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EDITOR'S PAGE

Astute readers may have noticed the initials FASG following the name of Contributing Editor Michael F. Dwyer on the masthead of this issue. At its annual meeting held in Salt Lake City on October 11th, the American Society of Genealogists elected Michael a Fellow (FASG). Election to the status of FASG is the most prestigious honor awarded in the field of scholarly genealogy, and is based solely on the quality and quantity of a candidate's published genealogical portfolio.

The American Society of Genealogists (ASG) is an independent society dedicated to promoting the highest standards of genealogical scholarship. Its stated purposes are (1) to advance genealogical research standards and to encourage publication of the results, and (2) to secure recognition of genealogy as a serious subject of research in the historical and social fields of learning. The Society's journal, *The Genealogist*, is published twice yearly and edited by Fellows Dr. Gale Ion Harris and Charles M. Hansen, Col., USA (retd.). Subscription details may be found at www.fasg.org.

Three well-known genealogists, Dr. Arthur Adams, John Insley Coddington, and Meredith B. Colket Jr., founded the Society in 1940. Membership was restricted to fifty persons elected for life. Because the United States was at war, the full complement of Fellows was not achieved until the 1944 meeting. As Fellows died, their places have been filled by others. Election as a Fellow of the ASG is dependent on nomination by current Fellows—external nominations are not considered. Since its founding, 163 Fellows have been elected. Twenty of these were subsequently inducted into the NGS Genealogy Hall of Fame.

Michael Dwyer's name should be familiar to readers of *The Maine Genealogist*. While he has had articles in the major New England journals for more than twenty years, his first *Maine Genealogist* article, "The Return of Rev. Silas Hall," was published in 2009, followed by "Another Mrs. Silas Hall: Lucy (Randall) (Miller) (Marshall) Hall and Her Family" in 2011. Some of his most memorable *Maine Genealogist* articles in recent years include "Revisiting the Shocking Legend of Fayette, Maine: Emeline (Bachelier) (Chamberlain) Gurney" (2012), "The Puzzle of Garçon Mineur: Joseph Posé/Pauzé of Biddeford and Saco, Maine" (2013), and "A Tale of Tangled Pennell Lines: From the Isle of Jersey, to Gloucester, Massachusetts, and Maine," which appeared in the August issue this year. Michael was appointed a Contributing Editor of *The Maine Genealogist* in 2012.

In this issue, Michael offers "Barbara Stanwyck's Maine Roots," in which he delves into the ancestry of the famous Hollywood and television actress. This issue also includes first-rate articles by Glenn D. Nasman, Priscilla Eaton, and Priscilla Blount—all of whom also have written frequently for this journal.

This issue wraps up Volume 36 of *The Maine Genealogist*. In 2014 we published articles treating seventeen families, residing primarily in ten different Maine counties, at different times from the seventeenth through the twentieth centuries, researched and written by twelve accomplished authors.

—Joseph C. Anderson II, Editor

THE PARENTAGE OF SOPHIA GOODWIN,
WIFE OF JOHN BICKFORD
OF LISBON AND BOWDOIN, MAINE

By Glenn D. Nasman

John⁷ Bickford (*William*⁶, *Aaron*⁵, *Henry*⁴, *John*³, *Thomas*², *John*¹) was enumerated in Bowdoin, Maine, in 1850, and in Rollinsford, New Hampshire, in 1860, living with his wife Sophia.¹ He was the second son of William and Eunice (Jordan) Bickford, who married in Falmouth, Maine, in February 1781.² William moved with his family to Plantation No. 6 (later Addison, Maine), where he was enumerated in 1790 and in 1800.³ Two of his unmarried sons, William Jr. and John, relocated to Lisbon by 1810, and William and his wife were living in Lewiston near his son Aaron in 1840.⁴ With the exception of John, the marriages of all of William's children who married can be found in the town records for Lewiston or Lisbon.⁵

- i WILLIAM BICKFORD, b. ca. 1781,⁶ d. Lisbon, Aug. 1860;⁷ m. (int.) Lisbon, 10 Sept. 1813, EUNICE BEAL.⁸
- ii JOHN BICKFORD, b. ca. March 1785, d. Bowdoin, 15 June 1862, aged 77 years, 3 months;⁹ m. SOPHIA GOODWIN.¹⁰

¹ John Bickford household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 324, #54/54; John Bickford household (indexed as "Bickhardt"), 1860 U.S. Census, Rollinsford, Strafford Co., N.H., p. 28, #161/180.

² In two separate entries in the Cape Elizabeth vital records, the date of their marriage is given as 1 and 7 Feb. 1781 (Anne M. Diehm, comp., *Vital Records of Cape Elizabeth, Maine*, eds. Joseph Crook Anderson II and Marlene A. Groves (Rockland, Maine, 2009), 71, 341; "Marriages in Falmouth (Cape Elizabeth), Solemnized by Rev. Ephraim Clark, Pastor 2d Parish," *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder* [MHGR], 3:186, states no date was given but it was listed between marriages solemnized on 1 Feb. 1781 and 22 Feb. 1781, and also states that "Where no date is given, the date of the previous entry may be implied, but perhaps should not be inferred."

³ William Bickford households, 1790 U.S. Census, Township No. 6 East of Machias [now Addison], Washington Co., Maine, p. 178; 1800 U.S. Census, Addison, Washington Co., Maine, p. 605. In 1794 he received a deed of 100 acres (lot 44) at Township No. 6 under the act of 21 June 1793 (Washington Co. Deeds, 8:569).

⁴ William Bickford Jr. and John Bickford households, 1810 U.S. Census, Lisbon, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 317; William Bickford household, 1840 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 218.

⁵ The identity of the children is given in "William Bickford (1754–1844) and Eunice Jordan of Maine," *Bickford Newsletter*, vol. 12, no. 3 (2000), pp. 28–29, research by Jayne E. Bickford, Charlene Bartlett, and Mahlon Bickford (hereafter cited as "William Bickford").

⁶ Aged 79 years in Orlando Merrill household, the "town farm," 1860 U.S. Census, Lisbon, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 155, #158/169.

⁷ W. Garcelon, Lewiston South Parish Records, Maine Historical Society, Portland.

⁸ Marlene Alma Hinkley Groves, *Vital Records of Lisbon, Maine* (Camden, Maine, 1995), 71 (hereafter cited as Groves, *Lisbon VRs*).

⁹ Gravestone, Hix Small Cemetery, Bowdoin, Maine.

¹⁰ See discussion below for her identity.

- iii AARON BICKFORD, b. ca. July 1786, d. Lewiston, 6 April 1863, aged 76 years, 9 months;¹¹ m. Lewiston, 5 July 1812, SALLY HIGGINS,¹² b. 12 May 1794, daughter of Jesse and Tamah (—) Higgins,¹³ d. 12 Sept. 1861, aged 68 years, 4 months.¹⁴
- iv ABIGAIL BICKFORD, b. ca. 1793, d. 5 Sept. 1874, aged 81;¹⁵ m. (int.) Lisbon, 17 March 1822, WILLIAM B. COURSON,¹⁶ b. Lisbon, 20 Feb. 1801, son of Zebulon and Thankful (Whitney) Courson,¹⁷ d. Lewiston, 13 June 1874, aged 74.¹⁸
- v JAMES BICKFORD, b. ca. 1794, d. New Gloucester, Maine, 22 Oct. 1866, aged 72;¹⁹ m. (int.) Lisbon, 8 Aug. 1819, HANNAH GILPATRICK,²⁰ b. 11 June 1798, daughter of James and Elizabeth (—) Gilpatrick,²¹ living New Gloucester in 1870.²²
- vi EUNICE BICKFORD, b. reportedly 25 April 1795,²³ d. Nov. 1876, aged 81;²⁴ m. 25 April 1819, ANDREW BUBIER Jr.,²⁵ b. 8 June 1797, son of Andrew and Miriam (Grover) Bubier,²⁶ d. Lisbon, 4 Sept. 1871, aged 74 years, 3 months.²⁷

Although no record of marriage can be found for John Bickford, his wife's maiden name is given as Goodwin in a recent Bowdoin family compilation.²⁸ John Samuel Goodwin's *The Goodwins of Kittery, York County, Maine* (1898), and John Hayes Goodwin's *Daniel Goodwin of Ancient Kittery and His Descendants* (1985) do not include a female named Sophia of the right age.²⁹ A Cumberland County

¹¹ Janus G. Elder, *A History of Lewiston, Maine, With a Genealogical Register of Early Families*, rev. ed., eds. David and Elizabeth (Keene) Young (Bowie, Md., 1997), 97, 211 (hereafter cited as Elder, *History of Lewiston*); gravestone, Clough Cemetery, Lewiston.

¹² Douglas I. Hodgkin, comp., *Records of Lewiston, Maine, Volume II* (Rockport, Maine, 2002), 440 (hereafter cited as *Records of Lewiston, Vol. 2*).

¹³ *Records of Lewiston, Vol. 2*, 266.

¹⁴ Elder, *History of Lewiston*, 97; gravestone, Clough Cemetery, Lewiston.

¹⁵ Gravestone, Clough Cemetery, Lewiston.

¹⁶ Groves, *Lisbon VRs*, 80, his name given as William "Colson."

¹⁷ Groves, *Lisbon VRs*, 34; Zebulon "Colson" and Thankful Whitney m. (int.) Topsham, 1 Sept. 1796 (Mary Pelham Hill, ed., *Vital Records of Topsham, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. [Portland, 1929–30], 2:280 [hereafter cited as *Topsham VRs*]).

¹⁸ Gravestone, Clough Cemetery, Lewiston.

¹⁹ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

²⁰ Groves, *Lisbon VRs*, 76.

²¹ *Records of Lewiston, Vol. 2*, 263.

²² Last found in Oliver Bearce household, 1870 U.S. Census, New Gloucester, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 389, #57/48.

²³ "William Bickford," *Bickford Newsletter*, vol. 12, no. 3 (2000), p. 29.

²⁴ Gravestone, Clough Cemetery, Lewiston.

²⁵ Elder, *History of Lewiston*, 105; their marriage was certified Lewiston, 24 April 1819 (*Lewiston Records, Vol. 2*, 401).

²⁶ *Lewiston Records, Vol. 2*, 246.

²⁷ Groves, *Lisbon VRs*, 52.

²⁸ Jayne E. Bickford and Charlene B. Bartlett, *Early Bowdoin, Maine Families, and Some of Their Descendants* (2002), 77 (hereafter cited as Bickford and Bartlett, *Early Bowdoin Families*).

²⁹ John Samuel Goodwin, *The Goodwins of Kittery, York County, Maine* (Chicago, 1898), 90, and Everett S. Stackpole, *History of Durham, Maine, With Genealogical Notes* (Lewiston, 1899), 193–94 (hereafter cited as Stackpole, *History of Durham*) provide information on this family, but without documentation of sources.

deed, however, has recently been discovered, proving the name of her father (Jonathan Goodwin), her grandfather (Samuel Goodwin), and her step-grandmother (Margaret Goodwin), as follows:³⁰

Know all men by these presents that I John Bickford of Lisbon, in the County of Lincoln and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, yeoman, in my wife's rights, and I Sophia Bickford, wife to said John Bickford in my own rights . . . do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Josiah Burnham, his heirs . . . all the right, title and interest that we now have, ever had, or ever may have in and any part of the Estate of Samuel Goodwin late of said Durham, deceased, and particularly all the rights, title, and interest that was given to me the said Sophia, or the heirs of my Father Jonathan Goodwin, lait [*sic*] of said Durham.

The deed goes on to provide the following information:

My share in said Estate being one fourth part of one sixth, in common and undivided in which we are to have and receive and passes after the decease of Margaret Goodwin, wife of said Samuel Goodwin, Dec'd, which she is to have and enjoy during her life by the Provisions of the last will and testament aforesaid.

This deed shows that Sophia's father was Jonathan Goodwin of Durham, Maine, and her grandfather, also of Durham, was Samuel Goodwin, whose wife at the time of his death was Margaret Goodwin.

Stackpole's *History of Durham* states that Samuel Goodwin was born about 1738 and died in 1806.³¹ He married first, 26 November 1761, Elizabeth Libby,³² and married second, 13 April 1791, Margaret Haskell.³³ In his will he left his farm to six of his seven children after the decease of his wife Margaret. Later, the farm passed into the possession of Josiah Burnham. Stackpole names the seven children of Samuel as George, Mary, Samuel, William(?), Elizabeth, Jonathan, and Daniel. Those children can be documented as follows:

Children of Samuel and his 1st wife Elizabeth (Libby) Goodwin:

- i GEORGE GOODWIN, b. 12 April 1762 and bp. Scarborough 1st Church, 7 Aug. 1763,³⁴ d. Avon, Maine, 7 July 1855, aged 93 years, 3 months;³⁵ m. (1) North Yar-

³⁰ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 61:360–61.

³¹ All information in this paragraph on the Samuel Goodwin's family is based on Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194. Samuel Goodwin was the subject of an article in *The Maine Genealogist* 16(1994):90–92, by Dotty Seaman, "Samuel Goodwin of Wells and His Wife, Elizabeth Libby of Scarborough," but the subject matter was their parents, not their children or grandchildren.

³² "Records of the Second Congregational Church in Scarborough, Maine—Marriages," MHGR 4:32.

³³ Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194.

³⁴ Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194; "Records of the First Congregational Church in Scarborough, Maine—Admissions and Baptisms," MHGR 2:78 (hereafter cited as Scarborough 1st Church Records).

³⁵ Gravestone, Mile Square Cemetery, Avon, Maine.

- mouth, 24 Sept. 1786, MARY/MOLLEY DAVIS,³⁶ who d. 10 Oct. 1839;³⁷ reportedly m. (2) — JONES of Avon.³⁸
- ii MARY GOODWIN, b. 11 April 1765 and bp. Scarborough 1st Church, 5 June 1768,³⁹ d. 14 Nov. 1839, aged 74;⁴⁰ m. 30 Nov. 1786, JOHN VINING Jr.⁴¹
 - iii SAMUEL GOODWIN, bp. Scarborough 1st Church, 5 June 1768.⁴² He likely d. before his father's death in 1806, as no portion of his father's estate was allotted to him or to any heirs of him (see deeds below). (Note that this contradicts Stackpole, who stated that Samuel owned a large farm in Durham in 1820.⁴³)
 - iv WILLIAM GOODWIN, living in Brunswick in 1808 (see deed below). Stackpole included William in this family as a possible son, adding incorrectly "said to have died at sea. If so, before 1806."⁴⁴
 - v ELIZABETH/BETSEY GOODWIN, b. ca. 1767, d. Topsham, Maine, 26 May 1843, aged 76;⁴⁵ m. 28 Jan. 1791, JOHN CUSHING Jr.⁴⁶
 - vi JONATHAN GOODWIN, d. before 1811 (see Sophia's deed below); m. 26 April 1793, PERSIS SMITH.⁴⁷ She m. (2) Lisbon, 30 July 1811, Russell Hinkley.⁴⁸ [See family summary below.]
 - vii DANIEL LIBBY GOODWIN,⁴⁹ reportedly d. St Albans, Maine;⁵⁰ m. 1 March 1801, SARAH HASKELL.⁵¹

Although Sophia's father, Jonathan Goodwin, is found in both Goodwin's *The Goodwins of Kittery, York County, Maine*, and Stackpole's *History of Durham*, neither reference include the names of any of his children, so that until the deed was discovered, Sophia could not be placed in the Goodwin family.

A search through the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds showed that Samuel's heirs gradually sold his homestead farm to Josiah Burnham of Durham:

³⁶ Ruth Wilder Sherman, ed., *Vital Records of North Yarmouth, Maine, to the Year 1850*, 2nd ed. (Camden, Maine, 1980), 245.

³⁷ Gravestone, Mile Square Cemetery, Avon.

³⁸ Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194. A record of this marriage has not been located.

³⁹ Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194; Scarborough 1st Church Records, MHGR, 2:80.

⁴⁰ Gravestone, Old Town Cemetery, Durham.

⁴¹ Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194.

⁴² Scarborough 1st Church Records, MHGR 2:80.

⁴³ Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194.

⁴⁴ Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194.

⁴⁵ *Topsham VRs*, 2:311 citing gravestone, Riverview Cemetery.

⁴⁶ Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194.

⁴⁷ Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194.

⁴⁸ Groves, *Lisbon VRs*, 89.

⁴⁹ According to John Hayes Goodwin's *Daniel Goodwin of Ancient Kittery and His Descendants* (n.p., 1985), Daniel was b. Harpswell, Maine, 26 Oct. 1779.

⁵⁰ Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194. Although Daniel was a resident of St. Albans in 1860, aged 80 (John C. Goodwin household, 1860 U.S. Census, St. Albans, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 423, #30/30), some undocumented sources claim he died in Corinth, Maine, 30 May 1861.

⁵¹ Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194.

- 22 April 1808 Daniel Goodwin of Litchfield sold his share of the farm to Josiah Burnham.⁵²
- 20 May 1808 William Goodwin of Brunswick sold his share of the farm to Josiah Burnham.⁵³
- 7 March 1811 John and Sophia (Goodwin) Bickford of Lisbon sold their share of the farm to Josiah Burnham.⁵⁴
- 27 March 1812 George Goodwin of Durham sold his share of the farm to Josiah Burnham.⁵⁵
- 14 Aug. 1821 John and Mary Vining of Durham and John and Elizabeth Cushing of Durham sold their shares of the farm to Josiah Burnham.⁵⁶
- 24 Jan. 1825 Charles Goodwin of Monmouth and Aaron and Charlotte Hinkley of Monmouth sold their shares of the farm to Josiah Burnham.⁵⁷

Daniel Goodwin, William Goodwin, George Goodwin, Mary Vining, and Elizabeth Cushing were five of the six children of Samuel Goodwin. Jonathan Goodwin was the sixth heir, but he died before he could receive his inheritance. As a result, Jonathan's children inherited one sixth of the farm. When Jonathan's daughter Sophia and her husband, John Bickford, sold their portion of the farm, it was one fourth part of one sixth, suggesting that Jonathan had four children.⁵⁸ However, when Jonathan's son Charles Goodwin and his daughter Charlotte (Goodwin) Hinkley sold their combined portions fourteen years later, their property was bafflingly described as *two thirds of one sixth*, suggesting only three children.⁵⁹ His children's births are not recorded.

FAMILY SUMMARY

JONATHAN GOODWIN, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Libby) Goodwin, was deceased by 7 March 1811, when he was referred to as "my Father Jonathan Goodwin, lait [*sic*] of said Durham" in a deed signed by his daughter Sophia.⁶⁰ He married, 26 April 1793, PERSIS SMITH.⁶¹ Persis was born 9 February 1778, daughter of Jeremiah Smith.⁶² She may have been Jonathan's second wife since Jonathan's oldest daughter Sophia was possibly born as early as May 1790 (see discussion below). Persis married second in Lisbon, 30 July 1811, Russell Hinkley.⁶³

⁵² Cumberland Co. Deeds, 55:74.

⁵³ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 55:75.

⁵⁴ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 61:360–61.

⁵⁵ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 67:17–18.

⁵⁶ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 90:99–100.

⁵⁷ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 126:81.

⁵⁸ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 61:360–61.

⁵⁹ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 126:81.

⁶⁰ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 61:360–61.

⁶¹ Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194.

⁶² Stackpole, *History of Durham*, 194.

⁶³ Groves, *Lisbon VRs*, 89.

