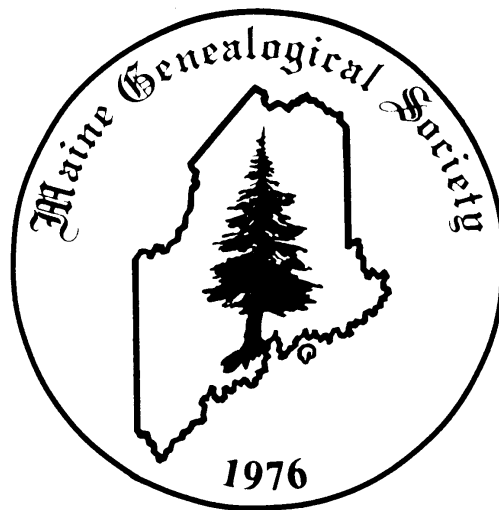


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## EDITOR'S PAGE

Some thirty years ago, I received a note from Jerome E. Anderson, then librarian at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, in which he offered me condolences on the death of my Uncle Joe. I knew Jerry Anderson from my occasional visits to the Society, and we had ruminated over the origin of my Anderson line in Scotland in the 1700s, but I had never discussed my immediate family with him. How on earth did he know that the Joseph Anderson who lived in Maryland and who died in 1990 was my uncle? "Easy," he wrote me back. "The obituary mentioned Joe's brother Seneca, and yours is the only Anderson line that ever used that name." Of course, it made perfect sense.

In this issue, Michael Dwyer documents his search for the parents of Aretas D. Wilkins of China, Maine. If Aretas had not been given such a unique first name, finding his origin would not have been possible. Additionally, the knowledge that middle names in that period among New England Yankee families were usually family names assisted in the identification.

In her article on Phebe Gray, wife of Dominicus Jordan of Falmouth, author Nancy Belcher also looked closely at names and naming patterns, there being very little documentary evidence of Phebe's family in standard sources. While the precise relationship could not be proven, one Capt. John Gray of Connecticut and Vermont named two of his children Dominicus and Jordan, and that offered a strong suggestion of kinship with Phebe, possibly as her brother.

We are all aware of the importance of names in genealogical research, and how names in themselves can be clues to family identification. In these examples, *Seneca*, *Aretas*, *Dominicus*, and *Jordan* all stand out as being uncommon names. In any place and time, there is a preferred pool of names, and those need to be recognized before we make conclusions about the names in a particular family. A study of Hingham, Massachusetts, in the Colonial period indicated that the ten most common boys' names were (in order of popularity) John, Thomas, Samuel, David, Joseph, Benjamin, Jonathan, Joshua, Daniel, and James, while the ten commonest names for girls were Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth, Hannah, Lydia, Deborah, Abigail, Ruth, Rachel, and Susanna (NEHGR 138 [1984]:169). Any conclusions based solely on the use of those names would be on shaky ground since the names were so prevalent among all families.

Unusual names outside the preferred naming pool are flags, but they don't always provide genealogical clues. In my own research, I came across two siblings—John Henniker Ingraham Woodsum and Marcia Paulina Ingraham Woodsum. It seemed there must have been an Ingraham connection in this family, and I pursued that theory with no success. It turned out that the siblings were named for Rev. John Henniker Ingraham, a Congregationalist minister in Thomaston, and his wife, Marcia Paulina Cony. This did allow me to conclude that the family were strong Congregationalists, but the names were no help in identifying the siblings' grandparents.

This issue concludes volume 42 and my twenty-seventh year in the Editor's chair. I am grateful to all of those authors who have contributed their research in the form of journal articles and put up with the sometimes arduous editing process.

—Joseph C. Anderson II, Editor

## WHAT'S IN A NAME? ARETAS D. WILKINS OF CHINA, MAINE

*By Michael F. Dwyer, FASG*

When the parents of Aretas D. Wilkins bestowed upon their son his unusual first name—*Aretas*, a New Testament king mentioned only once, in 2 *Corinthians* 11:32—did they perhaps envision a lofty destiny for him? Our subject, Aretas Wilkins, a cordwainer in China, Maine, for over forty years, did not fulfill a regal lifestyle. At his death, his worldly goods took less than a page to inventory. Did he have siblings with similarly ambitious biblical names? Further questions about the child-naming proclivities of Aretas's parents could not even begin to be answered because they had long disappeared into the oblivion of unremembered ancestry.

In his enumeration in China, Maine, censuses from 1860 through 1880, Aretas Wilkins, who was born about 1822, gave Massachusetts as his birthplace.<sup>1</sup> He did not, however, seem to be connected to any other Wilkins families from surrounding Maine towns. Had he lived just another two years, until 1892, when Maine instituted the statewide registration of vital statistics, a death certificate with all the blanks filled in may have perhaps shed some light on his exact birthplace and parentage. No such death certificate or obituary exists for him. Though his gravestone from Weeks Mills Cemetery in China inscribes his date of death, 16 January 1890, and gives his age as 67 years, 4 months, it does nothing to illuminate his origin.

At the start of this exploration over seven years ago, the earliest known documentation for Aretas Wilkins was his marriage to Nancy Gove, recorded in Windsor, Maine. Less than a week elapsed between the intention filed on 1 October 1845 and the act of marriage on 6 October 1845. Both parties, residents of Windsor, were married by Aaron Clark of Washington, Maine.<sup>2</sup> A tantalizing clue beckoned in the town of Washington where *Aretas Wilkins Wellman* was born on 22 December 1845.<sup>3</sup> Not discounting the possibility of an earlier Aretas Wilkins, after whom both males were named, the naming of Aretas Wilkins Wellman seemed to imply Aretas Wilkins, then about twenty-two years old, was known to the Wellman family of Washington, Maine. Why would they have named a child Aretas Wilkins Wellman?

### SEARCHING AMONG THE WELLMANS OF WASHINGTON, MAINE

According to the 1918 Wellman genealogy, Aretas Wilkins Wellman was the sixth child of Joseph and Maria Ann (Gove) Wellman.<sup>4</sup> In the 1850 census of

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<sup>1</sup> Aretas Wilkins household, 1850–80 U.S. Censuses, China, Kennebec Co., Maine, pp. 225B, 562, 186B, 172A.

<sup>2</sup> Windsor, Maine, VRs, 1:43, 87 [Family Search digital film (DGS) #7592463, images 32, 22].

<sup>3</sup> Rev. Joshua Wyman Wellman, *Descendants of Thomas Wellman of Lynn, Massachusetts* (Boston, 1918), 281.

<sup>4</sup> *Thomas Wellman Descendants* [note 3], 281.

Washington, Maine, Joseph Wellman, 53, a farmer, born in Maine, headed a household with his wife, Maria, 40, and their six children: John, 21, Joseph, 17, Gilbert, 14, Fairfield, 12, William, 6, Aretas 4, and Elizabeth, 2.<sup>5</sup> As outlined in the Wellman genealogy, Joseph Wellman's well-documented forebears migrated from Mansfield, Massachusetts, to Bremen, Maine, and had no known any ties to a Wilkins family.

Considering the surname of Aretas Wilkins's wife, Nancy Gove, I looked for possible connections between her Gove family and that of Joseph Wellman's wife, Maria, who died in Washington, on 20 December 1874, age 63 years, 8 months [thus born circa April 1811].<sup>6</sup> Death records of three of Maria's children confirm her maiden name was Gove: Fairfield Wellman died in Windsor, 17 July 1902, age 65;<sup>7</sup> John D. Wellman died in St. Albans, Maine, 3 April 1903, age 73;<sup>8</sup> and William Wellman died in Washington, 5 May 1919, age 73.<sup>9</sup> Contradicting these records made long after Maria's death, Washington vital records indicate Miss Maria *Ballard* of Patricktown Plantation, not *Gove*, published intentions, 3 January 1829, with Joseph Wellman, the marriage being solemnized on 18 January.<sup>10</sup> Who was Maria Ballard, and why did her descendants think her name was Gove?

A 9 September 1834 deed suggests a family relationship between Joseph Wellman and Enoch Gove. In the deed, Wellman refers to the farm where "[Enoch Gove] and myself now lives on." Additionally, the deed makes provisions for Gove's widow [*unnamed*] after his death.<sup>11</sup> Enoch Gove lived until 1844.<sup>12</sup> His household in Patricktown Plantation [later Somerville] in 1820 accounts for a female born between 1810 and 1820,<sup>13</sup> fitting the calculated birth date for Maria Anne Ballard. A clearly defined relationship to the Enoch Gove family, however, has not been learned.

#### EVALUATING ONAMASTIC CLUES

These blind alleys led me to ponder anew the anomaly of Massachusetts-born Aretas Wilkins living in rural Maine. Among the 160 Wilkinses counted in Maine's 1850 census, none seemed to have any ties with the towns of Washington in Lincoln County or Windsor in Kennebec County. Moreover, none of these other families could account for a son named Aretas, born in Massachusetts. Looking outward

<sup>5</sup> Joseph Wellman household, 1850 U.S. Census, Washington, Lincoln Co., Maine, p. 276B.

<sup>6</sup> Maria is buried next to her husband, Joseph Wellman, in West Washington Cemetery (gravestone photo, findagrave.com #60977204).

<sup>7</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, mother's birthplace Edgecome [*sic*].

<sup>8</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, mother's birthplace U.S.

<sup>9</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, mother's birthplace Somerville, Maine.

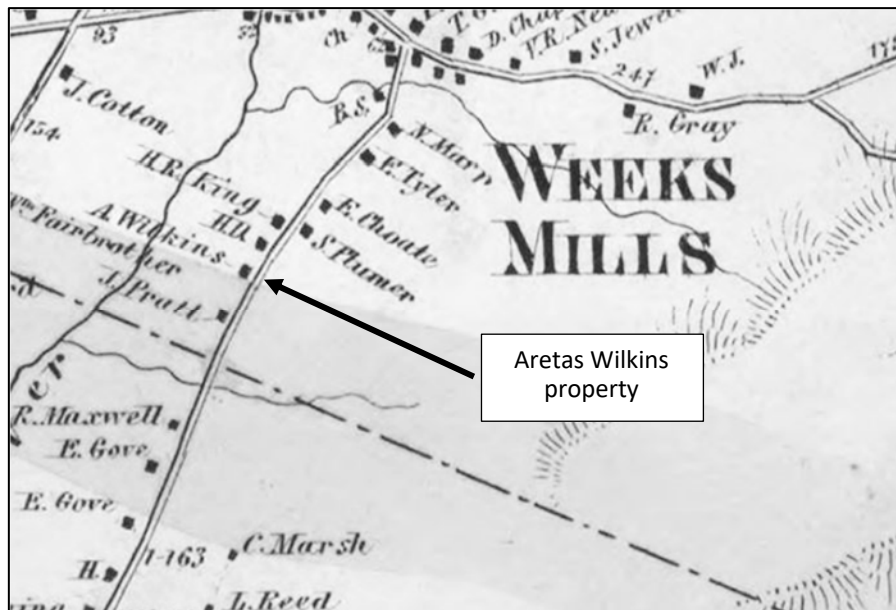
<sup>10</sup> Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Washington Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 2005), 38, 111.

<sup>11</sup> Lincoln Co., Maine, Deeds, 161:195.

<sup>12</sup> Gravestone photo, Sand Hill Cemetery, Somerville (findagrave.com #69975231). He m. Edgecomb, Maine, 18 Oct. 1787, Betty Davis ("Extracts from the Diary of Moses Davis. J.P., of Edgecomb, Me., 1775–1823," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 83[1929]:415.) Betsey, wife of Enoch Gove, d. 16 May 1818, age 54y, findagrave.com #69975393. The identity of the widow/wife in the above deed is not known.

<sup>13</sup> Enoch Gove household, U.S. Census, Patricktown Plt., Lincoln Co., Maine, 1820, p. 306.

from Aretas Wilkins, who moved only within a radius of a few miles after his marriage, I could not establish any ties between him and a family in Massachusetts. Aretas Wilkins appears ten times in Kennebec County deeds, the first a mortgage from Thomas Frain on 29 April 1846 for a twenty-five-acre woodlot in China.<sup>14</sup> Several of other deeds ally Aretas with Nancy (Gove) Wilkins's brother Edward Gove, but none to any other Wilkins family.<sup>15</sup> An 1856 map of Kennebec County locates the house of "A. Wilkins" in the Weeks Mills area of China,<sup>16</sup> although Aretas still retained wood lots just over the town line in Windsor:



What circumstances brought Aretas Wilkins to Maine? Several hypotheses started to take shape: Did Aretas's father die when he was a child, leaving Aretas as an orphan or in another household if his mother remarried? If Aretas were an orphan, was he sent to Maine to live with relatives or board with a family? Without a birth or baptismal record, how could I narrow down candidates for Aretas's parents? Once more, I returned to puzzling over his name: Aretas D. Wilkins. What did the middle initial D stand for? My hunch was that D signified a missing surname rather than a traditional first name. Could Aretas Wilkins have been named for someone named Aretas D[—]? With this theory in mind, I looked for other connections to the Gove family of Washington, this time for surnames beginning with the letter D.

<sup>14</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 154:347.

<sup>15</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds 54:346, 161:174, 217:239–40, 201:461, 245:321, 233:228.

<sup>16</sup> *Map of Kennebec County, Maine* (Philadelphia, 1856), [http://www.old-maps.com/maine/KennebecCo\\_1856/webstuff/Kennebec\\_1856\\_1m.jpg](http://www.old-maps.com/maine/KennebecCo_1856/webstuff/Kennebec_1856_1m.jpg).

On 30 December 1817, Patty Dodge of Newcastle married Enoch Gove Jr. of Patricktown.<sup>17</sup> As Mrs. Martha Gove of Patricktown, she and Ansel Besse of Washington published marriage intentions in Washington on 26 August 1825.<sup>18</sup> Dodges abounded in Newcastle, but none were named Aretas. Considering the possibility of a man named Aretas Dodge farther afield from Maine, I discovered Aretas Dodge who was born in Wenham, Massachusetts, 13 July 1785, son of John and Mehitabel (Batchelder) Dodge.<sup>19</sup> Aretas married there Nancy Dodge on 26 January 1812.<sup>20</sup> Their brief marriage ended with Aretas Dodge's death at age 28 from typhus fever on 19 August 1813.<sup>21</sup>

Nancy Dodge declined administration of his estate and nominated John Dodge, her late husband's brother.<sup>22</sup> Four years later, she complained that Aretas's estate had not been settled. On 17 February 1818, she indicated that she had one child and needed "such allowance for necessaries out of his estate."<sup>23</sup>

Why would I think Aretas Dodge may have a connection to the cordwainer of China, Maine? On 8 December 1817, Dodge's widow, Nancy Dodge, married Sylvester Wilkins of Beverly, Massachusetts, also his second marriage.<sup>24</sup> Were Nancy and Sylvester Wilkins the parents of Aretas D. Wilkins?

#### SYLVESTER WILKINS OF ESSEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Sylvester Wilkins died in November 1835 when Aretas D. Wilkins was thirteen years old—an age when a boy from a poor family could easily have been sent to live in a different household as a farmhand or an apprentice. Sylvester Wilkins's early history remains unknown, though he clearly belonged to one of the several Wilkins families who lived in Amherst, New Hampshire.<sup>25</sup> Sylvester's birth is not recorded in Amherst or elsewhere, nor has he been linked to parents through another

<sup>17</sup> Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Newcastle, Maine* (Waterville, Maine 2015), 49.

