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#### EDITOR'S PAGE

There has always been an inherent danger in genealogy. When we dive into the ocean of family research, we never know what predators may lurk in the deep. Some of us enter the waters with the goal of proving a family story, only to learn that Grandma was not descended from an Indian princess after all but rather from a line of everyday farmers. Researchers may be disappointed to learn their ancestor owned slaves, or was prosecuted for stealing, or deserted from the army. In my own research, a court record revealed my sixth great-grandmother was involved in a "ménage à trois" with another woman and a man who was not her husband (they were outed by a nosy neighbor peeping through the window)—a discovery that amused me, but probably would not have pleased my grandmother very much.

These kinds of findings are mere child's play when compared with the discovery power of modern research tools. With the advancement of DNA technology, the genealogical sea has now become positively shark infested, and persons who take the simple spit test need to be aware of the potential danger.

In September, author Bill Griffeth published his memoir, *The Stranger in My Genes* (published by and available from the New England Historic Genealogical Society via the americanancestors.org website), a book that I recommend to all persons interested in learning about the pitfalls of DNA research. Griffeth had investigated his ancestry for more than ten years, and had become the unofficial historian for his family. In taking the DNA test, he was hoping to use science to confirm what he had found in his personal research. His results were staggering. They showed that his brother and a cousin on his father's side shared the same Y-DNA (passed down from father to son to grandson, etc.), but that Griffeth's Y-DNA was completely different. There was only one conclusion he could make—a "non-paternal event" had occurred (caused by an adoption, infidelity, or other causes) in the generation of his parents. In other words, the man he always knew as his father (who was deceased when the test was taken) was not his father.

Notwithstanding the psychological shock that a discovery like this would cause, especially for someone who had spent as much time researching family as Griffeth had, this raises several weighty ethical questions about how to respond to such news. In the book Griffeth relates how he wrestled with whether he should confront his 94-year-old mother who was then living in an assisted-living home. Was it more important for him to learn the truth or to spare an elderly woman from having to reveal a potentially humiliating secret?

The book goes on to show how Griffeth eventually discovered his true paternity and identified living relatives from that side of his family. Now the question became whether to contact those persons. Considering the ignominious circumstances of his birth, would they welcome him into the family, or would they shun him or refuse to believe his story?

Griffeth's struggle with these issues make for pertinent reading for anyone contemplating taking the plunge into the swirls and eddies of DNA analysis.

-Joseph C. Anderson II, Editor

# THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM AND SARAH (HEN[N]EY) TARR OF GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, AND HARPSWELL, MAINE

#### By Priscilla Blount

William Tarr was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, 15 May 1724, son of Richard and Grace (Hodgkins) Tarr.<sup>1</sup> He was the youngest of two siblings. His sister, Hazelelpony, was born 21 December 1722.<sup>2</sup> William's father, Richard Tarr, did not live a long life. He was killed by Indians on 22 June 1724 at the age of twenty-eight while on a fishing vessel in Fox Harbour.<sup>3</sup>

William's mother, Grace, a young woman of twenty-two with two small children, married second in Gloucester, 10 November 1726, Joshua Cromwell Jr.,<sup>4</sup> son of Joshua and Lydia (—) Cromwell. Joshua may have been born in Dover, New Hampshire, where both his father and grandfather owned land, but a record of his birth is not found. Joshua had married first in Falmouth, Maine, Elizabeth Larrabee, daughter of Benjamin and Deborah (Ingersoll) Larrabee.<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth was born about 1704,<sup>6</sup> and Joshua, if a few years older, was born say 1700–2. Elizabeth died 13 April 1725, probably from childbirth complications, leaving Joshua with an infant daughter, also named Elizabeth, born the same day.<sup>7</sup>

Joshua Cromwell served from 23 September 1723 to May 1724 in Exeter, New Hampshire, on a military expedition as a private in Sgt. Nathan Knight's company. His name is on a muster roll indicating he also served under the command of Col. Thomas Westbrook, from 28 November 1724 to 22 May 1725, for a total of twenty-nine weeks and four days.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849, 3 vols. (Topsfield, Mass. 1917), 1:715 (birth), 2:540 (parents' marriage on 20 Feb. 1721/2) (hereafter cited as *Gloucester VRs*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Gloucester VRs, 1:707. Hazelelponi (also Hazzelelponi) is a biblical name (1 Chr. 4:3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Gloucester VRs, 3:306. Three others—James Wallace Sr., his son James Wallace Jr., and John Lane—were "taken by the Indians" in the raid. Fox Harbour is located on the north shore of Nova Scotia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Gloucester VRs, 2:536, Grace Tarr and Joshua "Crumwel" of Casco Bay.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary* of Maine and New Hampshire (Portland, Maine, 1928–39), 173, 416; Everett S. Stackpole and Lucien Thompson, History of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire (Oyster River Plantation), With Genealogical Notes, 2 vols. (Durham, 1913), 2:84 (hereafter cited as Stackpole, History of Durham, N.H.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Brent M. Owen, "A Tidbit from the Massachusetts Archives," *The Maine Genealogist* 37 (2015):15–20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> "Records of Falmouth (now Portland) Maine," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 14(1860):148 (death of mother Elizabeth), 144 (birth of daughter Elizabeth).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> "Colonial Soldiers and Officers in New England, 1620–1775," 66–67, database, american ancestors.org.

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By 1727 Joshua, Grace, and the children had settled in Falmouth, where he was granted land. The birth of their daughter Lydia was recorded there on 19 May 1728.<sup>9</sup> Records indicate that by 1737 Joshua Cromwell was an early settler of Great Island (Harpswell). He was among the many proprietors to petition the General Court for the annexation of Merriconeag Bay by Brunswick.<sup>10</sup> He was last recorded as signing a petition from Kennebunk in 1760.<sup>11</sup>

William undoubtedly grew up in Maine with his mother and stepfather. He was living on Merriconeag Neck by 1748. His marriage intentions were published that year in Brunswick on 11 July 1748 to "Mrs. Sarah Heney not in bounds of any township."<sup>12</sup> (In the Brunswick records at this time, most of the brides were given the title "Mrs." as an honorific, not as an indication of prior marital status.) *Heney* was an uncommon name in New England and no other instances of it (or possible spelling variations) are found in the Brunswick vital records. Assuming Sarah was William's age or a few years younger, she was born say 1724–30. A candidate for her was finally discovered in the York, Maine, vital records:<sup>13</sup>

Joseph Henney his Children born in York of Sarah his Wife the Daughter of Thomas Baker viz

- 1. Mary Henney, born July 28. 1724.
- 2. Sarah Henney born Feb<sup>ry</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>. 1725/6.
- 3. Joseph Henney born Febry 21. 1727/8.
- 4. #Rachel Henney born April. 21. 1730.<sup>14</sup>

Sarah Henney, born in 1725/6, meets the age criteria to be William Tarr's wife in 1748. Since a number of York families in this time period moved down the coast to the Brunswick-Harpswell area, the marriage in Brunswick would not have been an anomaly. Several other persons with this unusual surname are found in the early Harpswell records. Zebulon Henney and Sarah Ward married in Harpswell on 4 May 1754, and their first child, Joseph, was baptized there 21 December 1755.<sup>15</sup> A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "Records of Falmouth (now Portland) Maine," NEHGR 14(1860):144.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> George Augustus Wheeler and Henry Wheeler, *History of Brunswick, Topsham and Harpswell, Maine, Including the Ancient Territory Known as Pejepscot*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1878), 2:156– 57, 2:873 (hereafter cited as Wheeler, *History of Brunswick and Harpswell*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Stackpole, *History of Durham, N.H.*, 2:84.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Joseph Crook Anderson II, Vital Records of Brunswick, Maine, 1740–1860, and the Forsaith Book of Brunswick Family Records Compiled 1876–1880 by Jonathan W. Forsaith, Town Clerk (Rockport, Maine, 2004), 116 (hereafter cited as Anderson, Brunswick VRs).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Lester MacKenzie Bradgon and John Eldridge Frost, *Vital Records of York, Maine* (Camden, Maine, 1992), 45 (hereafter cited as Bradgon & Frost, *York VRs*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The # sign before her name indicates Rachel was dead before the enumeration was made. This is confirmed in the York records, which give her death on 26 Dec. 1731, at age 1y 7m 9d (Bragdon & Frost, *York VRs*, 377).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> "Harpswell, Maine, Vital Records, Recorded by Rev. Elisha Eaton, 1754–1764, and by his son, Samuel Eaton, V.D.M., 1765–1843," typescript, Maine Historical Society, Portland (n.d., call #MvH236.1), 2, 7 (hereafter cited as Eaton, Harpswell Church Records)

few years later, on 10 February 1762, Nehemiah Ward and Hannah Henney were married in Harpswell.<sup>16</sup>

If these were first marriages, both Zebulon and Hannah Henney were likely of age to be younger siblings of the four Henney children recorded in York, a supposition that is supported by Zebulon's naming his first child Joseph, possibly for his father. Furthermore, as will be shown more fully below, Sarah, as widow and administratrix of the estate of William Tarr, sold in 1762 a portion of William's land to Nehemiah Ward.<sup>17</sup> If Sarah and Hannah Henney were indeed sisters, then Sarah's sale was to her brother-in-law. Finally, Sarah's granddaughter Sarah Adams married John Ward, son of Nehemiah and Hannah (Henney) Ward, the marriage occurring long after the family had moved to Bowdoin.<sup>18</sup> This shows a close association between the Tarr and Ward descendants that lasted many years and spanned different locations. In the absence of any other candidates, and in consideration of the interactions among these individuals, it is concluded that Sarah Henney, born 2 February 1725/6 in York, was undoubtedly the wife of William Tarr.

The details of William's youth and adult years are unknown, and records concerning his life in Harpswell are sparse. A deed, however, illuminates his ownership of land and the location of his homestead. On 1 December 1759, six months before his death, William Tarr of Harpswell, yeoman, conveyed to Nehemiah and Ezekiel Curtis, for £13 6s. 8*d.*, eight acres of land in Harpswell on Merriconeag Neck. The land was described as

beginning in the Middle of the Creek at a stake & heap of Stones; and running Southwest Twenty four Rods & three Quarters to a Rock Maple standing on M<sup>r</sup> Alexanders line; Then running Southeast Fifty Eight Rods and a half to Mericonege River; Then running on Sundry Courses on Wedgeon Cove to the stake and stones first mentioned.<sup>19</sup>

William died 9 June 1760 and is buried in the Old Harpswell Common Burying Ground. His tombstone has a winged skull on it with the inscription: "Here lies interr'd the Remains of Mr. William Tarr in the 40th y of his age. Prepare to follow me."<sup>20</sup> The gravestone inscription is inconsistent with the published vital records of Gloucester. Based on his birth on 15 May 1724 and his death on 9 June 1760, William died in the 37th year of his age, not the 40th.

In 1753 Rev. Elisha Eaton became the first pastor of the First Congregational Church of Harpswell.<sup>21</sup> As members, William and Sarah brought their four children to the church for baptism.<sup>22</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 59:163–64.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Sarah Adams, fifth child of John and Grace (Tarr) Adams, below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 9:43–44.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #40077982.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Wheeler, *History of Brunswick and Harpswell*, 1:436.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 4A, 8, 11, 14. The transcribed Eaton records give daughter Grace's surname as "Farr," unquestionably a misreading of "Tarr."

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Grace the daughter of William Tarr and Sarah his wife baptized Oct. 7, 1753 William son of William Tarr and Sarah his wife bapt. in infancy May 2, 1756 Joseph, son to William Tarr and Sarah is wife, bapt. in infancy Aug. 27, 1758 Betty, daughter to William Tarr and Sarah his wife, bapt. in infancy, May 14, 1760

The baptismal records of Rev. Eaton do not reveal any other children of William and Sarah, but, having married in 1748, it is likely they were the parents of children born before 1753 and thus not recorded. As shown below, one such child was Sarah Tarr who married Thomas Adams in Harpswell on 5 October 1775.<sup>23</sup>

William's death in 1760 left Sarah with a handful of young children in her care. Four years later she married Edward Cumberford, their Harpswell intentions dated 10 August 1764.<sup>24</sup> Edward was in the French and Indian War, having served under the command of Capt. William Lithgow at Fort Richmond from 27 March to 21 November 1754.<sup>25</sup> No record of Edward's parentage, birth, or death has been found.

As administrator of his father's estate, William Tarr [Jr.] of Harpswell sold on 27 February 1777, for £60 to Hugh Alexander of Harpswell, twenty-five acres of land, being formerly the estate of William Tarr of Harpswell, deceased. The land adjoined to the southeast and southwest land of William and Hugh Alexander.

... In witness whereof, I do hereunto set my hand & seal, Together with my Sisters Sara Adams & Grace Adams with their respective Husbands Thomas and John Adams, the Heirs of the aforesaid William Tarr deceased, as giving up all their Right & Title to and in the Premises, together with my Mother Sara Cumberford, as giving up all her Power of thirds in and to the Premises....<sup>26</sup>

The deed was signed by William Tarr, Thomas Adams, Sarah Adams, John Adams, Sarah Conderford [*sic*], Joseph Tarr,<sup>27</sup> and Grace Adams. This deed establishes the names of William's surviving children in 1777, as well as their mother, Sarah Cumberford, and the daughters' spouses. Daughter Betty Tarr and Sarah's husband Edward Cumberford were not named and were presumably deceased.

On 15 September 1786, Sarah Cumberford, now of "a New Plantation commonly called west Bowdoinham . . . Widow & Administratrix on the Estate of my former Husband, William Tarr, late of Harpswell . . . Deceased," confirmed to [her brother-in-law] Nehemiah Ward of Harpswell, for £40, twenty acres of land that Nehemiah had bought at public auction on 10 August 1762 (possibly in connection with the settlement of William's estate), "bounded on the Meeting House land, and on the neck in said Harpswell."<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 27.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org ("Cumberfird").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Colonial Soldiers and Officers in New England, 1620–1775, database, americanancestors. org, 14, Edward "Cummerford."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 10:145–46.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> While Joseph Tarr's name was not included on the "In witness whereof" statement, he was one of the signatories to the deed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 59:163-64.

#### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

WILLIAM TARR was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, 15 May 1724, son of Richard and Grace (Hodgkins) Tarr.<sup>29</sup> He died 9 June 1760 in Harpswell and is buried in the Old Harpswell Common Burying Ground.<sup>30</sup> He married SARAH HEN[N]EY whose residence was given as "not in bounds of any town," their intentions recorded in Brunswick, 11 July 1748.<sup>31</sup> Sarah was born in York, 2 February 1725/6, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Baker) Henney.<sup>32</sup> She married second Edward Cumberford, their intentions recorded in Harpswell, 10 August 1764.<sup>33</sup> He may have died before 27 February 1777 when Sarah relinquished her share in property owned by her former husband, William Tarr.<sup>34</sup> Sarah was living in the plantation of West Bowdoinham [set off as Bowdoin in 1788] on 15 September 1786, when she sold land as administratrix of the estate of William Tarr.<sup>35</sup>

Children of William and Sarah (Hen[n]ey) Tarr, b. Harpswell:

i SARAH TARR, b. 1749–52,<sup>36</sup> d. Bowdoin 26 Aug. 1836;<sup>37</sup> m. Harpswell, 5 Oct. 1775, THOMAS ADAMS,<sup>38</sup> bp. York, 13 Oct. 1751, son of Nathan and Sarah (Allen) Adams,<sup>39</sup> d. Bowdoin, 4 Nov. 1801.<sup>40</sup> Sarah remained a widow, surviving her husband by nearly 35 years.

Thomas Adams and his future brothers-in-law, William and Joseph Tarr, on 20 May 1775 enlisted as privates in Capt. James Curtis's company, Col. Phinney's regiment.<sup>41</sup> In the latter part of Aug. 1775, the company, now part of Col. James Cargill's regiment, was stationed in Harpswell defending the seacoast. The following year Thomas was commissioned an ensign and served in a company led by Capt. Winthrop Boston. The Provincial Congress ordered that all soldiers who had enlist-

- <sup>37</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application #W23397 records Sarah's marriage and death.
- <sup>38</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 27.

<sup>39</sup> [John E. Frost, transc.], "First Parish, York: Baptisms 1750–1800," York County Genealogical Society Journal 4:1(1989):5; his parents m. Berwick, 28 Dec. 1749 (Joseph Crook Anderson II, ed., Records of the First and Second Churches of Berwick, Maine [Rockport, Maine, 1999], 141). Bowdoin VRs, 2:12, erroneously says that Thomas's mother was Hannah Parsons. Nathan Adams did in fact marry Hannah Parsons in York, 11 Aug. 1736 (Bradgon & Frost, York VRs, 123), but "Mrs. Hannah Adams, w. Mr. Nathan Adams," d. 14 Dec. 1741 in her 29th year (ibid., 604). Many online trees claim that Nathan next married in 1742 Anne Jenkins, but a record of this marriage has not been found. Sarah Allen is said to have been Nathan's 3rd wife.

<sup>40</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application #W23397.

<sup>41</sup> Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, 17 vols. (Boston, 1896–1908), 1:76–77; 15:399–401 (hereafter cited as Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Gloucester VRs, 1:715.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Gravestone photo, Old Harpswell Common Burying Ground, findagrave.com, memorial #40077982.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Anderson, Brunswick VRs, 116.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Bradgon & Frost, York VRs, 45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, familysearch.org, Sarah Tarr and Edward "Cumberfird."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 10:145–46.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 59:163–64.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Born after the marriage of her parents, but before the first recorded baptism by Rev. Eaton.

ed in the Colony service in the year 1775 should be furnished with a good blanket. Included on the list were Thomas Adams as well as William and Joseph Tarr.<sup>42</sup>

On 10 March 1777, Adam Adams of Harpswell sold to [his brother] Thomas Adams, for £53-6-8, land in Harpswell lying between land owned by Robert Spear and John Adams, "it being the third Part of said Lot which was will'd to me by my Father Nathan Adams . . . with my Part of the House and Barn." The deed, signed Adam Adams and wife Mary, was witnessed by Sarah Cumberford and Samuel Dolley.<sup>43</sup> Thomas was described as "Resident on Said Lot of Land . . . said Land laying in Harpswell," indicating he had not yet moved to Bowdoin.