Known children of Jonathan Goodwin:⁶⁴

- i SOPHIA GOODWIN, birth date uncertain. Her gravestone suggests a birth in May 1790, her age given as 92 years, 9 months, at her death on 20 Feb. 1883.⁶⁵ The 1850 and 1860 censuses, however, imply birth years of ca. 1797 and 1795, respectively, while the 1870 and 1880 censuses imply a birth year of ca. 1790.⁶⁶ If b. ca. 1790, then her mother was prob. an unknown first wife of Jonathan Goodwin. Sophia m. about 1810, JOHN BICKFORD,⁶⁷ b. ca. March 1785, son of William and Eunice (Jordan) Bickford (see above), d. Bowdoin, 15 June 1862, aged 77 years, 3 months.⁶⁸ They were living in Lisbon in 1811 soon after their marriage,⁶⁹ in Bowdoin in 1840 and 1850, and in Rollinsford, N.H., in 1860, where John ran a boarding house. Sophia was living with her youngest son, Charles, in 1870 and 1880.⁷⁰

Children of John and Sophia (Goodwin) Bickford:

- 1 *Seward S. Bickford*, b. 31 Dec. 1811,⁷¹ d. 9 Dec. 1889;⁷² m. Lisbon, 8 July 1832 Eunice T. Proctor.⁷³ Seward was a farmer and laborer, and lived at different times in Lisbon, Bowdoin, and Brunswick.⁷⁴ 6 children.⁷⁵
- 2 *Eliza J. Bickford*, b. 11 April 1815,⁷⁶ d. 2 July 1870, aged 55 years, 2 months, 21 days;⁷⁷ m. Reuben Ridley.⁷⁸ Reuben was a ship carpenter in Brunswick in 1850 and in Somersworth, N.H., in 1860, and he worked in a cotton mill in Lewiston in 1870.⁷⁹ 4 children.⁸⁰

⁶⁴ As discussed above, the contradictory deeds make the existence of a fourth child uncertain. No records have been found that identify such a child.

⁶⁵ Gravestone, Hix Small Cemetery, Bowdoin.

⁶⁶ John Bickford households, 1840–1850 U.S. Censuses, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 315 (1840); p. 323, #54/54 (1850); 1860 U.S. Census, Rollinsford, Strafford Co., N.H., p. 232, #161/180; Charles B. Bickford households, 1870 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 341, #139/122; 1880 U.S. Census, Lisbon, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 367B, #189/227.

⁶⁷ Based on birth date of first child.

⁶⁸ Gravestone, Hix Small Cemetery, Bowdoin.

⁶⁹ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 61:360–61.

⁷⁰ See note 66.

⁷¹ David C. Young, “Early Families of Sabattus, Androscoggin County Maine” (1998), online at <<http://files.usgwarchives.net/me/androscoggin/sabattus/families/bfiles.txt>>, (hereafter cited as Young, “Early Families of Sabattus”).

⁷² Gravestone, Lisbon Cemetery.

⁷³ Groves, *Lisbon VRs*, 364.

⁷⁴ Seward Bickford households, 1840 U.S. Census, Lisbon, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 348; 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 334, #198/198; 1870 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 56, #90/93; and 1880 U.S. Census, Lisbon, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 382D, #467/525.

⁷⁵ Groves, *Lisbon VRs*, 167, records all children except Samuel who d. young.

⁷⁶ Rachel Townsend Cox, *Bowdoin, Maine Vital Records*, 3 vols. (n.p., 1944–45), 1:169 (hereafter cited as *Bowdoin VRs*), reports an incorrect birth date of 11 April 1825. See Glenn D. Nasman, “Identifying Sophia (Ridley) Peacock, First Wife of Aaron Peacock of Litchfield, Maine”, *The Maine Genealogist* (2007), 29:164, note 39.

⁷⁷ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:107, citing gravestone, Hix Small Cemetery.

⁷⁸ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:146, no date given.

⁷⁹ Reuben Ridley households, 1850 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 250, #737/837; 1860 U.S. Census, Somersworth, Strafford Co., N.H., p. 314, #552/630; George A. Doyle household, 1870 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 292, #579/700.

- 3 *Jonathan/John Libby Bickford*, b. ca. 1819, d. 27 Aug. 1860, aged 41 years;⁸¹ m. 6 Sept. 1840 Ruth Ridley.⁸² He was a farmer in Bowdoin and Lewiston.⁸³ In her widowhood, Ruth lived with her children in Bowdoin.⁸⁴ 10 children.⁸⁵
- 4 *George H. Bickford*, b. 1822.⁸⁶ No further record found.
- 5 *Frances Bickford*, b. Bowdoin, Nov. 1827;⁸⁷ d. Richmond, Maine, 9 Dec. 1906, aged 78 years, 11 months, 11 days;⁸⁸ m. ca. 1850, James H. Webber.⁸⁹ James and Frances lived in Richmond, where he was a ship carpenter.⁹⁰ 3 children.⁹¹
- 6 *David Bickford*, b. 19 Oct. 1832,⁹² d. 8 Jan. 1897;⁹³ m. Webster, Maine, 10 March 1869, Lydia Goodwin.⁹⁴ He served in Co. A, 2nd Mass. Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.⁹⁵ David lived in Auburn where he was a steam/gas fitter; in her widowhood, Lydia lived with her younger sister, Clara Goodwin, in Auburn.⁹⁶ At least 2 children who d. young.⁹⁷
- 7 *Thomas Bickford*, b. ca. 1834, d. Norton Twp., Muskegon Co., Mich. 13 July 1916, aged 82 years;⁹⁸ m. Emeline Small.⁹⁹ Thomas was a laborer living in Jefferson Twp., Allen Co., Ind., in 1860, a teamster in Benona Twp., Oceana Co., Mich., in 1870, and in Summit Twp., Mason Co., Mich., in 1880, while he was a boarder in Leavitt Twp., Oceana Co., Mich. in 1910.¹⁰⁰ At least 4 children.¹⁰¹

⁸⁰ Determined from census data, see note 79.

⁸¹ *Bowdoin VRs*, 2:35 citing gravestone, Hix Small Cemetery.

⁸² Bickford and Bartlett, *Early Bowdoin Families*, 79.

⁸³ John L. Bickford household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 334, #200/200; Jonathan L. "Bicford" household, 1860 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Maine, p. 320, #315/350.

⁸⁴ Ruth Bickford household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Sagadahoc Co., Maine; Hosea H. Bickford household, 1880 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 88B, #84/91.

⁸⁵ Determined from census data, see note 83.

⁸⁶ Young, "Early Families of Sabattus."

⁸⁷ 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 90).

⁸⁸ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

⁸⁹ 1860 U.S. Census data (see note 90), 1st child b. ca. 1851.

⁹⁰ James H. Webber households, 1860–1880 U.S. Censuses, Richmond, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 501, #31/35 (1860); p. 423, #255/270 (1870); p. 177A, #472/512 (1880); Frances Webber household, 1900 U.S. Census, Richmond, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 169B, #196/202.

⁹¹ 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 90).

⁹² Gravestone, Lisbon Ridge Cemetery.

⁹³ Gravestone, Lisbon Ridge Cemetery.

⁹⁴ *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:21; m. (int.) Lisbon, 10 Oct. 1868 (Groves, *Lisbon VRs*, 262).

⁹⁵ Gravestone, Lisbon Ridge Cemetery.

⁹⁶ David Bickford household, 1880 U.S. Census, Auburn, Androscoggin Co., Maine; p. 35B, #26/387/542; Lydia A. Bickford households, 1920 and 1930 U.S. Censuses, Auburn, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 126B, #96/166/244 (1920); p. 98B, #65/38/83 (1930).

⁹⁷ Gravestones for 2 children found in Lisbon Ridge Cemetery.

⁹⁸ Michigan Death and Burial Index, Ancestry.com.

⁹⁹ Marriage record not found, but a photo of Thomas and Emeline (Small) Bickford is found online at: <www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mebowdoi/prphotos.html>.

¹⁰⁰ Thomas Bickford households, 1860 U.S. Census, Jefferson, Allen Co., Ind., p. 629, #330/331; 1870 U.S. Census, Benona Twp, Oceana Co., Mich., p. 636, #11/11; 1880 U.S. Census, Summit, Mason Co., Mich., p. 461D, #75/81; Thomas Gilpin household, 1910 U.S. Census, Leavitt, Oceana Co., Mich., p. 145B, #135/138.

- 8 *Charles B. Bickford*, b. Bowdoin, Sept. 1835,¹⁰² d. Lisbon, 14 Sept. 1907, aged 71 years, 11 months;¹⁰³ m. (int.) Somersworth, N.H., 4 Nov. 1854, Mary D. Carr.¹⁰⁴ Charles was a farmer and butcher in Bowdoin prior to moving to a farm in Lisbon by 1880.¹⁰⁵ 14 children.¹⁰⁶
- ii CHARLES GOODWIN, b. ca. May 1801, d. 13 Dec. 1843, aged 42 years, 7 months;¹⁰⁷ m. Harpswell, 3 Jan. 1819, OLIVE TRUFANT,¹⁰⁸ her parentage unknown. In 1840 Charles Goodwin was living in Monmouth, aged 40–49, with a female 40–49, a male 20–29, a male 15–19, a male 5–9, and a female 10–14.¹⁰⁹
- Children of Charles and Olive (Trufant) Goodwin, possibly others:
- 1 *Libby Goodwin*, b. ca. 1821, d. aft. 1850; m. Nancy —. Libby was a farmer in Monmouth in 1850. At least 4 children.¹¹⁰
 - 2 *Charles W. Goodwin*, b. Monmouth, 5 Oct. 1823,¹¹¹ d. 24 Sept. 1873, aged 50;¹¹² m. 10 Jan. 1849, Lydia Adelaide Andrews.¹¹³ Charles was a blacksmith in Monmouth in 1860 and a clerk in a store there in 1870, while Lydia was living with a nephew there in 1910.¹¹⁴ No children.¹¹⁵
 - 3 *Deborah Goodwin*, b. ca. 1828, d. Monmouth, 19 March 1833, aged 5.¹¹⁶
- iii CHARLOTTE GOODWIN, b. ca. 1802,¹¹⁷ d. 17 June 1873, aged 71 years;¹¹⁸ m. Monmouth, 30 Dec. 1819, AARON HINKLEY,¹¹⁹ b. Litchfield, Maine, 14 Dec.

¹⁰¹ 1870 U.S. Census data (see note 100).

¹⁰² Death record (place of birth); Charles B. Bickford household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lisbon, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 168A, #125/126.

¹⁰³ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com.

¹⁰⁴ New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659–1947, Ancestry.com.

¹⁰⁵ Charles B. Bickford households, 1870 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 341, #139/122; 1880 and 1900 U.S. Censuses, Lisbon, Androscoggin Co., Maine, p. 367B, #189/227 (1880); p. 168A, #125/126 (1900).

¹⁰⁶ 1900 U.S. Census (see note 105), stating Mary was the mother of 14 children, 9 then living.

¹⁰⁷ Gravestone, South Monmouth Cemetery.

¹⁰⁸ Ancestry World Tree entry, citing Harpswell VRs, Book 1. Charles N. Sinnett, *Our Thompson Family in Maine, New Hampshire, and the West* (1907), 170 (hereafter cited as Sinnett, *Thompson Family*), states that Charles W. Goodwin, husband of Lydia Andrews, was the son of Charles and Olive (Trufant) Goodwin.

¹⁰⁹ Charles Goodwin household, 1840 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 211.

¹¹⁰ All information from Libby Goodwin household, 1850 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 60, #96/100.

¹¹¹ Sinnett, *Thompson Family*, 170.

¹¹² Gravestone, Ridge Cemetery, Monmouth, Maine; Sinnett, *Thompson Family*, 170.

¹¹³ Sinnett, *Thompson Family*, 170.

¹¹⁴ Charles W. Goodwin households, 1860 and 1870 U.S. Censuses, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 44, #354/401 (1860); p. 382, #186/195 (1870); Ernest C. Andrews household, 1910 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 165A, #185/187.

¹¹⁵ 1910 U.S. Census data (see note 114); Sinnett, *Thompson Family*, 170. Olive P. Goodwin, aged 14, living with them in 1860, was a niece, the daughter of his older brother Libby. Newspaper clipping, *Lewiston Evening Journal*, 11 Aug. 1922, relates that Mrs. Olive Goodwin Bunker “passed many of her girlhood days in Monmouth at the home of her uncle, the late Charles Goodwin.”

¹¹⁶ Gravestone, South Monmouth Cemetery.

¹¹⁷ An undocumented Ancestry World Tree submission gives b. Durham, 5 April 1802. Son Oliver’s Maine death record indicates she was born in Auburn, but that is unlikely.

1796, son of Benjamin and Esther (Sargent) Hinkley,¹²⁰ d. Monmouth, 18 Dec. 1852, aged 56.¹²¹ Aaron served as a private in Capt. Torsey's Co., Lt. Col. Blaisdell's Regiment from 13 Sept. to 26 Sept. 1814.¹²² They lived in Monmouth in 1825,¹²³ and were still there in 1850, when Aaron was a farmer. Charlotte was living there in 1860 as a housekeeper in the home of Phineas Blake.¹²⁴

Children of Aaron and Charlotte (Goodwin) Hinkley, recorded Monmouth:¹²⁵

- 1 *Oliver Hinkley*, b. 10 Sept. 1820, d. Harpswell, 5 July 1896, aged 76 years, 10 months;¹²⁶ m. Monmouth, 14 Jan. 1849, Caroline Frances Edwards.¹²⁷ Oliver was a farmer in Monmouth and lived next door to his father there in 1850; Caroline was living with two children in Harpswell in 1900.¹²⁸ 5 children.¹²⁹
- 2 *Esther Coombs Hinkley*, b. 4 Dec. 1822, d. 15 April 1845, aged 22; unmarried.¹³⁰
- 3 *Clarissa Hinkley*, b. 2 March 1825, d. 30 May 1844, aged 19; unmarried.¹³¹
- 4 *Aaron Hinkley*, b. 17 June 1827, d. 16 March 1843, aged 15 years, 9 months.¹³²
- 5 *Silas Erastus Hinkley*, b. 16 June 1829, d. 5 Dec. 1862, aged 33 (gravestone), or 30 Oct. 1863 (Civil War record);¹³³ m. (int.) Monmouth, 7 Sept. 1851, Julia Ann Thayer.¹³⁴ Silas was a house joiner in Monmouth in 1860; Julia lived with her son Willis in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1900.¹³⁵ He enlisted, 21 Aug. 1861, as a sergeant in Co. K, 7th Maine Infantry Regiment.¹³⁶ 4 children.¹³⁷

¹¹⁸ Gravestone, South Monmouth Cemetery.

¹¹⁹ *Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities: Town of Monmouth*, Picton Press CD-Rom, (Rockport, Maine, 2005), CD1, image 94 (hereafter cited as Monmouth VRs CD).

¹²⁰ Oliver Barrett Clason, *History of Litchfield, Maine* (Augusta, Maine, 1897), 164.

¹²¹ Gravestone, South Monmouth Cemetery.

¹²² *Records of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia . . . During the War of 1812–14* (Boston, 1913), 169.

¹²³ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 126:81.

¹²⁴ Aaron Hinkley household, 1850 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 60, #99/103; Phineas Blake household, 1860 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 38, #299/344.

¹²⁵ Monmouth VRs CD, CD2, image 170.

¹²⁶ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com; gravestone, West Harpswell Cemetery.

¹²⁷ Monmouth VRs CD, CD1, image 193.

¹²⁸ Oliver Hinkley households, 1850, 1860 and 1880 U.S. Censuses, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 60, #98/102 (1850); p. 101, #87/97 (1860); p. 335C, #316/351 (1880); Charles Hinkley household, 1900 U.S. Census, Harpswell, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 260, #290/296.

¹²⁹ 1900 U.S. Census data (see note 128).

¹³⁰ Gravestone, South Monmouth Cemetery.

¹³¹ Monmouth VRs CD, CD1, image 186; gravestone, South Monmouth Cemetery.

¹³² Gravestone, South Monmouth Cemetery; his death entered 5 April 1845 in the Monmouth records (Monmouth VRs CD, CD2, image 183), but date of death not recorded.

¹³³ Gravestone, South Monmouth Cemetery; U.S., Adjutant General Military Records, 1631–1976, Ancestry.com.

¹³⁴ Monmouth VRs CD, CD2, image 32.

¹³⁵ Silas E. Hinkley household, 1860 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 44, #350/397; Willis Hinkley household, 1900 U.S. Census, Buffalo, Erie Co., New York, p. 91A, #84/24/32.

¹³⁶ U.S., Adjutant General Military Records, 1631–1976, Ancestry.com; gravestone, Monmouth Center Cemetery.

¹³⁷ 1900 U.S. Census data, see note 135.

- 6 *Andrew Jackson Hinkley*, b. 27 June 1831, d. aft. 1900; m. (int.) Leeds, Maine, 13 April 1855, Mary A. Newton of Leeds.¹³⁸ Andrew was a house joiner in Monmouth in 1860 living next door to his brother Silas, a woodworker in Worcester, Mass., in 1870, and a pattern maker there in 1880 and 1900; Mary was living with her son Adelbert in Cranston, R.I., in 1910, and with her other son Charles in Berkeley, Calif., in 1920.¹³⁹ Two children.¹⁴⁰
- 7 *Mary Freeman Hinkley*, b. 15 March 1834, d. before 1860, when her husband was living without a wife;¹⁴¹ m. (int.) Monmouth, 24 Oct. 1853, John Blake.¹⁴² John was a farmer in Monmouth in 1850 and 1860.¹⁴³ No children found.
- 8 *Eleanor True Hinkley*, b. 30 April 1836. No further record found.
- 9 *Martin Van Buren Hinkley*, b. 3 Feb. 1839, d. 16 June 1864, aged 25 years, 4 months.¹⁴⁴
- 10 *Charles Henry Hinkley*, b. 3 Feb. 1841, d. 12 May 1864, killed in the Battle of Spotsylvania, aged 23 years;¹⁴⁵ never married. He was living with his brother Oliver in 1860, aged 18.¹⁴⁶ He enlisted in Co. K, 7th Maine Infantry Regiment, 21 Aug. 1862, and was promoted to corporal and then sergeant.¹⁴⁷
- 11 *Charlotte Hinkley*, b. 21 April 1844, d. 29 Aug. 1844, aged 4 months.¹⁴⁸
- 12 *Aaron Hinkley*, b. 29 April 1846, d. 5 April 1850, aged 4 years.¹⁴⁹

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¹³⁸ *Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities: Town of Leeds*, Picton Press CD-Rom, (Rockport, Maine, 2005), image 58.

¹³⁹ Andrew J. Hinkley/Hinckley households, 1860 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 44, #351/398; 1870–1900 U.S. Censuses, Worcester, Worcester Co., Mass., p. 90, #281/435 (1870); p. 434C, #113/120/157 (1880); p. 78A, #101/36/89 (1900); Adelbert "Hinckley" household, 1910 U.S. Census, Cranston, Providence Co., R.I., p. 119B, #154/260/359; Charles E. Hinkley household, 1920 U.S. Census, Berkeley, Alameda Co., Calif., p. 213B, #1418/284/320.

¹⁴⁰ 1910 U.S. Census data (see note 139).

¹⁴¹ An undocumented submission to Ancestry World Tree gives her death as 27 April 1855.

¹⁴² Monmouth VRs CD, CD2, image 37.

¹⁴³ Dearborn Blake household, 1850 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 58, #73/76;

Jon^aC. Blake household, 1860 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 20, #161/188.

¹⁴⁴ Gravestone, South Monmouth Cemetery.

¹⁴⁵ Memorial stone inscription, South Monmouth Cemetery.

¹⁴⁶ Oliver Hinkley household, 1860 U.S. Census, Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 101, #87/97.

¹⁴⁷ U.S., Adjutant General Military Records, 1631–1976, Ancestry.com.

¹⁴⁸ Gravestone, South Monmouth Cemetery.

¹⁴⁹ Gravestone, South Monmouth Cemetery.

