰⁷ *Georgetown VRs*, 1:134.

¹⁰⁸ Dunn, “James Savage,” 7; “Families of Woolwich,” 1.

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

By Priscilla Eaton

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6 **JOSEPH² FRYE** (*Adrian*¹) was born in Kittery about 1679.³⁴¹ He died at Pointe-Claire, Quebec, 11 April 1750, aged about 96 years [*sic*].³⁴² He married at Pointe-Claire, 16 October 1713, MARIE-LOUISE BIGRAS. She was baptized at Lachine, Quebec, 28 October 1694, daughter of François and Marie (Brunet) Bigras. She died at Pointe-Claire 21 June 1772.

The name Joseph Frye of Kittery appeared on a list of captives dated 5 March 1710. At a time when many captives were being redeemed, there was a rush to naturalize those who wished to remain in Canada. Two months later, the name of "André Fray" appeared on a May 1710 list of those seeking naturalization.³⁴³ C. Alice Baker makes a convincing case that Joseph Frye of Kittery, following his captivity, was later known as André Fray of Pointe-Claire, a small parish on the Island of Montreal. On 12 October 1713, Andre Fray, age 36, contracted to marry Marie-Louis Bigras, age 19. He was called English by nationality, now a habitant.³⁴⁴ On the marriage record he was called André "LaFramboise," son of André LaFramboise and Marie "Frein" of Boston. LaFramboise is a "dit" name meaning "the Raspberry," perhaps referring to his hair color.

Children of Joseph [André]² and Marie-Louise (Bigras) Frye (Fray/LaFramboise), all bp. Pointe-Claire, Quebec:³⁴⁵

- i MARIE-ELISABETH FRAY, bp. 28 Aug. 1714; m. Pointe-Claire, 10 Oct. 1735, ANTOINE DEBOUT, b. Sais-sur-Saonne, diocese of Besançon, France, son of Charles and Catherine (LeMoyné) Debout. She may be the same Marie-Elisabeth LaFramboise who d. at L'Hotel-Dieu de St-Joseph in Montreal, 17 Nov. 1787, age 87, widow of Antoine Dubois.
- ii ANDRÉ FRAY, bp. 12 Sept. 1717; m. St. Laurent, Quebec, 18 April 1746, MARIE-FRANÇOISE PERILLARD, bp. Montreal, 21 April 1727, daughter of Charles and Marie-Louise (Paquet) Perillard.

³⁴¹ Joseph was about 15 or 16 years old when taken captive to Canada in 1695 (Emma Lewis Coleman, *New England Captives Carried to Canada*, 2 vols. [Portland, Maine, 1925], 1:383).

³⁴² Joseph/André's age at death was probably exaggerated. The 1713 marriage record gives his age as 36. All Quebec records are from *Le Programme de Recherche en Demographie Historique* [PRDH], a University of Montreal research program, online at <www.genealogie.umontreal.ca>.

³⁴³ This list includes other York Co. captives, including Pierre Augustin Littlefiver [Aaron Littlefield] (C. Alice Baker, "Joseph Fry of Kittery, Maine," *History and Proceeding of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association* 4[1902]:306).

³⁴⁴ C. Alice Baker, "Joseph Fry of Kittery, Maine," *History and Proceeding of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association* 4(1902):292-13.

³⁴⁵ PRDH, online at <www.genealogie.umontreal.ca>.