Thomas was living in Bowdoin in 1790, when he was enumerated as the head of a household consisting of nine members: 4 males under 16 (sons Nathan, Thomas, Adam, one unidentified), one male over 16 (Thomas), and four females (daughter Sarah, mother Sarah, and two unidentified).<sup>44</sup> The unidentified persons may be unrecorded children born prior to the removal to Bowdoin, as there is a large gap between the birth of Nathan and the first recorded child, son Thomas, in 1784.<sup>45</sup> By 1800 son Nathan was married and had established his own household in Bowdoin, adjacent to Joseph Tarr.<sup>46</sup> Thomas's household that year probably included Samuel, 8, Adam, 11, Thomas, 16, father Thomas, 50, Lydia, 6, Sarah, 13, one unidentified female 16–25, and mother Sarah, aged 50–52.<sup>47</sup>

Sarah's Revolutionary War widow's pension file includes statements by her sons Nathan and Adam concerning Thomas's war service. Two other surviving children, daughters Sarah Adams and Lydia Galusha, are also named.<sup>48</sup>

Children of Thomas and Sarah (Tarr) Adams, all but Nathan recorded Bowdoin:49

 Nathan Adams, b. prob. Harpswell, 1775–76, d. 1 Sept. 1855;<sup>50</sup> m. Harpswell, 10 April 1800, Martha Alexander,<sup>51</sup> b. Harpswell, 18 Dec. 1772, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Clark) Alexander,<sup>52</sup> d. 28 March 1849, aged 75y 3m.<sup>53</sup> 9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application #W23397.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 10:148–49.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Thomas Adams household, 1790 U. S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Nathan Adams household, 1800 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 320; Joseph Tarr household, 1800 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 320.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Thomas Adams household, 1800 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 319.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application #W23397.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:11–16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:26, "h. Martha, 1 Sept. 1855, aged 81 y 5 m, s. Thomas & Sarah (Tarr)."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church records, 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Eben Putnam, comp., "Genealogical Records of the Town of Harpswell," MS (Aug. 1892), p. 3 (hereafter cited as Putnam, "Harpswell Records") [Family History Library, Salt Lake City, film #11033]. On 27 Dec. 1792, Martha's grandfather Josiah Clark conveyed to "my six Grandchildren viz John Alexander, David Alexander, mariners, Martha Alexander singlewoman, Ezekiel Alexander, Henry Alexander and Josiah Alexander, minors, all of Harpswell," 50 acres of land in Harpswell, "reserving to my Daughter Elizabeth Tarr the wife of William Tarr of said Harpswell, the improvement of the one third part of said land, for and during her natural life" (Cumberland Co. Deeds, 21:518–19). Martha also possessed land in Harpswell, "the same being the property of William Alexander and John Alexander deceased, my Grandfather and father" (Cumberland Co. Deeds, 35:353).

<sup>53</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:26.

children.<sup>54</sup> Nathan's birth date has not been accurately established. On 28 May 1847 he was aged 71 (b. ca. 1775–76), on 10 May 1850 he was aged 75 (b. ca. 1774–75),<sup>55</sup> and in the 1850 census he was aged 74 (b. ca. 1775–76).<sup>56</sup> He is said to have d. 1 Sept. 1855, aged 81y 5m (b. March–April 1774),<sup>57</sup> which seems unlikely, as that would indicate he was born 16 months before his parents' marriage.

- 2 *Thomas Adams*, b. 25 March 1784, d. before 13 Oct. 1846, when not named by his brother Nathan as one of Thomas and Sarah's surviving children.<sup>58</sup>
- 3 Sarah Adams, b. 12 April 1787, d. after 1850 when she was living as a pauper in the household of her nephew Samuel Adams;<sup>59</sup> unmarried.<sup>60</sup>
- 4 Adam Adams, b. 22 June 1789, d. Bowdoin, 22 March 1871; m. Bowdoin, 2 Oct. 1810, Ruth Ridley, b. Bowdoin, 16 March 1791, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Bridges) Ridley, d. Bowdoin, 13 March 1856.<sup>61</sup>
- 5 Samuel Adams, b. 7 Jan. 1792, d. in the War of 1812;<sup>62</sup> m. (int) Bowdoin, 7 June 1812, Bethia Higgins,<sup>63</sup> b. Bowdoin, [calc.] 27 Jan. 1795, daughter of Zacheus and Sophia (—) Higgins, d. Medford, Mass., 7 Jan. 1889, aged 93y 6m 11d.<sup>64</sup> Bethia m. (2) Bowdoin, date unrecorded, James Wheeler.<sup>65</sup>
- 6 Lydia Adams, b. 11 Oct. 1794, d. after 1870;<sup>66</sup> m. Joseph Galusha, b. Bowdoin, [calc.] Nov. 1772, d. Bowdoin, 15 Feb. 1849, aged 76y 3m.<sup>67</sup>

<sup>59</sup> Samuel Adams household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 328, #108/ 108. Samuel was a son of her brother Nathan.

<sup>60</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 3:9, claims that she was the Sarah Adams who m. 22 Sept. 1810, John Ward. This entry cites a secondary source, P.R. 145, which refers to "The Adams Family, by Sinnett, to be found in the State Library, Augusta, Maine." John Ward and wife Sarah were enumerated in the 1850 census of Bowdoin, she aged 68 (John Ward household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 331, #168/168), and thus she was older than Sarah daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Tarr) Adams who was b. in 1787. In fact, John Ward's wife was this Sarah's cousin, b. 12 July 1781, daughter of John and Grace (Tarr) Adams, see below (*Bowdoin VRs*, 1:16). Nathan Adams's declaration in his mother's pension application [note 48] and the 1850 census listing for Samuel Adams's household [note 59] confirm that this Sarah never married.

<sup>61</sup> Adam Adams and his family are documented in Priscilla Blount, "Daniel Ridley of Harpswell and Bowdoin, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 35(2013):165–79.

<sup>62</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:27. His son, Zacheus, was b. 1812 (Bowdoin VRs, 1:16).

<sup>63</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 3:9.

<sup>64</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, 401:182, image, americanancestors.org.

<sup>65</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 3:7.

<sup>66</sup> Aged 76 in Charles Arno household, 1870 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, p. 346A, #232/210; Lydia was enumerated two houses away from her nephew Zacheus Adams.

<sup>67</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:65, Joseph "Gallusha"; Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, database, ancestry.com. The death record of son Elijah Galusha identifies his parents and their places of birth. Elijah d. Richmond, 8 March 1908, aged 76y, thus b. ca. 1832 (when Lydia was 38 years old). Lydia was probably the female aged 40–49, living in the household of Joseph Galusha, 1840 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 314, with two males 5–9, one female under 5, and one

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:13–16, births of 7 children; ibid., 2:11, births of 2 more children.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application #W23397.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Ezekiel Curtis household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 328, #107/107.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application #W23397.

ii GRACE TARR, bp. Harpswell, 7 Oct. 1753;<sup>68</sup> m. Harpswell, 24 Sept. 1772, JOHN ADAMS,<sup>69</sup> born there, say 1753, son of Nathan and Sarah (Allen) Adams.<sup>70</sup> John's birth date assumes he was two years younger than his brother Thomas (who married Grace's sister Sarah Tarr) and thus about the same age as Grace. Unlike Thomas, however, there is no baptism recorded for John in York. Both John and Grace were living in Bowdoin in 1820,<sup>71</sup> but it is uncertain when and where they died (see further discussion below).

On 1 March 1784, for £180, John Adams of Harpswell, yeoman, with the consent of his wife Grace, sold 72 acres of land in Harpswell to John Jordan Jr., "together with two thirds of the Dwelling house and all the Barn . . . and all the fence standing thereon." The land was bounded by the corner of lands formerly owned by Nathan Adams, deceased.<sup>72</sup> This may have been about the time that John and Grace moved from Harpswell to Bowdoin, where the births of their twelve children are recorded.

John headed a large household in Bowdoin in 1790 made up of three males under 16, two males 16 and over, and four females.<sup>73</sup> The Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax of 1798 records John "Addams" as the owner of 100 acres in Bowdoin with a dwelling house valued at \$15.<sup>74</sup> Four additional family members joined the household by 1800.<sup>75</sup> John and Grace were enumerated in the 1820 census of Bowdoin with one female, aged 26–44, in the family. She may have been their youngest daughter, not yet married.<sup>76</sup>

Clason claims that it was this John Adams who died in Litchfield, Maine, in 1830.<sup>77</sup> Other sources say it was John's son who died that year.<sup>78</sup> The Litchfield vital records do include the death of a John Adams on 30 Oct. 1830,<sup>79</sup> but the entry does not clarify if the record pertains to the father or the son. Though not proven, it seems more likely to be the son who died that year, as he did move to Litchfield, whereas there are no records to show that the father ever lived there.

male 60–69. Lydia may have been Joseph's 2nd wife. Joseph was enumerated in Bowdoin in 1830, aged 50–59, with a female, aged 50–59, who could not possibly be Lydia (Joseph Galusha household, 1830 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 330).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 25. Clason erroneously reported that John Adams's wife was "Rebecca" Tarr (Oliver Barrett Clason, *History of Litchfield and an Account of Its Centennial Celebration*, 1895 [Augusta, 1897], 23–24 [hereafter cited as Clason, *History of Litchfield*]).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Charles N. Sinnett, Ancestor Richard Gowell and His Descendants (Brainerd, Minn., 1912), 32.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> John Adams household, 1820 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 182.
 <sup>72</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 24:520–21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> John Adams household, 1790 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Massachusetts and Maine 1798 Direct Tax, 2:59, database, americanancestors.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> John Adams household, 1800 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 319.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> John Adams household, 1820 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 182.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> For example, findagrave.com, memorial #55988880, includes uncited submitter information (not taken from a gravestone) that it was the son who died in 1830.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Litchfield, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2010), 194 (hereafter cited as Groves, *Litchfield VRs*).

Children of John and Grace (Tarr) Adams, b. Bowdoin:<sup>80</sup>

- John Adams, b. 29 June 1773, possibly the John Adams who d. Litchfield, 30 Oct. 1830;<sup>81</sup> m. Brunswick, 7 July 1803, Mary Clark of Brunswick,<sup>82</sup> b. ca. 1783, d. Litchfield of consumption, Oct. 1849, aged 669.<sup>83</sup> 9 children.<sup>84</sup>
- 2 James Adams, b. 12 June 1775, d. Bowdoin, 15 June 1789, aged 14y.85
- 3 Richard Adams, b. 7 June 1777, d. Litchfield, 26 June 1873, aged 96y;<sup>86</sup> m. Bowdoinham, 4 Nov. 1802, Mehitabell Williams,<sup>87</sup> b. ca. 1783,<sup>88</sup> d. by 1870.<sup>89</sup> At least 4 children.<sup>90</sup> In 1870 Richard, aged 93y, was living in the Litchfield household of his brother Daniel Adams and was noted as being "deaf, dumb, blind, idiotic or insane."<sup>91</sup> He was a War of 1812 soldier and pensioner.<sup>92</sup>
- 4 Mary Adams, b. 26 April 1779, d. Bowdoin, 19 Jan. 1861, aged 81y 9m;<sup>93</sup> m. Bowdoin, 15 March 1803, John Williams,<sup>94</sup> b. Bath, 31 Aug. 1777,<sup>95</sup> d. Bowdoin, 20 Aug. 1855, aged 78y.<sup>96</sup> 8 children.
- 5 Sarah Adams, b. 12 July 1781, d. after 1850;<sup>97</sup> m. (int.) Bowdoin, 22 Sept. 1810, John Ward, as his 2nd wife,<sup>98</sup> b. Harpswell, 10 Feb. 1774, son of Nehemiah and Hannah (Henney) Ward,<sup>99</sup> d. after 1850.<sup>100</sup> John had m. (1) by 1793 Mercy [or Mary] Booker.<sup>101</sup> 7 children by 1st wife, 4 by 2nd wife.<sup>102</sup>

<sup>84</sup> Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 24.

<sup>86</sup> Groves, Litchfield VRs, 249.

<sup>88</sup> Robert Sedgley household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoinham, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 316A, #349/349. Richard Adams, aged 72, and "Mehittable" Adams, aged 67, were residing with the family.

<sup>89</sup> Not enumerated that year with her husband (see note 91).

<sup>90</sup> Maine, Births and Christenings, 1739–1900, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>91</sup> Daniel Adams household, 1870 U.S. Census, Litchfield, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 345A, #59/61.

<sup>92</sup> Daniel Adams, War of 1812 pension file, #SC2654, accessed at fold3.com.

94 Bowdoin VRs, 3:8.

<sup>96</sup> Gravestone photo, Williams Family Cemetery, Bowdoin, findagrave.com, memorial #90002552. The submitter of the gravestone photo to the findagrave.com site added the undocumented claim that John was a son of John and Abigail (Higgins) Williams. That couple m. (cert.) Georgetown, 5 June 1774 (Mary Pelham Hill, *Vital Records of Georgetown, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. [n.p., 1939-43], 2:193), but no primary records have been located to confirm John was their son.

<sup>97</sup> She was aged 68 in the John Ward household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln, Maine, p. 331B, #158/158.

<sup>98</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 3:188, which incorrectly adds that Sarah was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Tarr) Adams (see note 60 for further information); Bowdoin VRs, 3:9, citing Sinnett, incorrectly records the marriage as occurring 22 Sept. 1810.

<sup>99</sup> Putnam, "Harpswell Records," n.p., but alphabetically organized; his parents m. Harpswell, 10 Feb. 1762 (Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:13–16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> Groves, *Litchfield VRs*, 194. See also discussion above under John Adams Sr.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> Anderson, Brunswick VRs, 100.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850–1885, line 7, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> Gravestone photo, Williams Family Cemetery, findagrave.com, memorial #90002674.

<sup>95</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:232.

- 6 Grace Adams, b. 17 July 1783, d. Bowdoin, 3 April 1842, and bur. in Millay Cemetery, Bowdoin;<sup>103</sup> m. Bowdoin, 19 Feb. 1803, George Williams both of Bowdoin,<sup>104</sup> b. ca. 1780,<sup>105</sup> d. Bowdoin, 22 July 1856.<sup>106</sup> At least 3 children.<sup>107</sup>
- 7 Joseph Adams, b. 8 May 1785. No further information found.
- 8 Rebecca Adams, b. 16 Sept 1787. No further information found.
- 9 James Adams, b. 22 Dec. 1789, d. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 8 May 1866, aged 79y [sic];<sup>108</sup> m. Bowdoin, 12 Oct. 1812, Mary Williams,<sup>109</sup> b. ca. 1792, d. 23 Nov. 1864.<sup>110</sup> 10 children.<sup>111</sup>
- 10 David Adams, b. 15 Nov. 1792. No further information found.
- 11 Daniel Adams, b. 4 Dec. 1794, d. 1 Nov. 1873, aged 78y 10m;<sup>112</sup> m. Litchfield, 16 Oct. 1820, Rebecca Rogers,<sup>113</sup> b. Litchfield, 8 March 1796, daughter of John and Rebecca (Daggett) Rogers,<sup>114</sup> d. 17 Sept. 1863, aged 67y.<sup>115</sup> 8 children.<sup>116</sup>
- 12 Betsy Adams, b. 18 Feb. 1798, d. Bowdoin, 15 Sept. 1882, aged 84y 7m;<sup>117</sup> m. (int.) Bowdoin, 27 Oct. 1821, John Campbell,<sup>118</sup> b. 1798, d. Bowdoin, 18 July 1882, aged 84y.<sup>119</sup> 9 children.<sup>120</sup>

<sup>102</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:221–22.

<sup>103</sup> Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, 1780–1980, image, familysearch.org.

<sup>104</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 3:7.

<sup>105</sup> Aged 70 in George Williams household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 336, #229/229. He is claimed, without evidence, to be a son of George and Hannah (Hall) Williams who m. Harpswell, 6 Nov. 1777 (http://worldconnect.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm. cgi?op=GET&db=neil53hall&id=17164; Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 29).

<sup>106</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:137, "George, h. Grace, aged 77 y."

<sup>107</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:232–33; Massachusetts Death Records 1841–1915, image, ancestry.com, records the death of Daniel Williams, son of George and Grace (he not in *Bowdoin VRs*).

<sup>108</sup> Groves, *Litchfield VRs*, 249. He was in fact 76 years old.

<sup>109</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 3:196, married in Bowdoin by Solomon Eaton, Esq.

<sup>110</sup> Groves, Litchfield VRs, 249.

<sup>111</sup> Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 23.

<sup>112</sup> Groves, *Litchfield VRs*, 249.

<sup>113</sup> Groves, Litchfield VRs, 156.

<sup>114</sup> Groves, Litchfield VRs, 54; Clason, History of Litchfield, 296.

<sup>115</sup> Groves, Litchfield VRs, 249.

<sup>116</sup> Clason, *History of Litchfield*, 23–24.

<sup>117</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:41, "Elizabeth" Campbell.

<sup>118</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 3:7, Elizabeth "Betsy" Adams and John Campbell, both of Bowdoin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>100</sup> Aged 75, John Ward household, 1850 U.S. Census [note 97].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> John Ward's 1st wife, Mercy [or Mary] Booker, was a granddaughter of Enoch Dill through his daughter Elizabeth Dill who m. (int.) Harpswell, 26 Dec. 1767, James Booker ("Maine Marriages, 1771–1907," database, familysearch.org). On 15 Sept. 1798, the heirs of Enoch Dill sold to James Anderson Jr. lots 42 and 43 in Range D in Freeport. Among the heirs were John Ward and his wife Mercy (Cumberland Co. Deeds, 61:54–56). Though her name was clearly written "Mercy" on this deed, she was recorded as "Mary" in the Bowdoin records. She d. 1 Aug. 1810 (*Bowdoin VRs*, 2:132). John and Sarah's marriage intentions were dated 22 Sept. 1810, but the birth date of their daughter Betsy was recorded as 15 Sept. 1810, less than two months after the death of his 1st wife (*Bowdoin VRs*, 1:221).

iii WILLIAM TARR [Jr.], bp. Harpswell, 2 May 1756,<sup>121</sup> d. Topsham, Maine, 10 April 1817, aged 61y;<sup>122</sup> m. say 1782 (1st child b. 1783), ELIZABETH (CLARK) ALEX-ANDER, b. Harpswell, say 1750 (assuming age 19 at birth of her first child), daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Nute) Clark.<sup>123</sup> Elizabeth had m. (1) Harpswell, 22 Jan. 1768, John Alexander,<sup>124</sup> b. 1745, son of William and Jennet (Wilson) Alexander.<sup>125</sup> Elizabeth d. after 28 Feb. 1820, when she acknowledged a deed.<sup>126</sup>

On 20 May 1775, William Tarr enlisted as a private and served 2m 25d in Capt. James Curtis's company, Col. Phinney's regiment, which company also included his brother Joseph and future brother-in-law Thomas Adams. He reenlisted again on 9 Aug. 1775, serving 5m 5d in defense of the seacoast, serving in Col. James Cargill's regiment. He again enlisted, 2 Feb. 1776, for 2m during the siege of Boston, and continued reenlisting until 1781.<sup>127</sup>

On 23 Oct. 1794, Elizabeth's father, Josiah Clark, sold to his six Alexander grandchildren (i.e., Elizabeth's children by her 1st husband, John Alexander) fifty acres of land in Harpswell. He also left to "my daughter, Elizabeth Tarr, wife of William Tarr," one third of the improvements of the land during her natural life.<sup>128</sup>

Upon his marriage, William's home included his six stepchildren, aged 3–13; during the next eleven years, he and Elizabeth added six more children to the family.<sup>129</sup> They lived on a 100-acre farm that had belonged to his father located next to

<sup>121</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 8.

<sup>122</sup> Mary Pelham Hill, ed., *Vital Records of Topsham, Maine to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (Concord, N.H., 1929–30), 2:383 (hereafter cited as *Topsham VRs*), "Capt. W[illia]m Tarr, April 10, 1817.

<sup>123</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 21:518–19, confirms Elizabeth's parentage (note 52). See also "Descendants of Josiah Clark of Dover, N.H.," in John Francis Sprague, *Sprague's Journal of Maine History* 2:1(1914):29–30.