THE DESCENDANTS OF WALTER/HANS AND ELIZABETH
(FORREST) DALZELL OF LONDONDERRY, IRELAND,
AND WELLS, MAINE

And the Many “Forrests” on the Family Tree

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A 1903 memoir, written for New England Historical and Genealogical Society life member Edward Payson Burnham of Kennebunk, Maine, notes that his great-great grandparents, Walter and Elizabeth (Forrest) Dalzell, were immigrants with the party that came over from Londonderry, Ireland, in 1722.¹ The Dalzells were likely among the group of other Protestant Irish families that began arriving in Wells, Maine, at this time. From the church records come the names of these immigrants as they and their children received baptism. These included Thomas Boothby, Henry Boothby and his wife, and William Jepson, wife Elizabeth, and son William, all from Mog-Water [probably Moywater, now Killala, County Mayo], Thomas Kilpatrick, wife Margaret, and children Christopher, Jeremiah, and Mary, and Robert Page and wife Mavran from Donathkeedy [probably Donaghadee, County Down], Andrew Symington and wife Ann, George Symington and daughter Mary, and Ann Weer from Strabarre-Derg [probably Strabane, County Tyrone], Bryce McLellan, wife Jane, and children Jane, John, Samuel, George, and William from Ballymony Adimplop [probably Ballymoney, county Londonderry], and John Ross and daughter Ann from Sligo.² In his history of the town of Wells, Bourne notes that all brought wives and families with them and became good and valuable citizens.³

Walter, also known as Hans, does not appear in the Maine records until 27 April 1734, when “Hans Dalzel” witnessed the will of Sarah Sayer, widow of William Sayer of Wells.⁴ This will, the will of their son Forrest, and the memoir of their great-great-grandson Edward Payson Burnham are all that document the presence of Hans and Elizabeth Dalzell in New England. There is no record that they joined the church or purchased land, there is no record of the births of any children, and there is no record of their deaths. Their two sons, James and Forrest, are not known to have married or had children. Hence the name *Dalzell* does not survive in the York County records beyond the eighteenth century.

¹ “Memoir of Edward Payson Burnham,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 57(1903):liv–il.

² “Records of the First Church of Wells, Me.,” NEHGR 75(1921):52–56 (hereafter cited as Wells Church Recs.).

³ Edward E. Bourne, *The History of Wells and Kennebunk from the Earliest Settlement to the Year 1820, at Which Time Kennebunk Was Set Off, and Incorporated* (Portland, Maine, 1875), 312 (hereafter cited as Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk*).

⁴ William M. Sargent, comp., *Maine Wills, 1640–1760* (Portland, 1887), 359, citing York Co. Probate Records, 4:226 (hereafter cited as Sargent, *Maine Wills*).

Their three daughters, however, Grace Burnham, Anne Eaton, and Margaret Emery, provided them with thirty grandchildren. While Walter's surname of *Dalzell* did not survive, it is interesting to note that Elizabeth's surname of *Forrest* persisted into the twentieth century. The distinctive name *Forrest* appears again and again as a given name, particularly in the Emery and Eaton families. This genealogy will document the first three generations of the Dalzell family in Maine and include some additional *Forrests* that appear on the family tree. In some cases the given name *Forrest* provided an important clue in determining the proper placement.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

WALTER¹ DALZELL is said to have come from Londonderry, Ireland, in 1722 with wife, Elizabeth, and probably with sons James and Forrest and daughter Grace.⁵ Given the gaps between the births of the known children, there were possibly others. Walter died, probably in Wells, Maine, after 25 August 1740, when he was mentioned in the will of his son, Forrest. He married, probably in Ireland before 1708, ELIZABETH FORREST. She died, probably in Wells, after 25 August 1740, when she was mentioned in the will of her son Forrest.

Children of Walter and Elizabeth (Forrest) Dalzell, birth order uncertain:

- i **JAMES² DALZELL**. Since James witnessed a deed in 1729, he was probably b. before 1708. On 6 Oct. 1729, James, then of Wells, witnessed a deed in which Joseph Littlefield sold his rights to a sawmill on the Kennebunk River to Jonathan Littlefield.⁶ In his Kennebunkport history, Bradbury, writing in 1837, noted only that James was the brother of Forrest and resided in Wells.⁷ James likely d. before 25 Aug. 1740, when he was not mentioned in the will of his brother Forrest.
- ii **FORREST DALZELL**. Since Forrest purchased land in 1732, he was probably b. before 1711. He d. in Dec. 1741, probably in the West Indies [see below]. On 10 Feb. 1732, Forrest bought 50 acres of upland in Arundel from Samuel and Hannah Morgan.⁸ On 22 Oct. 1733, he was still called "of Wells" when he purchased 10 acres on the Saco Road that leads from Wells to Saco Falls from John Murphy.⁹ On 10 April 1735, "Forrest Delzel of Wells" purchased another ten acres in Arundel from Thomas Perkins.¹⁰ Bradbury provides a brief account of Forrest, noting that he

⁵ The prospects for finding the Irish origins of this family are not promising. Due to the destruction of civil records during the Battle of Dublin in 1922, only fragments of Londonderry records during this time period are known to exist. Church of England/Ireland records are similarly scarce. My thanks to Jaqueline Tritsch for checking on the availability of Londonderry (Derry) records.

⁶ York County, Maine, Register of Deeds, *York Deeds*, 18 vols. in 19 (Portland, 1887–1910), 13:218 (hereafter cited as *York Deeds*).

⁷ Charles Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port: From Its Discovery by Bartholomew Gosnold, May 14, 1602, to A.D. 1837* (Kennebunk, 1837), 238 (hereafter cited as Bradbury, *History of Kennebunk Port*).

⁸ *York Deeds*, 14:537–38.

⁹ *York Deeds*, 16:287.

¹⁰ *York Deeds*, 17:243.

was b. in Wells [*sic*], was a saddler, that he never married, and that he only resided in Arundel for a very short time.¹¹

Forrest had moved to Providence by 10 June 1738, when Samuel Littlefield of Wells sold land to “Forrest Dalzel of Providence, Rhode Island.”¹² Forrest d. in Dec. 1741. His will, dated 25 Aug. 1740, notes that he was “in good health and of a sound memory . . . but being bound in his majesty’s service in an expedition against some of the King of Spain’s dominions in the West Indies, and considering the mortality of my Body and that it is appointed for all to dye do make and ordain this my last will and testament.”¹³ This expedition very likely refers to the efforts of the British to acquire Spanish settlements in the West Indies. As His Majesty had been “pleased to make a declaration of war against the King of Spain” in May 1740, the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode Island passed an act for the “raising and enlisting of a number of soldiers to be transported to the West Indies for his Majesty’s service . . . to make an attempt upon some of their most considerable settlements in the West Indies.”¹⁴ Three months after this act was passed by the General Assembly, Forrest Dalzell wrote his will. It seems that Dalzell was possibly part of the ensuing expedition against the Spaniards, and this may have been the cause of his untimely death.

Forrest left his three sisters, “Grace Burnham, Margret Dalzel, and Ann Dalzel . . . all of his lands lying upon Saco Road in the Township of Arundel to be equally divided among them.” He further left his sister Margaret all his wearing apparel and household goods and thirty pounds in money. He gave his “honoured father and mother, Hans Dalzel and Elizabeth Dalzel,” all the remainder of his estate. He also appointed his father sole executor. The relationships between Forrest and his sisters are further established in a deed executed in York Co. on 28 June 1758. Margaret, wife of Samuel Emery, and Anne, wife of Joshua Eaton, sold land that they had inherited from their deceased brother, Forrest Dalzell, to James Burnham, the husband of their sister Grace.¹⁵

- 2 iii GRACE DALZELL, b. prob. Ireland, 1 April 1716;¹⁶ m. JAMES BURNHAM.
3 iv ANNE DALZELL, b. prob. Maine, about 1727; m. JOSHUA EATON.
4 v MARGARET DALZELL, b. prob. Maine, about 1729; m. SAMUEL EMERY.

2 **GRACE² DALZELL** (*Walter*¹) was born 1 April 1716, probably in Ireland, and died in Kennebunk, 3 July 1808.¹⁷ She married in Wells, 23 December 1736,

¹¹ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 238.

¹² *York Deeds*, 20:198.

¹³ Providence [R.I.] Town Council Records, 4:40–41. My sincere thanks to Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, FASG, for tracking down this will.

¹⁴ John Russell Bartlett, *Records of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in New England*, Volume IV: 1707 to 1740 (Providence, 1859), 573.

¹⁵ York Co. Deeds, 34:135.

¹⁶ “Arundel Records,” *York County Genealogical Society Journal* [YCGSJ] 13(1998):42. Her name is transcribed as Grace Dehell Burnham. Unfortunately her *place* of birth was not recorded.

¹⁷ “Arundel Records,” YCGSJ 13(1998):42.

JAMES BURNHAM.¹⁸ He was born in Wells, 24 September 1710,¹⁹ the illegitimate son of James Burnham and Elizabeth Denmark,²⁰ and died in Kennebunk, 5 November 1787.²¹

James and Grace Burnham removed from Wells to Arundel [now Kennebunkport] about 1739.²² James's will, devised 15 October and probated 26 November 1787, mentions his wife, children, and grandchildren. He left his wife, Grace, one third of the improvement of his home farm, free of all encumbrances, one third of all of the buildings thereon and of the movables out and indoors and utensils, one quarter of the income of his sawmill on the Kennebunk River, and one third of the pew in the Arundel Meeting House.²³

Children of James and Grace² (Dalzell) Burnham:²⁴

- i JAMES³ BURNHAM, b. Wells, 17 Oct. 1737, d. Goats Island, Arundel, 8 Aug. 1782; m. (1) Arundel, 15 May 1750, HANNAH MERRILL, b. about 1736, daughter of John and Mary (Hutchins) Merrill, d. Arundel, 17 March 1776, aged 40.²⁵ James m. (2) Arundel, 26 Dec. 1776, JANE (STONE) WILDES,²⁶ daughter of Dixey and Mary (Curtis) Stone and widow of John Wildes.²⁷ James had eight children with first wife Hannah, and one child with second wife, Jane.²⁸

James was a devoted patriot. In Sept. 1768, he was chosen as the Arundel delegate to attend a convention at Boston's Faneuil Hall to discuss the growing controversy between Great Britain and the American colonies.²⁹ In Dec. 1774 he was a member of a "committee of inspection" instructed to "proceed in the trust reposed

¹⁸ Hope Moody Shelley, ed., *Vital Records of Wells, Maine, 1619–1950*, (Rockport, Maine, 2005), 14 (hereafter cited as Shelley, *Wells VRs*). Her surname is spelled "Dalzel" in the marriage record and "Delzal" in the 4 Dec. 1736 intentions (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 20).

¹⁹ L.M. Yerkes and G.W. Yerkes, "Kennebunk and Kennebunkport Vital Records Prior to 1892," CD (n.p., 2005) (hereafter cited as Yerkes and Yerkes, *Kennebunk and Kennebunkport VRs*), citing Kennebunkport VRs, 1:508.

²⁰ James Burnham, "late soldier at Wells, was accused Oct. term 1710 by Elizabeth Denmark as father of James Burnham of Arundel, who married Grace Dalzell and was stepson of Peter Rich" (Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [Portland, Maine, 1928–39], 120).

²¹ "Arundel Records," YCGSJ 13(1998):42.

²² Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 231.

²³ John Eldridge Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2 vols. (Camden, Maine, 1991), 15/42, citing York Co. Probate Records, 15:52 (hereafter cited as Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*).

²⁴ "Arundel Records," YCGSJ 13(1998):42. The Burnham family is listed together and includes three generations. In addition to birth dates, the record also includes death dates for James, Grace, James Jr., Samuel, the first Forrest, Moses, and Elizabeth. These dates were possibly provided by son Seth, the town clerk, whose family record immediately follows.

²⁵ "Arundel Records," YCGSJ, 13(1998):41.

²⁶ "A Book of the Records of the Church of Christ (Now First Congregational) in Arundel, (Kennebunkport) Maine," NEHGR 108(1954):121.

²⁷ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 278.

²⁸ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 231; "Arundel Records," YCGSJ 13(1998):41.

²⁹ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 165.

in them, according to the advice of the Provincial Congress held at Cambridge.”³⁰ James was also a Revolutionary War soldier, commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant, 29 March 1776. The following year he was stationed below Providence, R.I., under the command of Gen. Sullivan.³¹ In 1778 he served as a captain in the 7th company, 3rd York Co. regiment of Mass. Militia.³² Unfortunately, he is most distinguished by being the only American casualty of the Battle of Cape Porpoise. On 8 Aug. 1782, a British sloop of 18 guns attacked a small force of inhabitants gathered on Goat Island and was driven away by severe musket fire, losing 17 men. Two months later, a Boston newspaper, the *New-England Chronicle*, noted: “Captain James Burnham, about 46 years of age, was killed, in the close of the engagement, with a musquet ball through his breast, causing instant death. In him the town mourns the loss of a steady, judicious, faithful honest man, his aged parents of a dutiful son, and his bereaved family, of an affectionate friend and patron.”³³ James died insolvent, and his father’s will of 15 Oct. 1787 left the creditors of his estate 26 acres from the northwest end of his lot in Arundel, then in possession of his grandson, John Burnham. John “son of the late James Burnham, deceased,” was to have the remainder of 58½ acres, of which 26 acres was taken in joint tenancy with 16½ acres belonging to his sister Grace Burnham, provided that Jane, widow of said James, have improvement of one third while she was his widow.

- ii SAMUEL BURNHAM, b. 7 May 1739 and bp. Wells, 17 June 1739,³⁴ d. Arundel, 4 Aug. 1809; m. SUSANNAH LORD, daughter of Benjamin Meeds and Mary (March) Lord,³⁵ d. after 9 Sept. 1809 when her husband’s will was probated.³⁶

Samuel was a Revolutionary War soldier, a sergeant in Capt. James Hubbard’s company, Col. Ephraim Doolittle’s (24th) regiment. An order for a bounty coat or its equivalent in money is dated Winter Hill [Cambridge, Mass.], 30 Oct. 1775.³⁷

Bradbury, writing in 1837, remarks that Samuel later removed to Alewife [a section of Wells], where his descendants “now reside.”³⁸ His father’s will of 15 Oct. 1787 left Samuel 105 acres already in his possession in Wells adjacent to the parsonage and land of Ezekiel Walker, on both sides of the highway extending to Alewife [Alewife] Brook.

Samuel Burnham, yeoman of Wells, left a will, dated 1 June 1809, and probated 9 Sept. 1809. He mentioned his wife, Susannah, and left her half his real estate, both land and buildings, the east half of his house which he then occupied, and half his pew in the Baptist Meeting House in Lyman. Children mentioned included Abra-

³⁰ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 167.

³¹ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 300.

³² *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908) 2:876 (hereafter cited as *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*)

³³ *The New-England Chronicle*, 3 Oct. 1782, vol. XV, issue 761, p. 1.

³⁴ Wells Church Recs., NEHGR 75(1921):109.

³⁵ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 260.

³⁶ Joseph C. Anderson II, *York County, Maine, Will Abstracts, 1801–1858*, 2 vols. (Camden, Maine, 1997), 1:114–15, citing York Co. Probate Records, 22:197 (hereafter cited as Anderson, *York Co. Will Abstracts*).

³⁷ *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 2:879.

³⁸ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 232.

ham, Isaac, Susannah, Lydia Harmon (wife of Benjamin Harmon), and two deceased daughters, Mary Thompson and Lucy Cleaves.³⁹

- iii **FORREST BURNHAM**, b. 26 Dec 1741 [*sic*: prob. should be 1740], bp. Wells, 14 June 1741,⁴⁰ d. Arundel, 26 Dec. 1749.⁴¹
- iv **ISAAC BURNHAM**, b. 25 Feb. 1743; m. **ANNA MERRILL**, daughter of John and Mary (Hutchins) Merrill and sister of Hannah who married Isaac's brother James.⁴² In the will of his father, Isaac was bequeathed one half of the 105 acres of land in his possession on the road to the "Desarts" in Arundel, as well as half of 24 acres on the north side adjacent to Drakes [Island?] and half of five acres by the sea wall, his younger brother Forrest to have the other half. 9 children, none named Forrest.⁴³
- v **MOSES BURNHAM**, b. 9 April 1745, d. 4 Feb. 1820.⁴⁴ Moses was blind,⁴⁵ a fact borne out by his father's will, in which it was noted that Moses was to be comfortably supported by his brother Seth, who received the homestead, but if Moses chose to live elsewhere, Seth would be released of the obligation, but if Seth were to treat him callously, Seth would pay him annual support, objectively determined. Moses also received a privilege for life in his father's pew in the Arundel Meeting House.
- vi **JACOB BURNHAM**, b. 12 May 1747, d. prob. Kennebunkport, March 1828, age 81 years;⁴⁶ m. Arundel, 18 Oct. 1770, **MARY GOODWIN**.⁴⁷

Neither Bradbury nor John Samuel Goodwin venture to name Mary's parents,⁴⁸ but of the Goodwins known to be residing in Arundel at the time, though not proven, Solomon and Abigail (Hooper) Goodwin are the most likely couple to be the unrecorded parents of Mary. Three Goodwin brothers, Nathaniel, Benjamin, and Solomon, came from Berwick to Arundel about 1745. Nathaniel's daughter Mary married Nathaniel Wakefield.⁴⁹ Benjamin's daughter Mary married Noah Cluff.⁵⁰ That leaves only Solomon and Abigail Goodwin, who m. Berwick, 5 June 1747,⁵¹ and would likely have been bearing children around 1750, when this particular Mary Goodwin was probably born. Naming patterns offer some circumstantial evidence. Solomon and Abigail Goodwin gave one of their known sons the very dis-

³⁹ Anderson, *York Co. Will Abstracts*, 1:114–15, citing York Co. Probate Records, 22:197.

⁴⁰ Wells Church Recs., NEHGR 75(1921):109.

⁴¹ Yerkes and Yerkes, *Kennebunk and Kennebunkport VRs*.

⁴² Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 262.

⁴³ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 231–32.

⁴⁴ Yerkes and Yerkes, *Kennebunk and Kennebunkport VRs*, citing Kennebunkport VRs, 1:508.

⁴⁵ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 231–32.

⁴⁶ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 292.

⁴⁷ Joseph P. Thompson, "Records of the First Parish Church of Kennebunk, including records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1750–1890" (Mss, Maine Historical Society Library, Mv K37), p. 34 (hereafter cited as Thompson, Kennebunk Church Recs.)

⁴⁸ John Samuel Goodwin, *The Goodwins of Kittery, York County, Maine* (Chicago, 1898), 80 (hereafter cited as Goodwin, *Goodwins of Kittery*). John Samuel Goodwin includes the Mary Goodwin who m. Jacob Burnham in Appendix C, with no parents noted.

⁴⁹ Goodwin, *Goodwins of Kittery*, 14.

⁵⁰ Goodwin, *Goodwins of Kittery*, 15.

⁵¹ Joseph C. Anderson II, *Records of the First and Second Churches of Berwick* (Rockport, Maine, 1999), 140. No recorded births or baptisms for children of Solomon and Abigail Goodwin could be discovered.

tinctive name of *Bartholomew*, who d. in 1782. Jacob and Mary Burnham named one of their two sons Bartholomew,⁵² perhaps for Mary's brother, and also named a daughter Abigail, perhaps for Mary's mother.