- iii MARIE-JOSEPHE FRAY, bp. 13 June 1719; m. Pointe-Claire, 6 Oct. 1748, FRANÇOIS POTEVIN, son of Jean and Marie (Forte) Potevin.
- iv JOACHIM FRAY, bp. 16 March 1721, d. Pointe-Claire, 27 Jan 1802; m. Pointe-Claire, 7 April 1750, MARIE-JOSEPHE MALLET, bp. Montreal 31 Oct. 1730, daughter of François and Marie-Josephe (Roy) Mallet.
- v CHARLES FRAY, bp. 10 Sept. 1722, d. Pointe-Claire, 16 Feb. 1723.
- vi MARIE-SUZANNE FRAY, bp. 25 Jan. 1724, d. Pointe-Claire, 2 April 1724.
- vii MARIE-LOUISE FRAY, bp. 24 July 1725; m. Pointe-Claire, 25 April 1746, JOSEPH PÉPIN, bp. St. François, Île Jésus, Quebec, 5 May 1717, son of Robert and Marie-Anne (LaFleur) Pépin, d. Ste. Genevieve, Quebec, 12 May 1754.
- viii JEAN-BAPTISTE FRAY, bp. 25 Feb. 1727.
- ix JOSEPH-MARIE FRAY, bp. 7 Aug. 1728; m. Montreal, 15 Feb. 1779, MARIE FOURNIER, daughter of François and Ursule (Thibault) Fournier. The record notes that the groom was 49 and the bride was 18. The witness was the groom's brother-in-law, Jean-Baptiste Poisson.
- x JACQUES FRAY, bp. 2 March 1730, d. Pointe-Claire, 28 Sept. 1806; m. Pointe-Claire, 25 April 1757, MARIE-JOSEPHE RENAUD, daughter of Jean-Baptiste and Marie-Francoise (Baron) Renaud, d. St. Laurent, 14 Dec. 1817.
- xi VINCENT FRAY, bp. 20 April 1732; m. L'Île-Dupas, 30 April 1760, MARIE-JOSEPHE GLADU, daughter of Pierre and Marie-Josephe (Roseau) Gladu, d. Terrebonne, Quebec, 12 Oct. 1806.
- xii MARIE-ANGELIQUE FRAY, bp. 14 July 1733; m. Pointe-Claire, 21 Nov. 1757, JEAN-BAPTISTE POISSON, son of Christophe and Marie (Octave) Poisson.

7 JOANNA² FRYE (*Adrian*¹) was born say 1680 and died, probably in Kittery, before January 1722/3 when her husband remarried. She married, probably in Kittery, before 9 January 1699/1700, THOMAS MUZEET.³⁴⁶ Thomas was born about 1680, son of Joseph and Mary (Walford) Muzeet.³⁴⁷ He married second, in Kittery in January 1722/3, Rebecca (—) Libby,³⁴⁸ who was born about 1673,³⁴⁹ and died before 27 September 1740, when Thomas published intentions to marry his third wife. Thomas married third Mary Langley of Dover, their intentions recorded in Kittery, 27 September 1740.³⁵⁰ Thomas's second wife, Rebecca, was possibly the widow of Joseph Libby, son of John and Agnes (—) Libby, who died soon after 5

³⁴⁶ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 4:257. Their oldest child, Mary, claimed to be legitimate, was born on this date (Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 48).

³⁴⁷ Joseph Muzeet and Mary Walford were married before 8 March 1680. Thomas was of Newcastle in 1735 when he quitclaimed to John Yeaton land which had formerly belonged to his "grandfather Walford" and two uncles (*Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 503).

³⁴⁸ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 54. The date is blotted out.

³⁴⁹ If Rebecca was the widow of Joseph Libby, she was probably seven or more years younger than her husband. Rebecca Libby's son Benjamin Libby was born in 1693 (*Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 434). This is consistent with Thomas calling her an "aged woman" in Jan. 1724/5 (*Maine Province & Court Records*, 6:169).

³⁵⁰ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 103.

December 1718.³⁵¹ Some have proposed that Thomas Muzet's third wife, Mary, was the Mary Langley baptized 22 July 1722, daughter of James and Mary (Reynolds) Langley of Newington, New Hampshire. If so, she would have been at least forty years younger than her husband. Although not proven, a more likely candidate was her mother, Mary (Reynolds) Langley, daughter of Job and Sarah (Crawford) Reynolds and widow of James Langley.³⁵² Mary Langley administered her husband James Langley's estate on 16 February 1730/1, was residing in the Oyster River Parish of Dover, and would have been free to marry in 1740.³⁵³

On 7 January 1700/1 "Thomas Mazeet and Joanna Frye the now wife of sd Mazeet were presented for committing the act of fornication." Thomas appeared and "denys the fact, the Sentence is suspended till the next Sessions in April to produce Certificate that he was Lawfully Married and their Child born Legittamate."³⁵⁴ In 1704 five shillings of Thomas Musseet's taxes were abated by the town of Kittery to offset "sufferings by the Heathen" during Queen Anne's War.³⁵⁵ On 1 October 1711, "Thomas Museet, cordwainer of Kittery," purchased 7½ acres of Kittery land from [his brother-in-law] Adrian Frye.³⁵⁶ In September 1712 Thomas Muzet's estate was valued at £1 annually, one of the poorest in the town.³⁵⁷ On 6 October 1724, Thomas "Misseet & Wife" [second wife Rebecca] of Kittery were presented for neglecting the public worship of God. At a general session of the court held at York, 5 January 1724/5, Thomas appeared and gave "Satisfact'ry reasons" and was acquitted. Rebecca did not appear and Thomas rationalized to the court that his wife "is an aged woman & not well & the distance he lives from this Court." The court decided that she could answer her presentment before Joseph Hammond Esquire, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, presumably in Kittery.³⁵⁸ By the 6 April 1725 meeting of the Court of General Sessions held at York, "Thomas Masseets wife" had yet to appear, and the court again ordered her to appear before Joseph Hammond.