<sup>18</sup> *Washington VRs* [note 10], 34. The death records of two of Ansel and Martha's children confirm their parents' names: Alfred W. Besse, d. Jefferson, 5 April 1902, age 72y 8m 20d, son of Ansel Besse and Marsha [*sic*] Dodge; William Besse, d. Union, Maine, 15 Sept. 1917, aged 89, parents Ansel Besse and Martha Dodge (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921). Martha had at least one child with Enoch Gove Jr.: Sophia (Gove) (Besse) Basford, b. Washington, [calc.] 8 March 1819, d. Richmond, Maine, 17 Aug. 1897, age 78y 5m 9d (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921). Sophia m. (1) (int.) Washington, 7 Oct. 1837, Jonas Besse Jr. (*Washington VRs* [note 10], 46).

<sup>19</sup> *Vital Records of Wenham, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, Mass., 1904), 22.

<sup>20</sup> *Wenham VR* [note 19], 106.

<sup>21</sup> *Wenham VR* [note 19], 190.

<sup>22</sup> *Salem Gazette*, 5 Aug. 1814, p. 4 [genealogybank].

<sup>23</sup> Aretas Dodge, Essex Co. Mass., Probate Records, #7788 [DGS #4481925, image 2].

<sup>24</sup> *Wenham VR* [note 19], 110.

<sup>25</sup> Death records of two of Sylvester's daughters, Charlotte (Wilkins) Smith (Mass. Vital Records, 1841–1910, 274:164 [images, americanancestor.org]), and Cynthia (Wilkins) Frost (*ibid.*, 275:59), cite Amherst, N.H., as his birthplace.



record.<sup>26</sup> On 21 November 1799, Sylvester Wilkins of Beverly married his first wife Joanna Edwards.<sup>27</sup> He headed a household there in 1800 and in 1810.<sup>28</sup> Deeds attest that Sylvester Wilkins, “housewrite,” held on to property briefly, selling land in Beverly in 1805 and 1810.<sup>29</sup> Sylvester served in War of 1812 with Captain A. Lord’s company during the summer and fall of 1814.<sup>30</sup>

After marrying Nancy Dodge, Sylvester moved to Wenham, where in 1820, he headed a household of six.<sup>31</sup> Only their eldest child, Nancy Maria Wilkins, was recorded in a baptismal record.<sup>32</sup> Aretas’s calculated birth date, 18 September 1823, fits the chronology, with his younger brother Moses following in August 1825.<sup>33</sup>

On 28 March 1823, Sylvester and Nancy Wilkins signed along with the other heirs of Israel A. Dodge that they had no objection to the probate of his estate.<sup>34</sup> In the next eight years, Sylvester gradually sold all the parcels of land in Wenham that Nancy received through inheritance.<sup>35</sup>

A rectangular box containing two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature reads "Sylvester Wilkins" and the bottom signature reads "Nancy Wilkins".

In the 1830 census, Sylvester Wilkin’s household included only three males: one aged 50–59 and two aged 5–9, oddly no females.<sup>36</sup> Sylvester’s penury likely coincided with declining health, as his death notice published in several newspapers

<sup>26</sup> One Sylvester Wilkins was b. Middleton, Mass., 24 Nov. 1757, son of Joshua & Ruth (—) Wilkins (*Vital Records of Middleton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [Topsfield, Mass., 1904], 63). Joshua Wilkins was a resident of Amherst, Mass., by March 1776. His son, Sylvester, a Revolutionary War soldier, d. Easton, Penn., 29 Sept. 1779 (Daniel Franklin Secomb, *History of the Town of Amherst, Hillsborough Co., N.H.* [Amherst, 1883], 407, 835–36). No record is found that this Sylvester married or had children.

<sup>27</sup> *Vital Records of Beverly, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Topsfield, Mass., 1906–7), 2:336.

<sup>28</sup> Sylvester Wilkins household, 1800 and 1810 U.S. censuses, Beverly, Essex Co., Mass., pp. 533, 47.

<sup>29</sup> Essex Co. Deeds, 214:212.

<sup>30</sup> *Records of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia . . . during the War of 1812–14* (Boston, Mass., 1913), 35.

<sup>31</sup> Sylvester Wilkins household, 1820 U.S. Census, Wenham, Essex Co., Mass., p. 212.

<sup>32</sup> *Wenham VRs* [note 19], 1:83. Nancy Maria Dodge Wilkins, d[daughter of] Sylvester and Nancy Wilkins, bp. 16 July 1820.

<sup>33</sup> See Moses’s death record [note 84].

<sup>34</sup> Israel A. Dodge, Essex Co. Probate Records, #7868 [DGS #4481920, image 15].

<sup>35</sup> Essex Co. Deeds, 242:216, 236:70; 242:216, 252:182, 265:123, 260:179.

<sup>36</sup> Sylvester Wilkins household, 1830 U.S. Census, Wenham, Essex Co., Mass., p. 511. The immediately preceding household of Polly Dodge, Nancy Wilkins’s mother, probably accounts for Nancy, aged 40–49, living with her mother.

reveals: “In Wenham, after a distressing illness of almost four years, which he bore with Christian fortitude, Mr. Sylvester Wilkins, age 58.”<sup>37</sup> Having sold all his real estate in Wenham, Sylvester Wilkins left no probate record in Essex County, nor are there any guardianship records for his minor children. One can infer that Nancy Wilkins, widowed a second time, was financially strapped and may not have been able to provide for all her children.

In 1840 Nancy Wilkins headed a household in Wenham of only two—herself and a young man between 10 and 14.<sup>38</sup> By then, her daughter Mary Dodge, from her marriage to Aretas Dodge, had wed Dennison Wallis and lived in Hamilton, Massachusetts.<sup>39</sup> Nancy’s other son, Moses D. Wilkins, also a cordwainer and lifelong resident of Wenham, certainly corresponds to the teenage male living with her. The absence of a second male, aged 15–19, in Nancy’s household supports the premise that Aretas was already living in Maine. Nancy Wilkins later lived in her daughter Mary Wallis’s household, where she is found in the 1850 and 1860 censuses.<sup>40</sup> Neither Sylvester Wilkins nor his wife Nancy have surviving gravestones.

#### HEIRS OF ARETAS AND NANCY (GOVE) WILKINS

Aretas Wilkins of China, Maine, made scant impact on public records. His surviving daughter, Sadie Wilkins, married wounded Civil War veteran Joseph Albert Banks, an intermittent resident of the Eastern Soldiers’ Home in Togus. After their 1873 marriage, Joseph Banks, his wife, and daughters lived in his father-in-law’s household.<sup>41</sup> Following Sadie’s death, Joseph Banks soon remarried. Aretas died intestate and barely solvent with real and personal estate totaling \$458.<sup>42</sup> Nancy Wilkins’s will, written in April 1898, speaks to family discord:

I do Give and Bequeath all my real estate and my Personal Property to my four Grandchildren Meda Edwina Paulina Mamie Banks to Divide as they feel to I want them to keep the House and farm so if they are sick they can have a Home to come to keep every thing rite here Dont give anything way After I get thrue they can have it: I dint want Joe Banks to have one thing from here.<sup>43</sup>

In 1900 Nancy Wilkins headed a household that included her four granddaughters, all of whom were in school, as well as the children of Joseph Banks’s second marriage.<sup>44</sup> Nancy Wilkins outlived her husband by almost two decades. Edith W. Banks was appointed administratrix of her grandmother’s estate with a value not

<sup>37</sup> *Salem Gazette*, 3 Dec. 1835, p. 3 [genealogybank].

<sup>38</sup> Nancy Wilkins household, 1840 U.S. Census, Wenham, Essex Co., Mass., p. 255.

<sup>39</sup> Dennison Wallis household, 1840 U.S. Census, Hamilton, Essex Co., Mass., p. 264.

<sup>40</sup> Dennison Wallis household, 1850 U.S. Census, Hamilton, Essex Co., Mass., p. 381A; Mary E. Wallis household, 1860 U.S. Census, Hamilton, Essex Co., Mass., p. 511.

<sup>41</sup> Aretas Wilkins household, 1880 U.S. Census, China, Kennebec Co., Maine, p. 172A.

<sup>42</sup> Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 231:93 (letters of administration), 225:206 (bond).

<sup>43</sup> Kennebec Co. Probate Records, #10974 [DGS #4128629, image 383].

<sup>44</sup> Nancy Wilkins household, 1900 U.S. Census, China, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 113, p. 1.

exceeding \$300.<sup>45</sup> Within a year after Nancy Wilkin's death, her granddaughters Edith and Mary married, both of whom earned their living as schoolteachers.

A century after Aretas Wilkins purchased wood lots in South China, Maine, his name appeared one last time as a grantor in Kennebec County. On 23 January 1948, his only two living grandchildren, Mary (Banks) Penney of Groton, Connecticut, and Edith (Banks) Leavitt of Woolwich, Maine, acquiesced their rights in a quitclaim deed to a wooded lot in China that Aretas had purchased in 1846.<sup>46</sup>

While I have yet to discover who scattered the trail of breadcrumbs that led from Wenham, Massachusetts, to Maine, a variety of circumstances posit Aretas D. Wilkins as the son of Nancy Dodge and Sylvester Wilkins, and I never would have found this humble shoemaker without his lofty first name. Did Aretas have a sibling with a similarly ambitious biblical name? Yes, Moses—another shoemaker!

#### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 **SYLVESTER WILKINS** was born in Amherst, New Hampshire,<sup>47</sup> circa 1778, and died in Wenham, Massachusetts, 26 November 1835, aged 58.<sup>48</sup> He married first in Beverly, Massachusetts, on 21 November 1799, JOANNA EDWARDS.<sup>49</sup> She was born in Beverly, 5 June 1777, daughter of John and Mary (Lovett) Edwards,<sup>50</sup> and died there on 24 May 1813.<sup>51</sup>

Sylvester married second in Wenham on 8 December 1817, NANCY DODGE.<sup>52</sup> Nancy was born in Wenham, 13 January 1785, daughter of Israel Andrews and Mary (Brown) Dodge,<sup>53</sup> and died in Hamilton, Massachusetts, 4 May 1862.<sup>54</sup> Nancy had married first in Wenham, 26 January 1812, Aretas Dodge.<sup>55</sup> He was born in Wenham, 13 July 1785, son of John and Mehitabel (Batchelder) Dodge,<sup>56</sup> and died there 19 August 1813, age 28.<sup>57</sup>

<sup>45</sup> Kennebec Co. Probate Records, 309:48.

<sup>46</sup> Kennebec Co. Deeds, 866:357, quitclaim to Stephen A. Plummer of China for \$1.00. "The title of the grantors was derived by inheritance from their mother, Sadie M. (Wilkins) Banks, who was the only heir of said Aretas Wilkins, and they in turn being her only heirs."

<sup>47</sup> His place of birth explicitly given as Amherst in the death records of his daughters Charlotte and Cynthia. Aretas Wilkins's great-great-granddaughter Penney (Morse) Winter has at least six Ancestry.com DNA matches over 20cM with descendants of Amherst, N.H., Wilkins families. Documenting all these relationships are beyond the scope of this article.

<sup>48</sup> *Salem Gazette*, 3 Dec. 1835, p. 3 [genealogybank].

<sup>49</sup> *Beverly VRs* [note 27], 2:336.

<sup>50</sup> *Beverly VRs* [note 27], 1:118; her parents m. 13 Oct. 1770 (*ibid.*, 2:105).

<sup>51</sup> *Beverly VRs* [note 27], 2:802, —w. of S.—.

<sup>52</sup> *Beverly VRs* [note 27], 2:336; *Wenham VR* [note 19], 100.

<sup>53</sup> *Wenham VR* [note 19], 27.

<sup>54</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 156:285, d. of consumption.

<sup>55</sup> *Wenham VR* [note 19], 106.

<sup>56</sup> *Wenham VR* [note 19], 22.

<sup>57</sup> *Wenham VR* [note 19], 190; Essex Co. Probate Records, #7788 [note 23].

## Children of Sylvester and Joanna (Edwards) Wilkins:

- i JOANNA WILKINS, b. Beverly, Mass., 6 March 1800.<sup>58</sup> Joanna was possibly the female aged 10–15y in Sylvester’s household in 1810.<sup>59</sup> No further record found.
- ii AMOS WILKINS, b. ca. 1801, d. Salem, Mass., 30 Nov 1842, aged 41y;<sup>60</sup> m. Salem, Mass., 2 Sept. 1827, MARY W. MOULTON,<sup>61</sup> b. Salem, [calc.] 15 Sept. 1807, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Knowles) Moulton, d. Randolph, Mass., 13 Dec. 1887, age 80y 2m 28d.<sup>62</sup> She m. (2) bef. 1850, John Davis,<sup>63</sup> b. Kingston, N.H., ca. 1788, d. Salem, Mass., 4 Dec. 1866, aged 78y.<sup>64</sup>
- iii CHARLOTTE WILKINS, b. Beverly, [calc.] 11 July 1803, d. Beverly, 9 July 1875, aged 71y 11m 28d;<sup>65</sup> m. Beverly, 24 Nov. 1825, BENJAMIN SMITH,<sup>66</sup> b. Beverly, 27 Oct. 1801, son of Isaac and Susanna (Thistle) Smith,<sup>67</sup> d. Beverly of consumption, 27 July 1875, aged 78y [sic] 9m.<sup>68</sup>
- iv CYNTHIA WILKINS, b. Beverly, [calc.] 6 Jan. 1805, b. Belmont, Mass., 22 June 1875, aged 70y 5m 16d;<sup>69</sup> m. (int.) Cambridge, Mass., 18 Feb. 1832, ISAAC FROST,<sup>70</sup> b. Arlington, Mass., 7 Aug. 1804, son of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Lobridge) Frost,<sup>71</sup> d. Belmont, 20 May 1880, aged 75y 9m.<sup>72</sup> Isaac Frost was a farmer in Belmont.<sup>73</sup>
- v SYLVESTER WILKINS, b. Beverly, [calc.] Feb. 1811, d. Belmont, Mass., 22 Oct. 1886, aged 75y 8m, unmarried;<sup>74</sup> Sylvester, aged 58y, shoemaker, was living with his sister Cynthia and Isaac Frost in 1870.<sup>75</sup> Sylvester operated a shoe store in Lowell, Mass., in 1841,<sup>76</sup> and later was a bookseller in Lowell.<sup>77</sup>

<sup>58</sup> *Beverly VRs* [note 27], 1:367.

<sup>59</sup> Sylvester Wilkins household, 1810 U.S. Census, Beverly, Essex Co., Mass., p. 47. In addition to himself and Joanna, the household contained a male 10–15, a male 0–9, a female 10–15, and 3 females 0–9.

<sup>60</sup> *Vital Records of Salem, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 6 vols. (Salem, 1916–25), 6:333. He was a carpenter and died of dropsy.

<sup>61</sup> *Salem VRs* [note 60], 4:470.

<sup>62</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 383:313

<sup>63</sup> John Davis household, 1850 U.S. Census, Salem, Ward 4, Essex Co., Mass., p. 226A.

<sup>64</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 192:217. The record gives his mother’s name as Catherine, but not his father’s name.

<sup>65</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 272:164.

<sup>66</sup> *Beverly VRs* [note 27], 2:336.

<sup>67</sup> *Beverly VRs* [note 27], 1:294; his parents m. (int) Beverly, 14 Nov 1784 (*ibid.*, 2:278).

<sup>68</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 274:165.

<sup>69</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 275:59.

<sup>70</sup> Thomas W. Baldwin, comp., *Vital Records of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1914–15). 2:423.

<sup>71</sup> *Vital Records of Arlington, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1904), 23; his parents m. Cambridge, 14 Jan. 1793 (*Cambridge VRs* [note 70], 2:152).

<sup>72</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 320:45.

<sup>73</sup> Isaac Frost household, 1860 U.S. Census, Belmont, Middlesex Co., Mass., p. 437.

<sup>74</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 374:54. Sylvester’s death, aged 75y 8m, merchant, father b. New Boston, N.H.

<sup>75</sup> Isaac Frost household, 1870 U.S. Census, Arlington, Middlesex Co., Mass., p. 132A.

