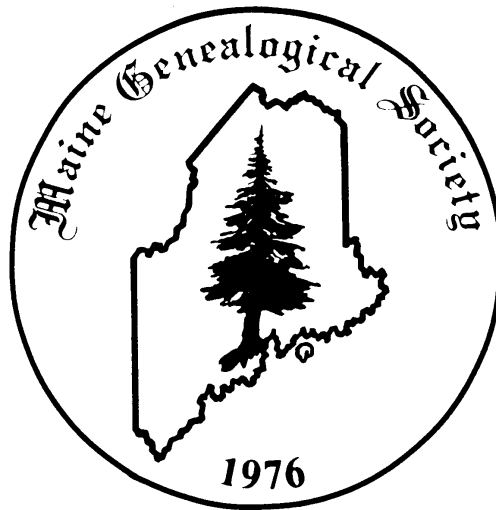


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DR. EDWARD RACKLEFF OF PORTLAND, MAINE,  
MISSOURI, ARKANSAS, AND HIS CHEROKEE  
DESCENDANTS OF OKLAHOMA

*By Cynthia Cook Winterhalter*

Edward Rackleff, the son of Captain Chandler and Harriet (Dyer) Rackleff,<sup>1</sup> was born in Portland, Maine, about 1819.<sup>2</sup> The following obituary appeared in a Portland newspaper in 1892:<sup>3</sup>

Dr. Edward Rackleff died in Arkansas Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, aged 73 years. He was the son of Capt. Chandler Rackleff of Woodfords. He went west at the age of 18 years and settled in Missouri. He studied medicine under a French doctor and graduated at the Medical College at St. Louis. The following is taken from the Bee of Branch, Ark. [*sic*: the town name was Bee Branch], his late residence: "Death has again visited us, taking this time Dr. Edward Rackleff, a man esteemed by all who knew him in all of his long practice of 50 years, and many who are living and enjoying good health are indebted to his skilful treatment. He was a man of rare literary attainments, being versed in the English, French, Latin and Greek languages . . . ."

Before he left for Missouri, Edward had attended Gorham Academy and Teacher's Seminary where his name appeared in their catalogue for the year ending August 1837, as Edward Rackliff, residence Westbrook.<sup>4</sup> He probably left for Missouri soon after to enroll in medical school. The school had been organized in 1840 as the Medical Department of Kemper College, St. Louis, and was known by 1855 as Missouri Medical College. "Ed Rackleff, Class of [18]46," was on a published list of graduates.<sup>5</sup> Another mention of him appeared in the *History of Boone County*: "In the spring of 1845 [*sic*] [Felix Sutton Grundy, M.D.] commenced the study of medicine under Dr. E. Rackliffe of Portland, Callaway County [Missouri]."<sup>6</sup>

In 1850 Dr. E. Rackliff was on a list of persons who intended to migrate in the spring to California;<sup>7</sup> however, there is no record of him in California censuses. In 1863 Edward Rackliffe, physician, resident of Millersburg, Callaway County, Mis-

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<sup>1</sup> "Maine Marriage Records, 1713–1937," intentions of marriage filed in Portland, 22 Nov. 1812, Chandler Rackleff of Portland and Harriot Dyer of Cape Elizabeth, ancestry.com.

<sup>2</sup> Calculated from age at death, 73 years, in 1892, see note 3; Cynthia C. Winterhalter, "The William Rackliff Family of Lincoln County, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 18(1996):51, and Ruth Gray, ed., *Maine Families in 1790 Vol. 1* (Camden, Maine, 1988), 231–32. The spelling *Rackleff* was used by descendants of Benjamin and Mary (Dodge) Rackliff of Edgecomb, Maine. A more common spelling was *Rackliff[e]*. Spelling in this article is as it appears in the records.

<sup>3</sup> "Portland Obituaries" (photocopies of newspaper clippings pasted in scrapbooks, Maine Historical Society, Portland, Maine, call #Mv P837.4), 7:231.

<sup>4</sup> U.S., High School Students Lists, 1821–1923, Gorham Academy, p. 9, ancestry.com.

<sup>5</sup> Photocopy of "List of Alumni of Missouri Medical College, from 1841 to 1879," pp. 10, 13, source unknown, copy from the State Historical Society of Missouri sent to author in 1987 by Judy Ellis, 6110 Barrentine Drive, Bartlett, TN 38134.

<sup>6</sup> *History of Boone County, Missouri* (St. Louis, 1882), 677.

<sup>7</sup> *History of Callaway County, Missouri* (St. Louis, 1884), 383–84.

souri, was on the IRS tax assessment list for the month of February that year.<sup>8</sup> He was taxed \$10.00 for a Class B license. In Arkansas Dr. Racliffe was one of the early doctors in Greasy Valley and Bee Branch.<sup>9</sup>

On 25 November 1846, Dr. Edward married his first wife Minerva [“Manervy”] Sims. The marriage was registered in Boone County, Missouri, and performed by Jacob Coons, Elder of the Church of Christ in Millersburg.<sup>10</sup> Minerva Sims was born, probably in Columbia Township, Boone County, 7 April 1830,<sup>11</sup> daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Martin) Sims.<sup>12</sup> She died in Callaway County, 2 September 1901, aged 71 years, as Mrs. Minerva Yount,<sup>13</sup> and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Mexico, Missouri.<sup>14</sup>

Minerva Radcliff was enumerated on the 1870 census, living without Edward but with her married daughter Emma McKinney [*sic*: McKenna] at Columbia, Missouri.<sup>15</sup> On 13 July 1879 she married in Callaway County, as her second husband and his second wife, John F. Yount.<sup>16</sup> John was born in Tennessee, 21 January 1816, died 4 July 1898, 82 years, 5 months and 14 days, and was buried in the Yount Cemetery, Callaway County.<sup>17</sup> By the 1880 census they were enumerated at Cedar, Missouri, as was her married daughter and family.<sup>18</sup> In 1900 Minerva Yount, aged 70 years, widow, was enumerated with the Thomas and Emma McKenna family, as “mother-in-law,” at Jefferson City, Missouri.<sup>19</sup>

Dr. Edward and Minerva Rackleff had three children, two of whom survived to adulthood: Edward William and Louisa Emma.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>8</sup> U.S., IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862–1918, ancestry.com, image 47 of 271.

<sup>9</sup> Ruby Neal Clark et al., eds., *A History of Van Buren County, Arkansas* (n.p., 1976), 35.

<sup>10</sup> Missouri Marriage Records, 1805–2002, image 5 of 21, ancestry.com. Millersburg was Dr. Rackleff’s residence in an 1863 tax list (note 8).

<sup>11</sup> Gravestone, see note 14.

<sup>12</sup> Elias Sims, father of Minerva, b. 1794, d. 21 Feb. 1842, burial place unknown. Information from Boone Co. Wills, 1842, No. 453, as noted on findagrave.com, #49453432. Elias Sims m. Madison Co., Ky., 15 May 1817, Elizabeth Martin (Madison County, Kentucky Marriage Records, 1790–1843, ancestry.com). Many of the surname Sims moved from Madison Co., Ky., and settled in Boone Co., Mo.

<sup>13</sup> Missouri, Newspaper Death Index, 1822–1994, ancestry.com, citing *Callaway Weekly Gazette*.

<sup>14</sup> Gravestone, Elmwood Cemetery, Mexico, Audrain Co., Mo., findagrave.com, #108860998 (photo). Audrain Co. abuts the northern borders of Boone and Callaway cos.

<sup>15</sup> Minerva Radcliff household, 1870 U.S. Census, Columbia, Boone Co., Mo., p. 111, #622/758, name incorrectly indexed as “Kadcliff.”

<sup>16</sup> Information provided by findagrave.com (note 14). No marriage record in incomplete Missouri databases.

<sup>17</sup> Yount Cemetery, Callaway Co., Mo., birth calculated from age at death on gravestone, findagrave.com, #20687139 (photo).

<sup>18</sup> John Yount household, 1880 U.S. Census, Cedar, Callaway Co., Mo., E.D. 27, p. 511, #222/222.

<sup>19</sup> Thomas McKenna household, 1900 U.S. Census, Jefferson City, Cole Co., Mo., E.D. 35, p. 5, #82/89.

<sup>20</sup> See Genealogical Summary.

After an extensive search, I failed to locate Dr. Edward on any U.S. census prior to 1880, when he was enumerated at Benton, Missouri, with his second wife, Emily Catherine —, 34 years his junior. They were married before the census year June 1879 to 1880.<sup>21</sup> Dr. Edward and Minerva apparently divorced before her remarriage in July 1879 and his marriage to Emily Catherine at about the same time. Dr. Edward and Emily Catherine had a daughter, Emily, born 2 December 1879, probably at Benton, who was six months old in June 1880.<sup>22</sup>

Edward Rackliff wrote his will 9 May 1889 as a resident of Bee Branch, Van Buren County, Arkansas, leaving \$5.00 each to his son Edward William Rackliff and daughter Louiza [*sic*] Emma McKenna, “children of my first wife.” To his present wife, Emily Catherine Rackliff, and their daughter, Emily, he bequeathed all his property. On the death of his wife, all was to go to Emily. This was witnessed 9 May 1892, filed for probate 10 October, and admitted 17 October 1892.<sup>23</sup> No place of burial has been located for Dr. Edward Rackliff.

Emily C. Rackliff, 38 years, married secondly at Bee Branch, 11 January 1894, Dennis Stell Cargile, 49 years, of Quitman, Cleburne County, Arkansas.<sup>24</sup> The marriage was short lived, as Emily died 6 February 1896 and was buried in Quitman Cemetery in Cleburne County.<sup>25</sup> There were no children, and Dennis married again and died in 1923.<sup>26</sup>

#### EDWARD WILLIAM RACKLEFF OF THE CHEROKEE NATION, INDIAN TERRITORY, OKLAHOMA

Edward William, the oldest child of Dr. Edward and Minerva (Sims) Rackleff, was born probably in Callaway County, Missouri, in May 1850,<sup>27</sup> and died in North Fox Township, Lincoln County, Oklahoma, 26 July 1930,<sup>28</sup> where he was enumerated in the 1930 census living with his son George and family.<sup>29</sup> His burial was in

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<sup>21</sup> Edward Rackleff household, 1880 U.S. Census, Benton, Howell Co., Mo., E.D. 50, p. 416, #1/1. No marriage record located.

<sup>22</sup> See note 21 and Genealogical Summary. Her birth month was given as Dec.

<sup>23</sup> Van Buren Co., Ark., Wills, B:5–6, online image at Arkansas, Wills and Probate Records, 1783–1998, ancestry.com, images 28 & 29 of 158.

<sup>24</sup> Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837–1957, ancestry.com.

<sup>25</sup> Gravestone, Plot k082, Quitman Cemetery, Cleburne Co., Ark., findagrave.com, #80716559 (photo).

<sup>26</sup> Gravestone, Plot k082, Quitman Cemetery, Cleburne Co., Ark., findagrave.com, #23748813 (photo): “Dennis Stell Cargile, Dec. 11, 1845 / Mar. 10, 1923.”

<sup>27</sup> E. W. Rackleff household, 1900 U.S. Census, Twp. 19 North, Range 22 East, Indian Terr., Cherokee Nation, E.D. 28, p. 15B, #118/119.

<sup>28</sup> Gravestone, see note 30.

<sup>29</sup> George Rackleff household, 1930 U.S. Census, North Fox Twp., Lincoln Co., Okla., E.D. 23, p. 3B, #59/65.

the Bill Batt Cemetery, Cherokee County.<sup>30</sup> In 1877 his marriage to Lizzy Sunday was recorded thus:<sup>31</sup>

Cherokee Nation  
Saline District,

Know all men to whom it may concern that Edward Rackliff a citizen of the United States having complied with the laws regulating intermarriage between citizens of the United States and Cherokee women

Know ye that marriage license is hereby granted to Ed Rackliff a white man and citizen of the United States to marry Miss Lizzy Sunday a Cherokee woman and Citizen of the aforesaid district and Nation Given from under my hand and Seal in Office this Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1877

Wm N West  
Clerk Saline Dist  
C N

I certify I have this day solemnized the rights of matrimony between Edward Rackliff and Miss Lizzy Sunday

T.M. Rights

Pastor of Moravian Church Springplace Going Snake District Cherokee Nation

Johnathan Webber

Witness

David X his mark Ridge

A search for Elizabeth (called Lizzie) Sunday yielded mixed results. The Drennen Roll of 1852 listed eight individuals or families headed by the name *Sunday* living in the Saline District and two in the Flint District of the Cherokee Nation. This roll listed the names and compensation of \$92.83 for each individual who moved west from Georgia after the Treaty of Echota in 1835.<sup>32</sup> Elizabeth, born not long after 1852, was probably connected to one of these families. In one other record, the Indian census of 1867, a “Betsey”, age 11, was listed with Lydia Sunday, age 36, and three other children.<sup>33</sup> In none of her records as an adult was Elizabeth ever called Betsey. She died, unfortunately, before 1900 when her parents would have been named in the Dawes census records.<sup>34</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Bill Batt Cemetery, Cherokee Co., Okla.: “Buried in unmarked grave by large tree by south gate,” per findagrave.com, #116983227 (no photo).

<sup>31</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Marriage, Citizenship and Census Records, 1841–1927, p. 61, image 40 of 1014, ancestry.com.

<sup>32</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Censuses and Rolls, 1851–1959, Drennen Roll, Flint District, pp. 82, 85; Saline District, pp. 271, 273, 279, 299, ancestry.com. The Drennen Roll comprises the first enumeration of Indians after the Trail of Tears. It lists per capita payments made to Cherokees living in the west who removed as a result of the Treaty of 1835. The roll was prepared by John Drennen and contains the payee’s name, Cherokee district, and then family group.

<sup>33</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Censuses and Rolls, 1851–1959, 1867, Saline District, p. 5, image 292 of 321, ancestry.com.

<sup>34</sup> The website of the Oklahoma Historical Society describes the Dawes census rolls ([www.okhistory.org/research/dawes](http://www.okhistory.org/research/dawes)): “Officially known as The Final Rolls of the Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory, the Dawes Rolls list individuals who chose to enroll and were approved for membership in the Five Civilized Tribes (Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole). Enrollment for the Dawes Rolls began in 1898 and ended in 1906. The Rolls list the individual’s name, age, sex, blood degree, census card number and page,



## THE RACKLEFF FAMILY IN THE CHEROKEE NATION CENSUSES

The 1880 census of the Cherokee Nation included:<sup>35</sup>

Rackleff, E.W., A[dopted], W[hite], 30 [yrs.], M, No. 6342 [*Dawes card number, added later in another hand*]]

Rackleff, Elizabeth, N[ative], Cher[okee], 22 [yrs.], F, Dead [*stamped later*]

Rackleff, Nelly, N, Cher, 2 [yrs.], F, No. 6016 [*Dawes card number, added later in another hand*]]

Rackleff, Lena, N, Cher, 4 [*illegible notation, days? or months?*], Dead [*stamped later*]

The 1883 Indian census shows the family as Lizzie Rackliff, 26, Nellie Rackliff, 5, and William E. Rackliff, 2, as citizens of the Cherokee Nation by right of blood (which therefore excluded Edward).<sup>36</sup> Presumably Lena had died. Not until 21 August 1896 was Edward W. Rackliff, 46 years, White, husband of Elizabeth Rackliff, adopted as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.<sup>37</sup> The 1890 census listed the family as Edward, 40, farmer, Lizzie, 30, Nellie, 12, William P., 8, and Luisa E., 2.<sup>38</sup> In 1893 Edward William Rackliff [*his name crossed out*], 42, Elizabeth, 35, Nellie, 14, William Penn, 11, Emma, 4, and George Rackliff, “boy born since census taken Registered by Act of Counsel,” were enumerated in the “Cherokees by blood” census.<sup>39</sup>

Beginning in 1893, the Dawes Commission began allotting land to tribal members in exchange for the dissolution of the tribal governments. The allotment jacket listed George Rackleff, No. 15128, John, No. 15129, Edward W., William P., and Louisa E[mma]. The last two were noted as “dead.”<sup>40</sup> The most information was found on the actual Dawes Census card No. 6342, dated 8 December 1900, listing the same land allotment numbers for George and John. The card lists the family as Edward W. Rackleff, 50, tribal enrollment in 1880, Saline District; William P., son, 19; Louisa E., daughter, 12; George, son, 7; all three enrolled in 1896; Johnie, son, 1, “affidavit as to [Johnie] filed Dec 8 1900.” The list also gives their tribal enrollment numbers and those of their parents. Edward W. Rackleff’s parents were record-

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enrollment number, and tribe. In most cases the ages indicated on the rolls are the age of individuals around 1902. Those listed as ‘newborns’ and ‘minors’ were born after the initial enrollment began in 1898, but before March of 1907.”

<sup>35</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Census and Rolls, 1851–1959, 1880, Saline District, Cherokee Nation, p. 658, image 271 of 449, ancestry.com.

<sup>36</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Census and Rolls, 1851–1959, 1883, Saline District, image 278 of 808, ancestry.com.

<sup>37</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Census and Rolls, 1851–1959, 1896, Saline District, image 607 of 771, ancestry.com: “husband of Elizabeth Rackliff No. 1451.”

<sup>38</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Census and Rolls, 1851–1959, 1890, Saline District, image 399 of 439, ancestry.com.

<sup>39</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Census and Rolls, 1851–1959, 1893, Saline District, image 51 of 233, ancestry.com.

<sup>40</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Land Allotment Jackets for Five Civilized Tribes, image 179 of 451, ancestry.com.

ed as Edward, de[ceas]d, non cit[i]z[en] and Minerva, blank [she died in 1901], non cit[i]z[en]. The children's mother, Elizabeth, was also listed as de[ceas]d, Saline District. Faint red pencil notes on the bottom of the card note that William P. died 5 April 1902 and Louisa E. died 18 April 1902."<sup>41</sup>

The final part of the Dawes packet was a typed application for the enrollment of Edward W. Rackleff and his children as members of the Five Civilized Tribes, dated Tahlequah, I[ndian] T[erritory], 8 December 1900. This indicates that Edward was 50 years old, lived in Rose, Saline District, was a citizen of the Cherokee Nation by intermarriage, and married in 1877 to his wife Elizabeth Sunday who was a citizen by blood. William Penn would be 19 years old on 23 December [1900], Louisa Emma was 12 years old on 17 August [1900], George 7 years old in December [1900], and John was one year old. Edward's wife had died "last September a year ago" [1899]. Edward had not remarried and lived continuously with his wife. As of December 1900, Edward and his family were enrolled as Cherokee citizens.<sup>42</sup>

In 1937 the WPA interviewed individuals for their Indian Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma. Mrs. Kate [*sic*] Rackleff of Fairland [Ottawa County], Oklahoma, a Cherokee Indian, born 1880, daughter of Bock [*sic*: Bark] Neugin and Rebecca Ketcher, both born in Georgia, was interviewee No. 7582. She recounted her mother's year-long trip as a child along "The Trail of Tears" from Georgia through Tennessee and southern Missouri to Oklahoma, then Indian Territory. Her grandfather had a cart drawn by oxen loaded with a year's worth of provisions for his family of six children. Much of the time they walked; many people died on the trip from exposure and disease. On arrival they settled in "Goingsnake District" and made temporary shelters of poles covered with cloth while they built a log house and started their farm. So his wife might weave cloth for clothing, he built her a loom. Later they moved to a place on Clear Creek west of Hulbert [Cherokee County] where Kate was born. Kate goes on to describe her parents' lives while her father served in the Civil War;<sup>43</sup> her experiences and those of her sisters at the Presbyterian Mission School; and their later attendance at a Baptist Mission School to the tenth grade. While working in Wagoner [in Wagoner County, just west of Hulbert], she met Edward Rackleff, a white man born in Missouri, who had a wagon yard in Tahlequah [Cherokee County]. She did not remember the marriage date, nor did she have a license.<sup>44</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Dawes Census Cards for the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914, Saline District, P.O. Rose, I.T., Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation Cherokee Roll, Card No. 6342, image 75 of 141, ancestry.com.

<sup>42</sup> All U.S., Native American Applications for Enrollment in Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914, images 871 and 872 of 2195, ancestry.com.

<sup>43</sup> U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861–1865, 3rd Regiment, Indian Home Guards, Kansas Infantry, ancestry.com.

<sup>44</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian and Pioneer Historical Collection, 1937, images 655–66 of 1565, ancestry.com.

In 1883 Kate, age 7, was enumerated with Bark and Beckey Neugen [*sic*], the youngest of their five children, in the Cherokee Nation census of Tahlequah District.<sup>45</sup> In the 1900 U.S. census she was enumerated with her widowed mother, Rebecca, and other family members. Her date of birth was given September 1875 and she was listed as being either married or widowed, the notations “M” and “Wd” having been overwritten by the other.<sup>46</sup> On 6 December 1902 she was enrolled as a Cherokee by blood on the Dawes Roll as Katie Cochram and appeared on the census card as such with her twin children, Silas and Sallie, 6 weeks old as of 3 September 1902. Sanders Cochram was noted as their father. Also noted on the card: “August 23, 1902 [Katie] is now wife of Sanders Cochram on Card No. 8251.” Although the Dawes Card was dated 4 December 1900, notes were added at various later dates, an important one being: “Testimony of June 11, 1904 Shows marriage of [Katie] on April 20, 1904, to Edward W. Rackleff on Cherokee Card No 6342.”<sup>47</sup>

Edward and Katie Rackleff with daughter Linnie, age two, Katie’s only surviving child of six, were enumerated in the 1910 U.S. census of Tahlequah. He was a bottler at a bottling works and rented a home.<sup>48</sup> A son, Eddie Rackleff, born in June, had died in November 1906 and was buried in the Neugin Cemetery, Hulbert, Cherokee County.<sup>49</sup> Edward could not be located on the 1920 U.S. census, but that year “Katie Radcliff,” widow [*sic*], aged 45, was enumerated at River, Oklahoma, with her children Linnie, age 11, Zeke, 7, and Della, 5.<sup>50</sup> In the 1930 census of Fairland City, Katie Rackleff, divorced, worked at home as a laundress.<sup>51</sup> In 1930 Edward, aged 80, widower [*sic*], lived with his son George and family on their farm in North Fox.<sup>52</sup> He died a few months later on 26 July 1930 and was buried in the Bill Batt Cemetery, Cherokee County, “in unmarked grave by large tree at south gate.”<sup>53</sup> Katie was living in Fairland as late as February 1966 (see Genealogical Summary).