Jacob was a Revolutionary War soldier, a private in Capt. James Hubbard's company, Col. Ephraim Doolittle's regiment where his older brother Samuel served as sergeant. An order for a bounty coat or its equivalent in money is dated Wells, 15 Dec. 1775. Jacob's service continued at least until 1776, as a member of Capt. Timothy Eaton's company, Col. Edward Wigglesworth's regiment. A pay abstract for a travel allowance from Ticonderoga in 1776 was sworn in Suffolk Co., 31 Jan. 1777.⁵³

In the 1787 will of his father, Jacob received the improvement of all the land in the homestead for life, and after to his heirs, with the stipulation that his wife was allowed a dower if she were to survive him, but if Jacob became incapacitated and in need, he was authorized to sell the property. Of Jacob's nine children, two were boys, neither named Forrest.⁵⁴

- vii ELIZABETH BURNHAM, b. 10 Feb. 1750, d. Arundel, 9 Oct. 1780, age 33 years [sic];⁵⁵ m. Arundel, 15 Jan. 1767, WILLIAM SMITH,⁵⁶ b. 1 Oct. 1740,⁵⁷ son of Robert and Mary (Miller) Smith.⁵⁸ William m. (2) Arundel, 7 Aug 1792, Rachel Patten,⁵⁹ b. 4 May 1756, daughter of Robert and Florence (Johnson) Patten.⁶⁰ William and Elizabeth had five children, none named Forrest.⁶¹

William Smith was a Revolutionary War soldier, in March of 1776 a 1st lieutenant in Capt. James Perkin's 4th (Arundel) company, 3rd York Co. regiment of Mass. militia. By 14 Dec. 1779, he was serving as captain in the same regiment.⁶² Elizabeth died before her father, but his will left his "grandchildren, heirs of my daughter Elizabeth Smith, deceased, £5, which is £1 each, when they are of age—lumber, cattle, or grain being acceptable tender."

- viii LYDIA BURNHAM, b. 25 April 1752; m. Arundel, 25 July 1779, MARK BARTER,⁶³ b. Arundel, son of William and Mary (Jones) Barter.⁶⁴

Mark Barter was a Revolutionary War soldier, a sergeant in Capt. Noah M. Littlefield's company. He enlisted 10 July 1775, and was promoted from private to sergeant 4 Dec. 1775.⁶⁵

⁵² The name *Bartholomew* does not appear in the families of Nathaniel and Benjamin Goodwin.

⁵³ *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 2:875.

⁵⁴ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 231–32.

⁵⁵ "Arundel Records," YCGSJ 13(1998):45.

⁵⁶ Yerkes and Yerkes, *Kennebunk and Kennebunkport VRs*, citing Kennebunkport VRs, 1:576.

⁵⁷ "Arundel Records," YCGSJ 13(1998):45.

⁵⁸ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 274.

⁵⁹ John Eldridge Frost and Joseph C. Anderson II, *Marriage Returns of York County, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1993), 14.

⁶⁰ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 267. Her parents m. Scarborough, 26 Dec 1743 ("Records of the First Congregational Church in Scarborough," *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder* [MHGR] 3[1886]:85).

⁶¹ "Arundel Records," YCGSJ 13(1998):45.

⁶² *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 14:581.

⁶³ Yerkes and Yerkes, *Kennebunk and Kennebunkport VRs*, citing Kennebunkport VRs, 1:582.

⁶⁴ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 225–26.

⁶⁵ *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 1:709.

Lydia Barter was mentioned in the will of her father, with a gift of £26. Lydia was still living in 1837 when Bradbury wrote his Kennebunkport history. He noted: “she has been blind for several years but her faculties are but little impaired.”⁶⁶

- ix **FORREST BURNHAM**, b. 2 June 1754, d. Arundel, 1829, when he was “killed by a cart wheel;”⁶⁷ m. (1) Arundel, 14 May 1775, CATHERINE WATSON,⁶⁸ daughter of John and Honor (—) Watson;⁶⁹ m. (2) (int.) Arundel, 6 Sept. 1800, SUSANNAH DESHON,⁷⁰ daughter of James and Elizabeth (Wildes) Deshon.⁷¹

Forrest was a Revolutionary War soldier, a private in Capt. Jesse Dorman’s company, Col. James Scammon’s (30th) regiment. He enlisted 8 May 1775, two months before his marriage. An order for a bounty coat or its equivalent in money is dated Cambridge, 27 Oct. 1775.⁷²

In 1787 Forrest’s father, James, bequeathed him one half of the 105 acres on the road to the “Desearts” in Arundel, already in his possession, as well as half of 24 acres on the north side adjacent to Drakes, and half of five acres by the sea wall, his brother Isaac to have the other half. Forrest had six children by his 1st wife and three by his 2nd wife, none named for their father.

- x **ANNE BURNHAM**, b. 26 Aug. 1756, bp. Arundel, Dec. 1756;⁷³ m. there, 9 May 1776, JOSEPH WHITTEN,⁷⁴ son of John and Ruth (Merrill) Whitten,⁷⁵ d. Lyman, 1797.⁷⁶

Joseph Whitten was a Revolutionary War soldier, a private in Capt. John Elden’s company, Col. Lemuel Robinson’s regiment.⁷⁷ Anne “Wheaton” was mentioned in her father’s will with a gift of £26. Joseph was mentioned in the 16 April 1787 will of his father, John Whitten. As the sixth and youngest son, Joseph received 6s.⁷⁸

- xi **SETH BURNHAM**, b. 9 March 1760, d. Kennebunkport, 17 Nov. 1846; m. Arundel, 10 Dec. 1780, LYDIA LASSELL, b. 20 June 1756, daughter of Jeremiah and Ruth (Lovett) Lassell, d. Kennebunkport, 1 May 1832. 9 children, none named Forrest.⁷⁹

In his father’s will of 1787, Seth was named executor and was bequeathed the remainder of the home and farm lot, all the farming utensils, creatures, stock indoors and out, movables, two acres of salt marsh bounded by the sea wall, all his father’s personal interest that his mother had, his father’s right to the sawmill, as well as his pew in the Arundel meeting house. In May 1792 Seth was chosen as a delegate to a convention held in Sanford to “consider the expediency of [Maine]

⁶⁶ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 231–32.

⁶⁷ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 231–32.

⁶⁸ “A Book of the Records of the Church of Christ (Now First Congregational) in Arundel, (Kennebunkport) Maine,” NEHGR 108(1954):121.

⁶⁹ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 283.

⁷⁰ Yerkes and Yerkes, *Kennebunk and Kennebunkport VRs*, citing Kennebunkport VRs, 1:564.

⁷¹ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 239.

⁷² *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 2:875.

⁷³ Thompson, Kennebunk Church Records, 19.

⁷⁴ Yerkes and Yerkes, *Kennebunk and Kennebunkport VRs*, citing Kennebunkport VRs, 1:582.

⁷⁵ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 284.

⁷⁶ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 291.

⁷⁷ *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 17:273.

⁷⁸ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 14/425, citing York Co. Probate Records, 14.533.

⁷⁹ “John Lazell of Hingham, Mass., and Some of his Descendants,” NEHGR 88(1934):361–62; “Arundel Records,” YCGSJ 13(1998):45; Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 256.

becoming an independent state.”⁸⁰ Seth was chosen as the Kennebunk representative in 1812, and served as town clerk from 1816 to 1823.⁸¹ He was still living in 1837 when Bradbury wrote his Kennebunkport history. Bradbury notes that “the compiler of this work is much indebted to him for the information which his long employment in town business enabled him to impart.”⁸²

- xii SARAH BURNHAM, b. 30 June 1762, bp. Arundel, 15 Aug. 1762,⁸³ d. probably Arundel, 4 May 1790; m. Arundel, 27 Dec. 1781, WILLIAM FAIRFIELD,⁸⁴ b. probably Arundel, 28 Dec. 1754, son of John and Mary (Burbank) Fairfield, d. Kennebunkport, 16 March 1827.⁸⁵ William m. (2) Biddeford, 25 Aug. 1790, Mary King,⁸⁶ bp. Biddeford, 29 May 1774, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Gray) King,⁸⁷ d. Kennebunkport, 9 April 1851, aged 77 years.⁸⁸

William was a Revolutionary War soldier. Mustering at Wells, 12 March 1777, he was a private in Capt. Daniel Merrill’s company, Col. Samuel Brewer’s regiment, stationed at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777–78. He enlisted for a three-year term, from 1 Feb. 1777 to 1 Feb. 1780. He received a travel allowance from home to Bennington, the place of rendezvous.⁸⁹ William applied for a pension, 8 April 1818, at age 64. A pension was allowed for four years of service, and his widow received a pension after his death.⁹⁰ William Fairfield had four children with his 1st wife, Sarah, and 14 children with his 2nd wife, Mary.⁹¹

Sarah received £26 in her father’s 1787 will. William Fairfield of Kennebunkport, gentleman, dated his will 15 July 1826, leaving his entire estate to his wife to provide a common school education for his children. After her death, the property was to be divided equally among his twelve children: Mary Lord, Oliver, Alexander, Asa, Miranda, Lucinda, John, Joseph, Charles, Jane, Sally, and George.⁹² Based on William’s military service, his widow, Mary, applied for a land grant in eastern Maine under resolves passed by the Maine Legislature in 1835 and 1836.⁹³

⁸⁰ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 179.

⁸¹ Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 287–88.

⁸² Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 231–32.

⁸³ Thompson, Kennebunk Church Records, 26, her mother’s name mistakenly given as “Rachel.”

⁸⁴ Yerkes and Yerkes, *Kennebunk and Kennebunkport VRs*, citing Kennebunkport VRs, 1:586.

⁸⁵ Maine Old Cemetery Association, *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: York County*, 4 vols. (Camden, Maine 1995), 2:970 (hereafter cited at *York Co. Inscriptions*). The inscription notes that he d. at age 72 and was a Revolutionary War veteran. He was buried with 2nd wife, Mary.

⁸⁶ See Munson, Underwood, Horn, Fairfield and Allied Families, <<http://brazoriaroots.com/p7381.htm>>, citing family Bible record; Bradbury, *History of Kennebunkport*, 243.

⁸⁷ Her parents m. Biddeford, 12 March 1762 (John D. Beatty, *Vital Records of Biddeford, Maine, Prior to 1856* [Camden, Maine], 109).

⁸⁸ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 2:970. Her inscription calls her Mrs. Mary Fairfield, wife, died aged 77.

⁸⁹ *Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War*, 5:475.

⁹⁰ William Fairfield Revolutionary War Pension Application, #W23019.

⁹¹ See Munson, Underwood, Horn, Fairfield and Allied Families, <<http://brazoriaroots.com/p7381.htm>>, citing family Bible record.

⁹² Anderson, *York County Will Abstracts*, 1:478, citing York Co. Probate Records, 38:236.

⁹³ Charles J. House, comp., *Names of Soldiers of the American Revolution Who Applied for State Bounty under Resolves of March 17, 1835, March 24, 1836, and March 20, 1836, as Appears of Record in Land Office* (Augusta, Maine, 1893). 25.

3 ANNE² DALZEL (*Walter*¹) was born probably around 1727, since she had her eleventh child in 1767. This would mean she was about eighteen years old when she married thirty-year-old Joshua Eaton as his third wife. If so, and if her family in fact left Ireland in 1722, she was likely born in Maine. Anne died probably in Wells, before 1800, when no females appeared in the census return with her husband that year.⁹⁴ She married in Wells, 23 January 1745, JOSHUA EATON,⁹⁵ born Wells, 9 March 1715, son of William and Mary (Littlefield) Eaton.⁹⁶ He died after 1800 when he appeared in the census in Wells.⁹⁷ He had married first Mary Patten, their intentions recorded in Wells, 22 September 1738,⁹⁸ and married second in York, 12 October 1741, Hannah Wardwell.⁹⁹ While Anne's parents do not appear to have joined the First Church of Christ in Wells, "Anne Dalzel" was received to full communion there 18 October 1741.¹⁰⁰

Children of Joshua and Anne² (Dalzell) Eaton, all b. Wells:¹⁰¹

- i JOSHUA³ EATON, b. 17 Oct. 1745, bp. Wells, 27 Oct. 1745,¹⁰² d. Wells, 10 March 1833;¹⁰³ m. Wells, 2 July 1770, LUCY MAXWELL,¹⁰⁴ b. Wells, 19 Dec. 1748,¹⁰⁵ daughter of John and Phebe (Littlefield) Maxwell,¹⁰⁶ d. Wells, 29 Sept. 1837.¹⁰⁷

Their son FORREST EATON was b. Wells, 22 May 1779,¹⁰⁸ d. Alfred, Maine, 9 June 1862, aged 83 years;¹⁰⁹ m. (int.) Alfred, 18 Jan. 1801, LEONICE/LOUISA GOODWIN,¹¹⁰ b. Alfred, 30 Aug. 1780, daughter of Joshua and Susanna (Day) Goodwin,¹¹¹ d. Alfred, 27 June 1852, aged 71 years.¹¹² Forrest and Leonice's son

⁹⁴ Joshua Eaton household, 1800 U.S. Census, Wells, York Co., Maine, p. 1001.

⁹⁵ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 16.

⁹⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 10. His parents m. Wells, 19 Jan 1709/10 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 4).

⁹⁷ Joshua Eaton household, 1800 U.S. Census, Wells, York Co., Maine, p. 1001.

⁹⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 21.

⁹⁹ Lester MacKenzie Bragdon and John Eldridge Frost, *Vital Records of York, Maine* (Camden Maine, 1992), 128 (hereafter cited as Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs*). For more on the Eaton family, see Priscilla Eaton, "Descendants of William Eaton of Wells, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 24 (2002):129–34, 174–85.

¹⁰⁰ Wells Church Recs., NEHGR 76(1922):194.

¹⁰¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 201–2.

¹⁰² Wells Church Recs., NEHGR 75(1921):111.

¹⁰³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 404.

¹⁰⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 78.

¹⁰⁵ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 217.

¹⁰⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 38.

¹⁰⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 217–18.

¹⁰⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 217–18.

¹⁰⁹ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 1:84, Congregational Churchyard, Alfred.

¹¹⁰ "Alfred, Maine Intentions of Marriage 1794–1834," TS, Maine Historical Society, Portland, (n.d.), n.p. but alphabetically arranged.

¹¹¹ Will of Joshua Goodwin of Alfred, dated 20 Nov. 1805 and naming his daughter Leonice, wife of Forrest Eaton (Anderson, *York County Will Abstracts*, 1:62–63, citing York Co. Probate, 20:397).

¹¹² *York Co. Inscriptions*, 1:84, Congregational Churchyard, Alfred.

FORREST EATON was b. Alfred, 6 Oct. 1802,¹¹³ d. Alfred, 19 July 1880,¹¹⁴ of Dover, N.H., when he m. (1) Newbury, Mass., 28 Sept. 1828, HARRIET GORDON,¹¹⁵ b. Newbury, Mass., 4 Aug. 1804, daughter of Timothy and Lydia (Whitmore) Gordon, d. Newbury, Mass., 28 Feb. 1838, aged 34;¹¹⁶ of “Lowell.” He m. (2) (int.) Lowell, Mass., 16 Dec. 1838, SHUAH BLAKE “of Exeter, N.H.,”¹¹⁷ b. Raymond, N.H., 7 March 1812, daughter of Sherburne and Affa (Osgood) Blake of Exeter;¹¹⁸ m. (3) Lowell, Mass., 31 Aug. 1840, OLIVE BLAKE,¹¹⁹ b. Raymond, N.H., 2 Jan. 1805, another daughter of Sherburne and Affa (Osgood) Blake,¹²⁰ d. 11 Sept. 1855, aged 50; and m. (4) Alfred, 10 Jan. 1862, HARRIET CHADBOURNE, b. Parsonsfield, Maine, 20 Dec 1820, daughter of Israel and Rebecca (Goodwin) Chadbourne, d. Alfred 5 March 1880, aged 60.¹²¹

- ii ELIZABETH EATON, b. 20 May 1747, d. Wells, 28 Nov. 1830;¹²² m. (int.) Wells, 14 June 1766, BENJAMIN HATCH,¹²³ bp. Wells, 18 Oct. 1747, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Annis) Hatch,¹²⁴ d. Wells, 1 May 1823.¹²⁵
- iii Rev. JOSEPH EATON, b. 11 June 1749, d. Wells, 27 Dec. 1831;¹²⁶ m. (1) Wells, 25 June 1772, HANNAH MAXWELL,¹²⁷ b. Wells, 17 Nov. 1750, daughter of John and Phebe (Littlefield) Maxwell,¹²⁸ d. Wells, 24 Aug 1802,¹²⁹ m. (2) (int.) Wells, 17 Dec 1803, SARAH (MOULTON) WEEKS,¹³⁰ bp. York, 24 May 1772, daughter of Joseph

¹¹³ William H. Eaton and Philip E. Converse, *An Eight Generation Genealogy of the Eatons of Salisbury and Haverhill, Massachusetts* (Westminster, Md., 2004), 421 (hereafter cited as Eaton and Converse, *Eaton Genealogy*). The bulk of this genealogy was compiled by Rev. William Hadley Eaton who d. in 1896. Many of the entries are derived from his correspondence with Eaton descendants and oftentimes the dates of births, marriages, and deaths cannot be verified in vital records.

¹¹⁴ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 1:84, Congregational Churchyard, Alfred.

¹¹⁵ Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850,” database at AmericanAncestors.org (hereafter cited as Mass. VRs to 1850), Newbury, 2:159.

¹¹⁶ Mass. VRs to 1850, Newburyport, 2:621. The death record identifies her as the wife of Forrest Eaton and the daughter of Timothy and Lydia Goodwin [*sic*]. Timothy Gordon m. Newbury, 29 Dec. 1781, Lydia Whitmore (Mass. VRs to 1850, Newbury, 2:201).

¹¹⁷ Mass. VRs to 1850, Lowell, 2:272.

¹¹⁸ New Hampshire, Births and Christenings Index, 1714–1904, Ancestry.com; her parents m. Deerfield, N.H., 3 Nov. 1799 (New Hampshire Marriage Records Index, 1637–1947, Ancestry.com).

¹¹⁹ Mass. VRs to 1850, Lowell, 2:272.

¹²⁰ New Hampshire, Births and Christenings Index, 1714–1904, Ancestry.com.

¹²¹ Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred, Maine*, (Portsmouth, N.H., 2006), p. 100–1.

¹²² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 402. She was called Widow Elizabeth Hatch.

¹²³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 57.

¹²⁴ Wells Church Records, NEHGR 75(1921):113; his parents m. (int.) Wells, 10 Oct. 1741 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 24).

¹²⁵ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 286.

¹²⁶ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2127, Oceanview Cemetery.

¹²⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 79.

¹²⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 222. Her parents m. Wells, 27 Nov. 1745 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 38).

¹²⁹ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2127, Oceanview Cemetery.

¹³⁰ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 127.

and Miriam (Mitchell) Moulton and widow of George Weeks of Kittery,¹³¹ d. Wells, 4 July 1848.¹³²

Their grandson **FORREST** EATON was b. Wells, 1 Oct. 1821,¹³³ son of Joseph and Sarah (Hatch) Eaton,¹³⁴ d. Wells, 1 July 1891, aged 69 years, 9 months;¹³⁵ m. Wells, 15 May 1842, **BETSY** HOBBS,¹³⁶ b. Wells, [calc.] 24 Jan. 1822, daughter of Sayward and Lydia (Hall) Hobbs, d. Wells, 14 May 1901, aged 79 years, 3 months, 20 days.¹³⁷ Their son **FORREST** W. EATON, was b. Wells, 10 Feb. 1850,¹³⁸ d. Wells, 13 Nov. 1898, aged 48 years, 9 months, 3 days;¹³⁹ m. York, 2 April 1878, **ELIZA ANN** (HUTCHINS) JENKINS,¹⁴⁰ b. Wells, 14 Oct. 1854, daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Smith) Hutchins,¹⁴¹ d. Wells, 27 Nov. 1899, aged 46 years, 7 months, 25 days.¹⁴²

- iv ANNA EATON, b. 22 June 1751, d. Wells, 13 Nov. 1838;¹⁴³ m. (int.) Wells, 8 Feb. 1775, **JOSEPH** LITTLEFIELD 3rd,¹⁴⁴ b. Wells, 14 Jan. 1755, son of Benjamin and Dorcas (Black) Littlefield,¹⁴⁵ d. Wells, 29 April 1826.¹⁴⁶
- v SARAH EATON, b. 4 Sept. 1753, d. Wells, 3 June 1824;¹⁴⁷ m. Wells, 6 Jan. 1785, **PELATIAH** LITTLEFIELD,¹⁴⁸ b. Wells, 22 Aug. 1756, son of Benjamin and Dorcas (Black) Littlefield and brother of Joseph Littlefield who married Sarah's sister Anna, above,¹⁴⁹ d. Wells, 2 Oct. 1833.¹⁵⁰
- vi MARY EATON, b. 24 Nov. 1755, d. unmarried, Wells, 26 Feb. 1832, aged 76 years.¹⁵¹
- vii ABIGAIL EATON, b. 15 Jan. 1758, d. Wells, 18 March 1758.¹⁵²

¹³¹ "First Parish, York," YCGSJ, 4, no. 4(1989):10. Her parents m. York, 17 Oct. 1765 (Bragdon & Frost, *York VRs*, 148). Sarah Moulton m. York, George Weeks, 9 Aug 1783 (*ibid.*, 177).