<sup>124</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 23.

<sup>125</sup> DeAlva Stanwood Alexander, *The Alexanders of Maine* (Buffalo, N.Y., 1898), 87, 89. John and Elizabeth were the parents of six children born in Harpswell: John (b. 1769), David (b. 1771), Martha (b. 1772), Ezekiel (b. 1775), Henry (b. 1777), and Josiah (b. 1779) (Maine, Births and Christenings, 1739–1900, database, familysearch.org).

<sup>126</sup> On this date Ezekiel Alexander and John Alexander of Harpswell, mariners, Henry Alexander of Vinalhaven, mariner, David Alexander "at present unknown where," and Martha Adams wife of Nathan Adams of Bowdoin, "all lawful heirs of John Alexander late of Harpswell, deceased," and Elizabeth Tarr "formerly the wife of John Alexander, deceased," sold a track of land in Harpswell to James Merryman 4th (Cumberland Co. Deeds, 109:195–96).

<sup>127</sup> Mass. Soldiers & Sailors Rev. War, 15:400–1.

<sup>128</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 21:518-19.

<sup>129</sup> Wheeler, History of Brunswick, 857.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:41, death of John Campbell, age 84 years (husband of Elizabeth Adams).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> John Campbell household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln, Maine, p. 333A, #184/ 184. Four out of John and Betsy's nine children were deaf. "U.S. Special Census on Deaf Family Marriages and Hearing Relatives 1888–1895," database, ancestry.com, records the marriages of children Abner, George, and Adelia. They had attended the American School for the Deaf at Hartford, Conn., and married deaf spouses. Adelia supplied additional informational concerning two siblings not recorded in the census. She also reported the birth and death dates of her parents. For an in-depth and informative article concerning the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, see Kenneth W. Heger, Ph.D., "A Capital Education for the Deaf: Mainers in the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, 1868–1928," *The Maine Genealogist* 29(2007):112–18.

the Old South Church in Harpswell. It remained their home until 1811.<sup>130</sup> On 30 October of that year, William and Elizabeth conveyed to Joseph Eaton, for \$2,000, 55 acres of land including the homestead.<sup>131</sup> The property remained in the Eaton family until 1895. Now known as the Tarr-Eaton-Hackett house, it is an historical house and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. William and Elizabeth moved to Topsham, probably with several of their children.

Children of William and Elizabeth (Clark) (Alexander) Tarr, b. Harpswell:<sup>132</sup>

- Richard Tarr, b. 19 July 1783, living Portland, Maine, in 1858;<sup>133</sup> m. Harpswell, 28 March 1809, Delight Merryman, b. Harpswell, 5 Dec. 1791, daughter of Timothy and Elizabeth (Gardiner) Merryman,<sup>134</sup> d. Portland, 13 Feb. 1852, aged 60.<sup>135</sup> 7 children.<sup>136</sup>
- 2 William Tarr, b. 28 July 1785. No further record found.
- 3 Catherine Tarr, b. 13 Dec. 1787. No further record found.
- 4 Betsy Tarr, b. 12 Oct. 1790. No further record found.
- 5 Mary Tarr, b. 8 March 1793, d. 17 Aug. 1802.137
- 6 Clark Tarr, b. 8 June 1795, d. Lisbon Falls, 4 March 1880, aged 84y 9m;<sup>138</sup> m. (cert.) Topsham, 25 July 1819, Leah Merryman,<sup>139</sup> b. Harpswell, 1 Jan. 1800, daughter of Timothy and Elizabeth (Gardiner) Merryman (and sister of Delight Merryman, above),<sup>140</sup> d. Lisbon Falls, 26 March 1882.<sup>141</sup> 9 children.<sup>142</sup>
- iv JOSEPH TARR, bp. Harpswell on 27 Aug. 1758,<sup>143</sup> d. Bowdoin, 4 Jan. 1845, aged 87y;<sup>144</sup> m. Harpswell, 21 Sept. 1780, DEBORAH TOOTHAKER,<sup>145</sup> bp. there by Rev. Eaton as an infant, 4 April 1762, daughter of Seth and Hannah (Webber) Toothaker,<sup>146</sup> d. 1835.<sup>147</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>130</sup> Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, Tarr-Hackett-Eaton House Easement, http://hhltmaine.org/ conserved-land/conservation-land-private/tarr-hacket-house-easement/. See also http://maineanen cyclopedia.com/harpswell-center.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 64:308.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> Putnam, "Harpswell Records," n.p., but alphabetically organized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>133</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1822–1995, Portland, Maine, 1858, p. 213, image, ancestry.com: Richard Tarr, shipmaster.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>134</sup> Charles N. Sinnett, *Walter Merryman of Harpswell, Maine, and His Descendants* (Concord, N.H., 1905), 48–49 (hereafter cited as Sinnett, *Walter Merryman of Harpswell*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>135</sup> Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, database, ancestry.com; cause of death, consumption.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>136</sup> Topsham VRs, 1:180; son David Tarr, b. ca 1826, d. Boston, 1877, cause of death "tobacco user, cancer" (Massachusetts Death Records, 1841–1915, ancestry.com).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>137</sup> Putnam, "Harpswell Records," n.p., but alphabetically organized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>138</sup> Topsham VRs, 2:383.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup> Topsham VRs, 2:254.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> Sinnett, Walter Merryman of Harpswell, 48–49.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>141</sup> Gravestone photo, Hillside Cemetery, Lisbon Falls, findagrave.com, memorial #49918478.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>142</sup> Topsham VRs, 1:180.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>143</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>144</sup> Data at findagrave.com, memorial #102327343, which gives him the middle name "Richard."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>145</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>146</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 17; Donna Valley Russell, "Roger<sup>1</sup> Toothaker of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and Some Descendants," *The American Genealogist* [TAG] 69(1994):100–1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>147</sup> Russell, "Roger<sup>1</sup> Toothaker of Plymouth," TAG 69(1994):101.

Joseph, two years younger than William, enlisted on 20 May 1775 for 8m as a private in the same company as his brother and future brother-in-law Thomas Adams. He reenlisted in Jan. 1776 in the same company under the command of Capt. Boston, serving at Dorchester and Cambridge. Again, in May 1776, he entered the service and saw duty during the Siege of Boston. After his last engagement in Jan. 1777, serving in the regiment commanded by Col. Fogg in the Mass. line, he was verbally discharged on April 1777 at Peekskill, N.Y.<sup>148</sup>

Prior to his last service engagement, Joseph and his brother William, on 7 Jan. 1777, purchased 50 acres of land on Merriconeag Neck from Edward Cunningham for £150, it being a part of lot #4, bounded southwesterly on land of the heirs of William Tarr deceased.<sup>149</sup> Joseph retained his share of the property until 1801 and then sold it to William for 200 Spanish milled dollars.<sup>150</sup> On 3 Oct. 1778, Joseph Booker and his wife, Prudence, sold to Joseph and William 39 acres on Sebascode-gan Island for £133 6*s*., it being in lot #11 in the 2nd division. The purchase included an additional 11 acres along the Merriconeag River.<sup>151</sup>

Upon his discharge from the service, Joseph returned to Harpswell. Within the next ten years, he moved to Brunswick and Bowdoinham, finally settling down in Bowdoin, where he remained the rest of his life.<sup>152</sup> In 1840, now a widower, he was a head of household in Bowdoin, aged 82y. The household numbered ten, spanned three generations, and probably included his son Joseph's family.<sup>153</sup>

Children of Joseph and Deborah (Toothaker) Tarr, recorded Bowdoin:154

- 1 Jenny Tarr, b. 3 June 1781. No further information found.
- 2 Elizabeth/Betsy Tarr, b. 23 Dec. 1782, d. 1855;<sup>155</sup> m. Daniel McManus, b. 1766, son of James and Mary (Corbett) McManus, d. Brunswick, 1 June 1851.<sup>156</sup>
- 3 Susannah Tarr, b. 9 Oct. 1784, d. reportedly 13 March 1872, aged 77y [sic];<sup>157</sup>
   m. (int.) Brunswick, 22 Aug. 1805, William Rodick Toothaker,<sup>158</sup> b. Bruns-

 $^{157}$  Gravestone photo, Jackman Corner Cemetery, Sangerville, Maine, findagrave.com, memorial #74933178. The gravestone clearly reads "Died March 13, 1872 Æ 77 yrs." On that death date, however, she would have been 87 years old, not 77. On further examination, it appears the error on the gravestone may not be in the age at death, but rather in the date of death. Susannah was living in Sangerville at the time of the 1860 census, aged 75y (Asa Towns household, 1860 U.S. Census, Sangerville, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 929, #176/176), but she is not found there, or elsewhere, in the 1870 census. She may have died in 1862 rather than 1872.

<sup>158</sup> Anderson, Brunswick VRs, 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>148</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application #S31406.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>149</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 10:147–48.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>150</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 35:354–55.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>151</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 10:250–51.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>152</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application #S31406.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>153</sup> Joseph Tarr household, 1840 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 310.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>154</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:206–7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>155</sup> Gravestone photo, Riverside Cemetery, Brunswick, findagrave.com, memorial #38472893, "Elizabeth McManus, 1780–1855."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>156</sup> Sinnett, *Walter Merryman of Harpswell*, 38–39; gravestone photo, Riverside Cemetery, Brunswick, findagrave.com, memorial #38472847, "Daniel McManus, 1763–1851."

wick, 19 Feb. 1782, son of Gideon and Abigail (Rodick) Toothaker,<sup>159</sup> d. 11 Aug. 1845, aged 63y 6m.<sup>160</sup> 4 children.<sup>161</sup>

- 4 Rogers Tarr, b. 26 Sept. 1786, d. Topsham, 9 March 1840;<sup>162</sup> m. Brunswick, 6 Jan. 1814, Abigail Rodick,<sup>163</sup> who may be the Abigail Tarr enumerated in Topsham in 1840.<sup>164</sup> 4 children.<sup>165</sup>
- 5 Deborah Tarr, b. 19 Aug. 1788, d. Bowdoin, 2 Feb. 1845; m. Bowdoin, 16 Nov. 1809, Jordan Grover,<sup>166</sup> b. Bowdoin, 9 March 1786,<sup>167</sup> son of Andrew and Sarah (—) Grover,<sup>168</sup> d. Bowdoin, 21 Jan. 1841.<sup>169</sup> 13 children.<sup>170</sup>
- 6 Joannah Tarr, b. 29 Nov. 1790; m. Brunswick, 1 March 1812, William Rodick.<sup>171</sup> No further information found.
- 7 Paul Tarr, b. 29 April 1795, d. Webster, Maine, 28 Feb. 1861;<sup>172</sup> m. Harpswell, 28 Sept. 1818, Hannah Grover,<sup>173</sup> b. Bowdoin, [calc.] 25 June 1800, daughter of Andrew and Sarah (—) Grover and sister of Jordan Grover above,<sup>174</sup> d. 9 Nov. 1864, aged 64y 4m 14d.<sup>175</sup> 6 children.<sup>176</sup>

<sup>164</sup> Abigail Tarr household, 1840 U.S. Census, Topsham, Lincoln, Maine, p. 22. A female aged 40–49y was enumerated in the household.

<sup>165</sup> Clason History of Litchfield, 347–48.

<sup>166</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:72 (death), 3:175 (marriage).

<sup>167</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:105.

<sup>168</sup> Pedigree Resource File, familysearch.org.

<sup>169</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:73.

<sup>170</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:103–7; 2:172–73. Nine children died by age 17; two children died by age 22. Only one child, daughter Lovina, has been found to have married and had children; *Bowdoin VRs*, 3:84, marriage of Lovina M. Grover and William Maloon; *Bowdoin VRs*, 1:133–34, records the births of six children.

<sup>171</sup> Anderson, Brunswick VRs, 2.

<sup>172</sup> Androscoggin Co., Maine Probate Records Estate Files, #228, 1:221 (accessed via Maine Wills and Probate Records, 1584–1999, ancestry.com), petition of Hannah Tarr, widow of Paul Tarr, deceased, Webster, Maine, 28 Feb. 1861, signed with her mark; Paul's gravestone in West Bowdoin Cemetery, says he d. 1 Feb. 1861, aged 65y 9m 3d (gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #39576725).

<sup>173</sup> Pedigree Resource File, familysearch.org. The death record of Paul's son Andrew J. Tarr records his death in Bowdoin on 5 Feb. 1905, aged 74y 1m 12d, and his parents Paul Tarr and Hannah J. Grover (Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com)

<sup>174</sup> Pedigree Resource File, familysearch.org.

<sup>175</sup> Gravestone photo, West Bowdoin Cemetery, findagrave.com, memorial #39576631. Apparently the compiler of *Bowdoin VRs* could not distinguish a 4 from a 1, as that source reports incorrectly that Hannah d. 9 Nov. 1861, aged 61y 1m 11d, citing the gravestone.

<sup>176</sup> The findagrave.com submitter-posted entry for son Daniel M. Tarr lists 3 siblings without documentation (memorial #65245578); Hannah Tarr's probate petition (note 172) records son

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>159</sup> Anderson, *Brunswick VRs*, 42; his parents m. Harpswell, 18 Jan. 1775 (Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 27).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>160</sup> Gravestone photo, Jackman Corner Cemetery, Sangerville, Maine, findagrave.com, memorial #40398200.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>161</sup> Anderson, Brunswick VRs, 63.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>162</sup> Topsham VRs, 2:383.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>163</sup> Anderson, Brunswick VRs, 158, Abigail "Rodock"; Clason, History of Litchfield, 348, Abigail "Rodick."

- 8 William Tarr, b. 1 July 1797, d. Bowdoin, 19 April 1879, and bur. in Niles Cemetery;<sup>177</sup> m. say 1825 (1st child b. 11 Jan. 1826), Rebecca Hopkins, b. Bowdoin, 1802, daughter of Elisha and Rebecca (Mareen) Hopkins,<sup>178</sup> d. Bowdoin, 26 June 1860,<sup>179</sup> and bur. with William in Niles Cemetery.<sup>180</sup> 12 children.<sup>181</sup>
- 9 Joseph Tarr, b. 4 Aug. 1800, d. Bowdoin, 31 July 1851, aged 51y;<sup>182</sup> m. before 24 Feb. 1822 (birth of 1st child), Lydia Booker,<sup>183</sup> b. ca. 1799, living in Bowdoin with Joseph in 1850.<sup>184</sup> At least 4 children.<sup>185</sup>
- v BETTY TARR, bp. Harpswell, 14 May 1760,<sup>186</sup> presumably d. prior to 27 Feb. 1777, when not mentioned in William Tarr Jr.'s deed of that date disposing of his father's estate.<sup>187</sup> No further information found.

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<sup>179</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:126.

<sup>180</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #114848573, aged 58y.

<sup>181</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:206–8.

<sup>182</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:126.

<sup>183</sup> The death record of Joseph's son William Tarr records his birth on 24 Feb. 1822, his death on 13 April 1900, aged 78y 1m 20d, and his parents Joseph Tarr and Lydia Booker (Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com).

<sup>184</sup> Joseph Tarr household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 338, #252/252.

<sup>185</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:207, records son William, b. 22 Feb. 1825; Maine Vital Records, 1670– 1907, database, family search.org, records his calculated birth as 24 Feb. 1822; Maine Death Records, 1617–1922, database, family search.org, records the death of sons Joseph and Isaac; Maine, J. Gary Nicholas Cemetery Collection ca. 1780–1990, database, familysearch.com records the death of daughter Joanna. Lydia (Booker) Tarr may be the female enumerated as "Lizzie Tarr, age 70, idiotic," living with her unmarried sons William, aged 48, and Isaac, aged 36, in the William Tarr household, 1870 United States Census, Bowdoin, Sagadahoc, Maine, p. 347B, #262/240.

<sup>186</sup> Eaton, Harpswell Church Records, 14.

<sup>187</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 10:145–46.

Philip; Massachusetts Death Records, 1841–1915, ancestry.com, records the death of daughter Miranda A. Tarr.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>177</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 2:126; gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #114848438, the stone only listing his years of birth and death, 1798[*sic*]–1897.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>178</sup> Bowdoin VRs, 1:118: Rebecca Hopkins, "d. Elisha and Rebecca (Mareen), — 1802, w. of William Tarr." The death record of Abbie Douglass, who d. Bowdoin, 25 Nov. 1896, aged 68y 4m, records her parents as William Tarr, b. Bowdoin, and Rebecca Hopkins, b. Bowdoin (Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com).

### THE FAMILIES OF SAMUEL AND NATHANIEL CUMMINGS OF KENNEBEC COUNTY, MAINE

#### By Joseph C. Anderson II, FASG

(concluded from p. 117)

3 NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup> CUMMINGS (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2-1</sup>) was born in Stoughton, Massachusetts, 8 May 1743.<sup>233</sup> He died in Augusta, Maine, 4 January 1814, aged 72 years, exactly one week after the death of his son Nathaniel Jr.<sup>234</sup> Nathaniel married, first, in Stoughton, 15 November 1770, CHLOE FORREST,<sup>235</sup> whose birth date and parentage are unknown,<sup>236</sup> and who died in Stoughton, 16 March 1773.<sup>237</sup> As a resident of Stoughtonham, Nathaniel married, secondly, in Dedham, Massachusetts, 27 April 1775, ELIZABETH WHITE.<sup>238</sup> Elizabeth was baptized in Dedham, 28 April 1754, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Talbot) White.<sup>239</sup> Her date of death has not been found.<sup>240</sup> On 25 January 1814. Elizabeth told the probate court: "I have given up to [son-in-law and son] John Dutton and Samuel Comings to settle [Nathaniel's] estate."241 She was still living on 31 October 1815, when the administrators sold the future reversion of her dower in order to pay debts owed by Nathaniel's estate.242 On 11 July 1815, [her brother] Joel White of Winthrop, was made her guardian, Elizabeth then adjudged non compos mentis and unable to care for herself. The inventory of her estate, dated the next day, totaled \$120.44, and included two cows, a hog, two sheep, a horse sleigh, four tons of grass, corn, potatoes, flax, wheat, oats, peas, apples, and an assortment of small household items.<sup>243</sup>

The births and baptisms of Nathaniel's children reveal that the family moved from Stoughtonham [Sharon] to Dedham, Massachusetts, between 1785 and 1787.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>233</sup> Endicott, Stoughton VRs, 52.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>234</sup> Death notice, [Augusta] *Herald of Liberty*, issue of Saturday, 8 Jan. 1814 [accessed via genealogybank.com, which incorrectly indexes the date of the issue as 8 Jan. 1813]: "on Tuesday last."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>235</sup> Sharon VRs, 85.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>236</sup> She was possibly an unrecorded daughter of John Forest Jr. of Stoughton and Sarah Welman of Norton, Mass., who m. Stoughton, 13 July 1749 (*Vital Records of Norton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Boston, 1906], 236), but the identification is unproven.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>237</sup> Sharon VRs, 159.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>238</sup> Hanson, Dedham VRs, 245.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>239</sup> Hanson, *Dedham VRs*, 203 (baptism); her parents m. 29 Nov. 1739 (Endicott, *Stoughton VRs*, 32). Elizabeth was a sister of Ruth White, who married John Cummings of Winthrop [note 35], and of Joel White, who married Nathaniel's niece Amelia/Mella/Milley Cummings (see correction on p. 177).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>240</sup> Unless she was the otherwise unidentified "Mrs. Cummings," who d. Augusta, 26 June 1829, aged 68 [*sic*] (*Augusta VRs*, 2:276).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>241</sup> Nathaniel Comings estate, Kennebec Co. Probate Records, C-6-R.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>242</sup> Nathaniel Comings estate, Kennebec Co. Probate Records, C-6-R.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>243</sup> Elizabeth Comings, non compos mentis, Kennebec Co. Probate Records, C-6-R.