<sup>76</sup> “Shoes! Shoes!” *Christian Watchman* (Boston, Mass.), 7 April 1841, p. 4 [genealogybank].

<sup>77</sup> “Books and Stationery,” *Christian Era* (Boston, Mass.), 21 Aug. 1856, p. 2 [genealogybank]. There were many similar ads from this time.

## Children of Sylvester and Nancy (Dodge) (Dodge) Wilkins

- vi NANCY MARIA DODGE WILKINS, b. Wenham, ca. 1818, and bp. there 16 July 1820,<sup>78</sup> d. Wenham, 3 July 1890, aged 72y;<sup>79</sup> m. Arlington, Mass., 29 April 1847, TIMOTHY SWAN Jr.,<sup>80</sup> b. West Cambridge, Mass., c1805, son of Timothy and Martha (Swan) Swan,<sup>81</sup> d. Boston, 3 Sept. 1885, aged 80y.<sup>82</sup> Timothy Swan was a Boston teamster and farmer.<sup>83</sup>
- 2 vii ARETAS DODGE WILKINS, b. prob. Wenham, ca. Aug. or Sept. 1822, d. China, 16 Jan. 1890; m. NANCY GOVE.
- viii MOSES D. WILKINS, b. Wenham, [calc.] 23 Aug. 1825, d. Wenham, 24 July 1894, age 68y 11m 1d;<sup>84</sup> m. Wenham, 1 Jan. 1845, LYDIA MERRILL,<sup>85</sup> b. Rockport, Mass., [calc.] 1 Aug. 1822, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Webber) Merrill, d. Wenham, 14 Dec. 1898, aged 76y 4m 13d.<sup>86</sup> Moses stayed in Wenham, where censuses record his occupation as a shoemaker or cordwainer.<sup>87</sup> He served in Company F, 2nd Mass, Regiment, during the Civil War.<sup>88</sup> He and Lydia are buried together in Wenham Cemetery.<sup>89</sup>

## Child of Aretas and Nancy (Dodge) Dodge:

- i MARY ELIZABETH DODGE, b. Wenham, [calc.] 21 Nov. 1814, d. Hamilton, Mass., 9 Nov. 1882, age 69y 11m 18d;<sup>90</sup> m. Hamilton, Mass., 17 Dec. 1835, DENNISON WALLIS,<sup>91</sup> bp. Hamilton, 2 Nov. 1806, son of David and Huldah (Noyes) Wallis,<sup>92</sup> d. Hamilton, 5 Nov. 1854. In 1850 their household included Mary's mother, Nancy Wilkins.<sup>93</sup> Dennison's accidental death was recorded in area newspapers:

Singular Disaster. On Sunday last, Mr. Dennison Wallis of Hamilton, on going into his barn-yard, was attacked by one of his steers, and was thrown against a stone wall or step with such force as to fracture his skull, the effect of which he died in a few hours.<sup>94</sup>

Their children included Aretas Dennison Wallace, bp. Hamilton, 28 June 1846.<sup>95</sup>

<sup>78</sup> *Wenham VR* [note 19], 83.

<sup>79</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 409:409.

<sup>80</sup> *Arlington VRs* [note 71], 107.

<sup>81</sup> Death record; his parents m int. Cambridge, 13 April 1805 (*Cambridge VRs* [note 70], 2:381).

<sup>82</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 366:253. Death of Timothy Swan, resident of Rainsford Island in Boston Harbor, farmer, cause of death senility.

<sup>83</sup> Timothy Swan household, 1860 U.S. Census, Boston, Ward 4, Suffolk Co., Mass., p. 22.

<sup>84</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 445:585.

<sup>85</sup> *Wenham VR* [note 19], 175.

<sup>86</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 481:611.

<sup>87</sup> Moses D. Wilkins h/h, 1880 U.S. Census, Wenham, Essex Co., Mass, E.D. 149, p. 323D.

<sup>88</sup> Moses D. Wilkins, Civil War pension, appl. 24,240, cert. 219,746.

<sup>89</sup> Gravestone photos, findagrave.com #s 61447968, 61448012.

<sup>90</sup> Mass. VR, 1841–1910 [note 25], 337:201, d. from cancer.

<sup>91</sup> *Vital Records of Hamilton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, 1908), 75.

<sup>92</sup> *Hamilton VRs* [note 91], 33; his parents m. Newbury, Mass., 1 Jan. 1795 (*Vital Records of Newbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. [Salem, 1911], 2:500).

<sup>93</sup> Dennison Wallis household, 1850 U.S. Census, Hamilton, Essex Co., Mass., p. 318.

<sup>94</sup> *Salem Register*, 9 Nov. 1854, p. 2 [genealogybank].

<sup>95</sup> *Hamilton VRs* [note 91], 33.

2 **ARETAS D[ODGE?] WILKINS** was born probably in Wenham, Massachusetts, about August or September 1822, son of Sylvester and Nancy (Dodge) (Dodge) Wilkins. He died in China, Maine, 16 January 1890, age 67 years, 4 months, and was buried there in Weeks Mills Cemetery.<sup>96</sup> He married in Windsor, Maine, 6 October 1845, NANCY GOVE.<sup>97</sup> She was born in Windsor, Maine, 27 October 1823, daughter of Edward and Sally (Trask) Gove.<sup>98</sup> She died in China, 26 April 1909, aged 85 years, 5 months, 3 days, and is buried there in Weeks Mills Cemetery.<sup>99</sup>

Aretas Wilkins lived in the Weeks Mills area of China, where he was a shoemaker.<sup>100</sup> In the 1900 census, Nancy Wilkins, aged 76, widow, was described as the mother of two children, neither of whom was then living. Her household included her four granddaughters and three children of her son-in-law's second marriage.<sup>101</sup>

Children of Aretas and Nancy (Gove) Wilkins:

- i LIZZIE NANCY WILKINS, b. [calc.] Aug. 1846, d. 25 June 1866 aged 19y 10m and bur. in Weeks Mills Cemetery, China.<sup>102</sup>
- ii SADIE M. WILKINS, b. [calc.] 11 June 1849, d. 20 March 1887, age 37y 9m 9d, and bur. in Weeks Mills Cemetery, China;<sup>103</sup> m. China, 7 Nov. 1873, JOSEPH ALBERT BANKS,<sup>104</sup> b. Cambridge, Mass., 4 July 1845, son of Thomas Sharpe and Amelia (Barker) Banks, d. China, Maine, 6 Feb. 1927 and bur. in Weeks Mills Cemetery.<sup>105</sup> He m. (2) China, 7 Sept. 1887, Luella Victoria Hanson,<sup>106</sup> b. Lowell, Mass., 12 Jan. 1859, d. 6 Dec. 1944, and bur. in Chadwick Hill Cemetery, China.<sup>107</sup> Joseph served in Company D, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery from 1862 to 1864.<sup>108</sup>

Children of Joseph Albert and Sadie (Wilkins) Banks:

- 1 *Lizzie Amelia Banks*, b. [calc.] 27 Sept. 1874, d. 28 June 1903, aged 28y 9m 1d, and bur. in Weeks Mills Cemetery, China.<sup>109</sup>

<sup>96</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #171006972.

<sup>97</sup> Windsor, Maine, VRs [DGS #7592463, images 32, 22].

<sup>98</sup> Windsor VRs [DGS #7592463, image 150]; her parents m. (int.) Newcastle, 16 Nov. 1811 (*Newcastle VRs* [note 17], 65).

<sup>99</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921; gravestone photo, findagrave.com #171007013. Nancy's death record errs in naming her parents as Asa and Martha Gove. Asa was the name of her oldest brother.

<sup>100</sup> Aretas Wilkins household, 1850–80 U.S. Censuses, China, Kennebec Co., Maine, pp. 225B, 562, 186B, 172A.

<sup>101</sup> Nancy Wilkins household, 1900 U.S. Census, China, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 113, p. 1.

<sup>102</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #171007111.

<sup>103</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #171007167.

<sup>104</sup> Windsor VRs [DGS #8623389, image 74], m. by Ephraim Bryant, Minister of Gospel, her name written "Salie Williams."

<sup>105</sup> Maine, Veterans Cemetery Records, 1676–1918 [image, ancestry.com]; g.s. photo, findagrave.com #171007275.

<sup>106</sup> China, Maine, VRs [DGS #7595330, image 628].

<sup>107</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #71601697, which gives her dates of birth and death.

<sup>108</sup> Civil War service records [image, fold3.com]; Joseph A. Banks, Civil War widow's pension #1571742.

<sup>109</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #116924636.

- 2 *Edwina M. Banks*, b. Sept. 1877,<sup>110</sup> d. Augusta, Maine, 13 Nov. 1906, aged 29y, and bur in Weeks Mills Cemetery, China.<sup>111</sup>
- 3 *Paulina Edith Walton Banks*, b. China, 12 Feb. 1882,<sup>112</sup> d. Boothbay Harbor, Maine, 30 Sept. 1971 and bur. in Weeks Mills Cemetery, China;<sup>113</sup> m. Augusta, 30 Nov. 1910, Wendall Winfield Leavitt,<sup>114</sup> b. 23 Feb. 1888, son of Daniel and Louise (Hassen) Leavitt,<sup>115</sup> d. Brunswick, Maine, 4 Jan. 1974.<sup>116</sup>
- 4 *Mary Barton Banks*, b. April 1885,<sup>117</sup> d. New London, Conn., 2 June 1981;<sup>118</sup> m. Augusta, Maine, 29 June 1910, Justin Mandeville Penney,<sup>119</sup> b. Belgrade, Maine, 4 Aug. 1888,<sup>120</sup> son of John Newton and Celia (White) Penney, d. New London, Conn., 19 Oct. 1938.<sup>121</sup>

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<sup>110</sup> Nancy Wilkins household, 1900 U.S. Census, China, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 113, p. 1.

<sup>111</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921; gravestone photo, findagrave.com #116924730.

<sup>112</sup> U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007 [ancestry.com].

<sup>113</sup> Maine Death Index, 1960–1996 [familysearch.org]; g.s. photo, findagrave.com #116924805, her name given as Edith W. Leavitt.

<sup>114</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, with names of parents for both bride and groom.

<sup>115</sup> Birth date from U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014 [ancestry.com]; Daniel T. Leavitt household, 1900 U.S. Census, Dresden, Lincoln Co., Maine, E.D. 160, p. 16; his mother’s maiden name from 1914 Louisa “Lovitt” death record (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921).

<sup>116</sup> Maine Death Index, 1960–1996 [familysearch.org].

<sup>117</sup> Nancy Wilkins household, 1900 U.S. Census, China, Kennebec Co., Maine, E.D. 113, p. 1. Though she supplied a delayed birth registration in 1942 giving her birth date as 6 April 1887 (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921), Mary’s year of birth was 1885, correctly recorded in the 1900 census. She could not have been born after her mother’s death. Near the end of her long life, she admitted to deducting a few years from her true age because her husband was younger than she.

<sup>118</sup> Connecticut Death Index, 1949–2001 [familysearch.org].

<sup>119</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921, with names of parents for bride and groom.

<sup>120</sup> United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>121</sup> Connecticut Death Records Index, www.ctatatlbrarydata.org/death-records/.

## DR. AUGUSTIN THOMPSON MAINE'S MOXIE MAN

*By Priscilla Eaton*

Calvin Coolidge celebrated his inauguration with a cold Moxie. Red Sox legend Ted Williams was the company spokesman. Deer Island author E. B. White penned, "Moxie contains gentian root, which is the path to the good life." In 2005 the State of Maine made Moxie its official state soft drink.<sup>1</sup>

Moxie was first invented as a "nerve food" by Dr. Augustin Thompson. Thompson was born 25 November 1835 in Union, Maine. In 1850 he was residing in Union with his parents and five siblings. James Thompson's household included himself, age 46, a farmer, wife Harriet, age 41, and six children: Solomon, age 20; Erastus C., age 16; Augustin, age 14; Lucy E., age 11; Martha J., age 10; and Lewis, age 7.<sup>2</sup> Augustin originally pursued employment as a blacksmith, which he indicated as his occupation when he enlisted 10 September 1862. He first served as a captain of Company G, 28th Maine Infantry. He mustered out 31 August 1863, but reenlisted 27 October 1864, serving until the end of the war.<sup>3</sup> He rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel, and was placed in command of Fort Popham, Maine.

After the war, Augustin enrolled at Hahnemann Homeopathic College in Philadelphia.<sup>4</sup> He was correct to aspire beyond the role of village blacksmith, as he graduated first in his class. Dr. Thompson established a flourishing practice in Lowell, Massachusetts. He was soon earning \$15,000 per year, a princely sum. In 1884 he began selling "Moxie Nerve Food"<sup>5</sup> flavored by the very bitter gentian root. The product was marketed to be effective against everything from paralysis to mental imbecility to anxiety to insomnia to alcoholism to impotence. The company also sold a version of the product as a soda-fountain syrup, touting the "delicious blend of bitter and sweet, a drink to satisfy everyone's taste."

Dr. Thompson married three times and had three children. In 1900 Augustin, age 65, was residing in Lowell with the family of his son, Harry A. Thompson, daughter-in-law Maud, and granddaughter Virginia.<sup>6</sup> Following Dr. Thompson's

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<sup>1</sup> Jim Baumer, *Moxie, Maine in a Bottle* (China, 2011); Anne Cooper Funderburg, *Sundae Best: A History of Soda Fountains* (Madison, Wisc., 2002); "Moxie, the Path to the Good Life," [www.newenglandhistoricalsociety.com/moxie-path-good-life/](http://www.newenglandhistoricalsociety.com/moxie-path-good-life/).

<sup>2</sup> James Thompson household, 1850 U.S. Census, Union, Lincoln Co., Maine, pp. 22–23.

<sup>3</sup> Maine, State Archives Collection [Family Search digital film #4388572, images 1372–73].

<sup>4</sup> Now Drexel University School of Medicine.

<sup>5</sup> According to legend, Dr. Thompson named the drink after his friend, one Lieut. Moxie, who had discovered the root in South America. Lieut. Moxie was a fiction. It is possible that Dr. Thompson was consulting a map of his home state of Maine and saw Moxie Lake, Moxie Mountain, or East Moxie Township.

<sup>6</sup> Augustin Thompson household, 1900 U.S. Census, Lowell Ward 7, Middlesex Co., Mass., E.D. 812, p. 14.



death in 1903, his sons assumed control of the company, which by this point was focused on the soft drink industry. In the 1920s, aggressive marketing helped Moxie become even more popular than Coca-Cola. The company opened a large warehouse in Roxbury called "Moxieland," as well as another plant in New York City.

Today Moxie is owned by Kirin Holdings of Japan. The beverage continues to be popular in New England, particularly in Maine. There is a Moxie museum in Union, an annex to the Matthews Museum of Maine Heritage, and "All things Moxie" are celebrated at the Moxie Festival in Lisbon Falls.

#### THOMPSON LINEAGE

1 **JAMES THOMPSON** was born in Union, Maine, 6 November 1802, the son of Story and Deborah (Richards) Thompson.<sup>7</sup> He died in Union 20 January 1877, aged 70 years [*sic*], 2 months, 14 days.<sup>8</sup> He married in Union, 15 October 1829, HARRIET MAXFIELD,<sup>9</sup> born in Union 2 May 1809, daughter of James and Hannah (Batchelder) Maxfield.<sup>10</sup> She died in Union 1 April 1874, age 64 years, 11 months.<sup>11</sup> James was a farmer, but by 1870 he had retired, and relinquished his farm labor to his son-in-law Cyrus G. Stewart.<sup>12</sup>

Children of James and Harriet (Maxfield) Thompson, all b. Union:<sup>13</sup>

- i SOLOMON THOMPSON, b. 10 March 1830, d. Holliston, Mass., 4 Feb. 1852, aged 21y 11m.<sup>14</sup> Solomon was a carpenter, and fell from the roof of Holliston Academy, a distance of about 40 feet to the ground, resulting in his death.<sup>15</sup>
- ii ERASTUS CARTER THOMPSON, b. 9 Feb. 1832, d. Union, 29 Oct. 1832.<sup>16</sup>
- iii ERASTUS CARTER THOMPSON, b. 9 Sept. 1834, d. Union, 3 April 1861, aged 27y;<sup>17</sup> m. (int.) Union, 3 Feb. 1860, LEANTHA A. HART.<sup>18</sup> In 1860 he was a member of his mother-in-law Eunice Hart's household, his occupation "painter."<sup>19</sup>
- 2 iv AUGUSTIN THOMPSON, b. 25 Nov. 1835.

