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EDITOR'S PAGE

As this issue of *The Maine Genealogist* goes to press, the journal's thirty-fifth year of continuous publication has now been completed. This year's subject index (see p. 216) shows that we published fifteen articles on Maine families residing in nine counties throughout the state. The articles treat families living in the seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries from all different walks of life. Many of these families remained in Maine, others migrated out, and others came in from Canada and the other New England states. I hope all of our readers will find genealogical connections, subjects of interest, or valuable research ideas within these varied articles.

This issue also marks a personal milestone for me, as I have now completed twenty years as editor of *The Maine Genealogist*. When Lois Thurston and I took over the journal in early 1994, we wrote in our first editorial: "We hope to provide a variety of articles that will be informative, educational, and applicable to the diverse genealogical objectives of a large membership. In every issue, we plan to include one-, two- or three-generation family studies where the emphasis is not merely on the family under research, but also on the techniques and sources used to arrive at genealogical conclusions." Twenty years later, I wouldn't change a word of that mission statement. The reason I particularly like to read genealogical journals is not because I am necessarily interested in the family under study, but rather to learn about problem-solving techniques and new sources of information that might be applicable to my own research challenges. I also love to read a good detective story. I believe the articles published over the years include all of those characteristics.

Our first four issues back in 1994 were twenty-eight pages in length and printed in an 8½-by-11-inch format. The next year we moved to the 6-by-9-inch forty-eight page booklet which we still use today. Going to forty-eight pages, I remember wondering at the time if we would ever receive enough material to fill each issue, but that was never a problem. In 1997 Lois took a less active role as Associate Editor and in 2001 retired altogether, and I took over as sole editor.

In the past twenty years, I estimate that there have been 300 articles published in *The Maine Genealogist* encompassing some 3,760 pages of material. While the format of the journal has stayed consistent, the field of genealogical research has witnessed major changes. From today's perspective, it seems odd to look at the footnotes of a 1995 issue of the journal and not see a single reference to the Internet. While much of our research can now be done in our pajamas in front of the computer, in the past it required road trips, library days, stomping through cemeteries, and an endless amount of stamps and envelopes. *The Maine Genealogist* has yet to publish an article featuring DNA research, but the first one may be just around the corner.

I look ahead to next year with a healthy backlog of articles on hand. As always, I encourage any reader who has made a new discovery or solved a difficult problem to write it up as an article, so that we can all benefit from reading about it.

—Joseph C. Anderson II, FASG, Editor

THE HATCH AND PEARE FAMILIES OF GREENE, MAINE, AND THEIR MIGRATIONS

By Edward G. Hubbard

In an earlier article,¹ I noted that three of the proven or probable children of John and Bathsheba (Goodale) Hatch of Wells, Maine, removed to the town of Greene in what is now Androscoggin County, Maine. The present article provides the first known comprehensive account of those children and their families (children and grandchildren).² It continues with similar accounts of the families of their first cousin, Gideon Hatch, and their three more distant cousins, Jesse, Josiah and Samuel Hatch, who also settled in Greene. The common threads in their stories include their kinship, their origin in Wells, and their settlement over a period of time in Greene, which illustrate the phenomenon of chain migration. Another is the fact that their migrations did not, in most cases, end in Greene. As will be seen, many in the first and second generations moved on in due course to neighboring or more distant towns and places. In this regard, they were typical of many families in early-nineteenth-century Maine who continued to seek new opportunities, nearby or afar.

THE FAMILY OF ELIAS HATCH

ELIAS HATCH, was baptized in Wells, 26 July 1768, youngest son of John and Bathsheba (Goodale) Hatch.³ He died in Dexter, Maine, 29 September 1851.⁴ He married in Wells, 16 July 1789, LUCY CHADBOURNE.⁵ Lucy was baptized in Wells, 7 July 1771, daughter of Samuel and Mehitabel (Hatch) Chadbourne,⁶ and died in Dexter, 13 October 1855.⁷ They settled in Greene about 1797,⁸ but removed to Harmony, Maine, between 1810 and 1813,⁹ and to neighboring Ripley by 1830.¹⁰ Their enumeration in Cambridge ten years later does not necessarily reflect yet an-

¹ Edward G. Hubbard, "Identifying the Parents of Lucy Hatch of Wells, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 34(2012):109–21 (hereafter cited as Hubbard, "Parents of Lucy Hatch").

² A brief account of the family of Elias Hatch was provided by Elaine Chadbourne Bacon, comp., *The Chadbourne Family in America: A Genealogy* (Camden, Maine, 1994), 131 (hereafter cited as Bacon, *Chadbourne Family*). Note: the second son was incorrectly listed therein as Jeremiah.

³ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 76(1922):106 (hereafter cited as "First Church Wells").

⁴ Gravestone inscription, Storer Cemetery, Dexter, Findagrave.com.

⁵ Hope Moody Shelley, ed., *Vital Records of Wells, Maine, 1619–1950* (Rockport, Maine, 2005), 86 (hereafter cited as Shelley, *Wells VRs*).

⁶ Bacon, *Chadbourne Family*, 131.

⁷ Gravestone inscription, Storer Cemetery, Dexter, Findagrave.com.

⁸ Records cited below state that their 3rd child was b. Wells in 1796; their 4th was b. Greene in 1798.

⁹ They were enumerated in Greene in 1810 (Elias Hatch household, 1810 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 911), but were in Harmony by the time their youngest daughter was born.

¹⁰ Elias Hatch household, 1830 U.S. Census, Ripley, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 87.

other relocation,¹¹ as that town had been set off from Ripley in 1834. In 1850 they were living in Dexter, Maine, with their first son, Jacob.¹²

Most of Elias's children remained in Cambridge or resided in adjoining towns. Only one settled elsewhere in Maine.

Children of Elias and Lucy (Chadbourne) Hatch:¹³

- i JACOB HATCH, b. Wells, 20 Sept. 1789, d. Dexter, 24 Jan. 1862;¹⁴ m. 18 Oct. 1810, Greene, ELIZABETH/BETSY SIMMONS,¹⁵ b. ca. 1792, d. Dexter, 26 May 1872, aged 80 years.¹⁶ They moved from Greene to Harmony by 1820,¹⁷ and then to Dexter by 1830.¹⁸ Jacob pursued an ecclesiastical career and was described as "Rev." on his gravestone inscription.
Child: 1. *Elizabeth/Betsy Hatch*, b. Greene, 15 March 1811.¹⁹
- ii NEHEMIAH HATCH, b. Wells, 12 Feb. 1792,²⁰ living Cambridge, July 1860;²¹ m. (1) Harmony, 2 May 1816, REBECCA BISB[E]E,²² b. 27 May 1793, d. 1 April 1843;²³ m. (2) Wellington, Maine, 29 Dec. 1843, PEACE WENTWORTH,²⁴ b. N.H., [calc.] 11 May 1802, d. Cambridge, 31 Aug. 1895, aged 92 years, 9 months, 19 days.²⁵ Nehemiah moved from Greene to Harmony by 1820,²⁶ and to neighboring Ripley by 1830.²⁷
Children by 1st wife, Rebecca (Bisb[e]e):²⁸ 1. *Alfred Hatch*, b. 4 July 1817. 2. *Rebecca Hatch*, b. 8 Sept. 1818. 3. *Hannah A. Hatch*, b. 7 May 1820. 4. *Lydia S.*

¹¹ Elias Hatch household, 1840 U.S. Census, Cambridge, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 97.

¹² Jacob Hatch household, 1850 U.S. Census, Dexter, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 89, #289/313.

¹³ Vital Records of Greene, Maine, microfilm (reel 244), Maine State Archives [MSA], Augusta, part 4, p. 29 for all except Lucy (hereafter cited as Greene VRs).

¹⁴ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com. Described as "Rev." on his gravestone in Storer Cemetery, Dexter, he pursued an ecclesiastical career, as did his brother Forest.

¹⁵ Greene VRs, marriage section (page numbers missing or illegible).

¹⁶ Gravestone inscription, Storer Cemetery, Dexter, Findagrave.com.

¹⁷ Jacob Hatch 2nd household, 1820 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 154.

¹⁸ Jacob Hatch household, 1830 U.S. Census, Dexter, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 439.

¹⁹ Vital Records of Harmony, Maine, microfilm (reel 239), MSA, Family Records part 1, p. 81 (hereafter cited as Harmony VRs); Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com, in which she is listed as Elizabeth H. Whittemore, daughter of Jacob Hatch and Elizabeth Simmons, who d. Damariscotta, Maine, 14 Feb. 1899, age 87 years, 11 months, – days, incorrectly gives her birthplace as Cambridge.

²⁰ Place and date of birth given in Vital Records of Cambridge, Maine, Family Register section, p. 17, transcribed from microfilm at MSA by Roland Rhoades, 2009–2010, online at <www.rolandrhoades.com/cambridgeVR.pdf> (hereafter cited as Cambridge VRs).

²¹ Nehemiah Hatch household, 1860 U.S. Census, Cambridge, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 67, #480/490.

²² Harmony VRs, Marriages and Intentions 1803–1837, p. 100.

²³ Cambridge VRs, p. 17.

²⁴ Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, Familysearch.org.

²⁵ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

²⁶ Nehemiah Hatch household, 1820 U.S. Census, Maine, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 153.

²⁷ Nehemiah Hatch household, 1830 U.S. Census, Maine, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 87.

²⁸ Cambridge VRs, p. 17.

Hatch, b. 12 April 1822. 5. *Nehemiah Hatch Jr.*, b. 16 April 1824. 6. *Henrietta L. Hatch*, b. 25 April 1826. 7. *Lucy C. Hatch*, b. 25 Aug. 1828. 8. *Polly Hatch*, b. 24 Jan. 1831. 9. *Abi Hatch*, b. 8 May 1833. 10. *Adoniram Judson Hatch*, b. 23 Oct. 1835.

Children by 2nd wife, Peace (Wentworth):²⁹ 11. *John Hatch*, b. [calc.] 16 Oct. 1844, d. 13 Dec. 1862, 18 years, 1 month, 27 days. 12. *William Hatch*, b. [calc.] 25 April 1846, d. 2 Oct. 1847, 1 year, 5 months, 7 days.

- iii FOREST HATCH, b. Wells, 11 Nov. 1796,³⁰ d. Cambridge, 3 May 1834;³¹ m. SARAH/SALLY LEIGHTON, b. Harmony, 13 June 1799,³² daughter of Moses and Betsey (Rogers) Leighton,³³ d. Cambridge, 20 Feb. 1884.³⁴ Forest moved to Ripley by 1820,³⁵ joined the Baptist church in Cambridge (then Ripley), served as a deacon, and was ordained pastor about 1827.³⁶ Sally married again two times.³⁷

Children:³⁸ 1. *Betsy R. Hatch*, b. 16 March 1818. 2. *Elias Selden Hatch*, b. 10 Oct. 1820, d. 3 Sept. 1821. 3. *Elias Selden Hatch* (again), b. 14 June 1822. 4. *Fanny Newall Hatch*, b. 20 May 1826. 5. *Jacob Forest Hatch*, b. 27 Dec. 1830.

- iv MEHITABLE HATCH, b. Greene, 14 April or 29 Oct. 1798,³⁹ d. Saco, Maine, 20 Oct. 1882;⁴⁰ m. Harmony, 13 Jan. 1818, EPHRAIM LITTLEFIELD,⁴¹ b. Wells, 3 Oct. 1791, son of Francis and Priscilla (Hatch) Littlefield,⁴² d. 5 Aug. 1873.⁴³

Children:⁴⁴ 1. *Leonard Littlefield*, b. 18 March 1819.⁴⁵ 2. *Festa (or Vesta) Littlefield*, b. 12 Sept. 1821. 3. *Meroe Littlefield*, b. 13 May 1824. 4. *Charles Littlefield*, b. 20 June 1827. 5. *Storer Littlefield*, b. 5 March 1830. 6. *Mark Langdon Littlefield*, b. 2 May 1837. 7. *Francis Mullen Littlefield*, b. 2 May 1840.

²⁹ Gravestone inscriptions, Memorial Garden Cemetery, Cambridge, Maine, p. 12, online at <www.rolandrhoades.com/CambridgeCemetery1.pdf>.

³⁰ Place and date of birth given in Cambridge Vital Records, p. 15.

³¹ Cambridge VRs, p. 15. (The family record includes the details of his church career.)

³² Cambridge VRs, p. 15.

³³ Perley M. Leighton, *A Leighton Genealogy: Descendants of Thomas Leighton of Dover, New Hampshire*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1989), 1:134–35 (hereafter cited as Leighton, *Leighton Genealogy*).

³⁴ Gravestone inscription, Memorial Garden Cemetery, Cambridge, Maine, p. 10, pdf at www.rolandrhoades.com/cambridge. She m. (2) John Woods.

³⁵ “Forrist” Hatch household, 1820 U.S. Census, Ripley, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 171.

³⁶ Cambridge VRs, p. 15. (The family record includes the details of his church career.)

³⁷ Leighton, *Leighton Genealogy*, 1:310.

³⁸ Cambridge VRs, p. 15. Cambridge was not set off from Ripley until 1834.

³⁹ Greene VRs, p. 29 (14 April); Harmony Vital Records, Family Records part 1, p. 123 (29 Oct.), which gives both her place of birth and birth date.

⁴⁰ Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions, York County*, 4 vols. (Camden, Maine, 1995), 3:1470 (hereafter cited as *York Co. Inscriptions*).

⁴¹ Harmony VRs, Marriages 1803–1837, p. 101.

⁴² Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, pp. 119, 123.

⁴³ Maine, Deaths and Burials, 1841–1910, Familysearch.org; *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:1470.

⁴⁴ Harmony VRs, Marriages 1803–1837, p. 123.

⁴⁵ He m. (int.) Harmony, 18 Jan. 1842, Roxana Hatch, daughter of Jacob and Ruth (Briggs) Hatch (Harmony VRs, Marriages 1838 on, p. 65). Jacob was a son of Eliakim and Zerviah (Maxwell) Hatch, below.

- v NOAH HATCH, b. Greene, 3 Dec. 1801, d. probably Parkman, Maine, before June 1880;⁴⁶ m. ELIZABETH/ELIZA HAM, b. Kennebunkport, 20 Sept. 1805, daughter of Samuel and Shuah (Staples) Ham,⁴⁷ living in 1880.⁴⁸ Noah moved to Dexter by 1830,⁴⁹ to Cambridge by 1840,⁵⁰ and finally by 1870 to Parkman.⁵¹
 Children:⁵² 1. *Samuel Hatch*, b. 27 Sept. 1826. 2. *Mary Jane Hatch*, b. 27 Sept. 1828, d. 14 March 1847. 3. *Edwin Augustus Hatch*, b. 24 Aug. 1830. 4. *Joseph Hatch*, b. 24 July 1832. 5. *Caroline Ford Hatch*, b. 14 Aug. 1834. 6. *Noah Hatch Jr.*, b. 26 July 1838. 7. *Prudence Hatch*, b. 26 April 1840, d. May 1841. 8. *Lucy Ann Hatch*, b. 1 July 1842. 9. *William N. Hatch*, b. ca. 1845. 10. *John E. Hatch*, b. ca. 1847.
- vi ABI HATCH, b. Greene, 23 April 1806, d. Cambridge, 25 March 1893;⁵³ m. (1) ca. 1825, JOSEPH HAM, b. Kennebunkport, 27 Nov. 1803, son of Samuel and Shuah (Staples) Ham and brother of Eliza above,⁵⁴ drowned Cambridge, 13 April 1832;⁵⁵ m. (2) HORACE HAM, b. Harmony, 15 Feb. 1814 son of Samuel and Shuah (Staples) Ham and brother of Eliza and Joseph above,⁵⁶ d. Cambridge, 28 Nov. 1846.⁵⁷
 Children by 1st husband, Joseph Ham:⁵⁸ 1. *Timothy Ham*, b. 4 June 1827. 2. *Joseph Ham*, b. 16 June 1831.
 Children by 2nd husband, Horace Ham:⁵⁹ 3. *Harriet Maria Ham*, b. 15 Feb. 1835. 4. *Rosina Ham*, b. 18 Jan. 1837. 5. *Horace Newton Ham*, b. 23 Jan. 1840.
- vii LUCY HATCH, b. Harmony, 22 March 1813,⁶⁰ d. Cambridge, 30 June 1881;⁶¹ m. ANDREW HAM, b. Harmony, 25 Jan. 1809, son of Samuel and Shuah (Staples) Ham and brother of Eliza, Joseph, and Horace above,⁶² d. Cambridge, 14 April 1889.⁶³
 Children:⁶⁴ 1. *Andrew Warren Ham*, b. 3 Jan. 1839. 2. *Llewellyn "Luellen" Ham*, b. 6 Sep. 1841. 3. *Horace Ham*, b. 5 Nov. 1846, d. 6 Sept. 1848. 4. *Horace Ham*, b. 20 March 1850. 5. *Seth C. Ham*, b. 2 May 1856.

⁴⁶ Eliza Hatch was a widow in the Correnton C. Galusha household, 1880 U.S. Census, Parkman, Piscataquis Co., Maine, E.D. 59, p. 16A, #134/143.

⁴⁷ Cambridge VRs, pp. 10, 12.

⁴⁸ Correnton C. Galusha household, 1880 U.S. Census, Parkman, Piscataquis Co., Maine, E.D. 59, p. 16A, #134/143.

⁴⁹ Noah Hatch household, 1830 U.S. Census, Dexter, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 439.

⁵⁰ Noah Hatch household, 1840 U.S. Census, Cambridge, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 97.

⁵¹ Noah Hatch household, 1870 U.S. Census, Parkman, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 153, #82/82.

⁵² Cambridge VRs, p. 10 (except for the last two, who are known from their enumeration in Noah's household, 1850 U.S. Census, Cambridge, Somerset, Maine, p. 238, #269/290).

⁵³ Birth and death data from Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

⁵⁴ Cambridge VRs, pp. 10, 12.

⁵⁵ Cambridge VRs, p. 10.

⁵⁶ Cambridge VRs, pp. 11, 12.

⁵⁷ Gravestone inscription, Memorial Garden Cemetery, Cambridge, Maine, p. 18, note 29.

⁵⁸ Cambridge VRs, p. 10.

⁵⁹ Cambridge VRs, p. 11.

⁶⁰ Cambridge VRs, p. 11.

⁶¹ Gravestone inscription, Memorial Garden Cemetery, Cambridge, Maine, p. 16, note 29.

⁶² Cambridge VRs, pp. 11, 12.

⁶³ Gravestone inscription, Memorial Garden Cemetery, Cambridge, Maine, p. 16, note 29.

⁶⁴ Cambridge VRs, p. 11.

THE FAMILY OF ELIAKIM HATCH

ELIAKIM HATCH was born in Wells in 1761 or 1762, if his April 1818 application for a Revolutionary War pension is accurate, when he testified as a resident of Harmony that he was then aged 56 years.⁶⁵ Neither his birth nor his baptism appear in the Wells town or church records. In her account of the Maxwell family (into which Eliakim married), Priscilla Eaton noted that several facts point to him having been an unrecorded son of John and Bathsheba (Goodale) Hatch.⁶⁶ That this couple had a son named Eliab who was baptized 14 June 1761 (and presumably born shortly before that date) would seem to preclude Eliakim having been their son. However, in a previous article, I suggested that Eliab and Eliakim may well have been one and the same person.⁶⁷ Although the two names are distinct, it is possible that the wrong one was recorded in the baptismal register, and in any case, no further record of this “Eliab” has come to light. (The Eliab Hatch who married in Wells 11 April 1778 to Lydia Littlefield was the son of another couple.⁶⁸) Another possibility is that Eliab and Eliakim were distinct individuals, and that the latter was born in the interval between Eliab and his next recorded sibling, Jacob, who was baptized 11 August 1765.⁶⁹ Certain facts, however, argue against this: (1) Eliakim’s testimony as to his age in 1818; (2) the continuity of the Wells baptismal records during that interval, which renders it unlikely that John and Bathsheba Hatch had a child whose baptism was unrecorded; and (3) the absence of further evidence of Eliab. It is reasonable, then, to conclude that Eliakim was most likely the same as the “Eliab” baptized in 1761.

Eliakim married in Wells, 24 July 1784, ZERVIAH MAXWELL.⁷⁰ She was baptized in Wells, 24 July 1763, daughter of John and Phebe (Littlefield) Maxwell.⁷¹ They were still in Wells in 1790 but moved to Greene by 1800.⁷² By 1818 (as evidenced by his affidavit in his pension application), they had relocated to Harmony, where Eliakim purchased 100 acres of land on 14 March 1818.⁷³ (The fact that Elias Hatch likewise moved to Harmony by 1813 suggests strong ties between the two men.) His date of death has previously been cited as 14 December

⁶⁵ Revolutionary War Pension Application, #S35388.

