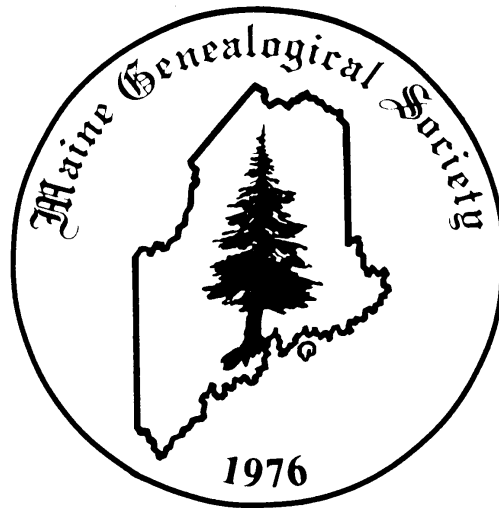


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EDITOR'S PAGE

This issue of *The Maine Genealogist* completes Volume 40, locking in forty years of publication of the journal since the Society was founded. This year's volume is dedicated to our most prolific author, Priscilla Eaton of Rochester, New York.

Since the time of her first submission to this journal in 2001, Priscilla has contributed a total of twenty-four articles, many of them multi-part investigations of complicated Maine families. These include the Eatons and Bragdons of Wells, the Hobbsses of Berwick, the Maxwells of Ogunquit, and the Frieses of Kittery. In 2010, Priscilla and I collaborated on an article for *The American Genealogist* revealing the English origin of Nathan¹ Lord of Kittery. Priscilla followed that up in 2011 with an in-depth study in *The Maine Genealogist* of the first three generations of the Lord family in Maine. That article alone resolved more problems in previously printed sources than any other article published in the journal to date, and it is a masterpiece of genealogical analysis. In addition to many other short articles, Priscilla provided to this journal the nineteenth-century records of the First and Second Churches of Wells, which ran serially between 2013 and 2015. In 2018 alone, three of her articles have appeared in these pages.

Also in 2018, Priscilla published in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* a fascinating account of a 1725 witchcraft case in Maine, and she wrote for *The Genealogist* (the biannual journal of the American Society of Genealogists) an article about the Marquis de Lafayette's visit to Maine in 1825, focusing on the innkeepers who welcomed him as he went from town to town. Priscilla has a knack for finding compelling topics and utilizing innovative approaches to describe them.

I have on hand several new articles by Priscilla, which will appear in future issues of this journal. In the meantime, Priscilla is tackling a genealogy of the Littlefield family of Wells—a monumental task, as they are one of the most prolific and difficult-to-research families in Maine—and this promises to be a significant contribution to Maine family history.

For this issue, Priscilla has contributed a study of six men from Maine who were members of the Suffolk and California Mutual Trading Company, a company formed to fund and organize a large-scale mining operation in California after gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill in 1848. Noteworthy is the way the sojourn in California influenced the men from Maine in subsequent years, with some returning home after the Gold Rush ended and others remaining in the western states.

Although we have worked together for more than fifteen years, I never had the opportunity to meet Priscilla in person until this year, at the MGS April workshop, where she won one of the door prizes!

2018 has been a productive year for this journal. Twelve articles were published about Maine families living in nine different counties. Several of these articles include accounts of descendants who moved to other states and even to other countries. Our authors hail from all over the country, and I am grateful to every one of them for allowing their work to appear in *The Maine Genealogist*.

—Joseph C. Anderson II, Editor

MAINERS 'ROUND THE HORN

Six Maine Members of the Suffolk and California Mutual Trading Company

By Priscilla Eaton

When a gold nugget was discovered in the raceway at Sutter's Mill in January of 1848, gold fever swept the nation, reaching even the tiniest hamlets of Maine. As financing a trip to California to mine for gold was an expensive undertaking, the first flood of emigration was in the form of companies. An association was formed, officers elected, and the number of desired members determined. The price of shares varied from \$50 to \$1000, but many efforts were made to induce those of modest means to join the company, especially persons with specific skills like mariners, engineers, and mechanics. Young men who lacked the capital to purchase shares were often financed by investors, the miners obligating themselves to pay a percentage of their earnings back to the company.¹

The Suffolk and California Mutual Trading and Mining Company was comprised of 175 to 200 members, one of the largest and best outfitted. The company included a physician, counsellor [attorney], and chaplain, as well as many experienced mariners, engineers, and mechanics. Great care was taken to select men of good character. Miners were admonished to take their Bibles in one hand and their New England civilization in the other, and conquer all the wickedness that stood in their path.² Each member owned two-hundred shares at a cost of \$200 per share. Many other companies chose overland routes, but for those from New England seaport towns, there was only one way to reach California, going 'round the Horn. The Suffolk and California Mutual Trading and Mining Company paid \$22,000 for the ship *New Jersey* and repairs including coppering.³ They envisioned that the ship could remain in harbor as a home for the men working in the city, or house those who were sick, or could possibly earn money for the company making runs between Panama and San Francisco.

The 640-ton ship *New Jersey* departed Boston on 2 May 1849 with a total of 210 passengers.

The ship took an easterly course until near the Cape Verde Islands and then steered southwest; encountered a heavy gale in the gulf stream and had head winds all the way to Cape Horn; was twenty days off the Falkland Islands and the passengers suffered terribly from the cold; finally got around the Cape and stopped at Callao [Peru] on the run up the coast. The passengers were so anxious to get ashore after their hard voyage that some of them sold part of their clothing to get money for a shore excursion. Lima was only seven miles from Callao and all who could visited the silver city

¹ Octavius Thorndike Howe, *Argonauts of '49* (Cambridge, Mass., 1923), 3-5.

² Oscar Lewis, *Sea Routes to the Gold Fields*, (New York, 1949), 43.

³ Charles A. Schultz, *Forty-Niners 'round the Horn* (Columbia, S.C., 1999), 13.

and wandered through the cathedral and churches, decked with gold and silver images, saw Rolla's bridge and the tomb of Pizarro and had all the fruit they could eat for the modest sum of twenty-five cents.⁴

A passenger who boarded the *New Jersey* at Callao, Peru, offered the following description in a letter to his brother in England.⁵

I embarked on the 30th of August on board the *New Jersey* of Boston, which called at Callao for water. She had 210 passengers on board. I paid \$80 passage money, and expected to live well, but was very much deceived; the paupers in your workhouse live much better than we did on the voyage. We arrived at this land of gold, San Francisco, on the 11th of Oct. This ship was a very good one and sailed well, the whole range of the vessel from fore to aft, was thrown open so as to make one long room, with berths built three deep down both sides, and along the middle, and long tables between them. The passengers were divided into messes, about 16 in each, each mess had a captain to serve provisions. . . . The vessel belonged to a company called the "Suffolk and California Mutual Trading and Mining Association," consisting of 200 members, at \$200 each. They brought out provisions, mining tools, a brick house, 2 or 3 wooden ones, besides tents, etc. There were several passengers who did not belong to the company, who paid \$150 each passage money, and three more besides myself they took on board at Callao. . . . There are men of all trades belonging to the company. One man made a forge on board, made some very beautiful things in the shape of knives, pistols, etc. One made a very handsome drinking cup and a pair of scales out of some skulls he picked up at the ruins of old Callao. . . .

We anchored in the bay of San Francisco on Thursday, Oct. 11th, 1849, about 6 in the evening. We did not go on shore that night, and could not see the town as we lay about a mile off, but we could see the hill studded with tents, and about 300 sail of vessels in the bay, which is very fine and capable of containing many thousands. In the morning we went on shore, there were so many to go, that it was late before I got off. We landed on the beach and walked through a sort of wood to the top of a hill, where we had a fine view of the town, and it is certainly a most imposing scene from that distance. . . .

There is plenty of gold here, but that easily to be got has been taken, they have to work hard to get any now, and still, I am told some men will average their ounce per day.

As noted in the letter, many problems were immediately obvious. They had arrived late. Most of those who made any significant money mining placers had come earlier, the so-called '48ers. The men were eager to strike out on their own, and as one member noted, "as soon as the port of San Francisco was reached, little heed was paid to contracts or agreements, and all made a rush for the gold diggings."⁶ The company disbanded, and the *New Jersey* was sold soon after arrival and went under the Tahitian flag.⁷

⁴ Howe, *Argonauts of '49* [note 1], 74–74.

⁵ "California, Land of Gold," *Liverpool [England] Mercury*, 8 Feb. 1850, p. 2 [newspapers.com].

⁶ *Boston Evening Transcript*, "Reminiscence," 24 Feb. 1890.

⁷ Howe, *Argonauts of '49* [note 1], 209.

The six Maine men examined here, chosen randomly from the ship's manifest, hailed from Vienna, Woolwich, Litchfield, Gardiner, Eastport, and Wayne, and there is no evidence they were acquainted. All were under the age of thirty; four were single, one was married, and one was widowed. The six represented a cross-section of Maine society: two had previously been employed as mariners, one was an engineer, one a tailor, one a stone cutter, and one a farmer. They did, however, share a certain adventurous spirit. Of the six, none died in their home state of Maine, and their children became pioneers of the states of California, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.

ISAAC C. ALDEN, MARINER, AGE 25, VIENNA, MAINE

ISAAC COLLIER ALDEN was born in Greene, Maine, 24 January 1824, son of Eliab and Eunice (Collier) Alden.⁸ He died in Weyauwega, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, 19 January 1892.⁹ He married first, in Vienna, Maine, 19 October 1851, LUCY B. SANBORN.¹⁰ Lucy was born in Vienna, 20 November 1827, daughter of Stephen and Anna (Moore) Sanborn,¹¹ and died in Vienna, 22 July 1853, age 26.¹² Isaac married second ELEANOR ("ELLE") BREWER, born in New York, circa 1837, daughter of Jacob and Rachel (—) Brewer.¹³ She died in Weyauwega, 7 May 1860.¹⁴ Isaac married third in Waukesha, Wisconsin, 11 June 1861, ELLEThERA/ILLEThERA B. (HAYFORD) HOLMES.¹⁵ She was born in Salem, Maine, 18 February 1832, daughter of Washington and Jane (Barker) Hayford,¹⁶ and widow of Samuel Holmes; she died in Weyauwega, 17 October 1908.¹⁷

⁸ Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900, database, familysearch.org. Eliab Alden m. Leeds, Maine, 28 Sept. 1817, Eunice Collier (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, image, familysearch.org).

⁹ Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega, Wisc., photo, findagrave.com #25427519.

¹⁰ Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, image, familysearch.org.

¹¹ Vienna VRs 1:40. The death records of Lucy's brother, Joshua Sanborn, and sister, Mary (Sanborn) Russell, give their mother's name as Anna Moore or Mooers (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, image, familysearch.org, Joshua Sanborn, d. 1894; New Hampshire Deaths records, 1654–1947, Mary Russell, d. 1899).

¹² Vienna Village Cemetery, photo, findagrave.com, #157535734.

¹³ Jacob and Rachel Brewer, both born in Pa., formed the only Brewer household in Weyauwega in 1860, which included a daughter Lydia, age 21 (1860 U.S. Census, Weyauwega, Waupaca Co., Wisc., p. 27). The obituary of their daughter, Lydia (Brewer) Consalus, mentions her nephew, John Alden, of Oregon (*Oshkosh Daily Northwestern*, 23 May 1911; Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega, findagrave.com #89197533). In 1850 the Brewers were residing in Winnecone, the household including daughter "Ellenor," age 13, b. N.Y. (Jacob Brewer household, 1850 U.S. Census, Winnecone, Winnebago Co., Wisc., p. 43). The last name is incorrectly transcribed as "Brown."

¹⁴ Bell Cemetery, Winneconne, Winnebago, Wisc. image, billiongraves.com.

¹⁵ Wisconsin County Marriages, 1836–1911, database, familysearch.org.

¹⁶ Washington Hayford was b. Salem, Maine, 4 July 1804 (Maine Births & Christenings, 1739–1900, database, familysearch.org); m. Salem, 20 Aug. 1829, Jane Barker (Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org).

¹⁷ Ellethera Alden obituary, *The Oshkosh Daily Northwestern*, Oshkosh, Wisc., 21 Oct. 1908.

Isaac Alden's obituary notes that as a young sailor, he visited nearly every corner of the globe, but there is no mention of his days in the California gold fields.¹⁸ He did not remain in California long; he could not be discovered in the 1850 U.S. Census, and was possibly on his return trip to Maine where, on 19 October 1851, he married his first wife, Lucy Sanborn. Following her death two years later, Isaac again headed west, where he was enumerated in Weyauwega, Wisconsin, in 1855 in a household of one.¹⁹

Isaac's eldest daughter, Lucy Ella, was raised in Vienna, Maine, by her Sanborn relations,²⁰ and did not accompany her father to Wisconsin. In June 1860, Isaac was farming in Weganwegan, Wisconsin, his estate valued at \$1800. On 7 May 1860, his second wife Ellen died giving birth to twins; in 1860, the only other members of Isaac's household were his son John and daughter Ellen, both two months old.²¹

Isaac's third wife, Ellethera Hayford, was the widow of Samuel T. Holmes, who was born in Maine circa 1832, and died in Weyauwega, 15 January 1856, age 24 years, 9 months.²² Samuel and Ellethera (Hayford) Holmes had three children who later resided in the Isaac Alden household.²³ Isaac died a long and painful death, resulting from injuries incurred when he fell from the loft in his barn. One hundred years after Isaac went west to pan for gold, his son, John Franklin Alden, was living in Gold Rush country in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California.

Child of Isaac Alden and his 1st wife Lucy (Sanborn): 1. *Ella Lucy Alden*, b. Vienna, Maine, 15 Feb. 1853, d. Springfield, Ill., 8 Sept. 1935;²⁴ m. (1) Vienna, 7 April, 1872, John Almond Whittier;²⁵ m. (2) Somerville, Mass., 18 April 1885, William H. Gammon.²⁶

Children of Isaac Alden and his 2nd wife, Ellen (Brewer) Alden, both b. Weyauwega: 2. *John Franklin Alden*, twin, b. 7 May 1860, d. Petaluma, Calif., 9 Jan. 1948;²⁷ m. (1) Union Co., Ore., 9 June 1891, Ida S. Ripley;²⁸ m. (2) Union Co., Ore., 25 March 1909, Annie F. Parker.²⁹ 3. *Ellen May Alden*,

¹⁸ Isaac Alden obituary, *Weyauwega Chronicle*, 20 Jan 1892.

¹⁹ I. C. Alden household, 1855 Wisconsin State Census, Weyauwega, Waupaca Co., Wisc., p. 5.

²⁰ Nathaniel Sanborn household, 1860 U.S. Census, Vienna, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 17.

²¹ Isaac Alden household, 1860 U.S. Census, Weganwegan, Waupaca Co., Wisc., p. 19. The two children, John and Ellen, were also enumerated in the household of Isaac's sister, Beulah Anne Greeley, their surname of *Alden* not noted (B. Y. [Levi] Greeley household, 1860 U.S. Census, Saxeville, Waushara Co., Wisc., p. 5).

²² Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega, Wisc., photo, findagrave.com, #25428282.

²³ Isaac Alden household, 1870 and 1880 U.S. Censuses, Weyauwega, Waupaca Co., Wisc., pp. 9, 217, respectively.

²⁴ Illinois Deaths, 1916–1947, database, familysearch.org.

²⁵ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, database, familysearch.org.

²⁶ Massachusetts Marriages, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org.

²⁷ Cyprus Hill Memorial Park, Petaluma, Calif., photo, findagrave.com, #124122774.

²⁸ Oregon, County Marriages, 1851–1975, database, familysearch.org.

²⁹ Oregon, County Marriages, 1851–1975, database, familysearch.org.

twin, b. 7 May 1860; m. Waushara, Wisc., 22 May 1881, her cousin, Levi Irvin Greeley.³⁰

Children of Isaac Alden and his 3rd wife, Ellethera (Hayford) (Holmes), all b. Weyauwega: 4. *Jessie Ermine Alden*, b. 28 Aug. 1863, d. Chicago, Ill., 28 Feb. 1896;³¹ m. Milwaukee, Wisc., 20 April 1891, Edmond Raymond Moras.³² 5. *Beulah Anna Alden*, b. ca. 1865, d. Weyauwega, 29 Dec. 1873, age 8y 3m.³³ 6. *Margaret Alden*, b. 29 Sept. 1871, d. Weyauwega, 12 Sept. 1962;³⁴ m. Weyauwega, 9 Nov. 1899, Gerrit T. Thorn Jr.³⁵

Children of Samuel and Ellethera (Hayford) Holmes, all b. Weyauwega: 1. *Florence/Flora Holmes*, b. 11 March 1852, d. Weyauwega, 12 Oct. 1883, age 31y.³⁶ 2. *Ellen Martha Holmes*, b. 8 Aug. 1854, d. Weyauwega, 8 May 1932;³⁷ m. St. Lawrence, Wisc., 24 Nov. 1870, Lawrence Miller.³⁸ 3. *Samuel Thomas Holmes*, b. 27 April 1856, d. Weyauwega, 1933,³⁹ m. N. Dak., bef. 1891, Emma Phelps.⁴⁰

GEORGE A. BAILEY, MARINER, AGE 22, WOOLWICH, MAINE

GEORGE AUGUSTUS BAILEY was born 11 November 1826 in Woolwich, Maine, son of George and Sarah (McKenney) Bailey.⁴¹ He died in Richmond, Virginia, 4 July 1896, age 70 years.⁴² He married in Bangor, Maine, 29 August 1854, HELEN (“ELLEN”) A. GOULD,⁴³ born Bangor, Maine, 14 April 1832, daughter of

³⁰ Wisconsin, County Marriages, 1836–1911, database, familysearch.org. Levi was the son of Levi and Beulah Ann (Alden) Greeley (Levi Greeley household, 1880 U.S. Census, Lind, Waupaca Co., Wisc., p. 16). Levi Greeley, age 19, and Ellen M. Alden, age 20, were both members of the household.

³¹ Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega, Wisc., photo, findagrave.com, #2543153.

³² Wisconsin, Co. Marriages, 1836–1911, database, familysearch.org.

³³ Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega, Wisc., photo, findagrave.com, #25427579.

³⁴ Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega, Wisc., photo, findagrave.com, #25431415.

³⁵ Wisconsin, County Marriages, 1836–1911, database, familysearch.org.

³⁶ Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega, Wisc., photo, findagrave.com, #55802407.

³⁷ Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega, Wisc., photo, findagrave.com, #88144054.

³⁸ Wisconsin, County Marriages, 1836–1911, database, familysearch.org.

³⁹ Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega, Wisc., photo, findagrave.com, #55802798.