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<sup>45</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Censuses and Rolls, 1851–1959, Tahlequah District, 1883, image 376 of 808, ancestry.com.

<sup>46</sup> Rebecca Neugin household, 1900 U.S. Census, Twp. 18 North, Range 20 East, Cherokee Nation, Indian Terr., E.D. 29, p. 27B, #103/105. Katie’s grandmother was White, so her mother was ½ Cherokee, which made Katie ¾ Cherokee.

<sup>47</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Dawes Census Cards for Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914, card no. 6052 (Katie Cochram), and card no. 8251 (Sanders Cochram of Flint District, Stillwell, Indian Terr., “now husband of No. 1 on Card No. 6052”), ancestry.com. Katie’s card noted that Sallie d. 4 Sept. 1903. Silas d. in 1907 and both are bur. in Neugin Cemetery, Hulbert, Cherokee Co., Okla., findagrave.com, #s 124646771 and 124646051 (no photos).

<sup>48</sup> Ed W. Rackleff household, 1910 U.S. Census, Tahlequah, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 11, p. 2A, #28/29.

<sup>49</sup> Neugin Cemetery, findagrave.com, #124645608 (no photo).

<sup>50</sup> Katy Radcliff household, River, Mayes Co., Okla., E.D. 41, p. 8A, #52/57.

<sup>51</sup> Kattie Rackleff household, 1930 U.S. Census, Fairland, Ottawa Co., Okla., E.D. 12, p. 3A, #66/65; interview, see note 44.

<sup>52</sup> George Rackleff household, 1930 U.S. Census, North Fox Twp., Lincoln Co., Okla., E.D. 23, p. 3B, #59/65.

<sup>53</sup> Bill Batt Cemetery, findagrave.com, #116983227 (no photo).

## GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **Dr. EDWARD<sup>7</sup> RACKLEFF** (*Chandler<sup>6</sup>, Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3-2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born at Portland [Westbrook], Maine, about 1819,<sup>54</sup> son of Captain Chandler and Harriet (Dyer) Rackleff.<sup>55</sup> He died at Bee Branch, Van Buren County, Arkansas, 4 October 1892, aged 73 years.<sup>56</sup>

He married first in Boone County, Missouri, 25 November 1846, MINERVA SIMS.<sup>57</sup> Minerva was born at Columbia, Boone County, 7 April 1830,<sup>58</sup> daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Martin) Sims, formerly of Madison County, Kentucky.<sup>59</sup> She died as Minerva Yount, in Callaway County, Missouri, 2 September 1901, aged 71 years, and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Audrain County, Missouri.<sup>60</sup> Edward and Minerva do not appear in the 1850 or 1860 U. S. censuses and by 1870 Minerva Radcliff was living with her recently married daughter Emma McKenna and husband at Columbia, Missouri.<sup>61</sup> There is no record of divorce, but Minerva married, second, in Callaway County, 13 July 1879, John F. Yount as his second wife.<sup>62</sup> John died 4 July 1898, aged 82 years, and was buried in the Yount Cemetery, Callaway County.<sup>63</sup> In 1900 Minerva Yount was again enumerated with her daughter Emma McKenna and family in Jefferson, Missouri. Her identity in that census is confirmed by her birth date of April 1830, birthplace of Missouri, three children born with two still living, and both of parents' birthplace of Kentucky.<sup>64</sup>

Edward married second, before 1880 when they were enumerated in Benton, Missouri, EMILY CATHERINE —.<sup>65</sup> She was born in Missouri, 2 April 1853, her parents in Tennessee.<sup>66</sup> She died 6 February 1896 and was buried in Quitman

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<sup>54</sup> Date based on age at death. See note 56.

<sup>55</sup> His parents m. (int.) Portland, 22 Nov. 1812, see note 1.

<sup>56</sup> "Portland Obituaries," 7:231, note 3.

<sup>57</sup> Missouri Marriage Records, 1805–2002, Boone County, image 5 of 21, ancestry.com.

<sup>58</sup> Elmwood Cemetery, see note 14; Elias Sims household, 1830 U.S. Census, Columbia, Boone Co., Mo., p. 95, 2 females under 5 years.

<sup>59</sup> Kentucky Marriages, 1802–1850, ancestry.com: "Elias Sims and Elizabeth Martin, Madison County, 15 May 1817."

<sup>60</sup> Elmwood Cemetery, see note 14.

<sup>61</sup> Minerva Radcliff household, 1870 U.S. Census, Columbia, Boone Co., Mo., p. 111, #622/758, name incorrectly indexed as "Kadcliff." She was living adjacent to her married daughter Emma McKinney [*sic*: McKenna].

<sup>62</sup> Information provided by findagrave.com, see note 14.

<sup>63</sup> Gravestone, Yount Cemetery, d. 4 July 1898, age 82 years, 5 months, 14 days, findagrave.com, #20687139 (photo).

<sup>64</sup> Thomas McKenna household, 1900 U.S. Census, Jefferson, Cole Co., Mo., E.D. 35, p. 5A, #82/89.

<sup>65</sup> Edward Rackleff household, 1880 U.S. Census, Benton, Howell Co., Mo., E.D. 50, p. 416, #1/1.

<sup>66</sup> Edward Rackleff household, 1880 U.S. Census, Benton, Howell Co., Mo., E.D. 50, p. 416, #1/1; her date of birth from her gravestone.

Cemetery, Cleburn County, Arkansas.<sup>67</sup> Emily married second at Bee Branch, 11 January 1894, Dennis Stell Cargile of Quitman, Cleburne County.<sup>68</sup>

Children of Dr. Edward<sup>7</sup> and Minerva (Sims) Rackleff, b. prob. Callaway Co., Mo.:

- 2 i EDWARD WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> RACKLIFF, b. May 1850; m. (1) ELIZABETH SUNDAY; (2) KATIE NEUGIN.
- ii LOUISA EMMA RACKLEFF, b. 10 Feb. 1853, d. Jefferson City, Cole Co., Mo., 7 Jan. 1924;<sup>69</sup> m. probably Boone Co., about 1869, THOMAS McKENNA,<sup>70</sup> b. Carthage, Jefferson Co., N.Y., 24 April 1842, son of Owen M. and Margaret (Downs) McKenna, d. Jefferson City, 7 Feb. 1918.<sup>71</sup> Emma and Thomas were bur. at Jefferson City in Saint Peters Cemetery #2.<sup>72</sup>

Thomas McKinney [*sic*], age 27, and Emma, age 16, were enumerated in the 1870 census of Columbia Twp., Boone Co., along with her mother, Minerva Radcliff [*sic*], where Thomas farmed.<sup>73</sup> In 1880 they were in West Cedar, Callaway Co., with three children.<sup>74</sup> From 1900 onwards, the family was living in Jefferson City, where Thomas was a Deputy U.S. Marshall.<sup>75</sup> In the late 1920s and 1930s the “Emma McKenna Circle” of the First Christian Church met regularly on Wednesday afternoons.<sup>76</sup> Thomas was a Civil War veteran, having enlisted at Rutland, N.Y., 23 Dec. 1863, as Thomas McKenny, for three years in Co. F, 10th Artillery.<sup>77</sup> After the war, he traveled west to Missouri. Eight children, six alive in 1910.<sup>78</sup>

Child of Dr. Edward<sup>7</sup> and Emily Catherine (—) Rackleff:

- iii EMILY<sup>8</sup> RACKLEFF, b. probably Benton, Howell Co., Mo., 2 Dec. 1879;<sup>79</sup> d. Ark., 2 Oct. 1951, and bur. in Bee Branch Cemetery, Van Buren Co., Ark.,<sup>80</sup> m. Van Bu-

<sup>67</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #80716559 (photo), birth and death dates given.

<sup>68</sup> Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837–1857, ancestry.com.

<sup>69</sup> Cole County, Missouri, Deaths, 1924–1930, ancestry.com, birth and death dates given.

<sup>70</sup> Biographical sketch of Thomas H. McKenna in Walter B. Stevens, *Missouri: The Center State*, 4 vols. (Chicago & St. Louis, 1921), 4:791.

<sup>71</sup> Missouri Death Certificates, 1910–1963, No. 4633, *sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/ordb.asp*.

<sup>72</sup> Saint Peters Cemetery #2, findagrave.com, #s 23186223 and 23186224 (photos).

<sup>73</sup> Thomas McKinney household, 1870 U.S. Census, Columbia Twp., Boone Co., Mo., p. 111B, #621/759.

<sup>74</sup> Thomas McKenna household, 1880 U.S. Census, Cedar, Callaway Co., Mo., E.D. 27, p. 505B, #113/113.

<sup>75</sup> Thomas McKenna households, 1900–10 U.S. Censuses, Jefferson, Cole Co., Mo., E.D. 35, p. 5A, #82/89 (1900); E.D. 43, p. 1B, #12/13 (1910).

<sup>76</sup> *Jefferson City Post-Tribune*, Monday, 21 Jan. 1929, p. 8, ancestry.com.

<sup>77</sup> 1890 U.S. Census, Special Schedule Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows, Jefferson City, Cole Co., Mo., E.D. 58, p. 11, Private, Co. D, 10th N.Y. Artillery; U.S. Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934, Certificate #751,099 [1880], Widow’s Certificate #861,856 [1918]; New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861–1900, ancestry.com.

<sup>78</sup> Thos. H. McKenna household, 1910 U.S. Census, Jefferson City, Cole Co., Mo., E.D. 43, p. 1B, #12/13.

<sup>79</sup> Edward Rackleff household, 1880 U.S. Census, Benton, Howell Co., Mo., E.D. 50, p. 416, #1/1.

<sup>80</sup> “Emily Martin Lee / Dec.2, 1880 / 2 Oct. 1951,” findagrave.com, #101176591 (photo).

ren Co., 9 Sept. 1896, JOHN ROBERT MARTIN,<sup>81</sup> b. Ark., 22 July 1872, d. Bradley Twp., Van Buren Co., 29 Aug. 1910, and bur. in Bee Branch Cemetery;<sup>82</sup> m. (2) Faulkner Co., 9 Jan. 1920, ELI RUSSELL LEE,<sup>83</sup> b. Ark., 4 May 1868, d. Faulkner Co., 26 Feb. 1945, and bur. in Bee Branch Cemetery.<sup>84</sup>

In 1920 the family, including four Lee and two Martin children, was enumerated in Bradley Twp.; Russ and Emily Lee were at Walker, Faulkner Co., Ark., in 1930.<sup>85</sup> In 1940 Emily, a widowed [*sic*] apartment house manager, lived in Little Rock, and gave her 1 April 1935 residence as “Bald Knob, Mo.”<sup>86</sup> Perhaps the verse on her gravestone in Bee Branch Cemetery symbolized her life: “Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.” John and Emily Martin had five children.<sup>87</sup>

2 **EDWARD WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> RACKLEFF** was born in Missouri in May 1850.<sup>88</sup> He died 26 July 1930, probably in North Fox, Lincoln County, Oklahoma, where he had been living with his son, George, and was buried in the Bill Batt Cemetery, Cherokee County.<sup>89</sup> He married in the Saline District of the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, 24 September 1877, ELIZABETH/LIZZY SUNDAY, a Cherokee woman born about 1857.<sup>90</sup> No parents have been identified for her. In 1896 Edward W. Rackliff, a white man, was adopted into the Cherokee Tribe, as the husband of Elizabeth Rackliff.<sup>91</sup> Elizabeth died in September 1899.<sup>92</sup> Edward married again at Wagoner, Western District, Indian Territory, 20 April 1904, KATIE (NEUGIN) COCHRAN, as her second husband.<sup>93</sup> Katie was born 3 September

<sup>81</sup> Arkansas, County, Marriages Index, 1837–1957, ancestry.com.

<sup>82</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #101176371 (photo), birth and death dates given.

<sup>83</sup> Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837–1957, ancestry.com.

<sup>84</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #99286691 (photo), birth and death dates given.

<sup>85</sup> Russ E. Lee households, 1920 U.S. Census, Bradley, Van Buren Co., Ark., E.D. 123, p. 10A, #159/162; 1930 U.S. Census, Walker, Faulkner Co., Ark., E.D. 30, p. 7A, #120/120.

<sup>86</sup> Emily Lee household, 1940 U.S. Census, Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Ark., E.D. 60-27A, p. 4A, #100.

<sup>87</sup> Robert Martin household, 1910 U.S. Census, Bradley, Van Buren Co., Ark., E.D. 119, p. 11A, 180/183.

<sup>88</sup> E. W. Rackeff household, 1900 U.S. Census, Twp. 19 North, Range 22 East, Indian Terr., Cherokee Nation, E.D. 28, p. 15B, #118/119.

<sup>89</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #116983227 (no photo); George Rackleff household, 1930 U.S. Census, North Fox Twp., Lincoln Co., Okla., E.D. 23, p. 3B, #59/65.

<sup>90</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Marriage, Citizenship and Census Records, 1841–1927, ancestry.com, image 40 of 1014; birth date calculated from age in censuses.

<sup>91</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Censuses and Rolls, 1851–1959, census 1896, ancestry.com, image 607 of 771.

<sup>92</sup> U.S., Native American Applications for Enrollment in Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914, card #6342, 8 Dec. 1900, typed enrollment questions, “wife . . . died . . . September a year ago,” ancestry.com, image 871 of 2195.

<sup>93</sup> Oklahoma, County Marriages, 1890–1995, Indian Terr., Western District, Marriage License and Cert., #355, p. 182, “E.W. Rackleff of Bartlesville and Kate Nugin of Hulbert,” family search.org.; Kate (Neugin) Cochran’s Dawes census card, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Dawes Census Cards for Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914, card #6052, ancestry.com, image 55 of 133.

1875 near Hulbert, Indian Territory, daughter of Bark and Rebecca (Ketcher) Neugen,<sup>94</sup> Cherokees who had traveled from Georgia to Oklahoma in the late 1830s.<sup>95</sup> Ed W. Rackiff, age 54 [*sic*], and Katie, age 37 [*sic*], were living in Tahlequah in Cherokee County in 1910 with their eldest daughter Linnie, age 2.<sup>96</sup> It would appear that Edward and Katie divorced or separated between 1915, when their youngest child was born, and 1920, when “Katie Radcliff,” widow [*sic*], aged 45, was enumerated at River, Mayes County, Oklahoma, with her children Linnie, age 11, Zeke, 7, and Della, 5.<sup>97</sup> Katie was enumerated in the 1930 U.S. census of Fairland, Ottawa County, as divorced, age 49 [*sic*].<sup>98</sup> She was still in Fairland in 1940, age 64, and living with her unmarried son Zeke, age 28.<sup>99</sup> She was alive as late as February 1966 when “Katie Rackleff, Fairland,” was dismissed as a patient from the Memorial Hospital in Grove, Oklahoma.<sup>100</sup>

Children of Edward William<sup>8</sup> and Elizabeth (Sunday) Rackleff, all b. Cherokee Nation, Indian Terr.:

- i NELLIE<sup>9</sup> RACKLEFF, b. 13 Aug. 1878,<sup>101</sup> d. Moodys, Cherokee Co., 28 Aug. 1947, and bur. in Oaks Cemetery, Oaks, Delaware Co.;<sup>102</sup> m. Oaks, 1894, LAMECH SMITH, both she and her husband being citizens of the Cherokee Nation.<sup>103</sup> He was b. Delaware District of the Cherokee Nation, 3 Nov. 1874, son of John D. Smith, a white man b. in S.C., and Sarah Bluebird, a Cherokee woman b. in Indian Territory.

<sup>94</sup> Rebecca Neugen household, 1900 U.S. Census, Twp. 18, Cherokee Nation, Indian Terr., E.D. 29, p. 27B, line 34; her birth date given under Katie Rackleff in U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, ancestry.com, claim date of 20 Sept. 1965.

<sup>95</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian and Pioneer Historical Collection, 1937, images 655–66 of 1565, ancestry.com. Rebecca’s obituary, published in the *Miami* [Okla.] *Daily News-Record*, 14 Aug. 1932, p. 7, reads: “Mrs. Kate Rackleff’s mother, Mrs. Rebecca Nugent, age 113 [*sic*], of Hulbert, Okla., passed away a short time ago. She was born in Georgia. She was one of the old Cherokee Indian immigrants, and went to Hulbert 50 years ago.” In the 1900 census she was aged 65 (Rebecca Neugen household, 1900 U.S. Census, Twp. 18, Cherokee Nation, Indian Terr., E.D. 29, p. 27B, line 34), which would put her age at approximately 97 at her death.

<sup>96</sup> Ed W. Rackliff household, 1910 U.S. Census, Tahlequah, Ward 1, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 11, p. 2A, #28/29.

<sup>97</sup> Katy Radcliff household, 1920 U.S. Census, River, Mayes Co., Okla., E.D. 41, p. 8A, #52/57. Katy was a laundress. Daughter Patsy, who would have been 10 years old in 1920, was not listed in the household and has not been found elsewhere in the 1920 census.

<sup>98</sup> Kattie Rackliff household, 1930 U.S. Census, Fairland, Ottawa Co., Okla., E.D. 12, p. 3A, #66/65. Katie was the only person listed in her household.

<sup>99</sup> Katie Rackleff household, 1940 U.S. Census, Fairland, Ottawa Co., Okla., p. 9B, E.D. 58-10, #176.

<sup>100</sup> *Miami* [Okla.] *Daily News-Record*, 3 Feb. 1966, p. 3.

<sup>101</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Censuses and Rolls, 1851–1959, 1880 census, aged 2 years, ancestry.com, and gravestone inscription (see following note).

<sup>102</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #5353014 (photo).

<sup>103</sup> U.S., Native American Applications for Enrollment in Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914, Dept. of Interior, Commission, Tahlequah, Indian Terr., 3 Dec. 1900, image 679 of 1898, and Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Dawes Census Cards, 1898–1914, #6016, ancestry.com.

Lamech d. Moodys, 10 Nov. 1954, and he and his parents are also bur. in the Oaks Cemetery.<sup>104</sup> Lamech and Nellie Smith and their first three children were enumerated in the Dawes census of Dec. 1900, residence Saline District, P.O. Oaks, Indian Territory.<sup>105</sup> They were also enumerated 1910–1940 in the U.S. censuses, residing in Moodys, Cherokee Co., where Lamech owned a farm. The family was recorded as Indian, except in the 1920 census where they were classified as White. In 1910 under “special inquiries relating to Indians,” they were all classified as half Indian and half White. While Lamech and Nellie had only fifth-grade educations, in 1940 several of their children had attended high school.<sup>106</sup> Lamech and Nellie Smith had ten children.

- ii LENA RACKLEFF, b. Feb. 1880, d. before the 1883 Indian census.
- iii WILLIAM PENN RACKLEFF, b. 23 Dec. 1881, d. 5 April 1902.<sup>107</sup>
- iv LOUISA EMMA RACKLEFF, b. 17 Aug. 1888, d. 18 April 1902.<sup>108</sup>
- 3 v GEORGE WILLIAM RACKLEFF, b. 4 Nov. 1893; m. (1) LENA ETHEL THOMPSON; (2) HELEN —; (3) MATTIE ETHEL TOSH.
- 4 vi JOHN RACKLEFF, b. 20 March 1899; m. NANCY TAIL.

Children of Edward William and Katie (Neugin) (Cochram) Rackleff:

- vii EDDIE RACKLEFF, b. June 1906, d. Nov. 1906 and bur. in Neugin Cemetery, Hulbert, Cherokee Co.<sup>109</sup>
- viii LINNIE E. RACKLEFF, b. 27 Feb. 1908, d. Tahlequah, Cherokee Co., Okla., 25 March 1996, and bur. in Elmwood Cemetery, Wagoner, Wagoner Co.;<sup>110</sup> m. Fairland, Ottawa Co., Okla., 20 April 1935, FRED MONROE HUDDLESTON,<sup>111</sup> b. 10 April 1884, d. 7 May 1962, and bur. with Linnie in Elmwood Cemetery.<sup>112</sup> In 1910 Fred was living in Twp. 3, Craig Co., Okla., age 27, with his “step mother” Elizabeth Zerbe, age 52, widow.<sup>113</sup> On his World War I draft registration card, Fred

<sup>104</sup> Gravestones, findagrave.com, #s 5353018, 5352813, and 5352816 (photos).

<sup>105</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Dawes Census Cards for Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914, Card #6016, Nellie indexed incorrectly as Sallie, ancestry.com.

<sup>106</sup> Lamech Smith households 1910–1940 U.S. Censuses, Moodys, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 16, p. 8B, #17/18 (1910); E.D. 16, p. 7A, #113/120 (1920); E.D. 10, p. 1B, #14/14 (1930); E.D. 11-9, p. 13A, #223 (1940).

<sup>107</sup> U.S., Native American Applications for Enrollment in Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914, census card #6342, 8 Dec. 1900, death of Wm. P. and Louisa E. in 1902, ancestry.com, image 75 of 141.

<sup>108</sup> Census card #63442, see preceding note.

<sup>109</sup> Information provided by findagrave.com, #124645608, no gravestone.

<sup>110</sup> Birth and death dates from findagrave.com, #44602709 (no photo).

<sup>111</sup> Marriage notice, *Miami [Okla.] Daily News-Record*, 23 April 1935, p. 11: “Elder W. B. Hillen joined in holy matrimony Saturday morning in the Hillen home, Miss Linnie Rackliff, age 27, and Fred Huddleston, age 51. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Katie Rackliff and has been employed for some time in Kansas City. The groom is well known here, having made his home here practically all his life. . . . They will make their home in Fairland.”

<sup>112</sup> Birth and death dates from findagrave.com, #44602665 (no photo).