⁶⁶ Priscilla Eaton, “The Maxwell Family of Scotch Hill, Ogunquit and Wells, Maine,” *The Maine Genealogist* 32(2010):77–90 (hereafter cited as Eaton, “Maxwell family”).

⁶⁷ Hubbard, “Parents of Lucy Hatch,” 116.

⁶⁸ Hubbard, “Parents of Lucy Hatch,” 116.

⁶⁹ “First Church Wells,” NEHGR 76(1922):105.

⁷⁰ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 84. Bride’s name listed as “Leviah.”

⁷¹ Eaton, “Maxwell Family,” 84. Zerviah’s sisters Elizabeth and Martha married, respectively, William Hatch and Jacob Hatch, both of whom were sons of John and Bathsheba (Goodale) Hatch, Eliakim’s probable parents.

⁷² Eliakim Hatch household, 1790 U.S. Census, Wells, York Co., Maine, p. 282, and 1800 U.S. census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 250.

⁷³ Eaton, “Maxwell Family,” 84.

1829,⁷⁴ but this is now known to be incorrect. Eliakim was not enumerated as a household head in the 1820 census and must have died before 28 June 1820, when his widow, “Zibiah,” declined to serve as administratrix of his estate and their son Jacob was instead appointed.⁷⁵ Zerviah was still living on 19 June 1821, when she petitioned the court for a widow’s allowance.⁷⁶ She was probably the female who was enumerated in Harmony in 1820 (aged 45 or more) and in 1830 (aged 60–70) in the house of Isaiah Chadbourne.⁷⁷

It is evident from the above-cited 1790 and 1800 census enumerations, along with that of 1810,⁷⁸ that Eliakim had a sizeable family. Because the births of his children were not recorded in Wells, Greene, or Harmony, other evidence must be utilized in an effort to reconstruct his family. These censuses provide a starting point for reconstructing his family. The genders and age ranges of the members of the household (excluding Eliakim and his wife) in each of those years were as follows:

1790: 2 males under 16; 1 female.

1800: 1 male and 2 females 10–15; 2 males and 2 females under 10.

1810: 1 male 16–25; 1 male and 3 females 10–15; 1 male and 1 female under 10.

What appear to be some slight discrepancies may be due to the timing of the enumerations and the approximate nature of the age ranges. The tallies, when collated, suggest the following family structure (the sequence of births orders being approximate):

son, b. 1785–1790 (not enumerated 1800)

son, b. 1785–1790 (age 10–15 in 1800 and 16–25 in 1810)

daughter, b. 1785–1790 (age 10–15 in 1800; not enumerated 1810)

daughter, b. perhaps 1790 (not enumerated 1790; age 10–15 in 1800; not enumerated 1810)

son, b. 1790–1800 (under 10 in 1800; not enumerated in 1810)

son, b. 1794–1800 (under 10 in 1800; age 10–15 in 1810)

daughter, b. 1794–1800 (under 10 in 1800; age 10–15 in 1810)

daughter, b. 1794–1800 (under 10 in 1800; age 10–15 in 1810)

daughter, b. perhaps 1800 (not enumerated 1800; age 10–15 in 1810)

son, b. 1800–1810 (under 10 in 1810)

daughter, b. 1800–1810 (under 10 in 1810)

⁷⁴ Eaton, “Maxwell Family,” 84; Hubbard, “Parents of Lucy Hatch,” 116.

⁷⁵ Somerset Co. Probate Records, 2:446.

⁷⁶ Somerset Co. Probate Records, 3:157.

⁷⁷ “Isiah Chadman” household, 1820 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 152; Isaiah Chadbourn household, 1830 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 250. Isaiah, as shown below, was probably Zerviah’s son-in-law.

⁷⁸ Eliakim Hatch household, 1810 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 912.

Eliakim may, therefore, have had as many as five sons and six daughters, born over a period of twenty years or so, which was common at that time. Various records and facts must be analyzed in an effort to identify as many of them as possible.

The marriages of two men named Jacob Hatch were recorded in Greene. Jacob Hatch “second” who married Betsey Simmons on 18 October 1810 was the son of Elias Hatch (see above). The other Jacob, who married Ruth Briggs on 11 November 1809,⁷⁹ would have been Jacob “first” and therefore older than Jacob “second,” who was born in 1789. As the names and birth dates of the children of the other Hatch couples families then residing in Greene are known from the town records, Jacob “first” can only have been one of the first two sons of Eliakim, born 1785–1790. He was, then, the Jacob (described in the court records as “first”) who was appointed administrator of Eliakim’s estate in 1820, as noted above. He was 63 in 1850,⁸⁰ so he was born about 1787.

Another researcher earlier found that a much younger son, Eliakim “Jr.,” was baptized in Greene on 21 February 1817 at the age of 12.⁸¹ No further record of him has yet come to light.

Eliakim evidently had another son besides Jacob who was born by 1790, but as he was enumerated only in that year, it is likely that he died young before 1800. As for the other two probable sons—one born 1790–1794, the other born 1794–1800—both were still in Eliakim’s household in 1810, but the trail grows cold thereafter. They may either have died or left the area for parts unknown.

As for the daughters, the marriages of a number of Hatch females were recorded in Greene and Harmony in the first two to three decades of the nineteenth century. Analysis of those records provides a means of plausibly identifying most of Eliakim’s probable six daughters. The key consideration is that the children comprising the other Hatch families of the time and place are known from the towns’ records, as shown in the other sections of this study. The premise, then, is that the marriages of Hatch women who were not members of those families are likely to have been those of Eliakim’s daughters. Analysis of further records about those women will reveal at least their approximate ages, which in turn will support their placement in Eliakim’s family as reconstructed above by pointing to their likely places in the sequence of his children.

Rosamon Hatch and Isaiah Chadbourne, both of Greene, were married in that town on 15 October 1807,⁸² and relocated to Harmony some years later—as did

⁷⁹ Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

⁸⁰ Jacob Hatch household, 1850 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 110, #150/163.

⁸¹ Clara Myrtle Cromwell, comp., “Genealogical Papers,” collection 393, box 7, folder 1, p. 83 (citation from records of First Baptist Church of Greene), Maine Historical Society Library, Portland (hereafter cited as Cromwell, “Genealogical Papers”). She utilized primary sources such as town, church, land, probate, and census records to document Eliakim and his son Jacob, and was thorough in her coverage of the latter’s immediate descendants.

⁸² Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

Eliakim himself and his son Jacob. In 1810 she was 16 to 26 years of age; in 1830, she was in her forties.⁸³ Thus, she was born between 1784 and 1790, which is consistent with her having been Eliakim's first daughter.

Abigail Hatch and Evat Hatch, both of Harmony, were married in that town on 22 April 1819.⁸⁴ Evat was a son of Jesse Hatch of Greene, as will be shown below. Abigail was born in 1794,⁸⁵ which would point to her having been Eliakim's third daughter in the above scheme.

Judith Hatch and Isaac Stafford, both of Harmony, were married there on 9 November 1820.⁸⁶ As she was born in Wells on 22 May 1795,⁸⁷ she would fit into the reconstruction as Eliakim's fourth daughter.

Mehitable Hatch and Abner Ford, both of Harmony, published their marriage intentions in that town on 20 December 1819.⁸⁸ She was born in 1798,⁸⁹ and so would have been the fifth daughter.

Phebe Hatch and Storer Littlefield, both of Harmony, were married in that town on 5 April 1821.⁹⁰ Her birth in Greene on 4 July 1801 is consistent with her having been Eliakim's youngest daughter.⁹¹

By placing Eliakim's two proven sons and five probable daughters into the structure suggested by the censuses reviewed above, we can establish more precisely (although still approximately) when the other probable but unidentified children were born. We then arrive at the following reconstruction of his family:

Proposed children of Eliakim and Zerviah (Maxwell) Hatch:

- i son, b. Wells, say 1785, living in 1790, not found in 1800.
- ii JACOB HATCH, b. Wells, 22 Dec. 1787,⁹² d. Harmony, 26 March 1855;⁹³ m. Greene, 30 Nov. 1809, RUTH BRIGGS,⁹⁴ b. Minot, Maine, 26 May 1792,⁹⁵ daughter of Rufus and Elizabeth (Eliot) Briggs, d. Harmony, 7 Jan. 1867.⁹⁶

⁸³ Isaiah Chadbourn household, 1810 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 909; 1830 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 250. In 1830, the enumeration of Isaiah's household was two lines below that of Eliakim's son Jacob, suggesting they were near neighbors.

⁸⁴ Harmony VRs, Marriages 1803–1837, p. 102.

⁸⁵ Cromwell, "Genealogy Papers," box 12, folder 19, Harmony family register extracts, p. 85.

⁸⁶ Harmony VRs, Marriages 1803–1837, p. 103.

⁸⁷ Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 159, in which she is called "Judah," wife of Isaac Stafford.

⁸⁸ Harmony VRs, Marriages 1803–1837, p. 117.

⁸⁹ Gravestone inscription, Sebec Village Cemetery, Sebec, Maine, Findagrave.com.

⁹⁰ Harmony VRs, Marriages 1803–1837, p. 103.

⁹¹ Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 125.

⁹² Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 83.

⁹³ Gravestone inscription, Sugar Hill Cemetery, Harmony, Findagrave.com.

⁹⁴ Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

⁹⁵ Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 83.

⁹⁶ Cromwell, "Genealogy Papers," box 7, folder 1. This source states that Ruth was b. in Turner, 21 May 1792.

Children:⁹⁷ 1. *Sylvania Hatch*, b. Greene, 26 June 1811.⁹⁸ 2. *Alexander Hatch*, b. Greene, 30 March 1813. 3. *Roxana Hatch*, b. Greene, 12 Sept. 1817.⁹⁹ 4. *Joseph Maxwell Hatch*, b. Harmony, 11 July 1822. 5. *Eliakim Hatch*, b. Harmony, 29 June 1827. 6. *Julius A. Hatch*, b. Harmony, Aug. 1832.

iii (prob.) ROSAMON HATCH, b. Wells, say 1789,¹⁰⁰ d. 1830–35;¹⁰¹ m. Greene, 15 Oct. 1807, ISAIAH CHADBOURNE,¹⁰² b. Greene, 29 Dec. 1787, son of Samuel and Mehitable (Hatch) Chadbourne, d. 15 May 1875.¹⁰³ They moved to Harmony by 1820,¹⁰⁴ where Isaiah remarried after Rosamon's death.

Children: 1. (prob.) *Zerviah/Zebiah M. Chadbourne*, b. 6 Aug. 1808.¹⁰⁵ 2. prob. son, b. ca. 1810.¹⁰⁶ 3. *Isaiah Chadbourne Jr.*, b. Greene, 7 April 1813.¹⁰⁷ 4. *Rosamon Chadbourne*, b. 13 Jan. 1817.¹⁰⁸

iv daughter, b. Wells, say late 1790, living 1800.

v son, b. Wells, say 1792, living 1800.

vi (prob.) ABIGAIL HATCH, b. Wells, 1794,¹⁰⁹ d. 1820–27;¹¹⁰ m. Harmony, 27 April 1819, EVAT HATCH,¹¹¹ b. Wells, 19 Oct. 1796, son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Hatch) Hatch¹¹² (see further information below). No known children.

⁹⁷ Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 83.

⁹⁸ She m. 26 Sept. 1834, her 1st cousin Isaiah Chadbourne Jr., son of Isaiah and Rosamon (Hatch) Chadbourne (Cromwell, "Genealogical Papers," box 4, folder 7, "Chadbourne Family").

⁹⁹ She m. (int.) Harmony, 18 Jan. 1842, Leonard Littlefield, son of Ephraim and Mehitable (Hatch) Littlefield (Harmony VRs, Marriages 1838 and on, p. 65). Mehitable was a daughter of Elias and Lucy (Chadbourne) Hatch, above.

¹⁰⁰ Female, age 26–44, "Isiah Chadman" household, 1820 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 152; female, age 40–49, Isaiah Chadbourne household, 1830 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 250.

¹⁰¹ She was enumerated in 1830, but d. before Isaac m. Harmony, 1 Jan. 1835, Mary (Drew) Hamilton (Bacon, *Chadbourne Genealogy*, 194).

¹⁰² Greene VRs, Marriage Section.

¹⁰³ Bacon, *Chadbourne Genealogy*, 132, 194.

¹⁰⁴ "Isiah Chadman" household, 1820 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 152.

¹⁰⁵ Harmony VRs, Marriages 1803–1837, p. 232: George Herrick and Miss "Zibiah Chadburne," both of Harmony, m. 9 June 1828; Cambridge VRs, p. 35: "Zebiah M. Chadburn," wife of George Herrick, b. 6 Aug. 1808; "Zebiah Herrick," age 41, in George Herrick household, 1850 U.S. Census, Cambridge, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 115, #214/232; "Zirbiah," George Herrick household, 1860 U.S. Census, Wellington, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 875, #125/125. Her unusual name recalls that of Zerviah Maxwell, wife of Eliakim Hatch, and suggests she was an unrecorded child of that couple's daughter Rosamon by Isaiah Chadbourne. She would have been the female under age 10 in Isaiah "Chadburn" household, 1810 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 909, and age 10–16 in "Isiah Chadman" household, 1820 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 152.

¹⁰⁶ Male, age 10–16, "Isiah Chadman" household, 1820 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 152. He was possibly b. very shortly after the 1810 census was taken.

¹⁰⁷ Greene VRs, part 4, p. 44. He m. 26 Sept. 1834 his 1st cousin Sylvania Hatch, daughter of Jacob and Ruth (Briggs) Hatch (Cromwell, "Genealogical Papers," box 4, folder 7, "Chadbourne Family").

¹⁰⁸ Bacon, *Chadbourne Genealogy*, 194.

¹⁰⁹ Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 85.

¹¹⁰ Female, age 26–44, Evat Hatch household, 1820 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 154. Evat m. (2) Greene, 23 Aug. 1827, Nancy Parsons (Greene VRs, Marriage Section).

- vii (prob.) JUDITH HATCH, b. Wells, 22 May 1795,¹¹³ d. Harmony, 29 Sept. 1867, aged 72 years, 5 months;¹¹⁴ m. Harmony, 9 Nov. 1820, ISAAC STAFFORD,¹¹⁵ reportedly b. Roe [*sic*], Vt., 28 June 1794,¹¹⁶ d. Harmony, 22 May 1888, aged 95 years, 11 months [*sic*].¹¹⁷ They lived in Harmony.¹¹⁸
 Children, b. Harmony:¹¹⁹ 1. *Isaac Stafford Jr.*, b. 17 Oct. 1821. 2. *John M. Stafford*, b. 27 Oct. 1823. 3. *Abigail Stafford*, b. 26 April 1826, d. 2 Sep. 1827. 4. *Nelson Stafford*, b. 6 Aug. 1828. 5. *Nelson Stafford*, b. 13 March 1830, d. 7 Aug. 1830. 6. *Jane Stafford*, b. 26 Dec. 1832. 7. *Abigail Stafford*, b. 10 Jan. 1836.
- viii (prob.) MEHITABLE HATCH, b. 1798, d. Sebec, Piscataquis Co., Maine, 1883;¹²⁰ m. (int.) Harmony, 20 Dec. 1819, ABNER FORD,¹²¹ b. [calc.] 17 June 1795, d. Sebec, 10 Nov. 1858, aged 63 years, 4 months, 23 days.¹²² They moved to Sebec by 1830 where Abner was a millwright.¹²³
 Children: 1. *Caleb Jewett Ford*, b. Brighton, Maine, 30 Dec. 1820.¹²⁴ 2. *Caroline D. Ford*, b. Brighton, 9 May 1822.¹²⁵ 3. *Lucy Ann Ford*, b. [calc.] 3 April 1826, d. 9 May 1838, aged 13 years, 1 month, 6 days.¹²⁶ 4. *Llewellyn Ford*, b. [calc.] 19 May 1828, d. 1 July 1862, aged 34 years, 1 month, 13 days.¹²⁷ 5. *Eliza Jane Ford*, b. ca. 1831.¹²⁸ 6. *David Shepherd Ford*, b. [calc.] 23 Oct. 1834, d. 8 June 1838, aged 3 years, 7 months, 15 days.¹²⁹ 7. *Melvina C. Ford*, b. 1 Dec. 1837.¹³⁰ 8. *Annette Ford*, b. 24 Apr. 1841.¹³¹ 9. *Frank M. Ford*, b. 1844, d. Bangor, 25 Oct. 1901, aged 57 years, single.¹³²
- ix son, b. say 1800, living 1810.

¹¹¹ Harmony VRs, Marriages 1803–1837, p. 115.

¹¹² Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 85.

¹¹³ Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 159.

¹¹⁴ *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Somerset County*, Maine Old Cemetery Association Special Publication No. 12, CD-Rom (Rockport, Maine, 2004), image 963.

¹¹⁵ Harmony VRs, Marriages 1803–1837, p. 103.

¹¹⁶ Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 159. A Vermont place named “Roe” has not been discovered.

¹¹⁷ *Somerset Co. Inscriptions*, image 963.

¹¹⁸ Isaac Stafford household, 1860 Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 394, #287/308.

¹¹⁹ Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 159.

¹²⁰ Gravestone inscription, Sebec Village Cemetery, Findagrave.com.

¹²¹ Harmony VRs, Marriages 1803–1837, p. 117.

¹²² Gravestone inscription, Sebec Village Cemetery, Findagrave.com.

¹²³ Abner Ford household, 1830 U.S. Census, Sebec, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 288.

¹²⁴ Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922, Ancestry.com.

¹²⁵ Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922, Ancestry.com.

¹²⁶ Gravestone inscription, Sebec Village Cemetery, Findagrave.com.

¹²⁷ Gravestone inscription, Sebec Village Cemetery, Findagrave.com.

¹²⁸ Aged 19 in Abner Ford household, 1850 U.S. Census, Sebec, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 342, #78/78.

¹²⁹ Gravestone, Sebec Village Cemetery, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Piscataquis County*, Maine Old Cemetery Association Special Publication No. 4, CD-Rom (Rockport, Maine, 2004), image 948.

¹³⁰ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com (Melvina C. Parker).

¹³¹ Gravestone inscription, Sebec Village Cemetery, Findagrave.com.

¹³² Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

- x (prob.) PHEBE HATCH, b. Greene, 4 July 1801,¹³³ living Harmony in 1830;¹³⁴ m. Harmony, 5 April 1821, STORER LITTLEFIELD,¹³⁵ b. Wells, 18 Feb. 1794, son of Francis and Priscilla (Hatch) Littlefield and brother of Ephraim Littlefield, above, d. Harmony, 14 Oct. 1828.¹³⁶
 Children:¹³⁷ 1. *Belinda Littlefield*, b. 20 Aug. 1822, d. 10 May 1829. 2. *Mary Jane Littlefield*, b. 3 Aug. 1824. 3. *John A. Littlefield*, b. 7 Oct. 1826. 4. *Storer Littlefield*, b. 24 Aug. 1828, d. 14 Oct. 1828.
- xi ELIAKIM HATCH, b. Greene, 1804 or 1805, bp. First Baptist Church, Greene, 21 Feb. 1817, at age 12.¹³⁸ No further record.

Most of Eliakim's reconstructed family remained in Harmony. The sole exception was a (probable) daughter, Mehitable, who settled in an adjoining county.

(to be continued)

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¹³³ Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 125.

¹³⁴ Phebe Littlefield household, 1830 U.S. Census, Harmony, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 130.

¹³⁵ Harmony VRs, Marriages 1803–1837, p. 103.

¹³⁶ Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 125.

¹³⁷ Harmony VRs, Family Records part 1, p. 125.

¹³⁸ Cromwell, "Genealogical Papers," box 7, folder 1, p. 83 (citing records of First Baptist Church of Greene).

AN OVERLY CRITICAL CENSUS TAKER?

Contributed by Michael F. Dwyer

Hubbard Mans, a 35-year-old man from Prussia, was enumerated on the 1880 census of St. Louis, Missouri. He was living with his wife, Catherine, also aged 35, and six children ranging in age from 1 to 13. Under the column for "Profession, Occupation, or Trade," Hubbard was described as a laborer. The occupation of most of the wives of other men listed on the same page was given as "house work." In the column for Catherine, however, the census taker wrote "Dirty as hell."¹ We don't know if that was a commentary on her housework or personal hygiene.

¹ Hubbard Mans household, 1880 U.S. Census, City of St. Louis, Missouri, E.D. 162, p. 262A, household #165.