At the same session, based on a complaint from William Leighton, Thomas "Mezeet" and six others were cited for presuming to vote in the choice of town officers at a 31 March 1725 Kittery town meeting, when they were not qualified by law to vote in town affairs.³⁵⁹ The seven men appeared at the next session, 6 July 1725, to answer the presentment. The jury found them "not guilty Except there be a

³⁵¹ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 434. Stackpole lists Rebecca as a daughter of Matthew Libby (Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 585).

³⁵² *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 414.

³⁵³ Henry Harrison Metcalf, ed., *Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire*, vol. 2: 1718–40, vol. 32: N.H. State Papers Ser. (Bristol, N.H., 1914), 400.

³⁵⁴ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 4:257–58.

³⁵⁵ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 175.

³⁵⁶ York Co. Deeds, 7:427.

³⁵⁷ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 150.

³⁵⁸ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 6:169.

³⁵⁹ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 6:171–72, 183.

Law that requires a voter Quallified to bring Evidence to the Town Meeting that he is Qullified.” The jury went on to note that “Inasmuch as it appears by the List of Rates they were not qualified at that time . . . the men were “Admonished to Conform themselves Accordingly for the future and that they pay Costs of Court.” The decision was appealed, with their attorney Thomas Phipps making their case, asking the jury to reverse the former judgment and give them the costs of court. The appellants objected to the previous judgment, in that it carried an implication that they were guilty, had broken the law, and needed to be “admonished.” The attorney went on to note that “the law which they are charged to have broken is no where mentioned nor to be known.” The precise outcome is not clear from the record, other than the jury found them “not guilty.”³⁶⁰ The *Muzeet* surname disappears from Maine records in the nineteenth century.

Children of Thomas and Joanna² (Frye) Muzeet, all b. Kittery:³⁶¹

- i MARY³ MUZEET, b. 9 Jan. 1699/1700.
- ii JOSEPH MUZEET, b. 1 Aug. 1702; m. ABIGAIL CHAPMAN, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Wilborn) Chapman.³⁶² Abigail was the sister of Mercy Chapman who married Joseph’s uncle Adrian Fry. On 6 Oct. 1713 the Court of General Sessions ordered Samuel Hill Jr. to pay toward the support of a bastard child born of Abigail Chapman.³⁶³ Abigail had married (1) Kittery, 13 Feb. 1723/4 John Burdgis [Bridges?/ Burgess?].³⁶⁴ Both Joseph and Abigail were probably living in Falmouth when they were mentioned in the 3 Feb. 1750/1 will of her brother Edward Chapman. They are not known to have had any children. No Muzeets appear in the Maine 1790 census.
- iii BENJAMIN MUZEET, b. 25 Nov. 1705.
- iv SARAH MUZEET, b. 12 March 1707; m. Kittery, 6 Aug. 1754, MILES THOMPSON.³⁶⁵ He was possibly the Miles Thompson, son of Miles Thompson, the boy who was captured by Indians in April 1724, but returned to New England with the Hansons before 25 June 1725.³⁶⁶ Sarah Muzeet was the mother of an illegitimate child and was presented for fornication at the 1 Oct. 1733 York Court of Sessions.³⁶⁷

³⁶⁰ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 6:202–4.

³⁶¹ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 48.

³⁶² On 3 Feb. 1750/1, Edward Chapman of Falmouth left his “Brother and Sister Joseph and Abigail Muzeet the Improvement of Six Acres of Land during both their Lives near where their House now Stands (Sargent, *Maine Wills*, 676). Edward Chapman was b. Kittery, 14 April 1702, son of Nathaniel and Mary Chapman (Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 43). Nathaniel Chapman and Mary Wilborn m. Ipswich, Mass., 30 Dec. 1674 (*Vital Records of Ipswich, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 3 vols. [Salem, Mass., 1910–19], 2:457).

³⁶³ *Maine Province & Court Records*, 6:55.

³⁶⁴ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 54, 91. He was called John “Birdges” on the marriage intention. Both Stackpole and Noyes, Libby, and Davis call him John “Bridges,” but the name may also be “Burgess.”