<sup>7</sup> Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Union, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 2005), 81; his parents m. Bristol, Maine, [no day] Nov. 1791 per Judith Holbrook Kelley and Clayton Rand Adams, *Marriage Returns of Lincoln County, Maine* (Rockport, Maine, 2001), 361.

<sup>8</sup> Gravestone photo, Common Cemetery, Union, findagrave.com #184097550. James was 46 in 1850, 57 in 1860, and 67 in 1870 (James Thompson household, 1850, 1860, and 1870 U.S. Censuses, Union, Knox Co., Maine, pp. 511, 3, 16).

<sup>9</sup> Kelley and Adams, *Lincoln Co. Marriage Returns* [note 7], 28.

<sup>10</sup> *Union VRs* [note 7], 15; her parents m. Loudon, N.H., 8 March 1807 (New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947 [familysearch.org]).

<sup>11</sup> Gravestone photo, Common Cemetery, Union, findagrave.com #184097545.

<sup>12</sup> James Thompson household, 1870 U.S. Census, Union, Knox Co., Maine, p. 16.

<sup>13</sup> James Thompson family record, *Union VRs* [note 7], 84.

<sup>14</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910 (index and images at americanancestors.org), 58:62.

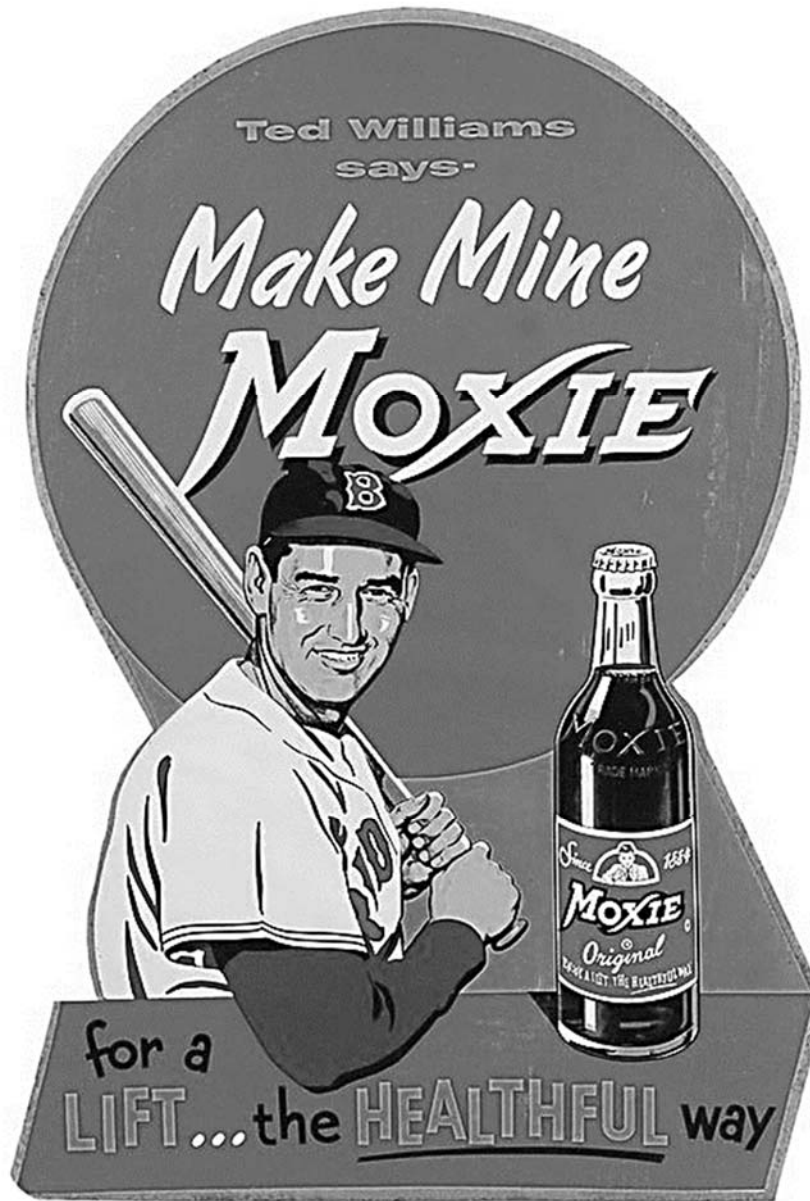
<sup>15</sup> *Portland Daily Advertiser*, 8 Feb. 1851, p. 2 [genealogybank.com].

<sup>16</sup> *Union VRs* [note 7], 84.

<sup>17</sup> Gravestone photo, Common Cemetery, Union, findagrave.com #184097348.

<sup>18</sup> *Union VRs* [note 7], 239.

<sup>19</sup> Eunice Hart household, 1860 U.S. Census, Union, Knox Co., Maine, p. 23.



In the 1950s, Red Sox baseball legend Ted Williams was signed as a Moxie spokesman. “Ted’s Root Beer” was branded as a separate Moxie product.

- v LUCY ELLEN THOMPSON, b. 15 Feb. 1839, d. 24 Dec. 1859, aged 20y 10m.<sup>20</sup>
- vi MARTHA JANE THOMPSON, b. 2 Feb. 1841, d. Union, 23 Feb. 1919, age 78y 21d;<sup>21</sup> m. Union, 20 Oct. 1867, CYRUS GAIL STEWART,<sup>22</sup> b. Union, 30 April 1840, son of William D. and Maria (Bills) Stewart, and brother of Sarah Stewart who m. Martha's brother Augustin,<sup>23</sup> d. Union, 28 April 1914.<sup>24</sup>
- vii LEWIS THOMPSON, b. 30 Sept. 1842. Lewis, age 17, was enumerated with his family in Union in 1860,<sup>25</sup> but could not be identified in 1870. He is not buried in the Common Cemetery in Union with other family members.

2 **AUGUSTIN THOMPSON** (*James*) was born in Union, Maine, 25 November 1835, and died in Boston, Massachusetts, 8 June 1903, age 67 years, 6 months, 13 days.<sup>26</sup> He married (1) Union, 9 May 1858, MARY JANE LINNEKIN of Appleton, Maine,<sup>27</sup> born [calc.] 15 June 1833, daughter of William and Mary (Gahan) Linnekin,<sup>28</sup> died 8 February 1859, aged 25 years, 7 months, 23 days.<sup>29</sup> He married (2) Union, 4 July 1862, SARAH STEWART,<sup>30</sup> born Union, 24 August 1837, daughter of William D. and Maria (Bills) Stewart,<sup>31</sup> died Lowell, Massachusetts, 8 June 1899, age 61 years, 10 months, 7 days.<sup>32</sup> He married (3) Brookline, Massachusetts, 28 October 1900, FLORA L. FORBES, a dressmaker, born in Jackson, Maine, circa 1853, daughter of Richmond W. and Mahala A. (Edwards) Forbes.<sup>33</sup> Dr. Thompson's obituary summarized his later years:<sup>34</sup>

In the early eighties [Dr. Thompson] invented the Moxie nerve food, and in 1885 gave up his practice to a large extent to attend to its manufacture and sale. During the past 10 years he had devoted himself to treating chronic nervous diseases by a specially constructed vitalizing machine of his own invention. Dr. Thompson was noted for his tremendous energy, having for the past 30 years worked hard for nearly 18

<sup>20</sup> Gravestone photo, Common Cemetery, Union, findagrave.com #184097500.

<sup>21</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [familysearch.org].

<sup>22</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907 [familysearch.org].

<sup>23</sup> *Union VRs* [note 7], 50.

<sup>24</sup> Death record, Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [familysearch.org]; gravestone photo, Common Cemetery, Union, findagrave.com #150810493.

<sup>25</sup> James Thompson household, 1860 U.S. Census, Union, Knox Co., Maine, p. 189.

<sup>26</sup> Mass. VRs [note 14], 541:339. The record confirms his birthplace and parentage. He was residing at 567 Tremont St. in the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital, a Physician, and currently married. He died of a carbuncle operation and was to be buried in Lowell, Mass.

<sup>27</sup> *Union VRs* [note 7], 225.

<sup>28</sup> William Linnekin household, 1850 U.S. Census, Appleton, Waldo Co., Maine, p. 30; her parents m. 10 Feb. 1821 (Elizabeth M. Mosher, *Vital Records of Appleton, Knox County, Maine, Prior to 1892* [1994], 30).

<sup>29</sup> Gravestone photo, Common Cemetery, Union, findagrave.com #184097323.

<sup>30</sup> Maine Marriages, 1771–1907 [familysearch.org].

<sup>31</sup> *Union VRs* [note 7], 50; her parents m. 4 April 1833 (*ibid.*, 177).

<sup>32</sup> Mass. VRs [note 14], 493:475.

<sup>33</sup> Mass. VRs [note 14], 501:448.

<sup>34</sup> "Dr. Augustin Thompson Dead, Famous as a Homeopath and the Inventor of Moxie," *Boston Herald*, 9 Jun 1903, p. 9 [genealogybank.com].

hours per day, without any vacation during that time. He was a forceful and prolific writer, having written several books and dramas, besides many entertaining articles for the Boston and Lowell newspapers. A widow and two sons survive him.

Child of Augustin and Mary Jane (Linneken) Thompson:

- i LITTIE THOMPSON, b. ca. 1859, d. aged 8 months, 20 days, buried with her mother.<sup>35</sup>

Children of Augustin and Sarah (Stewart) Thompson:

- ii FRANCIS EDWARD THOMPSON, b. Union, 1 July 1864,<sup>36</sup> d. Arlington, Mass., 5 June 1939;<sup>37</sup> m. Brookline, Mass., 24 May 1906, MABEL E. (LA ROCQUE) MONTGOMERY, b. 4 May 1862, daughter of Joseph and Alice (Bridge) La Rocque,<sup>38</sup> d. Arlington, Mass., 1 Oct. 1943.<sup>39</sup> Francis first went to Florida to manage an orange grove, but returned to Lowell to engage in the family business of manufacturing Moxie, which at that time was changing from a nerve tonic to a beverage. Francis served as the company's first secretary and treasurer, and became president upon the death of his father in 1904, a position he held until his death. Francis was a life member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.<sup>40</sup>
- iii HENRY/HARRY AUGUSTIN THOMPSON, b. Lowell, Mass., 7 Feb. 1872, d. Lowell, 9 April 1953;<sup>41</sup> m. Lowell, 15 April 1896, MARY MAUD SMITH,<sup>42</sup> b. Lowell, 4 Oct. 1873, daughter of John T. and Cora B. (Hall) Smith,<sup>43</sup> d. Union, Maine, 9 July 1966.<sup>44</sup> Harry served as treasurer of the family business.
  - Children: 1. *Virginia Steward Thompson*, b. Lowell, 11 Sept. 1899;<sup>45</sup> m. Leland Stanford McElwee.<sup>46</sup> 2. *Henry/Harry Augustin Thompson*, b. Lowell, 7 April 1904.<sup>47</sup>

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<sup>35</sup> Common Cemetery, Union, findagrave.com #184097360.

<sup>36</sup> *Union VRs* [note 7], 86.

<sup>37</sup> Gravestone photo, Lowell Cemetery, Lowell, Mass., findagrave.com #106744761.

<sup>38</sup> Mass. VRs [note 14], 563:312. The record indicates that the bride was 36 years old, divorced, and that this was her third marriage. The marriage record indicates she was born in Bakersfield, Vt., whereas her cemetery inscription notes she was born in Morrisville, Vt.

<sup>39</sup> Gravestone photo, Lowell Cemetery, Lowell, Mass., findagrave.com #106744870.

<sup>40</sup> "Memoirs of Deceased Members," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 94(1940):381.

<sup>41</sup> Gravestone photo, Lowell Cemetery, Lowell, Mass., findagrave.com #106744534. His stone gives his exact dates and places of birth and death.

<sup>42</sup> Mass. VRs [note 14], 461:211.

<sup>43</sup> Mass. VRs [note 14], 251:226.

<sup>44</sup> Gravestone photo, Lowell Cemetery, Lowell, Mass. findagrave.com #106744453. Her inscription notes that she died in Union.

<sup>45</sup> Mass. VRs [note 14], 485:467.

<sup>46</sup> Gravestone photo, Lowell Cemetery, Lowell, Mass. findagrave.com #14403775.

<sup>47</sup> Mass. VRs [note 14], 543:481.

THE FAMILY OF PHEBE GRAY,  
WIFE OF DOMINICUS JORDAN OF FALMOUTH, MAINE

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Phebe Gray married Dominicus Jordan in Falmouth in early 1739/40. Dominicus's ancestry from the immigrant Rev. Robert Jordan is well documented in *The Jordan Memorial*, but no parents for Phebe are identified therein.<sup>1</sup> Noyes, Libby, and Davis have several entries for the Gray surname; most of the relevant ones center on the family of George Gray, immigrant from Ireland or Scotland, who witnessed a deed in 1659.<sup>2</sup> Phebe was not found among the records for the Gray families identified by Noyes, Libby, and Davis. Many online family trees suggest that Phebe's parents were George and Mary (Murriner) Gray. Indeed, the marriage of George Gray and Mary Murriner in Boston on 20 October 1720 did occur at an appropriate date for them to have been parents of Phebe,<sup>3</sup> as Phebe would most likely have been about twenty years of age when she married. There are, however, no records of any births to George and Mary Gray.

A promising lead, a 1917 entry in the genealogical column of *The Boston Evening Transcript*, suggests that Phebe Gray was born in 1719–20 on Cape Cod and might have had a sister Sarah who married first Elisha Dunham and second Clement Jordan, brother of Dominicus. The *Transcript* entry further links Phebe and Sarah to a potential relative, John Gray, born in 1726 who had sons named Dominicus and Jordan Gray. The *Transcript* contributor, E.G.P.M., argued that in that person's experience the name *Dominicus* is found only in the family of Rev. Robert Jordan.<sup>4</sup> Exploration of *The Gray Genealogy* added a fourth potential Gray family member, John Gray's "doubtless" sister Mary, who was said to have married Nathan Noble on 2 May 1748 in New Milford, Connecticut. *The Gray Genealogy* included Mary's birth on 13 January 1726 in Provincetown, Massachusetts, daughter of John and Phebe Gray.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Tristram Frost Jordan, *The Jordan Memorial* (Boston, 1882), 169.

<sup>2</sup> Sybil Noyes, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis, *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (Portland, Maine, 1928–39), 283.

<sup>3</sup> *Boston Marriages, 1700–1751*, Boston Record Commissioners' Report, 28(Boston, 1898):99.

<sup>4</sup> *Boston Evening Transcript*, 7 May 1917, p. 12, col. 3, Query \*6233. Query \*6233 began on 12 March 1917 and was first answered on 11 April 1917 by M.C.B.W., who also identified John Gray's second wife, Mary Morgan, and place of residence, Arlington, Vt. John was said to have served in the English Navy.