DESCENDANTS OF PENDLETON FLETCHER
OF FLETCHER'S NECK, WINTER HARBOR,
AND BIDDEFORD, MAINE

By Priscilla Eaton, CG

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4 SARAH⁴ FLETCHER (*Pendleton*³, *Seth*², *William*¹) was born say 1688. She married first in Boston, 3 December 1708, WALTER MILLAR,¹⁷² and married second in Wells, 22 July 1716, MATTHEW ROBINSON.¹⁷³ Matthew was born in England, and died before June 1724.¹⁷⁴

Matthew and Sarah Robinson of Winter Harbor sold their shares in the estate of Sarah's father, Pendleton Fletcher, to their "brother-in-law" of the same name on 2 July 1719, quitclaiming any rights to Pendleton's Neck, Wood Island, and Gibbins Island.¹⁷⁵ On 13 April 1722, Matthew and Sarah Robinson sold their thirty-acre town grant in Biddeford to Nathaniel Tarbox.¹⁷⁶ The same year, Matthew Robinson of Biddeford was listed as a soldier under the command of Capt. Samuel Hinckes at Winter Harbor.¹⁷⁷ A muster roll of Captain Samuel Hinckes' company from December 1723 to June 1724 included the entry: "Matthew Robinson, old England dead." In December 1724, Sarah Robinson, widow of Mathew Robinson, successfully petitioned the court for his wages, she "being in Necessitous & indigent Circumstances."¹⁷⁸

Children of Matthew and Sarah⁴ (Fletcher) Robinson, probably b. Winter Harbor, presumably between 22 July 1716, the date of their parents' marriage, and March 1725, nine months after the death of their father:

- i MARY ROBINSON; m. JOHN WHITTEN.¹⁷⁹ On 5 Jan. 1750, Mary Whitten, wife of John Whitten, yeoman, of North Yarmouth, and heir of Matthew Robinson of Biddeford, sold 25 acres in Biddeford to Joseph Tarbox, "it being the One Moiety or half part of a Tract containing by estimation fifty acres which Matthew Robinson of his Majesty's Fort Mary then standing in Biddeford purchased of Pendleton Fletcher of said Biddeford as by a good and Lawful Assignment of the Deed which he had of Walter Pennell of the sd. Tract bearing the Date second day of May Anno

¹⁷² *Boston Marriages, 1700-1751*, Boston Record Commissioners' Report, 28(Boston, 1898):20.

¹⁷³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 9.

¹⁷⁴ "Letters of Col. Thomas Westbrook and Others," NEHGR 48(1894):441.

¹⁷⁵ *York Deeds*, 9:368-70.

¹⁷⁶ *York Deeds*, 13:151.

¹⁷⁷ "Letters of Col. Thomas Westbrook and Others," NEHGR 48(1894):286.

¹⁷⁸ *The Acts and Resolves, Public and Private, of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, Vol. X*, (Boston, 1902), 785.

¹⁷⁹ As noted above, Hannah Fletcher also married an unidentified John Whitten. Neither Hannah Fletcher nor Mary Robinson is referenced in Sybil Noyes's extensive *Whidden of Greenland, New Hampshire and Whitten of Kennebunkport Maine* (Saco, 1953).

Domini 1721." Mary Whitten was described as "Lawful Heir to the aforementioned Matthew Robinson."¹⁸⁰

- ii WILLIAM ROBINSON, bp. Wells, 25 July 1731.¹⁸¹ William and his brother Matthew were brought to Wells for baptism by John and Elizabeth (Hill) Storer.¹⁸² In 1745, William and Matthew were both soldiers under the command of Col. John Storer as part of the Louisbourg Expedition. A survivor, William's name was on a 16 Sept. 1745 list to receive his share of the plunder.¹⁸³ He was perhaps still living in 1750, when his sister Mary Whitten sold a *half* part in Matthew Robinson's Biddeford property.¹⁸⁴ However, no deed was found for another Robinson moiety.
- iii MATTHEW ROBINSON, bp. Wells, 25 July 1731 when he was brought with his brother William by John and Elizabeth Storer,¹⁸⁵ d. Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, 1745.¹⁸⁶ In 1745 he was a soldier under the command of Col. John Storer as part of the Louisbourg Expedition.¹⁸⁷

5 **ABIGAIL⁴ FLETCHER** (*Pendleton³, Seth², William¹*) was born say 1694, probably in Winter Harbor, and died after 2 November 1740 when her son Daniel was baptized in Wells. She married in Wells, 22 August 1714, SAMUEL HATCH,¹⁸⁸ born in Wells 2 February 1692/3, son of Samuel and Mary (Littlefield) Hatch.¹⁸⁹

On 10 March 1716/7, Abigail Hatch upon her profession of faith received baptism.¹⁹⁰ Samuel and Abigail Hatch sold their shares in the estate of Abigail's father, Pendleton Fletcher, to their "brother-in-law" of the same name on 2 July 1719, quitclaiming any rights to Pendleton's Neck, Wood Island, and Gibbins Island.¹⁹¹ Samuel and Abigail had four children baptized, 8 May 1726, at the Wells Church, and then there is a curious seven-year gap before the baptism of Seth on 3 June 1733.

¹⁸⁰ *York Deeds*, 31:235.

¹⁸¹ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.," NEHGR 76(1922):189.

¹⁸² John Storer and Elizabeth Hill m. Wells, 11 Oct. 1722 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 10).

¹⁸³ Henry Sweetser Burrage, *Maine at Louisburg* (Augusta, 1910), 59, 75.

¹⁸⁴ One William Robinson was b. Wells, 1 June 1764, no parents given (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 219).

¹⁸⁵ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.," NEHGR 76(1922):189.

¹⁸⁶ Bourne, *History of Wells*, 383; Burrage, *Maine at Louisburg*, 140.

¹⁸⁷ "Names of Some of the Officers and Men in the Louisburg Expedition," NEHGR 22(1868): 116.

¹⁸⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 9.

¹⁸⁹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 5. In *Philip Hatch of York County, Maine, and Some of his Descendants* (n.p., 1949), 415, Mrs. Harry I. Hiday notes that Samuel Hatch m. (2) Lydia Fletcher. She adds 3 more children, Noah, Lizzie, and Rachel, and remarks "Need death date for Abigail so as to give proper credit to children." While Samuel's father, also named Samuel, had a 2nd wife named Lydia, no evidence of a 2nd marriage for son Samuel was discovered. Samuel and Abigail Hatch are identified as the parents of all the children listed, with the exception of Obadiah, for whom no baptism was recorded. Mrs. Hiday's source for Lydia Fletcher is unknown. For more on the Hatch family, see Walter Goodwin Davis, *The Ancestry of Annis Spear, 1775-1858, of Litchfield, Maine* (Portland, Maine, 1945), 216 (hereafter cited as Davis, *Annis Spear*).

¹⁹⁰ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.," NEHGR, 75(1921):49.

¹⁹¹ *York Deeds*, 9:368-70.

Samuel's name appears on a 9 May 1734 list of Wells proprietors with four shares.¹⁹² On 2 October 1741, Samuel deeded his son Samuel his share of his estate.¹⁹³

Children of Samuel and Abigail⁴ (Fletcher) Hatch, all bp. Wells:¹⁹⁴

- i ABIGAIL HATCH, b. say 1715, bp. 8 May 1726.
- ii SAMUEL HATCH, b. say 1717, bp. 8 May 1726; m. (1) (int.) Wells, 27 June 1741, MARY STOCKBRIDGE,¹⁹⁵ bp. Berwick, 24 July 1720, daughter of John and Jane (Warren) Stockbridge,¹⁹⁶ d. prob. Wells, before 10 May 1760 when her husband published intentions to remarry. Samuel m. (2) (int.) Wells, 10 May 1760, m. Kennebunk, 5 June 1760, SUSANNAH (—) CANE of Phillips Town [Sanford].¹⁹⁷

Children of Samuel and Mary (Stockbridge) Hatch, all b. Wells:¹⁹⁸ 1. *Seth Hatch*, b. say 1742, bp. 7 Nov. 1750. 2. *Rachel Hatch*, b. say 1744, bp. 7 Nov. 1750.¹⁹⁹ 3. *Mary Hatch*, b. say 1746, bp. 7 Nov. 1750. 4. *Abigail Hatch*, b. say 1748, bp. 7 Nov. 1750; prob. the same who m. Wells [Kennebunk], 3 Oct. 1770, Benjamin Stevens Jr.²⁰⁰ 5. (prob.) *Elisha Hatch*, b. 22 Feb. 1752; m. Wells, 18 April 1776, Sarah Wells.²⁰¹ 6. *Sarah Hatch*, bp. 8 Feb. 1756. 7. *Hannah Hatch*, bp. 30 April 1758.

Child of Samuel and Susannah (—) (Cane) Hatch: 8. (poss.) *Samuel Hatch*, b. say 1762; m. Wells, 24 Oct. 1784, Olive Pope.²⁰²

¹⁹² *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 30.

¹⁹³ *York Deeds*, 23:258.

¹⁹⁴ Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.,” NEHGR 75(1921):105–9, 115.

¹⁹⁵ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 24. He was called Samuel Hatch 3rd in the record, as his father and grandfather of the same name were still living.

¹⁹⁶ Joseph C. Anderson II, *Records of the First and Second Churches of Berwick, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1999), 14 (hereafter cited as Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*). Her parents m. Berwick, 11 Dec. 1718 (John Eldridge Frost and Joseph Crook Anderson II, eds., *Vital Records of Berwick, South Berwick, and North Berwick, Maine, to the Year 1892* (Rockport, Maine, 1993), 112 (hereafter cited as Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs*).

¹⁹⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 46; Thompson, “First Parish Church of Kennebunk,” 24. He was called Samuel Hatch Jr. in the Wells record. Susannah was possibly the widow of Joshua Cane who settled in Phillipstown in 1739. Joshua and Susannah Cane bp. daughter Abigail at Wells, 8 Oct. 1755 (“Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.,” NEHGR, 75[1921]:314). Joshua had d. by 1760 when fellow mill owners in Phillips Town petitioned the court and he was called deceased (Edwin Emery, *History of Sanford* [Salem, Mass., 1901], 26, 256). Joshua Cane was b. York, 19 March 1716/17, son of Nicholas and Mary (Parsons) Cane (Bragdon & Frost, *York VRs*, 30). It was perhaps his son, Joshua Cain, who m. Wells, 31 Jan 1781, Jemima Stewart (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 83).

¹⁹⁸ “Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.,” NEHGR 75(1921):114, 314–315. Elisha's birth date is from a Bible record found in Doris Brown Clogston, “Research Notes,” Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit, call no. 929.3 CLO. For more on Elisha's family, see Priscilla Eaton, “The Family and Ancestry of Elisha Hatch of Wells, Maine, Early Baptist and ‘Sifter’ of the Minister,” *The Maine Genealogist* 26(2004):3–14. It is unknown whether Samuel was the son of Mary Stockbridge or Susanna Cane.

¹⁹⁹ If her age was slightly exaggerated at death (she could have been b. as early as 1742) she could be the Rachel Hatch who d. Wells 17 Dec. 1823, aged 85 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 286).

²⁰⁰ Thompson, “First Parish Church of Kennebunk,” 34, 35. The baptism of Elias Stevens, son of Benjamin Stevens, was also recorded at Kennebunk, 28 Jan. 1771.

²⁰¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 81.

²⁰² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 84.

- iii SARAH HATCH, b. say 1719, bp. 8 May 1726;²⁰³ m. Wells, 26 Dec. 1739, JEREMIAH LITTLEFIELD,²⁰⁴ bp. Wells, 17 July 1720, son of John and Sarah (Stimson) Littlefield,²⁰⁵ d. Wells, after 1797. In 1796 Jeremiah gave “100 acres on the highway to Sanford” to his son Seth. Jeremiah’s last conveyance was a 1797 gift of his homestead to his son Amos, reserving a life estate for himself with no mention of a wife.²⁰⁶
- Children of Jeremiah and Sarah (Hatch) Littlefield, bp. Wells:²⁰⁷ 1. *Stephen Littlefield*, bp. 28 June 1741; m. York, 28 Aug. 1764, Deborah Perkins.²⁰⁸ 2. *Jeremiah Littlefield*, bp. 13 Nov. 1743; m. Wells, 14 Sept. 1768, Dorcas Jones.²⁰⁹ 3. *Daniel Littlefield*, bp. 13 July 1746. 4. *Sarah Littlefield*, bp. 17 July 1748. 5. *Ephraim Littlefield*, b. abt. 1752; m. Mary Wilson. 6. *Seth Littlefield*, bp. 4 Aug. 1754; m. (1) Abigail —; m. (2) Wells, 4 Feb. 1779, his cousin, Rhoda Hatch.²¹⁰ 7. *Solomon Littlefield*, b. abt. 1756; m. Wells, 11 Aug. 1778, Mehitable Sayer [Sawyer].²¹¹ 8. *Elijah Littlefield*, bp. 18 May 1760; m. Sarah Stover. 9. *Amos Littlefield*, bp. 22 May 1763; m. York, 14 April 1793, Sarah Weare.²¹²
- iv MARY HATCH, b. say 1722, bp. Wells, 8 May 1726; m. Wells, 3 March 1747/8, as his 3rd wife, RICHARD WALKER,²¹³ b. Chelmsford, Mass., 4 June 1703, son of John and Lydia (Colburn) Walker.²¹⁴ Richard had m. (1) Berwick, before April 1728, Martha Smith,²¹⁵ b. Berwick, 18 Sept. 1710,²¹⁶ bp. Berwick 13 May 1711, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Heard) Smith,²¹⁷ and m. (int.) (2) Wells, 15 Sept. 1739, Sarah Giloson [Jellison],²¹⁸ bp. Berwick, 20 June 1723, daughter of Joseph

²⁰³ “Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.,” NEHGR 75(1921):115.

²⁰⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 15.

²⁰⁵ “Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.,” NEHGR 75(1921):51. They m. Wells, 27 Oct. 1714 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 9.)

²⁰⁶ Dorothy Keyes and Charles Seaman, *Littlefield Family Newsletter* 3(1993):16–17.

²⁰⁷ “Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.,” NEHGR 75(1921):109, 111–12, 122, 311; 76(1922):103–4. Also see *Littlefield Family Newsletter* 2(1992):6; 3(1993):16–17 for marriages.

²⁰⁸ Bragdon & Frost, *York VRs*, 147.

²⁰⁹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 77.

²¹⁰ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 165.

²¹¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 81.

²¹² Bragdon & Frost, *York VRs*, 176.

²¹³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 39.

²¹⁴ *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 713.

²¹⁵ Court Appearance (*Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 713).

²¹⁶ Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs*, 205. The family record includes the 11 children of John and Elizabeth Smith.

²¹⁷ Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 6; *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 322. Richard and Martha Walker bp. 4 daughters at the Berwick Church: Ruth, Experience, Mary, and Martha. All four of these names were also given to daughters of John and Elizabeth Smith. On 3 June 1733, Richard Walker, Elizabeth Smith, and Martha Walker were received to the Church (Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 6, 27, 30, 32, 34–35).

²¹⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 23. Richard and Sarah Walker bp. daughter Sarah, 14 Sept. 1740, at the Berwick Church. On 10 April 1743, Richard and Sarah Walker were dismissed and recommended to the Church in Wells (Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 51, 59). Richard and Sarah had four children recorded at Wells (Sarah, Hannah, Lydia, and Richard) b. 1740–46 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 63–64).

and Sarah (Gray) Jellison,²¹⁹ killed by Indians, Lyman, 16 April 1747.²²⁰ With as many as eight children in his care, Richard married Mary Hatch the following year. There are no known children of Richard and Mary (Hatch) Walker.

- v (poss.) OBADIAH HATCH, b. prob. Wells, 5 May 1730, d. Wells, 23 Nov. 1819, age 89 years, 6 months, 18 days;²²¹ m. (int.) Wells, 12 Nov. 1757, JERUSHA DAVIS,²²² b. Wells, 20 May 1739, bp. Wells, 17 June 1739, daughter of Enoch and Katherine (Welsh) Davis,²²³ d. Wells, 2 March 1814, age 74 years, 9 months, 10 days.²²⁴

In July 1754 Obadiah was a co-defendant in a bastardy case with Abigail Haley. In Jan. 1756, Abigail Haley was convicted of the act of fornication, having given birth to a male bastard child in Arundel in Oct. 1753.²²⁵

Shortly after 1761, Obadiah Hatch built a house in Kennebunk about a half mile from the Sanford Road.²²⁶ On 1 Nov. 1777, Obadiah Hatch and wife were received to full communion in the Kennebunk Church, and on 1 Aug. 1781 Obadiah was chosen to be a deacon of the Second Parish.²²⁷

Children of Obadiah and Jerusha (Davis) Hatch, all b. Wells:²²⁸ 1. *Rhoda Hatch*, bp. Wells, 3 Aug. 1760;²²⁹ m. Kennebunk, 4 Feb. 1779, her cousin, Seth Little-

²¹⁹ Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 21. Sarah, listed second, was bp. with 7 other siblings, so is probably older than her baptism date would suggest. Her parents' marriage is from *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.*, 376.

²²⁰ Bourne, *History of Wells*, 388–89. Sarah (Jellison) Walker was killed by Indians. She was seized by them during her husband's absence at Great Falls, where he was at work sawing in the mill. They intended to surprise and capture him, but not finding him at the mill, they burned the mill and killed three horses. They took Sarah Walker as far as Taylor's Hill in Lyman, where she resolved to go no further. According to Bourne, she was tied to a tree, murdered, and scalped.

²²¹ Birth date calculated from age at death. There is no baptism record for Obadiah. Walter Goodwin Davis included Obadiah as a son of Samuel without explanation (Davis, *Annis Spear*, 216). Noyes, Libby, and Davis say there were 8 children, presumably not counting Obadiah. Dea. Obadiah Hatch's death date is from Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 185, and Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 101. The cause of death was given as old age and dropsy. For the inscription, see *York Co. Inscriptions*, 1:777.

²²² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 45.

²²³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 19; "Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.," NEHGR 75(1921): 116. Her birth date is calculated from her age at death. She was the 2nd daughter named Jerusha born to this family. Her parents m. Wells, 6 Dec. 1726 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 12).

²²⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 182; Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 97. She was called "wife of Dea. Obed Hatch" in the death record.

²²⁵ York Co. Court of Sessions, 10:611 (1735, Roll 1). She may be the same Abigail Haley who m. (int.) Biddeford, 23 June 1739, Joseph Dyer ("Early Vital Records of Saco and Biddeford, Maine," NEHGR 71[1917]:133).

²²⁶ Remich, *History of Kennebunk*, 117.

²²⁷ Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 42,43.

²²⁸ Remich notes that Obadiah had 6 children, John C. [who he mentions drowned when crossing the Mousam], Daniel, Obadiah, Rhoda, Mary, and Abigail. Of these, only Rhoda, Obadiah, Mary, plus an additional daughter, Katherine, could be confirmed (Remich, *History of Kennebunk*, 117). The Kennebunk records note that John C. Hatch d. 13 Nov. 1830 at age 36; the cause of death is given as "drowned" (Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 158). He was bur. near Obadiah and Jerusha in the Hatch Cemetery in Kennebunk; the inscription says he d. 13 Nov. 1830, aged 36 years, 4 months, 3 days, giving him a birth date of 10 July 1794. He is unlikely to

- field.²³⁰ 2. *Obadiah Hatch*, bp. 5 July 1761;²³¹ m. (int.) Wells, 9 May 1789, Sarah Witham.²³² 3. *Mary Hatch*, b. 23 Nov. 1763.²³³ 4. (poss.) *Abigail Hatch*, b. 28 May 1766; m. (int.) Wells, 8 June 1793, Moses Littlefield Jr.²³⁴ 5. *Katherine Hatch*, bp. Kennebunk, 1 April 1770;²³⁵ m. Wells, 7 July 1792, Obadiah Littlefield.²³⁶
- vi SETH HATCH, bp. 3 June 1733; m. Wells, 4 Aug. 1768, SARAH CREDIFER [Crediford],²³⁷ bp. Wells, 31 Sept. 1739, daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Gipson) Crediford.²³⁸ Seth was an early member of the Baptist Society of Wells.²³⁹ He was enumerated in Wells in the 1790 census, the household also including a woman and a boy.²⁴⁰
- vii PETER HATCH, bp. 6 Jan. 1735/36.
- viii AMOS HATCH, bp. 3 April 1737; m. Wells, 3 May 1763, ELIZABETH PATTEN,²⁴¹ bp. Wells, 4 May 1740, daughter of William and Jane Patten.²⁴² In 1755 Amos served as a soldier in Capt. Thomas Bragdon's company at Fort Halifax.²⁴³ He was living in Wells in 1790, at which time there were no children in the household.²⁴⁴
- ix DANIEL HATCH, bp. 2 Nov. 1740, d. Kennebunk, 2 Sept. 1806 of consumption, aged 67 years;²⁴⁵ m. Wells, 15 Oct. 1767, SARAH CHADBOURNE,²⁴⁶ b. abt. 1747,

have been their son, as Jerusha would have been 55 in 1794, and it would have been 24 years since the birth of her last confirmed child, Katherine. John C. Hatch was more likely a grandson, probably the son of Obadiah Hatch Jr. who m. in 1789. Remich notes that son Daniel built a house nearly opposite his father's. More likely Daniel Hatch was Obadiah's younger brother, rather than his son. Remich reports that two of the daughters, unmarried, reached the advanced ages of 94 [Mary] and 100 [other than Mary, there is no unmarried daughter bur. with Obadiah and Jerusha]. When young they used to attend Parson Little's meeting at the Landing, walking the entire distance.