¹³² *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2127, Oceanview Cemetery. For more on this family, see Joseph C. Anderson II, ed., *Maine Families in 1790, Vol. 7* (Rockport, Maine, 2001), 144–47.

¹³³ Eaton and Converse, *Eaton Genealogy*, 427.

¹³⁴ His parents m. (int.) Wells, 19 Oct 1805 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 129).

¹³⁵ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2127, Oceanview Cemetery.

¹³⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 341.

¹³⁷ All information from her death record, Maine, Deaths Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com; *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2127, Oceanview Cemetery.

¹³⁸ Eaton and Converse, *Eaton Genealogy*, 427.

¹³⁹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 543.

¹⁴⁰ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 473.

¹⁴¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 433. The 20 Feb. 1906 Rockport, Mass., death record of Elizabeth Hutchins, wife of Reuben Hutchins, gives her maiden name as Elizabeth Smith (Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910," 1906/76:371, database at AmericanAncestors.org).

¹⁴² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 546.

¹⁴³ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2202, Graveyard at Merriland.

¹⁴⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 74.

¹⁴⁵ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 204. His parents m. (int.) Wells, 1 Nov 1753 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 43).

¹⁴⁶ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2202, Graveyard at Merriland.

¹⁴⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 287.

¹⁴⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 85.

¹⁴⁹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 204

¹⁵⁰ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 404.

¹⁵¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 403.

¹⁵² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 202.

viii JAMES EATON, b. 1 April 1759, d. Wells, 11 Sept. 1780.¹⁵³

ix ESTHER EATON, b. 26 July 1761, d. prob. Wells, before 7 Sept. 1809, when her husband remarried;¹⁵⁴ m. Wells, 1 April 1784, JAMES LITTLEFIELD,¹⁵⁵ b. prob. Wells, about 1758,¹⁵⁶ possibly son of Elisha and Phoebe (Furbush) Littlefield,¹⁵⁷ d. Wells, 21 Feb. 1852.¹⁵⁸

One **FORREST** LITTLEFIELD m. (1) Hiram, Maine, 20 July 1823, LYDIA SLOPER,¹⁵⁹ and m. (2) Limington, Maine, 15 Oct. 1853, ELIZA JANE COLE.¹⁶⁰ Forrest is buried in Parsonsfield, Maine, the inscription providing the years of his birth and death: 1794–1869. Buried next to him is Eliza J. Littlefield, wife, 1828–1895.¹⁶¹ Forrest is often assigned to the family of Elisha and Sarah (Maxwell) Littlefield, without documentation.¹⁶² However, Elisha and Sarah Littlefield dutifully baptized sons Aaron (10 Jan. 1790), John (25 Aug. 1795), and David (22 May 1799) at the Wells church with no son Forrest baptized in the interim and during a time when the church records appear to be complete.¹⁶³ Forrest is also unlikely to have been the son of Joseph and Anna (Eaton) Littlefield, as Anna would have been 43 years old in 1794 and their eight children are listed together in the Wells records with no mention of a child named Forrest. The children of Pelatiah and Sarah (Eaton) Littlefield also appear together in the town records, including son Ralph born 5 May 1794,¹⁶⁴ leaving no room for a child named Forrest born in 1794.

The 1850 census for Wells includes the household of James Littlefield, age 92. With a birth year of 1758, he was the right age to have been the husband of Esther Eaton, with the groom and the bride aged 26 and 23 at the time of their 1784 wedding. Also in the household was Anna Day, age 49, and her daughter, Esther, age 16, likely the daughter and granddaughter of James Littlefield. Anna Littlefield, had m. Kennebunk, 9 June 1827, Johnson Day.¹⁶⁵ Also in James's household was Richard Littlefield, age 40, who is likely the Richard Littlefield, b. Wells, 7 June 1810, son of James and Abigail (Lord) Littlefield who had m. 7 Sept. 1809.¹⁶⁶ Since Anna Day, age 49 in 1850, was b. about 1801, she is likely to have been the daughter of James by his first wife. And since she named her only daughter Esther, it is certainly suggestive that the first wife of James Littlefield was Esther Eaton. It also seems

¹⁵³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 202.

¹⁵⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 139.

¹⁵⁵ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 84.

¹⁵⁶ 1850 U.S. Census, Wells, York, Co., Maine, p. 361, #227/328. James Littlefield, head of household, was 92 years old.

¹⁵⁷ Franklin Emery Littlefield, *The Littlefield Family of England, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Maine* (n.p., 1983), 19. This entry notes the birth of James Littlefield, b. 1758 to Elisha and Phoebe Littlefield, no documentation provided.

¹⁵⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 418.

¹⁵⁹ "Maine, Vital Records, 1670–1907, FamilySearch.org.

¹⁶⁰ "Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907," FamilySearch.org.

¹⁶¹ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 2:1352, North Parsonsfield Cemetery.

¹⁶² See *The Littlefield Family Newsletter* (2000):10–12.

¹⁶³ Wells Church Records, NEHGR, 76(1922):247–50.

¹⁶⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 201.

¹⁶⁵ Yerkes and Yerkes, *Kennebunk and Kennebunkport VRs*, citing Kennebunk VRs, p. 22.

¹⁶⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 253, 139.

probable that James and Esther had other children, between the time of their 1784 marriage, and the birth of their daughter, Anna in 1801,¹⁶⁷ namely a son named Forrest, born in 1794. Forrest and Lydia (Sloper) Littlefield named their eldest daughter, *Esther E.* Littlefield.¹⁶⁸ (A possible explanation for why the children of James and Esther (Eaton) Littlefield were not baptized at the First Church of Wells is that James Littlefield was a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Wells on 3 June 1793, a church led by his brother-in-law, Rev. Joseph Eaton.¹⁶⁹) While not proven, a good argument can be made that Forrest, like Anna, was the son of James and Esther (Eaton) Littlefield. In this case, the given name *Forrest* provided the initial clue that he may have been assigned to the wrong family.

- x **FORREST EATON**, b. 4 March 1763, d. Wells, 3 April 1764.¹⁷⁰
 xi **SUSANNAH EATON**, b. 4 Feb. 1767, d. Wells, 18 April 1847;¹⁷¹ m. Wells, 23 July 1789, **SAMUEL HILL**,¹⁷² bp. Wells, 24 Aug. 1766, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (—) Hill,¹⁷³ d. Wells 1 June 1834, aged 69.¹⁷⁴
 Their son, **WALTER FORREST HILL** was b. Wells, 7 Sept. 1807;¹⁷⁵ m. Wells, 5 Dec 1835, **ELIZA S. MAXWELL**,¹⁷⁶ b. Wells, 7 April 1808, daughter of Joshua and Susanna (Warren) Maxwell.¹⁷⁷

4 **MARGARET² DALZELL** (*Walter*¹) was born say 1729. She married in Wells, 6 February 1749, **SAMUEL EMERY**,¹⁷⁸ born Wells, 19 December 1727, son of Samuel and Bathsheba (Vose) Emery.¹⁷⁹ If Margaret was about twenty years old at the time of her marriage, and thus two years younger than her husband, she would likely have been born in Maine, assuming her parents in fact left Ireland in 1722.

Samuel Emery, blacksmith of Wells, being weak of body, devised a will 10 March 1780, leaving his wife, Margaret, his homestead, upland, and salt marsh, with all the woodland thereto belonging, all buildings including house and barn and all his movable estate, with the exception of £100 from his movable estate which he gave to his daughter Mary Eaton. His smith shop, with the tools belonging to it, was to be equally divided among his three sons, and first refusal given to his brothers if one decided to sell. His Negro woman, after the death of her mistress, could serve

¹⁶⁷ Several other possible Littlefield children for this couple were identified, involving research beyond the scope of this article.

¹⁶⁸ "Maine, Births and Christenings, 1739–1900, FamilySearch.org.

¹⁶⁹ Dorothy A. Seaman, "A Search for York County Baptist Records," *YCGSJ* 10(1995):4.

¹⁷⁰ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 202.

¹⁷¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 415. She was called Susan widow of Sam Hill.

¹⁷² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 86.

¹⁷³ Wells Church Records, *NEHGR* 76(1922):105.

¹⁷⁴ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 405.

¹⁷⁵ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 211.

¹⁷⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 304.

¹⁷⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 231. Her parents m. (int.) Wells, 8 April 1804 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 127).

¹⁷⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 39.

¹⁷⁹ His parents m. Boston, 22 Sept. 1726 (Mass. VRs to 1850, Dorchester marriages).

with whomever of his children she chose.¹⁸⁰ Children John, Elizabeth, and Bathsheba were not mentioned, probably having died before their father.

Children of Samuel and Margaret² (Dalzell) Emery, all b. Wells:¹⁸¹

- i JOHN³ EMERY, b. 14 May 1750, d. prob. before 10 March 1780 when he was not mentioned in his father's will.
- ii ELIZABETH EMERY, b. 29 March 1752, d. Wells, 28 Jan. 1753.
- iii ELIZABETH EMERY, b. 21 May 1754, d. Wells, 28 June 1764.
- iv SAMUEL EMERY, b. 28 May 1756, d. Wells, 18 Feb. 1819, aged 63 years;¹⁸² m. Wells, 5 Oct. 1780, SARAH HATCH,¹⁸³ b. probably Wells, daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Annis) Hatch, d. before 17 June 1816 when she was called deceased in the administration of her father's estate. Her parentage is established by the 17 June 1816 terms for the distribution of Benjamin Hatch's estate to his children. One fifth of the estate was to go to "the legal representatives of Sarah Emery, deceased, late wife of Samuel Emery."¹⁸⁴ In his will of 1780, Samuel's father left him 50 acres of land at Maryland [a section of Wells, often spelled Merriland] plus 25 acres elsewhere.

In 1790 Samuel's Wells household included one male over 16, one male under 16, and two females, suggesting that Samuel and Sarah then had two children.¹⁸⁵ Samuel could not be found in the 1800 census, but in 1810 his household included only two members, a man and a woman, both over age of 45. While not proven, it seems that Samuel and Sarah (Hatch) Emery are the best candidates to be the parents of the **Forrest** Emery who is buried with wife Mary in High Pine Cemetery in Wells, and who d. 24 Jan. 1845 at the age of 64.¹⁸⁶ This would give him a year of birth of 1781, one year after Samuel and Sarah were married, and he is likely the male under age 16 who appeared in their household in the 1790 census.

Samuel and Sarah's probable son **FORREST** EMERY was b. Wells 17 Jan. 1781,¹⁸⁷ and d. Wells, 24 Jan. 1845¹⁸⁸ m. Wells, 18 March 1802, MARY/POLLY ADAMS,¹⁸⁹ b. York, 14 Oct. 1777, daughter of Richard and Mary (Johnson) Ad-

¹⁸⁰ Frost, *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:794, citing York Co. Probate Records, 13:352.

¹⁸¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 35. The births of John, Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Samuel, Mary, Bathsheba, and Forrest are listed together as a family. The date of death for the first Elizabeth is also noted.

¹⁸² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 283. The church records indicate that he died of jaundice ("Nineteenth-Century Records of the First and Second Congregational Churches of Wells, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 35[2013]:144).

¹⁸³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 83.

¹⁸⁴ York Co. Probate Records, 25:480-41. My thanks to Edward Hubbard for tracking this down. Her parents m. (int.) Wells, 10 Oct 1741 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 24).

¹⁸⁵ *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* (Washington, 1908), 69, column c [household statistics: 1-1-2-0-0].

¹⁸⁶ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 3:2206, Graveyard at Highpine.

¹⁸⁷ The date of birth comes from the Emery genealogy, although the author apparently erred in assigning him to the wrong family. See Rev. Rufus Emery, *Genealogical Records for Descendants of John and Anthony Emery, of Newbury, Mass. 1590-1890* (Salem, Mass., 1890), 38 (hereafter cited as Emery, *Emery Descendants*).

¹⁸⁸ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 412.

¹⁸⁹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 93.

ams,¹⁹⁰ d. Wells, 28 March 1840, aged 63.¹⁹¹ Forrest and Polly (Adams) Emery had a son Stephen, b. Wells, 26 Sept. 1811,¹⁹² who m. (int.) Wells, 31 Oct. 1840, Olive F. Eaton.¹⁹³ Stephen and Olive named two sons **Forrest**. The first was b. in 1843 and d. Wells, 2 May 1854, aged 11 years, 4 months.¹⁹⁴ The second **FORREST EMERY** was b. in Kittery, 15 May 1857. He m. 1 June 1880, NELLIE L. EMERY of Brockton, Mass., and named their son, b. 2 Oct. 1883, Leroy **Forrest**.¹⁹⁵

- v MARY EMERY, b. 10 July 1758, d. Wells, after 10 March 1780 when her father left her £100 from his movable estate in his will, and before 20 Oct. 1781 when her husband published intentions to marry his 2nd wife, Mary Davis;¹⁹⁶ m. Wells, 4 Jan. 1776, JEREMIAH MOULTON EATON,¹⁹⁷ bp. York, 12 Jan. 1752,¹⁹⁸ son of Joseph and Lydia (Moulton) Eaton,¹⁹⁹ d. Wells, before 16 Jan. 1797, when letters of administration were granted to his 3rd wife, Alice.²⁰⁰
- vii BATHSHEBA EMERY, b. 7 Aug. 1760, d. prob. before 10 March 1780 when she was not mentioned in her father's will.
- viii **FORREST EMERY**, b. 3 Sept. 1762,; m. Wells, 4 Nov. 1784, SARAH JEFFERDS,²⁰¹ b. Wells, 3 March 1765, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Hill) Jeffers,²⁰² In his will of 1780, Forrest's father left him 50 acres of land adjacent to that of his brother Samuel. Forrest prob. d. by 1790, as no Forrest Emery appears in the 1790 Maine census. If alive, he would likely have been a head of household, as he would have been married for over six years and owned his own property.
Some genealogists have mistakenly combined this Forrest Emery with his nephew, the probable son of Samuel Emery.²⁰³ But as noted previously, that Forrest Emery, who is bur. with wife Mary in High Pine Cemetery in Wells, d. 24 Jan. 1845 at age 64, giving him a year of birth of about 1781, nineteen years off the mark.
- viii STEPHEN EMERY, bp. Wells, 9 June 1766.²⁰⁴ Stephen was called the youngest son in his father's will and would have been 14 at the time of his father's death. He was to receive the homestead after the death of his mother.

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¹⁹⁰ Bragdon and Frost, *York VRs* 89.

¹⁹¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 409.

¹⁹² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 217.

¹⁹³ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 307.

¹⁹⁴ *York Co. Inscriptions*, 2:1046

¹⁹⁵ Emery, *Emery Descendants*, 243.

¹⁹⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 101.

¹⁹⁷ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 81.

¹⁹⁸ "First Parish, York," *YCGSJ*, 4, no. 2(1989):14.

¹⁹⁹ Bragdon & Frost, *York VRs*, 135. His parents m. York, 9 July 1750.

²⁰⁰ *Maine Probate Abstracts*, 2:1133–34, citing York Co. Probate Records, 17:296. For more on this family, see Priscilla Eaton, "Descendants of William Eaton of Wells, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 25(2003):31–33. Also see *Maine Families in 1790*, Vol. 7, 142–44.

²⁰¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 84.

²⁰² Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 63. Her parents m. Wells, 7 July 1752 (Shelley, *Wells VRs*, 39).

²⁰³ See for example, Emery, *Emery Descendants*, 38.

²⁰⁴ Wells Church Recs., NEHGR 76(1922):165.

BARBARA STANWYCK'S MAINE ROOTS

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While she is remembered fondly as the silver-haired matriarch, Victoria Barkley, from the Sixties television western, *The Big Valley*, Barbara Stanwyck (1907–1990) later enjoyed belated accolades for her distinctive performances in scores of films during Hollywood's Golden Era. Having been nominated four times for a Best Actress Academy Award in such memorable films as *Stella Dallas*, *Ball of Fire*, *Double Indemnity*, and *Sorry, Wrong Number*, she never won. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences redressed this oversight with an honorary Oscar in 1982, acknowledging Stanwyck as “an artist of impeccable grace and beauty, a dedicated actress, and one of the great ladies of Hollywood.”¹

Born Ruby Stevens in Brooklyn, New York, fifth child of Byron and Catherine (McPhee) Stevens, “a poor Scots-Irish couple,” as her parents were described in a Hollywood biography,² she endured a tumultuous childhood which could have come from the script of one of her early “tough dame” movie roles. When Ruby was four, her pregnant mother died from injuries sustained after being knocked off a streetcar. Ruby's father then abandoned his family in search of work in Panama, orphaning his younger children. Consequently, Ruby lived in a series of foster homes, her formal education ended by her early teens. Presaging the grit and determination associated with so many of her screen roles, Ruby started her ascent to stardom as a fifteen-year-old dancer in *Ziegfeld Follies*. In 1927, after getting her first big break in a Broadway role, Ruby Stevens, at the suggestion of her producer, changed her name to Barbara Stanwyck.³ From New York, she followed her first husband, entertainer Frank Fay, to Hollywood, in the hope of landing a studio contract. The rest of the story—over eighty films and dozens of television roles—belongs to Hollywood history.

Al DiOrio's *Barbara Stanwyck* (1983) represents one of the first attempts at a full-length biography that went beyond an analysis of her work on-screen. DiOrio brought Ruby Stevens's personal story back a generation before Brooklyn, to Chelsea, Massachusetts, where he states her parents met: “The life of Catherine McGee [*sic*] and Byron Stevens was no better and no worse than most of their Chelsea neighbors. Byron and Catherine, children of Irish immigrants, married.”⁴ Stanwyck herself stated in 1937, “My grandparents on both sides were probably horse thieves. No one ever told us anything about them. Therefore I suspect the worst. I imagine they were born and raised in Ireland.”⁵ No biographer challenged this version of

¹ *Trenton Evening Times* (Trenton, N.J.), 11 Feb. 1982, p. 41.

² Jerry Vermilye, *Barbara Stanwyck* (New York, 1975), 14.

³ According to an often-repeated story, the inspiration came from a theatrical poster that read “Jane Stanwyck in ‘Barbara Fritchie.’”

⁴ Al DiOrio, *Barbara Stanwyck* (New York, 1983), 13.

⁵ Quoted in Victoria Wilson, *A Life of Barbara Stanwyck: Steel-True, 1907–1940* (New York, 2013), 3 (hereafter cited as Wilson, *Barbara Stanwyck*).