<sup>5</sup> Marcius Denison Raymond, *The Gray Genealogy, Being a Genealogical Record and History of the Descendants of John Gray of Beverly, Massachusetts . . .* (Tarrytown, N.Y., 1887), 236–37. This work, however, presents contradictory information on p. 268, suggesting that Mary's father was the John Gray born in Salem, Mass., 21 June 1703. The Salem-born John Gray is said to have lived in both Salem and Provincetown and to have had a son John who was a cordwainer in Salem. Mary Gray and Nathan Noble were married in New Fairfield, Conn., which is next to New Milford (Wm. A. Eardeley-Thomas, "Record of Marriage by Ephraim Hubbell, Justices of the Peace in the North Society of New Fairfield. . .," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 30[1908]:213).

With three potential siblings of Phebe identified, this article will examine Phebe, Sarah, John, and Mary Gray with the goal of discovering Phebe Gray's family. The four summaries will be followed by the search to learn more about John and Phebe Gray, the identified parents of Mary Gray, followed by an effort to identify a hypothetical John Gray of Cape Cod who could have been their father.

#### PHEBE (GRAY) JORDAN

Phebe Gray was born circa 1720, assuming age twenty at her marriage in 1739, and died after the birth of her last child, said to have occurred in 1751, and before her husband's second marriage on 23 November 1777.<sup>6</sup> The marriage intention of Dominicus Jordan and Phebe Gray both of Falmouth was published 21 February 1739/40.<sup>7</sup> Dominicus, eldest son of Maj. Dominicus and Joanna (Deering) Jordan, was born in Falmouth 15 June 1715,<sup>8</sup> and died between 3 July 1786, when his son Dominicus was styled "Jr." in a deed, and 24 January 1787, when he was called deceased in a deed of his daughter Mary and her husband, William Fogg.<sup>9</sup>

Dominicus Jordan's many deeds executed between 1752 and 1773 offer no clues to pinpoint more precisely Phebe's lifespan or her identity.<sup>10</sup> John Robinson Jr. (see below) was a witness to Dominicus's 4 March 1767 deed.<sup>11</sup>

The extensive records of Dominicus Jordan's activity as captain of the militia between 1743 and 1758 also contain no relevant information about his family.<sup>12</sup>

Turning to onomastics for clues, the names that Dominicus and Phebe gave to their six children were considered. The children included Dominicus and Phebe as well as Joanna (named for Dominicus's mother), Mary (named for his sister), Arabelle (named for his aunt), and Sarah (named for Phebe's possible sister). Their son Dominicus named one of his sons, born in 1779, John-Gray Jordan.<sup>13</sup>

Dominicus Jordan married second Mary Cushing on 23 November 1777 in Falmouth.<sup>14</sup> Mary was likely Dominicus's distant cousin Mary (Robinson) Cushing, the daughter of John and Sarah (Jordan) Robinson and widow of Jeremiah Cushing.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 169.

<sup>7</sup> Falmouth Town Records, 2:446 [Family Search digital film (DGS) #7724782, image 890].

<sup>8</sup> Falmouth Town Records, 2:201 [DGS #7724782, image 255]. The identity of Dominicus's parents from *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.* [note 2], 389.

<sup>9</sup> Cumberland Co., Maine, Deeds, 16:323, 274.

<sup>10</sup> Benjamin Lake Noyes, "Abstracts from the Unpublished Deeds of York County, Maine, Volumes 19–39, 1733–1800" (TS, 1929), 71, citing York Co. Deeds, 30:149 [DGS #8140290, image 71]; Cumberland Co. Deeds, 2:84, 5:84, 8:404, 9:36, 9:38, 9:242, 11:77.

<sup>11</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 5:84.

<sup>12</sup> *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 172–77.

<sup>13</sup> *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 132, 144, 169, 201.

<sup>14</sup> "Marriages in Falmouth (Cape Elizabeth), Solemnized by Rev. Ephraim Clark, Pastor 2d Parish," *The Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder* [MHGR] 3(1886):185.

<sup>15</sup> Mary's parents and husband were identified in James S. Cushing, *The Genealogy of the Cushing Family, An Account of the Ancestors and Descendants of Matthew Cushing Who Came to America in 1638* (Montreal, 1905), 70.

Mary Robinson and Jeremiah Cushing published marriage intentions in Falmouth on 23 July 1749.<sup>16</sup> If Mary Robinson were the same age as Jeremiah, she would have been born about 1729.

Jeremiah Cushing was born in Provincetown, Massachusetts, 7 October 1729, son of Ezekiel Cushing and his first wife Hannah (Doane).<sup>17</sup> Dominicus Jordan's sister Mary (Jordan) Parker was the second wife of Jeremiah's father, Ezekiel Cushing.<sup>18</sup> Jeremiah Cushing's death date is uncertain. *The Cushing Family* reports that Jeremiah died before 1784 without further explanation. Jeremiah was living on 15 May 1770 when he, a mariner of Cape Elizabeth, sold to Edward Watts one hundred acres on Long Island "for and during the term of my own natural life." John Robinson, possibly Mary's brother, was a witness to the deed.<sup>19</sup> When Watts sold the land on 21 March 1775, it was still noted that the deed was valid during the natural life of Jeremiah Cushing.<sup>20</sup> Land "whereon Jeremiah Cushing lately dwelled" was sold by the executors of his father's estate to raise funds on 23 December 1773.<sup>21</sup> No service in the Revolutionary War has been found for Jeremiah Cushing.

Dominicus Jordan's widow, Mary, was living on 10 April 1788, when she was mentioned in a deed, and dead by 30 August 1813, when Dominicus's daughter Mary and her husband, William Fogg, received their share of Mary Jordan's estate.<sup>22</sup> Mary Jordan of Portland, widow, sold land near Pond Cove Brook in Falmouth to John Robinson on 11 March 1795. Mary's deed appears to be for part of the land at Pond Cove in Falmouth where her parents, John and Sarah (Jordan) Robinson, had settled.<sup>23</sup> The land described in Mary's deed bounded land of Joshua Robinson and Samuel Jordan, and was witnessed by Apollos Cushing. John Robinson was probably Mary's nephew, who was born 3 April 1752 in Cape Elizabeth and died 29 March 1840 in Durham, Maine.<sup>24</sup> Joshua Robinson (ca. 1738–1813) may have been Mary's brother.<sup>25</sup> Apollos Cushing was Mary's son from her first marriage.<sup>26</sup> Samuel Jordan may have been Mary's cousin of that name who was born in 1752 and died in 1800.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> Falmouth Town Records, 2:51 [DGS #7724782, image 687].

<sup>17</sup> Provincetown Town Records, 1:1 [image, americanancestors.org]; *Cushing Family* [note 15], 39, 70.

<sup>18</sup> *Cushing Family* [note 15], 39; *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 144.

<sup>19</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 6:476.

<sup>20</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 10:131.

<sup>21</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 9:360.

<sup>22</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 16:525; *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 171.

<sup>23</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 38:312; earlier deeds mentioning the land of John Robinson as a boundary include York Co. Deeds, 12:82, 90, 13:144, 14:95; Everett Schermerhorn Stackpole, *History of Durham, Maine* (Lewiston, Maine, 1899), 245.

<sup>24</sup> Revolutionary War Pension #W22104 [images, fold3.com, pp. 5, 8, 11]; *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 385.

<sup>25</sup> Stackpole, *History of Durham* [note 23], 245; death notice for Mr. Joshua Robinson, age 75, who d. in Cape Elizabeth in 1813 ([Portland] *Gazette*, 5 April 1813, p. 3 [genealogybank]).

<sup>26</sup> *Cushing Family* [note 15], 70.

<sup>27</sup> *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 386.

## SARAH (GRAY) (DUNHAM) JORDAN

Sarah Gray was born probably no later than 1730 or 1731, as her first marriage occurred in 1747. She died in April 1782 and was buried with her second husband, Clement Jordan, in Olde Spurwink Plantation Cemetery in Cape Elizabeth. Her gravestone notes her age at death was fifty,<sup>28</sup> likely slightly understated. Sarah had married first Elisha Dunham at New North Church in Boston on 5 August 1747 by Rev. Andrew Elliot.<sup>29</sup> Elisha died before 20 December 1755, the date of Sarah's marriage intentions with Clement Jordan.<sup>30</sup>

Elisha Dunham may have been the Elisha Donham born in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in August 1692, son of Eleazer and Bathsheba (Whiston) Donham.<sup>31</sup> Elisha married first Mary Babson on 16 April 1717 in Gloucester, Massachusetts.<sup>32</sup> Mary, the daughter of John and Dorcas (Elwell) Babson, was born about 1693 in Gloucester.<sup>33</sup> She died, probably in Boston, after 11 May 1742, when she signed a deed, and before 5 August 1747, when her husband remarried.<sup>34</sup> Four children (Jonathan, David, Elisha, and Solomon) were born to Elisha and Mary in Gloucester between 1717 and 1723.<sup>35</sup> No record of children of Elisha and Sarah (Gray) Dunham has been found, although it is possible that they had a daughter Sarah as none of the eleven children born in her second marriage were given this name.

Elisha Dunham was a cordwainer living in Falmouth, Maine, between 30 January 1734/5, when his land was mentioned as a boundary in a deed, and 11 May 1742, when he, with his wife Mary signing, sold some of his Falmouth land in preparation for a move to Boston.<sup>36</sup> On 9 April 1746, Elisha Dunham, cordwainer of Boston, with his wife Mary, sold additional land in Falmouth. Mary did not sign the deed.<sup>37</sup>

If Sarah Gray was a younger sister of Phebe, she might have lived with Phebe and her family in Falmouth and come to know Elisha and Mary Dunham prior to their move to Boston in 1742. Sarah also might have had occasion to visit Boston

<sup>28</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #44677652.

<sup>29</sup> Thomas Bellows Wyman, comp., *The New North Church Boston 1714*, Robert J. Dunkle, transcr., Ann S. Lainhart, ed. (Baltimore, 1995), 37, Elisha's surname written as "Donham."

<sup>30</sup> Falmouth Town Records, 2:76 [DGS #7724782, image 699].

<sup>31</sup> George Ernest Bowman, "Plymouth Birth, Marriages and Deaths," *Mayflower Descendant*, 1(1899):141. His mother's identity from Florence Barclay, "Notes on the Dunham Family of Plymouth, Massachusetts," *The American Genealogist* 30(1954):154.

<sup>32</sup> *Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 3 vols. (Topsfield and Salem, Mass., 1917–24), 2:184.

<sup>33</sup> Alicia Crane Williams, *The Babson Genealogy, 1606–2017: Descendants of Thomas and Isabel Babson Who First Arrived in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1637*, 2 vols. (Gloucester, Mass., 2017), 1:18.

<sup>34</sup> York Co. Deeds, 26:158; *New North Church* [note 29], 37.

<sup>35</sup> *Gloucester Vital Records* [note 32], 1:224.

<sup>36</sup> York Co. Deeds, 17:50; 26:158.

<sup>37</sup> Noyes, "Unpublished Deed Abstracts" [note 10], 21, citing York Co. Deeds, 26:13 [DGS #8140290, image 50].



with Phebe's family. Dominicus Jordan's sister Mary, wife of Jacob Parker, and Dominicus's aunt Hannah, wife of Joseph Calef, lived in Boston and were affiliated with the New South Church there.<sup>38</sup>

Sarah Dunham and Clement Jordan published marriage intentions in Falmouth, 20 December 1755.<sup>39</sup> Clement, son of Dominicus and Joanna (Deering) Jordan and younger brother of Dominicus, was born in Falmouth 28 April 1721.<sup>40</sup> He died in Falmouth, 5 December 1789, and was buried in Olde Spurwink Plantation Cemetery.<sup>41</sup> Clement's estate was administered by his son Benjamin Allen Jordan and his widow and third wife, Sarah (Bartlett) (Wentworth) Jordan.<sup>42</sup>

Clement had married first Elizabeth Allen, their intentions recorded in Falmouth 29 April 1744.<sup>43</sup> Elizabeth Allen, daughter of Rev. Benjamin and Elizabeth (Crocker) Allen, was born in 1716 and died in Falmouth on 23 May 1752. She is buried "by the side of her father" in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, South Portland, Maine.<sup>44</sup> Clement and Elizabeth had four children (Achseh, Mary, Benjamin Allen, and Clement) born between 1745 and 1751.<sup>45</sup>

Clement Jordan was described in deeds as a gentleman and was well known as a doctor of homeopathic medicine who had patients coming from as far away as Boston. Clement lived initially on Richmond Island, just off the southern coast of Cape Elizabeth, on land he had inherited from his father. He moved to the mainland prior to the death of his first wife.<sup>46</sup> Clement sold Richmond Island to Jedidiah Preble in two transactions, one in 1761 and the other in 1769. His second wife, Sarah, released her dower rights to the land in both deeds, signing the first one but not the second.<sup>47</sup> Most of Clement's deeds were with his own family and offer no information about the family of his second wife, Sarah (Gray) (Dunham) Jordan.<sup>48</sup>

<sup>38</sup> *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 133, 144. Mary Jordan of Falmouth m. Boston, 4 Jan. 1731, Jacob Parker (*Boston Marriages, 1700–1751* [note 3], 219). The children of both Mary (Jordan) Parker and Hannah (Jordan) Calef were baptized at New South Church (Boston, Massachusetts: Church Records, 1630–1895, americanancestors.org). Widow Mary (Jordan) Parker m. Ezekiel Cushing of Falmouth, Maine, in Boston, 1 April 1746 (*Boston Marriages, 1700–1751* [note 3], 346).

<sup>39</sup> Falmouth Town Records, 2:76 [DGS #7724782, image 699].

<sup>40</sup> Falmouth Town Records, 2:201 [DGS #7724782, image 255]. The identity of Clement's parents from *Gen. Dict. Maine & N.H.* [note 2], 389.

<sup>41</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #44677214.

<sup>42</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 20:134.

<sup>43</sup> Falmouth Town Records, 2:453 [DGS #77224782, image 893].

<sup>44</sup> Jordan, *Jordan Memorial*, 180; findagrave.com, no photo, #78438083; her parents m. Barnstable, Mass., 5 April 1712 (Barnstable Town Records, 2:336 [DGS #7009780, image 334]); William Allen, *A Genealogy of the Allen Family from 1568–1882* (Farmington, Maine, 1883), 7.

<sup>45</sup> *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 180–81.

<sup>46</sup> *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 180. The author, writing in 1882, apparently had a correspondent who knew Clement's son Elisha who d. in 1852 (p. 241), as indicated by the detail given about Elisha and his father, Clement.

<sup>47</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 2:3, 5:214.

<sup>48</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 2:1,2; 2:86 (2), 559; 3:80; 6:153, 154, 532; 9:186; 16:46. Aside from the sale of Richmond Island, only one of Clement's deeds (3:151) was with a non-family member.

Clement and Sarah had eleven children: Samuel, Silas, Elizabeth, Miriam, Elisha, Phebe, Hannah, Mehitable, Simon, Martha, and Esther. The names of six of the children can be traced to either Clement or Sarah's families: Samuel was Clement's uncle, Elizabeth was Clement's first wife, Miriam was Clement's sister, Phebe was likely Sarah's sister, Elisha was Sarah's first husband, and Hannah was Clement's sister.<sup>49</sup> No family connection has been found for the names Silas, Mehitable, Simon, Martha, or Esther, leaving open the possibility that they were associated with Sarah's family.