⁴⁰ Son Leroy K. Holmes’s marriage record names his parents as T. S. Holmes and Mrs. Emma Ritchie, whose maiden name was Miss Emma Phelps (Montana Co. Marriages, 1865–1950, image, familysearch.org). Thomas and Emma likely married before 1891 when daughter Inez Holmes was born (George E. Ritchie household, 1910 U.S. Census, Deer Lodge, Powell Co., Mont., p. 16). In 1930 Thomas Holmes, an inmate at the County Poor Farm, gave his marital status as “divorced” (County Poor Farm, 1930 U.S. Census, Little Wolf, Waupaca Co., Wisc., p. 1).

⁴¹ Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Woolwich, Maine* (Waterville, Maine, 2015), 236; his parents m. 28 Nov. 1822 per *ibid.*, 527.

⁴² Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia, ., photo, findagrave.com, #5997475.

⁴³ Ruth Gray, *Marriage Returns of Penobscot County, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1994), 188.

Abiel and Louisa (McKenney) Gould.⁴⁴ Helen died 14 June 1914 in Richmond, where she is buried with her husband in Hollywood Cemetery.⁴⁵

George apparently derived no riches in California and must have remained only a few months. In 1850 George A. Bailey, seaman, was residing in the Woolwich household of his stepfather, Boyd Hubbard, along with his mother, Sarah, and brothers Jesse and Andrew.⁴⁶ By 1860 George was married, was working as a mariner, owned no real estate, and was living in the Bangor household of David Boynton.⁴⁷ Nevertheless, he apparently still had a taste for adventure, as by 1870 he was employed as a submarine diver, living in East Boston with his wife Helen A. Bailey, aged 38, and daughter Jessie H., aged 15.⁴⁸ In 1880 George and Helen Bailey and daughter Jessie were living in Boston,⁴⁹ but later moved to Richmond, Virginia. George's cemetery inscription calls him Captain George A. Bailey.

Children of George and Helen (Gould) Bailey: 1. *Jessie Helen/Nellie Bailey*, b. Bangor, 1855, d. Richmond, Va., 30 Aug. 1890, aged 35y.⁵⁰ 2. *Georgetta Bailey*, b. Bangor, 1860, d. Boston, 9 Jan. 1861, aged 1y.⁵¹ 3. *Edward Irving Bailey*, b. Boston, 25 Aug. 1863,⁵² d. Boston, 18 Sept. 1864.⁵³ 4. *Lillie Bailey*, b. Boston, 20 Aug. 1867,⁵⁴ d. Boston, 30 Aug. 1867.⁵⁵

REUBEN H. GODDARD, FARMER, AGE 27, LITCHFIELD, MAINE

REUBEN H[OXIE?] GODDARD was born in Vassalboro, Maine, [calc.] 23 January 1823, son of Abel and Mercy (Hoxie) Goddard.⁵⁶ He died in Camanche, Clinton County, Iowa, 2 June 1861, age 38 years, 4 months, 9 days.⁵⁷ He married first in Litchfield, 17 November 1842, JANE S. HOWARD.⁵⁸ She was born in Litch-

⁴⁴ In 1850, 18-year-old Ellen A. Gould was residing in Bangor with her parents Abiel and Louisa Gould (Abiel Gould household, 1850 U.S. Census, Bangor, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 180). Abiel Gould m. Woolwich, 24 Jan 1832, Louisa McKenney (Groves, *Woolwich VRs* [note 41], 416).

⁴⁵ Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va., photo, findagrave.com, #58423672.

⁴⁶ Boyd Hubbard household, 1850 U.S. Census, Woolwich, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 18.

⁴⁷ David Boynton household, 1860 U.S. Census, Bangor, Penobscot Co., Maine, pp. 63–64.

⁴⁸ George A. Bailey household, 1870 U.S. Census, East Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass., p. 515.

⁴⁹ George A. Bailey household, 1880 U.S. Census, Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass. p. 15.

⁵⁰ Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va., photo, findagrave.com, #58423656.

⁵¹ Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org.

⁵² Massachusetts Births, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org.

⁵³ Massachusetts Deaths and Burials, 1795–1910, database, familysearch.org.

⁵⁴ Massachusetts Births, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org.

⁵⁵ Massachusetts Deaths and Burials, 1795–1910, database, familysearch.org.

⁵⁶ See note 60; Mercy's surname of Hoxie given on the 1903 death record of her daughter Sarah H. Delano (Maine, Death Records, 1761–1922, image, ancestry.com).

⁵⁷ Rose Hill Cemetery, Camanche, Iowa, findagrave.com, #61385527. The stone is damaged and the year of death has been incorrectly transcribed as 1865. Reuben's widow remarried in Oct. 1861.

⁵⁸ Oliver Barrett Clason, *History of Litchfield, Maine, and an Account of Its Centennial Celebration, 1895* (Augusta, 1897), 169

field, 21 November 1815, daughter of Elias and Betsy (Simmons) Howard.⁵⁹ Reuben married second in Boston, 30 July 1850, MARTHA CAROLINE PINKHAM.⁶⁰ She was born in Hallowell, Maine, 16 June 1832, daughter of Richard and Mary (Bugnon) Pinkham.⁶¹ Reuben married third in Manchester, Maine, 31 August 1854, HANNAH MARIA BRIGGS.⁶² She was born in Hallowell, 6 June 1833, daughter of Ezra Jr. and Phebe (Goddard) Briggs.⁶³

Reuben was a widower with children when he departed for California in 1849. He left his eldest son, Hallowell, aged six, in Litchfield in the care of his brother-in-law Cyrus Howard,⁶⁴ and his youngest son, Gardiner, aged three, in Vassalboro in the care of his mother, Mercy (Hoxie) (Goddard) Rankins.⁶⁵ He did not remain long in California, perhaps just a few months, as he was back in Boston before 30 July 1850 when he married his second wife. In 1860 Reuben was farming in Camanche, Iowa; his household included his third wife Mariah, 24, “Holoell,” 16, “Gardner,” 14, Elizabeth, 4, and “Amanda,” 2. The name *Amanda* is in error; the child born circa 1858 was Reuben’s son Manly Waterville Goddard.⁶⁶ Reuben died the following year at the age of 38. His children settled in Iowa, Texas, and California.

Maria married second in Clinton, Iowa, 18 October 1861, Philip Paine Mudgett.⁶⁷ He was born in Parsonsfield, Maine, [calc.] 4 April 1800, son of Abraham and Catherine (Paine) Mudgett,⁶⁸ and died in Camanche, Iowa, 26 December 1868, aged

⁵⁹ Clason, *History of Litchfield* [note 58], 169.

⁶⁰ Massachusetts Marriages, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org. The Boston marriage record gives Reuben’s residence as Litchfield, his age as 28, his place of birth as Vassalboro, and his father as Abel Goddard. Abel last resided at Plantation Number One in Sixth Range north of the Waldo Patent in Penobscot [Sidney]. He died intestate, and his widow, Mercy, was granted the administration of the estate, probated 5 Oct. 1824 (Maine, Wills and Probate Records, 1584–1999, image, ancestry.com).

⁶¹ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, image, familysearch.org.

⁶² Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org.

⁶³ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, image, familysearch.org. Ezra Briggs Jr. m. Litchfield, 22 May 1828, Phebe Goddard (Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org).

⁶⁴ Cyrus Howard household, 1850 U.S. Census, Litchfield, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 47.

⁶⁵ Levi D. Rankins household, 1850 U.S. Census, Vassalboro, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 49. Levi D. Rankins m. (int.) Vassalboro, 6 April 1828, Mrs. Mercy Goddard of Sidney (Angela M. Foster, *Vital Records of Vassalboro, Maine* [Rockport, Maine, 2003], 212). Levi and Mercy Rankins named a son Abel Goddard Rankins.

⁶⁶ Reuben H. Goddard household, 1860 U.S. Census, Camanche, Clinton Co., Iowa, p. 28. It is interesting that Reuben named his three sons after Maine towns.

⁶⁷ Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934, database, familysearch.org.

⁶⁸ Mildred Dennett Mudgett and Bruce D. Mudgett, *Thomas Mudgett of Salisbury, Massachusetts, and his Descendants* (Bennington, Vt., 1961), 57. Abraham Mudgett m. Parsonsfield, Maine, 2 Jan 1797, Katy Paine (Maine Marriages, 1771–1907, database, familysearch.org). The authors name Philip’s wife as Katy Sinclair, with no mention of his relocation to Iowa or his second wife Hannah Marie (Briggs) Goddard. Philip Mudgett’s 18 Dec. 1868 will mentioned only his wife, Hannah Maria, and his daughters Mattie Maria and Emma Lillian (Iowa, Wills and Probate Records, 1758–1997, image, ancestry.com).

68 years, 8 months, 22 days.⁶⁹ In 1870, Maria Mudgett, aged 32, was living in Camanche with her four children: Lizzie Goddard 13, Manly Goddard, 11, Martha Mudgett, 7, and Emma Mudgett, 2. Also in the household was Reuben Goddard's nephew, 23-year-old David Delano of Maine.⁷⁰ Hannah Maria married third in Clinton, Iowa, 2 February 1871, Martin Engle,⁷¹ born Sharon, Schoharie County, New York, 27 April 1816, son of Jacob and Jane (Tingley) Engle.⁷² He died in Clinton, Iowa, 8 May 1882.⁷³ In 1880, the blended family was living in Calamus, Iowa, and included: Martin Engle, 64, H. M. [Hannah Maria] Engle, 46, stepson Manly W. Goddard, 22, stepdaughter Mattie M. Mudgett, 17, stepdaughter Lillie Mudgett, 12, as well as three farm laborers.⁷⁴ Maria had again married a much-older man.

Children of Reuben H. Goddard and his 1st wife, Mary Jane (Howard), both likely b. Litchfield, Maine: 1. *Hallowell Goddard*, b. ca. 1844, d. Camanche, Iowa, 31 July 1915;⁷⁵ m. Clinton Co., Iowa, 21 Feb. 1867, Adelaide Howard.⁷⁶ 2. *Gardiner H. Goddard*, b. ca. 1847, d. Camanche, Iowa, 15 Jan. 1928;⁷⁷ m. Clinton Co., Iowa, 27 July 1881, Addie O. Winne.⁷⁸

Children of Reuben H. Goddard and his 2nd wife, Hannah Maria (Briggs), both b. Camanche, Iowa: 3. *Elizabeth A. Goddard*, b. 25 Sept. 1856, d. Austin, Texas, 12 Sept. 1936;⁷⁹ m. Clinton Co., Iowa, 25 Sept. 1873, Charles D. Manning.⁸⁰ 4. *Manly Waterville Goddard*, b. ca. 1858, d. Los Angeles Co., Calif., 14 Feb. 1922;⁸¹ m. (1) Delaware, Iowa, 25 April 1889, Mary L. Tesar;⁸² m. (2) Riverside, Calif., 15 Dec. 1909, Jennie Olivia Anderson.⁸³

⁶⁹ Rose Hill Cemetery, Camanche, Clinton Co., Iowa, findagrave.com, #147302466.

⁷⁰ Maria Mudgett household, 1870 U.S. Census, Camanche, Clinton Co., Iowa, p. 16. David was the son of Erastus Brooks and Sarah (Goddard) Delano of Fairfield, Maine (Erastus Brooks Delano household, 1850 U.S. Census, Fairfield, Somerset Co., Maine, p. 31).

⁷¹ Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934, database, familysearch.org.

⁷² Martin Engle had m. (1) N.Y., bef. 1840 (1st child), Louisa M. Seeley, b. 12 Nov. 1815, daughter of Squire and Lucy (Spencer) Seeley, d. Sharon, Schoharie Co., N.Y., 15 June 1847 (Slate Hill Cemetery, findagrave.com, #135103571); m. (2) Charlton, Saratoga Co., N.Y., 23 Oct. 1847, Orpha Seeley (New York Marriages, 1686–1980, database, familysearch.org), b. Saratoga, N.Y., 1821, daughter of Ezra and Joanna (Stark) Seeley (Stony Creek Cemetery, Washtenaw Co., Mich., findagrave.com, #54167485). Orpha (Seeley) Engle d. Augusta, Washtenaw Co., Mich., 21 May 1869 (Michigan Deaths & Burials, 1800–1995, database, familysearch.org).

⁷³ Springdale Cemetery, Clinton, Iowa, findagrave.com, #6177087.

⁷⁴ Martin Engle household, 1880 U.S. Census, Calamus, Clinton Co., Iowa, p. 9.

⁷⁵ Iowa, County Death Records, 1880–1992, database, familysearch.org.

⁷⁶ Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934, database, familysearch.org.

⁷⁷ Iowa, Death Records, 1921–1940, database, familysearch.org.

⁷⁸ Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934, database, familysearch.org.

⁷⁹ Texas Deaths, 1890–1976, image, familysearch.org.

⁸⁰ Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934, database, familysearch.org.

⁸¹ California Death Index, 1905–1939, image, familysearch.org.

⁸² Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934, database, familysearch.org.

⁸³ California, County Marriages, 1850–1952, image, familysearch.org.

Children of Philip Paine and Hannah Maria (Briggs) (Goddard) Mudgett, both b. Camanche, Iowa: 1. *Martha [Mattie] Maria Mudgett*, b. 31 Oct. 1863, d. Barstow, Ward Co., Texas, 12 Dec. 1928;⁸⁴ m. Marion, Linn Co., Iowa, 8 Jan. 1886, George E. Briggs.⁸⁵ 2. *Emma Lillian Mudgett*, b. March 1869; m. Riverside, Calif., 25 Jan. 1893, James B. Wilson.⁸⁶

DAVID P. RING, TAILOR, AGE 23, EASTPORT, MAINE

DAVID PATTERSON RING was born in Edgecomb, Maine, circa 1825,⁸⁷ son of Aaron and Sarah (Patterson) Ring.⁸⁸ He married first, before 1846 when their first child was born, JULIA HARE, probably born in Eastport, Maine, 5 May 1826, daughter of Truman and Love (Bowman) Hare.⁸⁹ David married second Hartford, Vermont, 3 January 1880, GRACE HOYT. Grace was born in New Hampshire, circa 1856, daughter of Franklin and Sarah Ann (Robinson) Hoyt.⁹⁰

On 15 April 1849, weeks before the *New Jersey* set sail, David P. Ring, aged 24, born in Edgecomb, Maine, applied for a U.S. Passport in Boston.⁹¹ Presumably he left his wife Julia and three children behind in Freeport (where the second and third children were born).⁹² He must not have remained long in the gold fields of California, as his wife gave birth to their son Byron on 22 August 1851. In 1860 the Ring

⁸⁴ Barstow Cemetery, Barstow, Texas, photo, findagrave.com #22427600.

⁸⁵ Iowa County Marriages, 1838–1934, database, familysearch.org.

⁸⁶ California, County Marriages, 1850–1952, database, familysearch.org. In 1900 James and Lillian (b. Iowa, March 1869) Wilson were living in Marion, Iowa, where James was working as a druggist. James's 79-year-old widowed mother, Polly Wilson, was also a member of the household (James B. Wilson household, 1900 U.S. Census, Marion, Linn Co., Iowa, p. 29). James died eight years later, 28 Dec. 1908, and oddly, the lengthy obituary which appeared in the 31 Dec. 1908 *Marion Sentinel* gives no mention of his wife, but goes on at length about the close relationship between James Wilson and his mother (Oak Shade Cemetery, Marion, Iowa, photo, findagrave.com #12098580, which entry also includes a photo of the obituary).

⁸⁷ The record of his 2nd marriage [see note 90] gives his parents, his place of birth, and approximate date of birth.

⁸⁸ Aaron Ring m. Newcastle, Maine, 25 Dec. 1804, Sally Patterson (Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Newcastle, Maine* [Waterville, Maine, 2015], 22).

⁸⁹ Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900, database, familysearch.org. Truman's widow "Oliva" [Love] is the only Hare in the 1830 Eastport, Maine, census. Truman Hare m. Eastport, 15 Sept. 1825, Love Bowman ([Eastport, Maine] *Border Historical Newsletter* [Spring 2009]:8). Although the age at death of 20y is clearly wrong, David Ring's first wife may be the Julia Ring, housewife, b. Eastport, Maine, who d. Hanover, N.H., 23 Feb. 1878 (New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947, image, familysearch.org).

⁹⁰ Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954, image, familysearch.org. In 1860 Grace Hoyt, age 5, was living with her parents, Franklin and Ann Hoyt in Hanover, N.H. (Schuyler Pike household, 1860 U.S. Census, Hanover, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 2). Franklin Hoyt m. (no location given, but the bride was of Portsmouth) 25 May 1848, Sarah Ann Robinson (New Hampshire Marriages, 1720–1920, database, familysearch.org).

⁹¹ U.S. Passport Applications, 1795–1925, image, familysearch.org.

⁹² This family could not be discovered in the 1850 U.S. Census.

family was living in Portland, where the household included David, a tailor, age 36, wife Julia P., age 33, and children Thomas, 13, Charles E., 12, Julia C., 11, Byron, 9, Flora, 5, and Ada, 3. David does not appear to have found riches in California, as the value of his real estate was left blank, and the value of his personal property was \$400.⁹³ In 1870 the Ring family had recently moved to Randolph, Vermont, where the household included, David, age 45, a tailor, and his wife Julia P., age 41. Thomas and Charles had left the household and four new children had been born: David P., 9, Willie P., 7, Freddie L., 4, and Eugene W., 1, with all the children, including Eugene, born in Maine.⁹⁴ David P. Ring continued to have financial difficulties, and on 15 May 1874, a warrant of bankruptcy was levied against his estate.⁹⁵

Children of David and Julia (Hare) Ring, all b. Maine: 1. *Thomas Ring*, b. Portland, 28 Sept. 1846;⁹⁶ m. Boston, Mass., 18 Sept. 1869, Anne B. Willard.⁹⁷ 2. *Charles E. Ring*, b. Freeport, 1 Feb. 1848,⁹⁸ d. Boston, 27 Feb. 1884;⁹⁹ m. Huntington, Mass., 24 Sept. 1867, Bessie M. Pettingill.¹⁰⁰ 3. *Caroline Julia Ring*, b. Freeport, 22 Feb. 1849,¹⁰¹ d. Randolph, Vt., 6 June 1873.¹⁰² 4. *Byron Ring*, b. Portland, 22 Aug. 1851,¹⁰³ d. Billings, Mont., 25 Nov. 1942;¹⁰⁴ m. (1) Hall Co., Neb., 14 Oct. 1879, Harriett/Hattie Woodward;¹⁰⁵ m. (2) Billings, 15 April 1919, Helen A. Reese;¹⁰⁶ m. (3) Billings, 3 Jan. 1928, Frances/Fannie (Wilson) Krone.¹⁰⁷ 5. *Flora Ring*, b. Portland, 5 June 1855,¹⁰⁸ d. Randolph, Vt., 7 Jan. 1875.¹⁰⁹ 6. *Ada Ring*, b. Freeport, 3 March 1857,¹¹⁰ d. Randolph,

⁹³ David P. Ring household, 1860 U.S. Census, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 655.