Ruby Stevens's ancestry until 2013. It thundered as a revelation at the beginning of Victoria Wilson's massive biography that the movie star did not descend from nineteenth century Irish immigrants: "Ruby Stevens from the streets of Brooklyn, who danced in cabarets and clubs, a Broadway star at twenty, was a daughter of the American Revolution. The Stevens family can be traced in America as far back as 1740. Ruby's great-great-grandfather Thomas Stephens Sr. was from New England—Georgetown, Maine."⁶

Had this discovery of Stanwyck's Downeast ancestry been published during the actress's lifetime, how would she have reacted? Probably with the same degree of surprise as Maine movie-goers of the nineteen thirties and forties who would have been familiar with facets of her rags-to-riches biography and her Brooklyn roots. Knowledge of these personal details did not come from movie magazines alone. If Biddeford's daily, *Justice de Biddeford*, is any indicator for the rest of Maine, newspapers also plied movie star stories. One article from 1936, allegedly written in Stanwyck's own voice, carries the title, "Memories of Barbara Stanwyck's Childhood." She described her mother's death, her father's disappearance, and her transience in foster homes with the reflection, "My childhood did not know tenderness, care, or joy." The article concludes with the episode of a letter arriving from her errant father that he would be returning from Panama. When the young child and her sisters went to welcome him at the pier, they learned that he had died at sea and his body thrown overboard—a sob story, for sure.⁷

Ads for her films in Maine newspapers sometimes featured Stanwyck's name sharing billing with local stores and proprietors. For example, when her Depression-era melodrama with its provocative title of *Shopworn* came to Biddeford's Publix Theater in 1932, prize offers from Pepperell Manufacturing, Puritan Candy, Arthur's Shoe Store, Madame Ledoux's and Madame Coty's Beauty Shops enticed customers to attend the show.⁸ Though Barbara Stanwyck's films played in every movie house in Maine, I have not been able to document if she ever visited the state.

The footprint of Barbara Stanwyck's Stevens ancestors in Maine lasted almost a century. Her great-great-grandfather, Thomas¹ Stevens of Georgetown, makes his first documented appearance in January 1759 as a defendant in a debt case.⁹ Thomas's son and namesake, Thomas² Stevens Jr., remained in Georgetown until his death in 1849. Among Thomas Jr.'s ten children, however, we see evidence of their migration "south" to the north shore of Massachusetts, where Joseph³ worked as a fisherman and ship caulker. Joseph's three marriages, with children from his second and third wives, created a long generational span among his descendants. At 53, Joseph Stevens enlisted as a private in Company L of the First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery Volun-

⁶ Wilson, *Barbara Stanwyck*, 4. The spelling *Stevens* has been adopted here for consistency.

⁷ *Justice de Biddeford*, 28 Feb. 1936, p. 6. Translation by the author. This French-language newspaper is the only mid-20th-century Maine newspaper widely available in digitized format.

⁸ *Justice de Biddeford*, 24 June 1932, p. 7.

⁹ York Co. Court of Common Pleas, 14-522-9895, Maine State Archives, Augusta.

teers.¹⁰ Soon promoted to a sergeant, he saw action at the Second Battle of Bull Run, and two months before Joseph's discharge in October 1863, two of his sons, Melville and Sylvanus Stevens, also enlisted.¹¹ All this happened *before* the birth in 1864 of Joseph's youngest child, Byron⁴ Stevens, father of Barbara Stanwyck.

According to biographer Victoria Wilson, Byron wanted to study law, an assertion supported by his enumeration in the 1880 Gloucester, Massachusetts, census wherein he was listed as student in his parents' household.¹² The death of Byron's father within the next year ended Byron's aspirations for higher education. He subsequently married young and earned his livelihood as a mason and stonecutter. He and his family alternately lived in the Lanesville section of Gloucester, Dover, and Chelsea, Massachusetts. In 1906 the Stevens family moved to Flatbush, Brooklyn, where Byron's famous daughter, Ruby, was born 16 July 1907, on his forty-third birthday. With Byron out of the picture after his wife's tragic death in 1911, is it any wonder that his youngest child, known to the world as Barbara Stanwyck, knew next-to-nothing about the New England ancestry of the Stevens family?

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 THOMAS STEVENS,¹³ d. Georgetown, Maine, before 4 Dec. 1800;¹⁴ m. (int.) Georgetown, 5 Sept. 1761, MARY OLIVER,¹⁵ whose identity is unknown.

2 THOMAS STEVENS, b. Georgetown, [calc.] 13 Feb. 1767, d. there, 13 April 1849;¹⁶ m. Georgetown, 26 Jan. 1794, SARAH GROVER,¹⁷ bp. Gloucester, Mass., 8 Sept. 1776, daughter of Edmund and Sarah (Thurston) Grover,¹⁸ d. Georgetown, 1 Oct. 1850.¹⁹

3 JOSEPH R. STEVENS, b. Georgetown, 4 July 1809,²⁰ d. Gloucester, Mass., 8 March 1881;²¹ m. Derby, Vt., 30 Nov. 1859, as his 3rd wife ABBY SPENCER,²² b.

¹⁰ Joseph R. Stevens, Civil War Pension File 408,770, Certificate 423,909.

¹¹ U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861–1865, Ancestry.com.

¹² Joseph L. [sic] Stevens household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gloucester, Essex Co., Mass., E.D. 180, p. 582C, #65/73.

¹³ It has not been proven that he is the Thomas Stevens, b. Boston, 4 April 1730, son of Thomas and Mary Stevens (*Boston Births from A.D. 1700 to A.D. 1800*, Boston Record Commissioners' Report, 24(Boston, 1894):199).

¹⁴ Lincoln Co., Maine, Probate Records, 9:31.

¹⁵ Mary Pelham Hill, ed., *Vital Records of Georgetown, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 3 vols. (Portland, 1939–43), 2:164 (hereafter cited as *Georgetown VRs*).

¹⁶ Buried in Five Island Cemetery, Georgetown (Findagrave.com, memorial #55450613).

¹⁷ *Georgetown VRs* 2, 2: 164.

¹⁸ *Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849*, 3 vols. (Topsfield and Salem, Mass., 1917–1923), 1:310.

¹⁹ Buried Five Island Cemetery, Georgetown (Findagrave.com, memorial #55450624).

²⁰ *Georgetown VRs*, 1:157.

²¹ Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910," 328:190, database at AmericanAncestors.org (hereafter cited as Mass. VRs, 1841–1910).

Derby, Vt., [calc.] 24 Sept. 1831, daughter of Thomas and Laura D. (—) Spencer, d. Gloucester, Mass., 14 Feb. 1898, aged 66 years, 4 months, 20 days.²³

4 BYRON E. STEVENS, b. Gloucester, Mass., 16 July 1864,²⁴ d. at sea, 5 June 1919;²⁵ m. Gloucester, Mass., 11 March 1886, CATHERINE ANN MCPHEE,²⁶ b. Sydney, Nova Scotia, 16 Oct. 1870, daughter of George and Elizabeth (—) McPhee, d. Brooklyn, N.Y., 29 July 1911.²⁷

5 CATHERINE RUBY STEVENS a.k.a. BARBARA STANWYCK, b. Brooklyn, N.Y., 16 July 1907, d. Santa Monica, Cal., 20 Jan. 1990; m. (1) FRANK FAY, divorced; m. (2) ROBERT TAYLOR, divorced.²⁸



A Brush with Maine: Above: Biddeford-born artist, Bettina Steinke with commissioned portrait of Barbara Stanwyck. Her real-life subject looks on from right. Photo courtesy of the Dickinson Research Center at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

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²² Vermont, Vital Records, 1760–1954, FamilySearch.org.

²³ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 481:422.

²⁴ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 168:273.

²⁵ New York, Passenger Lists, 1820–1957, Ancestry.com.

²⁶ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 370:213.

²⁷ Findagrave, memorial #58036286, bur. Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.; her parentage given on her marriage record.

²⁸ *The New York Times*, 22 Jan. 1990, section D, p. 11.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN SPEAR SIMPSON
AND HIS WIFE, CATHERINE SKOLFIELD,
OF BRUNSWICK, MAINE

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John Spear Simpson, born in Brunswick, Maine, 28 May 1804, was the seventh child born to Josiah Simpson Sr. and his second wife, Martha Potter.¹ Josiah died in Brunswick 25 December 1819, aged 69 years, leaving Martha as head of the household. Martha died 14 April 1856, aged 83 years, 7 months. She and her husband are both buried in the Maquoit Cemetery, Brunswick.²

On 10 March 1830 the marriage of John Spear Simpson and Catherine Skolfield was certified in Brunswick.³ Catherine and her brother Jacob were born 30 April 1810, twin children of Jacob Sr. and Hannah Chase (Stanwood) Simpson.⁴ Her father, a member of a prominent family of shipbuilders, was a master shipbuilder himself who had built a large number of ships, schooners, and brigs in his Brunswick shipyard.⁵

While a young man, John followed the sea, but after his marriage he became a farmer. John was enumerated in the 1840 Brunswick census with two males 5–9, two males 30–39, one female under 5, and one female 30–39.⁶ The births of their children are not recorded in the vital records of Brunswick. Who were these unrecorded children? Fortunately, Rev. Charles Sinnett in his *History of the Skolfield Family of Maine* documented four children born to the couple: William S. Simpson, Daniel Weeks Simpson, Hannah Frances Simpson, born 18 March 1837, and George Dana Boardman Simpson.⁷ After discovering these children's names, information concerning them was pursued. William and Hannah Frances appear to have been named for three of Catherine's siblings, William, Hannah, and Frances Skolfield, and also for Catherine's mother, Hannah. Daniel Weeks Simpson was named for John Simpson's brother-in law, Daniel H. Weeks.⁸ Searching for clues in

¹ Joseph C. Anderson II, *Vital Records of Brunswick, Maine, 1740–1860, and the Forsaith Book of Brunswick Family Records Compiled 1876–1880 by Jonathan W. Forsaith, Town Clerk* (Rockport, Maine, 2004), 52 (hereafter cited as Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*); Josiah Simpson of Brunswick m. (int.) Brunswick, 25 Jan. 1791, Martha Potter of Bowdoin (ibid., 87).

² Their inscriptions in Maquoit Cemetery provide death dates and ages of both, online at <www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mebrucem/cem20.html> (hereafter cited as Maquoit Cemetery).

³ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 142.

⁴ Charles N. Sinnett, *The History of the Skolfield Family and Sketches of Other Branches of the Family* (Brainerd, Minn., 1912), 67–76 (hereafter cited as Sinnett, *History of the Skolfield Family*).

⁵ Ermine S. Reynolds and Kenneth R. Martin, 'A Singleness of Purpose,' *The Skolfields and Their Ships* (Bath, Maine, 1987), 36, 46.

⁶ John Simpson household, 1840 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 576.

⁷ Sinnett, *History of the Skolfield Family*, 67; Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 430 [birth date of Hannah Frances, given by Sinnett as 18 Nov. 1837].

⁸ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 161. Weeks m. John Simpson's sister Margaret/Peggy.

the naming of their son George, he was undoubtedly named for George Dana Boardman (1801–1831) an American Baptist missionary born in Livermore, Maine.⁹

Catherine died 21 October 1845 in Brunswick at the early age of 35, leaving her husband with the care of very young children, but John Spear Simpson himself died a little more than a year later on 5 February 1847, aged 42, leaving behind four orphaned children. John and Catherine are both buried in the Maquoit Cemetery, near other members of their family.¹⁰ What happened to their children? The large extended families of John and Catherine would be the initial place to begin searching for them.

George D. Simpson was located in the 1850 census of Brunswick, aged 9, living with his grandfather Jacob “Skefield” [Skolfield], aged 69, farmer, with Rachael “Skefield” [Skolfield], 39, and Rachel Snow, 15, making up the family household. Both George and Rachael were attending school.¹¹ Benjamin C. Skolfield, son of Jacob Skolfield, was living in the adjoining household, aged 30, with his wife Susan, 22, married within the year. William Simpson, 19, farmer, was also living there with his aunt and uncle. William had also attended school within the year.¹²

Hannah F. Simpson, 14, attending school, was enumerated in the 1850 census of Brunswick, living in the household of uncle and aunt, Henry C. Martin, 30, a trader, and wife Hannah, 26, along with their two children, Ann and Abigail Martin, aged 3 and 1.¹³ Henry C. Martin had married Hannah Maria Skolfield (sister of Hannah’s mother Catherine) 9 February 1845.¹⁴ Hannah F. Simpson was still living in the Martin household in 1860, aged 23, with an additional two children having been born to Henry and Hannah in the interim.¹⁵

Continuing the search for the last child mentioned by Rev. Sinnett, Daniel W. Simpson, 15, was located in the 1850 census of Vassalboro, Maine, living with his aunt Margaret (Simpson) and her husband, Daniel H. Weeks.¹⁶ Margaret and her husband first resided in Jefferson, Maine, where her husband was born, but later moved to Hallowell, Maine, producing fifteen children between 1819 and 1841.¹⁷ In

⁹ For more information, see Alonzo King, *Memoir of George Dana Boardman Late Missionary to Burmah* (Boston, 1834), available online at Archive.org.

¹⁰ Maquoit Cemetery. Catherine’s birth and death dates are incorrectly recorded; the transcription reads, “b. 30 Apr. 1910, d. 21 Oct. 1945.”

¹¹ Jacob “Skefield” household, 1850 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 213B, #239/255.

¹² Benjamin C. “Skolfield” household, 1850 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 213B, #240/256.

¹³ Henry C. “Martine” household, 1850 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 240B, #626/694.

¹⁴ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 284.

¹⁵ John White household, 1860 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 49, #382/412.

¹⁶ Daniel H. Weeks household, 1850 U.S. Census, Vassalboro, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 230B, #140/146.

¹⁷ Jacob Chapman, *Leonard Weeks of Greenland, N.H. and Descendants, 1639–1888* (Albany, N.Y. 1889), 61, 98–99 (hereafter cited as Chapman, *Leonard Weeks*).

1849 the family relocated to Vassalboro where they remained the rest of their lives.¹⁸ One person living in the household in 1850 was of particular interest, Ann M. Simpson, aged 7.¹⁹ Could she be an additional unrecorded child of John and Catherine? Proof of her ancestry has been an ongoing search for more than twenty years. While conducting research for this article, the proof was found at last.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

JOHN SPEAR SIMPSON was born in Brunswick, 28 May 1804, son of Josiah and Martha (Porter) Simpson.²⁰ He died there 5 February 1847, aged 42 years.²¹ He married in Brunswick, 10 March 1830, CATHERINE⁵ SKOLFIELD.²² Catherine was born in Brunswick, 30 April 1810, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Chase (Stanwood) Skolfield.²³ Catherine died 21 October 1845, aged 35 years. Both John and Catherine are buried in Maquoit Cemetery.²⁴

John and Catherine lived all of their lives in Brunswick, and their children almost certainly were born there, although birth records have not been found for them. Ann M. Simpson, born about 1843, and living in 1850 with her uncle and aunt, Daniel H. and Margaret (Simpson) Weeks, was indeed John and Catherine Simpson's last child, as will be shown below.

Children of John Spear and Catherine (Skolfield) Simpson:

- i WILLIAM S. SIMPSON, b. ca. 1831.²⁵ Charles Sinnett, in his *History of the Skolfield Family of Maine*, recorded that William was lost at sea, unmarried.²⁶ He was the eldest child of John and Catherine Simpson and was aged about 14 on 21 Oct. 1845 when his mother died. He may have been named for Catherine's brother William Stanwood Simpson, master mariner.
- ii DANIEL WEEKS SIMPSON, b. ca. 1835–36, d. (probably Boothbay, Maine), 6 April 1885, aged 49, and bur. in Pine Grove Cemetery, Brunswick;²⁷ m. Bath, Maine, 8

¹⁸ Henry D. Kingsbury and Simeon L. Deyo, *Illustrated History of Kennebec County, Maine* (New York, 1892), 1136–37: "Daniel Weeks came to Vassalboro in 1849 with a family of three sons and seven daughters." His children accounted for the family of ten children. Daniel W. and Ann M. Simpson were not included at that time.

¹⁹ Daniel H. Weeks household, 1850 U.S. Census, Vassalboro, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 230B, #140/146.

²⁰ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 52.

²¹ Gravestone record, Maquoit Cemetery.

²² Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 142.

²³ Sinnett, *History of the Skolfield Family*, 67.

²⁴ Gravestone record, Maquoit Cemetery.

²⁵ Aged 19 in Benjamin C. "Skolfield" household, 1850 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 213B, #240/256.

²⁶ Sinnett, *History of the Skolfield Family*, 67.

²⁷ Pine Grove Cemetery inscription, <www.curtislibrary.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Pine-Grove-Cemetery-searchable.pdf>, p. 210 (hereafter cited as Pine Grove Cemetery): "He is not dead, but Sleepth."

Sept. 1862, MARY ELIZABETH WATSON, both of Harpswell, Maine,²⁸ b. Gloucester, Mass., 30 May 1846, daughter of Robert and Betsy (Younger) Watson,²⁹ d. Boothbay Harbor, 21 Feb. 1921, aged 74. Mary m. (2) Boothbay, 21 Aug. 1888, John H. Pinkham as his 2nd wife.³⁰ b. Boothbay, 3 Feb. 1843, son of John W. and Margery (Adams) Pinkham, d. there 19 Sept. 1922, aged 79 years.³¹

Daniel was undoubtedly named for Daniel Hopkins Weeks, husband of his aunt Margaret Spear Simpson. He was about 10 years of age when his mother died. It is not known when Daniel was taken into the household of his aunt and namesake uncle, but in 1850 he was enumerated living with them in Vassalboro, aged 15, a farmer and attending school. The household also included Daniel's sister, Ann M. Simpson, aged 7; Daniel W. and Margaret's son-in-law John Nowell; and eight of their children ranging from 9 to 23.³²

Daniel maintained contacts with his extended family in Brunswick. On 8 Dec. 1861 he purchased from (his parents-in-law) Robert and Betsy Watson of Harpswell for \$25 a hilltop lot commanding a view of Cundy Harbor.³³ With the financial backing of his relatives, he constructed a hotel upon the most elevated point of land on the property overlooking the harbor. The Union Hotel opened 4 July 1862 with great expectations, advertised in the *Brunswick Telegraph* 20 June 1863, but apparently the timing was wrong as a result of the Civil War and Daniel was unable to pay his creditors.³⁴

John W. Perry, Deputy Sheriff of Cumberland Co., issued several subpoenas for Daniel's arrest for non-payment of his bills. Attachments were made against his property; a judgment was entered 27 Feb. 1863 for \$71.96 in favor of Daniel Elliot, trader, of Brunswick. The property was seized 24 March 1863. He was awarded sleeping room #5 on the second floor of the Union House, also the attic and the cupola and land lying east of the Union House and the main road. He was granted the right of egress and entry to his premises by the main passage of the house.³⁵

William P. Gorham and David Harrinton, both Harpswell carpenters, recovered judgment on 27 Feb. 1863 against "Daniel Simpson, Tavern Keeper," in the amount of \$613.85. They were granted a portion of the land the Union Hotel was built on

²⁸ *Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities: City of Bath*, Picton Press CD-Rom (Rockport, Maine, 2005), image 157.

²⁹ Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850," database at AmericanAncestors.org, 6:747 (birth of Mary E. Watson), 2:599 (Robert and Betsy C. Younger m. Gloucester, Mass., 30 Jan. 1833).

³⁰ Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907, FamilySearch.org. John H. Pinkham reportedly m. (1) Margaret A. McDougall (Findagrave.com).

³¹ Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, FamilySearch.org; Findagrave.com, bur. Hillside Cemetery, Boothbay, records all reported information.

³² Daniel H. Weeks household, 1850 U.S. Census, Vassalboro, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 230B, #140/146.

³³ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 314:227.

³⁴ Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, Old Union Hotel Easement, online at <<http://hhltmaine.org/conserved-land/conservation-land-private/old-union-hotel-easement>>. This is one of many excellent websites relating to the life of Daniel W. Simpson and the history of the Union Hotel, now on the National Register of Historical Places. It is the oldest known surviving coastal resort hotel in Maine.