Two important deeds illuminate Elizabeth's extended family. On 2 January 1787, Nathaniel Comings of Dedham, yeoman, received from the heirs of the widow Sarah White, late of Dedham, deceased, a quitclaim deed for the homestead farm in Dedham.<sup>244</sup> Seven years later, 1 March 1794, Nathaniel Comings of Dedham, yeoman, purchased from Sarah's heirs the "land set off as thirds to Sarah White widow of Benjamin White."<sup>245</sup>

Nathaniel "Cummins" was enumerated in Dedham in 1790, his household containing a male 16 and above [Nathaniel], two males under 16 [Nathaniel Jr. and Samuel], and six females [wife Elizabeth and daughters Susanna, Chloe, Lucy, Betsey, and Mary].<sup>246</sup> The 1800 census of Augusta indicates that family moved from Massachusetts to Maine in 1795, where Nathaniel's brother Samuel was already living.<sup>247</sup> On 1 February 1796, Nathaniel Comings of Hallowell, yeoman, purchased from Samuel Comings of Hallowell, yeoman, two tracts of land on the west side of the Kennebec River, being parts of lots 6 and 7 in the third range, comprising nearly fifty-five acres.<sup>248</sup> Over the years, Nathaniel bought and sold other tracts of land in Augusta. When he died, his real estate was appraised at \$1537.34, and was made up of the thirty-two-acre homestead farm in Augusta, being the westerly end of lot No. 7, eight acres lying south of the road opposite Nathaniel's house, being part of lot No. 6, and forty acres of land "being part of the gore laying to the west side of the 3<sup>d</sup> Mile and bounded on the north by Comings brook." The personal estate consisted of livestock, farming equipment, household furniture, wearing apparel, provisions, and notes of hand-the total appraised at \$565.30.249

Child of Nathaniel<sup>5</sup> Cummings and his 1st wife, Chloe (Forrest):

i SUSANNA<sup>6</sup> CUMMINGS, b. Stoughton, Mass., 26 Jan. 1772,<sup>250</sup> d. 15 Feb. 1861, age 89y 20d, and bur. in Kling Cemetery, Augusta;<sup>251</sup> m. Sharon, Mass., 28 Nov.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>244</sup> Norfolk Co., Mass., Deeds, 3:156. The heirs named on the deed were: Capt. Abel Richards, Ebenezer White, George White, and Samuel Gay of Dedham; Ezra Tilden of Stoughton, yeoman; and John Comings, Benj<sup>a</sup> White, John White, and Joel White of Winthrop, Co. of Lincoln, yeomen.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>245</sup> Norfolk Co. Deeds, 5:146. The heirs named were: Ruth Comings, John White, Joel White (described as "children of Benjamin White late of Dedham decd & Sarah his wife"); J. Cheney & Susanna his wife, D. Robbins & Unice his wife, J. Wadsworth, S. Foster & Jerusha his wife, A. Wadsworth, E. Briggs & Mary his wife, and Moses Wadsworth (described as "children or married to children of Jerusha Haws formerly Wadsworth daughter of sd Benjamin White & Sarah, decd").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>246</sup> Nat<sup>1</sup> Cummins household, 1790 U.S. Census, Dedham, Suffolk Co., Mass., *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Massachusetts* (Washington, 1908), 198, col. c.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>247</sup> Nathaniel Cummings household, 1800 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 1164. This census includes a column indicating when and from where the head of household migrated to Maine.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>248</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 9:471.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>249</sup> Nathaniel Comings estate, Kennebec Co. Probate Records, C-6-R.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>250</sup> Sharon VRs, 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>251</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #58581836.

1792, JOHN CONEY,<sup>252</sup> b. Stoughton, 20 Sept. 1767, son of John and Keziah (Holmes) Coney.<sup>253</sup> According to his gravestone, John d. 26 April 1821, aged 53y 7m, and is bur. with Susannah in Kling Cemetery.<sup>254</sup> This date, however, must be incorrect, as John gave a mortgage to his son Charles on 29 Nov. 1821.<sup>255</sup> John and Susanna moved to Augusta between 1800 and 1803, where he evidently lived until his death.

Children of John and Susanna (Cummings) Coney:256

- 1 Otis Coney, b. 15 Dec. 1793, d. as a resident of Freedom, Maine, 15 Dec. 1826, and bur. Malden, Mass.;<sup>257</sup> m. Augusta, 20 May 1821, Mary Briggs.<sup>258</sup>
- 2 Sally Coney, b. 15 Nov. 1795, d. Augusta, 15 Aug. 1844; m. Hallowell, 22 Sept. 1816, [her 2nd cousin] James Hewins.<sup>259</sup>
- 3 Charles H. Coney, b. 26 Nov. 1797, d. prob. Portland, Maine, 3 July 1832; m. Portland, 8 Feb. 1827, Ann B. Kendall.<sup>260</sup>
- 4 Susan Coney, b. 12 July 1800, d. [calc.] 24 Sept. 1800, aged 2m 12d.<sup>261</sup>
- 5 John Coney, b. Augusta, 16 Feb. 1803, d. Hallowell, 7 Dec. 1876; m. Augusta, 2 Dec. 1824, Experience Reed.
- 6 Susan Coney, b. 31 May 1808, d. Monson, Maine, 7 Aug. 1835, aged 27y; m. Augusta, 10 Jan. 1826, Nelson Savage.
- 7 *George W. Coney*, b. Augusta, 6 April 1810, d. Augusta, 10 May 1886; m. (1) 10 Nov. 1831, Araliza Shaw; m. (2) 18 Jan. 1835, Mahala Shaw.
- 8 reportedly (but not proven) Ann Coney, b. say 1812; m. Bement of N.Y.

Children of Nathaniel<sup>5</sup> Cummings and his 2nd wife, Elizabeth (White):

ii CHLOE CUMMINGS, b. Stoughtonham, Mass., 15 Feb. 1776,<sup>262</sup> d. [14?] Feb. 1841, aged 65y, and bur. (with her stepson David Titcomb) in Tiffany Cemetery, Sidney;<sup>263</sup> m. (int.) Belgrade, Maine, 4 Jan. 1816, SAMUEL TITCOMB, Esq., as his 2nd wife,<sup>264</sup> b. Wells, Maine (the part now Kennebunk), 27 May 1758, son of Stephen and Abigail (Stone) Titcomb,<sup>265</sup> d. 18 Sept. 1849, aged 93y [*sic*], and bur. in Woodside

<sup>262</sup> Sharon VRs, 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>252</sup> Sharon VRs, 85.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>253</sup> Sharon VRs, 20; his parents m. 19 April 1763 (ibid., 85).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>254</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #58581618.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>255</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 41:138.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>256</sup> All information, except as otherwise cited, from Holman, John Coney, 155, 192–97.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>257</sup> Waldo Co., Maine, Probate Records, 2:3; Deloraine P. Corey, *Births, Marriages and Deaths in the Town of Malden, Massachusetts, 1649–1850* (Cambridge, Mass., 1903), 337.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>258</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:215; see also Eben W. Graves and Norman D. Eaton, "William<sup>5</sup> Briggs of Taunton, Walpole, and Stoughton, Massachusetts, and Augusta, Maine, and His Children," *The Maine Genealogist* 38(2016):3–22, at 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>259</sup> Hallowell VRs, 3:92. James Hewins was a son of Zilpha<sup>6</sup> (Cummings) Hewins (Samuel<sup>5</sup> Cummings, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2-1</sup>), see above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>260</sup> Portland Marriages, 4:43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>261</sup> Rev. George Mooar, *Cummings Memorial*... (New York, 1903), 90.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>263</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 2535.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>264</sup> Belgrade Intentions and Marriages, 1812–1857, unpaginated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>265</sup> For full information on this Titcomb family with documentation, see Stephen Titcomb sketch in Joseph C. Anderson II, ed., *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 7* (Rockport, Maine, 2001), 515–18.

Cemetery, Belgrade.<sup>266</sup> Samuel had m. (1) Vassalboro, Maine, 6 March 1795, Nancy Tiffany of Sidney, who d. Augusta, 18 Feb. 1809.<sup>267</sup> Chloe and her sister Lucy witnessed a deed dated 21 April 1792, when Nathaniel and Elizabeth Cummings of Dedham, Mass., sold to Benjamin Hanse of Walpole, Mass., meadow land in Pigeon Swamp in Sharon, Mass.<sup>268</sup> On 1 July 1811, Chloe Comings witnessed a deed in which [her brothers-in-law] Ahasuerus Dutton and John Dutton of Sidney sold a part of lot No. 35 in Sidney to [her brother] Samuel Comings 3<sup>d</sup> of Augusta.<sup>269</sup> She is undoubtedly the same Chloe Cummings who made a \$64.40 claim against the estate of Nathaniel Cummings late of Augusta, as noted in an administrator's account dated 22 Nov. 1815.<sup>270</sup> Samuel Titcomb came to Hallowell about 1783, where he was a merchant and the second postmaster. He moved to Belgrade in 1815, and built with John Pitts an academy known as the Titcomb Belgrade Academy.<sup>271</sup>

Child of Samuel and Chloe (Cummings) Titcomb:272

- 1 Samuel Titcomb, b. Belgrade, 19 July 1820, d. 13 Jan. 1892, and bur. in Forest Grove Cemetery, Augusta;<sup>273</sup> m. 20 Feb. 1845, Julia A. Kimball.<sup>274</sup> Samuel Titcomb was a lawyer in Augusta and served as Judge of the Municipal Court, city solicitor, and mayor in 1869 and 1870.<sup>275</sup>
- iii LUCY CUMMINGS, b. Stoughtonham, Mass., 6 Nov. 1777,<sup>276</sup> d. Sidney, Maine, 1 Aug. 1839, "of consumption," aged 61y;<sup>277</sup> m. Augusta, 3 Feb. 1805, AHASUERUS DUTTON,<sup>278</sup> b. reportedly New Ipswich, N.H., 27 June 1782, son Jonas and Martha (Manning) Dutton,<sup>279</sup> d. 30 July 1820 in his 38th year.<sup>280</sup>

<sup>273</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 379, his stone giving his dates of birth and death.

<sup>277</sup> David C. Young and Benjamin Lewis Keene, *Abstracts of Death Notices (1833–1852 and Miscellaneous News Articles (1833–1924) from the Maine Farmer* (Bowie, Md., 1977), 104, citing issue of 17 Aug. 1839 (hereafter cited as *Maine Farmer Deaths*).

<sup>278</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:259. The unusual Biblical name Ahasuerus, which looks like quite a mouthful to English speakers, is pronounced a-HAZ-a-rus, rhyming with Lazarus.

<sup>279</sup> Ahasuerus is claimed in the comprehensive Dick Dutton's Master File (http://wc.rootsweb. ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=dickdutton) as b. N.H., 27 June 1782, son of Jonas and Martha (Manning) Dutton of New Ipswich, N.H., and Augusta. The exactness of his and his siblings' birth dates suggest the existence of a family Bible. Jonas Dutton appears on several Augusta/Hallowell town lists beginning as early as 1777 (North, *History of Augusta* [note 170], 139, 186), and Martha was a head of household in 1800 in Augusta, living with 4 probable sons aged 16–25 (1800 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 289). She is likely the Mrs. Martha Dutton who m. Augusta, 5 Aug. 1804, Stephen Osgood of Hallowell (*Augusta VRs*, 1:304). Widow Martha Osgood d. Augusta, 11 or 13 May 1829, aged 70 or 71, thus b. about 1758 or 1759 (*Augusta VRs*, 2:386). According to Dick Dutton, Martha (Manning) Dutton was b. 8 Aug. 1757.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>266</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, memorial #116556859.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>267</sup> Stephen Titcomb sketch [note 265].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>268</sup> Suffolk Co. Deeds, 173:99.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>269</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 21:66.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>270</sup> Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 13:18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>271</sup> North, *History of Augusta* [note 170], 947.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>272</sup> North, *History of Augusta* [note 170], 947.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>274</sup> North, *History of Augusta* [note 170], 947.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>275</sup> North, *History of Augusta* [note 170], 947.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>276</sup> Sharon VRs, 20.

On 1 Sept. 1807, Ahasuerus Dutton and John Dutton contracted with Kennebec proprietor James Bowdoin of Boston to purchase the two hundred acres in Sidney where they were already living, the transaction being finalized on 18 April 1812, when Ahasueurus and John paid Bowdoin's widow, Sarah, \$1200 for the property. The land was described as comprising the southerly two-thirds of lot No. 35 in the 2nd range of lots.<sup>281</sup> On 1 July 1811, Ahasuerus and John sold about fifty acres of this property to their brother-in-law, Samuel Comings 3<sup>d</sup>.<sup>282</sup> On 5 Aug. 1815, Ahasuerus purchased from Andrew Rogers of Augusta fifty acres in lot No. 32 in Sidney.<sup>283</sup>

Ahasuerus Dutton of Sidney, husbandman, "being in a low state of bodily health," made his will on 5 June 1820.<sup>284</sup> In it he named his wife Lucy, his three sons David, Nathaniel, and Charles Dutton, and his three minor daughters Nancy, Eliza, and Paulina Dutton, and named his brother John Dutton executor. The inventory, ordered 26 Sept. 1820 and totaling \$1681.51, included the home farm of about 87 acres in Sidney in lots No. 32 and 35, other parcels of land, and personal estate typical of a prosperous farmer.<sup>285</sup> On 29 Nov. 1831, Lucy Dutton of Sidney, widow, requested that James Shaw of Sidney, gentleman, be appointed guardian of her youngest son, Charles Dutton, a minor under fourteen years of age.<sup>286</sup>

Children of Ahasuerus and Lucy (Cummings) Dutton:287

- 1 Nancy S. Dutton, b. ca. 1806, d. 30 May 1839 of consumption, aged 33y.288
- 2 David Dutton, b. 12 Dec. 1808, d. 20 Oct. 1900;<sup>289</sup> m. Martha Savage.<sup>290</sup>
- 3 Nathaniel C. Dutton, b. ca. 1810,<sup>291</sup> d. Augusta, 15 Jan. 1853, aged 42y;<sup>292</sup> m.
   (1) (int.) Augusta, 5 Oct. 1834, Sarah Savage;<sup>293</sup> m. (2) Augusta, 4 April 1844, Betsey Shaw.<sup>294</sup>
- 4 Eliza C. Dutton, m. (int.) Sidney, 28 Sept. 1839, Cyrus L. Springer of Readfield, Maine.<sup>295</sup>

<sup>287</sup> As named in Ahasuerus's will [note 284].

<sup>288</sup> Maine Farmer Deaths, 104, citing issue of 8 June 1839; Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 2489, bur. Reynolds Hill Cemetery, Sidney.

<sup>289</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 2489, birth and death dates from gravestone in Reynolds Hill Cemetery, Sidney.

<sup>290</sup> Martha S. Dutton death record, 1892, Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, ancestry.com.

<sup>291</sup> He was aged 40y in Nathaniel Dutton household, 1850 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 95.

<sup>294</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:304.

<sup>295</sup> Sidney Marriage Intentions, 1822–54, p. 60.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>280</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 2489, Reynolds Hill Cemetery, Sidney.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>281</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 20:71.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>282</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 21:66.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>283</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 24:302.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>284</sup> Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 19:53–54.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>285</sup> Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 19:172–73.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>286</sup> Lucy's request is filed on a slip of paper within the probate packet of her brother-in-law John Dutton (Kennebec Co. Probate Records, D-6). James Shaw was also appointed guardian of John Dutton's minor children.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>292</sup> Augusta VRs, 2:289.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>293</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:304.

- 5 Paulina Dutton, b. ca. 1817, d. 1 Sept. 1837, aged 20y.296
- 6 Charles Dutton, b. ca. 1818, d. Augusta, 23 Oct. 1865, aged 47y;<sup>297</sup> m. (1) (int.) Augusta, 18 Sept. 1844, Kesiah H. Hussey;<sup>298</sup> m. (2) Waterville, Maine, 24 Aug. 1853, Eliza A. Munsey;<sup>299</sup> m. (3) Waterville, 28 June 1854, Harriet B. Blethen.<sup>300</sup>
- iv NABBY CUMMINGS, bp. Stoughtonham, Mass., 15 Sept. 1780,<sup>301</sup> apparently not living with the family in the 1790 census, likely d. young.
  - BETSEY CUMMINGS, b. [calc.] 14 July 1782 and bp. Stoughtonham, Mass., 6 Oct. 1782,302 d. prob. Corinna, Maine, 26 July 1867, aged 84y 11m 12d, and bur. in Corinna Corner Cemetery;<sup>303</sup> m. Augusta, 25 March 1806, JOHN BRIGGS,<sup>304</sup> b. [calc.] 14 July 1784, son of William and Mary (Fisher) Briggs of Massachusetts and Augusta,<sup>305</sup> d. Corinna, 1 Nov. 1870, aged 86y [sic] 3m 17d, and bur. with Betsey in Corinna Corner Cemetery.<sup>306</sup> John Briggs was described as a yeoman of Augusta on 10 May 1811, when he purchased from [his father-in-law] Nathaniel Cummings of Augusta twelve acres adjoining Nathaniel's homestead on lot #7 in Augusta. Not long afterwards John was living in Sidney, where Betsey's brother Samuel Cummings 2d and brothers-in-law Ahasuerus and John Dutton also lived. John Briggs and his family reportedly moved to Corinna in 1816 and were listed there from 1820 to 1870 in census records. In his will dated 1 Aug. 1870, John Briggs of Corinna named daughters Sophia E. Mower of Corinna, Mary Ann Blaisdell of Corinna, and Harriet J. Stinchfield of St. Albans; the children of daughter Nancy D. Emery deceased; and sons John A. of Corinna, Thomas J. of Corinna, William C. of Corinna, and Asa of Dover.307

Children of John and Betsey (Cummings) Briggs:<sup>308</sup>

<sup>304</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:215.

<sup>305</sup> For a fully documented account of this Briggs family, see Eben W. Graves and Norman D. Eaton, "William<sup>5</sup> Briggs of Taunton, Walpole, and Stoughton, Massachusetts, and Augusta, Maine, and His Children," *The Maine Genealogist* 38(2016):3–22, at 19–20. Based on his age inscribed on his cemetery stone and on census enumerations, this John was probably not the John Briggs bp. 1st Church of Stoughton, Mass., 5 March 1780, son of William and Mary (Fisher) Briggs (William H. Capen, "Stoughton, Mass., Church Records," NEHGR 128[1974]:274). That John was probably an older namesake brother who d. young. In both the 1850 and 1860 censuses, John was listed as being younger than Betsey, he aged 64 and she aged 67 in 1850, and he aged 75 and she aged 77 in 1860 (U.S. Censuses, Corinna, Penobscot Co., Maine, pp. 56 [1850], 91 [1860]).