⁹⁴ David P. Ring household, 1870 U.S. Census, Randolph, Orange Co., Vt., p. 66.

⁹⁵ *Burlington Free Press*, 15 May 1874, p. 3.

⁹⁶ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, image, familysearch.org.

⁹⁷ Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, image, americanancestors.org.

⁹⁸ Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900, database, familysearch.org.

⁹⁹ Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org. His death record notes that his mother Julia was b. Eastport, Maine.

¹⁰⁰ Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, image, americanancestors.org.

¹⁰¹ Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900, database, familysearch.org.

¹⁰² Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954, image, familysearch.org.

¹⁰³ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, image, familysearch.org.

¹⁰⁴ Mountain View Cemetery, Billings, Yellowstone Co., Mont., findagrave.com, #91795710.

¹⁰⁵ Montana County Marriages, 1865–1908, image, ancestry.com. In 1930 Harriett Ring, age 69, was living with her son Byron in Prairie Creek, Nebr. She noted she was married at age 18, and listed her marital status as “widow” (Harriett Ring household, 1930 U.S. Census, Prairie Creek, Hall Co., Nebr., p. 4). But ten years earlier, Byron N. Ring was enumerated in Billings, Mont., listing his marital status as “divorced” (John E. Foix household, 1920 U.S. Census, Billings, Yellowstone Co., Mont., p. 25).

¹⁰⁶ Montana County Marriages, 1865–1950, image, ancestry.com

¹⁰⁷ Montana County Marriages, 1865–1950, image, ancestry.com. See also Mountain View Cemetery, Billings, Yellowstone Co., Mont., findagrave.com, #91795719.

¹⁰⁸ Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, image, familysearch.org.

¹⁰⁹ Vermont: Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1700–2008, image, americanancestors.org.

¹¹⁰ Maine Births and Christenings, 1739–1900, database, familysearch.org.

Vt., 25 Feb. 1876;¹¹¹ m. Randolph, 24 June 1875, H. L. Tinkham.¹¹² 7. *David P. Ring*, b. Portland, 29 July 1861,¹¹³ d. Montpelier, Vt., 21 Feb. 1923;¹¹⁴ m. Richmond, Vt., 14 Nov. 1885, Mary/Molly Kehoe.¹¹⁵ 8. *William P. Ring*, b. Freeport, ca. 1863, d. Boston, 23 Dec. 1900, aged 37y 7m 13d;¹¹⁶ m. Boston, 17 Sept. 1885, Louisa T. Hannaford.¹¹⁷ 9. *Freddie L. Ring*, b. Freeport, July 1865, d. Greenfield, Mass., 1 Jan. 1919;¹¹⁸ m. N.H., 3 Sept. 1887, Lillie J. Cooley.¹¹⁹ 10. *Eugene Willard Ring*, b. Freeport, 31 Dec. 1868, d. Hartford, Vt., 10 Feb. 1935;¹²⁰ m. Hartford, 21 Nov. 1893, Annie Lampman.¹²¹

WILLIAM SHELDON, ENGINEER, AGE 19, GARDINER, MAINE

WILLIAM HOOPER SHELDON was born in Gardiner, Maine, 5 March 1830, son of Parker and Ruth Merrill (Lane) Sheldon.¹²² He died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 3 May 1917.¹²³ He married, probably in Hubbard, Wisconsin, before 1867, MARGARET ANNA STOOPS. She was born in the District of Columbia, circa 1840, daughter of William and Margaret (McGraw?) Stoops,¹²⁴ and died in Milwaukee in June 1893.¹²⁵

At age nineteen, William joined the Gold Rush for California. As a civil engineer, he would have been a highly valued member of the company. William remained in California for a more extended period than the four miners previously examined. In 1850 he was mining at Consumnes River, El Dorado County, where he had discovered \$800 worth of gold in the past year,¹²⁶ and in 1852 he was in

¹¹¹ Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954, image, familysearch.org.

¹¹² Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954, image, familysearch.org.

¹¹³ Vermont Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1700–2008, image, americanancestors.org.

¹¹⁴ Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954, image, familysearch.org.

¹¹⁵ Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954, image, familysearch.org.

¹¹⁶ Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915, image, familysearch.org.

¹¹⁷ Massachusetts Marriages, 1841–1919, image, familysearch.org.

¹¹⁸ New Hampshire Births, Deaths, and Marriages, 1654–1969, image, americanancestors.org.

¹¹⁹ New Hampshire Marriages, 1720–1920, database, familysearch.org.

¹²⁰ Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954, image, familysearch.org.

¹²¹ Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954, image, familysearch.org.

¹²² Henry Sewall Webster, ed., *Vital Records of Gardiner, Maine, to the Year 1892* (Gardiner, 1914), 159; his parents m. (int.) Gardiner, 12 April 1829, per *ibid.*, 458.

¹²³ William Hooper Sheldon obituary, *The Railway Review* 60, No. 20 (Chicago, 19 May 1917): 716–17. See also Cavalry Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisc., photo, findagrave.com #185239504.

¹²⁴ In 1860 19-year-old Anna, born in the District of Columbia, was living in Hubbard with her parents, William and Margaret Stoope (William Stoope household, 1860 U.S. Census, Hubbard, Dodge Co., Wisc., p. 474). An undocumented internet posting gives Margaret Anna Stoops's date of birth as 4 May 1840, daughter of William Josiah and Margaret (McGraw) Stoops.

¹²⁵ Cavalry Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisc., photo, findagrave.com, #185239503.

¹²⁶ William H. Sheldon household, 1850 U.S. Census, Consumnes River, El Dorado Co., Calif., p.12. William's brother, John Parker Sheldon, age 18, was also a member of the household.

Yuba.¹²⁷ His obituary notes that after “several” years, he returned from California, crossing the Isthmus of Panama along the route since chosen for the canal. By 1860 William was living in Hubbard, Dodge County, Wisconsin, occupation merchant,¹²⁸ but following his profession of civil engineer as circumstances permitted. In 1866 he went to Duluth, entering the employ of the Northern Pacific Railway and located many miles of the company’s lines. By 1867 he was married and had started a family which eventually grew to include six children. In 1869 he accepted a position with the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Among other projects, he was in charge of the construction of bridges crossing the Mississippi River at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and Sabala, Iowa. In 1880 William and his family were living in Milwaukee with all six children in residence: Charles, 13, Caroline, 12, Ellen, 10, William H[orace], 6, Mary 4, and Francis, 2.¹²⁹

Children of William Hooper and Margaret Anna (Stoopes) Sheldon, all b. Wisc., except Horace: 1. *Charles V. Sheldon*, b. ca. 1867; m. Merrill, Wisc., 7 Jan. 1903, Annie Bohm.¹³⁰ 2. *Caroline/Carrie A. Sheldon*, b. 3 June 1868,¹³¹ d. Milwaukee, Wisc., July 1961.¹³² 3. *Ellen/Nellie J. Sheldon*, b. ca. 1869; m. Milwaukee, 4 Feb. 1896, John B. Bangs.¹³³ 4. *Horace Sheldon*, b. Chicago, Ill., 10 July 1873,¹³⁴ d. Lovelock, Pershing Co., Nev., 19 Dec. 1956;¹³⁵ m. Havre, Chouteau Co., Mont., 28 Nov. 1901, Katherine May Clark.¹³⁶ 5. *Margaret Mary/May Sheldon*, b. 2 Oct. 1875, d. Newark, N.J., Jan. 1968;¹³⁷ m. Milwaukee, 16 April 1900, Martin Anderson.¹³⁸ 6. *Francis De Sales Sheldon*, b. 19 Nov. 1877, d. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 21 June 1970;¹³⁹ m. Milwaukee, 18

¹²⁷ William H. Sheldon household, 1852 California State Census, Yuba, Calif., database, familysearch.org.

¹²⁸ Augustus Bartholomew household, 1860 U.S. Census, Hubbard, Dodge Co., Wisc., p. 1.

¹²⁹ William H. Sheldon household, 1880 U.S. Census, Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co., Wisc., p. 45.

¹³⁰ Wisconsin County Marriages, 1836–1911, database, familysearch.org. His mother’s name is given as “Anastasia Aloysia Hoops.”

¹³¹ U.S. Passport Applications, 1795–1925, image, familysearch.org.

¹³² Cavalry Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisc., photo, findagrave.com, #185239499.

¹³³ Wisconsin, County Marriages, 1836–1911, database, familysearch.org.

¹³⁴ Illinois, Cook County, Birth Certificates, 1871–1940, database, familysearch.org.

¹³⁵ Lone Mountain Cemetery, Lovelock, Pershing Co., Nev., findagrave.com, #113696654.

¹³⁶ Montana County Marriages, 1865–1950, image, familysearch.org.

¹³⁷ U.S. Social Security Death Index.

¹³⁸ Wisconsin, County Marriages, 1836–1911, database, familysearch.org. In 1940 Martin and Margaret Anderson, Caroline Sheldon, and Nellie S. Bangs were residing together in Newark, N.J. (Martin Anderson household, 1940 U.S. Census, Newark, Essex Co., N.J., p. 26).

¹³⁹ No gravestone named, findagrave.com, #137630174. The entry gives his dates and places of his birth and death, his parents names, and includes his photograph.

June 1902, Grace Lucille Buhlman.¹⁴⁰ 7. Harry Sheldon, b. Dec. 1880,¹⁴¹ d. Milwaukee, 1920.¹⁴²

THOMAS J. WEEKS, STONE CUTTER, AGE 21, WAYNE, MAINE

THOMAS JEFFERSON WEEKS was born in Wayne, Maine, 22 December 1827, son of Thomas and Sally (Harmon) Weeks.¹⁴³ He died in Santa Cruz, California, 18 April 1905.¹⁴⁴ He married in Santa Cruz, 28 March 1854, MARGARET MORGAN.¹⁴⁵ She was born in Springfield, Ohio, 17 June 1836, daughter of James and Mary Ann (Blackburn) Morgan, and died in Santa Cruz, 16 June 1918.¹⁴⁶

In Wayne, Thomas Weeks was apprenticed as a stonecutter, a trade which he thoroughly mastered by the age of twenty, and likely highly prized by the mining company.¹⁴⁷ Apparently eager for new experiences, he set out for New Bedford to sign aboard a whaling ship, but along the way, he learned of the news of the discovery of gold in California.¹⁴⁸ On 18 April 1849, Thomas J. Weeks, age 21, of Wayne, applied for a passport in Boston.¹⁴⁹ Three weeks later, he was listed as a member of the Suffolk and California Mutual Trading and Mining Company aboard the *New Jersey* bound for San Francisco.

Thomas spent only a short time in the mining camps, perhaps as little as a month. He wandered south and is said to have emerged from the Santa Cruz Mountains into the village of Branciforte in November 1849. His first home in California was the cabin of a schooner which had run aground on the beach. In 1850 Thomas J. Weeks, age 23, born in Maine, was boarding in Santa Cruz with the A. D. Heacock family.¹⁵⁰ He quickly determined that the best way to profit from the Gold Rush was by selling goods to prospectors. Noting the quality of the soil, he decided to experiment with potato farming. He and a partner rented land from Judge William Blackburn, and in the first year, cleared \$5000 each, capitalizing from resale at high Gold Rush prices. Fittingly for this Maine native, potatoes, rather than gold, provided the stake Thomas sought in California. He married the judge's niece, and

¹⁴⁰ Wisconsin, County Marriages, 1836-1911, database, familysearch.org.

¹⁴¹ William Sheldon household, 1900 U.S. Census, Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co., Wisc., p. 28.

¹⁴² Calvary Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisc., photo, findagrave.com #185239501.

¹⁴³ Maine Births and Christenings, 1739-1900, database, familysearch.org.

¹⁴⁴ Santa Cruz Memorial Park, Santa Cruz, Calif., photo, findagrave.com, #52342650. The 1830 year of birth on his tombstone is apparently an error.

¹⁴⁵ California County Marriages, 1850-1952, image, familysearch.org.

¹⁴⁶ Santa Cruz Memorial Park, Santa Cruz, Calif., photo, findagrave.com, #52343175. James Morgan m. Clark Co., Ohio, 7 Oct. 1830, Mary Ann Blackburn (Ohio Marriages, 1789-2103, image, familysearch.org).

¹⁴⁷ Edward Sanford Harrison, *History of Santa Cruz County, California* (San Francisco, 1892), 264.

¹⁴⁸ Janet and Randy Krasnow, *A Walk Through Time: A Historical Guide to Santa Cruz Memorial Park*, <https://history.santacruzpl.org/omeka/items/show/134511#?c=0&m=0&s=0&cv=0>.

¹⁴⁹ U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925, image, familysearch.org.

¹⁵⁰ A. D. Heacock household, 1850 U.S. Census, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Co., Calif., p. 3.

then went into real estate, purchasing much of what is now downtown Santa Cruz. He owned a large farm and orchard, and in 1886, he built a grand Victorian home, which still stands at 724 California Street.¹⁵¹ His brothers Braddock and Bartlett also moved to California, residing in Pescadero.¹⁵² In later years Thomas J. Weeks became a breeder of fine horses. He became a member of the Society of California Pioneers, and never once returned to Maine.

Children of Thomas and Margaret (Morgan) Weeks, all b. Santa Cruz: 1. *Albion Paris Weeks*, b. ca. 1857, d. Santa Cruz, 1928.¹⁵³ 2. *Horace Weeks*, b. ca. 1861, d. Santa Cruz, 1868.¹⁵⁴ 3. *Clara Weeks*, b. 17 June 1867, d. Santa Cruz, 31 May 1944;¹⁵⁵ m. Santa Cruz, 8 Jan. 1889, Frank W. Stearns.¹⁵⁶

The Society of California Pioneers of New England was formed in 1888, and two years later, eighty-four members revisited the places they had mined for gold a half century earlier. Among those was Charles Stumcke, a member of the Suffolk and California Mutual Trading and Mining Association. He took a train from Sacramento to Auburn, a forty-mile jaunt that had taken him eight days to accomplish behind a four-yoke oxen team. He wrote a nostalgic letter to his son back east:

When we left the cars, I looked for the spot where I pitched my tent, built a stone chimney at one end, made a mattress of fir boughs, and thought myself well fixed for the winter. On the identical spot stood a nice two story house with a fine garden neatly fenced. . . . It was hard to realize that this was the place where I had dug for gold, and that the hills of red clay we thought good for nothing were really the charming places now covered with grape vines, peach, apple, and pear trees and other evidence of fertility. . . . I thought of all the hardy men who had helped build the place; but by diligent inquiry, I could not find one of all who wintered here in '49 and '50. I suppose most of them have gone to their long lost home, and that the others are widely scattered. It makes me feel sad as I think of the old days.¹⁵⁷

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¹⁵¹ Sheila O'Hare and Irene Day, *Santa Cruz, California* (Arcadia Press, 2002), 93.

¹⁵² Braddock Weeks was b. Wayne, Maine, 6 Dec. 1812 (Maine Births and Christenings, 1739-1900, database, familysearch.org), d. Pescadero, Calif., 7 July 1893 (Mt. Hope Cemetery, Pescadero, Calif., findagrave.com, #52263160). Bartlett Weeks was b. Wayne, Maine, 30 Oct. 1831 (Maine Births and Christenings, 1739-1900, database, familysearch.org), d. Pescadero, Calif., 13 Feb. 1910 (Mt. Hope Cemetery, Pescadero, Calif., findagrave.com, # 52247126).

¹⁵³ Santa Cruz Memorial Park, Santa Cruz, Calif., findagrave.com, #52344835.

¹⁵⁴ Santa Cruz Memorial Park, Santa Cruz, Calif., findagrave.com, #52343389.

¹⁵⁵ California Death Index, 1940-1997, database, familysearch.org.

¹⁵⁶ California, County Marriages, 1850-1952, image, familysearch.org.

¹⁵⁷ Richard Reinhardt, "All That Glittered," *American Heritage*, 49(Feb./March 1998), issue 1 [<http://www.americanheritage.com/content/all-gittered>].

JEMIMA (HAM) (McKENNEY) BURSLEY OF MAINE Finding a Maiden Name Using the Laws of Place and Time

By John Clarke Bursley

On 3 August 1845, Jemima McKinney married John S. Bursley in Farmington, Maine.¹ John's first wife had died in February that year.² Given that Jemima was born about 1802, it was unlikely that this was her first marriage.³ The challenge was to find any prior marriages and to determine her maiden name. Doing so required researching applicable laws and related court records.

Records indicated no death of a likely first husband prior to her marriage to John Bursley. There was, however, a Jedediah McKennie/McKinney who was enumerated in 1850 and 1860 in Farmington, though with no other persons with that surname living in the same household.⁴ Reasoning that it was possible that Jedediah had been Jemima's husband, the next step was to determine where to find divorce records, and what they were likely to show circa 1845.

The compiled laws of Maine contain the statutes governing marriage and divorce. As might be expected, Maine law at least as early as 1841 prohibited marriage if either party still had a living former wife or husband, unless that marriage had been dissolved by a decree of divorce. The chapter on divorce and dissolution of marriages set forth the allowable causes for divorce, the procedures for filing a libel (complaint), and directed that such cases would be heard and tried by the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) held in the county in which one or both the parties

¹ Farmington Vital Records, 1818–1851, p. 69 [FamilySearch digital film (DGS) #7595546, image 500].

² John Spencer Bursley, b. Farmington, 18 Feb. 1803, son of Lemuel and Lavinia (Spencer) Bursley, d. Chesterville, Maine, 8 Jan. 1873 (Nancy J. Porter, comp., *Town of Farmington Early Vital Records* [Wilton, Maine, 1994], 8; John S. Bursley estate, Franklin Co. Probate, #1962; gravestone photo, Zion Hill Cemetery, Chesterville, findagrave.com, memorial #41826627). He m. (1) Wilton, Maine, 23 Oct. 1827, Abigail L. Haskell of Wilton (recorded in Farmington Marriages, 1818–1851, p. 25 [DGS #7595546, image 477]), b. 23 June 1805 and d. Chesterville, 24 Feb. 1845 (Chesterville VRs, p. 146, for the John S. Bursley family give Abigail's date of birth, but no place [DGS #7595336, image 105]; gravestone photo, Zion Hill Cemetery, Chesterville, findagrave.com, #41826666 [Æt. 39 yrs. 10 mos.]). John m. (3) Farmington, 5 March 1869, Elizabeth Smith (Norton) Cook, widow of John Tufts Cook, b. Farmington, 26 Feb. 1808, daughter of Peter and Lydia (Bassett) Norton, d. Strong, Maine, 29 March 1882 (Porter, *Farmington VRs*, op. cit., 46, 16; Francis Gould Butler, *A History of Farmington, Franklin County, Maine: From the Earliest Explorations to the Present Time, 1776–1885* [Farmington, 1885], 541; Elizabeth N. Bursley estate, Franklin Co. Probate Records, #2785; gravestone photo, Riverside Cemetery, Farmington, findagrave.com, #52862500).