²²⁹ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.," NEHGR 76(1922):179.

²³⁰ Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 42. In 1790 Seth Littlefield was living next door to Obadiah Hatch (*Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* [Baltimore, 1992], 71 [hereafter cited as *Maine Heads of Families in 1790*]).

²³¹ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.," NEHGR 76(1922):103.

²³² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 109.

²³³ Mary was bur. with Obadiah and Jerusha Hatch and was presumably their daughter. Her date of birth is calculated based on her death on 10 Feb. 1858 at age 94 years, 2 months, 18 days (*York Co. Inscriptions*, 1:777). Remich also notes that one of the two daughters reached the advanced age of 94.

²³⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 113.

²³⁵ Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 33.

²³⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 112.

²³⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 77.

²³⁸ "Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.," NEHGR 75(1921):118. Her parents m. (int.) Wells, 20 Nov. 1736 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 20).

²³⁹ Bourne, *History of Wells*, 556.

²⁴⁰ *Maine Heads of Families in 1790*, Wells, 70.

²⁴¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 76.

²⁴² "Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.," NEHGR 75(1921):119.

²⁴³ "Massachusetts Soldiers in Colonial Wars," 11206, AmericanAncestors.org.

²⁴⁴ *Maine Heads of Families in 1790*, Wells, 71. Based on naming patterns, they may be the parents of the Amos Hatch who m. Sanford, 21 April 1793, Eunice Butler (Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Sanford-Springvale, Maine* [Portsmouth, N.H., 1988], 44).

²⁴⁵ Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 92.

d. Kennebunk, 19 Jan. 1818 of asthma, aged 71.²⁴⁷ She was possibly the Sarah Chadbourne, bp. Berwick, 10 April 1748, daughter of James and Bridget (Knight) Chadbourne.²⁴⁸ On 7 Aug. 1768, Daniel Hatch and wife renewed the covenant at the Kennebunk Church.²⁴⁹ Daniel's household in 1790 appears to have included two sons and six daughters.²⁵⁰ Daniel's 19 June 1806 will, probated 2 Jan, 1807, written under "an apprehension of my approaching death," mentioned wife Sarah, five daughters, and no sons. Those mentioned were daughters Susanna Stevens, Abigail Hatch, Jerusha Littlefield, Hannah Hatch, Sarah Hatch, grandson Asa Stevens, and son-in-law Elias Stevens who was named executor. To single daughters Abigail and Hannah Hatch, Daniel left \$10 each and the "right to live in my dwelling house so long as they remain single and unmarried." But daughter Sarah Hatch may have been in some way incapacitated, as there seems to be no expectation that she would ever marry. Her father Daniel left her one third of his estate during her natural life. Obadiah Hatch Jr. served as a witness.²⁵¹

Children of Daniel and Sarah (Chadbourne) Hatch: 1. *Sarah Hatch*.²⁵² 2. *Susanna Hatch*, bp. Kennebunk, 3 June 1770;²⁵³ m (int.) Wells, 10 Dec. 1791, Elias Stevens.²⁵⁴ 3. *Lucy Hatch*, bp. Kennebunk, 31 May 1772.²⁵⁵ 4. *Samuel Hatch*, bp. Kennebunk, 6 March 1775.²⁵⁶ 5. *Daniel Hatch*, b. abt. 1777.²⁵⁷ 6. *Abigail Hatch*, b. say 1780. 7. *Jerusha Hatch*, b. 30 Jan. 1783;²⁵⁸ m. (int.) Wells, 13 July 1805, John Littlefield.²⁵⁹ 8. *Hannah Hatch*, b. say 1786, possibly the same who m. Kennebunk, 28 Jan. 1808, David Littlefield 3rd.²⁶⁰

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²⁴⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 77.

²⁴⁷ Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 100.

²⁴⁸ Anderson, *Berwick Church Records*, 70. Her parents m. Portsmouth, 6 July 1740 ("Births, Marriages, and Deaths in Portsmouth, N.H.," NEHGR 27[1873]:9). They were "of Philipstown" [Sanford] 11 Feb. 1756 when daughter Bridget was bp. at the Wells Church ("Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.," NEHGR 75[1921]:314).

²⁴⁹ Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 31.

²⁵⁰ *Maine Heads of Families in 1790*, Wells, 71.

²⁵¹ Anderson, *York County Maine Will Abstracts 1801-1858*, 1:72, citing York Co. Probate Records, 20:554.

²⁵² If her age was slightly exaggerated at death, she may be Mrs. Sarah Hatch who d. of rheumatism, Kennebunk, 28 Nov. 1843, age 77 (Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 193).

²⁵³ Thompson, *Kennebunk Church Records*, 33.

²⁵⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 111. Elias was the son of Benjamin and Abigail (Hatch) Stevens.

²⁵⁵ Thompson, *Kennebunk Church Records*, 36. Lucy was not mentioned in her father's will.

²⁵⁶ Thompson, *Kennebunk Church Records*, 39. Samuel was not mentioned in his father's will.

²⁵⁷ Daniel Hatch Jr. drowned 3 June 1802 at the age of 25 (Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 89). Daniel was not mentioned in his father's will.

²⁵⁸ She d. 17 Dec. 1848, aged 65 years, 10 months, 17 days (*York Co. Inscriptions*, 1:806).

²⁵⁹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 129.

²⁶⁰ Thompson, "First Parish Church of Kennebunk," 44, 72.

DANIEL RIDLEY OF HARPSWELL AND BOWDOIN, MAINE

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Daniel Ridley, son of James Ridley of Truro, Massachusetts, was born 4 April 1759 in Harpswell, Maine.¹ Daniel's mother was James's second wife, Mary Small, daughter of Samuel and Isabel (Dyer) Small. James Ridley had married first Ruth Small, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (—) Small,² who died before 17 September 1753 leaving him with six small children aged one to thirteen years. The second marriage to Mary brought an additional five children into the family. The marriage also added four stepchildren, as Mary was the widow of George Bowie who at his death left children ranging from four to nine years of age.³

James Ridley migrated to Great Island, Harpswell, in 1752 and became the owner of extensive lands. Daniel spent his youth there among a very large family where he undoubtedly learned the skills of farming and hunting. At age eighteen on 8 February 1777, Daniel enlisted in the Continental Army for a period of three years. He served as a private in Colonel Alden's Massachusetts Regiment under Captain John Reed's command. His enlistment ended on 8 February 1780, when he received an honorable discharge from the service at West Point.⁴

¹ G. T. Ridlon, *History of the Ancient Ryedales, and Their Descendants in Normandy, Great Britain, Ireland, and America, from 1860 to 1884* . . . (Manchester, N.H., 1884), 539 (hereafter cited as Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*).

² Lora A. Underhill, *Descendants of Edward Small of New England, and the Allied Families, With Tracings of English Ancestry*, rev. ed., 3 vols. (Boston, 1934), 1:128–36.

³ Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*, 537. Ridlon identifies James Ridley's two wives as Ruth "Smalley" and Mary "Bacy," but Robert Carver Brooks, in "Two Ridley Generations Lost in One Century," *The Maine Genealogist* 21(1999):3–12 (hereafter Brooks, "Two Ridley Generations"), corrects Ridlon's transcription errors. Also in his article, Brooks concludes that Capt. George Ridley (1761–1818) was not the son of James Ridley Sr., but the son of James Ridley Jr. Therefore, this article does not include George in the family of James and Mary (Small) Ridley.

⁴ Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*, 537, 539. Ridlon describes Daniel Ridley's activities while in the service of the American Revolutionary War. He also describes in great detail the Revolutionary War service of George Ridley in which George is called a "Captain" and stated that "he was in General Sullivan's expedition against the Six Nation Indians; in the battle of Long Island, and at the surrender of Burgoyne. He endured great hardships in the expedition up the Susquehanna when five thousand men penetrated into the Indian county and attacked them in their well-constructed fortifications. Mr. Ridley said the howling of the savages was appalling and their resistance determined, but they were overpowered, and forty of their villages destroyed. He was discharged at West Point in 1780, and returned to his home in Maine. . . . He was a man of strong mind and generous heart." But this writer has been unable to find in any record of the promotion of George Ridley from a private to a captain. *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908), 13:324 (hereafter cited as *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*) reports George Ridley was a private, joined the service the same day as Daniel Ridley; was in the same battles as Daniel and discharged the same day. The inaccuracy has been frequently repeated. George was born about 1761, joined the service 8 Feb. 1777, aged 16, discharged 8 Feb. 1780, aged 19.

A wealth of information has been obtained from Daniel Ridley's service records. He was present at the surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga, New York, on 17 October 1777.⁵ Saratoga was the turning point in the war and the American victory prevented the British from dividing New England from the rest of the colonies. Daniel also fought in the Battle of Cherry Valley, New York. The Cherry Valley massacre was an attack by the British and Iroquois forces on a fort and the village of Cherry Valley in eastern New York on 11 November 1778. A mixed force of Loyalists, British soldiers, and Seneca and Mohawk Indians descended on Cherry Valley, whose defenders were unprepared for the attack, leading to the massacre of unarmed civilians, soldiers, and also Colonel Alden. It has been described as one of the most horrible frontier massacres of the war.⁶

Daniel also served in the Sullivan Expedition, a campaign led by Major General John Sullivan and Brigadier General James Clinton against Loyalists and the Six Nations of the Indians who had sided with the British in the American Revolution. The expedition occurred during the summer of 1779 in western New York. Approximately 1,000 Iroquois and Loyalists were defeated by the Continental soldiers.⁷ In the aftermath Daniel applied and received a forty-day furlough with permission to return home "on account of my want of clothing having just returned from the Indian expedition under General Sullivan."⁸

Returning to Harpswell after his discharge, Daniel at age twenty-two married Hannah Bridges on 27 November 1781.⁹ Hannah, whose ancestry is unknown, was born about 1761,¹⁰ but her family must have lived in close proximity to the Ridley family as within two months of their marriage their first child, John, was born. Daniel and Hannah's second child was born two years later, also in Harpswell, but birth records of their seven other children show that by 1786 they had moved to Bowdoin where their children were born at normal intervals.¹¹ Daniel was enumerated in the 1800 census of Bowdoin with a family of ten.¹² By 1810 many of Daniel and Hannah's children had married and started their own families, but son Thomas was born

⁵ *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 13:324.

⁶ For more information, see <www.historycarper.com/category/battles/american-revolutionary-war/1778-11-11-cherry-valley-massacre/>.

⁷ For more information, see <www.nps.gov/fost/historyculture/the-western-expedition-against-the-six-nations-1779.htm>.

⁸ Revolutionary War Pension Application #S37339.

⁹ James Ridley sketch submitted by Karin Gower in Ruth Gray, ed., and Alice MacDonald Long, assoc. ed., *Maine Families in 1790 Vol. 2* (Rockport, Maine, 1990), 236–37.

¹⁰ Revolutionary War Pension Application, #S37339. Hannah was 59 in 1820 and 62 in 1823, suggesting a birth year of about 1761.

¹¹ Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*, 541, which does not mention son Daniel; Rachel Townsend Cox, ed., *Vital Records of Bowdoin, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 3 vols. (Portland, 1944–45), 1:169 (hereafter cited as *Bowdoin VRs*, which includes son Daniel Ridley, b. 17 Feb. 1786; Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, 2:91, online database at AmericanAncestors.org, records Daniel Ridley of Bowdoin as the owner of a dwelling house assessed at \$15 and 100 acres of land assessed at \$215.

¹² Daniel Ridley household, 1800 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 319.

in 1802 and is included in that census as shown by the addition of one male under 10; also included in Daniel's 1810 household is one slave.¹³

Daniel applied for a Revolutionary War pension, which was issued to him in the amount of eight dollars per month on 10 April 1818.¹⁴ On 10 June 1820 he filed a schedule of his property as required by the pension law:

I have in my possession, but do not own by a good title[,] about ten acres of land with an unfinished house and barn thereon. My right to the possession, improvement and buildings, is of the value of three hundred dollars. One horse of the value of thirty dollars. Three cows of the value of forty five dollars, one yoke of oxen of the value of forty Dollars, one yoke of two year old steers of the value of twenty dollars. Two yearling Heifers of the value of ten dollars, Two sheep and four lambs of the value of nineteen dollars. Three swine of the value of nine dollars. Old household furniture of the value of ten dollars, a few old implements of husbandry, of the value of seven dollars. I have no debts due me that can be collected and I owe as much as seventy dollars. The income of the above property does not exceed more than twenty dollars a year. My occupation is that of a farmer, but from infirmity am able to do but little work. My family resident with me consists of myself, my wife Hannah, aged fifty nine years able to do but little work, my daughter Rachel aged twenty three years and my son Thomas aged eighteen years."

Daniel Ridley signed his document with a clear steady signature. Fortune was not good for Daniel and his family, as the Kennebec County Court wrote that in their opinion the value of Daniel's property was \$420 resulting in the decision that Daniel had too much property and was not entitled to a pension.

Various affidavits were filed over the next nine years. On 27 November 1822 Charles Potter, Solomon Eaton, and Humphrey Purinton, selectmen of Bowdoin, and Benjamin Jaquis, Town Clerk, attested to the fact that "Daniel has no real estate, he has been living on a small parcel of land and on account of the proprietors claim has given it up, and must if not benefited by the laws of the United States of May 1820, depend on the town for support, he being sixty four years old and unable to provide the necessary materials for his support by infirmities." The same date George Ridley of Bowdoin swore in a deposition that he had served in the same company and same command with Daniel.

William Sampson, in an affidavit dated 20 September 1824, stated that Daniel was indebted to him as of the year 1820 for the sum of eighty dollars which Daniel needed for provisions for the support of himself and his family and that Daniel had disposed of three cows, one yoke of oxen, and ten sheep in order to pay the debt.

He and his family lived on ten acres of land with an unfinished house and a barn owned by John Wilson of Topsham and the heirs of J. Thompson. As of March 1825 Daniel had not made payment of rent and was considered a "squatter." John Wilson petitioned the court seeking restitution in the amount of five hundred dollars. Daniel was ordered to appear at the next Court of Common Pleas held at Wis-

¹³ Daniel Ridley household, 1810 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 52.

¹⁴ Revolutionary War Pension Application, #S37339.

casset, “fail not of appearance at your peril.” If he was unable to settle the debt his goods and estate were to be attached. John Wilson and his wife Rebecca signed an affidavit dated April 1825 stating that they were the legal owners of the property and in their opinion “Daniel Ridley is infirm, feeble, and destitute of property.” The outcome of the case has not been found.

On 20 September 1826 Isaac Ridley wrote a statement before Ebenezer Merrick, Justice of the Peace, declaring that “he had purchased the yoke of two year old steers and had put them into the possession of Daniel to care for and he has since sold them for my own benefit.”

Daniel, now aged 70 years old, hoping to be restored to the pension list, made another declaration on 6 October 1829 in which he claimed

No Real Estate and no personal except a few articles of old house hold stuff, besides bedding—viz. 5 Chairs, 1 Table, 1 old chest of drawers, 1 Iron kettle, 1 old Pot, 1 Tea Kettle, a few articles of crockery ware—6 knives and 5 forks and 6 old iron spoons, all not worth more than six dollars—\$6.00.

He continued that

. . . since the exhibition of my first schedule the land which I only hold by possession as a “Squatter” has been taken from me by the proprietors as I have before stated and the personal property I have sold and disposed of to pay just debts against me and for the support of myself and family as will also appear by my 2nd Schedule made April 1823. I am now old and very infirm and wholly unable to labor. I have lived with my son for upwards of six years and have no family except my wife Hannah aged sixty nine years and upwards. I have many debts, doctor bills under the expectation of getting my pension and unless I receive my pension I am wholly unable to pay.

Now, advanced with age and in ill health, Daniel was not able to sign his declaration with a clear penmanship, so he made his mark.

The same day John Adams, aged forty-five and upwards, swore in an affidavit “that he had known Daniel since his youth. He lived in an adjoining town, the distance of about thirty-five miles, and to his knowledge, Daniel was poor, destitute of property, quite infirm, and unable to perform any labor.” Daniel was finally restored to the pension rolls 10 August 1830. The battle to regain his pension lasted ten years. When it was finally restored, Daniel was able to collect it for approximately four years.

Daniel Ridley died 1 April 1834, aged 74. There are numerous records available that claim he died 1 April 1837, but his Revolutionary War pension application papers state give the 1834 date. It is not known when Hannah died, but she was living 6 October 1829, aged 68 years.¹⁵

¹⁵ Revolutionary War Pension Application, #S37339, pension certificate #6286; *Bowdoin VRs*. 2:107, records a death date of 1 April 1837; Charlene B. Bartlett and Jayne E. Bickford ed., *Cemetery Inscriptions and Revolutionary, War of 1812, and Civil War Veterans of Bowdoin, Maine*, (Bowie Md., 1993), 148 (hereafter cited as Bartlett and Bickford, *Bowdoin Cemetery Inscriptions*) records the same death date. There are numerous records in print repeating the error.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

DANIEL³ RIDLEY (*James², Thomas¹*) was born at Harpswell, Maine, 4 May 1758, son of James and Mary (Small) Ridley.¹⁶ He died in Bowdoin 1 April 1834, aged 74 years.¹⁷ He married HANNAH BRIDGES in Harpswell, 27 November 1781.¹⁸ Her exact date of birth and parentage are unknown, but she was probably born about 1761. Hannah was still living 6 October 1829, aged 68 years, but the date of her death is also unknown.¹⁹ Daniel moved to Bowdoin between 1784 and 1786 and remained there the rest of his life raising a family of nine children as a farmer.²⁰ He and Hannah probably died at the home of their son, as Daniel's Revolutionary War pension papers, dated October 1829, state he had been living with his son (unnamed) for upwards of six years. Daniel is listed in the 1830 census of Bowdoin as head of his household with one male aged 20–29 (Thomas?), one male 70–79 (Daniel), one female 20–29 (Thomas's wife Julia?), and one female 60–69 (Hannah).²¹ The only son that fits into that age bracket is his son Thomas, who was enumerated in the 1840 census of Bowdoin with one male under five, one male 5–9, one male 30–39 (Thomas), one female 30–39 (Julia), and one female 70–79. Could this possible be Hannah Ridley, wife of Daniel?²²

Children of Daniel³ and Hannah (Bridges) Ridley, first two b. Harpswell, remaining children b. Bowdoin.

- i JOHN⁴ RIDLEY, b. 17 Jan. 1782, d. Bowdoin, 1860, aged 77 years; m. Bowdoin, 4 April 1803, his half 1st cousin SUSANNA A. LINCOLN/LINCOLNLUE, b. Eastham, Mass., ca. 1775, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Ridley) Lincoln/Lincolnue, d. Bowdoin, 1857, aged 84 years. For more information and source citations on this family, see Glenn D. Nasman, "The Origin of the Lincolnue Sisters of Bowdoin, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 30(2008):19–31.
- ii HANNAH RIDLEY, b. 18 Feb. 1784, d. probably Brunswick, 14 March 1872, aged 88 years;²³ m. abt. 1808 (birth of 1st child), JOHN ADAMS, b. Bowdoinham, 4 April 1783, son of John and Catherine (Adams) Adams,²⁴ d. prob. Bowdoinham, 8 Dec. 1856, aged 73 years, 2 months, and bur. with Hannah in the Riverside Ceme-

¹⁶ Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*, 539; Brooks, "Two Ridley Generations," 9.

¹⁷ Revolutionary War Pension application, #S37339.

¹⁸ Brooks, "Two Ridley Generations," 9.

¹⁹ Revolutionary War Pension application, #S37339. Hannah may have been a descendant of Josiah Bridges of York, Maine. In his will, probated 6 Jan. 1755 (*Maine Wills, 1640–1720* [Portland, Maine, 1887], 740), he mentions his four sons—Josiah, John, Edmund, and Daniel—one of whom is a strong candidate of Hannah's ancestor. Research on this question is ongoing.

²⁰ Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*, 541.

²¹ Daniel "Redley" household, 1830 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 322.

²² Thomas Ridley household, 1840 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 316.

²³ *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Cumberland County*, Maine Old Cemetery Association Special Publication No. 5, CD-Rom (Rockport, Maine, 2004), image 386 (hereafter cited as *Cumberland Co. Inscriptions*).