<sup>113</sup> Fred Hoddleston household, 1910 U.S. Census, Twp. 3, Craig Co., Okla., E.D. 28, sheet 13B, #174/174.



listed Elizabeth Zerbe as his nearest relative.<sup>114</sup> In 1940 Fred, age 56, railroad laborer, and Linnie, 32, were enumerated in Fairland.<sup>115</sup> No known children.

- ix PATSY J. RACKLEFF, b. Tahlequah, Cherokee Co., Okla., 13 June 1910, d. College Park, Prince George Co., Md., 21 Aug. 1985;<sup>116</sup> m. Havre, Hill Co., Mont., 3 Feb. 1934, EDMOND ALLEN BAINE, both then of Rocky Bay, Mont.<sup>117</sup> Edmond was a Sioux Indian, b. Wakpala, Corson Co., S.D., 6 May 1910, son of George A. and Anna (Hill) Baine,<sup>118</sup> d. 5 Dec. 1988.<sup>119</sup> In 1940 Edmond Paine, age 29, a draftsman in a government office, and Patsy, age 29, resided in Fort Yates, Sioux Co., N.D., with three children and Edmond's parents, all listed as Indians.<sup>120</sup> 4 children.<sup>121</sup>
- x ZEKE RACKLEFF, b. Tahlequah, Cherokee Co., Okla., 11 April 1912, d. 1 May 1973;<sup>122</sup> no known wife. In 1932 Zeke as a student at Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan., a school offering quality education to Native American students.<sup>123</sup> In 1940 Zeke worked as a laborer for the WPA and resided with his mother in Fairland, Ottawa Co., Okla.<sup>124</sup>
- xi DELLA MABLE RACKLEFF, b. Tahlequah, Cherokee Co., Okla., 3 Aug. 1915, d. Oaks, Delaware Co., Okla., 24 Sept. 2002, and bur. in Bill Batt Cemetery, Cherokee Co.;<sup>125</sup> m. (1) 1933–34, CLAUD CURRY;<sup>126</sup> m. (2) by 1940, RALPH CLARK;<sup>127</sup>

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<sup>114</sup> World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918, ancestry.com.

<sup>115</sup> Fred M. Huddleston household, 1940 U.S. Census, Fairland, Ottawa Co., Okla., p. 1A, E.D. 58-10, #3.

<sup>116</sup> Birth and death dates from U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, ancestry.com, and findagrave.com, #13879702 (no photo); obituary notice, *The Washington Post*, 23 Aug. 1985.

<sup>117</sup> Montana, County Marriages, 1865–1950, familysearch.org.

<sup>118</sup> His parents given on his marriage record, see note 117.

<sup>119</sup> U.S., Social Security, Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, ancestry.com; obituary notice, *The Washington Post*, 7 Dec. 1988.

<sup>120</sup> Edmond Baine household, 1940 U.S. Census, Fort Yates, Sioux Co., N.D., E.D. 43-6, p. 8A, #133.

<sup>121</sup> Obituary notice, *The Washington Post*, 23 Aug. 1985: “Baine, Patsy J. On August 21, 1985 of College Park, Md., beloved wife of Edmond A. Baine; mother of Katherine French, Janet B. Christie, Lois A. Donaty and George C. Baine; sister of Mrs. Linnie Huddleston and Della Barnes; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive.

<sup>122</sup> U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, ancestry.com.

<sup>123</sup> *Miami [Okla.] Daily News-Record*, 8 July 1932, p. 10.

<sup>124</sup> Katie Rackleff household, 1940 U.S. Census, Fairland, Ottawa Co., Okla., p. 9B, E.D. 58-10, #176.

<sup>125</sup> U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, ancestry.com; death notice, *Tulsa World*, 27 Sept. 2002.

<sup>126</sup> She was described as “Miss” Della Rackliff on 22 Aug. 1933 in a local news item (*Miami [Okla.] Daily News-Record*, p. 5) and as “Mrs.” Claud Curry of Spavinaw, Mayes Co., Okla., on 18 Sept. 1934 when she was visiting her mother, Mrs. Kate Rackleff (*Miami [Okla.] Daily News-Record*, p. 3).

<sup>127</sup> Ralph Clark household, 1940 U.S. Census, Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Okla., p. 6B, E.D. 79-34A, #183. Della was described as an Indian, age 24, Ralph as White, age 35, and working as a grill manager in a country club. Both gave their residence on 1 April 1935 as Spavinaw, Okla.

m. (3) by Nov. 1947 — LIEBFRIED;<sup>128</sup> m. (4) by Feb. 1965 — WEBB;<sup>129</sup> m. (5) by Aug. 1985 — BARNES.<sup>130</sup> (Her Social Security record suggests she may have had a 6th husband, surnamed Patterson, but this is unclear. Her death notice in the *Tulsa World* gave her surname as Barnes.)

3 **GEORGE WILLIAM<sup>9</sup> RACKLEFF** was born at Oaks, Cherokee Nation, 4 November 1893.<sup>131</sup> He died at Jay, Delaware County, 10 July 1970,<sup>132</sup> and was buried in Blue Springs Cemetery, Gideon, Cherokee County.<sup>133</sup> He married at Teresita, Cherokee County, 27 June 1914, LENA ETHEL THOMPSON, both residents of Teresita.<sup>134</sup> Lena was born, probably in Ozark County, Missouri, 11 February 1899, daughter of Richard H. and Adaline (Degase) Thompson. She died 27 March 1935 and is buried in Blue Springs Cemetery.<sup>135</sup> George married second, between 1935 and 1940, HELEN —, who was born about 1916.<sup>136</sup> He married third, reportedly on 9 April 1943 at Salina, Mayes County, Oklahoma, MATTIE ETHEL TOSH.<sup>137</sup> Mattie

<sup>128</sup> “Della Jo Radcliffe,” U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, ancestry.com.

<sup>129</sup> U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, ancestry.com.

<sup>130</sup> She was named as Della Barnes on the obituary notice of her sister Patsy Baine published in *The Washington Post*, 23 Aug. 1985, and on her own death notice in the *Tulsa World*, note 125.

<sup>131</sup> World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918, then a resident of Teresita, he was b. in Oakes [sic], ancestry.com. Note Oaks Twp. is partly in Cherokee Co. and partly in Delaware Co.

<sup>132</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, last residence Jay, Delaware Co., ancestry.com.

<sup>133</sup> Gravestone, “Nov 4 / 1894 / July 10 / 1970,” findagrave.com, #80328425 (photo).

<sup>134</sup> Oklahoma, County Marriages, 1890–1995, familysearch.org. Father R.H. Thompson, marriage performed by W.B. Thompson, Congregational minister.

<sup>135</sup> Dates from gravestone, findagrave.com, #54129128 (photo). George and Lena’s marriage certificate gave only R. H. Thompson as her parent. Since their oldest son was named Richard H., a search of the 1900 U.S. census yielded a likely Richard H. Thompson family that included a daughter Lena, aged one year, Richard H. and wife Adaline both b. in Mo., but Adaline’s father was b. Iowa (Richard H. Thompson household, 1900 U.S. Census, Twp. 17 North, Range 21 East, Indian Terr., Cherokee Nation, E.D. 32, p. 4A, #56/56). On a marriage record for Richard H. Thompson, the bride’s name was illegible, but her residence was given as Eg[g]leston, Ozark Co., Mo. (Missouri Marriage Records, 1805–2002, Douglas Co., Mo., 23 Aug. 1892, both bride and groom from Eggleston, Ozark Co., Mo., ancestry.com). Adaline’s full name is given as “Missouri Adaline Degase” on numerous online family trees, and she would therefore appear to be the Missouri A. DeGast, age six, daughter of John DeGast, b. Iowa (John De Gast household, 1880 U.S. Census, Spring Creek, Douglas Co., Mo., E.D. 28, p. 32, #81/81). An 1874 birth date for her, as suggested by this census, matches her gravestone in Blue Springs Cemetery, Gideon, Cherokee Co., Okla., which gives “THOMPSON / ADDLINE [sic] FEB. 27, 1874 / MAY 23, 1943 / RICHARD / OCT. 21, 1874 / DEC. 28, 1959 /,” findagrave.com, memorial 51374823 (photo).

<sup>136</sup> Wife Helen, age 24, b. Okla., in George Rackleff household, 1940 U.S. Census, Davenport, Lincoln Co., Okla., E.D. 41-9, p. 12A, #229.

<sup>137</sup> According to an “Allen Family Tree” at ancestry.com, she was reportedly Mattie Ethel (Tosh) (Allen) Thompson at the time she married George W. Rackleff, having m. (1) Neosho, Newton Co., Mo., Elmer Hill Allen, and m. (2) Tahlequah, Cherokee Co., Okla., 16 Feb. 1920, William Thompson, whom she later divorced. While the information in this tree is partially uncited, the details given suggest an in depth knowledge on the part of the tree’s author. On 16 Aug. 1960, the

was born in Tiff City, McDonald County, Missouri, 1 November 1896, daughter of Andrew J. and Martha E. (Robinson) Tosh.<sup>138</sup> She died in Jay, Delaware County, 12 July 1983, and was buried in Council House Cemetery, Grove, Oklahoma.<sup>139</sup>

George registered for the World War I draft on 5 June 1917, as a resident of Teresita. He had a wife and two children, gave his race as Caucasian and asked for an exemption for weak eyes. He was described as of medium height and stout build with brown hair and eyes.<sup>140</sup> George, a farm laborer, and Lena were enumerated in the 1920 U.S. Census in Bryan, Mayes County, with three children.<sup>141</sup> In the 1930 census of North Fox, Lincoln County, where George farmed, their family consisted of six children, plus George's father, Edward.<sup>142</sup> Lincoln County was farther west, about halfway between Tulsa and Oklahoma City, and in the 1940 census George, his second wife, Helen, and his two youngest children were living there in the town of Davenport. George's education was 8th grade, Helen had three years of high school, and the children were students in high school.<sup>143</sup> Beginning with the 1917 draft registration and continuing through all censuses, George and all his family, with one exception, were always classified as White.

Children of George William<sup>9</sup> and Lena Ethel (Thompson) Rackleff, all b. Okla.:

- i RICHARD H.<sup>10</sup> RACKLEFF, b. 20 July 1915, d. Ketchum, Mayes Co., Okla., 27 July 1999;<sup>144</sup> m. ca. 1938, JULIA MOORE,<sup>145</sup> b. 8 Sept. 1912, d. 27 Feb. 2009 and bur. New Zion Cemetery, Chandler, Lincoln Co.<sup>146</sup>
- ii FLOY MARIE RACKLEFF, b. 28 Dec. 1916, d. Tahlequah, Cherokee Co., Okla., 29 Nov. 2009,<sup>147</sup> bur. Tahlequah Cemetery;<sup>148</sup> m. ca. 1935, GEORGE BELTON JOHN-

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*Miami [Okla.] Daily News-Record*, p. 8, reported that Mr. and Mrs. Jake Tosh were visited by Mrs. Alice Harless of Rose, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Ortie Tosh, Mr. and Mrs. Mattie Rackleff, and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McElhaney. Mattie, according to the same Allen Family Tree, had brothers named Jacob and Ardy Tosh.

<sup>138</sup> U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, ancestry.com.

<sup>139</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, ancestry.com; McDonald County, Missouri, Obituary Index, 1899–2008, ancestry.com. McDonald Co. is in the southwest corner of Missouri, about a mile from Grove, Okla.

<sup>140</sup> World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918, ancestry.com.

<sup>141</sup> George Rackleff household, 1920 U.S. Census, Bryan, Mayes Co., Okla., E.D. 45, p. 15B, #289/339.

<sup>142</sup> George Rackleff household, 1930 U.S. Census, North Fox Twp., Lincoln Co., Okla., E.D. 23, p. 3B, #59/65.

<sup>143</sup> George Rackleff household, 1940 U.S. Census, Davenport, Lincoln Co., Okla., E.D. 41-9, p. 12A, #229.

<sup>144</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, ancestry.com.

<sup>145</sup> Richard Rackleff household, 1940 U.S. Census, Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Okla., E.D. 79-5, p. 1A, #3. Richard, a night watchman on Steam RR, was living with Julia and two children. Their 1935 residence was Davenport, Lincoln Co., Okla.

<sup>146</sup> Gravestone giving birth and death dates, findagrave.com, #62740817 (photo).

<sup>147</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, ancestry.com.

<sup>148</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #65063243 (photo).

- SON,<sup>149</sup> b. Okla., 5 Sept. 1909, son of J. J. and Mandy (Massey) Johnson, d. 10 Nov. 1972, bur. Tahlequah Cemetery.<sup>150</sup>
- iii WILLIE EDWARD RACKLEFF, b. 25 Oct. 1918, d. 30 June 1999,<sup>151</sup> bur. Jones IOOF Cemetery, Jones, Oklahoma Co., Okla.;<sup>152</sup> m. ca. 1937, ELVA MAE STAFFORD,<sup>153</sup> b. 3 Sept. 1920, d. 28 Sept. 1990,<sup>154</sup> bur. Jones IOOF Cemetery.<sup>155</sup>
- iv RUBERT C. RACKLEFF, b. 4 May 1921, d. 18 Feb. 1936, bur. Blue Springs Cemetery, Gideon, Cherokee Co.<sup>156</sup>
- v GEORGE W. RACKLEFF Jr., b. 29 Aug. 1923,<sup>157</sup> living in Tulsa in 2002.<sup>158</sup> George W. Rackleff was a resident of Tulsa, Okla., 1987 through 2002.<sup>159</sup>
- vi MILDRED JANETTE RACKLEFF, b. 25 Feb 1925, d. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co., Okla., 7 Sept. 1988;<sup>160</sup> m. after 1940, HERSHEL D. LIVESAY, b. Okla., 18 July 1924, d. Oklahoma City, 5 Aug. 1995,<sup>161</sup> both bur. Oak Park Cemetery, Chandler, Lincoln Co., Okla.<sup>162</sup>

4 **JOHN<sup>9</sup> RACKLEFF** was born at Oaks, Cherokee Nation, 20 March 1899.<sup>163</sup> He died in Cherokee County, 11 May 1978, and was buried in the Bill Batt Cemetery.<sup>164</sup> John of Oaks, Delaware County, married 5 June 1921, NANCY TAYLOR [*sic*: TAIL] of Lowery, Cherokee County.<sup>165</sup> Nancy, a full-blooded Cherokee,<sup>166</sup>

<sup>149</sup> Belton Johnson household, 1940 U.S. Census, Moodys, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 11-9, p. 3A, #37. Belton was White, but Floy and their two children are described as Indian. Their 1935 residence was given as rural Cherokee Co., he a farmer.

<sup>150</sup> All information from findagrave.com, #61671012 (photo), gravestone inscriptions on a double stone.

<sup>151</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, ancestry.com.

<sup>152</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #42235560 (photo).

<sup>153</sup> Willie Rackleff household, 1940 U.S. Census, Union, Lincoln Co., Okla., E.D. 41-42, p. 7B, #122. Willie a dairy worker lived with Elva and one daughter. Their 1935 residence was given as rural Lincoln Co., Okla.

<sup>154</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, ancestry.com.

<sup>155</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #42235539 (photo). Elva's maiden name Stafford supplied on findagrave page but not given on the gravestone.

<sup>156</sup> Birth and death dated on his cemetery stone, findagrave.com, #54129043 (photo).

<sup>157</sup> U.S. Public Records Index, Vols. 1 and 2, taken from various household database listings, ancestry.com, date of birth 29 April 1923, resident of Tulsa, Okla., between 1987 and 1997.

<sup>158</sup> U.S., Phone and Address Directories, 19932002, ancestry.com.

<sup>159</sup> U.S. Public Records Index, Volumes 1 and 2, ancestry.com; see also preceding note.

<sup>160</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, ancestry.com.

<sup>161</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, ancestry.com.

<sup>162</sup> Double gravestone, findagrave.com, #21643023 (photo).

<sup>163</sup> E. W. Rackeff household, 1900 U.S. Census, Twp. 19 North, Range 22 East, Indian Terr., Cherokee Nation, E.D. 28, p. 15B, #118/119.

<sup>164</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #31358030 (photo).

<sup>165</sup> Oklahoma, County Marriages, 1890–1995, familysearch.org. Marriage performed by Lewis Beamer, Baptist minister, of Moodys. Oaks Twp. is partly in Cherokee and partly in Delaware cos.

<sup>166</sup> Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Dawes Census Cards for Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914, Oaks, I.T., card #3784, ancestry.com, image 31 of 203, Nancy's date of birth "Jan. 2, 1905."

was born 27 October 1905, daughter of George and Sallie (Smith) Tail,<sup>167</sup> and died 15 February 1958. She was also buried in the Bill Batt Cemetery.<sup>168</sup>

In the 1910 census of Moodys, Cherokee County, Indian Population, John, 11 years, one half Cherokee, was enumerated with Elie Batt, 53 years, widower, a full-blooded Cherokee, as his grandson.<sup>169</sup> On 12 September 1918, John registered for the World War I Draft, giving his date and place of birth as 20 March 1901 [*sic*] and Oaks, Oklahoma. He was an Indian citizen and his nearest relative was Elie Batt. Of medium height and slender build, he had black hair and eyes.<sup>170</sup> In the census of 1920 John was enumerated again with Elia [*sic*] Batt and his wife Lizzy, and described as a “lodger.”<sup>171</sup> John, a mixed-blood Cherokee, was living in the same area in 1930 with his wife, Nancy, a full-blooded Cherokee, and four children, mixed bloods, where he rented a farm from Daniel Batt, a single person, also a full-blooded Cherokee.<sup>172</sup> 1940 found John and Nancy with eight children living in Moodys, also their residence in 1935. John, Nancy, daughter Lula, and son Scott had fourth grade educations, although in 1930 John and Nancy could not read or write. Their next son, Jesse, attended through fifth grade, but both sons were now working as farmers with their father. The next three children were attending school, grades one through five.<sup>173</sup> John, Nancy, and their children were always classified as Indian in all censuses.

Bill Rackleff, John and Nancy’s youngest son, died in November 2014. His obituary, with an accompanying photo of a handsome young man in his Navy uniform, mentioned his years of travel in the U.S. Naval Service and his pride in his Indian heritage and tribal affiliations.<sup>174</sup>

Children of John<sup>9</sup> and Nancy (Tail) Rackleff, all b. Moodys Township, Cherokee Co.:

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<sup>167</sup> U.S., Native American Applications for Enrollment in Five Civilized Tribes, 1898–1914, Dept. of Interior, Commission, Zena, I.T., 20 May 1902, application of George Tail, Dawes census card #8827, “Sallie Tail’s father is William Smith,” ancestry.com, image 268 of 1803.

<sup>168</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #31358015 (photo), birth and death dates taken from gravestone inscription; birth date differs from Dawes card #3784, see note 166.

<sup>169</sup> Elie Batt household, 1910 U.S. Census, Moodys, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 16, p. 8A, #12/12. No evidence has been found that he was a true grandson. His father, Edward W., was enumerated with his 2nd wife in 1910; John’s brother George, who m. in 1914, has not been located in 1910.

<sup>170</sup> World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918, Tahlequah, Cherokee Co., Okla., ancestry.com.

<sup>171</sup> Elia Batt household, 1920 U.S. Census, Moodys, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 16, p. 6B, #102/108.

<sup>172</sup> John Ratcliff household, 1930 U.S. Census, Moodys Twp. 19 North, Range 22 and 23 East, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 10, p. 6B, #102/108.

<sup>173</sup> John Rackleff household, 1940 U.S. Census, Moodys, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 11-9, p. 2A, #20.

<sup>174</sup> Obituary, findagrave.com, #114664910 (photo).

- i LULA<sup>10</sup> RACKLEFF, b. 1922,<sup>175</sup> d. after 1940 when she was enumerated in the census, age 18, “unable to work.”<sup>176</sup> No further information.
- ii SCOTT RACKLEFF, b. 29 May 1923, d. Tahlequah, Cherokee Co., Okla., 16 July 1994,<sup>177</sup> bur. Bill Batt Cemetery, Cherokee Co.;<sup>178</sup> m. after 25 April 1942 HAZEL GOODRICH, a full-blooded Cherokee, b. Adair Co., Okla., 2 Aug. 1923, daughter of Jacob and Wakie (Fogg) Goodrich,<sup>179</sup> d. 11 March 1963, bur. Chuculate Cemetery, Greasy, Adair Co., Okla.<sup>180</sup> In a 1955 city directory of Oklahoma City, “Scott (Hazel)” was employed by Dolese Sand and Gravel Co.<sup>181</sup>
- iii JESS RACKLEFF, b. 6 Feb. 1925, d. Tahlequah, 15 Jan. 1996,<sup>182</sup> bur. Bill Batt Cemetery;<sup>183</sup> m. NELLIE LOIS RAGSDALE, b. 18 Oct. 1926, daughter of Benjamin F. and Willie Nora (Jones) Ragsdale, d. Tahlequah, 12 May 2003,<sup>184</sup> bur. Greenleaf Cemetery, Tahlequah.<sup>185</sup> Nellie had twelve children, thirty grandchildren, and twenty-one great grandchildren. Although she was called Indian in the 1930 U.S. Census, her father was of mixed blood and her mother White.<sup>186</sup>
- iv EMMA JEAN RACKLEFF, b. Rocky Ford, Delaware Co., Okla., 25 Nov. 1926, d. Rocky Ford, 7 Feb. 2013,<sup>187</sup> bur. Bill Batt Cemetery;<sup>188</sup> m. Tahlequah, 1 Nov. 1944, HENRY HERSHEL VAN BUSKIRK,<sup>189</sup> b. Okla., 4 Sept. 1910, d. 15 March 1986, bur. Bill Batt Cemetery.<sup>190</sup> He was the son of Jewell and Olive V. (—) Van Buskirk, and was enumerated with them in the 1940 U.S. census of Moodys, Cherokee Co.<sup>191</sup> Emma’s six children fondly remember her as a talented homemaker

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<sup>175</sup> John Ratcliff household, 1930 U.S. Census, Moodys Twp. 19 North, Range 22 and 23 East, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 10, p. 6B, #102/108.

<sup>176</sup> John Rackliff household, 1940 U.S. Census, Moodys, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 11-9, p. 2A, #20.