<sup>306</sup> Gravestone photograph, findagrave.com, memorial #92740110.

<sup>307</sup> Ruth Gray, ed., *Abstracts of Penobscot County, Maine, Probate Records, 1816–1883* (Camden, Maine, 1993), 276 (hereafter cited as Gray, *Penobscot Co. Probate Records*).

<sup>308</sup> All information from Graves and Eaton, "William<sup>5</sup> Briggs of Taunton . . ." [note 305], 20–22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>296</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 2489, bur. Reynolds Hill Cemetery, Sidney.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>297</sup> Augusta VRs, 2:289.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>298</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:304.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>299</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>300</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>301</sup> Sharon VRs, 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>302</sup> Sharon VRs, 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>303</sup> Gravestone photograph, findagrave.com, memorial #92740110. The 1850 census says she was b. Maine and the 1860 census says she was b. Mass. [note 305].

- 1 Sophia E. Briggs, b. 7 Jan. 1807, d. 18 Oct. 1883, aged 76y; m. Corinna, 27 June 1843, Artemas Mower.
- 2 John A. Briggs, b. 5 Sept. 1808, d. 3 July 1878, aged 69y 10m; m. (1) Corinna, 13 or 30 March 1842, Sarah McLure; m. (2) (cert.) Corinna, 21 Nov. 1855, Mary Goodwin.
- 3 *Thomas Jefferson Briggs*, b. 11 April 1810, d. 14 May 1884; m. Corinna, 17 Dec. 1838, Martha Ann Buxton.
- 4 William C. Briggs, b. 24 Nov. 1813, d. Corinna, 2 March 1894, aged 80y 3m 6d; m Corinna, 14 April 1839, Lucinda Andrews.
- 5 Mary Ann Briggs, b. 23 Oct. 1815, d. 24 July 1901; m. Corinna, 20 March 1836, John W. Blaisdell.
- 6 Asa C. Briggs, b. 19 Nov. 1817, d. Portland, 30 March 1868, aged 50y 4m 11d; m. (cert.) Corinna, 26 May 1842, Margaret M. Fuller.
- 7 Harriet J. Briggs, b. 7 May 1820, d. 16 Nov. 1869, aged 49y 6m; m. (cert.) Corinna, 19 April 1842, Alphonso Stinchfield.
- 8 *Nancy D. Briggs*, b. 25 July 1822, d. Geneseo, Henry Co., Ill., 13 Dec. 1866; m. Corinna, 2 May 1847, Thomas B. Emery.
- vi MARY/POLLY CUMMINGS, b. [calc.] 11 Oct. 1783 and bp. Sharon, Mass., 3 July 1785,<sup>309</sup> d. 2 June 1849, aged 65y 7m 21d;<sup>310</sup> m. Augusta, 14 March 1805, JOHN DUTTON,<sup>311</sup> b. reportedly New Ipswich, N.H., 14 March 1784, son of Jonas and Martha (Manning) Dutton and brother of Ahasuerus Dutton who m. Mary's sister Lucy (above),<sup>312</sup> d. 7 July 1828, aged 44y, and bur. with Mary in Reynolds Hill Cemetery, Sidney.<sup>313</sup>

John Dutton served with his brother-in-law Samuel Cummings 2<sup>d</sup> as administrators of Nathaniel Cummings's estate in 1814–15. John and his brother Asahuerus Dutton jointly owned property in Sidney where they lived and farmed, and they sold fifty acres to Samuel in 1811.<sup>314</sup> On 15 May 1819, John Dutton of Sidney bought for \$625 from Andrew Rogers of Augusta 62½ acres, being part of lot No. 20 in Augusta on the second mile west of the Kennebec River.<sup>315</sup> He may have moved to Augusta at this time, as he was styled John Dutton of Augusta in later deeds.<sup>316</sup>

On 13 Sept. 1828, Mary Dutton of Augusta, widow, was appointed administratrix of the estate of her late husband, John Dutton of Augusta, yeoman. The inventory valued the estate at \$4384.57, with real estate of \$2523.50, made up of the home-stead farm in Augusta, one half of a sawmill, and a lot of land owned in common

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>309</sup> Sharon VRs, 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>310</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 2489, Reynolds Hill Cemetery, Sidney.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>311</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:259.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>312</sup> Dick Dutton's Master File [note 279] and other online postings give his date of birth as 14 March 1784 in New Ipswich, son of Joshua and Martha (Manning) Dutton. That he was a brother of Ahasuerus Dutton, above, is confirmed in Ahasuerus's probate record.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>313</sup> Maine, Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, familysearch.org; his death notice was published 16 July 1828 in the *Columbian Centinel* newspaper U.S., Newspaper Extractions from the Northeast, 1704–1930, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>314</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 21:66.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>315</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 33:301.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>316</sup> For example, Kennebec Co. Deeds, 45:426 (1823), 52:433 (1825).

with the heirs of Ahasuerus Dutton. On 28 Sept. 1830, John Dutton, a minor child of John Dutton above 14 years of age, selected James Shaw of Sidney to be his guardian. On 28 March 1833, James Shaw was appointed guardian of Reuel Dutton, Lucretia Carlisle Dutton, and Elbridge Ahasuerus Dutton, minors under 14 years of age. When the estate was divided on 17 June 1833, the heirs were listed as Samuel H. Dutton, Lucretia C. Dutton, Martha Dutton (who was living out of the state, but represented by Enoch Rowell, attorney), John Dutton, Reuel Dutton, and Elbridge D. [*sic*] Dutton.<sup>317</sup>

Children of John and Mary/Polly (Cummings) Dutton:<sup>318</sup>

1 Otis Dutton, b. 15 Dec. 1805, d. 6 Dec. 1807 in his 2nd year.<sup>319</sup>

- 2 Martha M. Dutton, b. 19 Dec. 1807 or 1808,<sup>320</sup> d. 4 May 1876 and bur. in Viroqua Cemetery, Viroqua, Vernon Co., Wisc.;<sup>321</sup> m. Muskingum Co., Ohio, 25 Aug 1846, Jesse Green,<sup>322</sup> ex-spouse of Martha's aunt, Ruth Cummings (see further information below).
- 3 Samuel H. Dutton, b. 4 June 1810, d. 20 March 1866, aged 56y 2m, apparently unmarried.<sup>323</sup>
- John L. Dutton, b. 14 May 1814, d. Augusta, 18 Oct. 1883, aged 65y;<sup>324</sup> m. (1)
   Quincy, Mass., 7 April 1839, Eliza Ann Colburn,<sup>325</sup> who d. Quincy, Mass., 13
   Nov. 1846;<sup>326</sup> m. (2) Augusta, 19 March 1848, Rebecca Wait of Hallowell.<sup>327</sup>
- 5 Reuel Dutton, b. 27 Dec. 1817, d. 23 June 1834, aged 16y.<sup>328</sup>
- 6 Henry A. Dutton, b. 11 April 1820, d. Augusta, 9 Dec. 1831, aged 11y.<sup>329</sup>
- 7 Lucretia Carlisle Dutton, b. 23 June 1823, d. 28 Jan. 1894, aged 70y 7m 5d;<sup>330</sup> m. (int.) Augusta, 9 Aug. 1846, Jonathan B. Pinkham.<sup>331</sup>
- 8 Elbridge Ahasuerus Dutton, b. 25 Feb. 1827, d. Augusta 25 June 1895;<sup>332</sup> m. Augusta, 28 Oct. 1852, Lucy E. Whitney of Farmingdale.<sup>333</sup>

<sup>322</sup> Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–2013, database, familysearch.org (photo).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>317</sup> Kennebec Co. Probate Records, D-6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>318</sup> Exact birth dates from Dick Dutton's Master file [note 279], possibly taken from a family Bible record, although Dutton mistakenly gives "Ellen" A. Dutton for "Elbridge" A. Dutton. These birth dates appear accurate and are supported by the children's ages given in various census, cemetery, and other records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>319</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 2489, Reynolds Hill Cemetery, Sidney.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>320</sup> 19 Dec. 1807 according to Dick Dutton's Master File [note 279], 19 Dec. 1808 according to her gravestone.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>321</sup> Gravestone phone, findagrave.com, memorial #82176618.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>323</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 2489, Reynolds Hill Cemetery, Sidney. In 1850 Samuel Dutton, aged 40y, was living in Augusta with his brother Elbridge Dutton, aged 23y, both described as laborers (U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 96).

<sup>324</sup> Augusta VRs, 2:289.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>325</sup> Quincy, MA: Church Records, 1762–1870, database, newenglandancestors.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>326</sup> Quincy, MA: Vital Records to 1875, database, newenglandancestors.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>327</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:304.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>328</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 2489, Reynolds Hill Cemetery, Sidney.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>329</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 2489, Reynolds Hill Cemetery, Sidney.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>330</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 128, Townsend Cemetery, Augusta.

<sup>331</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:304.

9 Harriet Dutton, b. 10 Jan. 1829, d. 13 Dec. 1831, aged 2y.<sup>334</sup>

- vii NATHANIEL CUMMINGS [Jr.], b. ca. 1785,<sup>335</sup> d. Augusta, "very suddenly," 29 Dec. 1813 (exactly one week before his father's death), as "Mr. Nathl. Cumings, jun.," aged 28.<sup>336</sup>
- viii SAMUEL CUMMINGS, b. ca. 1787 and bp. Dedham, Mass., 28 Feb. 1788,<sup>337</sup> d. 9 June 1854, aged 67y<sup>338</sup> (or d. Kingsbury Plantation, Maine, 6 June 1856<sup>339</sup>); m. (int.) Sidney, 17 Aug. 1816, MARY PITTS both of Sidney,<sup>340</sup> b. ca. May 1795, daughter of Ichabod and Mary (Blackman) Pitts of Sidney,<sup>341</sup> d. Kingsbury Plantation, 18 March 1856, aged 60y 10m.<sup>342</sup>

Samuel was described in the records as Samuel Cummings "3<sup>d</sup>" until his uncle Samuel Cummings died in 1811, and was thereafter referred to as Samuel Cummings "2<sup>d</sup>" (his cousin Samuel Cummings, son of his uncle Samuel, was older and was thus Samuel "Sr."). In 1813 and 1814, Samuel "2d" and his brother-in-law John Dut-

<sup>334</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 2489, Reynolds Hill Cemetery, Sidney.

<sup>335</sup> With his sister Mary b. in Oct. 1783 and his brother Samuel b. ca. 1787, a birth date for Nathaniel ca. 1785 appears reasonably spaced. While Nathaniel's age of 28 at his death supports that he was born ca. 1785, he was not baptized with Mary on 3 July 1785, and thus was likely born a short time afterwards.

<sup>336</sup> [Augusta] *Herald of Liberty*, issue of 1 Jan. 1814, p. 3 [accessed via genealogybank.com, which incorrectly indexes the date of the issue as 1 Jan. 1813]: "on Tuesday last."

- <sup>337</sup> Hanson, *Dedham VRs*, 43.
- <sup>338</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 233, Kling Cemetery, Augusta.
- <sup>339</sup> Sidney VRs, Deaths 1802–1892, p. 220.
- <sup>340</sup> Sidney VRs, Marriage Intentions, p. 332.

<sup>341</sup> Mary's parentage is proved by the quitclaim deed to Albert Smith [note 344]. Further proof is found in a newspaper notice relating to the disposition of Ichabod Pitts's estate, published in the [Augusta] *Age*, issue of 18 June 1839, p. 3 [accessed via genealogybank.com], which reads in part: "Samuel Comings 2d of Sidney in said County, and Mary Comings, wife of said Samuel, and Adam Pitts of Centreville in the County of Allegany and State of New York, respectfully represent that the said Mary Comings and the said Adam Pitts are children and heirs of Ichabod Pitts, late of Sidney, aforesaid, deceased...." Ichabod Pitts of Hallowell m. Stoughton, Mass., 9 Oct. 1788, Mary Blackman of Stoughton (Endicott, *Stoughton VRs*, 238).

Ichabod Pitts led a sad life and had a violent death, as revealed in this notice from the *Bangor Weekly Register*, 12 April 1831, p. 3: "HORRID DEATH. On Thursday 31st ult. Mr. Ichabod Pitts, of Sidney, was burned to death in the most shocking manner. He had been subject to derangement for 37 years, and during the last six years he had been kept in a strong cage, which stood a few feet from the fire, in a building prepared for his confinement. More than once he had contrived to draw out coals and set the building on fire by tearing his clothes into strips and throwing one end of them through the grates of his cage into the fire. On Thursday, the house was discovered to be in flames, whether communicated by a spark or otherwise, it is not known, and before they could be extinguished, life was gone, and a considerable part of the body consumed. One of the feet was burned entirely off. A friend had left the house not 20 minutes before the fire was discovered. Mr. Pitts originated in Taunton, Massachusetts, if we recollect."

<sup>342</sup> Sidney VRs, Deaths 1802–1892, p. 220; *Augusta VRs*, 2:267. She is bur. in Kling Cemetery, Augusta, with her husband (*Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 233).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>332</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, ancestry.com, his parents' names given as John Dutton and Mary Cummings, place of burial: Sidney

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>333</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:304.

ton served as administrators of Nathaniel Cummings's estate. Samuel lived most of his adult life in Sidney, where his children were recorded. By 1850, however, he and Mary, aged 64 and 55 years, respectively, were living in Kingsbury Plantation with their children Emeline, Charles N., and Mary A., in a household headed by Stephen Decker who would marry daughter Mary A. Cummings two years later.<sup>343</sup>

On 5 Feb. 1844, Samuel Comings 2<sup>d</sup> of Sidney, in consideration of \$100 paid by Albert Smith of Sidney, quitclaimed "all the right, title and interest in and to the homestead farm of Ichabod Pitts or Pitts farm, so called, in Sidney . . . containing one third part of about twenty nine and two thirds acres more or less." The deed was signed by Samuel Comings 2<sup>d</sup> "and Mary Comings wife of the Samuel Comings 2<sup>d</sup> in token of her relinquishing all her right and title in said premises."<sup>344</sup> This deed indicates that Mary had inherited her share of the property upon the death of Ichabod Pitts, her father.<sup>345</sup>

Children of Samuel and Mary (Pitts) Cummings, recorded Sidney:<sup>346</sup>

- Eliza W. Cummings, b. 2 July 1817, d. Worcester, Mass., 12 March 1894, aged 78y;<sup>347</sup> m. Augusta, 7 May 1843, John Nason.<sup>348</sup>
- 2 *Emeline B. Cummings*, b. 11 July 1819, d. 22 June 1880, aged 61y 1m 19d [*sic*];<sup>349</sup> m. (int.) Sidney, 18 June 1855, Beriah Ward.<sup>350</sup>
- 3 Seth P[itts] Cummings, b. 27 July 1821, d. Boston, Mass., 1 April 1887, aged 65y 8m 5d;<sup>351</sup> m. Cambridge, Mass., 1 Sept. 1847, Augusta B. Cottle.<sup>352</sup>
- 4 *Lucy D. Cummings*, b. 6 Jan. 1824, d. Augusta, 3 Feb. 1862, aged 38y,<sup>353</sup> m. (int.) Augusta, 19 April 1846, Luther W. Reed.<sup>354</sup>
- 5 *Chloe T[itcomb] Cummings*, b. 12 Sept. 1826, d. Boston, Mass., of typhoid fever, 28 Sept. 1849, aged 23y, single.<sup>355</sup>
- 6 Nancy P. Cummings, b. 31 May 1829.
- 7 Charles N. Cummings, b. 4 June 1832, d. Boston, Mass., of consumption, 25 Oct. 1854, aged 22y 4m, single.<sup>356</sup>

<sup>346</sup> Sidney VRs, Births 1746–1899, p. 167.

351 Mass. VRs, 1841-1910, 384:94.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>343</sup> Stephen Decker household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kingsbury, Piscataquis Co., Maine, p. 212.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>344</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 159:302.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>345</sup> A thick probate file for Ichabod Pitts Sr. documents his guardianship over many years (having been declared *non compos mentis*) and also documents the disposition of his estate after his death (Kennebec Co. Probate Records, P-6-R). Pages in the file indicate that he was a brother of Seth Pitts and Shubael Pitts and, therefore, a son of Seth Pitts of Readfield, Maine, whose will, dated 23 June 1807, names sons Seth, Shubal, and Ichabod, among other children (Kennebec Co. Probate Records, P-6-R). It is noted that Samuel and Mary named a son Seth P. Cummings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>347</sup> Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 447:761 [note 63].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>348</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:275.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>349</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 233, Sidney Cemetery, Sidney.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>350</sup> Sidney VRs, Marriage Intentions, 1855–1891, p. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>352</sup> Thomas W. Baldwin, comp., Vital Records of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850, 2 vols. (Boston, 1914–15), 2:84.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>353</sup> Augusta VRs, 2:407.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>354</sup> Augusta VRs, 2:81.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>355</sup> Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>356</sup> Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org.

- 8 Mary A. Cummings, b. 2 Jan. 1835, d. Wayland, Mass., 12 Feb. 1920, aged 85y 1m 10d;<sup>357</sup> m. Kingsbury, 23 May 1852, Stephen P. Decker.<sup>358</sup>
- ix BILLY CUMMINGS, bp. Dedham, Mass., 5 Jan. 1794, 359 d. Dedham, 11 Jan. 1794. 360
- x SALLY CUMMINGS, bp. Dedham, Mass., 3 May 1795.<sup>361</sup> [She is perhaps the Sarah Comings who m. Augusta, 12 Feb. 1815, Daniel W. Libby,<sup>362</sup> although this identification is unproven. Daniel and Sarah Libby were in Carthage, Maine, in 1850 and 1860, she aged 58y in 1850 (i.e., b. ca. 1792) and 70y in 1860 (i.e., b. ca. 1790).<sup>363</sup> Sarah d. 19 June 1862, her gravestone in Carthage giving her age as 72 years, 9 months, calculating to a birth in about Sept. 1789. Buried in the same plot as Sarah is her son Otis D. Libby, who d. 16 March 1843, aged 22y.<sup>364</sup> This seems to be strong onomastic evidence that Sarah was in fact the daughter of Nathaniel Cummings, as Otis most likely would have been named for [Sarah's nephew] Otis Dutton, the son of Polly (Cummings) Dutton (see above), who died in 1807 at age 2. If Sarah Libby is the same Sally Cummings baptized in Dedham in 1795, her baptism several years after her birth (and after the baptism of her brother Billy) cannot be readily explained. Nevertheless, there is room in Nathaniel's family for a daughter b. 1789–92, and, if true, it eliminates the problem of both Sally and Ruth, below, supposedly being born about 1795.]
- xi RUTH CUMMINGS, b. Maine, say 1795,<sup>365</sup> d. 26 Dec. 1875, aged 82y [*sic*] 4m,<sup>366</sup> m. Augusta, 11 May 1819, JESSE GREEN, both of Sidney,<sup>367</sup> b. 24 April 1796, son of Daniel and Martha (Pearson) Green,<sup>368</sup> d. Sparta, Monroe Co., Wisc., 7 March 1882.<sup>369</sup> On 22 Feb. 1814, "Ruth Comings & Asa Comings, minors above the age of fourteen years, & children of Nathaniel Comings late of Augusta," requested that [their brother] Samuel Comings 2<sup>d</sup> of Augusta, husbandman, be appointed their guardian, she signing the petition as "Ruthey Cummings."<sup>370</sup>

<sup>364</sup> Gravestone images, findagrave.com, memorial #s 76333241 and 76332842.