²⁴ Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900," FamilySearch.org.

tery, Brunswick.²⁵ John “took the home farm, and supported his parents.”²⁶ John and Hannah were residing in Bowdoinham in 1850 in the household of their son Daniel, a successful farmer with real estate valued at \$1,500. The household also included Daniel’s wife and five of their children. In 1860 Hannah, now a widow, was still residing with her son Daniel, his wife Hannah, and their children in Bowdoinham. Daniel and his family removed to Brunswick between the years of 1860 and 1865. In 1870, Hannah, aged 86, remained living in Brunswick in the household headed by her widowed daughter-in-law.²⁷

Children of John and Hannah (Ridley) Adams, b. prob. Bowdoinham: 1. *Daniel Adams*, b. 22 Dec. 1808, d. Brunswick, 1 Dec. 1865, aged 56 years; m. by 1834 (birth of 1st child), Hannah S. Townsend,²⁸ b. 29 Oct. 1809,²⁹ d. prob. Brunswick, 21 March 1871, aged 61 years.³⁰ Six children.³¹ 2. *John Adams*, b. 24 July 1810,³² d. Bowdoinham, 30 Nov. 1893, aged 83 years;³³ m. by 1837 (birth of 1st child), Henrietta Hatch, b. Bowdoinham, 17 July 1809, daughter of John and Abigail (Hatch) Hatch,³⁴ d. prob. Bowdoinham, 9 June 1893, aged 83 years.³⁵ Six known children.³⁶

- iii DANIEL RIDLEY, b. 17 Feb. 1786.³⁷ Nothing more is known concerning him. The 1860 census records a Daniel Ridley, aged 75 years, living in Harpswell in the household of Nathaniel Aubins, a merchant trader, but it is unknown if he is the son of Daniel and Hannah Ridley.³⁸
- iv RUBEN RIDLEY, b. 18 Aug. 1788,³⁹ d. at sea aboard the privateer *Dash*, Jan. 1814; m. Bowdoinham, 30 Oct. 1813, RACHEL CURTIS,⁴⁰ b. [calc.] 9 Sept. 1788, d. 27

²⁵ *Cumberland Co. Inscriptions*, image 386.

²⁶ Henry Sweetser Burrage and Albert Roscoe Stubbs, *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Maine*, 4 vols. (New York, 1909), 4:1950.

²⁷ Daniel Adams household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 309B, #258/258; Daniel Adams household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 39, #287/289; Hannah S. Adams household, 1870 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 24, #184/191.

²⁸ Joseph C. Anderson II, *Vital records of Brunswick, Maine, 1740–1860 . . .* (Rockport, Maine, 2002), 563 (hereafter cited as Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*).

²⁹ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, p. 563.

³⁰ *Cumberland Co. Inscriptions*, image 386.

³¹ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, p. 563.

³² Maine, Births and Christenings, 1739–1900,” FamilySearch.org.

³³ Maine, Vital Records, 1670–1907, FamilySearch.org.

³⁴ Maine, Births and Christenings, 1739–1900,” FamilySearch.org; her parents m. (int.) Dresden, Maine, 9 Aug. 1804 (Dresden BDMI 1759–1848, p. 23).

³⁵ Ridge Road Cemetery, Bowdoinham, online at <www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org/henrietta-adams>.

³⁶ John Adams household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 309B, #260/260; 1860 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 39, #288/290.

³⁷ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:169: Daniel Ridley, child of Daniel and Hannah, b. 17 Feb. 1786. He is not mentioned in Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*.

³⁸ Nathaniel Aubins household, 1860 U.S. Census, Harpswell, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 4, #29/29.

³⁹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:172.

⁴⁰ Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907, FamilySearch.org.

Sept. 1839, aged 51 years, 18 days, and bur. in the Curtis Cemetery, Bowdoinham.⁴¹ In the War of 1812, Ruben, at the age of 26, was aboard the privateer *Dash*.⁴² The *Dash* had been commissioned as a privateer by President Madison on 13 Sept. 1814 and was lost at sea in Jan. 1815 with approximately sixty men on board.⁴³ No known children.

- v RUTH RIDLEY, b. 17 March 1791, d. Bowdoin, 13 March 1856, aged 64 years; m. Bowdoin, 2 Oct. 1810, ADAM ADAMS,⁴⁴ b. Bowdoin, 22 June 1789, son of Thomas and Sarah (Tarr) Adams,⁴⁵ d. Bowdoinham, 22 March 1871, aged 81 years, and bur. with Ruth in the Adams Cemetery, Bowdoin.⁴⁶ Adam and Ruth were living in Bowdoin in 1850, where he was also a successful farmer. Their two sons, Nathan, aged 37, and Isaac, aged 30, both recorded as sailors and apparently unmarried, were living with their parents. Pendom Adams, age 12, also resided with the family, but her relationship is unknown, perhaps a granddaughter.⁴⁷ Two months after Ruth's death, Adam m. (2) Bowdoinham, 9 May 1856, Ruth E. Varnum,⁴⁸ b. Bowdoinham, 13 Jan. 1797, daughter of Wanton S. Varnum,⁴⁹ d. there in Aug. 1885, aged 87 years. Adam enlisted in the War of 1812 as a private in Capt. Snow's Company, Maine Militia, on 10 Sept. 1814 and was discharged 28 Sept. 1814. He received both a pension and a land grant.⁵⁰

Children of Adam and Ruth (Ridley) Adams⁴, all b. Bowdoin:⁵¹ 1. *Thomas Adams*, b. 20 Jan. 1811, no further record found. 2. *Nathan Adams*, b. 17 Nov. 1812, d. Bowdoin, 18 Dec. 1894, aged 82 years;⁵² m. Bowdoin, ca. 1852 (birth of 1st known child), Durinda S. Starbird,⁵³ b. Bowdoin, [calc] 10 Oct. 1830, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Stinson) Starbird, d. Bowdoin, Dec. 1913, aged 83 years, 2 months, 10

⁴¹ Gravestone inscription, Curtis Cemetery, Bowdoinham: "Rachel Ridley, wife of Reuben Ridley, died 27 Sept. 1839, age 51 years, 18 days."

⁴² Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*, 541.

⁴³ Freeport, Maine, Historical Society, <freeporthistoricalsociety.org/freeport-history/the-story-of-dash>.

⁴⁴ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:173 (birth), 2:27 (death), 3:146 (marriage).

⁴⁵ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:13, 3:7.

⁴⁶ Bartlett and Bickford, *Bowdoin Cemetery Inscriptions*, 100: Inscription on her stone, "Our Mother sleeps death's dreamless sleep, Her calm and placid brow, Clouds not amid the tears we weep, She heeds no anguish now."

⁴⁷ Adam Adams household, 1850 U. S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 335B, #218/218.

⁴⁸ Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907, Familysearch.org.

⁴⁹ Maine, Birth and Christenings, 1739–1900, FamilySearch.org.

⁵⁰ War of 1812 Pension #WO21287, WC15948, BLW #22705-160–55. Adam's pension files provide all the reported information. Soldier's death place, Bowdoinham, Maine. It also states that "the widow was erroneously pensioned as the widow of Adam Adams." There is a Ruth E. Adams, bur. Bowdoinham Village Cemetery, d. 26 Aug. 1883, aged 87 years, 7 months, who could be the 2nd wife of Adam; however, there is a difference of two years in the death date compared to Adam's pension record, see <www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org/ruth-e-adams>.

⁵¹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:11–16. Recorded are the births of Adam and Ruth (Ridley) Adams' children.

⁵² *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:26. Nathan Adams, husband of "Darinda" S., d. 18 Dec. 1894.

⁵³ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:9.

days.⁵⁴ Six known children.⁵⁵ 3. *Daniel Adams*, b. 10 Dec. 1814, living in Bowdoin 1850.⁵⁶ 4. *Hannah Adams*, b. 8 April 1817, no further record found. 5. *Isaac Adams*, b. 15 July 1819, d. prob. Richmond, 18 Oct. 1880, aged 61 years;⁵⁷ m. (1) Sarah —, b. 1820, d. Bowdoin, 21 May 1850, aged 30 years;⁵⁸ m. (2) Josephine Tarr, b. Bowdoin, 11 July 1839, daughter of William and Rebecca (Hopkins) Tarr, living Richmond 1890. One known child with Josephine.⁵⁹ 6. *Ruth Adams*, b. 23 Aug. 1821, d. Saugus, Mass., 13 Sept. 1912, aged 91 years;⁶⁰ m. Bowdoin, prob. 1839, William Carr,⁶¹ b. Bowdoin, 1 Jan. 1819, son of Joseph and Sarah (Purinton) Carr, d. Richmond, 1 Jan. 1900, aged 81 years.⁶² Six children.⁶³ 7. *Mary Adams*, b. 31 May 1824, d. Bowdoin, 7 Feb. 1898, aged 73 years; m. Bowdoin, 12 Nov. 1846, her 2nd cousin, Joel Williams,⁶⁴ b. Bowdoin, 26 Sept. 1820, son of John and Mary (Adams) Williams, d. Bowdoin, 11 Feb. 1896, aged 75 years.⁶⁵ Three known children.⁶⁶ 8. *Henry Adams*, b. 19 Aug. 1826, no further record found.

- vi MARK RIDLEY, b. 29 Jan. 1794, d. prob. Brunswick, 31 Oct. 1880, at the home of his son Alexander where he had been residing;⁶⁷ m. Bowdoin 12 March 1820, RHODA R. COOMBS,⁶⁸ b. Brunswick, 18 June 1798, daughter of Caleb and Charlotte (Stover) Coombs, d. Boston, Mass., 27 June 1869, aged 71 years,⁶⁹ both Mark

⁵⁴ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com: her parents are named.

⁵⁵ “Maine, Birth and Christenings, 1739–1900, Familysearch.org: Sarah, Abbie, William, Robert, Carrie, and Ida.

⁵⁶ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:13: Daniel Adams, child of Adam and Ruth, b. 10 Dec. 1814; he was aged 35 in 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 336, #222/222.

⁵⁷ Isaac Adams household, 1880 U.S. Census, Richmond, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, E.D. 150, p. 160D, #124/131: age 60, “paralysis;” *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:26.

⁵⁸ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:27: Sarah, wife of Isaac, 21 May 1850, aged 30 years, citing gravestone record Adams Cemetery, East Bowdoin.

⁵⁹ Maine, Marriage Records, 1705–1922, Ancestry.com: marriage of Lena B. Cutter, widow, daughter of Isaac and Josephine (Tarr) Adams; *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:207, records the birth of Josephine Tarr and her parents; 1890 Veterans Schedule, Richmond, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, E.D. 168, p. 8, line 45: “Josephine Adams, widow of Isaac Adams.”

⁶⁰ “Massachusetts Vital Records, 1911–1915,” (from original records held by the Mass. Archives), AmericanAncestors.org, 1912/86:502, cause of death: “Old age,” buried Bowdoinham.

⁶¹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:9.

⁶² Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com. His parents are named.

⁶³ Ruth Carr household, 1900 U.S. Census, Richmond, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, E.D. 215, p. 8A, #203/210, mother of 4 children, all living.

⁶⁴ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:138; 3:8; Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com. Her mother is recorded as “Polley Ridley.”

⁶⁵ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com, names Joel Williams parents.

⁶⁶ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:229–33, records births of their three children: Addie, John Minot, and Minott.

⁶⁷ Alexander Ridley household, 1880 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 25, p. 81D, #131/233; Mary Pelham Hill, *Vital Records of Topsham, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (1929–30), 2:372 (hereafter cited as *Topsham VRs*).

⁶⁸ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:145.

⁶⁹ “Massachusetts Vital Records 1841–1910” (from original records held by the Mass. Archives), AmericanAncestors.org, 222:101 (hereafter cited as Mass. VRs, 1841–1910); Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 97.

and Rhoda bur. in the Riverview Cemetery, Topsham, Maine.⁷⁰ Mark, a farm laborer, and his wife Rhoda, resided in Topsham in 1860 with their son-in-law William B. Lund, a seaman, age 41, b. in Denmark. Also living in the extended household was Mark's daughter Hannah Owen, aged 28, and her two children, ages 6 and 4.⁷¹ William had m. Martha Ann Ridley, the oldest daughter of Mark.⁷² Rhoda and Mark moved to Boston after the 1860 census was taken as Rhoda died there while living at 373 Dorchester Street.⁷³ Their daughter Hannah and her husband, John P. Owen,⁷⁴ also moved to Boston and are listed living next door to her parents at 369 Dorchester Street.⁷⁵ After his wife's death, Mark returned to Maine and in 1880 was living in the household of his oldest son, Alexander, aged 56, a grocer, his daughter-in-law Sarah, age 50, recorded as insane, and three of his grandchildren, aged 24, 22 and 10; Mark is recorded as father, aged 87, widower, no occupation.⁷⁶

Children of Mark⁴ and Rhoda R. (Coombs) Ridley, b. Bowdoin:⁷⁷ 1. *Martha Ann Ridley*, b. 13 Oct. 1820, d. Topsham, 9 May 1860, aged 39 years;⁷⁸ m. (int.) Topsham, 26 Oct. 1852, William Lund,⁷⁹ b. Copenhagen, Denmark, 10 Jan. 1819,⁸⁰ d. Nov. 1862.⁸¹ 2. *Rachel Ridley*, b. 6 Jan. 1822, d. prob. Brunswick, 29 Jan. 1888, aged 66 years;⁸² m. Bowdoin, ca. 1842, Solomon Eaton Patterson,⁸³ b. 1818, son of Elisha and Charity (Eaton) Patterson, d. prob. Brunswick, 18 Feb. 1888, aged 70 years.⁸⁴ Five known children.⁸⁵ 3. *Alexander Ridley*, b. 26 June 1824, d. Brunswick, 5 Nov. 1894, aged 70 years;⁸⁶ m. Topsham, 1 Feb. 1848, Sarah A. Hinkley,⁸⁷ b. Topsham, Oct. 1829, daughter of Aaron and Rachael (Nash) Hinkley, d. Bruns-

⁷⁰ *Topsham VRs*, 2:372.

⁷¹ William B. Lund household, 1860 U.S. Census, Topsham, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 446, #240/230.

⁷² *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:172; 3:146.

⁷³ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 222:101: cause of death, carcinoma.

⁷⁴ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, p. 257; *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:145.

⁷⁵ U.S. City Directories, Boston, 1821–1989, 474, Ancestry.com. John P. Owen is found in the Boston directories of 1869, 1870, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1880, 1882, 1883, 1885.

⁷⁶ Alexander Ridley household, 1880 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 25, p. 81D, #131/233; U.S. Federal Census–1880 Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes, p.10814A, line 3: "Sarah Ridley, form of disease, mania, duration of present attack, 4 months, total number of attacks, 3; age at first occurred, age 38."

⁷⁷ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:168–72.

⁷⁸ *Topsham VRs*, 1:117, 2:347.

⁷⁹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:160.

⁸⁰ *Topsham VRs*, 1:117: William B. Lund, b. 1818 in Copenhagen; U.S. Naturalization Record Indexes, 1791–1992, William Lund, address Boston, b. 10 Jan. 1819, Denmark, Date of Naturalization: 10 Sept. 1842, Vol. 30, certificate number 3274.

⁸¹ *Topsham VRs*, 2:347: "W. Lund, Topsham, seaman, Nov. – 1862, jumped overboard from bark *Quincy*, on passage from New Orleans to New York."

⁸² Gravestone, New Meadows Cemetery, Brunswick (*Cumberland Co. Inscriptions*, image 354).

⁸³ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:146.

⁸⁴ Gravestone, New Meadows Cemetery, Brunswick (*Cumberland Co. Inscriptions*, image 354).

⁸⁵ Solomon Patterson household, 1860 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 74, #581/617.

⁸⁶ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

⁸⁷ *Topsham VRs*, 2:134.

wick, 17 Jan. 1906, aged 76 years.⁸⁸ Ten children.⁸⁹ 4. *Caleb Ridley*, b. 6 Sept. 1826, d. Topsham, 10 June 1902, aged 76 years;⁹⁰ m. (1) Topsham, 13 Nov. 1850, Ruth Ann Morse,⁹¹ b. prob. Topsham, about 1830, d. Topsham, 13 March, 1882, aged 52;⁹² m. (2) Topsham, 24 Oct. 1885, Jane/Jennie S. (Robinson) Bennett,⁹³ b. Freeport, Nov. 1824, daughter of John and Nancy (Dunham) Robinson, d. Topsham, 27 August 1904, aged 79 years.⁹⁴ Seven known children with Ruth Ann.⁹⁵ 5. *Charlotte Ridley*, b. 28 Dec. 1828, d. Brunswick, 29 May 1908, aged 79 years, 5 months, 17 days;⁹⁶ m. Brunswick, 12 Dec. 1847, Horatio Sprague McKenney,⁹⁷ b. Wiscasset, [calc.] 1 Aug. 1823, son of Daniel and Naomi (Kilgore) McKenney, d. Brunswick, 10 Sept. 1909, aged 86 years, 1 month, 9 days.⁹⁸ Five children.⁹⁹ 6. *Hannah Ridley*, b. 27 April 1831, d. Brunswick, 9 June 1897, aged 66 years;¹⁰⁰ m. (int.) Bowdoin, 28 Sept. 1852, John P. Owen,¹⁰¹ b. Rome, New York, [calc.] 1 Aug. 1823, son of Samuel and Catherine (Dickinson) Owen, d. Brunswick, 10 April 1902, aged 78 years, 6 months, 17 days.¹⁰² Five known children.¹⁰³ 7. *Daniel Ridley*, b. 19 Sept. 1833, d. Bowdoin, Oct. 1834, aged one year.¹⁰⁴ 8. *Caroline K. Ridley*, b. 18 Dec. 1835, d. Topsham, 21 March 1905, aged 69 years;¹⁰⁵ m. Topsham, 24 Dec. 1855, George Barron,¹⁰⁶ b. Topsham, 4 July 1824, son of John and Martha (Crocket) Barron, d. Topsham, 21 Oct. 1905, aged 81 years.¹⁰⁷ Nine

⁸⁸ Maine, Death Records 1617–1922, Ancestry.com, gives her parents, her place of birth, and death.

⁸⁹ Sarah Ridley household, 1900 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 37, p. 24A, #292/437, mother of 10 children, 5 living.

⁹⁰ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

⁹¹ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, p. 293; *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:144.

⁹² *Topsham VRs*, 2:372.

⁹³ *Topsham VRs*, 2:220.

⁹⁴ Caleb C. Ridley household, 1900 U.S. Census, Topsham, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, E.D. 217, p. 20A, #398/437: Caleb C. Ridley, age 73, Jane S. Ridley, age 75, b. Nov. 1824, married for 14 years; Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com, gives her parents and place of birth.

⁹⁵ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:168–72, all children recorded as born in Topsham.

⁹⁶ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:169; Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

⁹⁷ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, p. 241; *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:144.

⁹⁸ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

⁹⁹ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, p. 452.

¹⁰⁰ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com: Hannah B. Owen, cause of death, cancer of the stomach.

¹⁰¹ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, p. 257; *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:145.

¹⁰² Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com, reports all his given information.

¹⁰³ John P. Owen household, 1870 U.S. Census, Boston, Ward 12, Suffolk Co., Mass., p. 358B, #577/728; John P. Owen household, 1880 U.S. Census, Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass., E.D. 724, p. 23, #40/66.

¹⁰⁴ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:107.

¹⁰⁵ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:168; *Topsham VRs*, 1:156; Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com: age at death, 69 years, 3 months, 3 days; cause of death: cancer of the stomach. Like her sister, they both died from cancer of the stomach.

¹⁰⁶ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:144, records that she m. 24 Dec. 1835; *Topsham VRs*, 2:20 records that she m. 24 Dec. 1855.

¹⁰⁷ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

- children.¹⁰⁸ 9. *Cornelia M. Ridley*, twin, b. 29 March 1838, nothing further information found. 10. *Madora C. Ridley*, twin, b. 29 March 1838, living Boston, Mass., in 1900;¹⁰⁹ m. Boston, 4 Dec. 1867, George Drew as his 3rd wife,¹¹⁰ b. Wakefield, N.H., [calc.] 17 Feb. 1816, son of William and Betsy (Brown) Drew, d. Boston, 22 July 1891, aged 75 years, 5 months, 5 days.¹¹¹ No children. 11. *Julia F. Ridley*, b. 10 Dec. 1841,¹¹² d. prob. Brunswick, 1927, aged 85 years;¹¹³ m. (1) Boston, 26 Nov. 1859, Thomas I. Hamilton,¹¹⁴ b. Bath, ca. 1839, son of Uriah and Mary (Moody) Hamilton,¹¹⁵ d. before 1863, aged ca. 23–24 years. Thomas enlisted in Company D, Mass. 1st Cavalry Regiment in 1861 at the age of 22 and did not survive the war;¹¹⁶ m. (2) Boston, 15 Nov. 1871, Horace D. Winship, b. Hancock, N. H., 24 June 1839, son of Benjamin and Lucy Ann (Davis) Winship,¹¹⁷ d. Brunswick, 21 Jan. 1917, aged 77 years.¹¹⁸ No children.
- vii RACHEL RIDLEY, b. 19 Sept. 1796, d. Bowdoin in 1851;¹¹⁹ m. there, 18 Dec. 1823, HIX SMALL,¹²⁰ b. Bowdoin, 17 June 1796,¹²¹ son of Hix and Mary (Bunker) Small,¹²² d. Bowdoin, 1864, in his 67th year. He and Rachel are bur. in the Hix Small Cemetery, Bowdoin.¹²³ In 1850 Hix and Rachel were enumerated in Bowdoin with their children: Daniel, aged 25, a laborer; Hix, aged 22, also a laborer, and Mary E., aged 11.¹²⁴ He is also enumerated in the agricultural schedule of 5 Aug. 1850 which details the total value of his farm and holdings, including “42 acres of improved land, 42 acres of unimproved land, cash value of land \$1500; value of farming implements \$150; 1 horse, 3 milking cows, 2 working oxen, 4 other cattle, 15 sheep, 1 swine, value of live stock \$125. He had produced 30 bushels of Indian corn, and 8 bushels of oats.”¹²⁵

¹⁰⁸ George Barron household, 1900 U.S. Census, Topsham, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, E.D. 217, p. 12A, #264/283.