Clement married third Sarah (Bartlett) Wentworth on 11 April 1782 in Falmouth by Rev. Ephraim Clark.<sup>50</sup> Sarah was born 26 May 1741 in Kittery, daughter of Nathan and Shuah (Heard) Bartlett.<sup>51</sup> Clement and Sarah had one child, Shuah Jordan, born in 1787.<sup>52</sup> Sarah Bartlett had married first, 17 September 1762 as his second wife, Capt. John Wentworth,<sup>53</sup> born in Kittery, 23 February 1736, son of Capt. William and Margery (Pepperrell) Wentworth.<sup>54</sup> John Wentworth died 9 June 1781 in Cape Elizabeth.<sup>55</sup>

Sarah (Bartlett) (Wentworth) Jordan married third Capt. Bildad Arnold of New Gloucester in Cape Elizabeth on 12 March 1795.<sup>56</sup> Capt. Arnold died 1 December 1805,<sup>57</sup> and Sarah married fourth Capt. Nathaniel Eveleth on 4 December 1806.<sup>58</sup> Capt. Eveleth died in New Gloucester, 23 November 1824, and was buried there in Lower Corner Cemetery.<sup>59</sup> As the widow of Capt. Nathaniel Eveleth, age 87, Sarah died in New Gloucester, 12 September 1827.<sup>60</sup>

#### MARY (GRAY) NOBLE

Mary Gray was born on 13 January 1725/6 at "Cape Codd" in Massachusetts, daughter of John and Phebe (—) Gray.<sup>61</sup> Prior to its incorporation in 1727, Prov-

<sup>49</sup> *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 132, 145, 181, 182.

<sup>50</sup> "Marriages in Falmouth" [note 14], MHGR 3(1886):186.

<sup>51</sup> Joseph C. Anderson II and Lois Ware Thurston, *Vital Records of Kittery, Maine, to the Year 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1991), 62–63. Her birth date is given as 7 Dec 1740 in John Wentworth, *The Wentworth Genealogy: English and American*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1878), 1:518.

<sup>52</sup> *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 182.

<sup>53</sup> *Kittery Vital Records* [note 51], 146.

<sup>54</sup> *Kittery Vital Records* [note 51], 61.

<sup>55</sup> *Wentworth Genealogy* [note 51], 1:518.

<sup>56</sup> Anne M. Diehm, comp., *Vital Records of Cape Elizabeth, Maine*, Joseph Crook Anderson II and Marlene A. Groves, eds. (Rockland, Maine, 2009), 82.

<sup>57</sup> *Wentworth Genealogy* [note 51], 1:518.

<sup>58</sup> *Wentworth Genealogy* [note 51], 1:518.

<sup>59</sup> New Gloucester Vital Records, p. 466 [DGS #7595774, image 252]; gravestone photo, findagrave.com #38586380.

<sup>60</sup> New Gloucester Vital Records, p. 466 [DGS #7595774, image 252].

<sup>61</sup> Truro, Massachusetts, Vital Records, 1:45 [DGS #7009744, image 52].

incetown was known as The Precinct of Cape Cod.<sup>62</sup> Mary died 29 October 1785, probably in Gray, Maine, where she was living with her son Nathan Noble Jr. No gravestone has been found.<sup>63</sup> Mary of New Fairfield, Connecticut, and Nathan Noble of New Milford, Connecticut, were married on 2 May 1748 in New Fairfield by Ephraim Hubbell, J.P.<sup>64</sup> Nathan Noble was born 4 February 1722 in New Milford, son of John and Abigail (Buck) Noble. He was killed as a soldier, 7 October 1777, in Saratoga, New York. His place of burial is unknown.<sup>65</sup>

After their marriage, Nathan and Mary remained in New Milford where they were admitted to the church on 13 November 1748.<sup>66</sup> The births of their first four children were recorded in New Milford, with the last, that of their unnamed twins, on 26 May 1754.<sup>67</sup> About 1756 Mary and Nathan moved to Cape Elizabeth, Maine, then in 1757 to the part of Falmouth that was later Stroudwater and today the town of Westbrook. The family moved in 1767 to New Boston [now Gray] “where [Nathan] purchased a farm one mile from the village now called Gray Corner.”<sup>68</sup> A deed

<sup>62</sup> Simeon L. Deyo, ed., *History of Barnstable County, Massachusetts* (New York, 1890), 965. Five secondary sources identify Mary Gray as “of Provincetown”: Raymond, *Gray Genealogy* [note 5], 236; Samuel Orcutt, *History of the Towns of New Milford and Bridgewater, Connecticut, 1703–1882* (Hartford, Conn., 1882), 743; Cornelius Burnham Harvey, *Origin, History and Genealogy of the Buck Family* (Jersey City, N.J., 1889), 49; Lucius Manlius Boltwood, *History and Genealogy of the Family of Thomas Noble of Westfield, Massachusetts* (Hartford, Conn., 1878), 45 [In the preface to Noble genealogy, the author states he collected family reports of information in the 1850s and consulted church, town, and gravestone records for verification where possible. On pp. 61 and 62, the author reports communication with two children of Nathan and Mary (Gray) Noble or their families.]; Nathan Goold, *A Soldier of Three Wars: Nathan Noble of New Boston (Now Gray) Maine, the Story of an Ancestor* (Portland, Maine, 1898), 24 [this was written by the great-grandson of Nathan and Mary (Gray) Noble as noted on p. 25].

<sup>63</sup> Death date from Boltwood, *Noble Genealogy* [note 62], 45, with no location, and Raymond, *Gray Genealogy* [note 5], 236, which indicates she died in New Milford, Conn. Death location from Goold, *Soldier of Three Wars* [note 62], 24. No record of Mary’s death found in Gray or New Milford vital records.

<sup>64</sup> Wm. A. Eardeley-Thomas, “Record of Marriage by Ephraim Hubbell, Justice of the Peace in the North Society of New Fairfield, at the Time of all the Following Marriages, but now the Town of Sherman, Conn.,” *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 30(1908):213; Lorraine Cook White, ed. *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records*, 55 vols. (Baltimore, 1994–2002), 30(New Milford):155, reads “Marah Noble m. Nathan Noble 2 May 1748.” All five secondary sources [see note 62] identify Nathan Noble’s wife as Mary Gray (Boltwood, *Noble Genealogy*, 45; Orcutt, *New Milford History*, 743; Raymond, *Gray Genealogy*, 236-37; Harvey, *Buck Family*, 49; Goold, *Soldier of Three Wars*, 5).

<sup>65</sup> Revolutionary War Service Records [images, fold3.com], includes his death with date and the notation “killed in battle” without location; Nathan’s birth and death information is also in four secondary sources [see note 62]: Boltwood, *Noble Genealogy*, 45; Orcutt, *New Milford History*, 741–45; Harvey, *Buck Family*, 48, 49; Goold, *Soldier of Three Wars*, 2, 19.

<sup>66</sup> Boltwood, *Noble Genealogy*, 45; Raymond, *Gray Genealogy*, 237; Goold, *Soldier of Three Wars*, 5 [see note 62].

<sup>67</sup> *Barbour Collection*, New Milford [note 64], 30:155. Orcutt, *New Milford History* [note 62], 743, indicates the twins were born 26 May 1753.

<sup>68</sup> Boltwood, *Noble Genealogy* [note 62], 45; Goold, *Soldier of Three Wars* [note 62], 5, 10.

confirms that Nathan Noble of Falmouth, Casco Bay, on 4 May 1768 purchased sixty acres of “land in New Boston (so called) lying back of North Yarmouth in the County of Cumberland” from William Shirley.<sup>69</sup>

Nathan Noble served twice in expeditions to capture Louisbourg, one in 1745 and the other in 1757. In the second expedition, he enlisted on 12 April 1757 with Col. Ezekiel Cushing and received £1 16s bounty.<sup>70</sup> Nathan also served twice during the French and Indian Wars on Lakes George and Champlain. In his second enlistment at Falmouth, he served in Capt. Nathaniel Jordan’s company.<sup>71</sup> During the Revolutionary War, Nathan Noble again had two periods of military service. In 1776 he assisted General Washington in driving the British out of Boston,<sup>72</sup> and in January 1777 Nathan enlisted for a period of three years. He fought in the battles of Hubbardton and Stillwater and was killed in the battle of Saratoga.<sup>73</sup>

Including their unnamed twins, Mary and Nathan had nine children. Their seven named children were Phebe, Michael, Reuben, Hannah, Nathan, Mary, and Anna.<sup>74</sup> Nathan and Mary were named for their parents, Phebe for Mary’s mother, and Hannah perhaps for Nathan’s sister who married John Gray. Michael, Reuben, and Anna are not known family names.

#### CAPTAIN JOHN GRAY

Captain John Gray was born presumably in England, [calc.] 24 August 1727, and died 28 November 1806 in Arlington, Vermont. He is buried there in Saint James Episcopal Cemetery.<sup>75</sup> In 1752 in New Milford, Connecticut, John Gray “of Kent” was married by Rev. Nathaniel Taylor of the Congregational Church to Hannah Noble, daughter of John and Abigail (Buck) Noble and sister of Nathan Noble.<sup>76</sup>

<sup>69</sup> Cumberland Co. Deeds, 8:394.

<sup>70</sup> Goold, *Soldier of Three Wars* [note 62], 5. As we have seen, Col. Cushing’s second wife was Mary (Jordan) Parker, sister of Dominicus and Clement Jordan.

<sup>71</sup> Goold, *Soldier of Three Wars* [note 62], 9.

<sup>72</sup> Goold, *Soldier of Three Wars* [note 62], 11.

<sup>73</sup> Goold, *Soldier of Three Wars* [note 62], 12–23.

<sup>74</sup> *Barbour Collection*, New Milford [note 64], 30:155; Boltwood, *Noble Genealogy*, 45; Orcutt, *New Milford History*, 743; Harvey, *Buck Family*, 49; Goold, *Soldier of Three Wars*, 5, 10, 23–25.

<sup>75</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #12786728. Birth date calculated from inscribed age at death, 79y 3m 4d. John’s service in the English navy is reported in Abby Maria Hemenway, *The Vermont Historical Gazetteer*, 5 vols. (Burlington, Vt., 1867), 1:136. The section of the *Gazetteer* on Arlington was written by Rev. Frederick Augustus Wadleigh (1814–1884) who was rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Arlington from 1844 to 1864 (George Robert Brush, *St. James’ Episcopal Church, Arlington, Vermont* . . . [n.p., 1941], 54–56). John’s brief obituary appeared in the *Vermont Gazette* (Bennington, Vt.), 2 Dec. 1806, p. 2 [image, newspapers.com].

<sup>76</sup> Frederick William Bailey, ed., *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800*, 7 vols. (New Haven, 1896–1906), 3:111. The notation that John was “of Kent” is found only in secondary sources (Boltwood, *Noble Genealogy*, 36; Orcutt, *New Milford History*, 741; Harvey, *Buck Family*, 49; Raymond, *Gray Genealogy*, 237). Hannah’s parents are identified in Harvey, *Buck Genealogy*, 49; Orcutt, *New Milford History*, 741; and Boltwood, *Noble Genealogy*, 36.

Hannah was baptized in New Milford on 5 July 1730 and died in Kent, Connecticut, on 26 December 1760.<sup>77</sup> John was married second by John Ransom, J.P., in Kent on 12 March 1761 to Mary Morgan.<sup>78</sup> Mary Morgan, daughter of Jonathan and Zipporah (Strickland) Morgan, was born in Kent, 20 June 1739.<sup>79</sup> She died after 7 January 1807 when she divided her husband's property with her son Dominicus.<sup>80</sup>

It is said that John Gray was a captain in the English naval service before settling in Kent, Connecticut.<sup>81</sup> If his gravestone information is correct, John was twenty-five at the time of his first marriage in New Milford. His service as an English naval captain prior to age twenty-five is questionable. The first primary record found for John Gray is his 1752 New Milford marriage when he was styled "of Kent." His first two children were born in Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1755 and 1757 with their births recorded in Kent. Possibly John was a mariner while living in Norwalk, a port town. John's first wife's death, his second marriage, and the births of three more children were all recorded in Kent between 1760 and 1765.<sup>82</sup>

John Gray was among the group of persons, mostly from Newtown and New Milford, Connecticut, who settled in Arlington, Vermont, between 1765 and 1780. The majority of these settlers, including Capt. Gray, were of the Episcopal faith.<sup>83</sup> The Gray family's move from Kent to Arlington likely occurred about 1765, as the birth of their son Caleb is recorded both in Kent and Arlington.<sup>84</sup> John and Mary had four more children born in Arlington between 1770 and 1779.<sup>85</sup> By 7 November 1780, when their sister Delight Morgan's estate was divided, Mary (Morgan) Gray's brother Thomas Morgan was a resident of Arlington.<sup>86</sup>

John Gray was active in the early St. James Church in Arlington, serving as Moderator of the Vestry in 1788 and vestryman in 1799.<sup>87</sup> Two of John's grand-

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<sup>77</sup> *Barbour Collection* [note 64], 30:154 [New Milford baptism], 20:85 [Kent death].

<sup>78</sup> *Barbour Collection*, Kent [note 64], 20:85.

<sup>79</sup> *Barbour Collection*, Kent [note 64], 20:111; James Raywalt, "The Reverend Seth Shove, First Minister of Danbury, Connecticut, with Notes on the Family of Jonathan Morgan of New London and New Fairfield," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 157 (2003): 351–52.

<sup>80</sup> Bennington Co., Vt., Probate Records, box 77453 [ancestry.com, image 942].

<sup>81</sup> Hemenway, *Gazetteer* [note 75], 1:123, 136.

<sup>82</sup> *Barbour Collection*, Kent [note 64], 20:84–85.

<sup>83</sup> Brush, *St. James' Episcopal Church* [note 75], 13. Neither of his marriage ceremonies were performed by an Episcopal clergyman.

<sup>84</sup> *Barbour Collection*, Kent [note 64], 20:84; Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>85</sup> Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954 [image, familysearch.org]; Hemenway, *Gazetteer* [note 75], 1:136, states that the move occurred about 1768.

<sup>86</sup> Hartford Co., Conn., Probate Packets, Maxim, Adonijah–Pease, H., 1755–1880 [images, ancestry.com].

<sup>87</sup> Brush, *St. James' Episcopal Church* [note 75], 159, 160.

sons, Jordan and Nelson Gray, sons of his son Dominicus, became Episcopal clergymen.<sup>88</sup>

During the Revolutionary War John served in Capt. Jacob Hinds's company, Ira Allen's regiment, for three days in October of 1781 in the alarm at Castleton, Vermont. Revolutionary War service records do not list a rank for John Gray. He may have had additional military service during the Revolutionary War but cannot be distinguished from the younger Capt. John Gray of nearby Dorset, Vermont, in most Revolutionary War service records.<sup>89</sup>

John made his will 10 March 1803, leaving half of his real and personal estate to his wife, Mary, during her lifetime, and the whole to his son Dominicus at her decease. Dominicus, as the executor, was to pay varying amounts to his siblings: John "or his heirs," Mary, Caleb, Jordan, David, and Thomas. The will was accepted for probate in the Manchester Probate District of Bennington County, Vermont, on 3 December 1806. Mary and her son Dominicus signed an agreement about which items of her husband's estate were to constitute her half on 7 January 1807.<sup>90</sup>

John's nine children in birth order were John, Hannah, Benjamin, Mary, Caleb, Dominicus, Jordan, David, and Thomas.<sup>91</sup> John, Hannah, and Mary were named for their parents. Caleb, David, and Thomas were names of Mary Morgan's brothers.<sup>92</sup> John and Mary's choice of Dominicus and Jordan may have come from their affiliation with his "sister" Phebe. No family connection is found for the name Benjamin.

The lives of John Gray's children were examined more closely than those of his proposed siblings to learn if any of them might have had a connection to Maine. None was found.<sup>93</sup>

Hannah Gray, b. 28 May 1757 in Norwalk, and Benjamin Gray, b. 17 Oct. 1761 in Kent, both d. young and were not named in their father's will.

John Gray, who was b. 19 April 1755 in Norwalk, was an Indian captive for two and a half years.<sup>94</sup> John Gray's whereabouts were apparently not known when his father made his

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<sup>88</sup> Brush, *St. James' Episcopal Church* [note 75], 40–41, 74–75; their births recorded in Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954 [images, familysearch.org].