³⁶⁵ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 131.

³⁶⁶ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 682.

³⁶⁷ Maine Court Records, 1696–1854, database at Ancestry.com, citing York Co. 10-16-3696.

- v JOHN MUZEET, b. 14 Nov. 1710. The name of John Muzeet appears on a 23 July 1740 “True List of all the Train Soaldiers in the parish of Summersworth” under the command of Capt. Thomas Wallingford.³⁶⁸ He may possibly be the father of the “Isaac Mezeet of Portsmouth” who m. Elizabeth Lamb at Newington 12 Nov. 1758.³⁶⁹
- vi ELIZABETH MUZEET, b. 25 Aug. 1713; m. Kittery, 1 Jan 1729/30, PETER BRAWN,³⁷⁰ son of George and Sarah (Wittum) Brawn, d. prob. Kittery, after 1752.³⁷¹ In July 1733, Peter Brawn was in court for non-attendance at Meeting.³⁷² Peter Brawn’s name appears on a 10 May 1734 list of Quakers allowed by the Kittery selectmen.³⁷³
- Children of Peter and Elizabeth (Muzeet) Brawn, both b. Kittery:³⁷⁴ 1. *Benjamin Brawn*, b. 14 Feb. 1730/1. 2. *Lydia Brawn*, b. 23 May 1733.

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³⁶⁸ Henry B. Dawson, *The Historical Magazine with Notes and Queries Concerning the Antiquities, History, and Biography of America*, 2nd ser., 4(Morrisania, N.Y., 1868):204. It is possible that this record pertains to his uncle John Muzzeet, who was baptized at his home in Kittery in Feb. 1731/2 (“Kittery, Maine, Second Parish Baptisms, 1721–1831,” *The Maine Genealogist*, 25[2003]: 135), but this would have been a remarkable recovery for someone who required relief in 1732 from the town of Kittery for his “low and difficult circumstances, in future and for the past (*Gen. Dict. Maine & NH*, 503).

³⁶⁹ “Church Records of Newington, New Hampshire,” NEHGR 22(1868):156.

³⁷⁰ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 72.

³⁷¹ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 107. In 1750 George Brawn’s children, including son Peter, sold shares of his property.

³⁷² Maine Court Records, 1696–1854, database at Ancestry.com, citing York Co. 10-4-3599.

³⁷³ Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 206.

³⁷⁴ Anderson and Thurston, *Kittery VRs*, 74.

YOU WILL GET NOTHING! [*hiccup*]

The probate judge’s notes to the 1826 will of John Staples of Prospect, Maine, are amusing and are summed up by witness-to-the-will Samuel French:

“S[amuel] French—says that last winter testator had intimated that he wanted an alteration of his will, & that testator had long been in the habits of intemperance & impaired his faculties some, & he appeared to be capable of acting for himself, at the time of making the will he did not appear intoxicated. . . . He had frequently said before there were certain of his heirs that should not have any of his property.”¹

¹ Hancock Co., Maine, Probate Records, #1183.

THE FAMILY OF LORING PLUMMER OF ATHENS AND DOVER, MAINE

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A stampless letter from the Overseers of the Poor of Bangor, Maine, to the town of Athens, Maine, dated 18 September 1847, was published in the May 2010 issue of this journal. The Bangor overseers were writing to say they would not pay for the maintenance of Loring Plummer and his family, who were paupers, and would charge all their expenses back to Athens where Loring was an inhabitant.¹ Continued research on this Plummer family indicates there are numerous descendants living today.

LORING PLUMMER was born 2 April 1811, son of William and Betsey (Plummer) Plummer.² While his birth was recorded in the records of Brighton, Maine, Loring claimed in 1870 that he was born in Brunswick.³ Loring died in Dover, Maine, 18 November 1888, aged 77 years, 7 months, and is buried in Dover Cemetery.⁴ He married first, say 1832, SALLY [GRANT or GOODRICH].⁵ Sally was born [calc.] 16 or 25 October 1816, and died in Dover 9 September 1875, aged 58 years, 10 months, 14 or 23 days.⁶

Loring married second SARAH —, whom he divorced in April 1879.⁷ Loring married third in Dover 28 August 1879 Mrs. LYDIA M. (—) JONES, both of Do-

¹ Leslie Dow Sanders, “Stampless Letter: Loring Plummer Family of Maine,” *The Maine Genealogist* 32(2010):64 (hereafter cited as Sanders, “Plummer Stampless Letter”).

² Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922, database at Ancestry.com.

³ Loring Plummer household, 1870 U.S. Census, Dover, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 46, #19/19.

⁴ Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Piscataquis County*, Picton Press CD (Rockport, Maine, 2004), image 471 (hereafter cited as *Piscataquis Co. Inscriptions*).

⁵ Her maiden name is given as “Grant” on the death records of her sons James W., George W., and Fred A., and “Goodrich” on the death record of her son Edwin. Her birthplace is variously given as Canaan (Loring Plummer household, 1870 U.S. Census, Dover, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 46, #19/19; death record of son Fred), Solon (death record of son James W.), and Athens (death record of son Edwin), so her family was likely in Somerset Co. well before 1820. No early Grant families are listed in the records of those three towns. A John Grant was enumerated in 1820 at North Hill (an early name for Brighton where Loring Plummer’s birth was recorded) and at Brighton in 1830 (John Grant households, 1820 U.S. Census, North Hill, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 161; 1830 U.S. Census, Brighton, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 258). A Peter Grant family was also enumerated in Brighton in 1830 (p. 258); however, this family is not found in Somerset Co. in 1820 or before. There were two branches of the Goodrich/Goodridge family in the area: (1) descendants of John⁵ Goodridge of Berwick who settled early in Canaan, and (2) descendants of Joshua⁵ Goodridge who settled in Bingham. The standard genealogy of these families, however, lists no Sarah of appropriate age to be Loring’s wife (Edwin Alonzo Goodridge, *The Goodridge Genealogy: A History of the Descendants of William Goodridge* [New York, 1918], 117–18, 125, 155).

⁶ John F. Battick and Nancy Kilmavicz Battick, *Vital Records of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2011), 115 (hereafter cited as *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*), which gives 58y, 10m, 14d; *Piscataquis Co. Inscriptions*, image 471, which gives 58y, 10m 23d.

⁷ Maine, Divorce Records, 1798–1891, database at Ancestry.com. An undocumented and unverified internet posting claims she was Sarah B. Spearman whom he m. 10 March 1876.

ver.⁸ He married fourth in Dover 22 December 1880 EUNICE A. C. BATES of Dover,⁹ born Winthrop, Maine, circa 1836–37, daughter of Charles and Eunice A. (Ramsdell) Bates, died Sangerville, Maine, 26 April 1893, aged 56 years.¹⁰

Loring was living in Athens, in 1840; his father, William, and brother Horace were in adjacent households.¹¹ In September 1847 the family was in Bangor, living as paupers, at which time the Bangor Overseers of the Poor notified Athens by letter of Loring's impoverished situation. The family members were described as follows:

Loring Plummer aged about thirty five years and Sally Plummer his wife together with their children Lucy Plummer aged fourteen years, GW Plummer aged twelve years, William Plummer aged eleven years, James Plummer aged Nine years, Anna Plummer aged seven years, Jemima aged one & a half years¹²

Loring had returned to Athens by 1850, but soon moved to Dover, where he was enumerated in 1860, 1870, and 1880. He was a farmer, day laborer, and cooper.¹³

Children of Loring and Sally (Grant or Goodrich) Plummer:

- i LUCY M. PLUMMER, b. 31 March 1833,¹⁴ d. 8 June 1860, aged 26 years, 2 months, 23 days [*sic*], and bur. in Dover Cemetery,¹⁵ m. (int.) Dover, 20 Oct. 1851, NATHANIEL CHAMBERLAIN Jr. of Foxcroft,¹⁶ b. 10 Aug. or 31 Oct. 1827, son of Nathaniel and Martha (Streeter) Chamberlain,¹⁷ d. 5 May 1873, aged 45 years, 7 months, 26 days, and bur. with Lucy in Dover Cemetery.¹⁸ 3 children.
- ii GEORGE W. PLUMMER, b. 25 Oct. 1835,¹⁹ d. Dover, 13 Aug. 1919, aged 85 years, 10 months, 18 days;²⁰ m. (1) Dover, 22 March 1856, ADELIN PRAY, both of Dexter, Maine,²¹ b. 16 Oct. 1833, daughter of Daniel and Sophronia (Rolf) Pray.²²

⁸ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 603–4.

⁹ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 610.

¹⁰ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, database at Ancestry.com.

¹¹ Loring Plummer, William Plummer, and Horace Plummer households, 1840 U.S. Census, Athens, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 119.

¹² Sanders, "Plummer Stampless Letter."