<sup>365</sup> Her age at death suggests a birth in Aug. 1793, but her age in three census records places her birth about 1795 in Maine (aged 55y in Adolphus Osborne household, 1850 U.S. Census, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., Mass., p. 23; aged 60y in Adolphus Osborne household, 1855 Mass. State Census, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., Mass., image, ancestry.com; aged 65y in Adolphus Osborne household, 1860 U.S. Census, Winchester, Middlesex Co., Mass., p. 816).

<sup>366</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 776, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Augusta.

<sup>367</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:275.

<sup>368</sup> Jesse Green, War of 1812 pension file, WC-33084, SC-25573, gives his parents as Daniel and Martha Green on the registration of his marriage to Elizabeth Hadley; his parents m. 11 May 1786 per Everett S. Stackpole, *History of Durham*, Maine (Lewiston, Maine, 1899), 236.

<sup>369</sup> Gravestone photo, Viroqua Cemetery, Viroqua, Vernon Co., Wisc., findagrave.com, memorial #82176605; Jesse Green, War of 1812 pension file, WC-33084, SC-25573.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>357</sup> Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>358</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, familysearch.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>359</sup> Hanson, *Dedham VRs*, 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>360</sup> Hanson, *Dedham VRs*, 368.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>361</sup> Hanson, *Dedham VRs*, 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>362</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:259.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>363</sup> Daniel Libbey household, 1850 U.S. Census, Carthage, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 18; Daniel W. Libby household, 1860 U.S. Census, Franklin Carthage Co., Maine, p. 1010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>370</sup> Nathaniel Comings estate, Kennebec Co. Probate Records, C-6-R.

Ruth and Jesse Green were divorced in the May 1837 term of the Kennebec Co. Supreme Judicial Court, when Ruthy Green of Sidney declared that "on the eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen she was lawfully joined in marriage with Jesse Green then of Augusta, and hath ever since conducted herself agreeably to her marriage vows. Yet the said Jesse Green regardless of his marriage covenants, did in the month of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine wilfully and without any reasonable cause, desert your libellant, remove from the State and hath ever since continued out of said State, made no provision for the support of said libellant and his children, and hath ever since remained in facto to your libellant unknown. Whereby the said Ruthy Green prays that she may be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, and that the same may be deemed null and void between them."<sup>371</sup>

The evidence indicates that Jesse had run off to Ohio with Ruth's 22-year-old niece, Martha M. Dutton, daughter of John and Mary (Cummings) Dutton (above), leaving Ruth behind in Maine to fend for herself with the care of their four young children. In 1830 Jesse Green, aged 30-40y, was in Salt Creek, Muskingum Co., Ohio, with the only other member of his household that year being a woman aged 20-30, probably Martha.372 It appears that Jesse and Martha had four children in Ohio before they finally married, on 25 Aug. 1846 in Muskingum Co.373 In 1850 Jesse Green, aged 50y, farmer, and Martha M., aged 42y, were in Malta, Morgan Co., Ohio, with their children Amos Green, aged 16y, Ruel Green, aged 14y, John Green, aged 8y, and Lucretia Green, aged 4y.374 Their son Ruel was called "Reuel D. Green" in his father's 1876 will, strongly suggesting that he was named for Martha's brother Reuel Dutton who had d. in 1834 (see above), and supporting the conclusion that Ruel was Martha's child, born ten years before her marriage to Jesse. Jesse and Martha remained in Ohio until 1857, when they "came to Vernon county [Wisc.]... He subsequently removed to Sparta, where he died in 1882. His wife died while in Viroqua town in 1876."375 In 1870 Jesse, aged 70y, farmer, and Martha, aged 63y, were living in Sparta, Monroe Co., Wisc. 376 On 20 May 1876, sixteen days after Martha's death, Jesse Green "of the County of Vernon, state of Wisconsin," wrote his will, naming his three daughters from his marriage to Ruth-Caroline Wremick [sic], Louisa Osborne, and "daughter Brown"-and also naming his children with Martha, namely Permelia Ann Seaman, Amos W. Green, Reuel D. Green, John E. Green, and Lucretia Snyder.<sup>377</sup> Jesse m. (3) Springville, Vernon Co., Wisc., 22 March 1878, Elizabeth (Peabody) Hadley.<sup>378</sup>

Meanwhile, Ruth never remarried. In 1850 and 1855, she was in Cambridge, Mass., with her son-in-law and daughter, Adolphus and Sarah L. Osborne, and was still liv-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>371</sup> Kennebec Co. Supreme Judicial Court, case files box 92, May 1837, 9:20, docket 50.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>372</sup> Jesse Green household, 1830 U.S. Census, Salt Creek, Muskingum Co., Ohio, p. 274.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>373</sup> Ohio, County Marriages, 1789–2013, image, familysearch.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>374</sup> Jessee Green household, 1850 U.S. Census, Malta, Morgan Co., Ohio, p. 123.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>375</sup> History of Vernon County, Wisconsin (Springfield, Ill., 1884), 711.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>376</sup> Jessie Green household, 1870 U.S. Census, Sparta, Monroe Co., Wisc., p. 143.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>377</sup> Monroe Co., Wisc., Probate Records, 11:515–16, in Wisconsin, Wills and Probate Records, 1800–1897 image, ancestry.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>378</sup> Jesse Green, War of 1812 pension file, WC-33084, SC-25573.

ing with the Osbornes in 1860 in Winchester, Mass.<sup>379</sup> She has not been found in the 1870 census, but she died five years later and was buried next to her daughter Caroline L. Stinchfield in Augusta's Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.<sup>380</sup>

Children of Jesse and Ruth (Cummings) Green, all prob. b. Augusta:

- Caroline L. Green, b. ca. April 1821, d. 11 March 1893, aged 71y 11m;<sup>381</sup> m. (1) Augusta, 19 Sept. 1842, James Willey Remick;<sup>382</sup> m. (2) Augusta, 24 Sept. 1863, Greenlief Wyman of Belgrade, Maine;<sup>383</sup> m. (3) Cambridge, Mass., 8 Sept. 1871, Alphonso Stinchfield of St. Albans, Maine.<sup>384</sup>
- 2 Martha Maria Green, b. [calc.] 4 March 1825, d. Cambridge, Mass., 20 April 1888, aged 63y 1m 16d;<sup>385</sup> m. (1) Eastham, Mass., 18 Nov. 1847, Overy Brown of Eastham;<sup>386</sup> m. (2) Providence, R.I., 26 May 1864, Micah/Michael J. Farrell;<sup>387</sup> m. (3) Cambridge, Mass., 27 Feb. 1888, John Arno.<sup>388</sup>
- 3 William Otis Green, b. [calc.] Jan. 1827, d. 19 Aug. 1864, aged 37y 7m;<sup>389</sup> m. (int.) Augusta, 6 Oct. 1855, Almeda R. Bolton.<sup>390</sup>
- 4 Sarah Louisa Green, b. [calc.] 16 May 1829 or 1830,<sup>391</sup> d. Cambridge, Mass.,
   29 Aug. 1896, aged 66y 3m 13d;<sup>392</sup> m. Cambridge, Mass., 24 Sept. 1848,
   Adolphus Osborne.<sup>393</sup>
- xii ASA CUMMINGS, b. Maine, say 1797,<sup>394</sup> d. Augusta, 15 Dec. 1866, aged 71y [sic];<sup>395</sup>
   m. Bowdoinham, Maine, 8 June 1825, REBECCA ALLEN, both of Bowdoinham,<sup>396</sup>

<sup>387</sup> Rhode Island Marriages, 1724–1916, familysearch.org. In 1870 Martha M. Farrell was enumerated in Cambridge with Micah J. Farrell and Martha's son George H. Brown from her first marriage (Micah J. Farrell household, 1870 U.S. Census, Ward 4, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., Mass., p. 646). In 1860 Martha was listed as "M. M. Brown," aged 35y, b. Maine, living in Cambridge with her son "G. H. Brown," aged 9 (M. M. Brown household, 1860 U.S. Census, Ward 4, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., Mass., p. 565). When Michael J. Farrell's estate was being settled in Sept. 1888, Adolphus Osborne (Martha's brother-in-law) was the administrator (Middlesex Co. Probate Records, 492:203).

<sup>388</sup> Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 389:58.

<sup>389</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 530, Bolton Cemetery, Augusta.

<sup>390</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:359. The record states that William was "age 28, s. of Jesse."

<sup>391</sup> While her age at death calculates to a birth date in 1830, she was listed as age 19 on her marriage record and various census returns also suggest an 1829 birth date.

<sup>392</sup> Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 464:151. Her name is given as Sarah L. "Green" on this record.

<sup>393</sup> Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840–1915, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>394</sup> His age at death engraved on his gravestone suggests a birth date about 1795; but he was aged 52y in the 1850 census and 63y in the 1860 census, suggesting he was born about 1797 (Asa Cummings household, 1850 and 1860 U.S. Censuses, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, pp. 97 [1850], 188 [1860]). His son Henry's death certificate says Asa was b. Manchester, Maine, a town that was formed in 1850 from parts of Augusta, Hallowell, Litchfield, Readfield, and Winthrop.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>379</sup> Census records [note 365].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>380</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 776, 835, 854.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>381</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 854, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Augusta.

<sup>382</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:358.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>383</sup> Augusta VRs, 2:83.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>384</sup> Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 236:137. Alphonso was the widower of Caroline's cousin Harriet J. Briggs (above).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>385</sup> Mass. VRs, 1841–1910, 392:68.

<sup>386</sup> Mass. VRs, 1841-1910, 30:5.

undoubtedly the Rebecca Allen whose birth is recorded in Dresden, Maine, as occurring 12 July 1800, daughter of Lemuel and Lucy (Parris) Allen,<sup>397</sup> d. Augusta, 25 July 1872, aged 70y 13d.<sup>398</sup> On 22 Feb. 1814, "Ruth Comings & Asa Comings, minors above the age of fourteen years, & children of Nathaniel Comings late of Augusta Deceased," requested that "Samuel Comings 2<sup>d</sup>" of Augusta, husbandman, be appointed their guardian, he signing the petition as "Asa Cumings."<sup>399</sup>

As lived all of his life in Augusta, where he was described as a farmer in 1850 and 1860.<sup>400</sup> On 6 March 1819, Asa Cummings of Augusta, yeoman, purchased via mortgage from Robert and Elizabeth Brinley of Tyngsboro, Mass., seventy-five acres in Augusta located on the west side of the Kennebec River, being a part of lot No. 32.<sup>401</sup> It appears that Asa received another mortgage on the property from his brother Samuel Cummings 2d of Sidney on 29 Oct. 1833.<sup>402</sup>

Asa Cummings of Augusta, "being in ill health," made his will 1 Dec. 1866.<sup>403</sup> In it he named his wife Rebecca Cummings, sons James L., Lemuel A., Otis D., and Henry A. Cummings, daughters Lucy S. Rogers and Harriet M. Saunders, grandson Charles Smith [son of Elizabeth (Cummings) Smith], and grandson Frederick Ellsworth Cummings [son of Richard L. Cummings], who was to be maintained out of Asa's estate until he reached 15y of age. Son Henry A. Cummings was named residuary legatee. In 1870 Rebecca Cummings, aged 66y, was living in the family of her son Henry A. Cummings.<sup>404</sup>

Children of Asa and Rebecca (Allen) Cummings:405

- Lucy S. Cummings, b. [calc.] 27 April 1826, d. Augusta, 13 Nov. 1904, aged 78y 6m 16d;<sup>406</sup> m. Augusta, 13 April 1847, Stephen K. Rogers.<sup>407</sup>
- 2 Harriet M. Cummings, b. Sept. 1828,<sup>408</sup> d. Augusta, 19 Feb. 1914, aged 86y; m. Augusta, 1 May 1851, Charles E. Saunders.<sup>409</sup>

<sup>399</sup> Nathaniel Comings estate, Kennebec Co. Probate Records, C-6-R.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>395</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 125, Cottle Cemetery, Augusta.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>396</sup> Marlene A. Groves, comp., *Vital Records of Dresden, Maine* (Rockland, Maine, 2012), 260 (hereafter cited as Groves, *Dresden VRs*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>397</sup> Groves, *Dresden VRs*, 138; her parents m. 13 April 1789 (Marlene A. Groves, comp., *Vital Records of Woolwich, Maine* [Waterville, Maine, 2015], 475). Rebecca's age at death on her gravestone, 70y 13d, when subtracted from her death date of 25 July 1872, computes to a birth date of 12 July 1802, the same day and month as recorded in Dresden, but two years later. In 1850 and 1860, Rebecca was aged 44 and 56y, respectively [note 394], and in 1870 she was aged 66y

<sup>(</sup>H. A. Cummings household, 1850 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, pp. 109-10).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>398</sup> *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 125, Cottle Cemetery, Augusta.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>400</sup> Asa Cummings household, 1850 and 1860 U.S. Censuses, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, pp. 97, 188, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>401</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 32:190, 33:322.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>402</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 82:384, 119:323.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>403</sup> Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 139:345–47.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>404</sup> H. A. Cummings household, 1870 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, pp. 109–10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>405</sup> As named in Asa's will and cited sources. Most of Asa's family used the spelling *Cummings*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>406</sup> Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com.

<sup>407</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:276.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>408</sup> Manley Saunders household, 1900 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 2A.

<sup>409</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:276.

- 3 James L. Cummings, b. ca. 1829,<sup>410</sup> d. Augusta, 1 Oct. 1897;<sup>411</sup> m. Augusta, 23 May 1852, Octavia Tilton Dudley,<sup>412</sup> divorced in 1867.<sup>413</sup>
- 4 Otis D. Cummings, b. Sept. 1831, d. Augusta, 9 Feb. 1904, aged 72y;<sup>414</sup> m. Augusta, 22 March 1855, Eliza D. Mahoney.<sup>415</sup>
- 5 Henry A. Cummings, b. [calc.] 22 Feb. 1833, d. Augusta, 9 Feb. 1909, aged 75y 11m 9d;<sup>416</sup> m. Augusta, 9 June 1867, Helen Gray of Benton, Maine.<sup>417</sup>
- 6 Elizabeth Cummings, b. [calc.] July 1835, d. 3 Feb. 1858, aged 22y 7m;<sup>418</sup> m. Augusta, 1 Jan. 1851, Albert Smith.<sup>419</sup>
- 7 Wentworth A. Cummings, b. [calc.] May 1837, d. 3 Nov. 1857, aged 20y 6m. 420
- 8 Lemuel Allen Cummings, b. [calc.] March 1839, d. 22 Nov. 1876, aged 37y 8m;<sup>421</sup> m. Augusta, 13 May 1865, Ellen F. Pinkham.<sup>422</sup>
- 9 Richard L. Cummings, b. [calc.] Sept. 1841, d. 14 July 1866, aged 24y 10m;<sup>423</sup> m. Augusta, 5 Dec. 1863, Caroline Eliza Cony.<sup>424</sup>
- 10 Asa J. Cummings, b. 13 Aug. 1845, d. Mount Vernon, Grant Co., Ore., 29 Oct. 1894;<sup>425</sup> m. Augusta, 22 Dec. 1866, Hattie M. Knox.<sup>426</sup>

<sup>414</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com, his father's name given as "Asael" on the death certificate; *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 125, Cottle Cemetery, which gives his dates as 1831–1904.

<sup>415</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:276.

<sup>416</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com; *Kennebec Co. Inscriptions*, 125, Cottle Cemetery, which gives his dates as 1833–1909.

<sup>418</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 126, Cummings Cemetery, Augusta.

<sup>426</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:275.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>410</sup> Aged 21y in Asa Cummings household, 1850 Census [note 394].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>411</sup> Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com: his marital status listed as single.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>412</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:275.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>413</sup> Kennebec Co. Supreme Judicial Court Records, 28:224. Octavia's divorce was granted in Aug. 1867: "Octavia T. Cummings of Readfield, Plaintiff, vs James L. Cummings of Oregon, Defendant, . . . the plaintiff alleges that she was married to defendant on the 22<sup>d</sup> [*sic*] day of May, 1852, at Augusta; that he left her in 1857, when she had two small children to support, and went to California, and Oregon, and that he remained there 7 years, and for the last four years of that time he contributed nothing to the support of herself or children; that he returned to Maine in 1864, and by false representations persuaded her to live with him again, and to go to Oregon with him; but she found that he was addicted to habits of continual drinking and wasted all he could earn in that way, and she was obliged to live in a 'bark cabin' a part of the time and then she moved into another cabin in which she took boarders to support herself, and accumulated money to return to Maine; and she left him in Oregon, in September 1865, and has never seen or heard from him directly since, nor has he contributed anything to her support in any way."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>417</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:275.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>419</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:275.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>420</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 125, Cummings Cemetery, Augusta.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>421</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 125, Cummings Cemetery, Augusta.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>422</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:276, his name rendered "Samuel" A. Cummings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>423</sup> Kennebec Co. Inscriptions, 125, Cummings Cemetery, Augusta.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>424</sup> Augusta VRs, 1:276; Holman, John Coney, 196.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>425</sup> Gravestone, Cummings Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Grant Co., Ore., which gives his full dates of birth and death, image, findagrave.com, memorial #35773124.

# THE FAMILIES OF SAMUEL AND NATHANIEL CUMMINGS OF HALLOWELL AND AUGUSTA, MAINE

Additions and Corrections to Part 1427

Page 108: I was mistaken in proposing that Samuel<sup>7</sup> Cummings (1799–1871) was "prob. the Samuel Cummings '2d' of Augusta who m. (1) (int.) Augusta, 29 Aug. 1821, Mrs. Sarah (—) Folsom of Hallowell." Evidence found shows that the widow Folsom's husband was another Samuel Cummings, and that Samuel<sup>7</sup> was married only once—to Susan M. Rockwood in 1826, a marriage that lasted many years.

Soon after Part 1 was published, I received an email from Gregory S. Childs, an MGS member who lives in France. He provided two deeds showing that Samuel<sup>7</sup> Cummings did not marry the widow Sarah Folsom. The deeds, dated in 1835 and 1845, respectively, call her "Sally Cummings, wife of Samuel Cummings of Augusta" and "Sally Cummings of Augusta, widow," respectively.<sup>428</sup> These descriptions would not have been legitimate if her Cummings husband was then married to another wife. Mr. Childs also found Sarah's gravestone in Augusta's Mt. Vernon Cemetery, indicating she was born about 1775, and thus a generation older than Samuel<sup>7</sup> Cummings.