¹⁰⁹ Horace D. Winship household, 1900 U.S. Census, Boston, Ward 19, Suffolk Co., Mass., E.D. 1442, p. 11A, #149/204: “Dora” Drew, age 62, b. March 1838, widowed, sister-in-law, no children.

¹¹⁰ Mass. VRs. 1841–1910, 201:149: “Medora” C. Ridley.

¹¹¹ Mass. VRs 1841–1910, 420:238.

¹¹² *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:171.

¹¹³ Pine Grove Cemetery, Brunswick, Maine, *Cumberland Co. Inscriptions*, image 188.

¹¹⁴ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:145.

¹¹⁵ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 128:118: “Julia F. Riddle”; Uriah Hamilton m. Bath, 12 June 1834, Mary Moody (Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907, FamilySearch.org).

¹¹⁶ U.S. Civil War Solider Records and Profiles, 1861–1865, Ancestry.com.

¹¹⁷ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 237:171.

¹¹⁸ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

¹¹⁹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:193, 2:117, citing gravestone, Hix Small Cemetery.

¹²⁰ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:146.

¹²¹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:187: Hix Small, child of Hix and Mary.

¹²² *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:157: Hix Small of Harpswell and Mary Bunker m. Harpswell, 8 Feb. 1788.

¹²³ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:117, citing gravestone, Hix Small Cemetery.

¹²⁴ Hix Small household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln, Co., Maine, p. 330A, #145/145.

¹²⁵ 1850 Selected U.S. Federal Census, Non-Population Schedule, Agriculture, 1850–1880, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, 197:23, Ancestry.com.

Hix married a second wife, as he was listed as aged 62 in the 1860 Bowdoin census, living with his three children and Olive Ridley, aged 46.¹²⁶ Olive's maiden name has not been proven, but she may be the Olive Grover, aged 36, who was enumerated as an apparent single woman in 1850 in the household of Ivory Temple, just five household away from Hix and Rachel Small.¹²⁷ Olive applied for a divorce in April 1864, stating that "she and Hix were married in Bowdoin 19 February 1853; that she had always behaved towards him as a faithful and affectionate wife, but that the said Hix Small, wholly regardless of his marriage covenant and duty, on divers days and times since the said intermarriage, to wit, on the twenty-six day of April 1863 and on other days and times hath treated your libellant with extreme cruelty and personal violence. The said Hix Small has personal estate in his possession which belonged to her. He is also the owner of valuable real estate in Bowdoin." Olive asked the court for the return of her possessions and requested that Hix provide for her maintenance out of his estate.¹²⁸ She was enumerated in 1880, "a widow," living in the household of Joseph Tarr.¹²⁹ Olive died 24 July 1880 and is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, West Bowdoin. Her gravestone reads, "Olive Small, wife of Hicks Small, died July 24, 1880, aged 66 years."¹³⁰ The children of Rachel and Hix Small left no descendants.

Children of Hix and Rachael (Ridley) Small, b. Bowdoin.¹³¹ 1. *Daniel R. Small*, b. 13 March 1825, d. of consumption, Bowdoin, Aug. 1879, aged 54 years; never married.¹³² 2. *Hix Small 3rd*, b. 21 March 1828, d. Pittston, Maine, 19 Oct. 1905, aged 77 years, 7 months;¹³³ m. Bath, 1 April 1855, Mary E. Brown of Bath,¹³⁴ b. 1830, d. 1858, aged 28 years.¹³⁵ 3. *Mary Ester Small*, b. 1 Nov. 1839, d. Pittston, 11 May 1917, aged 77 years;¹³⁶ m. Gardiner, 17 April 1897, Edward Augustus Lapham, a widower, b. Pittston, 4 April 1835, son of Isaac and Dorcas (Cutts) Lapham,¹³⁷ d. Pittston, 1923.¹³⁸

¹²⁶ Hix Small household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 75, #533/531.

¹²⁷ Ivory Temple household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 330, #140/140. Hix Small was enumerated at #145/145.

¹²⁸ Divorce petition, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, Supreme Judicial Court, 11:24.

¹²⁹ Joseph Tarr household, 1880 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, E.D. 146, p. 86B, #52/55.

¹³⁰ Bartlett and Bickford, *Bowdoin Cemetery Inscriptions*, 66.

¹³¹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:183–91.

¹³² U.S. Census Mortality Schedules, 1850–1885, persons who died during the year ending May 31, 1880, E.D. 146, p. 376, line 7, Ancestry.com.

¹³³ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com: "Hicks" Small, ship carpenter, cause of death, chronic disease of stomach and liver.

¹³⁴ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:187; Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907, FamilySearch.org.

¹³⁵ Bartlett and Bickford, *Bowdoin Cemetery Inscriptions*, 24: Mary and her husband, "Hicks" Small, are buried in Hix Small Cemetery, Bowdoin.

¹³⁶ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

¹³⁷ Maine, Marriage Records, 1705–1922, Ancestry.com: "Mary Small, housekeeper, age 57, single."

¹³⁸ Gravestone, Findagrave.com.

viii ISAAC RIDLEY, b. 18 June 1799, d. Bowdoin, 10 March 1874, aged 74 years, 8 months;¹³⁹ m. before 1827 (birth of eldest child), HANNAH FARNAM,¹⁴⁰ b. Bowdoin, 4 Sept. 1809, daughter of John and Judith (—) Farnam Jr.,¹⁴¹ d. 30 March 1882, aged 72 years.¹⁴² Isaac is buried in the Adams Cemetery, Bowdoin,¹⁴³ but it is unknown where Hannah is buried. G. T. Ridlon claims that Isaac and Hannah had nine children, but he only discusses seven; Isaac's daughter Mary was not mentioned.¹⁴⁴ Isaac, a farmer with 50 acres of land valued at \$1,000 dollars,¹⁴⁵ and his wife, Hannah, were enumerated in 1850 in Bowdoin with four of their younger children, ages 14, 9, 5, and 1; their older daughter Marie Hannah (called Hannah M. in the census) and her husband, Reuben Holbrook, a carpenter, also lived in the household.¹⁴⁶ After the death of Isaac, Hannah lived with her son Isaac H., his wife Anna, and their three children in Bowdoin, and probably died while living in their home.¹⁴⁷

Children of Isaac⁴ and Hannah (Farnam) Ridley, b. Bowdoin:¹⁴⁸ 1. *Maria Hanna Ridley*, b. 22 Feb. 1827, d. Topsham, 13 Aug. 1873, aged 46 years;¹⁴⁹ m. Bowdoin, 9 June 1850, Reuben K. Holbrook,¹⁵⁰ b. prob. Bowdoin, ca. 1823, d. prob. Topsham, 1897, aged 74 years.¹⁵¹ One known child.¹⁵² 2. *Charles S. Ridley*, b. 27 Nov. 1830, d. Bowdoin, 18 Nov. 1831, aged 11 years.¹⁵³ 3. *Mary E. Ridley*, b. 1835, no further information found.¹⁵⁴ 4. *Elizabeth Ridley*, b. 27 Jan. 1837, d. Topsham, 1 April 1925, aged 89 years;¹⁵⁵ m. Bowdoin, 9 May 1855, Rev. Hiram S. Mitchell,¹⁵⁶ b. Webster, Maine, [calc.] 6 March 1834, son of Joshua and Catherine (Robinson) Mitchell, d. Bowdoin, 3 July 1903, aged 69 years, 1 month, 17 days.¹⁵⁷ 5 chil-

¹³⁹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:108.

¹⁴⁰ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:171.

¹⁴¹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:89: "Hannah Farnam, born 4 Sept. 1809."

¹⁴² *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:108: "Hannah Ridley, died 30 March 1882, aged 75 years." Hannah would have been age 72, not 75.

¹⁴³ Bartlett and Bickford, *Bowdoin Cemetery Inscriptions*, 99.

¹⁴⁴ Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*, 541.

¹⁴⁵ 1850 Selected U.S. Federal Census, Non-Population Schedule, Agriculture, 1850–1880, Bowdoin, Lincoln, Maine, 201:11, Ancestry.com.

¹⁴⁶ Isaac Ridley household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln, Maine, p. 335B, #220/220.

¹⁴⁷ Isaac H. Ridley household, 1880 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln, Maine, E.D. 146, p. 94A, #178/187: "Hannah P. Ridley, age 70, mother, widow, born Maine, cannot read or write."

¹⁴⁸ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:168–73.

¹⁴⁹ Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*, 548.

¹⁵⁰ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:146; Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*, 548.

¹⁵¹ Gravestone, Rogers Cemetery, Findagrave.com.

¹⁵² "Reubin" K. Holbrook household, 1870 Census, Topsham, Sagadahoc, Maine, p. 453B, #256/244.

¹⁵³ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:169; 2:107.

¹⁵⁴ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:172: Mary E. Ridley, d. of Isaac and Hannah, 1835, citing P.R. 10. She is not mentioned in Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*.

¹⁵⁵ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1: 169, "born 27 Jan. 1837," citing P.R. 10; Gravestone, Hix-Small Cemetery, Bowdoin, Findagrave.com. A newspaper obituary is included in the Findagrave entry, but it states that Elizabeth was b. 1835 and d. aged 90 years, 2 months, and 4 days.

¹⁵⁶ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:144.

¹⁵⁷ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com: "Mirane" S. Mitchell, cause of death "gangrene."

dren.¹⁵⁸ 5. *Isaac H. Ridley*, b. 16 March 1841, d. Litchfield, 12 Oct. 1903, aged 62 years;¹⁵⁹ m. Bowdoin, 2 Aug. 1863, Anna Haines,¹⁶⁰ b. Bowdoin, 7 June 1838,¹⁶¹ daughter of Ayers and Matilda (—) Haines,¹⁶² d. Bowdoin, 23 Aug. 1913, aged 75 years.¹⁶³ 3 children.¹⁶⁴ 6. *Charles S. Ridley*, b. 4 June 1845, d. Bowdoin, 15 Sept. 1851, aged 6 years.¹⁶⁵ 7. *Ruben Ridley*, b. 7 May 1849, d. Bowdoin, 8 Sept. 1851, aged 2 years.¹⁶⁶ 8. *Abby Ann Ridley*, b. 16 Oct. 1852, d. Bowdoin, 16 Nov 1861, aged 9 years.¹⁶⁷

- ix THOMAS RIDLEY, b. 20 May 1802, apparently living in Bowdoinham in 1880 (see below); m. 1830–32, JUDITH CAMPBELL.¹⁶⁸ b. ca. 1802, her parentage unknown. Thomas was living with his parents in Bowdoin in 1820, aged 18.¹⁶⁹ Judith, aged 47, was living in 1850 in the household of Joseph Varnum in Bowdoinham. Her two sons, Ambrose Ridley, age 18, no occupation, and Thomas Reed Ridley, age 11, were also living in the household in addition to Reuben Ridley, aged 48.¹⁷⁰ Though unproven, it seems likely that *Reuben* was a transcription error for *Thomas*.

Thomas and his wife Judith, both aged 58, were enumerated in 1860 in Bowdoinham. He was a farmer who did not own any land; the value of his personal estate was \$200. Other family members in the household were sons Ambrose, age 28, and Reed, age 22, both farmers.¹⁷¹ Thomas, aged 68, and “Judith,” aged 67 were still in Bowdoinham in 1870. Their household included son Thomas R. Ridley.¹⁷² A search for them has not been productive after that year, but enumerated in the 1880 Bowdoinham Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes is one Thomas Ridley, “resident when at home, Bowdoin, unable to work due to old

¹⁵⁸ “Hiriam” H. Mitchell household, 1900 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Sagadahoc, Maine, E.D. 213, p. 6B, #152/153, mother of 5 children, 4 children living.

¹⁵⁹ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

¹⁶⁰ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:145, Isaac H. Ridley and Anna “Haynes,” daughter of Ayers and Matilda “Haines.”

¹⁶¹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:112: Anna Haynes, b. 7 June 1838.

¹⁶² *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:145: “daughter of Ayers and Matilda Haines.”

¹⁶³ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:107: Anna (Haynes) Ridley, wife of Isaac H.

¹⁶⁴ Isaac Ridley household, 1900 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Sagadahoc, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 213, p. 8A, #190/191.

¹⁶⁵ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:107.

¹⁶⁶ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:109.

¹⁶⁷ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:197, Abby Ridley died young; Ridlon *Ancient Ryedales*, 548, calls her “Abeona” and states her death date was 16 Nov. 1861.

¹⁶⁸ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:173: Thomas Ridley, husband of “Julia” Campbell; Ridlon, *Ancient Ryedales*, 541.

¹⁶⁹ Revolutionary War Pension Application, #37339.

¹⁷⁰ Joseph Varnum household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc, Maine, p. 294B, #59/59: “Judith” Ridley, age 47; Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900,” FamilySearch.org. Joseph Varnum was the son of Wanton S. Varnum and brother of Ruth E. Varnum, who m. Adam Adams.

¹⁷¹ Thomas “Riderly” household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 37, #273/275.

¹⁷² Thomas Ridley household, U.S. Census, 1870 Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 360A, #160/157.

age."¹⁷³ He was also enumerated in the 1880 Bowdoinham census, Poor House, age 78, an inmate, a farmer, and widowed; George H. Blodgett, was overseer of the poor and his wife, Susan E. Blodgett, was registered as matron.¹⁷⁴

Children of Thomas⁴ and Julia (Campbell) Ridley: 1. *Ambrose Ridley*, b. Bowdoin, about 1832, aged 18 in 1850. He was living in Bowdoinham in 1860, aged 28.¹⁷⁵ Nothing further information found. 2. *Thomas Reed Ridley*, b. Bowdoin, ca. 1834, d. Augusta, 28 Jan. 1899, aged 65 years; ¹⁷⁶ m. (int.) Bowdoinham, 3 April 1871, Mrs. Susanna (—) Springer,¹⁷⁷ b. ca. 1822, d. 23 June 1889, aged [67?] years; they are buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Brunswick.¹⁷⁸ Thomas enlisted in the Civil War on 25 Aug. 1862, serving as a private in company F, 19th Maine Infantry from July 1862 to May 1864. Thomas sustained a gunshot wound to the head, resulting in epilepsy. He reenlisted in Company B, 15th Maine in March 1865 and was discharged May 1865 due to premature senility. Thomas was admitted to Togus Hospital, 23 Dec. 1897, age 64, and d. there.¹⁷⁹

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¹⁷³ U.S. Federal Census—1880 Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes, p. 10936, line 39.

¹⁷⁴ George H. Blodgett household, 1880 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 147, p. 101C, #10/10.

¹⁷⁵ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:168; Thomas “Riderley” household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc, Maine, p. 37, #273/275, Ambrose “Riderley,” age 28.

¹⁷⁶ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922: Thomas R. Ridley, b. Bowdoin, d. Augusta, 28 Jan. 1899, age 65 years, 0 months, 0 days, cause of death, influenza.

¹⁷⁷ *Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities: Bowdoinham*, Picton Press CD-Rom (Rockport, Maine, 2005), CD-2, image 250.

¹⁷⁸ Her cemetery stone reads: “Mother, Susanna R, wife of Thomas R. Ridley, died 23 June 1869 [*sic*: prob. should be 1889], age 67 yr.” (b. 1822), Pine Grove Cemetery, Brunswick, Range 14, #38; in Range 14, #39, is buried T. R. Ridley, Co. F. 19 Me. Inf., Marker GAR; Susannah was aged 56 [*sic*] in Thomas R. Ridley household, 1880 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Sagadahoc, Maine, E.D. 147, p. 105C, #85/90. Susannah may be the Susan Springer, aged 48, enumerated in 1870 in Richmond, her household also including Rachel A. Colby, 15, and John Bubier, 80 (Susan Springer household, 1870 U.S. Census, Richmond, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 419, #200/215). If so, she was undoubtedly Susannah Bubier, daughter of John and Rachel (Wheeler) Bubier, who m. (1) Webster, 1 May 1841 Elias Colby (Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, FamilySearch.org) and had five children recorded at Webster, Maine (“Sabbatus, Maine, Births and Deaths,” *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 148[1944]:173), and m. (2) (int.) Richmond, 27 Oct. 1863, Stephen Springer (*Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities: Richmond*, Picton Press CD-Rom [Rockport, Maine, 2005], image 100).

¹⁷⁹ U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866–1938. The report states he d. from pneumonia, 27 Jan. 1899; Maine Vital Records, 1670–1907, says he d. 28 Jan. 1899.

JOSIAH SPOONER SWIFT NINETEENTH-CENTURY RENAISSANCE MAN

By J. Clarke Bursley

In my recent articles treating Abby and Lurena Bursley,¹ I quoted from the 1875 obituary of their brother, Lemuel Bursley Jr.² The obituary, 1½ columns under the heading “Local Reminiscences,” was written by a Rev. J. S. Swift.³ It is evident from the obituary that Swift was well acquainted not only with the Bursley family, but very knowledgeable about the town of Farmington, Maine, and New England in general. This got me wondering about Reverend Swift and his background.

The guide to his early writings prepared by the Archives & Special Collections Library at Bates College states that Josiah Spooner Swift was born in 1813 in Wareham, Massachusetts; that his family purchased a farm in Harpswell, Maine, in 1823; and that in 1838 he moved to Madrid, Maine.⁴ In 1840 he settled in Farmington,⁵ where he would spend most of the rest of his life.⁶ Swift was a Freewill Baptist minister,⁷ an orchardist and nurseryman, contributing articles on fruit culture to a variety of periodicals,⁸ and an amateur artist.⁹ He is best known, however, as a publisher. In fact,

¹ J. Clarke Bursley, “Emma Page Perkins and Abby N. Perkins of Maine,” *The Maine Genealogist* 33(2011):185–89; J. Clarke Bursley, “Lurena Bursley Leaves the Farm,” *The Maine Genealogist* 35(2013):41–46.

² Lemuel Bursley Jr. obituary notice, *Farmington Chronicle*, 19 Aug. 1875.

³ “. . . [T]he founder of the *Chronicle* is known to its present readers by a series of Local Reminiscences, which has reached the sixty-first chapter, and is still to be continued. He resides on a farm near Farmington Falls” (*Fourteenth Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Maine Press Association for the Year 1877* [Portland, 1877], 36).

⁴ Josiah Spooner Swift papers, 1813–1834, finding aid, at: <<http://abacus.bates.edu/muskie-archives/EADFindingAids/MC010.html>>. Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, was founded as a Freewill Baptist educational institution and possesses one of the most important and comprehensive collections in the country of archival and library material related to this denomination. The collection contains many of J. S. Swift’s journals, sketchbooks, and other documents.

⁵ Josiah Swift household, 1840 U.S. Census, Farmington, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 127.

⁶ J[osiah] S. Swift household, 1860 and 1870 U.S. Censuses, Farmington, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 614, #209/215 [1860]; p. 33, #1/1 [1870]; Josiah S. Swift in E. Sprague Swift household, 1880 U.S. Census, Farmington, Franklin Co., Maine, E.D. 70, p. 411, #234/289.

⁷ See, for instance, “The Effects of the Fall upon Creation,” by Rev. J. S. Swift, Farmington, Maine, in *The Freewill Baptist Quarterly* 12(1864):151–62 [online at Google Books].

⁸ He was, for instance, the Franklin Co. representative of the Maine Pomological and Horticultural Society (George Adams, *The Maine Register for the Year 1855* [n.p., 1855], 196 [online at Google Books]). Pomology is a branch of botany that studies and deals with the cultivation of fruits. The American Pomological Society, the oldest fruit organization in North America, was founded in 1848 to foster the science and practice of fruit growing and variety development, and is still in existence. See <www.americanpomological.org>.