¹³ Loring Plummer household, 1850 U.S. Census, Athens, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 6, #84/83; Loring Plummer households, 1860–1880 U.S. Censuses, Dover, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 839, #620/642 (1860), p. 46, #19/19 (1870), E.D. 61, p. 42C, #189/197 (1880).

¹⁴ Her birth date given in the Nathaniel Chamberlain family record, *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 115.

¹⁵ *Piscataquis Co. Inscriptions*, image 438.

¹⁶ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 459.

¹⁷ Nathaniel Chamberlain Jr. family record, *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 115, which gives 31 Oct.; Nathaniel Chamberlain Sr. family record, *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 892, which gives 10 Aug.; his parents m. (int.) Charlton, Mass., 3 June 1810 per *Vital Records of Charlton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass., 1905), 135.

¹⁸ *Piscataquis Co. Inscriptions*, image 438.

¹⁹ Family record, *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 115.

²⁰ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 387.

²¹ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 475.

²² Adaline, aged 18, was in the Dexter household of Daniel and Sophronia Pray in 1850 (Daniel Pray household, 1850 U.S. Census, Dexter, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 84, #212/231); Daniel and Sophronia m. Bangor, 28 Dec. 1819 (Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907, database at Ancestry.com).

George and Adeline had a son Charles Freemont Plummer, b. 31 Jan. 1857,²³ but Adeline must have died soon afterwards, as in 1860 George was living single in his parents household in Dover and Charles F. Plummer, aged 3, was living with his Pray grandparents in Dexter.²⁴ George m. (2) (cert.) Foxcroft, 29 Dec. 1860, EDRIANNA HILL of Exeter, Maine,²⁵ b. Exeter, ca. April 1844, daughter of John M. and Lydia A. (Mack) Hill, d. Dover, 27 May 1906, aged 62 years, 1 month.²⁶ 1 child with 1st wife, 9 children with 2nd wife.

- iii WILLIAM PLUMMER, b. ca. 1836 (aged 11 on 18 Sept. 1847 per Bangor Overseers of the Poor notice), d. prob. before 1850 when he is not found in the Maine census.
- iv (poss.) daughter, enumerated with the family in 1840, apparently deceased by 1847.
- v JAMES W. PLUMMER, b. [calc.] 2 Dec. 1839, d. Dover, 23 May 1918, aged 78 years, 5 months, 21 days;²⁷ m. Dover, 28 May 1862, HANNAH H. FARNHAM of Sangerville,²⁸ b. [calc.] 25 Dec. 1841, daughter of Oliver and Sarah (Howe) Farnham, d. Dover, 22 April 1913, aged 71 years, 3 months, 27 days.²⁹ 3 children.
- vi ANNA W. PLUMMER, b. 13 Oct. 1842, d. Dover, 25 Jan. 1857.³⁰
- vii JEMIMA PLUMMER,³¹ b. [calc.] 28 Oct. 1844, d. 15 March 1875, aged 30 years, 4 months, 17 days, and bur. in Dover Cemetery;³² m. Dover, 27 July 1862, CHARLES V. WILSON,³³ b. Atkinson, Maine, [calc.] 15 Nov. 1843, son of Aaron and Lydia (Elder) Wilson, d. Dover, 1 May 1921, aged 77 years, 5 months, 16 days.³⁴ 2 children. Charles m. (2) (cert.) Dover, 21 May 1878, Lydia F. (Elder) Plummer,³⁵ b. Guilford, Maine, 13 March 1842, daughter of Isaiah and Betsey (Holmes) Elder, d. Dover, 25 Dec. 1920, aged 79 years, 12 days, and bur. with her 1st husband in Dover Cemetery.³⁶ Lydia had m. (1) Dover, 20 June 1862, Henry H. Plummer.³⁷ Henry, who was Jemima's 1st cousin, was b. [calc.] 7 Feb. 1840, son of Horace and Nancy (Shattuck) Plummer,³⁸ and d. 2 April 1874, aged 34 years, 1 month, 25 days.³⁹

²³ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 115.

²⁴ Daniel Pray household, 1860 U.S. Census, Dexter, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 45, #345/344.

²⁵ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 1268.

²⁶ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 333.

²⁷ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 381.

²⁸ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 515.

²⁹ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 362.

³⁰ Loring Plummer family, *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 115; *Piscataquis Co. Inscriptions*, image 471.

³¹ She was listed as "Vermina" on the 1850 census enumeration of Loring's family.