³⁵ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 319:352–54.

and the dining hall in the main part of the hotel. Daniel received the right of way into the main passage of the hotel for his access to his rooms.³⁶

On 27 Feb. 1863, William C. Thompson, housewright of Harpswell, also received a portion of the Union Hotel land in the amount of \$68.73, and the southwest square room in the chamber of the main house of the estate. Daniel again received the right of a free and convenient way in the main passage to or from the premises.³⁷

The debt on the hotel was paid 27 March 1863 by Robert Watson for \$1,139.83. The creditors included William P. Gorham, David Harrington, William C. Thompson, Sidney Watson, Daniel Elliot, Albert Trufant, and George Garland, all of whom conveyed to Robert Watson, their right, title, and interest in the hotel and all the land and buildings belonging to it, it being the same messuage now occupied by Daniel Simpson.³⁸

Daniel W. Simpson and Robert Watson entered into several real estate transactions, and by 1865 they removed to Cape Elizabeth. On 27 Dec. 1865 they purchased land with the buildings on it from Benjamin B. Walton located on Sawyer Street for \$1,300, with Walton holding the mortgage.³⁹ By Sept. 1866, Daniel and Robert, now of Harpswell, sold the property for \$1,455 to Aurelius D. Cole and Rotheus Cole, both of Cape Elizabeth, subject however that the mortgage was to be deducted from the purchase price and discharged. Robert and Betsy Watson and Daniel and Mary Simpson all made their seals.⁴⁰

Daniel was enumerated in the 1870 census in Harpswell, 35, fisherman, along with his wife Mary, 22 [*sic*], their children, Watson M., 8, Jennie F., 5, Bessie F., 1, and [brother-in-law] Sidney Watson, 33, a grocer and dealer in fish.⁴¹ They removed to Boothbay by 1880 where Daniel was enumerated as a grocer.⁴² Robert Watson, aged 67, a widower by 1880, also moved to Boothbay and lived adjacent to Daniel and Mary.⁴³ He d. Gloucester, Mass., 8 June 1883, aged 70, of heart disease.⁴⁴

Daniel also maintained close relations with his aunt and uncle in Vassalboro. Daniel, of Vassalboro, purchased two parcels of land there from Daniel and Margaret Weeks, 21 Nov. 1881. The first parcel for \$2,000 included 40 acres beginning at Brown's Corner in Augusta leading to Waterville with all the personal property on the premises. The second tract of twenty-five acres was sold for \$100 and "contained all the land that they owned East of the Meadowbrook."⁴⁵ Daniel Weeks died three

³⁶ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 319:296–98.

³⁷ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 319:298–301.

³⁸ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 318:205.

³⁹ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 339:183.

⁴⁰ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 347:214.

⁴¹ Daniel W. Simpson household, 1870 U.S. Census, Harpswell, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 345B, #222/230.

⁴² Daniel W. Simpson household, 1880 U.S. Census, Boothbay, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 119, p. 381A, #161/178.

⁴³ Robert Watson household, 1880 U.S. Census, Boothbay, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 119, p. 381A, #160/177.

⁴⁴ Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910," 346:188, database at AmericanAncestors.org (hereafter cited as Mass. VRs, 1841–1910).

⁴⁵ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 336:263–64.

months later on 18 Feb. 1882.⁴⁶ A month after his uncle's death, Daniel and Mary sold, for \$2,000, the two tracts to Sarah A. Weeks of Stockton, Calif., and Asenath Potter of Fairfield, both daughters of Daniel and Margaret Weeks.⁴⁷

Children of Daniel and Mary Elizabeth (Watson) Simpson, b. prob. Harpswell:

- 1 *Watson McLellan Simpson*, b. 31 May 1863, d. Boothbay Harbor, 24 April 1940, aged 77;⁴⁸ m. Boothbay, 9 Feb. 1888, Laura M. McKown,⁴⁹ b. Boothbay, 10 March 1864, daughter of Joshua and Martha (Lewis) McKown,⁵⁰ d. Boothbay Harbor, 10 Sept. 1943, aged 79, both bur. Oceanview Cemetery, Boothbay.⁵¹ Watson was a grocer. Two children.⁵²
- 2 *Jennie F. Simpson*, b. May 1865,⁵³ living Boothbay 1931;⁵⁴ m. Boothbay, 26 Dec. 1885, William S. Grady,⁵⁵ b. Boothbay, 23 Feb. 1858, son of William and Charlotte (Wylie) Grady,⁵⁶ d. 1910, aged 51 years.⁵⁷ Three children.⁵⁸
- 3 *Bessie M. Simpson*, b. Jan. 1869,⁵⁹ d. Boothbay Harbor, 1931;⁶⁰ m. Boothbay, 24 June 1888, Merrill A. Perkins,⁶¹ b. Boothbay, 12 Aug. 1863, son of Enoch and Isora (McKown) Perkins,⁶² d. 1950, aged 86 years.⁶³ Isora McKown was a sister of Laura McKown, above.⁶⁴ Merrill m. (2) 20 Sep. 1932, Verna B. Harris,⁶⁵ b. New Brunswick, Canada, 1887, d. prob. Boothbay Harbor 1949, aged 62 years. Bessie, Merrill and Verna are bur. in the same lot in Ocean-

⁴⁶ Chapman, *Leonard Weeks*, 61.

⁴⁷ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 446:500.

⁴⁸ Gravestone inscription, Oceanview Cemetery, Boothbay, Findagrave.com; Watson Simpson household, 1900 U.S. Census, Boothbay Harbor, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 161, p. 15A, #338/340, reports "b. March 1863."

⁴⁹ "Maine Marriage Records, 1713–1937," Ancestry.com.

⁵⁰ Francis Byron Greene, *History of Boothbay, Southport and Boothbay Harbor, Maine, 1623–1905* (Portland, 1906), 579–80 (hereafter cited as Greene, *History of Boothbay*).

⁵¹ Oceanview Cemetery, Boothbay, Findagrave.com.

⁵² Watson Simpson household, 1900 U.S. Census, Boothbay Harbor, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 161, p. 15A, #338.340.

⁵³ William "Grodey" household, 1900 U.S. Census, Boothbay Harbor, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 161, p. 13A, #278/279.

⁵⁴ Boothbay City Directory, 1931, p. 123: "Jennie F. Grady, widow of William Grady."

⁵⁵ "Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907," FamilySearch.org.

⁵⁶ "Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922," Ancestry.com; "Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907," Ancestry.com, William Grady m. Boothbay, 25 Oct. 1854, Charlotte Wylie.

⁵⁷ Gravestone inscription, Hillside Cemetery, Boothbay, Findagrave.com.

⁵⁸ William S. Grady household, 1910 U.S. Census, Everett, Ward 2, Middlesex Co., Mass., E.D. 805, p. 25A, #340/403. Mother of three children, one living.

⁵⁹ "Merril" Perkins household, 1900 U.S. Census, Boothbay Harbor, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 161, p. 15A, #336/338.

⁶⁰ Gravestone inscription, Oceanview Cemetery, Boothbay, Findagrave.com.

⁶¹ "Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937," Ancestry.com.

⁶² "Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922," Ancestry.com; Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, marriage of Enoch and Isora (McKown) Perkins.

⁶³ Gravestone inscription, Oceanview Cemetery, Boothbay, Findagrave.com.

⁶⁴ Greene, *History of Boothbay*, 579–80, lists children of Joshua McKown and Martha Lewis: Isora, b. 20 June 1846, m. Enoch Perkins; Laura M., b. 10 March 1864, m. Watson M. Simpson.

⁶⁵ "Index to Maine Marriages 1892–1966, 1977–1996," NewEnglandAncestors.org.

view Cemetery, Boothbay.⁶⁶ Merrill was a co-owner of Perkins Brothers, Groceries and Provisions. He and his son-in-law jointly owned the Perkins Stove Company, supplying plumbing, heating, hardware, and stoves.⁶⁷

- iii HANNAH FRANCES SIMPSON, b. 18 March 1837,⁶⁸ d. probably before 1895 when her husband remarried; m. Brunswick, 15 Dec. 1864, HENRY MINOTT BOWKER as his 2nd wife,⁶⁹ b. Brunswick, 23 July 1820, son of Washington and Elizabeth (Minott) Bowker,⁷⁰ d. there 17 Dec. 1896, aged 76.⁷¹

Hannah was eight years old when her mother died in 1845, and was taken into the household of Henry C. and Hannah Maria (Skolfield) Martin to live. She was enumerated in the 1850 census of Brunswick living with them.⁷² Her husband had married first at Brunswick, 14 Sept. 1849, Rachael Donnell, b. West Bath, Maine, 21 Sept. 1832, d. Brunswick, 6 Dec. 1860, aged 28, less than one month after the birth of their fifth child.⁷³ Henry was enumerated in the 1870 census of Brunswick, aged 49, livery stable keeper, value of real estate \$3,800, value of personal property \$2,800. Other members of his family included Hannah, 33, and their two children, Ann M., 3, and Willie, 3 months. Three of Henry's son's from his first marriage also resided with them: Arthur D., 15, a mariner, Charles O., 12, and Robert S., 9. The household also included Martha C. Curtis, aged 40, a domestic servant.⁷⁴

At age 75, Henry m. (3) Brunswick, 22 Oct. 1895, Hattie Etta (Brown) Woodward, aged 32 and forty-four years his junior. Hattie was b. West Bethel, Maine, 14 Jan. 1864, daughter of Osgood and Mercy (Bennett) Brown.⁷⁵ Hattie was the widow of Nathaniel Palmer Woodward, by whom she had two children.⁷⁶ After Henry died, Hattie m. (3) Bath, 24 Dec. 1901, Thomas Miller Webb, by whom she had one child.⁷⁷ Hattie d. Brunswick, 24 Oct. 1921, and is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery

⁶⁶ "Merill" Perkins household, 1940 U.S. Census, Boothbay Harbor, Lincoln Co., Maine, house #12, E.D. 8-7, p. 8B. "Merill" Perkins, aged 76, Verna Perkins, aged 53, b. New Brunswick; gravestone inscription, Oceanview Cemetery, Boothbay, Findagrave.com: "Verna Harris Perkins, 1887-1949."

⁶⁷ Boothbay City Directory, 1931, p. 142.

⁶⁸ Her date of birth given in Henry M. Bowker family record, Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 430.

⁶⁹ Maine, Marriages, 1771-1907, FamilySearch.org.

⁷⁰ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 329 (birth of Henry M. Bowker).

⁷¹ "Maine, Death Records, 1617-1922," Ancestry.com: cause of death, "apoplexy," aged 76 years, 1 month, 22 days, occupation Livery.

⁷² Henry "Martine" household, 1850 U. S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 240B, #626/694.

⁷³ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 246 (marriage of Henry Bowker and Rachael Donnell), 430 (births of 5 children to Henry and Rachael Bowker), 430 (death of Rachael Bowker).

⁷⁴ Henry Bowker household, 1870 Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 58A, #119/126.

⁷⁵ "Maine, Marriage Records, 1713-1937," Ancestry.com (marriage of Henry M. Bowker, aged 75 years, and Hattie E. Woodward, aged 32 years; the record giving her place of birth and naming her parents).

⁷⁶ "Maine, Marriages, 1771-1907," FamilySearch.org (marriage of N. Palmer Woodward and Hattie E. Brown, Brunswick, 15 Jan. 1884).

⁷⁷ "Maine, Marriage Records, 1713-1937," FamilySearch.org (marriage of Thomas Miller Webb and Hattie Etta Bowker).

with her 1st husband. Her inscription reads “H. E. Webb, Widow of N.P. Woodard.”⁷⁸

The will of Henry Bowker, probated 28 Jan. 1897, bequeathed “to my wife Hattie all my right and claims in the property known as the Bowker homestead situated on the South side of Cleveland Street, Brunswick. To my daughter Josephine B. Bowker, the eastern half of the double tenement house, number six Cleveland Street and now occupied by the Joseph E. Stetson family. To my wife Hattie E. Bowker and my daughter Josephine B. Bowker, my wood lot on Rocky Hill, containing ten acres, being a part of the late Richard Dunlap farm, number four. To my son Robert S. Bowker, a wood lot on the so called Clough farm, situated near Rocky Hill, containing three acres. Also, my half of an undivided lot or parcel of land on the South side of Jordon Avenue, now being held jointly by Henry M. Bowker and Alfred J. Bowker. I hereby appoint my wife Hattie E. Bowker and my daughter, Josephine B. Bowker, my sole executors of this my last will and testament without bond.”⁷⁹

Children of Henry Minot and Hannah Frances (Simpson) Bowker, b. prob. Brunswick:

- 1 *Anna M. Bowker*, b. 20 Aug. 1865, settled in California and prob. d. there.⁸⁰ No further information.
- 2 *William Skolfield Bowker*, b. ca. 1870, d. Alameda, Calif., 15 April 1933, aged 63 years;⁸¹ m. Modesto, Calif., 21 May 1903, Rose Edith Turner,⁸² b. Modesto, Calif., 10 March 1878, daughter of Garrison and Elizabeth (Starr) Turner,⁸³ d. Alameda, Calif., 1 Jan. 1951.⁸⁴ Two children.
- 3 *Josephine B. Bowker*, b. Sept. 1875,⁸⁵ d. after 1910. Josephine was a lodger in the household of Edwin A. Graves in 1910, aged 35, single and working as a dressmaker in a shop.⁸⁶ In his will, her father made Josephine the beneficiary of several pieces of property. She entered into four transactions between March 1898 and Jan. 1899 with George A. Ulmer of Chelsea, Mass., mort-

⁷⁸ “Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922. Date of death, 24 Oct. 1921, aged 57 years, 9 months, 10 days, date of birth 14 Jan. 1861 (*sic*: 1864); Hattie’s father recorded as “William” Brown; Pine Grove Cemetery, p. 206, R8 #51.

⁷⁹ Estate of Henry M. Bowker, Cumberland Co. Deeds Records, 647:342–43. This is one of the few Cumberland Co. wills that survived the 1908 courthouse fire, because it was also recorded in the deed records.

⁸⁰ Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 430; Sinnett, *History of the Skolfield Family*, 67.

⁸¹ California Death Index, 1905–1939; California Voter Registers, 1866–1898, “William Skolfield Bowker, residence 1896, Stanislaus, Calif., occupation undertaker, age 26, height 5 feet, 8 inches, complexion light, eyes brown, hair dark, born Maine.

⁸² Early Marriages of Stanislaus, California, 1854–1905, copied by Myrtle Dix, 1958, p. 25, see <<http://cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/MAR205.pdf>>.

⁸³ George Henry Tinkham, *History of Stanislaus County, California* (Los Angeles, 1921), 279–80, “daughter of Garrison and Elizabeth (Starr) Turner.”

⁸⁴ California Death Index, 1940–1997, mother’s maiden name, Starr; father’s surname, Turner.

⁸⁵ Sinnett, *History of the Skolfield Family*, 67.

⁸⁶ Edwin A. Graves household, 1910 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 46, p. 3A, #56/63: 42 Federal Street, Brunswick, Josephine B. “Boroker.”

gaging the eastern half of the double tenement house that she inherited on Cleveland Street.⁸⁷ The debt of \$1,513 was discharged on 14 June 1899.⁸⁸

- iv GEORGE DANA BOARDMAN SIMPSON, b. about 1841,⁸⁹ d. before 1880;⁹⁰ m. Bath, 28 Sept. 1865, SARAH A. PAUL,⁹¹ b. Phippsburg, Maine, ca. 1843, daughter of Moses and Lydia (Jewel) Paul.⁹² Sarah was a widow by 1880, residing in Phippsburg with her sister Eliza and brother-in-law Alpheus E. Manson.⁹³ By 1910 Sarah had moved to Brunswick where she was listed as sister-in-law in the household of Cyrus Ridley and his wife Calista. She was listed as the mother of three children, all living, but only two children are recorded in the numerous records that were searched.⁹⁴ No further information located concerning Sarah.

George was undoubtedly named for George Dana Boardman, an American Baptist minister, b. Livermore, Maine, 1801. George was about four years old when his mother died. In 1850, George, 9, was living with his grandfather Jacob "Skefield" [Skolfield], 69. The household also included Rachael "Skefield," 39, and Rachel Snow, 15.⁹⁵

Rachael Skolfield was Jacob's second wife and, therefore, George's step-grandmother. The marriage of Jacob Skolfield and Rachel Ann Wilson on 11 Oct. 1848 was recorded in both the Bowdoin (no date given) and Brunswick vital records.⁹⁶ Rachel was b. Bowdoin, 11 Sept. 1810, daughter of Actor and Apphia (Pennell) Wilson.⁹⁷ She was five months younger than Jacob's first-born child with his first wife, Hannah. Rachel d. (prob. Bowdoinham) 17 Nov. 1890, aged 80.⁹⁸ Jacob d. Brunswick "of old age," 30 May 1860, aged 80.⁹⁹ Rachel was enumerated in the

⁸⁷ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 655:8, 317, 411; 671:200.

⁸⁸ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 676:378–79.

⁸⁹ Jacob "Skefield" household, 1850 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 213B, #239/255: George D. Simpson, aged 9.

⁹⁰ Alpheus E. Manson household, 1880 U.S. Census, Phippsburg, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, E.D. 149, p. 147B, #165/189: Sarah A. Simpson, aged 37, boarder, widow.

⁹¹ "Maine, Marriages, 1771–1907," Ancestry.com.

⁹² Moses Paul household, U.S. Census, 1850 Phippsburg, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 94A, #101/120; "Maine, Marriages 1771–1907," FamilySearch.org. Moses Paul and Lydia Jewell m. Phippsburg, 20 April 1831.

⁹³ Alpheus E. Manson household, 1880 U.S. Census, Phippsburg, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, E.D. 149, p. 147B, #165/189.

⁹⁴ Cyrus A. Ridley Household, 1910 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 44, p. 5B, #37/82, 64 Pleasant Street.

⁹⁵ Jacob "Skefield" household, 1850 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 213B, #239/255.

⁹⁶ Rachel Townsend Cox, ed, *Vital Records of Bowdoin, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 3 vols. (Portland, 1944–45), 3:198 (hereafter cited as *Bowdoin VRs*; Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 244: Jacob Skolfield of Brunswick m. (int.) Bowdoin, 27 Sept. 1848, Rachel Willson of Bowdoin, m. 11 Oct. 1848.

⁹⁷ *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:235.

⁹⁸ Bowdoinham Historical Society, Cemetery Index Card Collection, online at <www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org/cemetery-card-collection>, hereafter cited as Bowdoinham Hist. Soc. cemetery index.

⁹⁹ U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, 1850–1885, persons who died during the year ending 1 June 1860, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 1, line 26, Ancestry.com.

1860 Brunswick census, aged 48, with Dana [George D.] Simpson, aged 20, farm-hand, still living in the household.¹⁰⁰

On 12 July 1859, William S. Skolfield, “in consideration of the services and good conduct to his grandfather by Dana B. Simpson of Brunswick,” deeded 10 acres in Brunswick to [his nephew] Dana B. Simpson.¹⁰¹ Eight years later on 14 May 1867, George Simpson, now of Harpswell, conveyed the 10 acres of land back to his uncle, William S. Skolfield of Topsham, for \$175. George and his wife, Sarah A. Simpson, both signing.¹⁰²

After Jacob Skolfield’s death, Rachael continued to live on the homestead. On 31 Aug. 1861 she quitclaimed to William S. Skolfield, for \$500, “all my right, title and interest in the homestead of my late husband, meaning to convey to said William S. Skolfield, all my right of dower, in the homestead farm of the deceased, which farm the said Jacob Skolfield occupied in his lifetime.”¹⁰³ Rachael m. (2) Topsham, 2 Jan. 1867, Joseph Hall,¹⁰⁴ widower of Mary A. Toothaker.¹⁰⁵ Rachael and Joseph are buried in the Hall Cemetery, Bowdoinham.¹⁰⁶

Children of George Dana Boardman and Sarah A. (Paul) Simpson, order uncertain:

- 1 *George Frederick Simpson*, b. Phippsburg, 15 April 1869,¹⁰⁷ living with his grandparents, Moses and Lydia Paul, in Harpswell in 1880 as “Frederick,” aged 10.¹⁰⁸ Nothing more is known for certain about him, but one Fred Simpson, 30, b. April 1870, single, servant, was living in the Phippsburg household of Alvin W. Blaisdell in 1900.¹⁰⁹ Fred was still living in Phippsburg in 1920, as head of his own household, aged 52, single, laborer, odd jobs.¹¹⁰
- 2 *William Simpson*, named as a son by Sinnett.¹¹¹ No further information found.