³ Jemima was listed as age 48 in 1850 and age 57 in the 1860 (John S. Bursley household, 1850 U.S. Census, Chesterville, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 92B; 1860 U.S. Census, Chesterville, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 743).

⁴ Nathaniel Furbush household, 1850 U.S. Census, Farmington, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 197B, and Calvin Trafton household, 1860 U.S. Census, Farmington, Franklin Co., Maine, p. 594.

lived.⁵ The next compilation or codification of Maine statutes did not occur until 1857. No changes were made to the bigamy or divorce laws until 1849.⁶

A search of the Franklin County Supreme Judicial Court records for divorce proceedings prior to Jemima's 1845 marriage to John Bursley produced a *McKinney v. McKinney* case in the index to the first volume.⁷ Jemima stated in her pleading that Jedediah had failed to suitably provide for and take proper care of his family, using the language of one reason for divorce set forth in the 1841 statute. The minutes show that her libel was originally entered at the June 1842 Franklin County court term. The court continued the case, ordering that notice of her petition be published three weeks successively in the *Franklin Journal*, with the last notice to be published at least thirty days prior to the next court term (June 1843).⁸ In her complaint Jemima also provided the date and place of her first marriage, enabling confirmation of the event in that town's vital records, and thus revealing her maiden name.⁹

Her petition concluded with formulaic but still powerful language: "Wherefore the said Jemima prays that she may be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the provisions of the Statute in such cases made & provided." Having satisfied the laws of that place and time, Jemima McKinney, libellant, was granted a divorce from Jedediah McKinney, libellee, on 10 June 1843 in Farmington.¹⁰ Two years later she legally married John Bursley and they lived together for over twenty years. Jemima (Ham) (McKenney) Bursley died in Chesterville, Maine in 1868.¹¹

John Clarke Bursley (jcbursley@gmail.com) encountered Jemima (Ham) (McKenney) Bursley while researching his 3rd great-uncle, John Spencer Bursley.

⁵ *Revised Statutes of the State of Maine . . . [and] Public Laws of 1840 and 1841*, Chapters 87 and 89 (Augusta, Maine, 1841), 358–59, 364–65 [R.S. ch. 87, § 4; ch. 89 § 2, 4, 8 (1841)]. The Supreme Judicial Court, established in 1820 when Maine separated from Massachusetts, is the State's highest court, held in various counties throughout the state on a rotational schedule.

⁶ *Revised Statutes of the State of Maine*, Chapters 59 and 60 (Bangor, Maine: 1857), 390, 394–95. The eight specific causes for divorce in the 1841 *Revised Statutes* were amended by session (public) laws passed in 1849 and 1850 to simply state that an SJC judge could decree a divorce in cases where he deemed it "reasonable and proper, conducive to domestic harmony, and consistent with the peace and morality of society" [R.S. ch. 59, § 4; ch. 60 §§ 2-3 (1857)].

⁷ Franklin Co. SJC, vol. 1 (1839–1852) [DGS #4764572, image 15]. In 1838 when Franklin Co. was formed with Farmington as the shire town, the establishing act provided that there would be one term annually of the Supreme Judicial Court. See David Q. Whittier, *History of the Court System of Maine* (Augusta, 1971), online at *Maine, An Encyclopedia* (<http://maineencyclopedia.com/maine-court-history-long/>). Volume 1 of SJC records for Franklin Co. shows that the court's first term was held at Farmington in June 1839 and once per year, usually in June, through 1852, but occasionally in May or Oct.

⁸ Franklin Co. SJC, June 1843, docket #12, 1:98–99 [DGS #4764572, images 127–28].

⁹ Jemima Ham m. (cert.) Monmouth, Maine, 22 Jan. 1821, Jedediah McKinny (Monmouth VRs, Intentions & Certificates, 1819–1857, pp. 6–7 [DGS #8128462, image 153]). Jemima's parents and birth location are unknown.

¹⁰ The court granted the divorce on the fifth day of the court term [note 8].

¹¹ Gravestone photo, Zion Hill Cemetery, Chesterville, [findagrave.com, #41826706](http://findagrave.com/#41826706), 1802–1868.

WILLIAM DAY FAMILY OF WELLS AND CORNISH, MAINE

A Fresh Look

By Edward G. Hubbard

When researching a family, a genealogist may come across accounts that were compiled by earlier researchers. Such accounts can be helpful, but even those written by usually reliable persons should be carefully scrutinized, especially when primary evidence for the conclusions is not available. The family of William Day, a native of Wells, Maine, who eventually relocated to Cornish, is a case in point.

William Day, the fourth and youngest son of Joseph and Patience (Hilton) Day, was born in Wells, 12 July 1731,¹ and baptized there, 18 July 1731.² He married Dorothy Littlefield, their intentions dated Wells, 8 February 1755.³ She was baptized in Wells, 30 June 1734, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Goodale) Littlefield.⁴ William and Dorothy's family is not recorded in Wells town or church records.

On 27 March 1787, William, then "of Wells," and three other Day males (his sons, as will be seen) sold forty acres of land in Wells—ten acres that they had purchased and thirty acres that had been granted to them by the town.⁵ The family probably then moved to neighboring Sanford for a few years,⁶ but by 1790 they were in Francisborough Plantation (later incorporated as Cornish), where William was enumerated as a household head in the first federal census.⁷

William and Dorothy were again enumerated in Cornish in 1800,⁸ but he may have died before the next census, unless he was one of the two males, aged 45+, enumerated in his son-in-law Stephen Day's household in Cornish in 1810.⁹ Dorothy had probably died in the meantime.

IDENTIFYING WILLIAM'S CHILDREN

Two accounts of William's family were published in the late 1980s—a brief one by Frederick R. Boyle¹⁰ and a much more extensive one by Ina Harris Day.¹¹ Both

¹ Hope Moody Shelley, *Vital Records of Wells, Maine, 1619–1950* (Rockport, Maine 2005), 4.

² "Records of the First Church of Wells, Maine," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 75(1921):106.

³ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 1], 461.

⁴ "First Church Wells" [note 2], NEHGR 75(1921):117.

⁵ York Co., Maine, Deeds, 53:77.

⁶ As will be seen below, two of his children were married in Sanford in 1786 and 1789.

⁷ William Day household, *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* (Washington 1908), 60.

⁸ William Day household, 1800 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 791.

⁹ Stephen Day household, 1810 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 831.

¹⁰ Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Sanford–Springvale, Maine* (Portsmouth, N.H., 1989), 81–83.

¹¹ Ina Harris Day, *William Day and Dorothy Littlefield and Many of Their Ancestors, Descendants and Cousins* (Murray, Utah, 1989).

authors probably drew to some extent on the sketchy and problematic account found in the much earlier work of William S. Thompson.¹² Problems with that account were noted by the present author in a previous article.¹³ Among them are the inclusion of Martha and Eunice as children of William and Dorothy, even though Thompson elsewhere—on the same page!—placed them correctly as daughters of William’s older brother Hilton Day.¹⁴ Beyond that, Thompson’s placement of five others—William, Dorothy, David, Aaron and Elizabeth—in William’s family was probably based on their appearance in Sanford records,¹⁵ rather than on direct evidence as to their parentage. Issues with this will be addressed as we analyze the Boyle and Day accounts.

A third account that resembles Day’s in many regards was published by Robert L. Taylor in 1993.¹⁶ Its later date and the similarities to Day’s account might suggest that it was derivative; a preliminary version of his work, however, predates Day’s publication by four years.¹⁷ This author’s correspondence with Day in the early 1980s reveals that she had reached most of her conclusions about William’s children well before she finally published her work, so her account (which is far more extensive) cannot have been based on Taylor’s. The similarities in their work is most likely due to their reliance on some of the same sources, although they may have consulted one another also.

Boyle identified seven “probable” children (Aaron, William Jr., Nathaniel, Asa, Dorothy, David, and Elizabeth), but provided detailed accounts of only Aaron and David, while listing the marriages of the two daughters. Day listed ten children (William Jr., Nathaniel, Asa, Dorothy, Aaron, David, Phebe, William “2nd,” Elizabeth, and Emma Rhoda) and provided vital data and other information about each of them; she then went on to cover the descendants of seven of them. Taylor attributed the same children to William, with one significant exception—he included only one son named William, whom he listed as the second child but with a birth date of “about 1775.” There are problems with each of these three accounts.

The first is Boyle’s placement of Aaron as the first son. He ascribes a birth date of “ca 1750” to this Aaron, which is most likely correct, as he, Aaron, married in

¹² William S. Thompson, “Records of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport Families,” 6 vols., typescript (1928–29), Maine Historical Society Library, Portland, Maine, 1:328–29. The sketchiness of his account of William’s family is probably due to the fact that they left the area at an early date. Thompson usually did not cover the branches of families who moved to other towns.

¹³ Edward G. Hubbard, “Aaron Day of Wells and Sanford, Maine, and His Family,” *The Maine Genealogist* 35(2013):51–62.

¹⁴ Thompson, “Kennebunk & Kennebunkport Families” [note 12], 1:328. That someone noticed this is indicated by the fact that their names are struck through by hand in the typescript.

¹⁵ Four of the five were married in Sanford (as were the aforementioned Martha and Eunice). The exception was Aaron, who had married in Wells but settled in Sanford by 1790.

¹⁶ Robert L. Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 1993), 35–39.

¹⁷ Robert L. Taylor, “Early Families of Cornish Maine,” typescript, Maine Historical Society, Portland (May 1985), 28–31.

1771.¹⁸ His purported parents, however, did not marry until 1755 and are unlikely to have had a child some five years earlier. Aaron was instead probably the first child of William's older brother, Hilton Day, who had married Dorothy's sister, Elizabeth Littlefield, in December 1749.¹⁹

Another problem is Day's placement of a son Aaron, born in 1768, in William's family. She stated that he married in Wells, 3 August 1788, Lydia Taylor,²⁰ but this is incorrect. The marriage that took place that day was between Lydia Taylor and Aaron Littlefield.²¹ She subsequently asserted that this Aaron was "possibly" the Aaron Day who was enumerated in Sanford in 1810, but she based this on the latter being in the "age 26–45" category, whereas he was actually 45 or older.²² It seems that her primary reason for attributing an Aaron to William's family is that Aaron Day, aged 60–70, was supposedly enumerated in 1840 in Cornish, where William had migrated.²³ No such person was recorded in Cornish in that year. There was an Asa Day, whose tallies were similar, although not identical, to those she attributed to Aaron (e.g., he was 70–80, not 60–70).²⁴

Taylor, too, erred by including an Aaron as a son of William. He placed him between Dorothy (b. about 1765) and David (b. 1771), which would imply a birth date of about 1768, as given by Day, but identified him with the Aaron Day who married in Wells in 1771.²⁵ The preceding arguments that refute Boyle's and Day's placement of an Aaron as a son of William apply to Taylor's account as well.

There is no sound reason, therefore, for placing a son Aaron in William's family. Although a younger Aaron (aged 26–45) was in Wells in 1800,²⁶ both Boyle and the present author have posited him as a possible son of the Aaron Day who was born about 1750.²⁷

¹⁸ Boyle, *Early Families of Sanford* [note 10], 82; Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 1], 206.

¹⁹ For further discussion, see Hubbard, "Aaron Day" [note 13], 51–52.

²⁰ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 85.

²¹ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 1], 86.

²² Aaron Day household, 1810 U.S. Census, Sanford, York Co., Maine, p. 1014. This was the Aaron, b. ca. 1750, who lived in Sanford from the 1780s until his death sometime after 1830.

²³ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 85.

²⁴ Asa Day household, 1840 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 301. Perhaps Day misread his name as *Aaron* but then recorded the same data again for *Asa*. The present author is in possession of Day's copies of her 1790–1840 census tally worksheets for the Days of York Co., which he received from Mrs. Day in the early 1980s. Her tallies for "Aaron" and Asa in 1840 are identical and match the actual census tallies for Asa, but vary from what she cited in her book.

²⁵ Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 38. His statement that Aaron "in 1840 census may have been in Cornish" also echoes Day.

²⁶ Aaron Day Jr. household, 1800 U.S. Census, Wells, York Co., Maine, p. 981. The appellation "Jr." is surprising, as no other Aaron Day was enumerated in Wells. The older Aaron Day, possibly his father, was a resident of Sanford, but the 1800 tallies for that town are missing. Day, *William Day* [note 11], 85, stated in error that Aaron Jr. was enumerated in 1810.

²⁷ Boyle, *Early Families of Sanford* [note 10], 82; Hubbard, "Aaron Day" [note 13], 54–55.

Also problematic is the identification (by Boyle, Day, and Taylor) of David Day, born 1771, and Elizabeth Day, born circa 1775 (Boyle) or 1777 (Day and Taylor), as children of William. They were residing in Sanford some years after William and other members of his family had relocated to Cornish, and it seems unlikely if they were his children—especially in the case of Elizabeth—that they would have been left behind. Day and Taylor’s placement of David as a son of William may also have been influenced by his residence in Sanford overlapping with that of the Aaron, whom they believed was William’s son. In light of all this, as well as an alternate placement of David by Thompson,²⁸ the present author in an earlier article identified both David and Elizabeth as children of the Aaron Day who was born about 1750 and married in 1771.²⁹

Finally, Day’s conclusion that William had *two* surviving sons named William must be challenged. When a family in that period gave two of their children the same name, it was because the first had died before the second was born, and they wished to carry on the name. In Day’s account, however, the lives of the two Williams overlapped.³⁰ There is no known instance in (and beyond) the eighteenth century in Maine of a child being given the same name as a surviving older sibling.³¹

As seen below, deeds prove that William had a son William who had come of age by 1783, thus born no later than 1762. He would have been the William Day “Jr.” who married in Sanford in 1787.³² Taylor overlooked this William and instead conflated him with a younger William, undoubtedly a grandson.

With Aaron, David, Elizabeth, and a second William ruled out, we are left with William Jr., Nathaniel, Asa, and Dorothy, plus Phebe, and Emma Rhoda as children of William. We will now consider the evidence for attributing them to William.

Nathaniel, Asa, and William “Jr.” were the three Day males who, with along William [Sr.], sold their land in Wells on 27 March 1787.³³ The conveyance was clearly a family transaction, so it is reasonable to conclude that the three were William’s sons. But there is even stronger evidence. In his application for a Revolutionary War pension, Nathaniel testified that he had served in place of his father, William.³⁴ He was 63 at that time (1818), so he was born about 1755 and therefore must have been the first child of William and Dorothy. As for William Jr. and Asa, they must have been born no later than 1762, assuming they were 21 or older when

²⁸ Thompson, “Kennebunk & Kennebunkport Families” [note 12], 1:338. David is listed there as the first child of Aaron Day (“b. 1747”) and his wife, Hannah (Hatch). This was the Aaron who was b. ca. 1750 and resided in Sanford.

²⁹ Hubbard, “Aaron Day” [note 13], 57–58.

³⁰ William Jr. m. 1787; William 2nd, b. 1775, d. 1830–40 (Day, *William Day* [note 11], 4 and 102, respectively).

³¹ This author sincerely thanks the editor, Joseph C. Anderson II, for providing this fact.

³² “Marriages Solemnized in Sanford, Me., by Rev. Moses Sweat,” *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder* [MHGR] 2(1885):56.

³³ York Co. Deeds, 53:77.

³⁴ Revolutionary War Pension Application #W22923.

they purchased ten acres (part of the forty acres sold in 1787) on 27 June 1783.³⁵ That William Jr. was the older of the two is suggested by the fact that he was named first in that 1783 deed. He was also listed before Asa at the end of the 1787 deed, where the marks of the sellers were appended.³⁶ Asa was no more than 69 years old in 1830 and no more than 79 in 1840,³⁷ so he was probably born about 1761. We can then posit that William Jr. was born say 1758.

Dorothy Day married Stephen Day in Sanford, 2 April 1789.³⁸ Because he was a son of William's brother Hilton Day,³⁹ Dorothy was most likely a daughter of William Day, the only other Day then living in Sanford with a daughter of marriageable age. That she bore the name of William's wife further supports this conclusion.

Phebe and Emma Rhoda are found as daughters of William only in the work of Day and in the published work of Taylor (who may have followed Day, as they do not appear in this 1985 typescript). She had sound reasons for identifying them as such. She found a "document," dated 14 August 1843, in which Phebe was named as a sister of Nathaniel and William Day,⁴⁰ and discovered that the "Llewellyn A. Wadsworth Journal" referred to Emma Rhoda as a sister of Nathaniel Day.⁴¹ The obscurity of these sources readily explains why the two were not identified as daughters of William by either Thompson or Boyle. Phebe and Emma Rhoda were probably two of the four females in William's household in Cornish in 1790, the other two being William's wife, Dorothy, and probably their son Nathaniel's daughter.⁴²

WILLIAM'S KNOWN CHILDREN: A BRIEF ACCOUNT

William's children were no doubt all born in Wells, as he was still "of Wells" as late as 1787.

- i NATHANIEL DAY, b. ca. 1755,⁴³ d. Effingham, N.H., 19 April 1841,⁴⁴ where his son Thomas resided; m. (1) Wells, 16 Oct. 1777, KATHERINE PERKINS.⁴⁵ He

³⁵ York Co. Deeds, 53:76.

³⁶ York Co. Deeds, 53:77.

³⁷ Asa Day household, 1830 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 301; Asa Day household, 1840 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 301.

³⁸ Sanford Marriages [note 32], MHGR 2(1885):57.

³⁹ Baptized 14 July 1771 ("First Church Wells" [note 2], NEHGR 76[1922]:107).

⁴⁰ Day, "William Day," 92. While Day did not specifically identify the "document," she wrote: "[Phebe] could not write, but her mark is recorded on a document, and witnessed by her son Calvin Durgin on 14 Aug. 1843, stating that she was the widow of Samuel Durgin & the sister of Nathaniel & William Day."

⁴¹ Day, "William Day," 123. The journal refers to the 16 Dec. 1826 marriage of Emma's daughter, Emma Lord, to John Warren (Llewellyn A. Wadsworth, "Journal of Llewellyn Andrew Wadsworth, South Hiram, Maine," typescript, Maine Historical Society Library, Portland, call #MvH 613), vol. 2, no. 2, p. 15, record #113.