<sup>177</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, ancestry.com.

<sup>178</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #31357998 (photo): “SCOTT RACKLIFF / PVT US ARMY / WORLD WAR II / MAY 29, 1923 JUL 16 1994,” veteran’s marker.

<sup>179</sup> U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 25 April 1942, Jacob Goodrich, Stillwell, Adair Co., [person to notify] Miss Hazel Goodrich, daughter, ancestry.com.

<sup>180</sup> Birth and death dates on gravestone, bur. in plot 68, her mother, Wakie (Fogg) Goodrich, in plot 66, findagrave.com, #113580318 (photo).

<sup>181</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821–1989, ancestry.com.

<sup>182</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, ancestry.com.

<sup>183</sup> Gravestone gives “died Jan. 21, 1996,” findagrave.com, #50224121 (photo).

<sup>184</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, ancestry.com.

<sup>185</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #63027156 (photo with long obituary giving parents’ names and many relatives).

<sup>186</sup> B. F. Ragsdale household, 1930 U.S. Census, Cookson, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 3, p. 5A, #82/85.

<sup>187</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index and United States Obituary Collection, Tahlequah newspaper of 12 Feb. 2013, ancestry.com.

<sup>188</sup> Dates and obituary, findagrave.com, #104818295 (photo).

<sup>189</sup> Obituary quoted on findagrave.com, #104818295 (photo).

<sup>190</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #32593259 (photo): “HENRY H VanBUSKIRK / PFC US ARMY / WORLD WAR II / SEP 4 1910 MAR 15 1986,” veteran’s marker.

<sup>191</sup> J. V. Vanbuskirk household, 1940 U.S. Census, Moodys, Cherokee Co., Okla., E,D, 11-9, p. 3B, #46.

who enjoyed speaking Cherokee with visitors. She left twenty grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

- v BARKIE RACKLEFF, b. 7 June 1930, d. 7 Feb. 1986,<sup>192</sup> bur. Bill Batt Cemetery.<sup>193</sup> He was married, but the name of his wife has not been found.
- vi LENA RACKLEFF, b. ca. 1934, d. after 1940 when she was enumerated attending first grade, age 6.<sup>194</sup> No further information.
- vii WILLIAM RACKLEFF, b. Rocky Ford, Delaware Co., Okla., 30 Sept. 1935, d. West Siloam Springs, Delaware Co., 28 Nov. 2014, bur. Downing Cemetery, Baron, Adair Co., Okla.;<sup>195</sup> m. Stillwell, Adair Co., 2 Sept. 1977, SUE CLINTON, as her 2nd husband,<sup>196</sup> daughter of Frank and Minnie (Stansill) Clinton.<sup>197</sup> She survived her husband. From 1993 through 2001 Bill and Sue were listed in phone directories of Siloam Springs, Ark., across the state line from West Siloam Springs, Okla.<sup>198</sup> William's obituary states he outlived three sisters and three brothers.
- viii BETSY RACKLEFF, b. ca 1939.<sup>199</sup> No further information.

[The author's great-great grandmother Antonette Jane Rackleff and Dr. Edward Rackleff were first cousins. Edward's father, Chandler, and Antonette's father, Benjamin Jr., were sons of Benjamin and Mary (Dodge) Rackliff of Edgecomb, Maine.<sup>200</sup> Family lore said there was an Indian in the family, but never with any further explanation. With the discovery that Edward's son, Edward William, married a Cherokee, the mystery now seems to be solved.]

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<sup>192</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, ancestry.com.

<sup>193</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #31358565 (photo): "OUR BELOVED DAD AND DODA [Cherokee for father]."

<sup>194</sup> John Rackliff household, 1940 U.S. Census, Moodys, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 11-9, p. 2A, #20.

<sup>195</sup> Gravestone photo and long obituary, findagrave.com, #114664910.

<sup>196</sup> Obituary, see preceding note.

<sup>197</sup> U.S. Cemetery and Funeral Home Collection, obituary of Iris Juanita (Clinton) Gifford, daughter of Frank and Minnie (Stansill) Clinton and sister of Sue Rackleff, wife of Bill Rackleff of West Siloam Springs, ancestry.com.

<sup>198</sup> U.S. Public Records Index, Volumes 1 and 2, ancestry.com.

<sup>199</sup> John Rackliff household, 1940 U.S. Census, Moodys, Cherokee Co., Okla., E.D. 11-9, p. 2A, #20.

<sup>200</sup> "The William Rackliff Family of Lincoln County, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 18(1996): 51, and Gray, *Maine Families in 1790 Vol. 1*, 231–32, see note 2.

WILLIAM R. BARTLETT BIBLE RECORD:  
NEWBURGH AND ORONO, MAINE

*Contributed by George D. Martin*

This Bible was put up for sale by the owner at the Black Tavern of Dudley, Massachusetts, annual yard sale. It was bought by an antique dealer after the submitter was able to make copies of the genealogical pages.<sup>1</sup> From the entries in the Bible, it would appear that the genealogical pages were begun by William R. Bartlett and later passed down to his son Clarence Eugene Bartlett who entered the births of his children and stepchildren.

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This certifies that the rite of Holy Matrimony was celebrated between:

Wm. R. Bartlett of Newburgh Maine  
and Hannah E. Smith of Newburgh Maine  
on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1851 at Newburgh Maine  
by Rev. F. Been at Newburgh Maine  
Witness N. Staples    Witness Martha A. Staples

Births:

Oscar T. Bartlett	Newburgh, May 18, 1853
Abbie R. Bartlett	Newburgh, Oct. 4, 1855
Charles F. Bartlett	Newburgh, July 25, 1857
Eugene C. Bartlett	Newburgh, Nov. 22, 1864
Hannah A. Bartlett	Newburgh, Oct. 28, 1868
Mrs W R Bartlett	Newburgh, September 1, 1832
Mr W R Bartlett	Newburgh, Nov. 24, 1827
Hannah M. Bartlett	Orono; June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1901
James L. Page	Orono, Jan 14, 1893
Amy M. Page	Orono, Dec. 8, 1887
Agnes Bartlett	Orono, Mar. 31, 1903 <sup>2</sup>
Doris May Bartlett	Orono Feb. 18, 1907
Ella May Fitzherbert Bartlett	<i>[interlined: wife of C. E. B.]</i> Ft Fairfield May 17, 1863

Marriages:

Oscar F. Bartlett to Sarah Fair; on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1876  
Chas. F. Bartlett to Nettie B. Rider on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 1881  
Clarence E. Bartlett to Ella May Page on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1899

Deaths:

Hannah A. Bartlett, on May 19, 1884. Age 15 yr. 6[m] 17d]  
Charles F. Bartlett on May 4, 1890 age 33 yr. 10[m] 20[d]

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<sup>1</sup> *New Devotional and Practical Pictorial Family Bible* (Philadelphia: The National Publishing Co., n.d.).

<sup>2</sup> Maine, Vital Records, 1670–1907, familysearch.org, birth of Agnes Bartlett, 25 March 1903, citing Orono, Maine, State Board of Health, Augusta.



Father William R. Bartlett on May 19, 1895 age 67 yr. 5[m] 19[d]  
 Mother Hannah E. Bartlett on April 19, 1899 age 66 yr. 7[m] 19[d]  
 Abbie R. Bartlett on Oct. 22, 1904 age 49 yr. 18[d]  
 Clarence Eugene Bartlett on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1928, age 64 yrs  
 Ella May Bartlett (wife of Clarence E.) on May 31<sup>th</sup> 1928, Age 65  
 Oscar T. Bartlett (Natick) on January 10, 1931.

Memoranda

Hannah Marguritte Bartlett Christened – June 17 <sup>th</sup> 1906 At St. John’s Universalist Church Orono, Maine [illegible] Opdale – Pastor.	Agnes Bartlett Christened – June 17 <sup>th</sup> 1906 At St. John’s Universalist Church Orono, Maine [illegible] Opdale – Pastor.
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WILLIAM R. BARTLETT FAMILY SUMMARY

by Joseph C. Anderson II, FASG

**WILLIAM R.<sup>7</sup> BARTLETT** (*Webber*<sup>6</sup>, *John Heard*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *Richard*<sup>2-1</sup>) was born in Newburgh, Maine, 24 November 1827, son of Webber and Martha (Rogers) Bartlett.<sup>3</sup> He died in Orono, Maine, 19 or 20 May 1895,<sup>4</sup> and is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Orono.<sup>5</sup> He married in Newburgh, 15 February 1852 (by Rev. F. O. Bean), HANNAH E. SMITH, both of Newburgh.<sup>6</sup> Hannah was born in Newburgh, 1 September 1832, daughter of Ezekiel and Abigail (—) Smith.<sup>7</sup> She

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<sup>3</sup> Bible record; his parents named on his death record (see following note). For William’s parents and grandparents, see Capt. John Heard Bartlett sketch by John E. Frost in Ruth Gray, ed., *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 2* (Camden, Maine, 1990), 14–15. For the earlier generations, see John Coffin Jones Brown, “Newbury and the Bartlett Family,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 40 (1886):192–204; Everett S. Stackpole, *Old Kittery and Her Families* (Lewiston, Maine, 1903), 284–85; and Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Directory* (Boston, 2015), 20–21. Webber “Bartlette” and Martha Rogers m. Phippsburg, Maine, 18 Oct. 1819, both of Phippsburg (Mary Pelham Hill, ed., *Vital Records of Phippsburg, Maine, to the Year 1892* [n.p., 1935], 193).

<sup>4</sup> Bible record (19 May); death record, Maine Vital Records, 1670–1907, familysearch.org (20 May, age 67y 6m 27d).

<sup>5</sup> Cemetery card, Maine, J. Gary Nichols Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1999, familysearch.org.

<sup>6</sup> Ruth Gray, ed., *Marriage Returns of Penobscot County, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1994), 166 (hereafter cited as Gray, *Penobscot Co. Marriage Returns*). This date, chronologically entered on the marriage return, is one year later than that given in the Bible record.

<sup>7</sup> Bible record; her father named as “E. Smith” on her death record (see following note); Hannah, age 17 years, enumerated in the household of Ezekiel and Abigail Smith, 1850 U.S. Census, Newburgh, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 377.

died in Orono, 19 April 1899, and is buried with William in Riverside Cemetery, Orono, with her husband.<sup>8</sup>

William and Hannah lived in Newburgh through at least 1870 where he was described as a farmer. He resided in Newburgh near his parents and brothers Enoch L. and Ephraim D. Bartlett.<sup>9</sup> By 1880 he had moved to Orono, where he was also a farmer, living then with his wife Hannah and three children Abby R., 24, Eugene C. [Clarence], 16, and Hannah, 11.<sup>10</sup>

Children of William R.<sup>7</sup> and Hannah E. (Smith) Bartlett, b. Newburgh:<sup>11</sup>

- i OSCAR T.<sup>8</sup> BARTLETT, b. 18 May 1853, d. Natick, Mass., 10 Jan. 1931;<sup>12</sup> m. Natick, 17 Oct. 1876, SARAH FAIR,<sup>13</sup> b. Natick, 24 June 1856, daughter of Charles and Mary (Doherty) Fair,<sup>14</sup> d. 4 July 1942, age 85.<sup>15</sup> Oscar lived in Natick for more than fifty years, where he was a shoemaker, insurance company salesman, and real estate agent.<sup>16</sup> His wife's obituary called him the "former chief of the Natick police department." The same obituary noted that Sarah left "a son, Frederick E. Bartlett, with whom she made her home at 63 North Maine street, Natick; a daughter, Mrs. Maude B. Robinson of Natick; and four grandchildren, one of whom is E. Davis Woodbury, superintendent of Natick public schools."<sup>17</sup>

Children, b. Natick: 1. *Maud Sarah Bartlett*, b. 27 March 1877,<sup>18</sup> d. 18 Sept. 1942;<sup>19</sup> m. Natick, 5 Sept. 1898, Charles Frederick Robinson.<sup>20</sup> 2. *Walter Oscar Bartlett*, b. 29 Aug. 1879,<sup>21</sup> d. unmarried, 5 Nov. 1941.<sup>22</sup> Walter graduated from

<sup>8</sup> Death record, Maine Vital Records, 1670–1907, familysearch.org; cemetery card, Maine, J. Gary Nichols Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1999, familysearch.org.

<sup>9</sup> William R. Bartlett household, 1860 U.S. Census, Newburgh, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 483; W. R. Bartlett household, 1870 U.S. Census, Newburgh, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 226.

<sup>10</sup> William Bartlett household, 1880 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 17, p. 23A.

<sup>11</sup> Names and birth dates from the Bible record.

<sup>12</sup> Bible record.

<sup>13</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, database at americanancestors.org, 281:142 (hereafter cited as Mass. VRs).

<sup>14</sup> Mass. VRs, 97:190; Mary's maiden name from her death record (Mass. VRs, 139:154, d. Natick, 18 May 1860). Curiously, Charles remarried just a little more than a month later, on 25 June 1860, to Bridget Slamin (Mass. VRs, 136:145). Charles Fair and both of his wives were b. in Ireland.

<sup>15</sup> Obituary notice, *Boston Herald*, 6 July 1942, p. 9.

<sup>16</sup> Oscar T. Bartlett household, 1880–1930 U.S. Censuses, Natick, Middlesex Co., Mass., E.D. 410, p. 259 (1880); E.D. 885, p. 9B (1900); E.D. 951, p. 11B (1910); E.D. 352, p. 7B (1920); E.D. 353, p. 8A (1930).

<sup>17</sup> E. Davis Woodbury was Sarah's grandson-in-law, he having married Corinne Robinson.

<sup>18</sup> Mass. VRs, 305:167.

<sup>19</sup> *Aetna Life Insurance Co. v. Bartlett*, U.S. District Court D, Mass., 4 Feb. 1944, case summary online at <https://casetext.com/case/aetna-life-ins-co-v-bartlett>.

<sup>20</sup> Mass. VRs, 479:297.

<sup>21</sup> Mass. VRs, 305:165.

<sup>22</sup> Massachusetts, Mason Membership Cards, 1733–1990, ancestry.com; also, *Aetna Life Insurance Co. v. Bartlett*, U.S. District Court D, Mass., 4 Feb. 1944 (see note 19).

Harvard College in 1902 with a degree in medicine, and practiced as a physician in Boston.<sup>23</sup> 3. *Frederick Eugene Bartlett*, b. 22 June 1897,<sup>24</sup> d. Sakonnett, R.I., 12 July 1949;<sup>25</sup> m. Louise S. —.<sup>26</sup>

- ii ABBIE R. BARTLETT, b. 4 Oct. 1855, d. unmarried of heart disease, in Orono, 22 Oct. 1904, age 49y 18d, and bur. with her parents in Riverside Cemetery.<sup>27</sup> In 1900 Abbie was a nurse and lived with the family of her brother Clarence in Orono.<sup>28</sup>
- iii CHARLES F. BARTLETT, b. 25 July 1857, d. 4 May 1890, age 33y 10m 20d [*sic*], and bur. in Oak Hill Cemetery, Brewer;<sup>29</sup> as a resident of Bangor, he m. Brewer, Maine, (by Rev. G. N. Eldridge) 1 Sept. 1881, NETTIE B. RYDER of Brewer,<sup>30</sup> b. 14 Aug. 1862,<sup>31</sup> daughter of Joshua and Rose N. (Marston) Ryder,<sup>32</sup> d. 25 Sept. 1931 and bur. with her husband in Oak Hill Cemetery.<sup>33</sup> In 1920 Nettie R. Bartlett, age 57, widow, was living in Natick, Mass., with the family of her daughter and son-in-law, Grace and Frank B. Robinson.<sup>34</sup> She was still living with the Robinsons in 1930, age 67.<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> *Quinquennial Catalogue of the Officers and Graduates of Harvard University, 1636–1915* (Cambridge, Mass., 1915), 657; Walter O. Bartlett household, 1920 U.S. Census, Precinct 9, Ward 8, Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass., p. 15B, #777.

<sup>24</sup> Mass. VRs, 467:338.

<sup>25</sup> Massachusetts, Mason Membership Cards, 1733–1990, ancestry.com; death notice, *Boston Traveler*, 14 July 1949, p. 5.

<sup>26</sup> Frederick Bartlett household, 1940 U.S. Census, Natick, Middlesex Co., Mass., E.D. 9-382, p. 2A, he listed as a truck driver for an oil company and living with his wife and mother..

<sup>27</sup> Bible record; death record, Maine Vital Records, 1670–1907, familysearch.org; cemetery card, Maine, J. Gary Nichols Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1999, familysearch.org.

<sup>28</sup> Clarence Bartlett household, 1900 U.S. Census, Orono, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 120, p. 17A.

<sup>29</sup> Bible record; gravestone (photo), findagrave.com, #105709383. In many Internet postings, Charles is confused with another Charles F. Bartlett, b. ca. 1857 and prob. son of Reuben and Harriot (—) Bartlett who were living in Grafton, Oxford Co., Maine, in 1850, with their 3y-old son Charles F. (U.S. Census, p. 949). This Charles F. Bartlett lived in Lewiston, Maine, and was there as late as 1940 with his wife Rowena (Charles Bartlett household, 1940 U.S. Census, Lewiston, Androscoggin Co., Maine, E.D. 1-24, p. 2B). His gravestone in Riverside Cemetery, Lewiston, gives his dates as 1857–1945 (findagrave.com with photo of the stone). Charles F. Bartlett, the son of William R. and Hannah (Smith) Bartlett, clearly d. in 1890 leaving his widow Nettie.

<sup>30</sup> Gray, *Penobscot Co. Marriage Returns*, 783

<sup>31</sup> Gravestone, see note 33.

<sup>32</sup> Nettie R. Bartlett, b. Aug. 1862 and called “daughter” in Joshua and Rose N. Ryder household, 1900 U.S. Census, Brewer, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 86, pp. 15B–16A. Joshua Rider of Bucksport and Miss Rose N. Marston of Orrington m. Orrington, 26 Oct. 1861 (Gray, *Penobscot Co. Marriage Returns*, 302).

<sup>33</sup> Gravestone (photo), findagrave.com, #105709345.

<sup>34</sup> Nettie R. Bartlett household, a separate listing within the residence of Frank B. Robinson, 1920 U.S. Census, Natick, Middlesex Co., Mass., E.D. 348, p. 5B. Frank, age 35, was the manager of a coal company, living with his wife Grace, two children, and his mother-in-law, Nettie.

<sup>35</sup> Frank B. Robinson household, 1930 U.S. Census, Natick, Middlesex Co., Mass., E.D. 9-353, p. 5B.

Child: 1. *Grace Ryder Bartlett*, b. May 1883,<sup>36</sup> d. Hampton Beach, N.H., 30 April 1952, age 68;<sup>37</sup> m. Natick, Mass., 16 June 1909, Frank Billings Robinson, both of Natick.<sup>38</sup>

- iv CLARENCE EUGENE [or EUGENE CLARENCE] BARTLETT, b. 22 Nov. 1864, d. 17 Feb. 1928, age 64, and bur. in Oaklawn Cemetery, Winter Haven, Polk Co., Fla.,<sup>39</sup> m. (1) Boston, Mass., 2 June 1891, LUCY ANNE WARD,<sup>40</sup> b. Boston, 2 June 1870, daughter of Isaac and Ann Maria (Hanscom) Ward,<sup>41</sup> d. Dorchester, Mass., 13 April 1914, age 43y 10m 11d.<sup>42</sup> Clarence and Lucy evidently had no children and were divorced. Lucy A. Bartlett m. (2) Boston, 24 Nov. 1908, William Walden of Boston.<sup>43</sup> William Walden was a watchmaker of Boston, b. New York, N.Y., ca. 1842, son of John and Catherine (Doremus) Walden.<sup>44</sup> In 1910 William Walden, age 67, a clock maker in a factory, and Lucy A., age 39, the mother of no children, were living in Boston's Dorchester District on Sydney Street.<sup>45</sup>

Clarence m. (2) Orono, 20 Dec. 1899, ELLA MAY/"MAMIE" (FITZHERBERT) PAGE as her 2nd husband,<sup>46</sup> b. Ft. Fairfield, Maine, or Andover, Victoria Co., New Brunswick, 17 May 1863,<sup>47</sup> daughter of James and Agnes (Sloat) Fitzherbert,<sup>48</sup> d. 31 May 1928, age 65, and bur. with Clarence in Oaklawn Cemetery, Winter Haven, Polk Co., Fla.<sup>49</sup> Ella had m. (1) Orono, 25 Oct. 1884, Frank L. Page, both of Orono,<sup>50</sup> b. Harmony, Maine, ca. 1864, son of Elden D. and Lorinda (Clark) Page,<sup>51</sup> d. 1952 and bur. with his 2nd wife in Matthews Cemetery, North Wakefield, N.H.<sup>52</sup>

<sup>36</sup> Grace R. Bartlett called "Grand Daughter" in Joshua and Rose N. Ryder household, 1900 U.S. Census, Brewer, Penobscot Co., Maine, E.D. 86, pp. 15B-16A.

<sup>37</sup> Death notice, *Boston Traveler*, 3 May 1952, p. 3.

<sup>38</sup> Mass. VRs, 587:610.

<sup>39</sup> Bible record; gravestone (photo), findagrave.com, #68449741.

<sup>40</sup> Mass. VRs, 417:99; her mother's maiden name from her death record in 1910 (Mass. VRs, 1910/104:339).

<sup>41</sup> Mass. VRs, 225:150.

<sup>42</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1911-1915, database at americanancestors.org, 1914/11:84. The record states she was the wife of William Walden and would be bur. in Springfield, Mass.

<sup>43</sup> Mass. VRs, 581:277, 2nd marriage for both, William a widower, Lucy divorced.

<sup>44</sup> Marriage record, see preceding note, he age 66 when he m. Lucy.

<sup>45</sup> William Walden household, 1910 U.S. Census, Dorchester District, Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass., E.D. 1560, p. 1B, #18/20.

<sup>46</sup> Bible record; Maine, Marriage Records, 1713-1937, ancestry.com.