While there is no other candidate in this Cummings family for the Samuel who married the widow Folsom, a reexamination of the Augusta records revealed another Samuel, who was surely the 1821 bridegroom: "Comings, Samuel, [d.] Oct. 17, 1829, a. 93."<sup>429</sup> Instead of being a generation younger than Sarah, this Samuel was nearly 40 years older than her, and possibly also widowed in 1821. He is likely the otherwise unplaced Samuel Cummings, shown as a single male, aged 45+, in the 1820 Augusta census.<sup>430</sup> A research study is currently underway to attempt to identify him. The only things that can be said about him at this point is that he was not closely related to the Cummings family discussed in this article and he appears to have arrived in the Augusta area between the 1810 and 1820 censuses.

Page 111: The parents of Joel White were Benjamin and *Sarah (Talbot)* White, who m. Stoughtonham, Mass., 29 Nov. 1739.<sup>431</sup> Joel's mother was not Mary Little as reported in Stackpole's *History of Winthrop*. A deed firmly identifies Joel as a child of "Benjamin White late of Dedham decd & Sarah his wife.<sup>432</sup>

My thanks to Mr. Childs for taking the time to contact me.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>428</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 146:95 and 146:96.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>429</sup> Augusta VRs, 2:267.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>430</sup> Samuel Cummings household, 1820 U.S. Census, Augusta, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 566.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>431</sup> Endicott, Stoughton VRs, 32.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>432</sup> Norfolk Co., Mass., Deeds, 5:146.

# LINCOLN COUNTY, MAINE, WILL ABSTRACTS 1800–1830

#### (continued from p. 144)

#### 15. ISAAC LINCOLN of Bristol, yeoman (LCP 10:128)

Being weak in body

- To my son Isaac, all my est except the S 1/2 of the lot of land deeded to me by William Studson, and the few other reserves hereafter mentioned and upon the following conditions. I will that my wife Miriam have one of the front rooms in my house which I now live in, also 1 feather bed and bed furniture and my best table and table furniture sufficient for sd table and that sd room be kept in repair at my son Isaac's expense, and that my son Isaac provide for and supply my sd wife with meat and drink sufficient for her support and also to entertain those of her friends who shall please to come to see her, and that she also have a privilege in different parts of the house and cellar convenient for her, and that my son Isaac supply her with firewood sufficient for 1 fire, hauled and cut up at the door suitable for the fire and to keep a horse, saddle & bridle at her command suitable for her to ride to meetings, or elsewhere, and all other things to make her life comfortable in sickness and health dur her widowhood.
- I also give to my wife the S 1/2 lot of land aforesd deeded me by William Studson for her own use and benefit dur her widowhood in case my son Isaac should fail of giving her a comfortable support. I would have it understood that my wife is not to dispose of any part of sd 1/2 lot of land, so long as my other interest remains sufficient for her support in the manner aforesd, yet I will that she have the use & benefit of sd 1/2 lot dur her widowhood. It is my will that no wood or timber be cut on sd 1/2 lot until the wood and timber on my other lands be expended or cut off, and that sd 1/2 lot in case my wife should marry or aft her dec to be eq div amongst my daus then living. I also will that my daus who shall remain single have, if it be their choice, and that my dau or daus who shall remain single at my wife's dec have and enjoy all the privileges in my house dur their so remaining single that my wife is to enjoy.
- I also will that my son Isaac pay to each of my daus Abigail, Hannah, Lucy, Zilpah, Sarah, Rachel and Temperance \$150 including what they have already received to be pd within 3y aft my dec, or any part of sooner, if their circumstances should require it.
- I will that my son-in-law Peter Hussey forever have the privilege of a road through the lot of land he now lives on so far as sd lot extends towards the salt water with his keeping up suitable gates or bars, also 50 ft front and 50 ft back, being a part of the land I own at the shore and is for his use for a landing.

Appt my friend Moses Sleeper of Vassalborough sole exec.

Dated: 19th day, 2nd month, 1804

Signed with his signature ("Isaac Lincoln")

Witnesses: William Hilton, Samuel Tobey, William Hilton Jun<sup>r</sup> In Probate: 13 Aug 1804

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#### 2016] Lincoln County, Maine Will Abstracts 1801–1830

#### 16. PATRICK KANON of Lisbon, yeoman (LCP 10:140)

Being weak in body

To my only son James Kanon, all the right, title, claim and interest that I have in lands and bldgs in the plantation of Wales, and 1 great chair and 1 chest which I have in Lisbon, except \$61 which shall be disposed of as hereafter mentioned, that is to say he the sd James Kanon shall pay \$31 to my only dau Lois Gray wife of Stephen Gray; also shall pay \$30 to Huldah Hooker wife of Variance [*sic*: Rivarious] Hooker, both to be pd within 1y next aft my dec.

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- To my wife Esther Kanon, all my right and title to the land and bldgs which I possess in the town of Lisbon with all other articles which are not otherwise disposed of dur her nat life. Also to have the use of a pair of steers for the term of 2y aft my dec and also all my farming tools for the same term of 2y aft my dec; also to have the use of 1 cow for the term of 1y aft my dec.
- To my son James Kanon Jun<sup>r</sup>, my best suit of clothes; also a pair of steers aft 2y from my dec, they being the same steers that I willed to my wife for 2y.
- To Thomas Burns Kanon, son of James Kanon, 1 cow in 1y aft my dec, it being the same cow that my wife has for 1y aft my dec.

To John Kanon, son of James Kanon, 1 suit of clothes.

To Elizabeth Kanon, dau of James Kanon, 1 looking-glass.

To my wife's son Joseph Wood, a minor, 1 ax, 1 hoe, 1 scythe, and a bedstead.

Appt Joseph Small of Wales sole exec.

Dated: 25 Oct 1803

Signed with his mark ("X")

Witnesses: Sam<sup>1</sup> Tebbets, James Wilson, John Ross

In Probate: 25 Aug 1804

#### 17. TIMOTHY M<sup>c</sup>CARTHEY of Georgetown, gentleman (LCP 10:177)

Being weak in body

- To my wife Catherine M<sup>e</sup>Carthey, the u & i of all my RE until my sons Collins and Samuel M<sup>e</sup>Carthy shall arrive to ae 21y, or the youngest of them surviving, and 1/2 thereof dur her nat life for the support and maintenance of my young chn with the assistance of my sons above named, Collins and Samuel M<sup>e</sup>Carthy.
- To my sons Collins M<sup>e</sup>Carthy and Samuel M<sup>e</sup>Carthy, all my RE, they to be in possession of 1/2 when they shall both arrive to ae 21y, or the survivor of them, and the other 1/2 thereof at the dec of their mother Catherine M<sup>e</sup>Carthy above named as a consideration for their help and assistance to their mother in supporting and bringing up my young chn.

To my wife Catherine M<sup>c</sup>Carthy, all my PE.

- To my son John M<sup>c</sup>Carthy, \$50 to be pd him in 1y aft my dec as a consideration for his services and good usage to me in my life time.
- I also order that my dau Mary M<sup>c</sup>Carthy be pd \$50 when she shall be married as a consideration for her services and good usage to me in my life time.

I order that my son Briant M<sup>c</sup>Carthy be pd \$50 when he shall arrive to ae 21y.

I order that my daus Catherine M<sup>c</sup>Carthy and Elenor M<sup>c</sup>Carthy be each of them pd \$50 when they are married or arrive to ae 21y.

I order that my dau Sarah M<sup>c</sup>Carthy be pd \$50 when she shall be married or arrive to ae 21y.

Appt my wife Catherine M<sup>c</sup>Carthy and my friend Denny M<sup>c</sup>Cobb execs.

Dated: 14 Nov 1804

Signed with his signature ("Timothy McCarty")

Witnesses: Richard Heagan, Rachel Emerson, James Poor

In Probate: 25 Jan 1805

#### 18. JONATHAN BOWMAN of Dresden, Esquire (LCP 10:181)

Being in perfect health of body

- To my son Jonathan, \$1 to be pd him immediately aft my dec, which with what I have already given him is in full of his share in my est.
- To my son William, \$1 to be pd him within 1y aft my dec, which sum with what I have already given him is in full of his portion out of my est.
- To my son Thomas, \$1 to be pd him within 1y aft my dec, which with what I have already given him is in full of his portion out of my est.
- To my dau Mary Parker, \$10 to be pd her immediately aft my dec; also one of my silver tankards, my silver punch strainer and my large silver spoon, which with what I have already given her is in full of her portion out of my est.
- To my wife Nancy, all the residue of my RE & PE to dispose of as she shall think proper.

Appt my wife sole exec.

Dated: 28 Jul 1801

Signed with his signature ("Jon Bowman")

Witnesses: Freeman Parker, Loues Houdlette, Nath<sup>1</sup> Thwing, Samuel Tubbs In Probate: 28 Jan 1805

#### 19. WILLIAM SWANTON Junior of Bath, gentleman (LCP 10:183)

Being sick and weak in body

To my wife Elizabeth Swanton, the house and land in which we now live in Bath, and all the RE & PE which I may die seized of dur her nat life, with liberty to sell and convey the same provided the sale and conveyance is made to my chn. And aft the dec of my wife Elizabeth, I will my sd RE & PE to my chn, namely to William Swanton of Augusta, Sarah Whitaker of Bath, Benjamin Swanton, John Bernard Swanton, and Samuel Swanton, to be eq div among them.

Appt my wife Elizabeth Swanton sole exec.

Dated: 16 Oct 1804

Signed with his signature ("William Swanton Junior")

Witnesses: Caleb Marsh, Tho<sup>s</sup> Blasland, William S. Blasland In Probate: 25 Jan 1805

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## 20. NATHANIEL JELESON of Bowdoin, gentleman (LCP 10:186)

Being weak in body

To my wife Lydia Jeleson, the whole use and income of all my farm and stock together with all my h/h furniture and farming tools dur her nat life.

To my bro Job Jeleson, \$400.

To my sister Esther Pratt, \$50.

To my sister Tabitha Hall, \$1.

- To my cousin Ruth Brimegon, \$1, which several legacies shall be pd within 6m aft my dec.
- To my wife Lydia Jeleson, 1/2 of all my farm and tenements to be solely at her disposal.

To my bro Job Jeleson, 1/2 of all my farm and tenements aft the death of my wife. Appt my wife Lydia Jeleson sole exec.

Dated: 24 Nov 1804

Signed with his mark ("X")

Witnesses: James Rogers, Edward Gower, Isaac Jones

In Probate: 20 Jan 1805

#### 21. WILLIAM MCKOWN of Bristol, yeoman (LCP 10:189)

Being sick as to bodily health

To my wife Sarah, all my PE, that is to say all the h/h furniture together with all the stock and everything moveable, and the u & i of the RE until my son Robert M<sup>c</sup>Kown arrives to ae 21y, at which time the sd RE shall be his. And if the sd Robert should not survive until that time, the sd RE to my nephew William M<sup>c</sup>Kown for his property, not to leave my wife without suitable and comfortable living.

To my sister Mary Nickels, \$60 to be given by my execs when they shall see best. Appt my bro John M<sup>c</sup>Kown and William M<sup>c</sup>Intire execs.

Dated: 7 Sep 1801

Signed with his signature ("William McKown")

Witnesses: Henry Fossat, William Fossett, William M<sup>e</sup>Intyer In Probate: 10 Jan 1805

## 22. GABRIEL HAMILTON of a place called Great-pond Plantation (LCP 10:262)

Being weak in body

To my eldest son Reuben Hamilton, 1 sheep to be pd to him within 4y aft my dec. To my 2nd son Silas Hamilton, 1 sheep to be pd to him within 4y aft my dec.

To my 3rd son William Hamilton, 1 yoke of oxen to be pd to him when he is ae 23y and 1/2 of my farming utensils, 1/2 of my carpenter tools and my gun, all to be delivered to him when his mother has done with them.

To my 4th son Thomas Hamilton, 1 yoke of oxen to be pd to him when he is ae 23y and 1/2 of my farming utensils, 1/2 of my carpenter tools to be delivered to him when his mother has done with them.

To my dau Sally Hamilton, 2 sheep to be pd to her within 1y aft my dec.

- To my dau Jane Hamilton, 1 cow and 2 sheep to be pd to her within 1y aft my dec.
- To my dau Lydia Hamilton, 1 cow and 2 sheep to be pd to her when she is ae 21y. To my dau Lucy Hamilton, 1 cow and 2 sheep to be pd to her when she is ae 21y.
- To my grchn, the heirs of my dau Dorcas Hamilton, 1 sheep to each to be pd to them within 2y aft my dec.
- To my other grchn, the heirs of my son Samuel Hamilton, 1 sheep to each to be pd to them within 2y aft my dec.
- To my wife Mary Hamilton, all the residue of my PE and all the notes of hand which are coming in.
- Appt my wife Mary Hamilton sole exec.
- Dated: 4 Apr 1804
- Signed with his signature ("Gabriel Hamilton")
- Witnesses: Enoch P. Huntoon, Sally Huntoon, Levi B. Huntoon
- In Probate: 1 Mar 1805

## 23. JOSEPH CARLILE of a place called Great-pond Plantation (LCP 10:265)

Being weak in body

- To my wife Judith Carlile, all my RE & PE to be her own so long as she remains my wid and if she chooses to alter her condition and ceases to be my wid, I will that my RE & PE be no longer hers.
- To my eldest son George Carlile, 1/2 of my RE & PE to be his own when his mother has done with it, all except \$50 which are to be pd to Margery, my eldest dau, when she arrives to ae 18y.
- To my 2nd son John Carlile, 1/2 of my RE & PE to be his own when his mother has done with it, except \$50 which are to be pd to Hannah Carlile, my youngest dau, which is to be pd to her when she arrives to ae 18y.
- To my oldest dau Margery Carlile, \$50 and 1 good bed & bedding to be pd to her when she arrives to ae 18y.
- To my youngest dau Hannah Carlile, \$50 and 1 bed & bedding to be pd to her when she arrives to ae 18y.
- Appt Jonathan Fuller of Fairfax sole exec.

Dated: 12 Jun 1804

Signed with his signature ("Joseph Carlile")

Witnesses: Enoch P. Huntoon, Sally Huntoon, Levi B. Huntoon In Probate: 1 Mar 1805

#### 24. JOHN CHASE of Pownalborough, mariner (LCP 11:1)

Being now in perfect health To my wife Lucy Chase, all my RE in fee simple and all my PE to her sole use. Appt my wife Lucy Chase sole exec. Dated: 17 Sep 1799 Signed with his signature ("John Chase") Witnesses: Jere. Bailey, Jeremiah W. Noyes, Samuel Gove In Probate: 1 Mar 1805

#### 25. SOLOMON WHITE of Pownalborough (LCP 11:17)

[No statement of health] To my wife Jemima White, all my RE & PE to her and her heirs forever. Appt my wife Jemima White exec. Dated: Pownalborough, 8 Apr 1801 Signed with his signature ("Solomon White") Witnesses: Joseph Christophers, Enoch Caswell, Jonathan Dana In Probate: 2 Sep 1805

#### 26. CHRISTOPHER CUSHING of Bath (LCP 11:19)

Being weak in body

- To my wife Eleanor Cushing, all my RE in Bath except what is hereafter otherwise disposed of, to hold dur her nat life and aft her dec I devise the same to my chn and their heirs according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I further give to my wife all my PE.
- To my son Peter Cushing, a piece of land in Bath bd W on Washington street, N by land owned by Caleb Levit and Joseph Trott, E by front street and S by a contemplated street with the privilege of a well to the S of sd contemplated road; also 1 undiv 1/2 of a lot of land in Bath bd W on front street, N by land belonging to Joseph Trott into Kennebec River, thence S along sd river to the E end of north street, thence W by sd north street to front street; also the lot of land which I own in Bath lying betw Capt. Silvester's land and land owned by Cushing Allen.
- To my son Joshua Barker Cushing, the other undiv 1/2 of the lot of land described in the devise to my son Peter; also a lot of land in Bath bd S by a line beg at Capt. William Sylvester's NW line, thence extending E to James Oliver's E line until it meets the W line of front street, thence N by front street to the aforementioned contemplated road, thence W to Washington street, thence S to the first mentioned bounds, reserving however the use of a well to all persons to whom the same is or may be lawfully granted, the sd contemplated road being intended to be 2r wide and 4r and 20 links N of sd Silvester's N bounds; all the land which I own to the S of sd road I give to my son Joshua exclusive of what is bef devised to my son Peter betw sd Silvester and Cushing Allen. I further give to my son Joshua the N 1/2 of all the land I own betw land I sold Joseph Donnell and Horatio G. Allen lying on the W side of Washington street and extending W the whole length of their lots. I further give to my son Joshua a lot of land in Bath bd as follows: beg at the corner of Washington and north streets, thence running S to land I sold Mr. Asa Lyman, thence W half the length of sd Asa Lyman's land, thence N to north street, thence E by north street to the first mentioned bounds.

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- To my dau Silence, a lot of land in Bath bd N by north street, E by land belonging to Caleb Marsh, S by land I sold to William Couillard and W by Washington street; also another piece of land on the S side of north street bd E by the W end of the land I have given my son Joshua and extending S to Asa Lyman's land to the W end thereof, thence N to north street, thence E to the first mentioned bounds; also the S 1/2 of the land I have bef given the N 1/2 of to my son Joshua.
- And as to the est which I own in common and undiv with Laban Loring and which formerly belonged to Peter Cassidey, I give the same to my 3 chn and request and authorize my wife to sell and convey the same for their mutual advantage.
- And as to any est which I may be entitled to and which would descend to me on the death of my mother, I give the same to my 3 chn.
- To Eleanor Cushing Lemont, \$50 to be pd her when ae 18y by my wife out of any property of mine not given to my chn.
- And notwithstanding the est I have devised to my wife for life with reversion to my chn, yet should it be necessary for the support of my wife while a widow or the education of my chn that the whole or any part of the est should be sold, I do hereby authorize my wife Eleanor Cushing to sell and dispose of the same.

Appt my wife Eleanor Cushing and Daniel Philbrook execs.

Dated: 17 Jul 1805

Signed with his signature ("Christopher Cushing")

Witnesses: Hannah Hersey, Edw<sup>d</sup> H. Page, Andrew Greenwood In Probate: 10 Sep 1805

#### 27. WILLIAM COUILLARD of Bath, baker (LCP 11:26)

[No statement of health]

That marble gravestones be purchased and set to the grave of my departed wife Sally, to the amount of \$100 with the inscription engraved on them:

Sally Couillard Wife of William Couillard Died Jan<sup>y</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1803 Æ 20 Stranger, if e'er this hallowed ground you tread O'er Sally's grave a tear for virtue shed. Her life was blameless & her heart sincere, Blest with each charm to love & friendship dear. Of manners gentle, unaffected, kind, She lived contented & she died resign'd. Tho' her loved form lies mould'ring in the tomb In happier climes her kindred virtues bloom.

That all my PE or goods remaining in the dwl house of Joseph Sewall be eq div betw Lydia, wife of sd Sewall, and Nancy, wife of James Sewall, the surviving sisters of my departed wife.

That \$100 be pd to Sally, dau of Caleb Marsh, when she arrives to ae 18y.

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That when my est shall be settled, gravestones shall be purchased and set to the grave of my departed bro David to an amount not exceeding \$100.