⁴² William Day household, *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Maine* (Washington 1908), 60.

⁴³ Revolutionary War Pension Application #W22923. He was 63 in 1818 and 72 in 1827.

⁴⁴ Revolutionary War Pension Application #W22923.

was “of Sanford” on 7 Nov. 1789 when he filed intentions in Wells with Love Perkins of Wells,⁴⁶ although there is no record that the marriage actually took place. He m. (2) 15 Feb. 1791, RACHEL PENDEXTER,⁴⁷ bp. Biddeford, 12 Nov. 1775, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Shepard) Pendexter,⁴⁸ living in 1855.⁴⁹

Nathaniel served in the Revolutionary War from April to Dec. 1775 in Col. Samuel Sawyer’s company, Col. Scammon’s regiment of the Mass. line. He then enlisted for a year (1776) in the same company, then part of Col. John Patterson’s regiment. He was not a household head in 1790 but was probably then living (as a widower with his three children) in Cornish with his father, William, whose household included three males over 16 years of age.⁵⁰

- ii WILLIAM DAY “Jr.,” b. say 1758,⁵¹ d. prob. before 1800, when a younger William Day “Jr.” is found in the census;⁵² m. Sanford, 15 Nov. 1787, BETSEY SAWYER,⁵³ b. Wells, 5 Nov. 1769, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Simpson) Sawyer,⁵⁴ d. 29 July 1789, age 19.⁵⁵ He must have survived her, as she was referred to as his wife, and was probably the “William Jr.” who signed a petition in Francisborough [later Cornish], 10 May 1791, and was on the town’s 1794 tax list.⁵⁶ He was probably one of the males 16 or over in his father’s household in Cornish in 1790.⁵⁷
- iii ASA DAY, b. say 1761,⁵⁸ d. after the 1840 census of Cornish when he was aged 70–79.⁵⁹ His whereabouts in 1790 are unknown, as he was not enumerated as a household head in that year’s census. He probably did not settle in Cornish until after 1794 as, unlike his father and his brothers Nathaniel and William Jr., he was not on the town’s tax list for that year. He was first enumerated in Cornish in 1800.⁶⁰ The name of his wife, who apparently was living with him in 1840, is unknown (but see the further discussion, below, on Asa for a possible candidate for his wife).

⁴⁵ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 1], 81. According to Day, her name was Susan/Susannah in later records. Day added that she was b. Wells, 1759, daughter of Josiah & Susanna (Allen) Perkins, and d. in 1789 (Day, *William Day* [note 11], 5). Proof for these assertions has not been located.

⁴⁶ Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 1], 109.

⁴⁷ Revolutionary War Pension Application #W22923.

⁴⁸ John D. Beatty, *Vital Records of Biddeford, Maine, Prior to 1856* (Camden, Maine, 1998), 100; her parents m. 25 April 1775 per *ibid.*, 106; see also Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 83–86.

⁴⁹ Revolutionary War Pension Application #W22923.

⁵⁰ William Day household, *Heads of Families 1790, Maine* [note 42], 60.

⁵¹ He would have been at least 21, and probably older than his brother Asa when they purchased 10 acres of land in Wells on 28 June 1783 (York Co. Deeds, 53:76).

⁵² William Day Jr. household, 1800 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 791.

⁵³ Sanford Marriages [note 32], MHGR 2(1885):56.

⁵⁴ Robert L. Taylor, *Early Families of Limington, Maine* (Bowie, Md., 1991), 274–75.

⁵⁵ “Church Records, Congregational Church, South Parish, Sanford,” transcript at the Maine State Library, Augusta, Maine, call #974.1 VS22c. “Betty, wife of William Day Jr., age 19 years.”

⁵⁶ Gideon T. Ridlon, *Saco Valley Settlements and Families* (Portland, 1895), 136; *The Town Register: Standish, Baldwin, Cornish, Limerick, Limington, 1905* (Brunswick, Maine, 1905), 171.

⁵⁷ William Day household, *Heads of Families 1790, Maine* [note 42], 60.

⁵⁸ He would have been at least 21, and probably younger than his brother William when they purchased 10 acres of land in Wells on 28 June 1783 (York Co. Deeds, 53:76).

⁵⁹ Asa Day household, 1840 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 301.

⁶⁰ Asa Day household, 1800 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 981.

- iv DOROTHY/DOLLY DAY, b. about 1765,⁶¹ d. Cornish, 20 June 1857;⁶² m. Sanford, 2 April 1789, her double 1st cousin, STEPHEN DAY,⁶³ bp. Wells, 14 July 1771, but evidently b. several years earlier, son of Hilton and Elizabeth (Littlefield) Day,⁶⁴ living in 1850.⁶⁵ Soon after their marriage, probably along with her father and siblings, they moved to Cornish, where they were first enumerated in 1790.⁶⁶
- v PHEBE DAY, b. 1774 or earlier,⁶⁷ d. after 14 Aug. 1843, when she named Nathaniel and William as her brothers in a “document”;⁶⁸ m. 29 Sept. 1793, SAMUEL DURGIN, he of Washington Plt. [Newfield], she of Limerick,⁶⁹ b. ca. 1773, son of David and Abigail (Haines) Durgin of Scarborough, Limerick, and Newfield.⁷⁰ They settled in Hiram, Maine, by 1800.⁷¹ Samuel was still living in 1830.⁷²
- vi EMMA RHODA DAY, b. ca. 1779, living in 1850;⁷³ m. about 1798, JACOB LORD, b. Berwick, Maine, 3 Feb. 1777, son of Jacob and Mary (Huntress) Lord of South Berwick and Waterboro.⁷⁴ By 1800 they moved from Waterboro to Hiram,⁷⁵ where Jacob d. 10 June 1850.⁷⁶ She probably survived him, as she was enumerated with him in the census just days earlier.⁷⁷

The intervals between the births of some of William’s children suggest there may have been others but, if so, they probably died young and thus left no records to identify them.

⁶¹ Thomas Day household, 1850 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 234B. Dolly Day, aged 85.

⁶² Day, *William Day* [note 11], 79.

⁶³ Sanford Marriages [note 32], MHGR 2(1885):57.

⁶⁴ “First Church Wells” [note 2], NEHGR 76(1922):107. In 1810 Stephen was aged 45+ (Stephen Day household, 1810 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 831), suggesting a birth year of 1765 or earlier. In 1850, however, his age was listed as 82 (Thomas Day household, 1850 U.S. Census [note 61]), suggesting he was b. ca. 1768.

⁶⁵ Thomas Day household, 1850 U.S. Census [note 61]. Taylor wrote “he was apparently living in 1857 when his wife died,” but gives no evidence for this statement (Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 39).

⁶⁶ Stephen Day household, *Heads of Families 1790, Maine* [note 42], 60.

⁶⁷ Samuel Durgin household, 1800 U.S. Census, Hiram and Cuttlers Grant, York Co., Maine, p. 1070. Age 26–45.

⁶⁸ See note 40.

⁶⁹ Ruth Bridges Ayers, *Early Families of Newfield, Maine* (n.p., 1995), 257.

⁷⁰ Ayers, *Early Families of Newfield* [note 69], 256–57.

⁷¹ Samuel Durgin household, 1800 U.S. Census [note 67].

⁷² Samuel Durgin household, 1830 U.S. Census, Porter, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 270.

⁷³ Jacob Lord household, 1850 U.S. Census, Hiram, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 90B. “Ammma” Day, age 71.

⁷⁴ Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Waterborough, Maine* (Portsmouth, N.H., 2012), 317–18.

⁷⁵ Jacob Lord household, 1800 U.S. Census, Hiram and Cuttlers Grant, York Co., Maine, p. 1070.

⁷⁶ Boyle, *Early Families of Waterborough* [note 74], 318.

⁷⁷ Jacob Lord household, 1850 U.S. Census, Hiram, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 90B.

WILLIAM DAY "JR." OF CORNISH

Although we have dismissed the William who was born about 1775 as a son of William and Dorothy, his appearance in Cornish suggests that he probably was related to them in some way. He was listed in the 1800 census as William Day Jr., aged 16–25, immediately after William [Sr.],⁷⁸ and he may have been one of the three males under 16 in William's household in Cornish in 1790.⁷⁹ This suggests that William may have been a grandson, but leaves his parentage unknown.⁸⁰ Because of his likely relationship to the Days of Cornish, an account of him is warranted.

This William Jr.'s wife was named Lucy and she was born about 1775. She was 75 years old in 1850, living with her daughter and son-in-law in Porter, Maine.⁸¹ According to Day, she was "reputed to be an Indian," a tradition also reported by Taylor, and according to Day her surname was possibly Varney.⁸²

The "Indian" tradition seems refuted by the 1850 census, in which her race is listed as white.⁸³ As for her surname, it was recorded as "Whales" in the marriage record of her son Thomas Day.⁸⁴ This is supported by the enumeration of a John "Wales," age 26–44, in Cornish in 1800, immediately after William Day Jr.⁸⁵ Day erred in asserting that William married second, 24 December 1829, Matilda Kenison, since Lucy was still living at that time.⁸⁶ The record of that marriage names the groom as "William Day 2nd,"⁸⁷ and he must have been a younger man, as our William was still living in Cornish in 1830.⁸⁸ This is confirmed by the 1850 census, in which William and Matilda were aged 40 and 38, respectively.⁸⁹ His probable parentage will be discussed later in this article.

⁷⁸ William Day Jr. household, 1800 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 791.

⁷⁹ William Day household, *Heads of Families 1790, Maine* [note 42], 60. The other two were probably sons of Nathaniel Day.

⁸⁰ As none of William and Dorothy's children were known to be married by the time this William was born, he may have been illegitimate. Chronology suggests Nathaniel (b. ca. 1755) may have been his father, but the possibility that he was the son of William (b. say 1758) or even of an unrecorded son or daughter of William and Dorothy who died at a relatively early age cannot be ruled out.

⁸¹ Ezekiel Danforth household, 1850 U.S. Census, Porter, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 61A.

⁸² Day, *William Day* [note 11], 102; Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 37. The tradition was reported by a great-great-granddaughter of William and Lucy.

⁸³ Ezekiel Danforth household, 1850 U.S. Census, Porter, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 61A.

⁸⁴ Maine, Marriage Records, 1713–1937, ancestry.com. This was his 2nd marriage, in Parsonsfield, 16 May 1865, to "Malvina Chapel."

⁸⁵ John Wales household, 1800 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 791. Journalist Llewellyn Wadsworth noted that the surname Whales "is now spelled "Wales" and, intriguingly, added of the family that "They are part Indian" ("Journal of Llewellyn Andrew Wadsworth" [note 41], p. 8, #43, marriage of John Whales Jr.). This could be the source of the tradition reported by Day, but whether it has any basis in fact cannot now be determined.

⁸⁶ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 102. Taylor made no such assertion.

⁸⁷ "Marriages by Rev. Timothy Remick of Cornish, Maine, 1805–1842," p. 9 [http://archives.maine-genealogy.net].

⁸⁸ Wm Day household, 1830 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 304.

⁸⁹ William Day household, 1850 U.S. Census, Brewer, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 202B.

WILLIAM'S GRANDCHILDREN AND THE CHILDREN OF
WILLIAM JR.: SOME NEW INSIGHTS

Thorough coverage of William's grandchildren and the family of William Jr. of Cornish is largely outside the scope of this article, and extensive accounts of them may be found in Day's and Taylor's work. Several challenges to Day's conclusions regarding this generation, however, are warranted.

Nathaniel's Family

Day listed a Catherine Day as a daughter of Nathaniel, giving 1803 as her year of birth; Taylor also included her, but without a birth date.⁹⁰ In 1810 Nathaniel's household included one female under ten, and she was 10–15 in 1820.⁹¹ She was no doubt Rachel, the only child living with him and his wife in October 1827 (then aged 18).⁹² The existence of Catherine, therefore, born in 1803, seems doubtful. In 1800, Nathaniel's household had two females under ten.⁹³ Day identified only one of them (Lydia, b. 1792),⁹⁴ but the other could have been Catherine if she was born earlier than Day believed. Only one of those females was in the 1810 household⁹⁵ and, aged 10–15, was too young to have been Lydia. If this was Catherine, it seems likely she was born about 1796, between sons Henry (1794) and James (1798).⁹⁶

William Jr.'s Family

Day (unlike Taylor) identified Levi Day, born 1816, as a “very probable” son of William Jr. and his wife, Lucy,⁹⁷ perhaps because he resided in Porter, Maine, in 1850,⁹⁸ in proximity to most of their children (and to Lucy herself). The tallies in the 1820 census, however, argue against this; there was only one male under ten in William's household,⁹⁹ who would have been his son William (b. 1813).¹⁰⁰ Levi's parentage will be discussed below.

Some lesser corrections to Day's and Taylor's accounts of William and Lucy's family are warranted. She gave the name of the second wife of their son William (b. 1813) as “Martha/Sal Varney,” while Taylor listed her as “Martha Sarah Varney.”¹⁰¹

⁹⁰ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 61; Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 36. Taylor added that she was “said to have married James Harmon.”

⁹¹ Nathl Day household, 1810 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 831; Nathaniel Day household, 1820 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 468.

⁹² Revolutionary War Pension Application #W22923.

⁹³ Nathaniel Day household, 1800 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 791.

⁹⁴ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 21. Taylor did not include her.

⁹⁵ Nathl Day household, 1810 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 831.

⁹⁶ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 21 (Henry), 47 (James).

⁹⁷ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 114. Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 30, also included him in this family.

⁹⁸ Levi Day household, 1850 U.S. Census, Porter, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 61A.

⁹⁹ William Day household, 1820 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 471.

¹⁰⁰ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 113.

¹⁰¹ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 113; Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 38.

“Martha Varney” was the name of his second wife, but they were divorced in Oxford County Court in Aug. 1857.¹⁰² “Sal” was his third wife, Sarah/Sally (surname unknown), born circa 1834, whom he married about 1862 (based on the birth of their first child).¹⁰³

Day placed William’s daughter Eunice (“b. 1798”) among the three females under ten years of age in his 1800 household.¹⁰⁴ That cannot be correct, because only two of those females (daughters Betsy and Mary/Polly¹⁰⁵) were tallied in 1810, when there were two other females, then under age 10.¹⁰⁶ As one of the latter was Hannah (b. 1808),¹⁰⁷ Eunice must have been the other. As Day noted, her age was inconsistently reported in the 1850–1870 censuses,¹⁰⁸ but the 77 recorded for her in 1880¹⁰⁹ is probably the most accurate, as it would place her birth in about 1803, between the births of her brothers Samuel and Alvah.¹¹⁰ Taylor (who also noted the census inconsistencies) states that she was born “maybe about 1810,”¹¹¹ but that is probably too late. She would have been the female, aged 16–25, who was in the family in 1820.¹¹² Day and Taylor both ascribed to her two children, William Day and Sally Day (apparently born out of wedlock), whose ages were likewise recorded inconsistently in the censuses.¹¹³ Sally was probably one of the females tallied in 1820 as under 10 years of age¹¹⁴ (the other being Dorothy, b. ca. 1815, the youngest child of William and Lucy¹¹⁵). William was probably some years younger, as he was not in the 1820 tallies. Day posited that he was born circa 1820, but also noted (as did Taylor) that he was 38 in 1860.¹¹⁶ Birth dates of about 1819 for Sally and about 1822 for William are probably not far off the mark.

Asa’s Family

Day’s reconstruction of the family of William’s son Asa is sound in some regards but problematic in several others. One instance is her inclusion of Mercy Day (b. 1799; m. William Heard) as his daughter, based on a Newfield, Maine, record of

¹⁰² Maine, Divorce Records, 1798–1861, ancestry.com

¹⁰³ William Day household, 1870 U.S. Census, Porter, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 362B: “Sally,” age 36; son William H., age 7. She was “Sarah” in 1880 (William Day household, 1880 U.S. Census, Porter, Oxford Co., Maine, E.D. 136, p. 313A).

¹⁰⁴ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 109. William Day Jr. household, 1800 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 791.

¹⁰⁵ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 103 (Betsy), 109 (Mary/Polly).

¹⁰⁶ William Day household, 1810 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 747.

¹⁰⁷ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 112.

¹⁰⁸ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 109 (40 in 1850, 40 in 1860, 66 in 1870).

¹⁰⁹ Ivory Danforth household, 1880 U.S. Census, Porter, Oxford Co., Maine, E.D. 136, p. 313A.

¹¹⁰ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 109 (Samuel b. 1800 and Alvah b. 1805).

¹¹¹ Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 38.

¹¹² William Day household, 1820 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 471.

¹¹³ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 109; Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 38.

¹¹⁴ William Day household, 1820 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 471.

¹¹⁵ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 114.

¹¹⁶ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 109; Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 38.

her birth as a child of “Mrs. Asa Day.”¹¹⁷ Taylor ascribed only two children to Asa, one of them being Mercy.¹¹⁸ There is no evidence, however, that Asa ever lived in Newfield. There was, in fact, a different Day family in Newfield, and the 1830 will of Thomas Day of that town names a Mercy Heard as one of his children.¹¹⁹ Mercy, therefore, can be ruled out as a daughter of Asa.

But Asa did have a female under ten in his household in 1800.¹²⁰ If not Mercy, who was she? Day credited Asa with a daughter Dorothy/Dolly Day, who (she stated) appeared in Warren, New Hampshire, “about the same time” as Asa’s sons, Ezekiel and Daniel.¹²¹ Day noted that Dorothy Day “of Warren” married Kimball Tyler of Benton, New Hampshire, in Warren on 12 August 1843.¹²² Dorothy’s gravestone next to Kimball gives her date of birth as 4 September 1793,¹²³ while the 1850 census lists her age as 56 and her birthplace as Maine.¹²⁴ This suggests that she was the daughter of Asa who was born by 1800.¹²⁵ Beyond that, the presence of a Martha A. Day, age 9, and Martha Day, age 77, both born in Maine, in the Tyler household in 1850 is intriguing. Might the latter have been Dorothy’s mother?¹²⁶ If so, and if Dorothy was indeed Asa’s daughter, the name of Asa’s wife at last may have come to light.

Another issue with Day’s account of Asa’s family is her inclusion of a son Nathaniel, born 1810.¹²⁷ The only evidence she cites for him is his alleged presence at age 60 (along wife Sally T., aged 58) in the household of Asa’s son Daniel in 1870. But no such individuals were in that household, which included only Daniel and his wife Jane S.,¹²⁸ nor can any such couple be found in any census enumerations or other records. The existence of this son must therefore be discounted.