<sup>47</sup> Bible record, which gives b. Ft. Fairfield; the 1885 birth record of Ella's daughter Laura J. Page gives b. Andover, N.B. (Maine, Birth Records, 1621-1922, ancestry.com).

<sup>48</sup> Daughter Eller A., age 7, in household of James and Agness Fitzherbert, 1871 Census of Canada, Andover, Victoria Co., N.B., Canada, p. 43; Agnes's maiden name from her 1906 death record (Maine, Death Records, 1617-1922, ancestry.com).

<sup>49</sup> Gravestone (photo), findagrave.com, #68449742. The gravestone only gives her years of birth and death (1863-1928); an undocumented annotation on the findagrave page gives her exact death date as 31 May 1928.

<sup>50</sup> Gray, *Penobscot Co. Marriage Returns*, 879.

<sup>51</sup> His parentage given on the record of his 2nd marriage, note 53.

<sup>52</sup> Gravestone (photo), findagrave.com, #136229645.

Ella and Frank had three children, but their marriage ended in divorce. Frank m. (2) Brookfield, N.H., 28 Oct. 1896, Annie E. (Trott) Tibbetts.<sup>53</sup>

In 1900 Clarence, age 36, a “market gardener,” was living in Orono with his 2nd wife, Ella M., age 36, his sister Abbie, aged 44 and described as a nurse, and his stepson James Page, age 7. Stepson James Page was adopted by Clarence and assumed the Bartlett surname. James’s stepdaughters Laura and Amy Page were enumerated as boarders in separate households in Ossipee, N.H., both of them attending school there.<sup>54</sup> Sometime between 1908, when his daughter Doris was born in Maine, and the time of the 1910 census, Clarence moved with his family to Orange Co., Fla., where that year he was living in the town of Ocoee, he described as age 46 and a clerk in a general store. Living with her were his wife Ella M., 46, and children James L. [formerly Page now Bartlett], 16, Amy [stepdaughter, Bartlett in this census, but married as Page], 14, Hannah M., 8, Agnes, 6, and Doris, 2. Clarence and Ella were still in Ocoee in 1920, he now described as a farm owner, living with their three daughters.<sup>55</sup>

Children of Frank L. and Ella May (Fitzherbert) Page, b. Orono: 1. *Laura J. Page*, b. 6 Aug. 1855,<sup>56</sup> d. 22 Oct. 1975;<sup>57</sup> m. Ossipee, N.H., 27 Feb. 1912, Lisle O. Moulton.<sup>58</sup> 2. *Amy Page*, b. 8 Dec. 1887, d. 1 Jan. 1969 and bur. in Evergreen Cemetery, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans.;<sup>59</sup> m. Houlton, Maine, 7 Sept. 1907, Loren F. Hallett.<sup>60</sup> *James Leslie Page* aka *James Leslie Bartlett*, b. 14 Jan. 1893,<sup>61</sup> d. (as James Leslie Bartlett) 19 Dec. 1957 and bur. in Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, Suffolk Co., N.Y.;<sup>62</sup> m. (as James Bartlett) Kings Co., N.Y., 28 July 1928, Anna Genevieve Dwyer.<sup>63</sup>

Children of Clarence Eugene and Ella May (Fitzherbert) (Page) Bartlett, b. Orono:<sup>64</sup> 1. *Hannah Marguerite Bartlett*, b. 21 June 1901, and bp. St. John’s Universalist Church, Orono, 17 June 1906,<sup>65</sup> d. 1945 and bur. in Oaklawn Cemetery, Winter Haven, Polk Co., Fla.;<sup>66</sup> m. Orange Co., Fla., 8 Nov. 1921, Ralph Perrin Thompson.<sup>67</sup> 2. *Agnes Bartlett*, b. 25 March 1903, and bp. St. John’s Universalist Church,

<sup>53</sup> New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659–1947, ancestry.com.

<sup>54</sup> Laura Page, age 14, a boarder in the Inglis L. Pines household, 1900 U.S. Census, Ossipee, Carroll Co., N.H., E.D. 21, p. 11A; Amy Page, age 12, a boarder in the Moses C. Sinclair household, 1900 U.S. Census, Ossipee, Carroll Co., N.H., E.D. 21, p. 11A. The girls were living just several households apart in Ossipee.

<sup>55</sup> Clarence J. Bartlett household, 1920 U.S. Census, Ocoee, Orange Co., Fla., E.D. 120, p. 5A.

<sup>56</sup> Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>57</sup> U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007, ancestry.com.

<sup>58</sup> New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659–1947, ancestry.com.

<sup>59</sup> Gravestone (photo), which includes her dates of birth and death, findagrave.com, #33783277.

<sup>60</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, ancestry.com.

<sup>61</sup> Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>62</sup> Birth and death dates reported on findagrave.com annotation, #332788 (no photo of stone).

<sup>63</sup> Marriage date online at [www.germangenealogygroup.com/NYCBridesRes2.asp](http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/NYCBridesRes2.asp); see further information on Anna at [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com), # 332636.

<sup>64</sup> Births of all in Maine, Birth Records, 1621–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>65</sup> Bible record.

<sup>66</sup> Gravestone (photo), findagrave.com, #68452811.

<sup>67</sup> Florida Marriages, 1837–1974, familysearch.org.

Orono, 17 June 1906,<sup>68</sup> d. Sanford, Seminole Co., Fla., 5 Aug. 1988;<sup>69</sup> m. Polk Co., Fla., 28 June 1927, Warren Albert Patrick.<sup>70</sup> 3. *Doris May Bartlett*, b. 18 Feb. 1807, d. Balsam, Jackson Co., N.C., 24 July 1947, aged 40y 6m 3d;<sup>71</sup> m. (1) Winter Harbor, Orange Co., Fla., 26 April 1930, Elizur W. Harrington,<sup>72</sup> (2) Winter Harbor, 15 June 1947, Andrew B. Coker.<sup>73</sup>

v HANNAH A. BARTLETT, b. 28 Oct. 1868, d. 19 May 1884, age 15y 6m 17d, and bur. with her parents in Riverside Cemetery, Orono.<sup>74</sup>

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<sup>68</sup> Bible record.

<sup>69</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014, ancestry.com.

<sup>70</sup> Florida Marriages, 1830–1993, familysearch.org.

<sup>71</sup> North Carolina State Board of Health, certificate of death, #17630.

<sup>72</sup> Florida Marriages, 1830–1993, familysearch.org.

<sup>73</sup> Florida Marriages, 1830–1993, familysearch.org.

<sup>74</sup> Bible record; cemetery card, Maine, J. Gary Nichols Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780–1999, familysearch.org.

## IN THE OPINION OF ONE CENSUS TAKER

*by Merrylyn Sawyer*

In 1860 Stephen B. Woodard, a thirty-six-year-old bookkeeper, took the census in Ellsworth, Maine. The monikers that he used to describe some of the town's residents are quite noteworthy. The occupations of the heads of family (who were mostly men) included all those typical for a sizable county seat in the nineteenth century, including farmer, sailor, sea captain, carpenter, merchant, butcher, dentist, attorney at law, hotel keeper, clergyman, clerk of courts, and so on. The town also boasted three "Physicians"—Asa McAllister, Moses R. Pulsifer, and George Parcher—and two other doctors whose entries stood out: Woodard called eighty-four-year-old Jonathan Rolfe a "Quack Doctor," while Greenlief Stackpole, age twenty-seven, was styled "Spiritual Doctor."<sup>1</sup> Numerous women in town also had professions, including school teacher, factory operative, book binder, nurse, boarding house keeper, milliner, tailoress, and washerwoman. Married women, however, were rarely given any occupation, not even "keeping house" as seen in most other census localities. For unmarried women of marriageable age without a specialized profession (those aged 15 or above), Woodward assigned nearly all of them the designation "servant." This seemingly chauvinistic label was unique to this census taker, and was certainly not the practice that year in the censuses of the towns that neighbored Ellsworth or in other parts of Maine.

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<sup>1</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Ellsworth, Hancock Co., Maine: McAllister (p. 989), Pulsifer (p. 973), Parcher (p. 980), Rolfe (p. 929), and Stackpole (p. 959).

THE FAMILY OF AARON<sup>3</sup> SEEKINS OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
VERMONT, AND AUGUSTA, WINDSOR, AND SWANVILLE, MAINE

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Aaron Seekins and several of his children were among the first settlers in Swanville, Maine, in the early part of the nineteenth century. Aaron was likely a third-generation descendant of Aaron<sup>1</sup> Seekins who arrived in Middleborough, Massachusetts, before 1717. Researchers seeking the ancestry of Aaron Seekins of Maine need only type his name into any of the popular online genealogy search engines, and dozens of trees will be accessed, all purporting to outline his life and children. Unfortunately, all of them have problems and none include a correct list of his children. A genealogy of the Seekins family was published in 1970,<sup>1</sup> but that appears to be the source of most of the flawed information on the internet. Not only does this work omit several of Aaron's children, it adds children who were not his, conflating his family with other Seekinses in Vermont and New York.

Aaron moved from place to place throughout his life, leaving few records in any one location. Once the family came to the Swanville area, the research difficulties continued. Swanville was incorporated in 1818 from Swan Plantation, an area settled prior to 1810.<sup>2</sup> The Swanville vital records include a few family groups, as well as marriage intentions and some marriages, though the records are not complete. The records of Enfield, Maine, where Aaron's son Benjamin moved, are equally sparse. Increasing the difficulty is that two Seekins sons, Benjamin and Josiah, had at least twenty-five children between them—Josiah having at least twenty-one during the forty-two-year period from 1803 to 1845. The generations overlapped and the cousins frequently married, resulting in a number of Seekins–Seekins marriages.

With the dearth of vital records, sorting out the Seekinses in Maine involved trying to create family groups and estimating birth years from the census. The youngest members lived into the age of state recording of vital records, and marriage and death records often included the names of their parents. Deeds also provided evidence for some family relationships. The Seekins Cemetery in Swanville includes a number of grave markers. The most frustrating of these is the one for Josiah, his two wives, and six unmarried children. The inscription contains neither birth nor death dates, only their ages at death.

The most useful piece of evidence was hiding in plain sight in the Waldo County Probate Court. Andrew Seekins, one of Josiah's younger sons, died in 1891, leaving "no wife, children, father, mother or sisters." His brother William, who was the

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<sup>1</sup> Paul Orville Seekins, *The Seekins Genealogy: Aaron Seekins 1690–1750 of Middleborough, Massachusetts, with Most of His Descendants* (Columbus, Ohio, 1970), 1–3, 5 (hereafter cited as Seekins, *Seekins Genealogy*).

<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Swanville, Maine Prior to 1892* (Rockport, Maine, 1990), 3 (hereafter cited as Mosher, *Swanville VRs*).

executor of the estate, divided Andrew's property among the four living brothers and the descendants of nine deceased siblings—all named. Since his estate was valued at only \$145.35, William's efforts to be fair resulted in a full share being \$11.18 and the six children of his sister Martha, receiving just \$1.86 each!<sup>3</sup> Nevertheless, the file provided invaluable genealogical information.

To the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Waldo

William S. Seekins administrator of the estate of Andrew J. Seekins late of Swanville in said county deceased, respectfully represents that there remains in his hands on settlement of his final account of administration of the estate of said deceased made at a Probate Court held at Belfast in said County on the second Tuesday of May 1892 property not necessary for the payment of debts and expenses of administration to the amount of one hundred and forty five dollars and thirty five cents which sum remains to be distributed among the persons whose names, residences and relationships are as follows:

William S. Seekins, Aaron Seekins, Isaac B. Seekins and David E. Seekins. All of Swanville, brothers.

Elvira Nickerson, Wealthy Curboy Eliza Robbins, Jonathan Nickerson, Kelley Nickerson and Ellery Nickerson all of Swanville Me. Children of a deceased sister, viz Hattie Seekins [*sic*].

Maria Keith of Belfast, child of John Seekins, deceased brother.

Phineas Curtis and Delia Harvey both of Swanville children of Abigail Seekins [*overstruck* "Curtis"] deceased sister.

Albert Curtis and Sarah J. Curtis of Enfield Me children of Lucy Curtis, a deceased sister.

Mary Curtis and Seekins of Enfield Me children of Reuel Seekins a deceased brother.

Levi Seekins, Sarah Smith Annie Holmes Everett Seekins and Mary E. Smith of Swanville Me children of Josiah Seekins deceased brother.

Ira Seekins child of Naham M Seekins deceased brother.

John Bragdon and Horace Bragdon, children of Mary Bragdon deceased sister.

Lemuel Robbins Alfred Robbins Daniel Robbins and Emily Robbins children of Alice Robbins deceased sister.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that that distribution of said balance may be ordered among said persons and such others as may be proved to be entitled thereto and the share of each determined.

Dated this 14

Day of June 1892.

[*signed*] William S. Seekins

Once I knew which Seekinses were Josiah's children, identifying Benjamin's children was a process of elimination, ensuring that they fit the ages and sexes as given in the 1820 and 1830 censuses.

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<sup>3</sup> Waldo Co. Probate Records, #6160.



## GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **AARON<sup>3</sup> SEEKINS** (*Aaron<sup>2-1</sup>*) was born say 1747–48, a probable son of Aaron and Hannah (Westcott) Seekins.<sup>4</sup> He died, most likely in Swanville, Maine, before April 1834, when the town no longer provided his support.<sup>5</sup> He married in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 3 May 1771, TABITHA RAYMOND, “both resident in Plymouth.”<sup>6</sup> She was born say 1751 (if aged about 20 at marriage),<sup>7</sup> and died probably in Swanville after April 1830, the last time she is mentioned in the town records.<sup>8</sup>

Aaron moved to Vermont about 1785.<sup>9</sup> On 18 June 1785, Gov. Thomas Chittenden of Vermont granted to Timothy Blake and fourteen associates, including Aaron “Seekens,” a gore of land lying between the towns of Sharon and Strafford, Vermont, to be annexed to the town of Strafford. The condition of the grant was that each proprietor “shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land and build an house of at least eighteen feet square on the Floor or have one Family settled on each respective right within the term of three Years next . . . on penalty of Forfeiture.”<sup>10</sup>

In the 1790 Vermont census (taken in 1791), Aaron Seekins was living in Strafford with two other males age 16 and above (probably sons Aaron and John), four males under 16 (probably sons Ezekiel, Benjamin, Josiah, and William), and one female (wife Tabitha).<sup>11</sup> On 30 September 1793, a Vermont newspaper reported that Aaron Seekins, among other residents of Strafford, was delinquent 4s. 4d. in the payment of the half-penny tax-per-acre assessed by the General Assembly in November 1791, therefore suggesting he held 52 acres of land.<sup>12</sup>

On 5 June 1794, Aaron sold to Martin Seekins of Strafford a tract of land being the northeast corner of land Aaron “now lives on.”<sup>13</sup> According to his gravestone in the Pioneer Cemetery, Ellington, Chautauqua County, New York, Martin was born in 1762 and died in 1830, and was therefore of age to be Aaron’s younger brother.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Seekins, *Seekins Genealogy*, 2–3; his supposed parents m. Middleboro, Mass., 17 April 1746 (“Middleborough, Mass., Vital Records,” *The Mayflower Descendant* 18[1914]:77). Aaron was age 80–90 in 1830 (see note 25) suggesting he was b. in the period 1740–50.

<sup>5</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 16.

<sup>6</sup> Lee D. van Antwerp, comp., and Ruth Wilder Sherman, ed., *Vital Records of Plymouth, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Camden, Maine, 1993), 259 (hereafter cited as *Plymouth VRs*). Marriage intentions were recorded in Freetown, Mass., 16 March 1771 between Aaron “Secons” Jr. and Tabitha Raymont” of Sandwich, Mass. (Helen Gurney Thomas, comp., *Vital Records of Freetown, Massachusetts, 1686 Through 1890* [Bowie, Md., 1988], alphabetically arranged).

<sup>7</sup> She was aged 70–80 in 1830 (see note 25) suggesting she was b. in the period 1750–60.

<sup>8</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 15.

<sup>9</sup> It is possible he came to Vt. via N.H., as his son Benjamin, b. ca. 1781, gave his birthplace as N.H. on the 1850 census (see note 86).

<sup>10</sup> Vermont, Secretary of State, *State Papers of Vermont, Volume Two: Charters Granted by the State of Vermont* (Bellows Falls, Vt., 1922), 27–28.

<sup>11</sup> Aaron Seekins household, 1790 U.S. Census, Strafford, Orange Co., Vt., p. 85.

<sup>12</sup> *Spooner’s Vermont Journal* [Windsor, Vt.], issue of 30 Sept. 1793, p. 2.

<sup>13</sup> Strafford Deeds, C:280.

<sup>14</sup> Gravestone, cited (no photo) by findagrave.com, #136019268.

In December 1795 Aaron sold two parcels of land, partly in Strafford and partly in Sharon, described as “part of my home lot on which I did live,”<sup>15</sup> and soon afterwards moved to Augusta, Maine, possibly with a short stopover in New Hampshire.<sup>16</sup> As Aaron “Sekins,” his name is found on the 1797 Augusta tax list with two polls, four cows three years or older, and 1 cattle aged between one and two years.<sup>17</sup> He was in Augusta in 1800, aged 45+, and living with two males 16–25 (probably sons Benjamin and Josiah), one male under 10 (possibly son William), a female 45+ (Tabitha), and two females 10–15 (probably daughters Sally and Polly).<sup>18</sup>

On 19 February 1803, Aaron “Sekins” of Augusta, yeoman, sold 200 acres in Augusta, being “the lot of land which I the said Sekins have lived on and improved for several years last past, and which my dwelling house & barn now stands upon.”<sup>19</sup> Aaron moved to the settlement of New Waterford, Maine (later incorporated as the town of Malta in 1809 and renamed Windsor in 1822), where, as Aaron Sekins of New Waterford, yeoman, he sold 1 August 1805 to [his son] Josiah Sekins, also of New Waterford, yeoman, fifty acres on the east side of “three mile pond” [Long Pond today].<sup>20</sup> That same year Aaron and Benjamin Seekins of New Waterford were among the defendants in a local debt case.<sup>21</sup>

On 27 March 1809, “Aaron Sekins of Malta, yeoman,” sold “land in said Malta easterly of the town of Augusta formerly known by the name of New Waterford containing one hundred & fifty acres being the same tract of land which I now live on.”<sup>22</sup> The family probably moved about this time to Swan Plantation (incorporated as Swanville in 1818), a community missed in the 1810 census.

In 1815 “Jos. Siggins” (probably Aaron’s son Josiah) was included on the 1815 Swan Plantation Direct Tax list, he being the only Seekins listed that year.<sup>23</sup> In 1820 Aaron was enumerated in Swanville with Tabitha and two other females.<sup>24</sup> In 1830, now aged 80–90, Aaron was still in Swanville, living with a female 70–80 (undoubtedly wife, Tabitha), a female 30–40 (possibly daughter Polly), and a female 10–15 (unidentified).<sup>25</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Strafford Deeds, 1:30, 105.

<sup>16</sup> In the “from whence emigrated” column in the 1800 census, Aaron’s information is given as “N.H.” in 1796 (see note 18).

<sup>17</sup> James W. North, *The History of Augusta . . .* (Augusta, Maine, 1870), 310.

<sup>18</sup> Aaron Seekins household, 1800 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 293.

<sup>19</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 4:433. He sold the land to Moses Pollard of Augusta, innkeeper.

<sup>20</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 8:232.

<sup>21</sup> Kennebec Co. Court of Common Pleas, 4:336. For a fuller discussion of this case, see Linwood H. Lowden and C. Arlene Barton Gilbert, *good Land & fine Contrey but Poor roads: A History of Windsor, Maine* (Windsor Hist. Soc., 1993), 41.

<sup>22</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 16:11. He sold the land to Charles Webber of Vassalborough.

<sup>23</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 179. Josiah “Sickens” was also appointed a highway surveyor in Swan Plantation that year (*ibid.*, 12). It is possible that Aaron, then aged in his late 60s, was not eligible for the tax and therefore not named on the list.

<sup>24</sup> Aaron Sekins household, 1820 U.S. Census, Swanville, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 528.

<sup>25</sup> Aaron “Seepings” household, 1830 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 324.

At the Swanville town meeting of 26 March 1821, it was “voted to Sell the getting of . . . Mr. Sickens wood for one year to the lowest bidder.” This continued from 1822 to 1829 with various citizens making the lowest bid. On 31 March 1828, the town voted to build Aaron Sickens a log barn.<sup>26</sup> On 5 April 1830, it was:

Voted to allow Josiah Sekins Thirty Dollars for the support of His father Mother and Polly Sekins For one year from the Sixth Day of April 1830 and that the Said Sekins is to have use of all The property now in possession of Aaron Sekins his father the present Year but is to Return Said property at the expiration of Said year . . . to the overseers of Swanville.<sup>27</sup>

In 1832 and 1833, “sold the maintainance of A. Seekins to Josiah Seekins for \$90.” There is no mention of Aaron Seekins at the town meeting in 1834.<sup>28</sup>

Children of Aaron<sup>3</sup> and Tabitha (Raymond) Seekins, the first 5 presumably b. Mass., the others b. Strafford or Sharon, Vt.:<sup>29</sup>

- i (prob.) AARON<sup>4</sup> SEEKINS, b. say 1772. He was in Sharon in 1800, aged 26–45, with two males under 10, a probable wife aged 16–25, and a female under 10, suggesting he m about 1793.<sup>30</sup> On 18 Jan. 1809, Aaron Seekins, with wife ELIZABETH — and children *Aaron Jr.*, *Sally*, *Ebenezer*, *Almira*, *Hannah*, and *Tabithy*, were warned out of Fairlee, Orange Co., Vt.<sup>31</sup> On 24 Dec. 1810, Aaron “Sechim[?]” and family were warned out of Whiting, Addison Co., Vt.,<sup>32</sup> and he was likely the Aaron “Siccins” in Whiting in 1810.<sup>33</sup> He may be the Aaron Seekins who was paid for service from 29 June to 10 July 1812 as a private in Capt. George Lathrop’s company, Col. W. L. Churchill’s regiment, in Genesee Co., N.Y.<sup>34</sup>
- ii (prob.) JOHN SEEKINS, b. say 1775; m. Sharon., 3 July 1794, NANCY PIGSLEY of Sharon.<sup>35</sup> On 3 Feb. 1796, a John was a witness to a deed in Strafford, in which [his probable uncle] Martin Seekins purchased land.<sup>36</sup> John was in Sharon in 1800, aged 16–25, with Nancy, and three males under 10.<sup>37</sup> He and his prob. older brother, Aaron, were living just two households apart in this census. In 1810 John was in

<sup>26</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 13–15.