⁹ One example of his artwork is the “Sketch of Androscoggin River,” ca. 1830. in the Edmund S. Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library at Bates College, image at the Maine Memory Network: <www.mainememory.net/artifact/25774/>.

he has been characterized as “the father of journalism in Franklin County.”¹⁰ Swift also penned the article on Franklin County in Crocker and Howard’s 1879 *History of New England*, and the chapter on “The Press of Franklin County” in Griffin’s 1872 *History of the Press of Maine*.¹¹ He retired from publishing in 1867, but returned to it some years before his death, completing and publishing in 1875 the *History of Chesterville, Maine*, from the journal left by Oliver Sewall.¹² Swift had a long-term relationship with the region and knew it well.¹³ Farmington and Franklin County residents of the time had much to thank him for, and their descendants owe Swift a great debt for his tireless efforts to preserve the history and essence of the area. He died in 1883.¹⁴

FAMILY SUMMARY

JOSIAH SPOONER SWIFT was born in Wareham, Massachusetts, 28 February 1813,¹⁵ son of Josiah and Eleanor (Spooner) Swift.¹⁶ He died in Wilton,

¹⁰ Francis Gould Butler, *A History of Farmington, Franklin County, Maine, from the Earliest Explorations to the Present Time, 1776–1885* (Farmington, 1885), 270. Swift founded and was editor of the *Franklin Register* (1840–1845) and *Sandy River Farmer* (1842), and then the *Farmington Chronicle* (1845–1847 and 1854–1867). He was editor and proprietor of the *Wilton Record* when he died. The editor and publisher of the *Farmington Chronicle*, Charles W. Keyes, wrote in the *Twenty-First Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Maine Press Association* (n.p., 1884) that “Mr. Swift was the pioneer of the press in this [Franklin] county.”

¹¹ Rev. R. H. Howard and Prof. Henry E. Crocker, *A History of New England Containing . . . Sketches of the Counties, Cities and Principal Towns of the Six New England States* (Boston, 1879), 490–99; Joseph Griffin, *History of the Press in Maine* (Brunswick, 1872), 196–200.

¹² Oliver Sewall, *History of Chesterville, Maine* (Farmington, 1875), published by J. S. Swift.

¹³ See, for instance, the review of Butler’s work by Mrs. A. C. Pratt, of Chelsea, Mass. in John Ward Dean, ed., *The New England Biblioplist, or Notices of Books* 4 (April 1886):23–24 [online at Archive.org]: “Parker’s History of Farmington, published in 1846, contains facts that could not now be found, and Mr. Butler acknowledges his indebtedness to that work. It is presumed, however, that he did not have access to the valuable historical material concerning Farmington collected by the late Rev. Josiah S. Swift, as no mention is made of any such authority having been consulted. This is to be regretted, as it is probable no person in Franklin County is in the possession of so much historical data concerning this town as was Mr. Swift. His decease, which occurred at Wilton, Me., March 26, 1883, prevented the further publication of the Franklin Historical Magazine, of which only two numbers had been issued. Mr. Swift was publishing this magazine as an appendix to Parker’s History. It is hoped the memoranda left by him concerning the towns in Franklin County, Me., will at some time, in the not far distant future, be arranged and printed.”

¹⁴ His death was widely reported. For instance, his obituary in the *Galveston [Texas] Daily News*, Thursday, 12 April 1883, p. 2, col. b, reads: “REV. J. S. SWIFT, who died at Wilton, Me., recently, was one of the oldest journalists in that State, and probably the most enthusiastic. In his youth he purchased “for a song” a small font of worn-out brevier type. . . . He sorted it, arranged it in a case of his own construction, made a wooden chase and some tin rules, engraved a heading on a block of wood with a jack knife, and, with a worn-out cheese-press, printed a 7x9 weekly paper called the *Harpwell Banner*. He continued this publication for six months, and then secured a position in a regular newspaper office. He was actively engaged in journalism for nearly sixty years.”

¹⁵ Nancy J. Porter, comp., *Town of Farmington—Early Vital Records* (Wilton, Maine, 1994), 18 (hereafter cited as Porter, *Farmington VRs*).

Maine, 26 March 1883,¹⁷ and is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Farmington.¹⁸ He married in Bath, Maine, 7 September 1834, MARTHA CONEY FLINT,¹⁹ born New Vineyard, Maine, 14 January 1807, daughter of John and Lydia (Norton) Flint.²⁰ She died in Farmington 2 April 1877,²¹ and is probably also buried in Riverside Cemetery.²²

Children of Josiah Spooner and Martha Coney (Flint) Swift:²³

- i LYDIA ELEANOR "ELLEN" SWIFT, b. Bath, 19 Sept. 1835, d. Farmington, 10 Jan. 1865,²⁴ and bur. in Riverside Cemetery;²⁵ m. Farmington, 7 April 1854, RUFUS BERRY WINTER,²⁶ b. Bath, 13 March 1827, son of Alden and Mary (Pettengill) Winter,²⁷ d. West Bath, 18 Nov. 1875,²⁸ and bur. with his wife in Riverside Ceme-

¹⁶ Thomas Spooner, *Records of William Spooner, of Plymouth, Mass., and His Descendants, Vol. 1* (Cincinnati, 1883), 418 [online at Archive.org]; Eleanor Spooner m. Wareham, Mass., 11 April 1810, Josiah Swift (Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, Ancestry.com).

¹⁷ Josiah S. Swift probate file, Franklin Co. Probate, #2870, administration petition by son E. Sprague Swift on the First Tues. of May (5 May) 1885.

¹⁸ His obituary in the *Farmington Chronicle*, 29 March 1883, notes that his funeral services were to take place at Wilton and the interment would be at Riverside. An article by the Maine Press Association states that his remains were interred in the family lot in the Riverside Cemetery (*Twenty-First Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Maine Press Association* [n.p., 1884]:24–26).

¹⁹ "Sept. 7 [1834] Mr. Josiah S. Swift to Miss Martha C. Flint, both of Bath," in the *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder*, 6, No. 4 (Oct. 1889):482, from the record of marriages performed 1813–1853 by the Rev. John W. Ellingwood of the North Congregational Society of Bath. The marriage also reported in the Monday, 15 Sept. 1834 *Eastern Argus* (Portland), p. 3: "MARRIAGES. In Bath . . . Mr. Josiah S. Swift to Miss Martha C. Flint."

²⁰ Farmington VRs–Swift Family; John Flint and John H. Stone, *A Genealogical Register of the Descendants of Thomas Flint of Salem* (Andover, Mass., 1860), 65.

²¹ Martha C. F. Swift probate file, Franklin Co. Probate, #2398, letters testamentary petition by son Elkanah Sprague Swift on 1 May 1877. Her death notice appeared in the *Franklin Journal*, 5 April 1887: "Died. Farmington. April 2. Martha C.F., wife of Rev. J.S. Swift, aged 70 years."

²² Two of her daughters, both of whom predeceased her, and her son, E. Sprague, are buried in Riverside. Her husband's obituary stated that he was to be interred there.

²³ The family record is entered in the Farmington VRs, with the birthplace of the first child given as Bath and that of the second child given as Harpswell; the birthplaces of the other children is not stated, but presumably Farmington (Porter, *Farmington VRs*, 18).

²⁴ "Died. In Farmington, 10th inst., Mrs. R.B. Winter, eldest daughter of J.S. Swift," *Daily Eastern Argus* (Portland, ME), 14 Jan. 1865, p. 3, col. b.

²⁵ Findagrave.com, #45476664.

²⁶ Porter, *Farmington VRs*, 120.

²⁷ Bath Births, p. 8, entry for the Alden and Mary (Pettengill) Winter Family (*Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities: City of Bath*, Picton Press CD-Rom [Rockport, Maine, 2005], image 551). See also the compiled military service record for Private Rufus B. Winter, Company B, 12th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment, available at the National Archives and Records Administration. On 3 Jan. 1864, Rufus B. Winter, born Lincoln Co., Maine, aged 36 years 10 months, teacher, resident of Lafayette, Allamakee Co., Iowa, enlisted at Dubuque, Iowa. Presumably he gave Lincoln Co. as his place of birth as Bath was in that county until 1854.

²⁸ Death notice, *Portland Daily Press*, 13 Dec. 1875, p. 2, col. d: "Died. In West Bath, Nov. 18, Mr. Rufus Winter, aged 48 years 8 months."

tery.²⁹ Rufus B. Winter was described as a marble engraver in 1850 and as a marble worker in 1860.³⁰

Children: 1. *Alden Swift Winter*, b. prob. Farmington, ca. 1857,³¹ no further information found. 2. *Francis Weston Winter*, b. Iowa, June 1862,³² d. Auburn, Maine, 30 Jan. 1965,³³ m. Dennysville, Maine, 19 Feb. 1889, Maria Ella Burns,³⁴ b. Maine, ca. Feb 1863,³⁵ prob. daughter of Edward and Lavina (Gardner) Burns of Dennysville,³⁶ d. after 9 April 1940 when she was living with her husband in Auburn.³⁷ 3. *Rufus W. Winter*, b. Maine ca. 1865,³⁸ d. betw. Jan. 1895 and Aug. 1904.³⁹

ii JOSIAH WESTON SWIFT, b. Harpswell, Maine, 13 Jan. 1837, d. Providence, R.I., 26 April 1901,⁴⁰ and reportedly bur. in the Oak Bluffs, Mass., area,⁴¹ m. Farmington, 6

²⁹ Findagrave.com, #45476591.

³⁰ Alden Winter household, 1850 U.S. Census, West Bath, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 229, #97/112; Rufus B. Winter household, 1860 U.S. Census, Farmington, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 614, #208/213.

³¹ Alden S. Winter, aged 3, in Rufus B. Winter household, 1860 U.S. Census, Farmington, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 614, #208/213.

³² Frank W. Winter household, 1900 U.S. Census, New Gloucester, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 49, p. 9B, 226/238.

³³ *Maine Death Index, 1960–1997*, Ancestry.com.

³⁴ Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, Ancestry.com: F. Weston Winter of New Gloucester and Ella Burns of Dennysville.

³⁵ Frank W. Winter household, 1900 U.S. Census, New Gloucester, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 49, p. 9B, 226/238.

³⁶ Maria Burns, age 7, in Edward Burns household, 1870 U.S. Census, Dennysville P.O., Edmunds, Washington Co., Maine, p. 268, #57/60; Lavina's maiden name from Lavina Burns' 1919 death record, Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

³⁷ Frank W. Winter household, 1940 U.S. Census, Auburn, Androscoggin Co., Maine, E.D. 1–14, p. 6A, #112.

³⁸ Aged 5, b. Maine, living with his grandparents, Josiah and Martha Swift in Farmington in 1870 (Josiah S. Swift household, 1870 U.S. Census, Farmington, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 33, #1/1).

³⁹ He was alive as of 15 Jan. 1895 when he and his brother Frank W. were defendants in a real estate title action taken up in the March term of the Kossuth Co., Iowa, District Court according to notice in the *Upper Des Moines* [Algona, Iowa] newspaper of 30 Jan. 1895, p. 8, col. f; he d. bef. Aug. 1904 when his brother Frank W. petitioned for their father's estate as sole next of kin in an affidavit sworn in the Sagadahoc Co. Probate Court, 29 July 1904, a notice thereof published in the *Bath Independent and Enterprise* newspaper, 27 Aug. 1904, p. 6, col. f.

⁴⁰ "Swift, Jeremiah [*sic*] W of Josiah and Martha 62yrs [*sic*] Apr 26, 1901," in Vol. 15 (Deaths, 1901–1910), Rhode Island Deaths, 1630–1930, Ancestry.com. See also the Cottage City, Mass., Death Register in "Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910" (from original records held by the Mass. Archives), AmericanAncestors.org, 516:389 (hereafter cited as Mass. VRs, 1840–1910), which lists his age at death as 62 years, 3 months, 12 days, but should be 64 years, 3 months, and 12 or 13 days based on his birth date recorded in the Farmington VRs (13 Jan. 1837), age at the time of the 1850 census (age 13 on 13 July 1850) and the 1863 U.S. Civil War Draft Registration (age 26 as of 1 June 1863).

⁴¹ Mass. VRs, 1840–1910, 516:389, gives his usual residence and place of burial as Cottage City (now Oak Bluffs). The town's cemetery commission has no record of his burial in the main town cemetery, Oak Grove.

April 1862, JULIA MARIA WRIGHT,⁴² b. prob. Strong, Maine, 1 Jan. 1838,⁴³ daughter of Thomas and Helena (True) Wright,⁴⁴ d. Farmington, 24 Aug. 1933, and bur. in Riverside Cemetery.⁴⁵ On his death record, Josiah was described as a printer.

Children, prob. all b. Farmington: 1. *Alice Cassie Swift*, b. June 1863,⁴⁶ d. Portland, 7 Feb. 1913;⁴⁷ m. Farmington, 24 Dec. 1892, Frank E. True,⁴⁸ b. Pownal, Maine, Oct. 1857,⁴⁹ son of Eben and Miriam F. (Toothaker) True.⁵⁰ 2. *Julia Weston Swift*, b. 22 July 1864,⁵¹ d. unmarried, Hyannis, Mass., 24 Jan. 1907.⁵² 3. *Martha "Mattie" Helena Swift*, b. Oct. 1867,⁵³ d. 1944,⁵⁴ m. Farmington, 24 Dec. 1897, Lewis Witham Ripley,⁵⁵ b. Andover, Maine, Feb. 1870,⁵⁶ son of Joseph Lyman and Lucinda (Holt) Ripley,⁵⁷ d. 1950.⁵⁸

⁴² Porter, *Farmington VRs*, 110. Also, newspaper marriage notice in the 19 April 1862 *Portland Advertiser*, p. 3: "Marriages. In Farmington, Mr J Weston Swift, of Farmington, to Miss Julia Maria Wright, of East Strong."

⁴³ Julia M. Smith household, 1900 U.S. Census, Farmington, Franklin Co., Maine, E.D. 91, p. 9B, #222/222. The DAR Descendants Database gives her date of birth as 1 Jan. 1838, which accords with the age at death given in her death notice. Her place of birth is shown as Strong in the 1892 and 1897 Farmington marriage certificates of two of her daughters (Porter, *Farmington VRs*, 142, 165).

⁴⁴ The Strong VRs record the 18 April 1830 marriage intentions of her parents "Mr Thomas Wright Jun of Strong and Miss Helena True of Pownal" (*Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities: Town of Strong*, Picton Press CD-Rom [Rockport, Maine, 2005], image 114). Thomas Wright is enumerated on the 1840 U.S. Census of Strong with a household of seven [one male, 30–40, farmer; one female, 20–30; two males under 10; and three females under 10] (Thomas Wright household, p. 86). Julia was living in Strong in the Thomas and Helena Wright household in 1850 (U.S. Census, Strong, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 245, #381/406).

⁴⁵ Her death notice was published in *The Farmington Journal and Farmington Chronicle*, 25 Aug. 1933: "DIED. In Farmington, August 24, Julia Wright, widow of J. Weston Swift, aged 95 years, 7 months, 23 days"; findagrave.com, #52668831

⁴⁶ Frank E. True household, 1900 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 77, p. 13A, #259/276.

⁴⁷ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

⁴⁸ Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, Ancestry.com.

⁴⁹ Frank E. True household, 1900 U.S. Census; Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 77, p. 13A, #259/276.

⁵⁰ His parentage given on his 24 Oct. 1916 marriage record to his 2nd wife, Dorothy Slemmons Smith of Portland (Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, Ancestry.com).

⁵¹ U.S. Passport Applications, 1795–1925, Ancestry.com.

⁵² Mass. VRs, 1840–1910, 1907/4:154.

⁵³ Lewis E. Ripley household, 1900 U.S. Census, Andover, Oxford Co., Maine, E.D., 177, p. 4B, #92/94.

⁵⁴ Findagrave.com, #52668972.

⁵⁵ Porter, *Farmington VRs*, 139.

⁵⁶ Lewis E. Ripley household, 1900 U.S. Census, Andover, Oxford Co., Maine, E.D., 177, p. 4B, #92/94.

⁵⁷ Lewis W. Ripley, son, age 9, in J. Lyman Ripley household, 1880 U.S. Census, Andover, Oxford Co., Maine, E.D. 116, p. 20C, #141/146; Lucinda's maiden name from William B. Lap- ham, *History of Rumford, Oxford County, Maine* (Augusta, 1890), 391.

⁵⁸ Findagrave.com, #52669035.

- iii CLARISSA SHAW NORRIS/NORTON SWIFT,⁵⁹ b. Farmington, 10 June 1840, d. there 23 June 1845 and bur. in the Center Burying Ground.⁶⁰
- iv EMMA FRANCES SWIFT, b. Farmington, 8 Aug. 1842, d. there, 19 Jan. 1876, aged 33 years, 5 months, 11 days, and bur. in Riverside Cemetery;⁶¹ m. (cert.) Farmington, 22 Dec. 1865, LEVI HILLIARD SMITH,⁶² b. March 1842,⁶³ probably in Wilton, Maine, son of Jared and Sarah Richardson (Dakin) Smith,⁶⁴ d. Baltimore, Md., 22 Sept. 1907.⁶⁵ No known issue.
- v ELKANAH SPRAGUE SWIFT, b. Farmington, 25 May 1845, d. Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., 31 Aug. 1920,⁶⁶ and bur. in Riverside Cemetery, Farmington;⁶⁷ m. Farmington, 14 Oct 1866, EMMA LOUISE BUTLER,⁶⁸ b. Farmington, 8 Feb.

⁵⁹ Her birth record in the Farmington VRs names her Clarissa Shaw Norris Swift (Porter, *Farmington VRs*, p. 18), but her name possibly may have been Clarissa Shaw *Norton* Swift as Clarissa's maternal grandmother was Lydia Norton. Also, she is buried in the Hartson and Martha Cony/Coney plot, and Martha Cony was the daughter of Ebenezer Norton.

⁶⁰ Gravestone transcribed online at <www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~me/frankl/ctrmeetcem.htm>.

⁶¹ Vital Records of Farmington, Maine, 1784–1890, AmericanAncestors.org; Findagrave.com, #45476920.

⁶² Porter, *Farmington VRs*, 106.

⁶³ Levi Smith household, 1900 U.S. Census, Baltimore Ward 15, Baltimore City, Md., E.D. 173, p. 9B, #163/217. The *Baltimore American* of 24 Sept. 1907 gives his age at death on 22 Sept. 1907 as 65.

⁶⁴ Levi H. Smith, aged 8, in Jared Smith household, 1850 U.S. Census, New Sharon, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 115, #176/189; his brother Jared Augustine Smith was b. 6 July 1840 in Wilton and his sister Lucilla E. Smith was b. 13 Feb. 1844 in Wilton (“Ohio, Deaths, 1908–1953,” FamilySearch.org). The death certificates for his brothers, Jared Augustine Smith and Charles William Smith, list their parents as Jared Smith and Sarah R. Dakin (“Ohio, Deaths, 1908–1953,” FamilySearch.org).

⁶⁵ Levi H. Smith, Franklin Co., Maine, Probate #5348, administration petition by widow Sarah F. Smith, 25 Oct. 1907. His death notice in the 24 Sept. 1907 [Baltimore] *Sun*, p. 4, col. e, reads: “DIED. SMITH—On September 22, 1907, LEVI H. SMITH, formerly of Farmington, Maine. Funeral from his late residence, No. 313 East Twenty-third street, this Tuesday, September 24, at 2 P.M.” His date of death and death certificate number are given as “Smith, Levi H. Sept. 22, 1907 C4967” in the Baltimore City Death Index, p. 103, at <http://mdvitalrec.net/cfm/dsp_search.cfm>.

⁶⁶ “Mr. E. Sprague Swift, a native of Farmington, Maine, died at the home of his son, Dr. J. Otis Swift, No. 81 Summit driveway, Riverview Manor, Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 31, from an apoplectic stroke suffered Saturday morning. He was in his seventy-sixth year and has lived in Hastings two years. Mr. Swift was formerly editor of the *Wilton Record* of Wilton Maine, and the son of Rev. Josiah Spooner Swift, founder and editor of the *Farmington Chronicle* and other Franklin county, Maine, publications. . . . [He] married Emma Louise Wood Butler of Farmington in 1866. Mrs. Swift died in December 1917 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lee Swift Berry at Rumford, Me. . . . J. Otis Swift, an editor of the *New York World*, took his father's body to Farmington for interment beside that of his mother Wednesday night” (*Daily Kennebec Journal* (Augusta, Maine), 4 Sept. 1920, p. 9, col. f.

⁶⁷ Findagrave.com, #45446922.

⁶⁸ Porter, *Farmington VRs*, 110.