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- That Wm. Donnell, my partner in the baking business, shall have the use of the new bake house built this year by Donnell & Couillard for the term of 4y if not necessarily sold to pay my debts, for a reasonable compensation.
- That aft the sd space of 4y which sd Donnell will occupy the sd bake house as above, that then my 1/2 of sd bake house, with 1/2 of the land (jointly) to the southard [*sic*] belonging to Donnell & Couillard (jointly) aft drawing a right line E from the N side of sd house and all E of the street laid out by the selectmen from front street to Thomas Trott's shop, to be the property of Ebenezer Stodder, minor, son of Ebed [*sic*] Stodder of Salem.

That all the remainder of my property be delivered to both or either of my parents. Appt Caleb Marsh sole exec.

Dated: 21 Sep 1804

Signed with his signature ("W<sup>m</sup> Couillard)

Witnesses: Ezra Tubbs, James Sewall, Joseph Sewall

In Probate: 10 Sep 1805

#### 28. JOSEPH BURNS of Bristol, yeoman (LCP 11:28)

[No statement of health]

- To my wife Mary Burns, the use and occupation of all that my homestead farm whereon I now dwell with the bldgs and privileges thereunto belonging situated at Broad Cove at Bristol betw the farms of John Hilton and Caleb Turner, to have and to hold the same until my grson Samuel Burns, now a minor, shall arrive to ae 21y, and thereafter, if my sd grson Samuel Burns shall be in life at ae 21y, I give the sd farm with the appurtenances to my sd grson Samuel Burns upon condition that he pay yearly to my wife dur her nat life 1/3 of the whole yearly rents, issues and profits arising out of the sd farm. But if it should happen that my grson Samuel Burns should not in life arrive at ae 21y, then I give the use & occupation of sd farm to my wife Mary Burns dur her nat life and the remainder thereof in fee simple to my son William Burns, subject however throughout, from the day of my dec, to the privilege of a room or reasonable place of abode upon the sd farm with firewood to the door sufficient to the use of my daus Jenny and Rebecca respectively so long as they shall continue to live unm.
- To my son William Burns, all that my farm situate in Waldoborough containing abt 70a with the privileges thereto belonging, adj and bd by the lands of Robert Larmond and Jabez Upham.
- I do also give \$40 to my dau Anna the wife of Elijah Nash and \$40 to my dau Mary wife of Abel Nash, \$40 to my dau Sarah wife of Robert Larmond, and \$40 to my dau Elizabeth wife of Jonas Cushman, which several sums to each with what they have heretofore had of me is to be considered in full.
- And to my daus Jenny and Rebecca, to each of them \$100, neither of them having had anything of me, which sd several sums of money I will shall be pd within

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12m aft my dec, and considering the situation of my sd grson Samuel Burns, my will is that he should abide with his grandmother my wife until he comes to be of age in order to aid her in her management of the farm if she should require it, and in further consideration thereof I will that my wife shall in the meantime furnish and provide him with all necessary bed, board, and washing with apparel suitable and decent, and also educate him sufficiently as in his station he ought to be and at his arrival at ae 21y, when he comes to take the farm into his own hands, my wife is then also to give him a yoke of oxen free and clear to his own use the better to enable him to proceed thereafter.

To my wife Mary Burns, all my h/h furniture forever.

To my wife Mary Burns, all the residue of my PE subject to no other conditions than that of her hereafter disposing of the residue amongst our chn from time to time as she can best spare it to encourage and reward them in their affections and regard to her well being.

Appt my wife Mary Burns and my son William Burns execs.

Dated: 3 Dec 1804

Signed with his signature ("Joseph Burns")

Witnesses: James Johnston, John Hilton, Robert M<sup>e</sup>Lintock In Probate: 26 Jun 1805

#### 29. JAMES ALEXANDER of Bowdoin (LCP 11:30)

Being weak in body

To my wife Rhoda, all my h/h furniture to her disposal, together with 2 cows and 10 sheep.

To the heirs of my son John, \$2 together with what I gave my son John.

To my son James, \$2 together with what he has had.

To the heirs of my dau Abigail Jaqes, \$2 together with what she had already.

To my grson Abner Alexander, 3 cows, 2 steers 1y old this spring, and 1 heifer 1y old this spring and 10 sheep. To the heir of my son Elisha, \$1 together with what I gave to my son Elisha.

To my son Wm., all the residue of my RE & PE except what is above mentioned. Appt my son Wm. Alexander sole exec.

Dated: 27 Mar 1795

Signed with his signature ("James Alexander")

Witnesses: Humphy Purinton, Wm. Gowell, Joseph Potter

In Probate: 11 Sep 1805

#### **30. JOHN HAM of Bath, housewright (LCP 11:31)**

Being weak in body

To my wife Jemima, all my PE; also 1/3 of all my RE dur her nat life; also the use of the remainder of what RE I hereafter in this my will give to my son Abner that is not included in her thirds and for her to occupy and improve the same till Abner arrives at ae 21y if he should live so long; also the u & i of all the RE that I herein bequeath to my son James Ham that is not included in her thirds,

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and for her to occupy and improve the same till James shall arrive to ae 21y if he should live so long; her taking care and providing for my daus Sally and Nancy till they arrive at ae 18y and then for her to provide for them good and suitable apparel for young women in their situation of life.

- To my daus Lydia Clap, Mary Ham, Sally Ham and Nancy Ham, \$150 each to be pd at the period and by whom as is hereafter and herein directed.
- To my son John Ham, 1/4 of all my RE, he paying my dau Mary Ham \$50 in 12m aft my dec, \$50 in 24m aft my dec, and \$50 in 36m aft my dec. And for John to come into possession of the same 6m aft my dec, except his mother's thirds.
- To my son Levi Ham, 1/4 of my RE, his paying to my dau Lydia Clap \$50 in 24m aft my dec and \$50 in 48m aft my dec and \$50 in 72m aft my dec, and for him to come into possession of the same in 6m aft my dec, except what is included in his mother's thirds.
- To my son Abner Ham, 1/4 of all my RE, his paying to my dau Sally \$150 when she may arrive at ae 18y, or to her heirs born of her body and to no person else. Abner to come into possession of the same at ae 21y, except what is included in his mother's thirds, if she be dead bef he arrives at ae 21y, then he to come into possession of his full 1/2 at her dec.
- To my son James Ham, 1/4 of all my RE, his paying to my dau Nancy Ham or to her heirs of her body \$150 when she shall arrive at ae 18y and to no person else, or when she would arrive at 18y if living, James to come into possession of the same when he may arrive at ae 21y except what is included in his mother's thirds, if his mother should be dead bef he arrives to ae 21y, then at his mother's dec he comes into possession of his full 1/4 part.
- Appt my wife Jemima Ham sole exec.
- Dated: 19 Aug 1805
- Signed with his signature ("John Ham")
- Witnesses: Benjamin Ham, Huldah Ham, Sam<sup>1</sup> Beal, Priscilla Thompson, Ezekiel Thompson
- In Probate: 23 Oct 1805

#### 31. SIMEON TURNER of Bath, yeoman (LCP 11:33)

[No statement of health]

To my wife Sarah Turner, all my RE & PE so long as she remains my wid. And in case she should marry again, then 2/3 of my est remaining in her hands at that time is to be div to and among my chn and their heirs. And if she not marry again, in that case at her dec what of my est may then remain to be div to and among my chn in eq shares to them and to their heirs forever.

To my wife Sarah, my horse & chaise.

Appt my wife Sarah my sole exec.

Dated: 15 Feb 1802

Signed with his signature ("Simeon Turner")

Witnesses: Dum<sup>r</sup> Sewall, Richard Kimball, W<sup>m</sup> Webb

In Probate: 23 Oct 1805

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#### 32. SAMUEL OTIS of Bristol, yeoman (LCP 11:34)

Being in perfect health of body

- To my wife Patience, the improvement or income of 1/3 of all my lands and tenements within the township of Bristol.
- To my 2 sons David Otis and John Otis to be eq div betw them, all my lands, messuages and tenements in the township of Bristol to be possessed and enjoyed freely by them forever, ordering that my sd 2 sons David and John do pay out the following legacies to the following persons in manner and form hereafter mentioned. That is to say:
- To pay to my son Ebenezer Otis \$45 in full of all of what I give to my sd son Ebenezer Otis in the whole of my est of which I shall be possessed at the time of my death.
- Likewise to pay to my son Samuel Otis \$10 in full of his share of all my est.
- Likewise to pay to my daus Patience Otis and Sarah Otis \$10 to each of them for each and every year they shall remain single or in an unm state, and when either or both of them shall marry, sd annuity to cease to such a one as shall be so married and which sd annuities shall be in full of their share to all my est.
- Likewise to pay to my dau Thankfull, wife of Stephen Tibbits, \$30 in full for her right to all my est.
- And lastly to pay to my dau Anna, wife of Benjamin Williams, \$10 in full for her right to the whole of my RE & PE.
- Appt my 2 sons David Otis and John Otis sole and joint execs.

Dated: 28 Aug 1797

Signed with his signature ("Samuel Otis")

Witnesses: Joseph Tinkham, William Barker, Jonathan Bowman Jun<sup>r</sup> In Probate: 26 Oct 1805

#### 33. JOHN CRUMMETT of Boothbay, yeoman (LCP 11:42)

[No statement of health]

To my wife Rebekah Crummett, a comfortable and sufficient support, of all and every article and conveniency that may be necessary for a person in the decline of life in health and sickness dur her nat life, to be allowed her from out of the income, profits or produce of all that my messuages or tenements in Boothbay.

To my son Joshua Crummett, \$1.

To my dau Martha Rollings, \$1.

- To my grdaus Sarah, a child of my dau Martha Rollings, and Jane Crummett, dau of my son Joshua Crummett, single woman, all that my messuages and tenements in Boothbay with all my freehold est, to hold to them forever, with all my PE, always reserving the support for my wife as above mentioned, sd property to be eq div betw the sd Sarah and Jane, which sd legacies or sums of money I will to be pd in 1y aft my dec.
- Appt Jonathan M<sup>c</sup>Farland of Boothbay Esqr. and John Murray of Boothbay, gentleman, sole execs.

Dated: 2 Mar 1805

Signed with his signature ("John Crummett") Witnesses: Jon<sup>a</sup> Sawyer Jr., Martha Sawyer, Jon<sup>a</sup> Young

In Probate: 27 Jun 1805

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#### 34. JOHN SHOVEE of Wiscasset, mariner or yeoman (LCP 11:112)

Being weak in body

- To my wife Jane Shovee, dur her nat life, all my RE in Wiscasset consisting of a dwl house and land adj being about 1a.
- It is my will that whatever is left of my est aft the dec of my wife be eq div betw my 2 chn, Sarah Glidden and Esther Shovee. It is also my desire that my dau Esther have a feather bed, under bed, bed quilt and bedstead at my dec.

To my wife, all my PE and whatever thereof shall remain at her dec to be eq div betw my 2 daus aforenamed.

Appt my wife sole exec.

Dated: 19 Nov 1804

Signed with his mark ("X")

Witnesses: Elias Grant, Sally Grant, Alden Bradford

In Probate: 9 Dec 1805

#### 35. WILLIAM ASKINS of Bristol, yeoman (LCP 11:118)

Being sick and weak in body

To my son Alexander, 12s.

To my dau Lydia, 12s.

To my son John, 12s.

To my dau Elizabeth, 12s.

To my son Ebenezer, 12s.

To my son Thomas, 12s.

To my son Henry, 12s.

To my son William, 12s.

To my son Robert, 12s.

To my son James, 12s.

To my son Jonas Woodbery, 12s.

To my wife Ruth dur her nat life, a full improvement of all my homestead or farm that I now possess, together with my house and barn and all my stock of cattle, sheep, horses, swine, fowls, farming utensils, house furniture, debts and moveable effects aft all my creditors are pd, the remainder to her disposal to make any donations or gratuities to the surviving chn as she shall think proper.

Appt my wife Ruth sole exec. I also appt my bro Alexander Askins to be guardian to all my minor chn who are under ae 14y.

Dated: 16 Jun 1800

Signed with his signature ("William Askins")

Witnesses: Elijah Crooker, Thos Johnstone, Patance [sic] Curtis

In Probate: 9 Jan 1806

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#### 36. WILLIAM WATSON of Thomaston, yeoman (LCP 11:120)

Feeling the decays of age and realizing the near approach of death

- To my dau Margaret, wife of Zephaniah Everton, 10a of land on the S side of my homestead lot in Thomaston, to front 20r on the river and to extend back keeping the sd width of 20r until the aforesd complement of 10a be completed; also 1 cow and \$50 in cash to be pd in 1y aft my dec.
- To my dau Elizabeth, wife of Edward Brown, 3a of land bd as follows: beg at a stake standing on the W side of St. George's River in Thomaston and on the bank of sd river N of the ferry-way, thence running W by the N side of the road leading from my house to the ferry till a N and by W course shall strike the river and at the same time comprise the aforesd quantity of 3a; also 1 cow to be delivered to her within 3m aft my dec.
- To Clarissa Watson, dau of my son William Watson decd, 1 good feather bed and 1 cow to be delivered to her by my execs when they shall deem it proper and for her benefit, but they are not to delay the delivery longer than till the sd Clarissa shall attain to the 18th year of her age.
- After setting off the above bequeathed tracts of land and paying the legacies bef mentioned, I give the whole of my RE & PE to my son James Watson and my dau Mary Watson and their heirs forever to be eq div betw them, and they to hold the same as joint tenants and not as tenants in common.

Appt William Lermond of Warren, gentleman, and my son James Watson execs. Dated: 21 Jul 1805

Signed with his signature ("W<sup>m</sup> Watson")

Witnesses: James Watson, Eliphalet Conner, Thurston Whiting

In Probate: 11 Jan 1806

#### 37. DANIEL FILLHOWER of Waldoborough, gentleman (LCP 11:177)

[No statement of health]

- To my wife Margaret, all my h/h furniture and all my PE forever; also all my RE to be by her enjoyed and improved dur her nat life.
- To my dau Margaret Woltz, aft the death of my wife Margaret, all my RE forever, and my sd dau Margaret Woltz is to pay to my sd wife's heirs out of my RE \$100 current money, to be pd in 6m aft the dec of my wife.
- It is also my will that if Daniel Ripley, son to my wife's dau Margaret Ripley, should live with me till my dec or otherwise till he is ae 21y, my sd dau Margaret Woltz is to pay sd Daniel Ripley \$100 out of my RE 6m aft my dec.
- It is also my will that my dau Margaret Woltz is to enjoy my RE, but not to be sold by her, and aft her dec my grchn are to have my RE eq div amongst them.

Appt my wife Margaret Fillhower sole exec.

Dated: 10 Dec 1799

Signed with his signature ("Daniel Fillhower")

Witnesses: Jacob Ludwig, Jacob Creamer, Henry Siders In Probate: 25 Jun 1806

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#### REVIEWS

MAINE PIONEERS NEAR THE KENNEBEC AND ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER VALLEYS, by Elizabeth Brown Calkins (South China, Maine: Sam Teddy Publishing, 2015), paperback, 491 pp., including endnotes and index, \$22.95 plus postage. Order from publisher: www.samteddypublishing.com.

A family genealogist for over fifty years, Elizabeth Brown Calkins makes clear the purpose of her book in the introduction: "a combined history and genealogy." She gives brief, informational capsules, in twenty-four pages, of towns along the Kennebec and Androscoggin Rivers, places where the author's ancestors settled. The most expansive part of the book, almost four-hundred pages, are family genealogies of the author's ancestors. A sampling of names includes Austin, Bubier, Fogg, Meserve, and Tuttle. The length of each genealogy, which begins with the author's Maine pioneer, varies to the extent of when one family joins another in the author's ancestry. Of course, the most extensive genealogy is the descendants of Ezekiel Brown, which includes Calkins's children and grandchildren.

The author's zeal for genealogy and giving context to her ancestors' lives is evident throughout the book. She uses her own system of documentation, some of which appears within the family sketch, and is also listed in the form of endnotes near the book's conclusion. Inspired by the format of Robert Charles Anderson's *Great Migration* series, many family entries have the subject's Education, Occupation, Residence, Religion, etc. Some family photographs also appear in a few sections.

Elizabeth Brown Calkins notes in her introduction, "This data base is not without errors, I am sure, but it has been documented to the best of my ability with the many years of research behind it, and perhaps it might help you find your roots. Like so many people who spend a lifetime collecting, compiling, and organizing their family history, the author undoubtedly pondered the question, "What do I do with all of this?" She can take great pride in this publication as a way of sharing her own genealogy with an audience of fellow enthusiasts.

-Reviewed by Michael F. Dwyer, Contributing Editor

AN ARRAY OF HOPE: SOCIAL NEWS OF HOPE, MAINE, 1888 TO 1907, by Cynthia S. DellaPenna (Raleigh, N.C.: Lineage Array Publishing, 2014), paperback, vii+682 pp., including appendices, bibliography, and every-name and select subject index, \$49.50. Order from www.Lulu.com/shop.

In 1990 Anna Simpson Hardy published her *History of Hope, Maine* (Camden, Maine: Penobscot Press), a first-rate town history focusing on the growth and development of Hope from its earliest settlement in the 1780s through to modern times. Documentation of Hope's families in this history was primarily confined to abstracts of the town vital records, town reports, and cemetery inscriptions—all of which give

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us lots of names and dates, but little in terms of information about how the people lived their daily lives.

In *An Array of Hope*, author DellaPenna provides a much more personal and intimate portrayal of the lives of Hope's citizens during the twenty-year period from 1888 to 1907. This very hefty book is described on the frontispiece as containing "a rural mid-coast town's history, vital records, biography, economics, and gossip from the transcribed 'social news' of the Rockland *Courier-Gazette* newspaper."

In the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries, the *Courier-Gazette* was the principal newspaper for the residents of Rockland and the nearby towns in Knox County. Like many newspapers of the day, the *Courier-Gazette* routinely included a "social news" column, arranged by town, as well as a section listing recent births, deaths, and marriages. DellaPenna has transcribed these items for the town of Hope from every issue of the newspaper for the twenty-year period. Chapters in the book are arranged by year, with each chapter introduced by a short summary of the major national news events of that year.

These newspaper items give the reader a detailed glimpse into the day-to-day activities of ordinary people in a rural town. There are, of course, many notices of births, deaths (often accompanied by informative obituaries), and marriages, but the bulk of the book is made up of accounts of more routine topics, including family gatherings, visits by relatives and friends, birthday and anniversary celebrations, illnesses of all kinds, gardening activities, accidents and injuries, building projects, real estate transactions, church events, and crop and livestock reports. On Saturday, 26 January 1901, for example, the paper reported that Joe and Clarence Ludwig spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ludwig; Leroy Jackson lost a nice cow on Friday, she being caught in the chain she was tied with; Mrs. Alvin Perry was on the sick list the past week; Preston Jackson was attending school at Appleton; Miss Agnes Simmons was home from Camden; David Hall had been building an ice house and will fill it in with ice from the Hobbs pond; and Ralph Knights of Rockport was in town on Sunday.

A comparison of this book's index with the names of persons enumerated in Hope in the 1900 Federal Census indicates that most of Hope's residents that year are mentioned somewhere in this book, some persons quite frequently. For family and social historians alike with Hope connections, *An Array of Hope* will provide "meat on the bones" biographical material that is not often possible to find in town and courthouse records alone.

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