<sup>27</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 15.

<sup>28</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 16.

<sup>29</sup> Seekins, *Seekins Genealogy*, 6–7, lists children John, Ezekiel, Benjamin, William, Josiah, Thomas, Charles B., Heber G., and a daughter. This does not include Aaron’s probable son Aaron Jr. and appears to conflate the families of Aaron Seekins, the subject of this article, and other Seekinses living in Vt. and N.Y. Census records support six sons in the family of the Aaron Seekins of Maine. The children listed here are assigned to Aaron of Maine based on their appearances in Sharon, Vt., and Windsor and Swanville, Maine, and associations with each other.

<sup>30</sup> Aaron “Seeken” household, 1800 U.S. Census, Sharon, Windsor Co., Vt., p. 415.

<sup>31</sup> Alden M. Rollins, *Vermont Warnings Out, Vol. 1: Northern Vermont* (Camden, Maine, 1995), 226, citing Fairlee TRs, 2:170 (hereafter cited as Rollins, *Vermont Warnings Vol. 1*).

<sup>32</sup> Rollins, *Vermont Warnings Vol. 1*, 83, citing Whiting TRs, 2:147.

<sup>33</sup> Aaron Siccins household, 1810 U.S. Census, Whiting, Addison Co., Vt., p. 185, the household apparent comprised of Aaron, his wife, three sons, and three daughters.

<sup>34</sup> New York, War of 1812 Payroll Abstracts for New York Militia, 1812–1815, ancestry.com.

<sup>35</sup> Vermont, Vital Records, 1760–1954, familysearch.org.

<sup>36</sup> Strafford Deeds, 1:464.

<sup>37</sup> John “Seeken” household, 1800 U.S. Census, Sharon, Windsor Co., Vt., p. 415.

Batavia, Genesee Co., N.Y., living next to Martin Seekins, with Nancy, 3 males 10–15, and a male 0–9.<sup>38</sup> He is prob. the John Seekins who enlisted at Genesee Co., 29 June 1812 in Capt. Nathan Marvin's company of N.Y. cavalry and served until 7 July 1812. An undated note on the muster roll says that John was "since dead."<sup>39</sup>

Children:<sup>40</sup> 1. *John Seekins*, b. Sharon, 15 Jan. 1795. 2. *Daniel Seekins*, b. Sharon, 4 Sept. 1796. 3. (reportedly) *Ezekiel Seekins*, b. 7 July 1798.<sup>41</sup> 4. poss. son, age 0–9 years on his father's 1810 census return.

- iii (poss.) EZEKIEL SEEKINS, b. say 1777 (if age 21 at marriage); m. Plymouth, Mass., 24 Oct. 1798, AMA/AME RAYMOND of Plymouth.<sup>42</sup> On the intentions of 18 Aug. 1798, he was styled "Ezekiel Seakins, now a resident in Plymouth who came from Vermont."<sup>43</sup> Ezekiel's placement in this family is based on his former Vt. residence and the fact that his wife bore the same surname as Aaron Seekins's wife. Ezekiel "Seekings" and family were enumerated in 1820 in Freetown, Mass., he age 26–45.<sup>44</sup>
- 2 iv BENJAMIN SEEKINS, b. 15 Oct. 1779;<sup>45</sup> m. ABIGAIL TYLER.
- 3 v JOSIAH SEEKINS, b. ca. 1783; m. (1) SARAH SMITH, (2) ADELIA KNOWLTON.
- vi WILLIAM SEEKINS, b. say 1786 (if age 21 at marriage); m. China, Maine, 14 June 1807, LYDIA HALLOWELL.<sup>46</sup> On the intentions recorded in Vassalboro, Maine, 9 April 1807, they were "both of a place called New-waterford in the County of Kennebec."<sup>47</sup> William was in Malta in 1820 and in Windsor in 1830 and 1840,<sup>48</sup> but is not found after the latter date.
- Children, b. Windsor:<sup>49</sup> 1. *Lucy Seekins*, b. 13 April 1809. 2. *Nancy Seekins*, b. 22 June 1810. 3. *William Seekins*, b. 15 June 1812, d. 1855;<sup>50</sup> m. Hannah Scates.<sup>51</sup> 4. *Hannah Seekins*, b. 16 Oct. 1814, d. 22 Feb. 1887, age 71 years;<sup>52</sup> m. Augusta, 22 Dec. 1839, Samuel Ward,<sup>53</sup> widower of her sister Margaret. 5. *Margaret Seekins*,

<sup>38</sup> John "Secons" household, 1810 U.S. Census, Batavia, Genesee Co., N.Y., p. 108.

<sup>39</sup> War of 1812 Pension Files, fold3.com, citing WO-39386, WC-30906.

<sup>40</sup> Births of first 2 from Vermont, Vital Records, 1760–1954, familysearch.org.

<sup>41</sup> Seekins, *Seekins Genealogy*, 12.

<sup>42</sup> *Plymouth VRs*, 375.

<sup>43</sup> *Plymouth VRs*, 287.

<sup>44</sup> Ezekiel Seekings household, 1820 U.S. Census, Freetown, Bristol Co., Mass., p. 404.

<sup>45</sup> Gravestone, Ridge Cemetery, Enfield, Maine, findagrave.com, #62200840 (photo).

<sup>46</sup> "China (Harlem) Maine Marriages 1792–1892," copied by the China Historical Society from the original town records (TS, Maine Historical Society, Portland, 1971), 35 (hereafter cited as "China Marriages").

<sup>47</sup> Angela M. Foster, *Vital Records of Vassalboro, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 2003), 47.

<sup>48</sup> William Seekins household, 1820 U.S. Census, Malta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 690 (he aged 26–45); William Seekens household (indexed as William "lukeus"), 1830 U.S. Census, Windsor, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 274 (he aged 40–50); William Seekins household, 1840 U.S. Census, Windsor, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 349 (he aged 40–50).

<sup>49</sup> Births of all recorded in Maine, Births and Christenings, 1739–1900, familysearch.org.

<sup>50</sup> *Maine Cemetery Inscriptions: Kennebec County* (Rockport, Maine, 1999), 3275, gravestone, North Windsor Cemetery.

<sup>51</sup> 1911 death record per Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>52</sup> Ethel Colby Conant, ed., *Vital Records of Augusta, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (Maine Hist. Soc., 2933–34), 2:459 (hereafter cited as *Augusta VRs*).

<sup>53</sup> *Augusta VRs*, 2:113.

twin, b. 16 Oct. 1816, d. before 22 Dec. 1839 (when her sister m. her widower); m. Augusta, 16 Oct. 1836, Samuel Ward.<sup>54</sup> 6. *Sarah Seekins*, b. 3 Nov. 1819.

- vii SALLY SEEKINS, b. ca. 1792,<sup>55</sup> living Swanville, 17 Aug. 1855,<sup>56</sup> but not found in the 1860 census; m. (1) Swan Plt., 18 July 1811, ELIJAH BRAGDON,<sup>57</sup> who d. 1 May 1814, while serving in Capt. Crossman's company, 34th Regiment, U.S. Infantry, in the War of 1812;<sup>58</sup> m. (2) Swan Plt., 11 Nov. 1816, EPHRAIM KNOWLTON,<sup>59</sup> b. abt. 1790, reportedly son of John and Mary (Curtis) Knowlton,<sup>60</sup> d. Jan. 1840.<sup>61</sup>

Children of Elijah and Sally (Seekins) Bragdon, b. Swan Plt.:<sup>62</sup> 1. *Charles Bragdon*, b. 12 Aug. 1811; m. (int.) Swanville, 16 Sept. 1830, his cousin Mary Seekins,<sup>63</sup> daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Smith) Seekins, below. 2. *Elijah Bragdon*, b. 12 Dec. 1812; m. (int.) Swanville, 24 Nov. 1833, his cousin Lois Seekins,<sup>64</sup> daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Tyler) Seekins, below.

Children of Ephraim and Sally (Seekins) (Bragdon) Knowlton, all likely b. Swan Plt./Swanville: 3. *Aaron Knowlton*, b. (calc.) Jan. 1814, d. Monroe, Maine, 2 Dec. 1903, age 89y 11m.<sup>65</sup> 4. *William Knowlton*, b. (calc.) 20 Nov. 1818, d. Swanville, 1 Dec. 1892, age 74y 11d;<sup>66</sup> m. (int.) Swanville, 6 Nov. 1836 Mary Jane Knowlton.<sup>67</sup> 5. *Ephraim Knowlton*, b. (calc.) 28 Jan. 1820, d. Swanville, 10 April 1907, age 87y 2m 12d;<sup>68</sup> m. (int.) Swanville, 26 May 1839, Sally Allen.<sup>69</sup> 6. *Amaza Knowlton*, b. (calc.) 14 Aug. 1820, d. West Acton, Mass., 2 May 1910, age 89y 8m 18d;<sup>70</sup> m. (int.) Swanville, 18 Nov. 1838, Olive Howard.<sup>71</sup> 7. *Thomas Knowlton*, b. (calc.) 20 Nov. 1825, d. Belfast, 25 Oct. 1899, age 73y 22m 5d;<sup>72</sup> m. (int.) Swanville, 23 Aug. 1843, Mahettable Nash.<sup>73</sup> 8. *Mary Jane Knowlton*, b. 10 Feb. 1830,<sup>74</sup> d. Belfast, 30

<sup>54</sup> *Augusta VRs*, 2:113.

<sup>55</sup> Sally Knowlton, aged 58 years, in Jeremiah Small household, 1850 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 28.

<sup>56</sup> War of 1812 Pension Application #WF-12050.

<sup>57</sup> Alfred Johnson, *Vital Records of Belfast, Maine to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (Portland, Maine, 1917–19), 2:385 (hereafter cited as *Belfast VRs*)

<sup>58</sup> War of 1812 Pension Application #WF-12050.

<sup>59</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 44 (marriage), 32 (intention 12 Oct. 1816 as Widow Sally Bragdon).

<sup>60</sup> Charles Henry Wright Stocking, *The History and Genealogy of the Knowltons of England and America* (New York, 1897), 158. This volume has numerous errors and should be used with caution.

<sup>61</sup> War of 1812 Pension Application #WF-12050. A deposition in the file, dated 1 June 1855, states that Ephraim Knowlton d. "about 15 years ago last January."

<sup>62</sup> Johnson, *Belfast VRs*, 1:34.

<sup>63</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 74.

<sup>64</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 78.

<sup>65</sup> Maine Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>66</sup> Maine Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>67</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 82.

<sup>68</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>69</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 27.

<sup>70</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, database at americanancestors.org, deaths, 1910/1:97, americanancestors.org.

<sup>71</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 85.

<sup>72</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>73</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, p. 98.

Sept. 1914, age 85y 2m 16d [*sic*];<sup>75</sup> m. (1) (int.) Swanville, 31 May 1845 Jeremiah Small;<sup>76</sup> m. (2) 7 April 1867, James Harvey.<sup>77</sup>

- viii (poss.) POLLY SEEKINS. At the Swanville town meeting of 5 April 1830. it was voted “to allow Josiah Sekins Thirty Dollars for the support of His father Mother and Polly Sekins For one year from the Sixth Day of April 1830.”<sup>78</sup> Polly’s relationship to the others is not stated, but it seems likely she was an unmarried daughter of Aaron.

2 **BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> SEEKINS** (*Aaron*<sup>3-1</sup>) was born 15 October 1779.<sup>79</sup> He died at Enfield, Maine, 15 May 1856.<sup>80</sup> He married at Belfast, 11 January 1807, ABIGAIL TYLER.<sup>81</sup> She was born about 1790, and died after 1860 when she was enumerated in Ruel Seekins’s household, aged 71.<sup>82</sup>

Benjamin likely moved with his parents and siblings to Augusta and then to the area that would later become Windsor, Maine. He was a resident of Malta (Windsor) in 1805 when he and his father were named as a defendants in a debt case,<sup>83</sup> and was in Swanville by 1820 when he was included in the census, enumerated with a boy and three girls under 10. The boy and two of the three girls and a younger girl appear in 1830. By 1840 he and Abigail were living alone.<sup>84</sup> Benjamin had moved to Enfield by 18 March 1848 when he and Abigail sold land in Swanville.<sup>85</sup> He and Abigail were enumerated in Enfield in 1850, living with the family of their son-in-law, Ruel Seekins, aged 38, and their daughter Anna, aged 37.<sup>86</sup>

Children of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> and Abigail (Tyler) Seekins:

- i BETSY<sup>5</sup> SEEKINS, b. ca. 1807,<sup>87</sup> d. Swanville, 24 May 1878;<sup>88</sup> m. Swanville, 23 Oct. 1825 LEWIS NICKERSON,<sup>89</sup> b. 9 July 1802, son of Reuben and Salome (Eldredge) Nickerson,<sup>90</sup> d. Swanville, 21 Aug. 1886.<sup>91</sup>

<sup>74</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, p. 93.

<sup>75</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com, as Mary Jane Harvey.

<sup>76</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 99.

<sup>77</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 123.

<sup>78</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 15.

<sup>79</sup> Gravestone, Ridge Cemetery, Enfield, findagrave.com, #62200840 (photo), which gives his dates of birth and death.

<sup>80</sup> Gravestone; death record, *Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities: Town of Enfield*, Picton Press CD-Rom (Rockland, Maine, 2005), image 9 (hereafter cited as Enfield VR CD).

<sup>81</sup> Johnson, *Belfast VRs*, 2:385.

<sup>82</sup> Aged 60 in Benjamin Seekins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 272; aged 71 Ruel Seekins household, 1860 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 864.

<sup>83</sup> See note 21.

<sup>84</sup> Benjamin Sekins household, 1820 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 525; Benjamin Seekings household, 1830 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 323; Benjamin Sekens household, 1840 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., p. 410.

<sup>85</sup> Waldo Co. Deeds, 70:84.

<sup>86</sup> Benjamin Seekins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 272.

<sup>87</sup> Her gravestone, Smart Cemetery, Belfast, states that she d. 24 May 1878, aged 73y 2m 14d, calculating to a birth date of 10 March 1805, before her parents’ marriage. In the 1850–70 censuses, her age was 43, 54, and 63 years, respectively, making her birth year a more likely 1807 (Lewis

- Children, all b. Swanville:<sup>92</sup> 1. *Warren Nickerson*, d. at sea 1846. 2. *Mary Jane Nickerson*, b. 1827, d. Rockport, Maine, 1898; m. Stephen P. Prescott. 3. *Benjamin Lewis Nickerson*, b. (calc.) 9 June 1829, d. Searsport, 28 March 1908, age 78y 9m 19d;<sup>93</sup> m. (1) Lucy Ann Nickerson, m. (2) Mary (—) Martel. 4. *Thomas Crowell Nickerson*, b. 19 April 1831, d. 12 April 1912; m. (1) Huldah Jane Nickerson, m. (2) Mary Jane (Maddocks) Crosby. 5. *John Loring Nickerson*, b. 22 April 1833, d. 13 Sept. 1925; m. Mary Jane Parsons. 6. *Ruel Nickerson*, b. ca. 1835, d. in the Civil War at Gettysburg, 24 July 1863. He served in Co. E, 19th Infantry Maine Volunteers, and is bur. at Soldiers National Cemetery, Gettysburg, Section B.<sup>94</sup> 7. *Albert Nickerson*, b. 17 March 1839, d. 20 April 1925; m. Eliza Ellen Richards. 8. *George Washington Nickerson*, b. 7 May 1840, d. 1911; m. Julia Tripp Parsons. 9. *Elizabeth Ann Nickerson*, b. 1842, d. 1920; m. John Colby Howard. 10. *Rosetta Abigail Nickerson*, b. 1844, d. 3 May 1889; m. William Henry Nickerson. 11. *Harriet Eliza Nickerson*, b. 4 April 1847, d. 6 March 1911; m. James Merrill Nickerson.
- ii DIANA/ANNA SEEKINS, b. (calc.) 13 June 1814, d. Enfield, 6 April 1870, age 55y 9m 23d;<sup>95</sup> m. Swanville, 13 March 1834, her 1st cousin RUEL SEEKINS, son of Josiah and Sarah (Smith) Seekins, below.
- iii LOIS SEEKINS, b. ca. 1817, d. Enfield, 4 March 1862;<sup>96</sup> m. (int.) Swanville, Nov. 1833, her first cousin ELIJAH BRAGDON,<sup>97</sup> son of Elijah and Sally (Seekins) Bragdon, above.
- Children, first 3 likely b. Swanville, last b. Enfield:<sup>98</sup> 1. *Sally Bragdon*, b. ca. 1835, d. Enfield, 18 Dec. 1858;<sup>99</sup> m. John H. Baxter. 2. *Mary M. Bragdon*, b. ca. 1838. 3. *Lucy Ann Bragdon*, b. 19 March 1840, d. Easton, Maine, 5 Feb. 1912;<sup>100</sup> m. En-

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Nickerson household, 1850–70 U.S. Censuses, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 36 [1850], p. 76 (1860), p. 359 [1870]).

<sup>88</sup> Gravestone, Smart Cemetery, Belfast.

<sup>89</sup> Johnson, *Belfast VRs*, 2:385.

<sup>90</sup> Pauline Wixon Derick, *The Nickerson Family: The Descendants of William Nickerson, First Settler of Chatham, Massachusetts*, 4 parts (Nickerson Family Association, 1973–97), 169 (hereafter Derick, *Nickerson Family*).

<sup>91</sup> Gravestone, Smart Cemetery, Belfast.

<sup>92</sup> Derick, *Nickerson Family*, 4:169, listing children with birth, death, and marriage information, unless otherwise cited.

<sup>93</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>94</sup> Gravestone, Smart Cemetery, Belfast, with Civil War service information.

<sup>95</sup> Gravestone, Ridge Cemetery, Enfield, findagrave.com, # 107215268 (photo).

<sup>96</sup> Enfield VR CD, image 11. A memorial stone in Estes Park Cemetery, Easton, Maine, gives her age at death as 47y 5m, calculating to a birth date of ca. Oct. 1814 (findagrave.com, #70641309 [photo]). In 1850 and 1860, however, she was aged 33 and 43, suggesting her birth year was instead 1817 (Elisha Guptill household, 1850 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 272; Elijah Bragdon household, 1860 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 874).

<sup>97</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 78.

<sup>98</sup> Elisha Guptill household, 1850 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 272B.

<sup>99</sup> Enfield VR CD, image 9.

<sup>100</sup> Gravestone, Estes Park Cemetery, Easton, findagrave.com, #70641421 (photo), with birth and death dates.

- field, 27 April 1863, her cousin Lemuel Robbins, son of Seth and Alice (Seekins) Robbins, below.<sup>101</sup> 4. *Henry E. Bragdon*, b. 23 Feb. 1853.<sup>102</sup>
- iv MARY/POLLY SEEKINS, b. abt. 1819, d. Enfield, 20 April 1866;<sup>103</sup> m. Swanville, 22 April 1840, PHINEAS CURTIS,<sup>104</sup> who d. Yorktown, Va., 2 July 1862, “of consumption contracted in the service and line of his duty.”<sup>105</sup> Phineas enlisted in Company D, Maine 11th Infantry Regiment, 19 Oct. 1861, aged 42.<sup>106</sup>
- Children, all likely b. Enfield:<sup>107</sup> 1. *Elijah B. Curtis*, b. ca. 1842, d. 12 June 1862.<sup>108</sup> He served with his father in Maine Co. D, 11th Infantry.<sup>109</sup> 2. *Abigail Curtis*, b. ca. 1844. 3. *George W. Curtis*, b. 19 June 1848. 4. *Henry W. Curtis*, b. 10 Oct. 1849; m. Enfield, 20 Oct. 1867, Mary C. Dean.<sup>110</sup> 5. *Saloma A. Curtis*, b. 9 June 1851. 6. *Charles P. Curtis*, b. 25 Feb. 1858, d. Enfield, 10 March 1927;<sup>111</sup> m. Matilda M. Towle.<sup>112</sup> 7. *Albert T. Curtis*, b. 20 July 1859.
- v ABIGAIL J. SEEKINS, b. (calc.) 8 April 1824 or 1825, d. Littleton, Maine, 21 Sept. 1896;<sup>113</sup> m. (int.) Swanville, 23 Dec. 1842, ALBERT T. CURTIS,<sup>114</sup> b. ca. 1822, d. after 1880 when he was living in Enfield.<sup>115</sup>
- Children, all but the first b. Enfield:<sup>116</sup> 1. *Mary E. Curtis*, b. Swanville, 11 Dec. 1843; m. Enfield, 4 Oct. 1863, Joseph A. Barnes.<sup>117</sup> 2. *Weston P. Curtis*, b. 10 Oct. 1846; m. Enfield, 18 April 1869, Sarah Seekins,<sup>118</sup> daughter of Ruel and Dianna (Seekins) Seekins, below. 3. *Albert L. Curtis*, b. 9 Dec. 1848. 4. *Mercy A. Curtis*, b. 23 June 1852, d. 11 April 1917;<sup>119</sup> m. (1) Enfield, 30 April 1876, Amos Sibley;<sup>120</sup>

<sup>101</sup> Ruth Gray, ed. *Marriage Returns of Penobscot County, Maine Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1994), 335 (hereafter Gray, *Penobscot Co. Marriages*).

<sup>102</sup> Enfield VR CD, image 18, child of Elijah and Lois Bragdon.

<sup>103</sup> Civil War Pension file #WC90564, fold3.com.

<sup>104</sup> Civil War Pension file #WC90564, fold3.com; m. int. 11 April 1840 per Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 28 (“Polly” Seekins).

<sup>105</sup> Civil War Pension file #WC90564, fold3.com.