<sup>89</sup> Revolutionary War Services Records [images, fold 3.com]; William Budde, *Arlington, Vermont, Its First 250 Years* (Arlington, Vt., 2014), 189; Capt. John Gray, who served under Col. Ira Allen, d. 22 May 1814, age 64y 3d, and is buried in Dorset, Vt. (gravestone photo, findagrave.com #119951955).

<sup>90</sup> Bennington Co., Vt., Probate Records, box 77453 [ancestry.com, images 937–42].

<sup>91</sup> *Barbour Collection*, Kent [note 64], 20:84–85; Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>92</sup> *Barbour Collection*, Kent [note 64], 20:110–11; Raywalt, "Rev. Seth Shove" [note 79].

<sup>93</sup> Births of all of the children recorded in either Kent Vital Records or Vermont Vital Records [note 91].

<sup>94</sup> Boltwood, *Noble Genealogy*, 36; Orcutt, *New Milford History*, 741; Harvey, *Buck Family*, 49.

will in 1803 or in 1806 when he died. John Gray's obituary noted that he was the father of six children, apparently omitting his son John.<sup>95</sup>

Mary Gray was b. 25 Dec. 1763 in Kent and d. 22 Sept. 1849 in Allegany Co., N.Y. She was the wife of Elisha Coy whom she m. in July 1784 in Arlington.<sup>96</sup> Mary and Elisha are buried together in Bellville Cemetery, Bellville, Allegany Co., N.Y.<sup>97</sup>

Caleb Gray was b. 12 Sept. 1765 in either Kent or Arlington and has not been further traced.

Dominicus Gray was b. 1 March 1770 in Arlington and d. there 9 Jan. 1821. He m. Elizabeth Webb in Arlington, 6 Jan. 1793.<sup>98</sup> Dominicus and Elizabeth are buried in St. James Episcopal Church Cemetery in Arlington.<sup>99</sup>

Jordan Gray was b. 7 Sept. 1774 in Arlington. He may have been the Jordan Gray living in Paris, Oneida Co., N.Y., from 1820 to 1840.<sup>100</sup> In 1850 Jordan Gray, age 75, b. in Vt., was a farmer living in Laurens, Otsego Co., N.Y., in the household of James M. Gray, age 41.<sup>101</sup>

David Gray was b. 23 July 1776 in Arlington and d. 29 April 1809 in Middletown Springs, Vt.<sup>102</sup> He m. Sally Cole.<sup>103</sup> David and Sally are buried in Middletown Springs Cemetery. Thomas Morgan, David's maternal uncle, is also buried in Middletown Springs Cemetery.<sup>104</sup>

Thomas Gray was b. 23 June 1779 in Arlington and has not been further traced.

#### LINKS TO CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS

Although the *Boston Daily Transcript* entry suggested a Cape Cod origin for Phebe Gray, the only directly documented linkage of any of the four Grays to the Cape was the birth of Phebe's possible sister Mary in Provincetown in 1726, daughter of John and Phebe Gray.<sup>105</sup> No other records for John and Phebe Gray could be found. It was noted, however, that Phebe's husband, Dominicus Jordan, had married for his second wife widow Mary Cushing.<sup>106</sup> Mary Cushing's first husband, Jeremiah Cushing, was also born in Provincetown, the son of Ezekiel Cushing and

<sup>95</sup> Bennington Co., Vt., Probate Records, box 77453 [ancestry.com, image 939]; *Vermont Gazette* (Bennington, Vt.), 2 Dec. 1806, p. 2 [image, newspapers.com].

<sup>96</sup> Elisha Coy, Revolutionary War Pension #W23833 [images, fold3.com].

<sup>97</sup> Gravestone photos, findagrave.com #21122565 (Mary) and #21122370 (Elisha).

<sup>98</sup> Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954 [images, familysearch.org].

<sup>99</sup> Gravestone photos, findagrave.com #12786736 (Dominicus) and #12786733 (Elizabeth).

<sup>100</sup> Jordan Gray household, 1820 U.S. Census, Paris, Oneida Co., N.Y., p. 265; Jourdan Gray household, 1830 U.S. Census, Paris, Oneida Co., N.Y., p. 148; Jordan Gray household, 1840 U.S. Census, Paris, Oneida Co., N.Y., p. 315.

<sup>101</sup> James M. Gray household, 1850 U.S. Census, Laurens, Otsego Co., N.Y., p. 245A.

<sup>102</sup> Vermont Vital Records, 1760–1954 [images, familysearch.org].

<sup>103</sup> Paul Hiland and Robert Parks, *History of Wells, Vermont, for the First Century After Its Settlement* (Rutland, Vt., 1869), 100.

<sup>104</sup> Gravestone photos, findagrave.com #80224770 (David), #80224786 (Sally), and #34291801 (Thomas Morgan).

<sup>105</sup> See note 61.

<sup>106</sup> See note 14.

his first wife Hannah (Doane).<sup>107</sup> Ezekiel Cushing was the second husband of Dominicus and Clement Jordan's widowed sister Mary (Jordan) Parker.<sup>108</sup> Ezekiel Cushing had lived in Provincetown for many years prior to moving to Falmouth, Maine, in 1738.<sup>109</sup> As Provincetown town clerk, Ezekiel Cushing had recorded his own birth and that of his first wife and their seven children as a family group in Provincetown.<sup>110</sup> The birth of Ezekiel's son Ezekiel, on 3 June 1724, was also recorded in Truro as a single birth in the same handwriting in which Mary Gray's single birth on 26 January 1726/7 was recorded.<sup>111</sup> Ezekiel Cushing was a selectman in Truro in 1727.<sup>112</sup> It seems certain that Ezekiel Cushing was acquainted with Mary's parents, John and Phebe Gray.

A search was made for a Gray family, like Ezekiel Cushing's family, that might have settled in the Falmouth area in the 1730s prior to the marriage of Phebe Gray and Dominicus Jordan. One such family was identified, that of Andrew Gray. Andrew moved from Harwich on Cape Cod to North Yarmouth, Maine, by 1730.<sup>113</sup> Andrew Gray was born 29 September 1707 in Harwich, the son of John and Susanna (Clark) Gray,<sup>114</sup> and died 19 December 1757 in North Yarmouth.<sup>115</sup> Andrew married Phebe Chandler circa 1731.<sup>116</sup> Phebe was born circa 1707, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Abbott) Chandler,<sup>117</sup> and died 3 August 1744 in North Yarmouth.<sup>118</sup> Andrew Gray married second, 19 December 1745, Zeruah (Standish) Ring.<sup>119</sup> She was born in

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<sup>107</sup> See note 17.

<sup>108</sup> *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 144. Col. Ezekiel Cushing of Falmouth m. Mary Parker of Boston on 1 April 1746 at the New South Church in Boston. Mary's children from her first marriage to Jacob Parker had been baptized at New South Church (Boston Church Records, 1630–1895 [images, americanancestors.org]).

<sup>109</sup> *Cushing Family* [note 15], 29. Ezekiel Cushing, merchant and gentleman of Province Town, first purchased land on Long Island in Casco Bay and in North Yarmouth in 1732 and 1733 respectively (York Co. Deeds, 17:100–1).

<sup>110</sup> Provincetown Town Records, 1:1 [image, americanancestors.org].

<sup>111</sup> Truro, Mass., Vital Records, 1:45 [Mary], 95 [Ezekiel] [DGS #7009744, images 52, 78].

<sup>112</sup> Simeon L. Deyo, *History of Barnstable County, Massachusetts*, (New York, 1890), 936.

<sup>113</sup> Noyes, "Unpublished Deed Abstracts" [note 10], 53, citing York Co. Deeds, 34:59 [DGS #8140290, image 83].

<sup>114</sup> "Harwich, Mass., Vital Records," *The Mayflower Descendant* 4(1899):209.

<sup>115</sup> Statement of widow Zeruah Gray, York Co. Probate Records, #7654 [DGS #7315350, image 19]; also recorded in Ruth Wilder Sherman, *Vital Records of North Yarmouth, Maine, to the Year 1850*, 2nd ed. (Camden, Maine, 1993), 290.

<sup>116</sup> Marriage date estimated from birth of first child, John, on 27 Nov. 1732 (*North Yarmouth Vital Records* [note 115], 37).

<sup>117</sup> William Chandler, *Chandler Family, the Descendants of William and Annis Chandler who Settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, 1687* (Worcester, Mass., 1883), 31.

<sup>118</sup> *North Yarmouth Vital Records* [note 115], 290.

<sup>119</sup> *North Yarmouth Vital Records* [note 115], 234.



Plympton, Massachusetts, 8 January 1706/7, daughter of Ebenezer & Hannah (Sturtevant) Standish,<sup>120</sup> and died 26 April 1798 in North Yarmouth, age 92 years.<sup>121</sup>

Phebe could not have been a daughter of Andrew, but perhaps she was a member of his extended family. In her book on Joshua Gray of Yarmouth, Massachusetts, Julie Thacher presented an excellent summary of Andrew's parents, John and Susanna (Clark) Gray, and included information about their thirteen children. Ms. Thacher wrote that "John Gray married Susanna Clark, but the date of the marriage, as well as the births of the seven oldest children, which may have been contained in the missing town records, are not now to be found."<sup>122</sup> The children listed begin with a daughter Susanna "born about 1694," and did not include a son John as would have been customary. This suggested that perhaps there could have been an undocumented son John born about 1792–1794 who might have been Phebe's father and possibly the father of Mary, John, and Sarah. While the record of John and Susanna's marriage and the births of their first seven children are indeed not to be found, John's intestate probate record exists and there is no indication that he was survived by a son John or the heirs of a deceased son John.<sup>123</sup> The probate of his son Joshua, who died in 1735 at age twenty-two, both testate and unmarried, also contains no mention of a brother John either living or deceased with heirs.<sup>124</sup>

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<sup>120</sup> *Vital Records of Plympton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1923), 200; *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, 14: Myles Standish, by Robert S. Wakefield and Russell L. Warner (Plymouth, Mass., 1997), 37. See also Zeruah/Zerviah (Standish) (Ring) Gray family in Joseph C. Anderson II, ed., *Maine Families in 1790 Vol. 10* (Rockland, Maine, 2009), 243–47.

<sup>121</sup> Death notice, [Portland] *Eastern Herald*, 7 May 1798, p. 3 [genealogybank.com]; *Mayflower Families 5 Gens.*: Standish [note 120], 37.

<sup>122</sup> Julie Edgar Le Roy Thacher, *Joshua Gray of Yarmouth, Massachusetts, and His Descendants* (Boston, 1914), 111.

<sup>123</sup> John d. suddenly, 31 March 1732, in Harwich, Mass., at age 60 (Harwich Vital Records, 1:115 [image, ancestry.com]). He broke his neck in a fall from a horse (*Boston News-Letter*, 20 Apr 1732, p. 2 [genealogybank.com]). The probate of his estate mentions only three sons: Lot and Thomas who were appointed administrators on 19 April 1732 (Barnstable Co., Mass., Probate Records, 3:639 [DGS #7705400, image 550]), and Andrew who received his portion on 27 May 1747 in Harwich (*ibid.*, 5:259 [DGS #7705401, image 493]). The guardians of four of John's grandchildren, children of his deceased daughter Susanna, received their portions 13 Feb. 1734 (*ibid.*, 5:224 [DGS #7705401, image 472]). Chillingsworth Foster had been appointed guardian of his children, Nathaniel, Jerusha, and Mercy Foster, with regard to the settling of John Gray's estate on the same date (*ibid.*, 5:230, 231 [DGS #7705401, image 476]). Lot Gray was the guardian of Thankful Sears, Susanna's daughter from her first marriage. The identity of the parents of a fifth granddaughter, Thankful Hedge of Boston, who received her portion 21 April 1734/5, just after attaining her majority, is unclear (*ibid.*, 5:224 [DGS #7705401, image 472]). Samuel Freeman Jr. of Eastham had been appointed guardian of Thankful Hedge, aged about 15, on 28 April 1729 in conjunction with the settlement of the estate of Thankful's father, Samuel Hedge (*ibid.*, 4:485 [DGS #7705401, image 261]). Thankful's parents were identified as Grace Snow and Samuel Hedge, neither of whom were children of John Gray (*Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, 6: Stephen Hopkins, by John D. Austin [Plymouth, Mass., 2001], 73).

<sup>124</sup> Barnstable Co. Probate Records, 5:255, 355 [DGS #7705401 images 490 and 546].

## CONCLUSION

An exhaustive search for the records associated with the four proposed siblings—Phebe, Sarah, Mary, and John Gray—has not revealed any records to either confirm or deny this possibility. It seems likely that Phebe and Sarah could have been siblings based only on the time (1739 and 1755 respectively) and location (Falmouth) of their marriages to the brothers Dominicus and Clement Jordan. The Jordan family into which Phebe and Sarah Gray married was closely connected with that of Ezekiel Cushing, who had lived in Provincetown where Mary Gray was born. This offered possibilities that Mary might have been another sister, but no relationship could be documented. Mary and John are less likely to have been siblings, given that Mary was of New Fairfield, Connecticut, and John of Kent, Connecticut, when they married the Noble siblings of New Milford, Connecticut, in 1748 and 1752, respectively. Another complicating factor was Mary's birth in Provincetown, Massachusetts, on 13 January 1726/7, and John's, which supposedly occurred in England seventeen months later on 24 August 1727.

A possible explanation could be that John, the father of all four siblings, was an English sea captain who traveled with his family along the coast of New England from Falmouth, Maine, to Norwalk, Connecticut, and that he was in Provincetown, Massachusetts, at the time Mary was born. Possibly as a young man his son John was with him in Falmouth and became acquainted with either Dominicus Jordan, who was a military captain during the 1740s, or Dominicus's father of the same name, who died in 1749 at age 66 and was known for his commercial activity.<sup>125</sup>

The reason for Mary (Gray) Noble's move with her husband and family from New Milford, Connecticut, to the Cape Elizabeth area of Maine circa 1757 is unexplained and might have been motivated in part by a desire to be closer to her sisters Sarah and Phebe. Phebe was presumably still living in 1757. Certainly, the births of John Gray's sons Dominicus and Jordan in 1770 and 1774, respectively, occurred well after Mary's move. Her move could have resulted in renewed family ties, including the relationship between John Gray of Arlington, Vermont, and his possible brother-in-law Dominicus Jordan of Falmouth, Maine.

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<sup>125</sup> *Jordan Memorial* [note 1], 144; York Co. Deeds, 18:58, 61.

## THE ANCESTRY OF THE SHIPBUILDERS OF KENNEBUNK LANDING, MAINE

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Prior to the Civil War, there were numerous shipyards located on many of the rivers along the coast of Maine due to the abundance of local timber. Shipbuilding in Maine reached a peak in 1855 when 216,000 tons, one-third of the national total, were launched in Maine shipyards.<sup>1</sup> The typical shipyard was a small-scale enterprise of about twenty workers under the direct supervision of one or, at the most, two men. A large percentage of the ships that were built were sturdy freighters of low cost and superior cargo capacity used to transport cotton from the ports in the South mainly to markets in Europe.<sup>2</sup>

The village of Kennebunk, a part of the township of Wells until it became a separate town in 1820, specialized in shipbuilding. As early as 1730, shipyards were established on the Mousam River, but the difficulty of navigating the newly built ships down to the sea resulted in the shipbuilding industry later relocating to the western bank of the adjacent Kennebunk River. From 1790, when Lieut. Tobias Lord established the first shipyard at Kennebunk Landing, until the early 1840s, over one hundred ships were built at the Landing. The demand for larger ships and the growing competition from shipbuilders located in the Lower Village of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport further downriver eventually made the Landing obsolete for shipyards and forced them either to close or relocate downriver.<sup>3</sup>

In the early 1840s, there were six shipyards on the Kennebunk River at Kennebunk Landing that were operated by the following shipbuilders: (1) David Little, (2) George W. Bourne and Henry Kingsbury, (3) George and Ivory Lord, (4) James Titcomb, (5) Robert Smith Jr., and (6) Clement Littlefield.<sup>4</sup> The purpose of this study is to compare the ancestry and backgrounds of each of these men who ended up in the same occupation in a small village on the coast of Maine.