¹⁰⁰ Rachael Skolfield household, 1860 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 79, #614/653. Rachel Snow, aged 15 and also living in Jacob Skolfield’s household in 1850, was a niece of Rachel Ann (Wilson) Skolfield and daughter of Rachel Ann’s sister Sarah/Sally Wilson who m. Simeon Snow (death record of Rachel Ann (Snow) Varney, Maine, 17 Oct. 1917 from Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, Ancestry.com; *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:236).

¹⁰¹ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 302:404.

¹⁰² Cumberland Co. Deeds, 354:58.

¹⁰³ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 306:88.

¹⁰⁴ Mary Pelham Hill, *Vital Records of Topsham, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (1929–30), 2:232.

¹⁰⁵ David C. Young, “Early Families of Sabattus, Androscoggin County Maine; Formerly Part of Greene, Lewiston, Lisbon, Bowdoin and West Bowdoinham” (1998), online at <<http://files.usgarchives.net/me/androscoggin/sabattus/families/tfiles.txt>>.

¹⁰⁶ Bowdoinham Hist. Soc. cemetery index.

¹⁰⁷ “Maine, Birth and Christenings, 1739–1900,” Ancestry.com: father Dana Simpson, mother Sarah —.

¹⁰⁸ Moses Paul household, 1880 U.S. Census, Great Island, Harpswell, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 37, p. 358B, #244/348. Moses Paul bought land on Great Island in 1861 (Cumberland Co. Deeds, 310:104).

¹⁰⁹ Alvin W. Blaisdell household, 1900 U.S. Census, Phippsburg, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, E.D. 214, p. 10A, #224/225.

¹¹⁰ Fred Simpson household, 1910 U.S. Census, Phippsburg, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, E.D. 143, p. 128A, #138/146.

¹¹¹ Sinnett, *History of the Skolfield Family*, 67.

- v ANN/ANNIE M. SIMPSON, b. ca. 1843, about two years old at her mother's death, d. Augusta, 20 Nov. 1884, of consumption, aged 41; m. there, 6 Dec. 1865, ANSON S. CLARK, b. Augusta about 1835, son of William and Ann (Smith) Clark, d. 2 March 1895 of heart disease, aged 60.¹¹² Both Annie and Anson are bur. in Riverside Cemetery, Augusta, with their extended family. She is called "Annie" in all records found for her.

Proof of the parentage of Annie M. Simpson was finally found in a Cumberland Co. deed. It provided the necessary link in establishing the relationship of Annie to her mother, Catherine Skolfield, and grandfather. In the deed, dated 4 Jan. 1866:

"We, Daniel W. Simpson, George D. Simpson, both of Harpswell, Hannah F. Bowker in her own right, and Henry M. Bowker, her husband, of Brunswick, Annie M. Clark, in her own right, and Anson S. Clark, her husband, of Augusta, in consideration of \$200, paid by Benjamin C. Skolfield of Brunswick, we do hereby release, remit, bargain, sell, and convey, and forever quitclaim all our right, title and interest in a certain undivided lot of land situated on White's Island in the Middle Bay in Harpswell, being the extreme Southwestern portion of said island containing four acres more or less, being our portion of land left to us and William S. Simpson as heirs of Jacob Skolfield, Esquire. We, the said Daniel, George and Mary and Sarah, our wives, Hannah, Annie, and Henry and Anson, our husbands, have set our hands and seals [4 Jan. 1866]."¹¹³

In 1850 Annie was living in Vassalboro, aged 7, in the home of her aunt and uncle Daniel and Margaret (Simpson) Weeks. The large household consisted of eight children born into the Weeks family, seven of whom were single. Their daughter Martha and husband John Nowell also resided there.¹¹⁴ By 1860, John and Martha had established their own household in Augusta and were the parents of twin daughters, Bertha and Barzie, aged three years. Also living with John and Martha Nowell in 1860 was Ann M. "Nowell," 17, who is believed to be Annie M. Simpson.¹¹⁵ Anson

¹¹² All information documented in Priscilla Blount, "Nancy Clark, Wife of Roland Smith of Hallowell, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 32(2010):147–64, at 162. In that article, the ancestry of Annie M. Simpson had not yet been proven. Her age at death was based on her Augusta death record (Ethel Colby Conant, *Vital Records of Augusta, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. [Auburn, Maine, 1933], 2:262 [hereafter *Augusta VRs*]). An article that appeared in the *Daily Kennebec Journal*, Augusta, 21 Nov. 1884, stated that she died at the age of 38. If that were true, she would have been born in 1846, which is impossible since her mother d. 21 Oct. 1845. Also, she was aged 7, living with her aunt and uncle in the 1850 census in Vassalboro, therefore born ca. 1843–44. Her mother may have died in childbirth, but it appears that the family of Jacob and Hannah Skolfield may have been struck with an illness, such as tuberculosis. Catherine's mother d. 31 Dec. 1844; siblings Frances d. 14 Feb. 1846, Ann d. 20 June 1846, and Narcissa d. 8 Oct. 1846; and Narcissa's husband d. 5 Feb. 1847. There are Findagrave.com sites claiming that Francis and Narcissa died from typhoid fever. There are also numerous sites on the internet stating that Annie's middle name was Marie and Anson's middle name was Stanley, but these claims are undocumented.

¹¹³ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 341:52–53.

¹¹⁴ Daniel H. Weeks household, 1850 U.S. Census, Vassalboro, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 230, #140/146.

¹¹⁵ John Nowell household, 1860 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 252, #956/1031.

Clark, 24, was enumerated five households from John Nowell and perhaps that is how Anson and Annie first met.¹¹⁶

Anson had purchased land east of the Kennebec River in 1860, formally owned by his grandmother, but he was frequently delinquent in paying the real estate taxes on his property, resulting in several tax sales. On 22 Dec. 1866, Thomas Little, Tax Collector for the City of Augusta, after advertising six weeks prior to the sale of Anson's land, and "whereas no person has appeared to discharge the said tax," held a public auction for the buildings and 56 acres of land, "being the same occupied by said Anson Clark in School District No. Two on the East side of the Kennebec on the 1st Range of lots for unpaid taxes of \$17.24." Samuel S. Brooks of Augusta bought the property with the highest bid of \$20.24. It was subject however, to the right of redemption of the owner at any time within the time specified by law.¹¹⁷

Anson's house, barn, and forty-five acres of land on the west side of the Bangor Road which "he occupies" was sold on 18 June 1892 to the City of Augusta at public auction for the unpaid taxes of \$21.75, and subject to redemption.¹¹⁸ A year later Anson's taxes of \$13.06 were once more delinquent and the City of Augusta repossessed his house, barn, and twenty acres of land on the west side of the Bangor Road which "he occupies."¹¹⁹ Anson apparently was able to pay his back taxes and regain his land as he continued to live there.

On 9 May 1883, "Anson Clark, of Augusta, now temporarily of Boston," sold to Augustus C. Smith a parcel of land on the east side of the river leading from Augusta to Bangor. The deed was acknowledge by Annie, wife of Anson, in testimony of her right of dower.¹²⁰ The following year Annie died leaving Anson with four children, ranging in age from 5 to 19 years old.

Children of Anson and Annie M. (Simpson) Clark, first three b. Augusta, last b. Vassalboro:

- 1 *Ellen Louise ("Nellie") Clark*, b. Aug. 1865,¹²¹ d. Augusta, "of blockage in the fallopian tubes, duration two months," 13 Aug. 1923, aged 57;¹²² m. Augusta, 3 Sept. 1892, Chester H. Stevens,¹²³ b. Maine, Dec. 1866,¹²⁴ son of Chester H. and Lizzie (Waters) Stevens,¹²⁵ d. Augusta, April 1943, aged 76.¹²⁶ Chester m. (2) Portland, 22 May 1926, Florence V. (McGibbon) (Wheaton) Newson,¹²⁷ as her third husband, b. Calais, Maine, about 1877,¹²⁸ d. Augusta,

¹¹⁶ William Clark household, 1860 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 251, #950/1025.

¹¹⁷ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 228:145; 268:310-11.

¹¹⁸ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 402:558.

¹¹⁹ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 402:578.

¹²⁰ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 344:187.

¹²¹ Chester Stevens household, 1900 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 107, p. 12A, #269/271.

¹²² Record of a death, Nellie Louise Stevens, b. Augusta, Maine (Maine State Archives).

¹²³ "Maine, Marriage Records, 1705-1937," Ancestry.com.

¹²⁴ Chester Stevens household, 1900 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 107, p. 12A, #269/271.

¹²⁵ "Maine, Marriage Records, 1705-1922," Ancestry.com, his parents' names given.

¹²⁶ Records of Mt. Hope Cemetery, Augusta, providing his date of death.

¹²⁷ "Maine, Marriages, 1892-1996," Ancestry.com.

Sept. 1958, aged 83 years. Nellie, Chester, and Florence are buried in the same lot, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Augusta.¹²⁹ No children. Nellie had been a patient at the Augusta General Hospital for 3 days prior to her death.¹³⁰ She made her will on 10 Aug. 1923 while there. After the payment of her debts, Nellie bequeathed to her husband: "First, for and during the term of his natural life, my interest in the house and lot on the Bangor Road, and at his decease, I give, bequeath and devise my interest to my cousin, Audrey C. Newbert of Augusta. Second, I give the furniture and other personal property in the house to my husband during the term of his natural life, and at his decease, to the said Audury C. Newbert." Chester was named sole executor. An inventory of Nellie's estate dated 13 Oct. 1923 showed an appraised value of \$378.55, including clothing and personal effects; \$200 in cash; a savings account at Augusta Trust Company of \$178; no real estate.¹³¹

- 2 *Blanch Estelle Clark*, b. 31 Jan., 1857, d. "of terminal pneumonia," Augusta, 11 Feb. 1950, aged 83;¹³² m. Augusta, 26 Nov. 1884, her 2nd cousin, Charles Henry Smith,¹³³ b. Augusta, 27 Jan. 1857, son of George Henry and Mary Jane (Denniston) Smith, d. "from coronary thrombosis," Augusta, 11 Jan. 1938, aged 80 years, 11 months, 15 days.¹³⁴ They are both bur. in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Charles was enumerated in the 1880 census in Vassalboro, aged 23, farm laborer, living in the household of Anson and Annie Clark, which also included their daughter Blanch, 13, son Stanley D., 10, and daughter Alice S., 6 months.¹³⁵ Charles died intestate, leaving a widow and four children. On 29 April 1938, his children quitclaimed unto Blanch all their interest in the 19 acres of land located on the river road on the east side of the Kennebec River.¹³⁶ After Charles's death, Blanch lived with her daughter Ethel, her son-in-law Everett McCone, and her granddaughter, Ethelth.¹³⁷ Five children.

¹²⁸ Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 554:220, Marriage of Florence V. McGibbon, 4 Oct. 1905, age 28, to Robert M. Wheaton; "Maine, Marriages, 1892–1996," Ancestry.com: marriage of Florence B. "McGibben," dated 30 April 1917, to Charles A. Newson.

¹²⁹ Mt. Hope Cemetery records.

¹³⁰ Record of a death, Nellie Louise Stevens, b. Augusta, Maine (Maine State Archives), d. Augusta General Hospital, Ward 6.

¹³¹ Last Will and Testament of Nellie L. Stevens, Kennebec Co. Probate, Docket #17764.

¹³² Record of a death, Blanche Estelle Smith, b. Augusta, informant Mrs. Ethel McCone (Maine State Archives).

¹³³ *Augusta VRs*, 1:247. Charles was the grandson of Augustus C. Smith. Their common ancestor was Roland and Nancy (Clark) Smith. See Priscilla Blount, "Nancy Clark, Wife of Roland Smith of Hallowell, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 32(2010):147–64, at 154.

¹³⁴ Record of a Death, "died at home, Riverside Drive, occupation, farmer and River Lumberman, informant Mrs. Blanch Smith" (Maine State Archives).

¹³⁵ Anson Clark household, 1880 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 105, p. 426B, #312/327.

¹³⁶ Kennebec Co., Deeds, 743:282–83.

¹³⁷ Everett M. McCone household, 1940 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 6-20, p. 11A, 201 Riverside Drive.

- 3 *Stanley D. Clark*, b. ca. Oct. 1868, d. 19 April 1893, aged 24 years, 6 months, and bur. in Riverside Cemetery beside his parents.¹³⁸ Stanley was a porter at the Maine Insane Hospital.¹³⁹ Two years before his death, he purchased 25 acres of land from his father and Josiah Brown, with Josiah Brown holding a mortgage of \$250.00. The land was located on the east side of the Kennebec River, north of Charles H. Smith.¹⁴⁰ Never married.
- 4 *Alice Skolfield Clark*, b. Vassalboro, 27 Nov. 1879, d. Rumford, Maine, 3 June 1938, from chronic myocardia, duration 15 years, aged 58 years, 6 months, 6 days,¹⁴¹ m. (1) Hallowell, 1 Jan. 1895, Walter Pierce Dean,¹⁴² b. Farmingdale, 23 Feb. 1878, son of Simeon P. and Addie B. (Peacock) Dean,¹⁴³ with whom she had three children. They divorced,¹⁴⁴ and Alice m. (2) Ralph Waldo Whitehouse, b. South Vassalboro, 21 Dec. 1885, son of Everett Milton and Harriet Newell (Wall) Whitehouse, d. Rumford, 12 Sept. 1920, of typhoid fever, aged 34 years, 8 months, 21 days,¹⁴⁵ with whom she had two additional children. Alice and Ralph are both bur. in Farrington Memorial Cemetery, Mexico, Maine.¹⁴⁶ Ralph died intestate and Alice was left with two minor children aged 6 and 2 years. At a court of probate held at Paris, Maine, in June 1921, Ralph's estate was appraised for \$423, consisting of one cow worth \$35, 24 hens worth \$48, 1 Ford car valued at \$275, 2 tons of hay worth \$50, and a gain on the sale of hay of \$15. Alice was allowed the sum of \$125.¹⁴⁷

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¹³⁸ Record of a Death, occupation, porter; cause of death, diphtheria: tombstone inscription, "Stanley D. Clark, only son of Anson S. Clark" (Maine State Archives). There are also numerous internet sites that state Stanley's middle name was Dana, but without documentation. Perhaps his middle name was Daniel in honor of the man who raised his mother.

¹³⁹ Augusta City Directory, 1892–1893, p. 102: "There were several recorded cases of diphtheria reaching epidemic proportions from June 1888 to the summer of 1893 at the Maine Insane Asylum." For further information see <www.maine.gov/dhhs/riverview/history/oral-history/dr-sanborn.html>.

¹⁴⁰ Kennebec Co. Deeds, 383:464.

¹⁴¹ The birth record of Alice's firstborn child, which she was able to supply the information for, records that she was born in Vassalboro. The same child was the informant of her death record, and stated that she was born in Augusta.

¹⁴² Family Bible in author's possession; State of Maine, Knox Co., Supreme Judicial Court, Writ No. 1430. A marriage certificate for Alice and Walter has not been found, but in their divorce degree, all the reported information was stated. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. James E. Cochrane.

¹⁴³ "Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922," Ancestry.com, death Record of Walter P. Dean.

¹⁴⁴ See note 142.

¹⁴⁵ "Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922," Ancestry.com.

¹⁴⁶ Death Records of Alice and Raymond Whitehouse.

¹⁴⁷ Oxford Co., Maine, Probate Records, Docket #1950-233.

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

Submitted by Priscilla Eaton

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A List of the members of the First Congregational Church of Wells, Maine as of 25 February 1893.

[The date in the first column is the date the member joined the church. Later hands made the following marks: those with mark “#” are dead; those with mark “+” have removed their relationship to other churches; those with mark “a” are absent.]

Females

1828 Sep 7	Martha Wells	#
1872 Jan 7	Abby S. Maxwell	#
1879 May 4	Clara Littlefield	#
1865 May 7	Hannah H. E. Barker	#
1863 May 3	Pamela W. Hubbard	#
1840 Nov 29	Jane Littlefield Pope	#
1834 Sep 7	Harriet S. Furbush	a #
1838 Nov 4	Dorcas Littlefield	# died 1901
1851 Jan	Mary Jane Maxwell	#
1846 Jan 7	Mary Foster Littlefield	a #
1831 Sep 4	Hannah P. Gooch	a #
1831 Nov 6	Olive G. Littlefield	a #
1840 Aug 2	Mary H. E. Pope	#
1850 Nov 2	Hannah A.[?] Littlefield	a #
1851 May 4	Mary Ann Maxwell	#
1857 Mar 8	Susan H. Littlefield	+
1857 Mar 8	Hannah L. Junkins	a #
1857 July 5	Harriett Maxwell	#
1857 July 5	Priscilla Eldredge	+ #
1857 July 5	Mary A. Littlefield	#
1857 July 5	Pamelia A. Williams	#
1857 July 5	Mary D. Bayley	#
1863 May 3	Elizabeth J. Maxwell	a #
1863 July 5	Helen C. Gooch	a #
1863 Sep 6	Asenath Kimball	#
1863 Sep 6	Abbie A. Butterfield	a dropped
1863 Sep 6	Charlotte A. Maxwell	+
1863 Sep 6	Helen M. Wells	a +
1863 Sep 6	Elisabeth Winn	a #
1863 Nov 1	Caroline Littlefield	a #
1870 July 3	Mary A. Littlefield	#

1863 Nov 1	Katie L. Pinney	#
1863 Nov 1	Sarah E. Dykeman	#
1863 Nov 1	Hannah A. Eaton	a #
1864 3 Jan	Mary C. Bragdon	a #
1870 July 3	Tabitha A. Winn	a dropped #
1870 July 3	Clara E. Littlefield	#
1870 July 3	Helen Augusta Maxwell	(maiden name Littlefield) #
1876 Mar 5	Augusta H. Littlefield	a dropped
1876 Mar 5	Isabel M. Littlefield	a #
1876 Mar 5	Annabel Wells	a +
1876 July 2	Martha Stevens	#
1876 July 2	Abbie F. Goodale	#
1876 July 2	Carrie W. Philips	#
1876 July 2	Melissa Littlefield	#
1876 Nov 5	Sarah C. Stevens	#
1879 May 4	Hattie B. Stover	#
1883 Jan 14	Nellie Wells	a +
1883 Jan 14	Addie Pope	#
1889 May 12	Jane Donnell	#
1890 Mar 2	Jessie A. Wheelwright	of Bear River, Nova Scotia, by letter from M.E. Church, a #
1891 May 3	Alice Harvey Goodwin	a +
1891 May 3	Annie Louise Hatch (Bates)	a + #
1891 July 5	Annie F. Lade	by letter from 1st Cong. Church Eliot, Maine
1898 Jan 2	Mrs. Mary J. Butler	by letter from 1st Cong. Ch in Townshend, Vt. #
1898 Jan 2	Mrs. Frank Thompson	by letter from M.E. Church in Waltham, Mass.
1898 Jan 2	Mrs. A. A. Bailey	Our pastor's wife, by letter from Baptist Church in Wakefield, N.H.
1898 Jan 9	Mrs. Mary J.[?] Bayley	by letter from the Belleville Cong. Church in Newburyport, Mass.
1864 May 4	Mrs. Mary E. Littlefield	by letter from church in Newburyport, Mass.
1840 Nov 29	Olive W. Littlefield	#

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