<sup>106</sup> U.S., Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861–1865, ancestry.com; U.S., Veterans Gravesites, ca. 1775–2006, ancestry.com, bur. at Colonial Historical Park, Yorktown, Va.

<sup>107</sup> First 2, 1850 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 272B; last 5, Enfield VR CD, image 34, with birth dates as children of Phineas and Mary Curtis.

<sup>108</sup> Enfield VR CD, image 1.

<sup>109</sup> U.S., Civil War Soldiers Records and Profiles, ancestry.com

<sup>110</sup> Enfield VR CD, image 49.

<sup>111</sup> Gravestone, Ridge Cemetery, Enfield, Maine, findagrave.com, #8086832 (photo).

<sup>112</sup> 1881 birth record of their son Harry P. Curtis gives his mother’s maiden name as Matilda Towle (Maine, Vital Records 1670–1907, familysearch.org).

<sup>113</sup> Maine, Death Records 1617–1922, ancestry.com, aged 72y 5m 13d; gravestone, Littleton Cemetery, Littleton, Maine, findagrave.com, #118368132 (photo), aged 71y 5m 13d.

<sup>114</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 97.

<sup>115</sup> Albert T. Curtis household, 1880 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 461B, aged 58.

<sup>116</sup> First 9 from Enfield VR CD, image 17; last child, image 31, daughter of A.T. and Abigail Curtis, first letters torn.

<sup>117</sup> Enfield VR CD, image 43.

<sup>118</sup> Gray, *Penobscot Co. Marriages*, 486; Enfield VR CD, image 52.

<sup>119</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com, Mercy A. Aster with name of widower.

<sup>120</sup> Maine, Marriages 1713–1937, ancestry.com.



m. (2) Samuel Asher. 5. *Emerivella or Harriet Curtis*,<sup>121</sup> b. 6 April 1854, d. Enfield, 27 May 1862.<sup>122</sup> 6. *Elsadie Curtis*, b. 8 March 1857;<sup>123</sup> m. Enfield, 2 July 1876, Samuel T. Brown.<sup>124</sup> 7. *Henry W. Curtis*, b. 15 Oct. 1858. 8. *Adda L. Curtis*, b. 4 Dec. 1860, d. Enfield, 25 May 1862.<sup>125</sup> 9. *Willard T. Curtis*, b. 4 April 1863. 10. [—] *E. Curtis*, b. 29 Oct. 1867, not listed with the family in the 1870 census.

3 **JOSIAH<sup>4</sup> SEEKINS** (*Aaron*<sup>3-1</sup>) was born about 1783.<sup>126</sup> He is probably the Josiah who died at Swanville 19 November 1866, although his age in his newspaper death notice (92 years 8 months) and on his memorial stone in Seekins Cemetery, Swanville (92 years), is greatly exaggerated.<sup>127</sup> He is not found in the 1870 census. He married at China, Maine, 28 April 1803, SARAH SMITH.<sup>128</sup> Her age and parentage are unknown, but her memorial stone in Swanville states she died at age 43,<sup>129</sup> probably about 1819. Josiah married second at Swanville, 16 July 1820, ADELIA KNOWLTON.<sup>130</sup> She was born about 1804,<sup>131</sup> daughter of John and Mary (Curtis) Knowlton,<sup>132</sup> and died at Swanville about 1869 aged 65 years.<sup>133</sup>

On 1 August 1805, Josiah purchased from his father fifty acres on the east side of “three mile pond” in New Waterford.<sup>134</sup> Josiah was a resident of “Plantation of Wescots Pond” on 4 October 1806 when he bought additional land.<sup>135</sup> In 1815 “Jos. Siggins” was included on the 1815 Swan Plantation Direct Tax list, and was appointed a highway surveyor for the plantation.<sup>136</sup> He continued to buy, mortgage, and sell land in Swanville beginning in 1826 through 1849.<sup>137</sup>

<sup>121</sup> She is “Harriet” in Albert T. Curtis household, 1860 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 866.

<sup>122</sup> Enfield VR CD, image 11.

<sup>123</sup> Enfield VR CD, image 32.

<sup>124</sup> Maine, Marriages 1713–1937, ancestry.com.

<sup>125</sup> Enfield VR CD, image 11.

<sup>126</sup> Aged 67 years, b. Vt., in Josiah Seekins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 30; aged 80 years, b. N.H., in Josiah Seekins household, 1860 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 68.

<sup>127</sup> [Belfast] *Republican Journal*, 14 Dec. 1866; gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville, without birth or death dates, findagrave.com, #54744107 (photo).

<sup>128</sup> “China Marriages” (note 46), 35.

<sup>129</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville, findagrave.com, #54744122 (photo).

<sup>130</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 45 (marriage, as “Delia”), 35 (intention 1 July 1820).

<sup>131</sup> Aged 46 years in Josiah Seekins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 30; aged 56 years in Josiah Seekins household, 1860 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 68.

<sup>132</sup> Listed as “Dilla” in the family record of John and Mary Knowlton, no birth dates given, per Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 25; Stocking, *Knowlton Genealogy*, 158, listed as “Delilah.”

<sup>133</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville, findagrave.com, #54744137 (photo).

<sup>134</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 8:232.

<sup>135</sup> Hancock Co. Deeds, 20:285.

<sup>136</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 12, 179.

<sup>137</sup> Hancock Co. Deeds, 50:163, 52:148; Waldo Co. Deeds, 16:207, 20:387, 26:71, 67:567.

Children of Josiah<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Smith) Seekins:

- i JOHN<sup>5</sup> SEEKINS, b. ca. 1803,<sup>138</sup> living Swanville in 1872 when he deeded land;<sup>139</sup> m. (1) Swanville, 7 April 1822, (his stepmother's sister) MARIA KNOWLTON,<sup>140</sup> b. ca. 1802, daughter of John and Mary (Curtis) Knowlton<sup>141</sup>; m. (2) Belfast, 2 Dec. 1867, LOIS JANE SEEKINS;<sup>142</sup> m. (3) (int.) Swanville, 14 Feb. 1870, NANCY ROBERTS,<sup>143</sup> b. ca. 1833.<sup>144</sup> On 17 Oct. 1833, John bought a part of lot 8 in Swanville.<sup>145</sup> On 6 Feb. 1841, he purchased another parcel in lot 8.<sup>146</sup>
  - Children of John and Maria (Knowlton) Seekins, all likely b. Swanville:<sup>147</sup> 1. *Mary E.<sup>5</sup> Seekins*, b. abt. 1823, d. bef. 1860;<sup>148</sup> m. Swanville, 3 Jan. 1847, Moses Curtis,<sup>149</sup> widower of her aunt Lucy Seekins. 2. *John Seekins*, b. ca. 1824;<sup>150</sup> m. (int.) Swanville, 11 Feb. 1846, Susan Smith.<sup>151</sup> 3. *Sarah Seekins*, b. ca. 1827; m. Swanville, 15 Aug. 1847, Loren Small. 4. *Lucy Maria Seekins*, b. ca. 1829, d. Belfast, 20 Sept. 1902, age 73;<sup>152</sup> m. (int.) Brooks, 5 Jan. 1849, Samuel S. Keith.<sup>153</sup> 5. *Josiah Seekins*, b. ca. 1832, d. prob. bef. 1870 when his children were enumerated with his father;<sup>154</sup> m. Swanville, 15 March 1851, Susan Jackson.<sup>155</sup> 6. *Salathiel Seekins*, b. ca. 1835. 7. *Eliza Seekins*, b. ca. 1840, d. bef. 1874 (husband remarried); m. (int.) Swanville, 12 Jan. 1858, William S. Seekins, her half-uncle, son of Josiah and Adelia (Knowlton) Seekins, below.<sup>156</sup>
- ii ALICE SEEKINS, b. ca. 1855,<sup>157</sup> m. (1) Swanville, 25 Oct. 1826, SETH ROBBINS;<sup>158</sup> m. (2) Swanville, 23 Nov. 1851, ELISHA GUPTILL of Enfield,<sup>159</sup> divorced in Oct.

<sup>138</sup> Age 47 in John Seekins household, 1850 U.S. Census Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 30.

<sup>139</sup> Waldo Co. Deeds, 159:286.

<sup>140</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 46 (marriage), 36 (intention), both as "Master" John Sickins.

<sup>141</sup> Age 47 in 1850 U.S. Census (see note 138); Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 25, no birth date given; Stocking, *Knowlton Genealogy*, 158, named as "Ann."

<sup>142</sup> Johnson, *Belfast VRs*, 2:384; Waldo Co. Deeds, 159:286. The only candidate for this Lois Jane Seekins is the daughter of John's half-brother, Aaron Seekins, she b. ca. 1847 (see below).

<sup>143</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 125.

<sup>144</sup> Age 37, John Seekins household, 1870 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 366.

<sup>145</sup> Waldo Co. Deeds, 74:477.

<sup>146</sup> Waldo Co. Deeds, 74:478.

<sup>147</sup> First 3 from marriage records and placement in early censuses, 4th from bequest in Andrew Seekins's will, 5th–7th from John Seekins household, 1850 U.S. Census Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 30.

<sup>148</sup> Age 27, Moses Curtis household, 1850 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 30; she not in Moses Curtis household, 1860 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 864.

<sup>149</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 146 (marriage), 101 (intention).

<sup>150</sup> Age 26, John Seekins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 30.

<sup>151</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, p. 101.

<sup>152</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>153</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 103.

<sup>154</sup> Josiah Seekins household, 1870 U.S. Census Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 366.

<sup>155</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 148.

<sup>156</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 152. Although the marriage seems improbable, these are the only William and Eliza Seekins found in Swanville at the time.

<sup>157</sup> Alice "Robbins" was aged 55 in the household of her son Lemuel Robbins, 1860 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co. Maine, p. 868.

1856.<sup>160</sup> [She perhaps m. (3) by 1863, Elijah Bragdon, her son's father-in-law. A wife Alice, who d. Oct. 1863, age 56y 6m (*sic*), is named on Elijah's gravestone.<sup>161</sup>]

Children:<sup>162</sup> 1. *Lemuel Robbins*, b. Swanville, 12 May 1839, d. Easton, Maine, 9 Dec. 1915;<sup>163</sup> m. his cousin, Lucy Ann Bragdon, daughter of Elijah and Lois (Seekins) Bragdon, above. 2. *Alfred Robbins*, b. ca. 1840; m. Enfield, 4 Dec. 1859, Mary Ann Hall.<sup>164</sup> 3. *Emily Robbins*, b. ca. 1844.<sup>165</sup> 4. *Elijah Robbins*, b. ca. 1847, d. bef. 1892. 5. *Daniel Robbins*, b. ca. 1850.

iii MARTHA SEEKINS, b. ca. 1807, d. Swanville, 2 April 1867, aged 60;<sup>166</sup> m. (1) Swanville, 3 June 1828, JONATHAN NICKERSON,<sup>167</sup> b. Swanville, 7 Oct. 1811, son of Reuben and Salome (Eldredge) Nickerson,<sup>168</sup> d. at sea, Dec. 1846, age 37;<sup>169</sup> m. (2) Belfast, 15 Aug. 1855, her brother-in-law DAVID S. NICKERSON.<sup>170</sup>

Children:<sup>171</sup> 1. *Elmira Nickerson*, b. 28 Dec. 1828, d. 25 Feb. 1899; m. (int.) Swanville, 1 Dec. 1849, Horace Nickerson.<sup>172</sup> 2. *Eliza Ann Nickerson*, b. 24 Feb. 1832, d. Searsport 3 Nov. 1903; m. (int.) Belfast, 29 Dec. 1852, Enoch W. Robbins. 3. *Hulda Jane Nickerson*, b. 18 May 1833, d. 16 Sept. 1858; m. Thomas C. Nickerson. 4. *Jonathan Sears Nickerson*, b. 24 Nov. 1835, d. 1918; m. (int.) Belfast, 2 May 1859 Susan E. Smart.<sup>173</sup> 5. *Charles Kelley Nickerson*, b. 27 Nov. 1840, d. 1918;<sup>174</sup> m. (1) Belfast 12 Aug. 1862 Elonia Larrabee, m. (2) 3 Feb. 1873 Amanda A. Lenfest. 6. *Mary Wealthy Nickerson*, b. 24 Feb. 1843, d. 1 Jan. 1899;<sup>175</sup> m. Belfast, 23 Oct. 1861, Albion T. Crosby.<sup>176</sup> 7. *Nathan Ellery Nickerson*, b. 9 Jan. 1847, d. 30 April 1904; m. (1) 29 May 1869 Elenora J. Marden; m. (2) Roxanna Nickerson Harris.

<sup>158</sup> Johnson, *Belfast VRs*, 2:384; Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 41, intention 7 Oct. 1826.

<sup>159</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 148, intention 9 Nov. 1851 as "Mrs." Alice Robbins.

<sup>160</sup> Maine, Divorce Records, 1798–1891, ancestry.com, citing Penobscot Co. Supreme Judicial Court, #1911, 23:290.

<sup>161</sup> Gravestone, findagrave.com, #70641183, Estes Park Cemetery, Easton, Maine (photo).

<sup>162</sup> Lemuel Robbins household, 1860 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 868, listing Alice with Lemuel, 21, Alfred, 20, Daniel, 10, and Elijah, 13; all but Elijah named in Andrew Seekins's 1892 probate file.

<sup>163</sup> Gravestone, Estes Park Cemetery, Easton, Maine, findagrave.com, #70641655 (photo), with birth and death dates.

<sup>164</sup> Enfield VR CD, image 41.

<sup>165</sup> 1860 U.S. Census Passadumkeag, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 531, a domestic in the town adjoining where the rest of her family lived.

<sup>166</sup> Gravestone, Smart Cemetery, Belfast.

<sup>167</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, as "Patty Sekins."

<sup>168</sup> Derick, *Nickerson Family*, 4:170.

<sup>169</sup> Gravestone, Smart Cemetery, Belfast.

<sup>170</sup> Johnson, *Belfast VRs*, 2:309.

<sup>171</sup> Derick, *Nickerson Family*, 4:170–71, including birth, death, and marriage dates of children unless otherwise noted.

<sup>172</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 104.

<sup>173</sup> Johnson, *Belfast VRs*, 2:309.

<sup>174</sup> Gravestone, Green Lawn Cemetery, Swanville, findagrave.com, #102340982 (photo), includes names of both wives.

<sup>175</sup> Gravestone, Smart Cemetery, Belfast.

<sup>176</sup> Johnson, *Belfast VRs*, 2:309, as Thomas A. Crosby.

- iv MARY SEEKINS, b. ca. 1810,<sup>177</sup> d. bef. 1892 when called deceased in Andrew Seekins's probate file; m. Swanville, 16 Sept. 1830, her cousin CHARLES BRAGDON,<sup>178</sup> son of Elijah and Sally (Seekins) Bragdon, above.

Children:<sup>179</sup> 1. *John Bragdon*, b. (calc.) Jan 1834, d. Swanville 6 April 1906, age 72y 3m,<sup>180</sup> m. (int.) Swanville, 15 Sept. 1866 Elsie A. Harvey.<sup>181</sup> 2. *Samuel Bragdon*, b. ca. 1835, d. Waldo, Aug. 1849, age 14.<sup>182</sup> 3. *Martha Bragdon*, b. ca. 1840, d. bef. 1892 (not named in Andrew Seekins's probate file). 4. *Josiah Bragdon*, b. ca. 1842, d. June 1849, age 7. 5. *Mary M. Bragdon*, b. ca. 1844, d. July 1849, age 5. 6. *Horace Bragdon*, b. ca. 1847, d. Waldo, 29 July 1897, age 48 [*sic*].<sup>183</sup> 7. *Salathiel Bragdon*, b. ca. 1848, d. July 1849, age 1. 8. *Seth Bragdon*, b. ca. May 1849, likely d. young.<sup>184</sup>

- v RUEL SEEKINS, b. ca. 1812,<sup>185</sup> d. before 1892 (called deceased in Andrew Seekins's probate file); m. (1) (int.) Swanville, 13 March 1834, his cousin DIANNA/ANNA SEEKINS,<sup>186</sup> daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Tyler) Seekins, above; m. (2) Enfield, 3 Sept 1878, LAURANA BROWN.<sup>187</sup>

Ruel appears to have lived in the household of his uncle Benjamin Seekins from a young age. He owned part of lot 39 in Swanville that had been conveyed to him in 1836, and sold it 27 Nov. 1847 when he was "of Enfield."<sup>188</sup> In 1850, he shared the household of his uncle/father-in-law, Benjamin Seekins.<sup>189</sup> In the division of Andrew Seekins's estate, shares were assigned to "Mary Curtis and Seekins," children of "Reuel Seekins a deceased brother." It is unclear which children are indicated. Mary was alive in 1892, but she was "Mary Bates," and Sarah had married a Curtis. Children of Ruel and Dianna/Anna (Seekins) Seekins, first 6 likely b. Swanville, last 2 b. Enfield:<sup>190</sup> 1. *Benjamin Seekins*, b. ca. 1835. 2. *Jane Seekins*, b. ca. 1837; m. Enfield, 20 Nov. 1853, Ruel Crockett.<sup>191</sup> 3. *Sarah Seekins*, b. ca. 1838; m. Enfield, 18 April 1869, Weston P. Curtis, son of Albert and Abigail J. (Seekins) Curtis, above. 4. *Ruel A. Seekins*, b. (calc.) Feb. 1843, d. 21 Feb. 1867, age 27y 17d;<sup>192</sup> m. Enfield, 3 July 1865, Celia A. Goodnow.<sup>193</sup> 5. *Betsy A. Seekins*, b. ca. 1843. 6. *Mary Delia*

<sup>177</sup> Aged 49 in Charles Bragdon household, 1860 U.S. Census, Waldo, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 2.

<sup>178</sup> Johnson, *Belfast VRs*, 2:392.

<sup>179</sup> Chas. Bragdon household, 1850 U.S. Census, Waldo, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 185: Charles, 38, Mary, 39, John, 16, Martha, 10, Horace, 3, Seth, 1/12.

<sup>180</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com, with parents' names.

<sup>181</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 122.

<sup>182</sup> 1850 U. S. Census, Mortality Schedules, Waldo, Waldo Co., Maine. Samuel and his siblings, Josiah, Mary M., and Salathiel, all died of measles in the summer of 1849.

<sup>183</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com, with father's name.

<sup>184</sup> He does not appear in the 1860 Census [note 177].

<sup>185</sup> Aged 38 in Benjamin Seekins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 272; aged 47 in Ruel Seekins household 1860 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 864.

<sup>186</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 79.

<sup>187</sup> Gray, *Penobscot Co. Marriages*, 722.

<sup>188</sup> Waldo Co. Probate Records, 70:84.

<sup>189</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, see note 185.

<sup>190</sup> Benjamin Seekins household, 1850, U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 272.

<sup>191</sup> Gray, *Penobscot Co. Marriages*, 244.

<sup>192</sup> Gravestone, Ridge Cemetery, Enfield, findagrave.com, #107213211 (photo).

<sup>193</sup> Gray, *Penobscot Co. Marriages*, 388.

*Seekins*, b. 22 May 1846, d. Moro, Aroostook Co., Maine, 21 March 1918;<sup>194</sup> m. Enfield, 2 Sept. 1865, David B. Bates.<sup>195</sup> 7. *Nathan T. Seekins*, b. 18 Oct. 1847,<sup>196</sup> d. Enfield, 20 June 1850.<sup>197</sup> 8. *Elsa A. Seekins*, b. 18 March 1853.<sup>198</sup>

- vi JOSIAH SEEKINS, b. (calc.) April 1813, d. Swanville, 7 Nov. 1875, aged 62y 7m;<sup>199</sup> m. (1) Swanville, 1 Nov. 1835, JULIA ANN CURTIS, b. after 1818, daughter of Phineas and Mercy (Knowlton) Curtis,<sup>200</sup> d. Swanville, 24 April 1861;<sup>201</sup> m. (2) Swanville, 18 July 1866, SALLY (KNOWLTON) PEAVEY,<sup>202</sup> b. (calc.) 13 Dec. 1831, d. 25 Aug. 1871, age 39y 8m 12d;<sup>203</sup> m. (3) Swanville, 24 Feb. 1872, MARY E. ROWE of Brooks.<sup>204</sup>

Josiah received a Civil War pension on the service of his son, Nathan T. Seekins, who d. 8 or 9 March 1965 of measles at the hospital in Barrancas, Fla. The papers describe Josiah's poverty and several injuries incurred over his lifetime that left him unable to labor.<sup>205</sup> Mary E. Seekins, widow and administratrix of his estate, reported that Josiah d. 7 Nov. 1875, and she sold in Sept. 1876 the land belonging to her minor children, Thomas E. and Mary E. Seekins, for \$50, being a 2/6 portion.<sup>206</sup> In July 1876, the four older surviving children, Levi P., Adelia E., Anna J., and Sarah J., had sold their portions for \$100. The deed names their spouses: Levi P. Seekins and wife Sarah J.; David E. Seekins, husband of Adelia; William P. Smith, husband of Sarah; and Frank O. Holmes, husband of Anna J.<sup>207</sup>

Children of Josiah and Julia Ann (Curtis) Seekins:<sup>208</sup> 1. *Josiah Seekins*, b. ca. 1839, d. bef. 1876 (not included in the division of his father's estate). 2. *Adelia E. Seekins*, b. (calc.) June 1842, d. Swanville, 1 May 1881, age 38y 11m;<sup>209</sup> m. Swanville, 27 April 1863, her half-uncle David E. Seekins, son of Josiah and Adelia (Knowlton) Seekins, below.<sup>210</sup> 3. *Nathan T. Seekins*, b. ca. 1844, d. Barrancas, Fla., 8 or 9 March

<sup>194</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com, giving birth and death dates and names of parents; gravestone, Bates Cemetery, Hersey, Maine, findagrave.com, # 68333234 (photo), b. 19 May 1845.

<sup>195</sup> Gray, *Penobscot Co. Marriages*, 388.

<sup>196</sup> Enfield VR CD, image 61.