³² *Piscataquis Co. Inscriptions*, image 487.

³³ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 511.

³⁴ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 396.

³⁵ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 598–99.

³⁶ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, database at Ancestry.com; *Piscataquis Co. Inscriptions*, image 470.

³⁷ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 513.

³⁸ Henry, aged 10, was living in his parents' household in Dover in 1850 (Horace Plummer household, 1850 U.S. Census, Dover, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 275, #10/10). Horace's birth on 19 Jan. 1815 as a son of William and Betsey (Plummer) Plummer is recorded in Brighton (Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922, database at Ancestry.com). Horace Plummer and Nancy Shattuck m. (cert.) Solon, Maine, 31 Oct. 1834 (Solon VRs, vol. 1, intentions, 1834, unpaginated).

³⁹ Gravestone, Dover Cemetery, *Piscataquis Co. Inscriptions*, image 470.

- viii EDWIN PLUMMER, b. Athens, [calc.] 20 Oct. 1849, d. Bangor, 27 March 1915, aged 65 years, 5 months, 7 days;⁴⁰ m. Dover, 21 Jan. 1871, IDA M. COLE of Dover,⁴¹ b. Oct. 1852, prob. daughter of Henry A. and Gracia A. (Smith) Cole.⁴² Ida was living in Bangor in 1920, aged 65 years.⁴³ Edwin worked as a “moulder” in a foundry in Bangor. 2 children.
- ix FRANKLIN PLUMMER, b. Dover, 10 March 1854,⁴⁴ d. prob. Dover-Foxcroft in the period 1930–40;⁴⁵ m. Dover, 25 Sept. 1883, MARY BERRY of Dover,⁴⁶ b. ca. 1864, daughter of Moses and Sophronia (Wadleigh) Berry,⁴⁷ d. after 1940. Frank lived in Foxcroft and worked in a woolen mill. 1 daughter.
- x ANNA MARIA PLUMMER, b. Dover, 15 Dec. 1859.⁴⁸ She was living in her parents’ household in Dover in 1870, aged 13, but has not been further located.
- xi FRED A. PLUMMER, b. Dover, 28 June 1861, d. Dover-Foxcroft, 24 Nov. 1922, aged 61 years, 4 months, 26 days;⁴⁹ m. Bangor, 12 June 1907, AMY L. (GLOVER) THOMPSON,⁵⁰ b. Barnard Twp., Maine, [calc.] 6 Sept. 1865, daughter of Lyman P. and Lydia (Dean) Glover, d. Bangor, 8 April 1910, aged 44 years, 7 months, 2 days.⁵¹ Amy had m. (1) Herbert M. Thompson with whom she had a daughter Jennie E. Thompson.⁵² Fred lived in Dover and worked in a woolen mill.

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⁴⁰ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, database at Ancestry.com.

⁴¹ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 560. Edwin Plummer and Ida M. Cole had filed intentions at Dover on 27 Dec. 1869, but written across the entry are the words “certificate not issued” (*Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 557). A little more than a year later they again filed intentions and were married.

⁴² Her birth date from Edwin Plummer household, 1900 U.S. Census, Bangor, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 78, p. 3A, #46/54. Henry A. Cole and Miss Gracia A. Smith m. (int.) Foxcroft, 24 Oct. 1850 (*Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 1248). In 1860 Ida M. Cole, aged 6 [sic] was living in the household of her presumed grandparents Ira and Sophia Smith (Ira Smith household, 1860 U.S. Census, Dover, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 808, #394/405). In 1870 she was living in the family of Henry A. Cole, who was now married to a 2nd wife, the household adjoining that of Loring Plummer (Henry A. Cole household, 1870 U.S. Census, Dover, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 46, #18/18).

⁴³ Ida M. Plummer household, 1920 U.S. Census, Bangor Ward 2, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 68, p. 7B, #174/177.

⁴⁴ Loring Plummer family record, *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 115.

⁴⁵ He was aged 76 and living in the household of his son-in-law in 1930 (Clifford McClure household, 1930 U.S. Census, Dover-Foxcroft, Piscataquis Co., Maine, E.D. 14, p. 13B, #349/358). In 1940 his wife, aged 76, was called a widow (Clifford H. McClure household, 1940 U.S. Census, Dover-Foxcroft, Piscataquis Co., Maine, E.D. 11-13, p. 2A, #31).

⁴⁶ *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 622.

⁴⁷ Called “Marietta,” aged 6, in Moses Berry household, 1870 U.S. Census, Dover, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 49, #70/70; her parents m. (int.) Dover, 2 May 1856 (*Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 474).