Based on the 1810 census,¹²⁹ Day concluded that Asa had three sons b. 1800–1810 and identified two of them as Joseph (b. 1800–3) and Caleb (b. 1806), both of whom were for a time in Warren, New Hampshire (as were their two older brothers,

¹¹⁷ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 78. “Newfield, Maine, Vital Records,” NEHGR 97(1943):374.

¹¹⁸ Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 38. Taylor listed Caleb, Daniel, and Ezekiel, identified by Day as sons of Asa, as “unplaced.”

¹¹⁹ York Co. Probate Records, 41:308. Ayers, *Early Families of Newfield* [note 69], 172, confirms that Mercy was a daughter of Thomas Day, originally from Ipswich, Mass.

¹²⁰ Asa Day household, 1800 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 791.

¹²¹ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 78 (Ezekiel, p. 62; Daniel, p. 64).

¹²² Day, *William Day* [note 11], 78; New Hampshire, Marriage Records, 1659–1947, image, ancestry.com.

¹²³ West Cemetery, Benton, Grafton Co., Vt., findagrave.com: Dorothy Day, wife of Kimball Tyler, d. 7 May 1868 (memorial #62980494); Kimball Tyler, b. 27 Sept. 1783, d. 28 Aug. 1856 (#62929616); Sally Streeter, wife of Kimball Tyler, b. 28 Feb. 1784, d. 1 May 1842 (#62980507).

¹²⁴ “Kimbal” Tyler household, 1850 U.S. Census, Benton, Grafton Co., N.H., p. 80B.

¹²⁵ Asa Day household, 1800 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 791.

¹²⁶ The identity of Martha A. Day is unknown and outside the scope of this article.

¹²⁷ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 79.

¹²⁸ Daniel Day household, 1870 U.S. Census, Pittsburg, Coos Co., N.H., p. 152A.

¹²⁹ Asa Day household, 1810 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 831.

Ezekiel and Daniel).¹³⁰ She suggested that the third may have been either a Henry (b. 1803) or a Samuel, who was in Warren in 1834 and 1842.¹³¹ Henry, as will be seen below, can be placed in another family. As for Samuel, his name is consistent with Asa's apparent practice of giving his sons biblical, rather than European, names; furthermore, Samuel's presence in Warren suggests affiliation with Asa's family. Day muddied the waters by attributing to him the census enumerations that she also associated with another Samuel Day, a son of William Jr.,¹³² to whom they more likely apply. Samuel was probably younger than Joseph and Caleb and perhaps born in the period 1808–1810.

Finally, Day credited Asa with an unidentified daughter, born 1810–20,¹³³ who did not exist. She must have misread the 1820 census, in which Asa had a male, rather than a female, under age 10.¹³⁴ Who then was that son? As demonstrated above, Day's placement of Levi Day (b. 1816) as a "very probable" son of William Jr. is contradicted by census tallies for that family. Levi was probably instead the youngest son of Asa, and Taylor in fact lists him as such.¹³⁵ Two points support this conclusion: (1) his name fits Asa's pattern of giving his sons biblical names, and (2) Levi gave his own son the name *Asa*.¹³⁶

Dorothy and Stephen Day's Family

Day concluded, based undoubtedly on census tallies, that Dorothy and Stephen had nine children, but she identified only four of them, including (as "probable") Alvah Day (1807–1863).¹³⁷ Taylor attributed the same four to them and added a fifth, Stephen 3rd, born in 1819.¹³⁸ Alvah, who lived in Brownfield, Maine,¹³⁹ was actually a son of Joseph Day of Alfred, Maine,¹⁴⁰ and Taylor's Stephen 3rd was born much too late to have been Stephen and Dorothy's son.¹⁴¹ This Stephen may instead have been their grandson, but if so, he was not a son of their son Penance, whose children are well documented.¹⁴²

¹³⁰ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 78.

¹³¹ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 79.

¹³² Day, *William Day* [note 11], 79 (the son of Asa) and 109 (the son of William Jr.).

¹³³ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 62.

¹³⁴ Asa Day household, 1820 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co, Maine, p. 470.

¹³⁵ Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 38.

¹³⁶ Levi Day household, 1850 U.S. Census, Porter, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 61A. Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 38, also identified Levi as a son of Asa.

¹³⁷ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 84 (number of children), 83 (Alvah).

¹³⁸ Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 39.

¹³⁹ "Alva" Day household, 1850 U.S. Census, Brownfield, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 77B.

¹⁴⁰ Frederick R. Boyle, *Early Families of Alfred, Maine* (Portsmouth, N.H., 2006), 89. Boyle notes (p. 88) that Alvah's uncle, Timothy Day, also settled in Brownfield. Alvah's paternal grandmother, Priscilla Day (wife of Henry Day of Alfred), was a sister of Stephen Day, so Alvah was the latter's grandnephew.

¹⁴¹ Dorothy would have been in her mid-50s when he was born.

¹⁴² See Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 39. He may have been the male under age 10 who was in the Stephen Day household in 1820.

Collating successive census tallies¹⁴³ (and allowing for some slight inconsistencies in the tallies by age categories) suggests the following family structure, into which the other three (Dependence/Penance, Susan, and Henry) named by Day and Taylor¹⁴⁴ can be placed.

1. Daughter, b. ca. 1790, prob. living 1800.
2. Son, b. 1790–94, living 1820.¹⁴⁵
3. Dependence/Penance, b. ca. 1795, still in Stephen's household in 1820.
4. Daughter, b. 1795–1800, living 1820.
5. Susan, b. ca. 1800, still in Stephen's household in 1820.
6. Henry, b. ca. 1803 (or ca. 1805¹⁴⁶), still in Stephen's household in 1820.
7. Daughter, b. 1805–10, living 1820.
8. Daughter, b. 1805–10, living 1820
9. Son, b. ca. 1810, living 1820.¹⁴⁷

The youngest child was probably the William Day 2nd of Cornish who, as mentioned above, married Matilda Kenison in 1829.¹⁴⁸ Born about 1810, he was living in Brewer, Maine, in 1850,¹⁴⁹ and cannot be placed in any of the other Day families covered in this study. Records that might identify the other five children of Stephen and Dorothy have not come to light.¹⁵⁰

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¹⁴³ Stephen Day household, *Heads of Families 1790, Maine* [note 42], Francisborough, York Co., p. 60 (1 female besides wife Dorothy); 1800 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 791 (2 males and 2 females <10); 1810 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 831 (2 males 16–25, 1 female 10–15, 1 male and 3 females <10); 1820 U.S. Census, Cornish, York Co., Maine, p. 468 (2 males 18–25, 2 females 16–25, 2 males and 2 females 10–15, 1 male <10).

¹⁴⁴ Day, *William Day* [note 11], 80, 81, 84. Taylor, *Early Families of Cornish* [note 16], 39.

¹⁴⁵ Possibly the father of the Stephen “3rd” who was b. 1819.

¹⁴⁶ Henry Day, 55, a miner, John Sutliff household, 1860 U.S. Census, Little York, Nevada Co., Calif., p. 547. His age (51) in the 1850 census is probably overstated, Henry Day household, 1850 U.S. Census, Brownfield, Oxford Co., Maine, p. 80A.

¹⁴⁷ He was not enumerated in 1810, but would have been one of the two males aged 10–15 in 1820. This (and the fact that Dorothy was b. about 1765) suggests that he was probably b. about 1810.

¹⁴⁸ “Marriages by Rev. Timothy Remick of Cornish” [note 87]. p. 8.

¹⁴⁹ William Day household, 1850 U.S. Census, Brewer, Penobscot Co., Maine, p. 202B.

¹⁵⁰ Early Cornish town records were destroyed by fire (Leola C. Ellis and Kera C. Millard, *More About Cornish* [Cornish, Maine, 1975], 148).

STEPHEN C. SAWYER (1806–1892) OF MAINE Identifying His Correct Parents

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The standard genealogy of the Sawyer family of Maine is Eleanor Grace Sawyer's *Sawyer Families of New England, 1636–1900*, published in 1995. In this work, she gives the following information about Stephen C. Sawyer.¹

Stephen C. Sawyer, b. Topsham, Maine, Feb. 1806, son of Edward and Abigail (Curtis) Sawyer, d. Bath, Maine, 20 Jan. 1892; m. Bath, 26 April 1829, Sarah A. Owen of Bath, b. Aug. 1809, d. 11 Oct. 1898, daughter of Philip and Clarissa H. (Cook) Owen.

I will prove in this article that Stephen C. Sawyer was not the son of Edward and Abigail (Curtis) Sawyer, but rather the son of Ephraim and Abigail (Ingersoll) Sawyer. The confusion in Stephen's parentage may have come about because of the coincidence of both potential fathers having a first name beginning with the letter *E* and both having wives named Abigail.

Stephen's purported father, Edward Sawyer, is said to have died by 8 August 1807, when his widow, Abigail, of Lisbon, Maine, filed intentions to marry John Owen of Topsham.² They lived in Topsham where John Owen had the births of Edward and Abigail Sawyer's seven children recorded, as follows:

Sarah, b. 30 July 1791
Jane, b. 17 July 1793
Daniel, b. 21 July 1795
Hannah, b. 31 July 1797
Patience, b. 1 Sept. 1799
Paul, b. 24 Sept. 1801
Edward, b. 24 April 1805

At the bottom of the list the town clerk wrote: "The above list were recorded by request of John Owen, who m. said Abigail Sawyer."³

Edward and Abigail Sawyer's children are also recorded in Lisbon, Maine, the record listing the same seven children as found in the Topsham records, although with several slight variations in the birth dates.⁴

¹ Eleanor Grace Sawyer, *Sawyer Families of New England, 1736–1900* (Camden, Maine, 1995), 409–10, 446.

² Sawyer, *Sawyer Families* [note 1], 409; Mary Pelham Hill, *Vital Records of Topsham, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. (Concord, N.H., 1929–30), 2:231; Mrs. Abigail Sawyer of Lisbon and John Owen of Topsham, certificate issued 22 Aug. 1807.

³ *Topsham VRs* [note 2], 1:165.

⁴ Marlene Alma Hinkley Groves, ed., *Vital Records of Lisbon, Maine, Prior to 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1995), 7. Jane's birth date is given as 21 July 1793, Daniel's as 17 July 1795, and Hannah's as 30 July 1797. All of the other dates match.

Of particular note, there is no son Stephen found on either list. Given that the Topsham list was made after Edward Sawyer's death and after Abigail was remarried to John Owen, this casts serious doubt on the claim that Stephen was Edward and Abigail's son.

Edward Sawyer was of Harpswell in 1793 when he purchased land there,⁵ and he was living in Thompsonborough [Lisbon] at the time of the 1800 census.⁶ It is likely that the Sawyer children were born in those two towns.

So if Stephen C. Sawyer was not a son of Edward and Abigail (Curtis) Sawyer, where does he fit in the Sawyer family? Stephen died in Bath, Maine, on 20 January 1892. His death record gives his age as 85 years and 11 months (thus born about February 1806), his place of birth as Westbrook, Maine, and his parents' names as "E. Sawyer," a sea captain born in Westbrook, and "Abigail [*illegible*]," born in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.⁷ An image of Abigail's indecipherable surname as rendered on the death record is shown here:



Stephen is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Bath, in western lot #37, grave 1S.⁸ Four other individuals are also buried in that lot. Stephen's wife Sarah Ann (Owen) Sawyer is in grave 2S, his daughter Louisa (Sawyer) Packard is in grave 2N, and his son-in-law George Packard is in grave 1N.⁹ The fourth person is Mary Rollins Sawyer, buried in grave 3S.¹⁰ Mary's dates are given on her stone as 1807–1904. Given her surname *Sawyer* and her burial with Stephen and his immediate family members, we can conjecture that she was closely related in some way.

Mary R. Sawyer was enumerated in Bath in 1900. The household in which she is found was made up of the following individuals:¹¹

Packard, Louisa S.	Head	b. Feb. 1837	aged 63	
Sawyer, Mary R.	Aunt	b. Feb. 1806	aged 94	
Sawyer, Addison	Brother	b. Aug. 1840	aged 59	Painter

Louisa, as mentioned above, was Stephen Sawyer's daughter. Her birth on 22 February 1837, as a daughter of "Stephen C. Sawyer and Sarah A his wife," is rec-

⁵ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 20:439.

⁶ Edward Sawyer household, 1800 U.S. Census, Thompsonborough, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 333.

⁷ Stephen C. Sawyer death record, Maine, Death Records, 1761–1922, image, ancestry.com.

⁸ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #192170462.

⁹ Gravestone photos, findagrave.com, #s 192170705, 192172902, and 192172182, respectively.

¹⁰ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #192169776.

¹¹ Louisa S. Packard household, 1900 U.S. Census, Bath, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, E.D. 208, p. 11.

orded in Bath.¹² If Mary R. Sawyer was indeed Louisa's aunt, then she was most likely Stephen's sister.

Mary Rollins Sawyer died in Bath on 10 September 1904, aged 97 years and 7 months.¹³ The death record states that she was single, that she was born in Westbrook, Maine, and that her parents were Ephraim Sawyer and Abbie Ingersol. Her father was a native of Westbrook and a sea captain and her mother was a native of Cape Elizabeth. Her place of birth, her father's place of birth and occupation, and her mother's place of birth all match the death record of Stephen. Like Stephen, her father's name began with an *E* and her mother's name, Abbie, was a nickname for Stephen's mother's name, Abigail.

Reviewing again the image of Stephen's mother's name as given on his death record, the first letter looks like it might be an *S*, but it could also be an *I*. In that case, the scribbled name is much closer to Ingersoll than it is to Curtis, although it is still indecipherable.

Ephraim Sawyer was baptized at the First Church in Falmouth, Maine, on 6 September 1767, son of Andrew Sawyer.¹⁴ The town of Westbrook was not incorporated until 1814; before that time it was a part of Falmouth. According to *Sawyer Families of New England*, Ephraim was a sea captain, married in Portland in 1799 Abigail Ingersoll of Cape Elizabeth, and lived in Falmouth and Portland until his death in 1814.¹⁵ While daughter Mary R. Sawyer is included in this account of Ephraim's family, Stephen is not, although a "son b. (1800–1810)" is mentioned. Abigail Ingersoll's birth on 1 September 1773, daughter of Isaac and Susanna Ingersoll, was recorded in Cape Elizabeth.¹⁶

In summary, the list of children for Edward and Abigail (Curtis) Sawyer in Topsham and Lisbon vital records do not include Stephen C. Sawyer because he was not their son. Stephen Sawyer's daughter Louisa Packard's residence with her "aunt" Mary Rollins Sawyer, Mary's burial in the Stephen Sawyer lot in Bath, and the death certificates prove that Stephen C. Sawyer and Mary Rollins Sawyer were siblings. Their parents are recorded in Mary Rollins Sawyer's death record as Captain Ephraim Sawyer and Abbie Ingersoll Sawyer.

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¹² Bath VRs, 1:28.

¹³ Mary Rollins Sawyer death record, Maine, Death Records, 1761–1922, image, ancestry.com. Her age calculates to a birth ca. Feb. 1807.

¹⁴ Marquis F. King, *Baptisms and Admission from the Records of the First Church in Falmouth, Now Portland, Maine* (Portland, Maine, 1908), 49.

¹⁵ Sawyer, *Sawyer Families of New England* [note 1], 406.

¹⁶ Anne M. Diehm, Comp., *Vital Records of Cape Elizabeth, Maine*, Joseph Crook Anderson II and Marlene A. Groves, eds. (Rockland, Maine, 2009), 359.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JAMES AND THOMAS FRANK TWO BROTHERS OF EARLY GRAY, MAINE

By Thomas W. Frank

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- v LEVI FRANK, b. Gray, 25 July 1791,¹⁷⁴ d. Blue Hill, 28 Aug 1830;¹⁷⁵ m. Blue Hill, 21 Feb. 1813, LUCY NORRIS of Sedgwick.¹⁷⁶ b. Sedgwick, 29 March 1787, daughter of William and Lucy (Emerton) Norris,¹⁷⁷ d. 1 Oct. 1845, aged 56y [*sic*] 6m, and bur. in Seaside Cemetery, Blue Hill.¹⁷⁸ 6 children.¹⁷⁹ Levi Frank probably moved from Gray to Blue Hill around 1812 when he would have been 21 years old. That Levi was a son of Thomas and Hannah (Pride) Frank is supported by (a) the recorded birth of Levi's daughter named Hannah Pride Frank, and (b) Hannah Pride (Frank) Thompson's death record, which names her father and gives his birthplace as "Gray, Maine."¹⁸⁰ Their third child, William Norris Frank, was named after Levi's father-in-law. Finally, although the documentary evidence is itself sufficiently compelling, the y-chromosomal DNA of John Robert Franks (b. 1972), a 7th-generation descendant of Levi and Lucy (Norris) Frank corroborates his descent from the line of Thomas and Ann (Babbidge) Frank with 99% certainty.¹⁸¹

¹⁷⁴ Richard M. Sawyer, *Vital Records of Blue Hill, Maine* (n.p., 2012), 47, citing Blue Hill TRs, 1:161, and the family register/census recorded by Jonathan Fischer in 1835; "Hannah P. Thompson" death record, Natick, Mass., giving birthplace of her father, Levi Frank as "Gray, Me." (Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, 401:191 [image, americanancestors.org]).

¹⁷⁵ Sawyer, *Blue Hill VRs* [note 174], 136, citing TRs, 1:161.

¹⁷⁶ Sawyer, *Blue Hill VRs* [note 174], 196, citing the family register/census recorded by Jonathan Fisher in 1835; their marriage intentions were recorded in Penobscot, Maine, 13 Dec. 1812 ([Penobscot] Town and Vital Records, FamilySearch digital film [DGS] #8128456, image 94).

¹⁷⁷ Barbara M. Grindle, comp., *Vital Records of Sedgwick, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 2004), 73.

¹⁷⁸ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #121988437.

¹⁷⁹ Five children were enumerated in Levi's household in 1820 and six in 1830 (1820 U.S. Census, Sedgwick, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 643; 1830 U.S. Census, Blue Hill, Hancock Co., Maine, p. 106). The births of all six are recorded in Blue Hill ("Blue Hill, Hancock, Maine computer printout; births or christenings, 1762–1875," DGS #7827619, image 463); Leonard Frank, 16 Sept. 1813; William Norris Frank, 14 Jan. 1815; Hannah Pride Frank, 19 Aug. 1816; Nelson True Frank, 16 June 1819 (recorded in neighboring Sedgewick as 16 June 1818); George Frank, 27 July 1820; and Luther Frank, 21 Feb. 1823. Luther, named a son Levi after his father (Sawyer, *Blue Hill VRs* [note 174], 47).

¹⁸⁰ Hannah P. Thompson death record, note 174.