<sup>197</sup> Nathan, age 2, is included with his family in the 1850 U.S. Census, Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 272, taken in August. Enfield VR CD, image 83, lists his death on 20 June 1850.

<sup>198</sup> Enfield VR CD, image 61.

<sup>199</sup> Waldo Co. Probate Records, #4563; gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville.

<sup>200</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 20, she not included in the 1818 family listing; Stocker, *Knowlton Genealogy*, 499; marriage date from Josiah Seekins, Civil War Widows Pension file (see note 201).

<sup>201</sup> Josiah Seekins, Civil War Widows Pension file, #WC146976, fold3.com.

<sup>202</sup> Marriage date from Josiah Seekins, Civil War Widows Pension file (see note 201).

<sup>203</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville, "formerly wife of W.W. Peavey."

<sup>204</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 127

<sup>205</sup> Josiah Seekins, Civil War Widows Pension file, #WC146976, fold3.com.

<sup>206</sup> Waldo Co. Probate Records, #4563; Waldo Co. Deeds, 176:463.

<sup>207</sup> Waldo Co. Deeds, 174:456

<sup>208</sup> First 5 in Josiah Seekins Jr. household, 1850 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 30; last in Josiah Seekins household 1860 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 68; birth dates of last 2 in Civil War Widows Pension file, #WC146976, fold3.com.

<sup>209</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville.

<sup>210</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 118

1865, a Civil War casualty.<sup>211</sup> 4. *Levi Phineas Seekins*, b. 28 Nov. 1845, d. Belfast, 8 Aug. 1918;<sup>212</sup> m. Swanville, 6 May 1866, Sarah J. Small.<sup>213</sup> 5. *Sarah J. Seekins*, b. 2 May 1850; m. Swanville, 14 Jan. 1867, William P. Smith.<sup>214</sup> 6. *Julia A. Seekins*, b. 31 Dec. 1852, d. 1927;<sup>215</sup> m. Swanville, 9 May 1873, Frank O. Holmes.<sup>216</sup>

Children of Josiah and Mary E. (Rowe) Seekins: 7. *Thomas E. Seekins*, b. ca. 1872;<sup>217</sup> m. Framingham, Mass., 30 March 1903, Mabel Burcham.<sup>218</sup> 8. *Mary E. Seekins*, b. abt. 1874.<sup>219</sup>

- vii ABIGAIL SEEKINS, b. ca. 1815,<sup>220</sup> d. bef. 1865;<sup>221</sup> m. (int.) Swanville, 7 Nov. 1833, JOHN K. CURTIS,<sup>222</sup> b. ca. 1814, son of Phineas and Mercy (Knowlton) Curtis,<sup>223</sup> d. 22 Dec. 1865.<sup>224</sup>

Children, prob. b. Swanville:<sup>225</sup> 1. *Lydia J. Curtis*, b. ca. 1835, d. before 1865 (not named in her father's probate). 2. *John Curtis*, b. ca. 1839, d. bef. 1865. 3. *Adelia/Delia Curtis*, b. ca. 1842; m. — Harvey. 4. *Phineas Curtis*, b. ca. 1843. 5. *Abigail A. Curtis*, b. ca. 1845, d. bef. 1865. 6. *Lucy A. Curtis*, b. ca. 1846, d. bef. 1892 (not named in Andrew Seekins's estate); m. Swanville, 22 July 1866, Charles O. Peavey.<sup>226</sup>

- viii LUCY SEEKINS, b. say 1818, d. bef. 1847, when her husband remarried; m. (int.) Swanville, 17 Oct. 1839, MOSES CURTIS,<sup>227</sup> b. ca. 1815, son of Phineas and Mercy (Knowlton) Curtis.<sup>228</sup> Moses m. (2) Swanville, 3 Jan. 1847, MARY E. SEEKINS,<sup>229</sup> daughter of John and Maria (Knowlton) Seekins, above.<sup>230</sup>

<sup>211</sup> Josiah Seekins, Civil War Widows Pension file, #WC146976, fold3.com.

<sup>212</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com, with birth and death dates.

<sup>213</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 93, 99 listing of children of Jeremiah and May J. Small.

<sup>214</sup> Johnson, *Belfast VRs*, 2:384; Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 123.

<sup>215</sup> Gravestone, City Point Cemetery, Belfast, findagrave.com, # 46768325 (photo), she listed as Annie J. Holmes, with birth and death years.

<sup>216</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 161, m. at the home of David E. Seekins). She married as Annie J. Seekins, and is Annie Holmes in the division of her uncle's estate.

<sup>217</sup> David E. Seekins household, 1880 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p.498C, Thomas described as a pauper, age 8, living with his "half-brother."

<sup>218</sup> Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, ancestry.com.

<sup>219</sup> Washington R. Peavy household, 1880 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 498D, a pauper, age 6.

<sup>220</sup> Age 35 in John K. Curtis household, 1850 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 29.

<sup>221</sup> Waldo Co. Probate Records, #2554. John K. Curtis died leaving no widow.

<sup>222</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 38.

<sup>223</sup> Age 38y in 1850 U.S. Census (note 220); Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 20, oldest child listed in the family of Phineas and Mercy Curtis, no birth dates given.

<sup>224</sup> Waldo Co. Probate Records, #2554. John K. Curtis's estate was probated the 2nd Tues. in Oct. 1866. Lucy A. Peavey appeared with Phineas Curtis and Delia Harvey, there was no widow.

<sup>225</sup> John K. Curtis household, 1850 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 29; James Harvey household, 1860 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 69. The youngest child, Lucy A., was probably she listed as Abigail, age 5, in the 1850 census.

<sup>226</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 157.

<sup>227</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 27

<sup>228</sup> Age 29 [*sic*] and 45 in Moses Curtis household, 1850 and 1860 U.S. Censuses, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 30 (1850); Enfield, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 864 (1860); Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 20, he listed as the youngest child of Phineas and Mercy Curtis in the 1818 accounting.

Children:<sup>231</sup> 1. *Albert T. Curtis*, b. ca. 1840; m. Enfield, 17 Jan. 1864, Elsie D. Wooton.<sup>232</sup> 2. *Sarah Jane Curtis*, b. ca. 1845.

Children of Josiah and Adelia (Knowlton) Seekins, all prob. b. Swanville:<sup>233</sup>

- ix AARON SEEKINS, b. March 1823,<sup>234</sup> d. Belfast, 4 Sept. 1902;<sup>235</sup> m. (1) Belfast, 19 Sept. 1846, PHOEBE ANN ELWELL;<sup>236</sup> m. (2) (int.) Swanville, 15 May 1852, Mrs. LYDIA P. —.<sup>237</sup>

Children of Aaron and Phoebe Ann (Elwell) Seekins, prob. b. Swanville:<sup>238</sup> 1. *Lois/Louis J. Seekins*, b. ca. 1847,<sup>239</sup> d. Swanville, 7 Oct. 1920;<sup>240</sup> m. Swanville, 31 Aug. 1871, Albert T. Harvey.<sup>241</sup> 2. *Enoch Seekins*, b. (calc.) 30 Nov. 1848,<sup>242</sup> d. Belfast, 29 May 1905, age 56y 5m 29d;<sup>243</sup> m. Swanville, 10 Sept. 1873, Eliza A. Harvey.<sup>244</sup> 3. *Nathan T. Seekins*, b. (calc.) 30 Sept. 1848, d. Belfast, 21 March 1913, age 64y 5m 21d;<sup>245</sup> m. (1) 14 July 1869, Emmeline Harvey,<sup>246</sup> divorced Jan 1873;<sup>247</sup> m. (2) Greenbush, 15 June 1873, Marena A. Hogan;<sup>248</sup> m. (3) (int.) Swanville, 8 Feb. 1889, Jenny S. Seekins;<sup>249</sup> m. (4 or 5) 13 July 1893, Mary J. (Lenfest) Lewis.<sup>250</sup>

- x ISAAC B. SEEKINS, b. Feb 1828,<sup>251</sup> d. Swanville, 5 Dec. 1904;<sup>252</sup> m. (1) (int.) Swanville, 18 May 1851, ELIZA A. JACKSON,<sup>253</sup> b. (calc.) 26 Dec. 1833, d. 10 May

<sup>229</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 146 (marriage), 101 (intention).

<sup>230</sup> Mary's identification as a daughter of John and Maria is based on her perfect placement in John's family in the 1840 census, aged 10–15. Both Benjamin and Josiah had daughters named Mary who are accounted for.

<sup>231</sup> 1860 U.S. Census (note 228), indicating children and their ages.

<sup>232</sup> Gray, *Penobscot Co. Marriages*, 336.

<sup>233</sup> First 3 in Josiah Seekins household, 1860 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co. Maine, p. 68.

<sup>234</sup> Aaron Seekins household, 1900 U.S. Census, Belfast, Waldo Co., Maine, E.D. 168, p. 4B.

<sup>235</sup> Maine Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com, aged 83y 6m 4d, calculating to a birth in March 1819, before his named parents' (J. Seekins and Adelia Knowlton) marriage.

<sup>236</sup> Johnson, *Belfast VRs*, 2:393

<sup>237</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 108, surname illegible.

<sup>238</sup> Aaron Seekins household, 1860 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 69.

<sup>239</sup> Her age on her death certificate suggests she was b. 5 June 1843, before her parents' marriage.

<sup>240</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com, indexed as Lois J. "Haney."

<sup>241</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 134 (intention), 160 (marriage). There may be an error in transcription of the record, intention listed as 21 July 1879.

<sup>242</sup> Nathan Seekins household, 1900 U.S. Census Belfast, Waldo Co., Maine, E.D. 168, p. 4B.

<sup>243</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>244</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 129, 130.

<sup>245</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>246</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 125

<sup>247</sup> Maine, Divorce Records, 1798–1891, ancestry.com, citing Penobscot Co. Supreme Judicial Court, #1122, 44:117.

<sup>248</sup> Gray, *Penobscot Co. Marriages*, 599.

<sup>249</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 141. The marriage may not have occurred as Miss Jennie S. Seekins m. 24 Oct. 1890, Edwin P. Jackson (*ibid.*, 169).

<sup>250</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, ancestry.com, naming parents, his 3rd marriage.

<sup>251</sup> Isaac B. Seekins household, 1900 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 2A.

<sup>252</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, ancestry.com, aged 76y 9m; gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville, d. 4 Dec. 1904, findagrave.com, # 54761047 (photo).

1872, age 38y 4m 14d;<sup>254</sup> m. (2) Swanville, 19 March 1873, ELIZABETH M. (WEST) BOWEN,<sup>255</sup> b. Searsport, 12 July 1837, d. Swanville, 15 Jan. 1918.<sup>256</sup>

Children, prob. b. Swanville:<sup>257</sup> 1. *Samantha Seekins*, b. ca. 1852. 2. *Hannah Seekins*, b. ca. 1854. 3. *Willard Seekins*, b. 24 June 1856, d. Belfast, 24 Feb. 1900.<sup>258</sup> 4. *Charles O. Seekins*, b. ca. 1862; m. (int.) Swanville, 25 June 1881, Ella A. Bowen.<sup>259</sup> 5. *Hattie F. Seekins*, b. ca. 1865; m. Swanville, 6 Nov. 1880, Charles E. Robertson.<sup>260</sup> 6. *Franklin O. Seekins*, b. ca. 1867; m. Swanville, 12 Feb 1890, Mabelle A. Hall.<sup>261</sup> 7. *Isa Seekins*, infant daughter. 8. *Inez Seekins*, infant daughter.<sup>262</sup>

xi ELIJAH SEEKINS, b. ca. 1829, d. Swanville, 12 June 1846, age 17.<sup>263</sup>

xii WILLIAM S. SEEKINS, b. June 1833,<sup>264</sup> d. Swanville, 23 April 1913;<sup>265</sup> m. (1) Swanville 13 Jan 1858, ELIZA SEEKINS,<sup>266</sup> daughter of John and Maria (Knowlton) Seekins, above, b. abt. 1839;<sup>267</sup> m. (2) (int.) Swanville, 7 July 1874, NORA E. ROLLERSON,<sup>268</sup> b. June 1856,<sup>269</sup> d. Swanville 1924.<sup>270</sup>

Children of William S. and Eliza (Seekins) Seekins, b. Swanville:<sup>271</sup> 1. *Alba Seekins*, b. ca. 1858, d. bef. 10 July 1934,<sup>272</sup> m. Swanville, 2 July 1885, Annie F. Fletcher.<sup>273</sup> 2. prob. child *Seekins*, b. and d. 1860–70. 3. *Ada Seekins*, b. ca. 1864, d. bef. 1913;

<sup>253</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 106.

<sup>254</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville.

<sup>255</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 160 (marriage, Mrs. Lizzie Bowen), 128 (intention).

<sup>256</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com, with birth and death places/dates and parents.

<sup>257</sup> Estimated birth dates from Isaac B. Seekins households, 1860 and 1870 U.S. Censuses, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 68 (1860), p. 366 (1870).

<sup>258</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com, with birth and death dates.

<sup>259</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 136.

<sup>260</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 135.

<sup>261</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 168 (marriage), 142 (intention, 7 Feb. 1890).

<sup>262</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Isa and Inez, infant daughters of Issac Seekens, no dates.

<sup>263</sup> [Belfast] *Republican Journal*, 24 June 1846. Elijah, aged 17, and his brother Enoch, aged 8, “drowned in Wescott Pond, in Swanville, on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., by upsetting of a boat.”

<sup>264</sup> W. S. Seekins household, 1900 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 2A.

<sup>265</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com; gravestone, Seekins Cemetery; [Belfast] *Republican Journal*, 1 May 1913. William’s obituary says he had 4 children with Eliza. In 1860, he was living with Eliza and a girl Abby S., age 1; in 1870, he had 3 children listed: Albi (male), 12; Ada F. (female) 6; and Isabelle, 2 (William Seekins households, 1850 and 1850 U.S. Censuses, Brooks, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 117 [1860], Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 366 [1870]). It is likely the girl aged 1 in 1860 is actually Alba, a boy. The 4th child prob. b. and d. 1860–1870. William’s surviving children named in his obituary were Alba of Lincolnville and Isabel, wife of Ephraim Richards, of Searsmont. His 2 children with Nora who survived him were Nora, wife of Daniel Ingalls, and George W. Seekins of Dorchester, Mass.

<sup>266</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 152 (marriage), 114 (intention, 12 Jan. 1858).

<sup>267</sup> William Seekins household, 1860 U.S. Census, Brooks, Waldo Co., Maine, p.117.

<sup>268</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 129.

<sup>269</sup> W. S. Seekins household, 1900 U. S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 2A.

<sup>270</sup> Gravestone Seekins Cemetery, Swanville. as “Ella N.”

<sup>271</sup> William Seekins household, 1870 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 366: Albi, age 12, Ada F. age 6, Isabella, age 2.

<sup>272</sup> Waldo Co. Probate Records, #13614.

<sup>273</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 165.



- m. Swanville, 20 Sept. 1833, John A. Harvey.<sup>274</sup> 4. *Isabelle Seekins*, b. ca. 1868, d. aft. 1913; m. (int.) Swanville, 31 May 1886, Ephraim Richards of Searsmont.<sup>275</sup>  
 Children of William and Nora (Rollerson) Seekins: 5. *Nora Seekins*, b. 1875, d. 1964;<sup>276</sup> m. Daniel Ingalls.<sup>277</sup> 6. *George W. Seekins*, b. June 1881,<sup>278</sup> d. after 1913.
- xiii ANDREW J. SEEKINS, b. (calc.) Sept. 1836, d. 14 Feb. 1891, age 54y 5m.<sup>279</sup>  
 xiv ENOCH SEEKINS, b. ca. 1838, drowned Swanville, 12 June 1846, age 8.<sup>280</sup>  
 xv ORRIN SEEKINS, b. ca. 1842, d. Swanville, April 1861.<sup>281</sup>  
 xvi DAVID E. SEEKINS, b. 11 Oct. 1843, d. Swanville, 31 Jan. 1923;<sup>282</sup> m. (1) Swanville, 27 April 1863, ADELIA SEEKINS,<sup>283</sup> b. (calc.) June 1842, daughter of Josiah and Julia Ann (Curtis) Seekins, above, d. Swanville, 1 May 1881, age 38y 1m;<sup>284</sup> m. (2) (int.) Swanville, 26 Dec. 1881, MARY F. ROBERTS,<sup>285</sup> b. Dec. 1858,<sup>286</sup> d. Belfast, 30 Jan. 1922.<sup>287</sup>  
 Children of David E. and Adelia (Seekins) Seekins, b. Swanville: 1. *Eunice B. Seekins*, b. (calc.) 23 Sept 1863, d. Swanville 16 March 1865, age 1y 5m 23d.<sup>288</sup> 2. (poss.) *Jenny S. Seekins*, b. 1868,<sup>289</sup> d. 1937;<sup>290</sup> perhaps m. (1) (int.) Swanville, 8 Feb. 1889 Nathan T. Seekins, son of Aaron and Phebe Ann (Elwell) Seekins, above; m. (2) Swanville, 24 Oct. 1890, Edwin P. Jackson.<sup>291</sup>

<sup>274</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 137.

<sup>275</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 139.

<sup>276</sup> Gravestone, Grove Cemetery, Belfast, with birth and death years.

<sup>277</sup> William Seekins, obituary [Belfast] *Republican Journal*, 1 May 1913.

<sup>278</sup> W. S. Seekins household, 1900 U.S. Census Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 30/30.

<sup>279</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville.

<sup>280</sup> See note 263.

<sup>281</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville, aged 20; [Belfast] *Republican Journal*, death notice 5 April 1861, aged 19.

<sup>282</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville; Waldo Co. Probate Records, #11472. David's 25 May 1922 will names his daughters Millie Tibbets, Esther C. Small, and Adelia F. Roberts, and granddaughter Geneva Small. Obituary [Belfast] *Republican Journal*, 8 Feb. 1923. Although she was alive, Jenny S., a purported child of his first marriage, is not included (but see note 289).

<sup>283</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 118.

<sup>284</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville.

<sup>285</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 136.

<sup>286</sup> David E. Seekins household, 1900 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 2A.

<sup>287</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com, listing parents' names.

<sup>288</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville, her parents named on the stone.

<sup>289</sup> Jenny was not listed in the household of her presumed father in 1870, when she would have been 2 years old, but she was listed as "daughter," age 11 in 1880 (David E. Seekins household, 1870 and 1880 U.S. Censuses, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 366 [1870]), p. 498 [1880]). Perhaps she was an adopted daughter, explaining why she was not named in David's will (see note 282).

<sup>290</sup> Gravestone, Davis-Daggett Cemetery, Washington, Maine, findagrave.com, #73131438 (photo), on stone with her husband with birth and death years.

<sup>291</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 169. The 1900 U.S. Census, Belfast, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 8B, Edwin Jackson household, indicates she had been married 2y and had 3 living children. Possibly the enumerator misheard, as she had been married 10y and only the youngest child listed, Arbor Day, aged 4, is likely her daughter. It is unclear who the other children would be.

- Children of David E. and Mary F. (Roberts) Seekins, b. Swanville:<sup>292</sup> 3. *Adelia F. Seekins*, b. Oct. 1881, d. after 1922; m. William E. Roberts. 4. *Camelia J./Millie Seekins*, b. Aug. 1886, d. 1966;<sup>293</sup> m. Swanville, 8 Oct. 1905, Sidney L. Tibbetts.<sup>294</sup> 5. infant *Seekins*, b. ca. 1887, d. 17 Aug. 1887.<sup>295</sup> 6. *Henry H. Seekins*, b. (calc.) 10 Dec. 1888, d. 1 Sept. 1889, age 8m 24d.<sup>296</sup> 7. *Catherine E[sther] Seekins*, b. March 1892, d. after 1922; m. Swanville, 18 July 1909, Adelbert E. Small.<sup>297</sup>
- xvii NAHAM M. SEEKINS, b. ca. 1845, d. Swanville 25 November 1878, age 33;<sup>298</sup> m. (int.) Swanville, 1 Oct. 1869, LOVINA A. SMALL,<sup>299</sup> b. 30 June 1853, d. Belfast, 24 Jan. 1922.<sup>300</sup> Lovina m. (2) Ezra Knowlton.<sup>301</sup> Naham was listed as an invalid in the 1870 census, living with his wife and son in his brother Andrew J.'s home.<sup>302</sup>
- Child: 1. *Ira Seekins*, b. ca 1872,<sup>303</sup> m. Skowhegan, Maine, 12 March 1895, Annie A. Tuttle of Norridgewock, Maine.<sup>304</sup>

Probable additional children of Josiah Seekins (by which wife uncertain), all bur. in Seekins Cemetery, Swanville, with just their names and ages listed:<sup>305</sup>

- xviii SARAH SEEKINS, d. aged 19.  
 xix JANE SEEKINS, d. aged 3.  
 xx LOIS SEEKINS, d. aged 3.  
 xxi Unidentified child SEEKINS.<sup>306</sup>

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<sup>292</sup> David E. Seekins household, 1900 U.S. Census Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 2A, with birth month and year for daughters.

<sup>293</sup> Gravestone, Rose Cemetery, Brooks, Waldo Co., Maine, findagrave.com, 59290406 (photo).

<sup>294</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, ancestry.com.

<sup>295</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville.

<sup>296</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville.

<sup>297</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, ancestry.com, includes parents' names.

<sup>298</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, Swanville.

<sup>299</sup> Mosher, *Swanville VRs*, 125.

<sup>300</sup> Maine, Deaths 1617–1922, ancestry.com, with birth and death dates and names of parents

<sup>301</sup> Ezra Knowlton household, 1880 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 500C.

<sup>302</sup> Andrew J. Seekins household, 1870 U.S. Census, Swanville, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 366B.

<sup>303</sup> Ezra A. Knowlton household, 1880 U.S. Census (note 301).

<sup>304</sup> Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, ancestry.com, includes parents' names.

<sup>305</sup> Gravestone, Seekins Cemetery, presumably listing children of Josiah.

<sup>306</sup> [Belfast] *Republican Journal*, 1 May 1913 and 8 Feb. 1923, both William's and David's obituaries state that Josiah had 21 children.

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