⁴⁸ Loring Plummer family record, *Dover-Foxcroft VRs*, 115.

⁴⁹ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, database at Ancestry.com.

⁵⁰ Maine, Marriage Records, 1705–1922, database at Ancestry.com.

⁵¹ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, database at Ancestry.com.

⁵² Herbert M. Thompson household, 1900 U.S. Census, Dover, Piscataquis Co., Maine, E.D., 134, p. 19A, #441/484.

MARRIAGE RECORDS OF PALMYRA, SOMERSET COUNTY,
MAINE

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- Mr. Daniel B. Varney of Bloomfield and Miss Amy M. Allen of Fairfield 17 June 1857 at Palmyra, by Z. Manter
- Mr. Corydon M. Jewell of Palmyra and Miss Mary Jane Dill of Dixmont 10 Dec. 1857 at Palmyra, by Z. Manter
- Mr. Henry Priley of Newport and Miss Mariah D. Tibbetts of Palmyra 19 Dec. 1857 at Palmyra, by Z. Manter
- Mr. Edmund Clements of Kenduskeag and Miss Roxana P. Towle of Palmyra on Monday, 12 April 1858 at Palmyra, by Eld. John S. Lang
- Mr. Franklin C. Pray of Detroit and Miss Miranda E. Pray of Palmyra 19 Oct. 1858 at Palmyra, by A. C. Godfrey, Preacher of the Gospel
- Mr. William G. Miller of Palmyra and Miss Mary Abby Chandler of St. Albans 24 Dec. 1858 in Palmyra, by Rev. Z. Manter
- Mr. Michael Dyer and Miss Ann E. Goodridge both of Palmyra 24 April 1859 in Palmyra, by Freeman Davis, Justice of Peace

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- Mr. J. M. Weeks of Pittsfield and Mrs Nancy Davis of Pittsfield 6 Nov. 1859 at Palmyra, by Benjⁿ D. Small
- Mr. John G. Phelps of Palmyra and Miss Sophronia S. Tuttle of Pittsfield 14 April 1859 in Corinna, by A. C. Godfrey, Minister of the Gospel
- Albert N. Merrill and Mrs W. A. Hodgdon both of Skowhegan 15 Jan. 1859, by P. H. Tracy, Minister of the Gospel
- Mr. Benjamin R. Jordan of Ripley and Miss Frances A. Commins of Palmyra 6 March 1859 in Palmyra, by Comfort Taylor, Minister of the Gospel
- Henry W. Murry of Brunswick and Mary J. Hubbard of Palmyra 12 Oct. 1857, by Asil Stilson, Justice of the Peace
- Mr. W^m White of Palmyra and Mrs Lydia Cobb of Pittsfield 25 Sept. 1859 at Palmyra, by Sam'l Small, Minister of the Gospel
- Mr Alfred Keene and Miss Abby Goodrich both of Canaan 4 March 1860 at Palmyra, by Freeman Davis, Justice of the Peace
- Mr. Erasmus Littlefield and Miss Sarah E Parkman both of Palmyra 18 Sept. 1859 at Palmyra, by Freeman Davis, Justice of the Peace
- Mr. Joseph J. Emery and Miss Charlotte Temple both of Palmyra 16 July 1859 at Palmyra, by Zebulon Manter

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Mr William H. Miles and Miss Lydia S Truworthy both of Newport 7 February 1860, by Zebulon Manter

Mr Hiram N. Smith of Orrington and Miss Mary B Sticney of Newport 22 July 1859, by Zebulon Manter

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Mr. Simeon Dyer and Miss Helen Hall both of Palmyra 15 July 1860, by Freeman Davis, J.P.

Mr. W^m H. Robinson of Exeter and Miss Susan J. Mitchel of Palmyra 4 August 1859, by Thomas Laney J.P.

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Mr Moses C Stuart and Miss Lovina Morton both of Palmyra 12 January 1861 at Palmyra, by Z. Manter

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 Mr W. C. Pratt of Bangor and Miss Angey Smith of Newbury 20 July 1861 in Palmyra, by Rev. Noah Parkman
 Mr John L Parkman and Miss Elizabeth A Atkinson both of Palmyra 4 March 1862 in Palmyra, by Nath'l F. Nason
 Mr John M Gilman of Newport and Miss Dorcas M Curtis of Newport 20 Aug. 1861 at Palmyra, by Zebulon Manter clergyman

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