¹⁸¹ When the y-DNA profile of John Robert⁹ Franks (*Stephen Henry*⁸, *Robert Warren*⁷, *Henry Clifford*⁶, *Luther*⁵, *Luther*⁴, *Levi*³, *Thomas*², *Thomas*¹; FamilyTreeDNA Sample #636293, 67 markers, 26 April 2017) is compared with that of the author, Thomas W. Frank⁸ (*Hal Thurston*⁷, *Leroy Winslow*⁶, *Harry Lidell*⁵, *Whitney*⁴, *Thomas*³, *James*², *Thomas*¹; FamilyTreeDNA Sample #360099, 111 markers, 20 June 2017), they differ at only four points. The probability that both men descend from Thomas [1717] is therefore 98.96%; author's email correspondence with John R. Franks of Hopkinton, Mass, dated 3 Jan. 2017, relating details of his personally known family history back to his 2nd great grandfather Luther Franks⁵ above.

Several if not most of Levi's descendants added a terminal "s" to their surname making it *Franks*. We first see this in Levi Frank's probate record, but only when someone other than a family member recorded the name.¹⁸² Lucy (Norris) Frank signed her surname *Frank* and the name *Frank* appears on her gravestone. At least two of Levi's sons (Leonard and Luther) most often spelled their surname *Franks* and this spelling is given on their gravestones.

There are no deeds recorded in Hancock County for Levi Frank, but his intestate probate record shows that he owned 25 acres with a house and barn in Blue Hill at the time of his decease from "consumption" (tuberculosis).¹⁸³ While an undertaker and a coffin maker submitted bills against the estate, a stonemason did not, which is consistent with the absence of a gravestone for him.

- vi (prob.) HANNAH FRANK, b. prob. Gray, say 1793, d. Abington, Ind., 2 July 1859, aged 66y;¹⁸⁴ m. Portland, 5 May 1811, BENJAMIN TRUE,¹⁸⁵ b. Durham, Maine, date uncertain, son of William and Mary (True) True,¹⁸⁶ d. Abington, Ind., 22 Oct. 1868, aged 91y [*sic*].¹⁸⁷ 3 children, possibly others.¹⁸⁸ Hannah is assigned to Thomas and Hannah on the basis of (a) her name (presumably named after her mother, the name *Hannah* not being found among the descendants of James Frank), and (b) her approximate birth date. Hannah was listed as age 62 in 1850¹⁸⁹ and 66 in July 1859 according to her gravestone. This suggests she was born in the period 1788–1793, and was possibly the female aged 10–15 [*sic*] on the 1810 census in the Gray household of Thomas Frank.¹⁹⁰ Hannah's assignment to Thomas and Hannah (Pride) Frank would be less speculative if we knew that she was born in Gray, but there is no proof. Benjamin served for two weeks in the War of 1812 and was reportedly a distiller in Portland prior to their move to Indiana.¹⁹¹

Benjamin and Hannah reportedly moved from Portland to Durham after a schism in the Chestnut Street Church. Between 1820 and 1830 they migrated to Dearborn Co., Ind., following a path blazed several years earlier by the expedition of Durham

¹⁸² Levi Frank estate, Hancock Co. Probate Records, #885 [images, Maine, Wills and Probate Records, 1584–1999, ancestry.com].

¹⁸³ Levi Frank estate [note 182]; Sawyer, *Blue Hill VRs* [note 174], 136, citing TRs, 1:161. Levi's probate record states he died "on or about" 20 Aug. 1830, while his death record says more specifically 28 Aug.

¹⁸⁴ Gravestone photo, Locust Grove, Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Abington, Ind., findagrave.com, #55247829.

¹⁸⁵ Portland Marriages, 3:184.

¹⁸⁶ Charles W. True, *The True Family* . . . (San Antonio, Texas, 1991), 56, claims he was born in 1785, perhaps based on his age of 65 as given on the 1850 U.S. Census of Manchester, Dearborn Co., Ind., p. 362. In 1860, however, his age was given as 82 (Ellen M. Mitchell household, 1860 U.S. Census, Abington, Wayne Co., Ind., p. 510) and his age was given as 91 at the time he died in 1868, according to his gravestone, both records suggesting he was born about 1777–78.

¹⁸⁷ Gravestone photo, Locust Grove Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Abington, Ind., findagrave.com, #55247799.

¹⁸⁸ True, *True Family* [note 186], 42, 56, 76, 541, 542.

¹⁸⁹ Benjamin True household, 1850 U.S. Census of Manchester, Dearborn Co., Ind., p. 362.

¹⁹⁰ Thomas Frank household, 1810 U.S. Census, Gray, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 257.

¹⁹¹ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 77:378 (recorded 3 Oct. 1817) refers to "Benjamin True of Portland, distiller"; Everett S. Stackpole, *History of Durham, Maine* (Lewiston, Maine, 1899), p. 269.

clergyman Daniel Plummer in 1817.¹⁹² They are buried adjacent to the family of their daughter, Maria E. (True) Mitchell, in Locust Grove Cemetery, Abington.

- vii JOHN FRANK, b. prob. Gray, [calc.] 14 Dec. 1795, d. Lincoln, Vt., 28 March 1872, aged 77y 3m 14d, and bur. in Lee Cemetery, Lincoln;¹⁹³ m. New Haven, Vt., 22 April 1816, ANNA BROWN, b. New Haven, June 1798, daughter of “M and C Brown,” d. Lincoln, 16 July 1874, aged 76y, and bur. in Lee Cemetery.¹⁹⁴ 7 children, probably others.¹⁹⁵ John Frank first appears in the Vt. census in 1820 in New Haven; they were living on the other side of Lake Champlain in 1840 in Franklin Co., N.Y., but returned to Addison Co., Vt., by 1850, John, aged 55, b. Maine, and Anna, aged 52, b. Vt.¹⁹⁶

An application was submitted by John Frank of Lincoln, Vt., for a pension based on his service during the War of 1812. The application notes that he enlisted in the 34th U.S. Infantry in Gray, Maine. Largely raised in Maine, the 34th’s primary rendezvous was Portland, but John Frank’s battalion marched to Vt. in Sept. 1813, and this possibly explains his decision to return there after the War. He served for one year, participating in fights against both the British and their Indian allies.¹⁹⁷ John attested to having carried his discharge paper around in his pocket until it “wore out” and was thrown away. It was probably similar to the discharge paper of another soldier in his company which reads: “He is mustered for discharge in consequence of the completion of his enlistment. . . . He has received the following articles of uniformed clothing: one hat, one coat, one vest, two overalls, three pair of shoes, three stockings, [*blank*] socks, one blanket, one frock, [*blank*] trousers, two

¹⁹² Email correspondence of Don Brearley, 4th great-grandson of Hannah (Frank) True, Chicago, Ill, 6 April 2014.

¹⁹³ John “Frink” death record, Vermont, Vital Records, 1720–1908, image, ancestry.com; gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #137073101. Multiple online family trees claim a 14 March 1794 birth date for this John Frank, but none supply a source. An alternative death date of 28 June 1872 is given on the War of 1812 widow’s application filed in his name (War of 1812 Pension Applications, #SO 14396 and SC 18437).

¹⁹⁴ John’s pension application documents his marriage to Anna Brown of New Haven, whose death record lists her parents as “M and C Brown,” whose identities have not been established (Anna Frank death record, Vermont, Vital Records, 1720–1908, image, ancestry.com); gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #137073175.

¹⁹⁵ Seven children were enumerated by name in 1850 (John Frank household, 1850 U.S. Census, Lincoln, Addison Co., Vt., p. 288), five of these having death or marriage records naming their parents (Vt. VRs, death records for Corrodon Frank, Loretta Frank, Monroe Frank, and Electa Frank, marriage record for Rollin Frank); in 1840 the household contained 9 members under age 20 (John Frank household, 1840 U.S. Census, Franklin, Franklin Co., N.Y., p. 218); 3 children were enumerated in the household in 1820 (John Frank household, 1820 U.S. Census, New Haven, Addison Co., Vt., p. 62).

¹⁹⁶ See note 195.

¹⁹⁷ John Frank War of 1812 Pension Application [note 193]. John Frank “was a private in the Company commanded by Captain Baily in the 34th Reg. He enlisted at Gray in the State of Maine on or about the 19th day of June 1813 for the term of one year. . . . He served in his company in Canada and on the line during the greater part of the time . . . That he was in a fight with the Indians near Chautauqua, New York. Honorably discharged at Plattsburgh on or about 19 Jun 1814.”

jackets, one [pair] gaiters, one cockade and eagle, one stock and clasp and three shirts and three trousers. . . .”¹⁹⁸

John Frank can be assigned to Thomas and Hannah with reasonable confidence because (a) of the two Frank families in Gray in 1813, only Thomas’s (as described on the census for 1800 and 1810) can accommodate an as yet unaccounted-for-male born in 1795; (b) Phebe (Frank) Varney, who is a known daughter of Thomas and Hannah, also lived in Addison Co., Vt.; and (c) the 1913 death record of John’s daughter Electa (Frank) Barnard lists her parents as Anna Brown and Thomas Frank, perhaps substituting the name of her grandfather for that of her father.¹⁹⁹

- viii SAMUEL P. FRANK, b. Gray, [calc.] Dec. 1799, d. Gray, 7 Feb. 1866, aged 66y 2m;²⁰⁰ m. (int) Gray, 24 Dec. 1825, MARTHA LIBBY, b. Windham, 2 June 1805, daughter of Arthur and Mary (Allen) Libby,²⁰¹ d. Gray, 10 Oct. 1875, age 73y [sic] 4m 8d.²⁰² 8 children, probably others.²⁰³ Samuel is included among the children of Thomas and Hannah because (a) he is not cited by Little or Nelson as a son of James, and (b) he resided on the homestead farm of Thomas Frank (1759), where Hannah (Pride) Frank resided until her death in 1852.

For reasons which remain enigmatic, Thomas Frank sold the homestead farm to his nephew William in Aug. 1824, even though Samuel continued to live there, purchasing the land back from his cousin in 1825.²⁰⁴ Thomas Frank (1759) remained on this property until his death in 1831. Hannah Frank continued to reside there after her husband’s death and was enumerated as a member of her son Samuel’s household in 1850.²⁰⁵

- ix JOSEPH FRANK, b. prob. Gray, ca. 1802,²⁰⁶ d. Gray, 26 April 1876;²⁰⁷ m. Gray, 14 Oct. 1832, HARRIET SAUNDERS,²⁰⁸ prob. she recorded as Harriet Gilbert Saunders, b. Gloucester, Mass., 30 July 1813, daughter of Edward and Elisabeth/Betsy

¹⁹⁸ Dean Close, “War of 1812 vet finally honored,” *The Cedar Valley Times* (Vinton, Iowa), 28 Feb. 2005, referring to the service of David Lambert in Capt. Poland’s company, 34th Infantry Regiment. John Frank served in this company at the same time.

¹⁹⁹ Electa Lavette Barnard death record, Vermont Death Records, 1909–2008, image, ancestry.com.

²⁰⁰ Black, *Headstone Inscriptions* [note 12], 70.

²⁰¹ Charles Thornton Libby, *The Libby Family in America* (Portland, Maine, 1882), 223; Samuel Thomas Dole, *Windham in the Past* (Auburn, Maine, 1916), 465.

²⁰² Black, *Headstone Inscriptions* [note 12], 70.

²⁰³ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 364:259, dated 26 Dec 1868. By this deed, the six children of Samuel and Martha then living transferred their shares of their father’s property to their widowed mother. Seven children were enumerated in Samuel’s household in 1850 (Samuel Frank household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gray, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 224). James E. Frank, who was an adult living outside his father’s household in 1850, died before this deed was executed, but his death record names his parents (Maine, Death Records, 1617–1922, image, ancestry.com. James E. Frank d. 5 May 1904).

²⁰⁴ Cumberland Co. Deeds, 99:177, 131:587.

²⁰⁵ Samuel Frank household, 1850 U.S. Census, Gray, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 224.

²⁰⁶ Thomas Frank, Revolutionary War Pension Application [note 1]: “Schedule of the family residing with me, Thomas Frank . . . Joseph, son, age 18, able to support [himself].”

²⁰⁷ Black, *Headstone Inscriptions* [note 12], 69.

²⁰⁸ Black, *Gray VRs* [note 67], 99.

(Davis) Saunders,²⁰⁹ d. prob. Gray, after 1880.²¹⁰ No known children.²¹¹ Joseph is named as a 15-year-old son on Thomas Frank's Revolutionary War pension application in 1820.

- x JAMES FRANK, b. Gray, b. say 1804. He is listed as a son of Thomas Frank on Thomas's 1820 Revolutionary War pension application when James was said to be 15 years old.²¹² No further record found.

One additional Cumberland County female of the surname Frank could belong to the family of Thomas and Hannah (Pride) Frank, but her inclusion is unproven:

REBECCA FRANK, b. 11 Feb. 1805, d. Litchfield, Maine, 20 March 1847;²¹³ m. prob. by Oct. 1824 (1st child born), EZRA HASKELL DAWES,²¹⁴ b. Hallowell, 6 April 1800, son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Haskell) Dawes,²¹⁵ d. Detroit, Maine, 6 Sept. 1890.²¹⁶ 8 children.²¹⁷

Rebecca Frank is mentioned by neither Little nor Nelson as a daughter of James and her 1805 birth date limits the number of Frank families to which she could be assigned. If Rebecca was a daughter of Thomas and Hannah, it seems odd that she was not enumerated in Thomas's household in either 1810 or 1820. Both Thomas and James were living in Gray in 1805. No female of Rebecca's age fits neatly into

²⁰⁹ *Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 3 vols. (Topsfield and Salem, Mass., 1917–24), 1:638; her parents m. 11 Oct. 1804 per *ibid.*, 2:489. Although Harriet's birthplace is given as Maine on the 1850, 1860, and 1880 censuses, it is given as Mass. on the 1870 census, and we find a birth record for her in Mass. that accords with her birth year of 1813, as estimated from her age on the 1850 U.S. Federal Census. Her estimated year of birth varies between 1813–1816 on the censuses of 1850, 1860, and 1870, so the implied birth year of 1827 in 1880 is an outlier (Joseph Frank household, 1850–70 U.S. Censuses, Gray, Cumberland Co., Maine, pp. 224 (1850, Harriet G. Frank, aged 37), 19 (1860, Harriet, aged 46), 322 (1870, Harriet G., aged 54); Azor Herrick household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gray, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 36, p. 340C (Harriet G. Frank, aged 53).

²¹⁰ Azor Herrick household, 1880 U.S. Census, Gray [note 209].

²¹¹ Joseph and Harriet were married in 1834 when she was 21 and he, say, 32. A male aged 10–14 listed on the 1840 census (Joseph Frank household, Gray, Cumberland Co., Maine, p. 545) was born at least 3 years before their marriage and could not reasonably be theirs. It is also unlikely that this child was the issue of a prior marriage. Harriet was 21 when she married Joseph so it is unlikely that this was a 2nd marriage for her. Joseph was not enumerated independently on the 1830 census and there is no record of an earlier marriage for him. This male, therefore, was likely either a relative or an unrelated boarder.

²¹² Thomas Frank, Revolutionary War Pension Application [note 1].

²¹³ Rebecca Dawes gravestone photo, Litchfield Plains Cemetery, findagrave.com, #125834573, her inscription giving her dates of birth and death.

²¹⁴ Oliver Barrett Clason, *History of Litchfield and an Account of Its Centennial Celebrations, 1895* (Augusta, Maine, 1897), 97–98.

²¹⁵ William Richard Cutter, *Historic Homes and Places and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of Middlesex County, Massachusetts*, 4 vols. (New York, 1908), 2:695–96; his full birth date given on his gravestone [see note 216].

²¹⁶ Gravestone photo, findagrave.com, #125834522, his inscription giving his dates of birth and death.

²¹⁷ Clason, *History of Litchfield* [note 214], 97–98.

any of the known local Frank families according to the 1810 or 1820 census records.

John Frank, brother of Thomas Frank (1759), had a wife named Rebecca, but no unidentified daughter of Rebecca's age can be accounted for on the various pre-1850 iterations of the census for John and Rebecca (Tarbox) Frank's household. There is likewise no room for a daughter born say 1805 in households (as described in the census) of the other known sons of Thomas and Ann (Babbidge) Frank. The oldest grandchildren of James and Thomas Frank would have been too young to have had children themselves in 1805. We do know that Rachel (Frank) Pride had a natural son b. in Feb. 1780.²¹⁸ If this son, who would have been twenty-five in 1805, retained the name *Frank* after Rachel m. William Pride, 30 Sept. 1788, Rebecca could be his daughter. But this seems unlikely as there is no record of Rachel's son after his birth. Thus, Rebecca's assignment remains uncertain.

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²¹⁸ See William Pride family in *Maine Families in 1790 Vol 10* [note 6], 478–79.

LINCOLN COUNTY, MAINE, WILL ABSTRACTS
1800–1830

(continued from p. 160)

74. DANIEL PEABODY of Warren, Taylor (LCP 13:316)

Being weak and infirm in body

To my wife Phebe, for and dur the term she shall remain my wid, the u & i of 1/2 of my whole RE & PE, and afterwards the sd est to descend to my son Pearly as his absolute property.

To my son Andrew Peabody, all the tools and utensils which I may leave belonging to the taylor's business & \$10 to be by him given to his sons Elias and Daniel.

To my dau Phebe Brasdell, \$10 to be pd by my execs within 2y aft my dec.

To my dau Priscilla Bishop, \$10 to be pd by my execs within 2y aft my dec.

To my dau Dorothy Peabody, \$10 to be pd by my execs within 2y aft my dec.

To my dau Eunice Peabody, \$10 to be pd by my execs within 2y aft my dec.

To my son Tarrant Peabody, \$10 to be pd by my execs within 2y aft my dec.

To my son Nathan Peabody, \$10 to be pd by my execs within 2y aft my dec.

To my dau Rhoda Peabody, \$10 to be pd by my execs within 2y aft my dec.

To my son Pearly Peabody, aft paying out the bef mentioned legacies, and all my lawful debts and funeral charges, I give my whole RE & PE.

Appt my wife exec and my son Pearly Peabody exec.

Dated: 2 Jun 1796

Signed with his signature ("Daniel Peabody")

Witnesses: Thurston Whiting, Stephen Peabody Jr., Joseph Skinner

In Probate: 13 Jan 1801

75. ABRAHAM CHAPMAN of Waldoborough, yeoman (LCP 13:354)

Being weak in body

To my wife Sarah Chapman, 1/3 of all my RE & PE at her disposal.

To my dau Sarah Chapman, the remainder of 2/3 of my est, excepting I order my sister Deborah Chapman to be supported in a comfortable and a decent manner in victuals and clothes so long as she may remain single and unnm in the produce of my farm and her son [Alen?] Chapman when he arrives to ae 21y to receive, pd by my exec, \$100 value in stock to be pd in 3 installments yearly.