1842, daughter of Otis B. and Ursula (Ridgway) Butler,⁶⁹ d. Rumford, Maine, 19 Dec. 1917,⁷⁰ and bur. with her husband in Riverside Cemetery.⁷¹

Children, prob. all b. Farmington: 1. *Augusta Lee Swift*, b. 3 April 1868, d. Rumford, 26 Aug. 1922;⁷² m. Lewiston, Maine, 3 July 1896, Orrington Berry,⁷³ b. 1852, prob. son of Wilson and Mary (—) Berry,⁷⁴ d. 1931 and bur. in Riverside Cemetery, Farmington.⁷⁵ 2. *Josiah Otis Swift*, b. 1 March 1871,⁷⁶ d. reportedly Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., 14 May 1948;⁷⁷ m. Lewiston, 14 June 1893, Daisy Isabel Peabody,⁷⁸ b. prob. Troy, Maine, Sept. 1863, daughter of Asa F. and Sarah M. (Garcelon) Peabody,⁷⁹ d. after March 1940.⁸⁰ 3. *Jessie Frances Swift*, b. ca. Dec. 1874,⁸¹ d. Rumford, 17 May 1964;⁸² m. Rumford, 26 July 1904, John Blanchard Martin, b. Lovell, Maine, ca. 1873, son of William G. and Oceanann S. (Russell) Martin.⁸³ 4. *Emma Ursula Swift*, b. [calc.] 29 Dec. 1881,⁸⁴ d. Rumford, 31 Aug. 1911, aged 29 years, 8 months, 2 days;⁸⁵ m. Farmington, 16 Oct. 1906, Harlan Ellis Longfellow, b. Machias, Maine, ca. 1872, son of William F. and Deborah Longfellow (Foss) Longfellow.⁸⁶

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⁶⁹ Porter, *Farmington VRs*, 9; her parents m. Farmington, 19 Oct. 1837 per *ibid.*, p. 47.

⁷⁰ Emma Louise Butler Swift, wife of E. Sprague Swift, Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com

⁷¹ Findagrave.com, #45446927.

⁷² Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com, which gives her birth date and birthplace.

⁷³ Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, Ancestry.com.

⁷⁴ Age 6 in Wilson Berry household, 1860 U.S. Census, Gray, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 30, #224/224.

⁷⁵ Findagrave.com, #44548447, which gives b. 1852, d. 1931.

⁷⁶ *Who's Who on the World*, 1922, 28 [online at <www.archive.org>].

⁷⁷ DAR Descendants database, <http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?Tab_ID=5>.

⁷⁸ Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, Ancestry.com.

⁷⁹ Josiah O. Swift household, 1900 U.S. Census, Manhattan, New York, N.Y., E.D. 533, p. 20B, #436; Daisy aged 6 years in A. F. Peabody household, 1870 U.S. Census, Troy, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 379, #25/27, and 16 years in Asa F. Peabody household, 1880 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Androscoggin Co., Maine, E.D. 9, p. 198, #295/413; her parents m. Troy, 1 Oct. 1861, per Ralph E. Hillman, ed., *Vital Records of Troy, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1995), 139.

⁸⁰ Josiah O. Swift household, 1940 U.S. Census, Greenburgh, Westchester Co., N.Y., E.D. 60-57, p. 13A, #224.

⁸¹ Sprague E. Swift household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Androscoggin Co., Maine, E.D. 14, p. 1A, #9/10.

⁸² Maine Death Index, 1960–1997, Ancestry.com.

⁸³ All information from Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, Ancestry.com.

⁸⁴ Sprague E. Swift household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Androscoggin Co., Maine, E.D. 14, p. 1A, #9/10.

⁸⁵ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

⁸⁶ All information from Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, Ancestry.com.

NINETEENTH-CENTURY RECORDS OF THE
FIRST AND SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
OF WELLS, MAINE

Submitted by Priscilla Eaton

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Record of Deaths in the First Parish Church in Wells

7 March 1820	Daniel Wheelwright Jr.	25	Consumption
13 April 1820	Son of Captain Pelatiah Littlefield	13	Consumption
21 April 1820	Child of Joseph Gatchell		
23 April 1820	Samuel Bourn	22	Dropsy
7 May 1820	#Widow Eleanor Treadwell	39	Consumption
23 May 1820	Child of William Storer		
24 May 1820	Daughter of John S Maxell	15	Consumption
21 June 1820	Major Isaac Pope	76	Sudden death
13 July 1820	#Joshua Chick	77	Cancer
7 Sept. 1820	#Wife of Moses Hemmenway	47	Consumption
22 Sept. 1820	Sally Wilson (York)		Cancer
22 Oct. 1820	#Wife of Nathan Wells	75	Consumption
8 Nov. 1820	#Widow Mary Littlefield	66	Sudden death
15 Nov. 1820	Child of John Williams		Stillborn
Nov. 1820	Son of Widow Hannah Jacobs	19	Died at sea
8 Dec. 1820	Daughter of Richard Blabun	24	Consumption
10 Dec. 1820	Child of Ivory Littlefield		Dysentery
26 Dec. 1820	Child of John Welch		Fits
	Child of Joshua Bragdon	18	Died at sea
18 Jan. 1821	Abiah Hatch	24	Consumption
25 Jan. 1821	Richard Blabun	54	Bilious Obstruction
27 Jan. 1821	#Wife of Capt Abraham Littlefield	78	Old age
5 March 1821	Child of Capt Daniel Bragdon	7	Rheumatic Fever
16 March 1821	Child of John Annis		Disorder of Brain
20 March 1821	Child of Joseph Gatchell		Fever
30 March 1821	Sarah Clark	93	Old age
31 March 1821	Child of John Whittum		Decline
4 May 1821	Jeremy Weare (York)	92	Old age
16 May 1821	Child of John Littlefield	3	Quinsy
19 May 1821	#Eliza Goodrich Grant (Kennebunk)	33	Consumption
31 May 1821	Daughter of Abner Fisk	21	Consumption
8 June 1821	Daughter of Obadiah Winn (York)	22	Fever
14 June 1821	#Wife of Alexander Maxell	70	Pulmonary Fever
22 July 1821	Child of Benjamin Bourn Jr	6	Dropsy in head
1 Aug. 1821	Elias Jacobs	75	Decline
3 Sept. 1821	Child of Nehemiah Gatchell		

20 Sept. 1821	Stephen Merrifield	38	Drowned
6 Oct. 1821	#Benjamin Littlefield	91	Dysentery
25 Oct. 1821	#Gen Noah M Littlefield	84	Dysentery
2 Nov. 1821	Capt Jonathan Shaw (York)	c. 60	Cancer
Oct. 1821	Son of Capt Daniel Bragdon	16	Lost at sea
7 Dec. 1821	Daniel Storer	52	Ulcers on lungs
3 Dec. 1821	Capt Daniel Bragdon	40	Died in West Indies
	Son of Capt William Eaton	24	Died in West Indies
25 Dec. 1821	Benjamin Gatchell	40	Died at sea
7 Nov. 1821	Son of Samuel Hill	22	Died at sea
2 Jan. 1822	Child of Stephen Hamilton (York)	1½	Inflammation of Brain
1 Feb. 1822	Alan Whitehouse	39	Decline
8 Feb. 1822	Daniel Heard	74	Mortification
11 March 1822	Daughter of J S Maxell	20	Consumption
20 March 1822	Benjamin Preble (York)	c. 50	Consumption
3 April 1822	Charles Greenough (Kennebunk)	24	Consumption
18 April 1822	Miss Hannah Avery (York)	86	Old age
19 April 1822	Daughter of Nathaniel Rankin	12	Fever
3 May 1822	John Freeman (York)	85	Old age
28 May 1822	Son of Benjamin Winn	18	Consumption
1 June 1822	Wife of Eliphalet Trafton (York)	50	Fever
12 June 1822	Child of John Bourn		Fever
24 June 1822	Child of John Welch		Fits
5 July 1822	Child of Nathaniel Littlefield	4	Dysentery
7 July 1822	Abigail dau of Wm & Sarah Eaton	20 ⁴⁸	Consumption
22 July 1822	Child of John Winn Jr.	1½	Dysentery
24 July 1822	Child of Wm & Sarah Eaton	4	Decline
1 Aug. 1822	Child of Thomas [?]		Dysentery
12 Aug. 1822	*Wife of Jeremiah Spencer	43	Consumption
3 Sept. 1822	Daughter of Stephen Winn (York)	15	Consumption
18 Oct. 1822	Son of Capt Joshua Littlefield	7	Quinsy
29 Oct. 1822	Child of Daniel Stuart Jr		
10 Nov. 1822	Eliza, daughter of Jeremiah Spencer	20	Consumption
25 Dec. 1822	Samuel Curtis	73	Indigestion
28 Dec. 1822	Stephen Maxell	51	Fits
12 Jan. 1823	#Widow Elizabeth Patten	47	Consumption
16 Jan. 1823	Child of Widow Peggy Crediford	3½	Burnt
17 Jan. 1823	#Widow Mary Bartlett	65	
2 Feb. 1823	Francis Butland	69	Bilious comp.
12 Feb. 1823	Sarah, daughter of Jeremiah Spencer	16	Consumption
15 Feb. 1823	Child of John Blabun	2	Fits
4 March 1823	*Widow Alice Hart (Kennebunk)	78	Old age

⁴⁸ Town records give her age at death as 26 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, p. 286).

30 March 1823	[] ⁴⁹ Morrison	63	Fever
8 April 1823	Wife of Joseph Winn	28	Consumption
17 Feb. 1823	George Bragdon	24	Lost at sea
1 May 1823	*Deacon Benjamin Hatch	76	Consumption
12 May 1823	#Wife of Samuel Curtis Esq	44	Consumption
17 May 1823	Susanna daughter of John Wells	17	Inflammation of Brain
29 May 1823	Jacob Low	39	Putrid Fever
5 June 1823	Widow Olive Curtis	68	Dropsy
12 June 1823	Wife of John Jones	77	Dropsy
14 June 1823	Child of William Stinnaford		Fits
20 June 1823	Child of Jeremiah Hubbard Jr.	3	Fits
30 June 1823	#Widow Elizabeth Littlefield	84	Old age
13 July 1823	Nathan Heard	35	Consumption
26 July 1823	Child of Moses Furbish	5	Dysentery
29 July 1823	Capt John Winn	26	Fever
25 Aug. 1823	Widow Larrabee (Baldwin)	58	Dysentery
16 Aug. 1823	Philip, son of Widow Sarah Dorrel	18	Died in New York
13 Sept. 1823	Susanna Staples	54	Consumption
23 Sept. 1823	Child of Thomas Wells		
29 Oct. 1823	Wife of Josiah Wheelwright	60	Bilious cholic
17 Nov. 1823	#Joanna Winn	37	Consumption
1 Dec. 1823	Child of Benjamin Bourn Jr.		Fits
11 Dec. 1823	Capt John Shapleigh Maxell	56	Consumption
17 Dec. 1823	Rachel Hatch	85	Old age
20 Dec. 1823	Widow Meribah Hubbard	56	Consumption
20 Jan. 1824	*Wife of Bartholomew Jones (Alfred)	72	Consumption
31 Jan. 1824	#Samuel Whitehouse	78	Palsy
1 Feb. 1824	Hannah Hatch	79	Fits
22 Feb. 1824	Susan, dau of Capt Benjamin Bourn	16	Consumption
5 May 1824	Olive, daughter of Jacob Eaton	29	Consumption
25 May 1824	Child of Capt Gibeon Wakefield		Lung Fever
3 June 1824	Wife of Peletiah Littlefield	70	Consumption
5 July 1824	David Kimball	59	Consumption
5 Aug. 1824	Alice Wells	32	Sudden disch. of blood
26 Aug. 1824	Widow Lucy Goodwin	64	Dropsy
7 Sept. 1824	#Wife of John Hill	41	Inflammation of Brain
16 Sept. 1824	David Cane (York)	66	Consumption
18 Sept. 1824	Capt John H Pope	25	Consumption
25 Sept. 1824	Child of William Stinnaford	5	Fever
29 Sept. 1824	Nathan Wells	82	Old age
2 Oct. 1824	Susanna C Boyd, daughter of Elder E.L. Boyd of So. Berwick	19	Nervous Fever
11 Oct. 1824	Widow Martha Boothby	58	Dyspepsia

⁴⁹ Town records note that Josiah Morrison d. 30 March 1823 at age 63 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, p. 286).

21 Oct. 1824	Eliphalet Trafton (York)	69	Dyspepsia
5 Nov. 1824	#Widow Mary Hemmenway	84	Old age
	John Gatchell	17	Died at sea
	William Hemmenway	22	Died at sea
	Dimon Littlefield	27	Died in South America
4 Jan. 1825	Widow Priscilla Stevens	91	Old age
25 Jan. 1825	Widow Tabitha Trafton (York)	80	Fever
3 Feb. 1825	Child of Oliver Stevens		Abscess in Head
5 Feb. 1825	#Widow Mary Goodwin	81	Old age
12 Feb. 1825	Widow Mercy Morrill	49	Influenza
18 Feb. 1825	Widow Mary Davis	87	Old age
18 Feb. 1825	Child of Capt Abraham Littlefield Jr	3	Quinsy
23 Feb. 1825	Wife of Capt Aaron Wheelwright	72	Atrophy
16 March 1825	Widow Ramsdal (York)	83	Fever
26 March 1825	Lydia Kimball	22	Consumption
31 March 1825	Child of Ebenezer Wheelwright	2	Fever
2 April 1825	Wife of Capt William Cole	54	Dropsy
10 April 1825	Child of James Goodwin		Fits
11 April 1825	Child of Capt Isaac Bourn Jr	2	Fever
4 May 1825	Child of William Baston Jr		Fever
23 May 1825	Wife of Joseph Jacobs	24	Apoplexy
23 May 1825	Child of Joseph Jacobs		
25 May 1825	Abner Bragdon	32	Bilious Obstruction
26 May 1825	Child of Joseph Gatchell		Fits
31 May 1825	Eliza, dau of Widow Sarah Eaton	13	Consumption
29 June 1825	#Wife of Isaac Pope	52	Consumption
12 July 1825	Widow Wadleigh	87	Old age
16 July 1825	Isaac Low	57	Consumption
3 Aug. 1825	Wife of Benjamin Littlefield	60	Chron. Liver Inflamm.
5 Aug. 1825	Hannah Morrill	24	Inflamm. of dura matter
9 Aug. 1825	#Widow Mary Meldrum	91	Cancer
12 Aug. 1825	Wife of Isaac Bourn	71	Dropsy
12 Aug. 1825	Capt Joshua Littlefield 4th	41	Disease of Liver
14 Aug. 1825	Widow Eleanor Littlefield	67	Dysentery
17 Aug. 1825	Child of Jesse Perkins Jr	3	Dysentery
22 Aug. 1825	Child of James Staples		Dysentery
26 Aug. 1825	Widow Anna Taylor	84	Dysentery
2 Sept. 1825	Zechariah Goodale	86	Old age
14 Sept 1825	Wife of Capt Joshua Winn (York)	32	Childbirth
16 Sept. 1825	John Winn	88	Old age
	George Gooding	26	Died in South America
17 Sept. 1825	Capt John Heard	49	Liver Disease
28 Sept. 1825	Child of Capt John Pope		Sore mouth
2 Oct. 1825	#Capt Abraham Littlefield	80	Burnt in field
6 Oct. 1825	Child of Theodore Winn (York)	3	Dysentery
11 Oct. 1825	Enoch Cousins	75	Consumption

19 Oct. 1825	#Widow Mary Clark	88	Old age
21 Oct. 1825	Jeremiah Hubbard	67	Accident
5 Oct. 1825	Capt Joseph Lindsey	21	Died at Acquin ⁵⁰
26 Nov. 1825	Wife of Joseph Winn	26	Fever
27 Nov. 1825	Wife of Jotham Allen	56	Fever
5 Dec. 1825	Ebenezer Hill	24	Died at Acquin
10 Dec. 1825	Rhoda, daughter of Moses Furbish	19	Spotted Fever
10 Dec. 1825	John, son of W. Hubbard	23	Died in Acquin
30 Dec. 1825	Wife of Nathaniel Goodale		Fever
	Ebenezer Jones		Died at sea
6 Jan. 1826	#Widow Martha Wilson (York)	75	Old age
8 Jan. 1826	Joshua Gray	54	Consumption
13 Jan. 1826	#John Storer Esq	75	Consumption
13 Jan. 1826	[] ⁵¹	49	Measles & Lung Fever
31 Jan. 1826	Son of [] Pease ⁵²		
12 Feb. 1826	Daughter of Matthew Perkins (York)	20	Consumption
17 Feb. 1826	Capt Samuel Gooch	82	Old age
24 Feb. 1826	Child of Joseph Winn		
15 March 1826	Francis Littlefield	50	Sudden Death
29 March 1826	Noah Hasty	32	Cholic
31 March 1826	Moses Hemmenway	55	Consumption
15 April 1826	Abigail, daughter of S B Littlefield	14	Lung Fever
20 April 1826	Child of Nathaniel Buzzel	3	Measles
24 April 1826	David Kimball Jr	21	Consumption
12 May 1826	Eben, son of Thomas Wardin	17	Measles
14 May 1826	Child of Jeremiah Hubbard	3	Measles
9 May 1826	Wife of Oliver Stevens	26	Consumption
24 May 1826	Wife of Johnson Littlefield	58	Lung Fever
3 June 1826	Widow of Capt Samuel Stuart		
29 June 1826	Benjamin Hatch	54	Delerium
2 July 1826	Lydia, dau of Stephen Winn (York)	23	Consumption
1 Aug. 1826	Widow of Joseph Clark	79	Palsy
10 Aug. 1826	Child of Samuel Rankin	2	Measles
20 July 1826	Israel Ward	30	Drowned at sea
23 Sept. 1826	Child of Joseph Hubbard		
25 Sept. 1826	John Jones	91 ⁵³	Old age
26 Sept. 1826	Child of Ivory Wells		Fever
13 Dec. 1826	P[] ⁵⁴ Eddy	49	Consumption

⁵⁰ Aquin is a port on the southern shore of Haiti.

⁵¹ This could be the "Wife of Alpheus Littlefield," who town records report d. 13 Jan. 1826 at age 49 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, p. 288).

⁵² This could be the "Son of Amos Place killed by the felling of a tree, died 31 Jan 1826," who appears in the town records (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, p. 288).

⁵³ The town records give his age at death as 81 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, p. 399).

3 Jan. 1827	Child of Joseph Eaton Jr		Dysentery
21 Jan. 1827	#Widow Sarah Eaton	55	Apoplexy
12 Jan. 1827	Maria (colored woman)	c. 90	Old age
15 Feb. 1827	Thomas Wardin	70	Dropsy
20 Feb. 1827	Wife of John Whittum	42	Consumption
2 March 1827	Jotham Clark	59	Apoplexy
19 March 1827	Child of Joseph Hobbs Jr	1	
22 March 1827	Child of William Hubbard Jr	1	Disease of Head
28 March 1827	Widow Sarah Ward	29	Consumption
3 April 1827	James, son of Isaiah Littlefield	16	Inflammation of Brain
11 April 1827	Moses Blasdel	c. 80	Fits
16 April 1827	Wife Aaron Winn (York)	48	Consumption
April 1827	Samuel, son of George Wells	24	Drowned at sea
7 May 1827	Widow of Elias Jacobs	84	Old age
29 May 1827	*Widow Susanna Littlefield	101	Old age
8 June 1827	#Wife of Moses Littlefield	39	Brain Fever
10 June 1827	Wife of James Baston	39	Consumption
25 June 1827	Jonathan Eaton	25	Consumption
26 June 1827	Child of Robert Kimball	3½	Hooping cough
6 July 1827	Child of Storer Littlefield		Lung Fever
6 July 1827	Joseph, son of Joseph Jeffords	9	
9 July 1827	*Wife of Joseph Bourn	89	Old age
15 July 1827	Timothy Ramsdal (York)	62	Consumption
27 Aug. 1827	Child of Samuel Hill Jr		Lung Fever
29 Aug. 1827	Wife of William Emery (Sanford)	39	Cholera morbus
17 Sept. 1827	Child of Edward Cain	1	Hooping cough
23 Aug. 1827	Benjamin Boothby	18	Drowned in W. Indies
29 Sept. 1827	*Wife of Jonathan Clark	49	Consumption
23 Oct. 1827	Nathan Kimball (York)	77	Consumption
10 Nov. 1827	William Hubbard Jr	27	Consumption
18 Nov. 1827	Child of Joseph Hilton	3	Quinsy
21 Nov. 1827	#Bartholomew Jeffords	80	Old age
30 Nov. 1827	*Andrew Thompson (a Scotchman)	28	Fever
13 Dec. 1827	Child of Capt Ivory Littlefield		

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⁵⁴ This is probably the "Preserve" Eddy, who the town records report d. 13 Dec. 1826, at the age of 49 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, p. 399).

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