Provided my dau Sarah should die without issue, that aft her dec the legacy given to my sd dau shall descend to my 4 sisters Prudence Loring, Sarah Cole, Deborah Chapman and Mary Vinal to be eq div, and if either of my sisters above named should die bef my dau, the surviving sisters to share eq the devised premises.

It is to be considered the provision made by my honored mother in her will to my sister Deborah, of a room in my house and the keeping of a cow, to be provided by me is, so far considered, as being part and to be included in the provision I have made for her in this will.

Appt my trusty friend and brethren Abel Cole exec.
 Dated: 30 Jun 1800
 Signed with his signature ("Abraham Chapman")
 Witnesses: Benj^a Brown, Michael Sprague, Waterman Thomas
 In Probate: 12 Jan 1801

76. WILLIAM M^cCLAIN of Bristol, yeoman (LCP 13:360)

Being weak in body
 To my oldest son Samuel M^cClain, \$800.
 To my son John M^cClain, \$800.
 To my son Fergus M^cClain, \$500.
 To my son Archibald M^cClain, \$600.
 To my son Alexander M^cClain, \$500.
 To my dau Elizabeth [Kelen?], \$300.
 To my dau Martha Meshervey, \$300.
 To my son-in-law Thos. Arnold and to my grchn Thomas Arnold Jr., William Arnold and John Arnold, \$6 each.
 To my 2 grchn, viz: to Benjamin Arnold and William M^cClain, \$50 each.
 Appt my wife [she called "Elizabeth M^cClain" on the probate statement] sole exec with the assistance of John M^cClain my son, and aft paying my just debts and every of the heirs as aforesd, then what remains of my est to be for her use and at her disposing of amongst the heirs of my family as she sees their needs require.
 Dated: 30 Mar 1798
 Signed with his mark ("X")
 Witnesses: Thomas Johnson, Joseph Cudworth, William Meagher
 In Probate: 12 Jan 1801

77. ZEBULON SMITH of Woolwich, yeoman (LCP 13:394)

Under bodily indisposition
 To my wife Mary Smith, the full improvement of all my RE and PE dur her nat life, viz all my livestock, h/h furniture, wearing apparel and cash in hand, she to dispose of the same to all my heirs as she thinks best. Likewise, I give to my wife Mary Smith all monies I have out and in hand, and it is my will that she pay out all my just debts at the discretion of my execs.
 To my son Isaac Smith, 3 tracts of land near the ferry ways where his new bldgs now stand, 2 of them div with Mr. Days and 1 undiv to my son Isaac immediately aft the dec of my sd wife. And as I have given to my sd son by deed dated Dec 1804 1/2 of my homestead farm I now live on, I likewise give to my sd son 1/2 of all the privileges with 1/2 of the bldgs belonging to sd farm to my sd son aft my sd wife's dec. Likewise I give to my son Isaac Smith 1/2 of a certain tract of marsh lying in Georgetown as will appear by the deed of the same.
 To my son Zebulon Smith, 1/2 of my homestead farm I now live upon with 1/2 of the bldgs thereon with 1/2 of all the privileges thereto belonging, immediately aft my sd wife's dec, and I likewise give to my son Zebulon Smith a certain tract of

land in Woolwich adj land of Nath^l Day and Daniel Hathorn, the bounds according to the deed of the same, immediately aft my sd wife's dec. I likewise give to my son Zebulon Smith 1/2 of a certain piece of marsh lying in Georgetown according to deed of the same, immediately aft my wife's dec.

It is my will and pleasure that all the landings, [coves?], salmon fishing, every privilege by water and Land that I have improved and connected with my homestead farm be eq div betw them my sd sons.

To my grandson Samuel Stinson, minor, and only son to my dau Susanna Stinson, \$100 to be pd him by my son Isaac Smith within 1y aft my wife's dec.

To my grdau Susanna Stinson, only dau of my decd dau Susanna Stinson, \$100 to be pd her out of my est by my son Zebulon Smith within 1y aft my wife's dec.

Appt my sons Isaac Smith and Zebulon Smith sole execs.

Dated: 28 Jun 1809

Signed with his signature ("Zebulon Smith")

Witnesses: Samuel Stinson, Silas Curtis, Nath^l Day, Joseph Day, Thomas Motherwill Jr.

In Probate: 3 Oct 1809

78. JOSHUA PAINE of Waldoborough, mariner (LCP 13:411)

Being weak in body

To my son Samuel Paine, the whole of my RE & PE forever, only excepting the improvement of 1/2 of both RE & PE to my wife Mary Paine dur her nat life.

To my 2 sons Timothy and Joshua Paine and my dau Sarah Chapman, \$50 each to be pd as above specified.

To my son Timothy, all my wearing apparel.

Appt Marcy Paine my wife and Samuel Paine my son exec and exec.

Dated: 21 Oct 1800

Signed with his signature ("Joshua Paine")

Witnesses: George Demuth, John Paine, Benj^a Brown

In Probate: 12 Aug 1801

79. ROBERT GOWIN of Bristol, mariner (LCP 13:415)

Being in good health

To my mother Jenny Gowin of Bristol, widow, all my RE & PE.

Appt my mother Jenny Gowin sole exec.

Dated: 13 Feb 1800

Signed with his signature ("Robert Gowin")

Witnesses: Phineas Bruce, Daniel P. Upton, David Prescoat

In Probate: at Washington Co., Maine, 1 Jun 1801

80. NICOLAS ORFF of Waldoborough, yeoman (LCP 13:417)

[No statement of health]

To my son Henry Orff, all my land, messuage and tenements; also 1 cow, 2 sheep & one iron chain, by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed.

To my wife [unnamed], 1/3 or my RE & PE according to law.

It is also my will that the remainder of my PE is to be div among all my chn eq aft my honest debts are pd.

It is also my will that my son Henry Orff shall pay to my chn, viz Katharina Orff, Sophia Orff, Margaret Orff, George Orff, & John Orff or their heirs the sum of £5 each. Sd payment is to begin 3y aft my dec, viz to pay £5 per year to his sd brothers & sisters until the whole is completed.

Appt my son Henry Orff my only and sole exec.

Dated: 31 Aug 1795

Signed with his signature ("Nicolas Orff")

Witnesses: Jacob Ludwig, Frederick Huhn, Joseph Ludwig

In Probate: 12 Jan 1801

81. JOHN GRAFFAM of Lewiston, mill wright (LCP 13:425)

Being in low health

To my wife Elizabeth Graffam, 1/2 of my RE & PE for her to occupy and improve dur her nat life.

To my son John Graffam, \$4.

To my dau Thankful Pettingill, \$1.

To my daus Lydia Landers and Elizabeth Mitchell, \$2 each.

To my daus Hannah Graffam and Allice Graffam, \$20 each and to my dau Anne I also give \$20, all which several legacies or sums of money I order to be pd out of my est by my exec at the expiration of 3y aft my dec; but if my daus Hannah & Allice & Anne should be single at my dec and should marry bef the expiration of 3y from that time, I order that their several legacies be pd out of my est by my exec to each of them on the day of their marriage.

All the residue of my RE & PE not above devised I give to my sons David Graffam and Benjamin Graffam, to be eq div betw them.

Appt my wife Elizabeth Graffam sole exec.

Dated: [day blank] Mar 1800

Signed with his signature ("John Graffam")

Witnesses: Benjamin Moors, Samuel Thorn, Joel Wright, Benjamin Thorn

In Probate: 10 Jan 1801

82. JAMES HILTON of Bristol, yeoman (LCP 13:433)

Being very sick & weak in body

To my son William Hilton, \$4.

To my dau Mary Merrit, \$20.

To my dau Jane Hilton, \$1.

To my son James Hilton, \$50.

To my son John Hilton, \$1.

To my dau Margaret Hilton, \$20.

To my dau Sarah Hilton, \$4.

To my dau Susan Hilton, \$20.

To my dau Elizabeth Hilton, \$20.

To my dau Nancy Hilton, \$20.

To my dau Lydia Hilton, \$20.

I give jointly & severally to my two sons Joshua Hilton and Joseph Hilton all & singular of my PE that is all my stock of cattle, sheep, horses, and swine, and with all my farming utensils.

Appt my two sons Joshua Hilton and Joseph Hilton sole execs.

Dated: 24 Mar 1795

Signed with his signature

Witnesses: Thomas Johnston, Cornelius Rhoads, Elizabeth Rhoads

In Probate: 2 Jul 1799

83. PAUL KOON of Waldoborough, yeoman (LCP 13:455)

Being infirm in body

To my wife Charlotte, all my RE & PE dur her nat life, and aft her dec my son Paul Koon is to have all my RE or lands freely by him possessed and enjoyed and his heirs and assigns forever.

I also give to my son Paul my Dutch plough, 1 iron ring chain and 1 light.

It is also my will that my son Paul Koon pay to my chn, namely George Koon, Eve Catharina Koon, Charlotte Koon and Mary Koon 12m aft the dec of my wife for my RE the sum of £66 13s 4p lawful money, namely that is to say, that my son Paul is to pay yearly £6 13s 4p lawful till the aforesd £66 13s 4p are pd. Aft the dec of my wife my PE is to be eq div among my chn and also the money that my son Paul is to pay is to be eq div.

It is also my will that all my honest debts be pd out of my est bef my est is div.

Appt my son Paul Koon my only & sole exec.

Dated: 18 Jan 1790

Signed with his signature (“Paul Koon”)

Witnesses: Jacob Ludwig, John George Light, Peter Light

In Probate: 6 Jan 1809

84. JOHN ULMER of Thomaston, gentleman (LCP 14:1)

Being weak in body

To my wife Mary Ulmer, 1/2 of my dwelling house in Thomaston situated near Larmond’s cove (so called) & the whole of 1a of land adj the same and including the garden and all the barn & 1/2 the lime kiln & 1 white horse & 1 chaise & 1 cow & all the h/h furniture dur her nat life or as long as she remains my wid.

To my dau Mary Black or Swartz, \$2.

To my daus Hannah Hyler, Sally Brown, Caty Crockett and to my grson Frederick Croner each 1/5 of a large quarry of lime rock except a small piece to my son Philip with liberty to pass by my son Philip’s land to the county road, the other 1/5 part to my son Jacob to give to my dau Mary Black or Swartz.

My upper quarry I give as hereafter named, first to my son-in-law Isaac Brown (beg at Tillson line so as to leave a road on that side the quarry given as before) 2r in

width & running to the county road, & likewise my son-in-law Jacob Eichorn 2r wide & my son Andrew 2 1/2r wide & my son Martin 2 1/2r wide, & aft my dec 2 1/2r more making 5r to each. And to my wife Mary, 11r wide running to said country road, and aft her dec the 11r to be div betw Andrew & Martin, and likewise aft her dec the 1/2 of the lime kiln to my son Martin.

I also give the undiv 2/3 of the 1/2 of a lot of land lying the westerly side of the road leading to the head of Owl's Head bay to my sons Andrew & Martin.

To my wife Mary, all my point of land for pasturing her nat life excepting a road all round the point, and the share to be div among my heirs to build lime kilns, my son Jacob to have his share joining his land & taking the SW part of the point.

To my grson Frederic Croner, 1/4a of sd point with the privilege of the shore to build a lime kiln with the privilege of the flats adjoining the same.

All the remaining part of my RE & PE to be div among my lawful heirs except my dau Mary Black or Swartz's share to be with my son Jacob Ulmer to give her as he thinks she stands in need. The residue of my RE & PE that I have not given as beforesd (except a lime kiln and the 1/3 of Andrew's share) laying betw Jacob's 2 shares, I give to my son Philip, and all the remaining, aft my dec, first my wife Mary to have 1/3 and the other 2/3 to be eq div among my sons George Ulmer, John Ulmer, Jacob Ulmer, Philip Ulmer, Mathias Ulmer, Andrew Ulmer, Martin Ulmer and my daus Hannah Hyler, Peggy Eichorn, Mary Brown, Sally Brown, Caty Crockett, each to have 1/13 part of the remaining est and 1/13 part to my son Jacob Ulmer to give to my dau Mary Black or Swartz.

Appt my son Jacob Ulmer sole exec.

Dated: 8 Jul 1809

Signed with his signature ("John Ulmer")

Witnesses: Joseph Ingraham, Jon^a Spear Jr., John Spafford

In Probate: 8 Jan 1810

85. SAMUEL HILTON of New Milford, yeoman (LCP 14:4)

Being aged and infirm in body

To my wife Judith, the use, occupancy & improvement of all my h/h goods and furniture so far as she shall choose to use as long as she shall live; and also a good, sufficient and comfortable support in sickness and in health.

To my son Samuel, \$150 to be pd in manner hereinafter provided.

To the 4 sons of my late son John, \$150 to be pd them in eq shares in manner hereinafter provided; and to the dau of the sd John \$1, she being in the hands of those who take care of her as their own.

To my son Jacob, \$150 to be pd in manner hereinafter provided.

To my son Abraham, \$150 to be pd in manner hereinafter provided.

To my dau Lydia Jewett, \$150 to be pd in manner hereinafter provided.

To my dau Mary Norris, \$150 to be pd in manner hereinafter provided.

To my son Benjamin, \$150 to be pd in manner hereinafter provided.

To my son Isaac, the NW 1/2, being the whole length and 1/2 the width, of the lot or farm on which I now live in sd New Milford, and also 1 undiv 1/2 of the mill

privilege just below the road and bridge, he the sd Isaac being bound and holden to pay to my sons Samuel and Jacob and to my dau Mary \$150 each within 1y from the time of my dec, and also to James & John, 2 of the aforementioned sons of my late son John decd, \$37.50 each within 1y from the time of my dec, or when they shall arrive to ae 21y, whichever shall last happen, and also to provide for and support my wife Judith in manner hereinafter provided.

To my son Thomas, all the residue of the lot or farm aforesd, he the sd Thomas to pay my sons Abraham and Benjamin and my dau Lydia \$150 each within 1y from the time of my dec, and also to Samuel and Enoch, two of the aforementioned sons of my late son John decd, \$37.50 each within 1y from the time of my dec, or when they severally shall arrive at ae 21y, and also to provide for and support my wife Judith in manner hereinafter provided.

The bequests aforesd to my sons Isaac and Thomas are on this further condition, that they shall at their own eq and joint expense well, sufficiently and comfortably maintain and support in sickness and in health (with the assistance of my h/h goods and furniture) their mother, my wife Judith, so long as she shall live.

Appt the sd Isaac and Thomas execs.

Dated: 10 Apr 1806

Signed with his signature (“Samuel Hilton”)

Witnesses: Josiah Stebbins, Enoch Dole, Thomas Erskine

In Probate: 3 Jan. 1810

86. SAMUEL JACOBS of Camden, Esquire (LCP 14:8)

[No statement of health]

To my wife Margaret Jacobs dur her nat life, that part of my farm on which I now dwell which lies E of the town road leading to Goose River and adjoining on the salt water, except the garden spot which is hereafter demised; also the field on the W side of sd road in which my dwl house now stands together with the garden agreeable to the present standing of the fence which encloses the same, reserving a cart passway thru the sd field to the road and barn for the convenience of the other part of the farm; also that part of the dwl house as hereafter described, that is to say the NE front room and bedroom adjoining together with the large back chamber and a proportionable privilege in the kitchen and cellar; also 1 eq 1/3 part of the barn and a privilege of the wood standing on the farm sufficient for her necessary fuel. And furthermore, as my 4 sons Samuel, Robert, Frederic and Bela and my dau Caroline are yet in their nonage and believing it most convenient that they should be supported by their mother and provided for out of my est while in their minority, I therefore order and will that my wife should provide for them both for boarding and clothing in sickness and in health until each of them may arrive at ae 21y. And to enable her to make more suitable provision for my chn above named, I will that my wife have the sole improvement of all the residue of my RE until the youngest surviving of my sd chn shall arrive at ae 21y, she however paying all the taxes which may be assessed on the same dur the time she may be in possession.

To my son Samuel Jacobs, \$20 to be pd on his arriving at ae 21y by my wife; also that my wife provide for him with suitable boarding and clothing beyond the time before expressed even until the 1st day of Jan 1814, all which I consider to be his eq share of my est.

To my son Robert Jacobs, when my youngest surviving child may arrive at ae 21y, the whole of my homestead farm in Camden with the bldgs thereon and the privileges thereto belonging, except the encumbrances above named and the provisions for my wife bef mentioned, and except the NE chamber in the house for the use of my dau Caroline dur her nat life or so long as she may remain unnm, meaning it to be understood the whole is willed to my son Robert aft the dec of his mother or the death or marriage of my dau Caroline, on condition that my son Robert shall pay the legacies to my other chn hereafter expressed.

To my son Frederic Jacobs, \$400 to be pd him by my son Robert Jacobs as follows: \$200 when my youngest surviving child shall have arrived at ae 21y and \$200 in 1y afterwards with interest from the time of the first payment.

To my son Bela Jacobs, the same sum, that is \$400 to be pd him by my son Robert, as follows: \$200 when my youngest surviving child may arrive at ae 21y and \$200 in 1y afterward with interest from the time of the first payment.

To my dau Caroline Jacobs, the same sum, to be pd by my son Robert as follows: \$200 when she may arrive at ae 21y and \$200 in 1y afterward with interest from the time of the first payment. Also the use of the NE chamber in the house dur her life or so long as she may remain unnm.

To my 4 sons Samuel, Robert, Frederick and Bela, my pew in the meeting house in Camden eq betw them, reserving a privilege in the same for my wife so long as she may live, also reserving a privilege unto my dau Caroline so long as she may live or remain unnm.

To my wife Margaret Jacobs, all my PE, except 2/3 of all the stock that may be on the farm when my youngest surviving child shall have arrived at ae 21y, which 2/3 of all the stock I order to be eq div betw my 3 sons Robert, Frederic and Bela, she paying all my just debts, funeral charges and all charges of settling my est and providing for my chn as bef expressed.

My will furthermore is that if my son Robert should be evicted or ejected in due course of law out of my RE before demised to him, and it being my will that my 5 chn Samuel, Robert, Frederic, Bela and Caroline should have an eq share of the value of my est, except the devises to my wife before described. I order and will that in case of my ejection the loss sustained thereby should be borne equally by my 5 chn.

Appt my wife Margaret Jacobs, Erastus Foote and Benjamin Cushing execs.

Dated: 1 Sep 1809

Signed with his signature ("Samuel Jacobs")

Witnesses: Phineas Bowers, Moses Trussel, Nath^l Martin

In Probate: 8 Jan 1810

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