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<sup>1</sup> Kendrick Price Daggett, *Fifty Years of Fortitude, The Maritime Career of Captain Jotham Blaisdell of Kennebunk, Maine, 1810–1860* (Mystic, Conn., 1988), 150.

<sup>2</sup> Eighty percent of the cotton crop was shipped to Europe, mainly from Savannah, Mobile, and especially New Orleans. From 1830 to 1859, cotton exports increased fourfold from 732,000 bales to over 3,000,000 bales. In 1852, 800,000 tons of American shipping and 40,000 men were employed in the overseas cotton trade (Daggett, *Fifty Years of Fortitude* [note 1], 7, 59).

<sup>3</sup> Text on Panel #20 “The Landing,” part of The Museum in the Streets, a bilingual, historical walking tour of the Town of Kennebunk [[www.kennebunkmaine.us/572/Read-each-panel](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/572/Read-each-panel)]. The brochure, downloadable from this website, provides a useful map of places of historical interest in the town.

<sup>4</sup> Norman E. Borden Jr., *Dear Sarah, Incidents from the Journals of Captain Charles Barry* (Freeport, Maine, 1966), 60. This source states that the fifth shipyard was owned by Asa M. Durrell, but it was actually owned by Robert Smith Jr. with Asa Durrell as his master carpenter (Daggett, *Fifty Years of Fortitude* [note 1], 57).

The shipyards would generally lay the keel in the spring and the vessel would be ready to go to sea in the late fall. Although all these shipyards could be considered competitors, they sometimes worked together. For example, Bourne and Kingsbury and George Lord and Ivory Lord signed a Memorandum of Agreement for the building of the *Bohemia* in 1832.<sup>5</sup> The local shipowners would not limit the building of their ships to one particular shipyard. William Lord, for example, the brother of George and Ivory, who was to become Kennebunk's most prosperous merchant, is known to have ordered ships to be built by Bourne and Kingsbury, Robert Smith Jr., and Clement Littlefield.<sup>6</sup> Although the men who operated the shipyards were shipbuilders by trade, most of them were part owners of the ships they built, and some of them were described as merchants in the U.S. Census. The *Mount Washington*, ordered by William Lord in 1848 to be built in the shipyard of Robert Smith Jr. had William Lord as principal owner holding a three-eighths share. He brought in three other men to help share the risk: Robert Smith Jr., the builder, held a one-quarter share, while two sea captains, Charles Barry and Jotham Blaisdell, held a one-quarter share and a one-eighth share, respectively.<sup>7</sup>

#### FAMILY SUMMARIES OF THE KENNEBUNK LANDING SHIPBUILDERS

**DAVID LITTLE**, who owned the shipyard furthest upstream, could only build small vessels because of the shallowness of the Kennebunk River at his yard.<sup>8</sup> He was born in Wells 6 December 1766, son of Rev. Daniel Little, Kennebunk's first minister, and Daniel's second wife, Sarah (Coffin).<sup>9</sup> David died in Kennebunk 27 July 1843, aged 76, and is buried in Hope Cemetery.<sup>10</sup> He married first in Newburyport, Massachusetts, 2 February 1793, SALLY CHASE of Newburyport.<sup>11</sup> Sally was born in Newburyport 15 December 1768, daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Rollins) Chase. She died in Wells 15 August 1815, aged 47.<sup>12</sup> David married second in Berwick, Maine, 28 November 1816, MARY (LORD) HOVEY.<sup>13</sup> Mary, the widow of

<sup>5</sup> George C. Lord Collection (Coll. #16), The Brick Store Museum, Kennebunk, Maine.

<sup>6</sup> William Lord's first ship, the *Neva*, was built by Bourne and Kingsbury in 1832; his second, the *Diantha*, was built by Robert Smith Jr. in 1834, and his third, *Swiss Boy*, was built by Bourne and Kingsbury in 1837 (Daggett, *Fifty Years of Fortitude* [note 1], 14–15). In 1849 he ordered his largest ship to that date, the *William Lord*, named after himself, to be built by Clement Littlefield (Borden, *Dear Sarah* [note 4], 167).

<sup>7</sup> Daggett, *Fifty Years of Fortitude* [note 1], 57.

<sup>8</sup> Borden, *Dear Sarah* [note 4], 60.

<sup>9</sup> Hope Moody Shelley, *Vital Records of Wells, Maine, 1619–1950* (Rockport, Maine, 2005), 63. See Rev. Daniel Little sketch in Joseph C. Anderson II, ed., *Maine Families in 1790*, 11 vols. to date (1998–2015), 7:283–85.

<sup>10</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #121185645.

<sup>11</sup> *Vital Records of Newburyport, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1911), 2:282.

<sup>12</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 183.

<sup>13</sup> John Eldridge Frost and Joseph Crook Anderson II, *Vital Records of Berwick, South Berwick, and North Berwick, Maine, to the Year 1892* (Camden, Maine, 1993), 419.

Temple Hovey, was born circa 1783, daughter of Mark and Olive (Underwood) Lord of South Berwick, and died in Fort Wayne, Indiana, 9 December 1854, aged 71.<sup>14</sup> David Little engaged in trade, shipbuilding, and farming.<sup>15</sup>

Children of David and his 1st wife, Sally (Chase) Little:

- i HANNAH LITTLE, b. Wells, ca. 1793, d. Cambridge, Mass., 27 Aug. 1865, aged 72y, and bur in Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk.<sup>16</sup> Hannah did not marry and lived with her brother Charles and his family in Cambridge.<sup>17</sup>
- ii CHARLES COFFIN LITTLE, b. Wells, [calc.] 25 July 1799,<sup>18</sup> d. Cambridge, 11 Aug. 1869, aged 70y 15d;<sup>19</sup> m. (1) Cambridge, 1 Jan. 1829, SARAH ANNE HILLIARD,<sup>20</sup> who d. Cambridge, 29 Aug. 1848, aged 36y;<sup>21</sup> m. (2) Cambridge, 18 Jan. 1854, ABBY WHEATON, daughter of Henry Wheaton.<sup>22</sup> Charles was the leading partner of the book publishing firm of Little, Brown & Co., of Boston.<sup>23</sup>
- iii CAROLINE LITTLE, b. Wells, ca. 1801, d. Cambridge, 4 Nov. 1848, aged 47y;<sup>24</sup> m. (1) Kennebunk, 18 Feb. 1830, ELIJAH BETTES,<sup>25</sup> b. Biddeford, 9 May 1797, son of Jeremiah and Sarah (Smith) Bettes,<sup>26</sup> d. 31 Dec. 1832, aged 35y;<sup>27</sup> m. (2) Kennebunk, after 20 June 1840, Rev. GEORGE W. CRESSEY,<sup>28</sup> b. Rowley, Mass., 13 Dec. 1810, son of John and Phebe (Bradstreet) Cressey,<sup>29</sup> d. Buxton, Maine, 12 Feb. 1867, aged 56y.<sup>30</sup> He m. (2) Charlestown, Mass., 7 Nov. 1849, Sarah Crosswell of Charlestown,<sup>31</sup> and m. (3) Hampton, N.H., 7 Sept. 1857, Nancy Wentworth of

<sup>14</sup> *Maine Families in 1790* [note 9], 7:285; Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, findagrave.com #85126019, citing plot B49. Her parents m. Dover, N.H., 28 Sept. 1775 (*Collections of the Dover, N.H., Historical Society, Vol. 1* [Dover, 1894], 174). As Mary Lord, she had m. (1) Berwick, 1 July 1798, Temple Hovey (Frost and Anderson, *Berwick VRs* [note 13], 140).

<sup>15</sup> Edward Emerson Bourne, *The History of Wells and Kennebunk from the Earliest Settlement to the Year 1820* (Portland, 1875), 722.

<sup>16</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910 (index and images at americanancestors.org), 184:53; gravestone photo, findagrave.com #81677989, which gives her birthplace of Kennebunk.

<sup>17</sup> Charles C. Little household, 1850–1860 U.S. Censuses, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., Mass., p. 154B (1850); p. 97 (1860).

<sup>18</sup> *Appletons' Cyclopaedia of American Biography*, 6 vols. (New York, 1888–91), 3:737.

<sup>19</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 221:101.

<sup>20</sup> Thomas W. Baldwin, comp., *Vital Records of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston, 1914–15), 2:243.

<sup>21</sup> Baldwin, *Cambridge VRs* [note 19], 2:641.

<sup>22</sup> Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 79:38.

<sup>23</sup> *Appletons' Cyclopaedia* [note 18], 3:737.

<sup>24</sup> Baldwin, *Cambridge VRs* [note 19], 2:516; gravestone photo, findagrave.com #76204797.

<sup>25</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:56 [Family Search digital film (DGS) #7595725, image 367].

<sup>26</sup> John D. Beatty, *Vital Records of Biddeford, Maine, to the Year 1850* (Rockport, Maine, 1998), 181; his parents' marriage in *ibid.*, 115.

<sup>27</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #121185513.

<sup>28</sup> Marriage intentions at Kennebunk (Kennebunk VRs, 2:83 [DGS #7595725, image 380]).

<sup>29</sup> *Vital Records of Rowley, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1928–31), 1:53; his parents m. 15 Nov 1792 in *ibid.*, 2:275.

<sup>30</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 202:214; gravestone photo, Rowley Burial Ground, findagrave.com #76204584. While he died in Buxton, his death was recorded in Rowley.

<sup>31</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 38:28.

Buxton.<sup>32</sup> Rev. Cressey was the pastor of the Congregational Church at Kennebunk for 12y and at Buxton for 15y.<sup>33</sup>

- iv SARAH ANN BOND LITTLE, b. say 1803, d. "at sea on board brig *Lima* of consumption," 11 April 1831;<sup>34</sup> m. Kennebunk, 7 Oct. 1830, as his 2nd wife, WILLIAM LORD Jr.,<sup>35</sup> b. ca. 1802–4, his parentage unproven,<sup>36</sup> d. 24 May 1860, aged 56 or 58y, and bur. in the Unitarian Churchyard Cemetery, Kennebunk.<sup>37</sup> William had m. (1) Kennebunk, 24 Nov. 1825, Jane Jefferds Larrabee, and m. (3) Kennebunk, 28 Oct. 1832, Elizabeth Frost.<sup>38</sup> William was a merchant who often partnered with George C. Lord (see below) in the ownership of ships.<sup>39</sup>
- v (child) LITTLE, b. Wells, ca. 1804, d. Wells, 27 Sept. 1805, aged 1y.<sup>40</sup>

Child of David and his 2nd wife, Mary (Lord) (Hovey) Little:

- vi GEORGE LORD LITTLE, b. Wells, 12 Feb. 1820, d. 11 Oct. 1800, aged 80y 8m;<sup>41</sup> m. (1) (int.) Kennebunk, 21 Sept. 1842, ELIZABETH McCULLOCH,<sup>42</sup> b. ca. 1820, d. Fort Wayne, Ind., 22 July 1856, aged 36y.<sup>43</sup> He m. (2) ca. 1861, ELEANOR PENTON BAILEY,<sup>44</sup> b. New York City, [calc.] 15 April 1838, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Penton) Bailey, d. Kennebunk, 28 Feb. 1908, aged 69y 10m 13d.<sup>45</sup> George established himself at Fort Wayne, Ind., where in 1870 he was described as a "Land Operator," but he returned to Kennebunk by 1880, when he was described as a capitalist.<sup>46</sup>

**GEORGE WASHINGTON BOURNE** who had the next yard downriver, was raised in a family that had been shipbuilders for four generations. George's father, John Bourne, was a shipwright who built many ships at Kennebunk Landing prior to

<sup>32</sup> New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>33</sup> Inscription on his gravestone [note 30].

<sup>34</sup> Death notice, *Portland Weekly Advertiser*, 31 May 1831, p. 3 [genealogybank.com].

<sup>35</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 35 [DGS #7595725, image 149].

<sup>36</sup> One source claims that he was b. Kennebunkport, 5 Sept. 1803, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (—) Lord (Charles Edward Lord, *The Ancestors and Descendants of Lieutenant Tobias Lord* [Boston, 1913], 39), but Nathaniel Lord, elsewhere in this same source, is said to have had one wife, Phebe Walker, and did not have a son William (*ibid.*, 26–28).

<sup>37</sup> Death notice, [Portland] *Zion's Advocate*, 1 June 1860, p. 3: "Capt. William Lord Jr., aged 58" [genealogybank]; gravestone photo, findagrave.com #56962672 [aged 56y].

<sup>38</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, pp. 30, 37 [DGS #7595725, images 144, 151].

<sup>39</sup> George C. Lord Collection (Coll. #16), The Brick Store Museum, Kennebunk, Maine.

<sup>40</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 178.

<sup>41</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #140178558. His stone gives his full dates of birth and death and his age at death.

<sup>42</sup> Kennebunk VR, 2:89 [DGS #7595725, image 383].

<sup>43</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #121185632; place of death recorded in Kennebunk Deaths, p. 32 [DGS #7595725, image 266].

<sup>44</sup> George L. Little household, 1900 U.S. Census, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, E.D. 236, p. 24. In this enumeration, George and Eleanor stated they had been married for 39 years.

<sup>45</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>46</sup> George L. Little household, 1870 U.S. Census, Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Ind., p. 347A; 1880 U.S. Census, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, E.D. 192, p. 292D.

the War of 1812; his grandfather Benjamin Bourne was a shipbuilder; and his great grandfather John Bourne was in shipbuilding for fifty years.<sup>47</sup> George succeeded his father at operating the shipyard at the Landing where thirty-three vessels were built between 1820 and 1850.<sup>48</sup> George was born in Wells 19 June 1801, son of Capt. John Bourne and his third wife, Elizabeth (Perkins) (Wildes), widow of Capt. Israel Wildes of Arundel,<sup>49</sup> and died in Kennebunk 7 December 1856, aged 55.<sup>50</sup> George married in Kennebunk, 24 October 1825, JANE JEFFERDS.<sup>51</sup> Jane was born in Wells, [calc.] 15 June 1800, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Gooch) Jefferds, and died in Kennebunk 20 May 1895, aged 94 years, 11 months, 5 days.<sup>52</sup>

Children of George and Jane (Jefferds) Bourne:

- i GEORGE HENRY BOURNE, b. [calc.] 24 July 1828, d. 10 Dec. 1828, aged 4m 16d.<sup>53</sup>
- ii LUCY AUGUSTA BOURNE, b. Kennebunk, 4 Nov 1830,<sup>54</sup> d. Boston, 5 Aug. 1883, aged 52y 9m;<sup>55</sup> m. Kennebunk, 17 Dec. 1857, GEORGE WELLS LORD,<sup>56</sup> b. Kennebunk, 28 Nov. 1830, son of William and Sarah (Cleaves) Lord,<sup>57</sup> d. 16 June 1912.<sup>58</sup> He was a Kennebunk merchant in 1860 and a Boston fish net manufacturer in 1880.<sup>59</sup>
- iii OLIVE BOURNE, b. Kennebunk, 15 Dec. 1834,<sup>60</sup> d. 5 April 1838, aged 3y 3m.<sup>61</sup>

<sup>47</sup> W. W. Clayton, *History of York County, Maine* (Philadelphia, 1880), 88; Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk* [15], 541, 579. For more information on the Bournes, see Priscilla Eaton, "The Family of Captain John<sup>2</sup> Bourne of Wells and Kennebunk, Maine, Ships and Shipwrights," *The Maine Genealogist* 31(2009):25–41, 74–88.

<sup>48</sup> History of the Waldo Emerson Inn, <[www.bbonline.com/united-states/maine/kennebunk/waldoemerson.html](http://www.bbonline.com/united-states/maine/kennebunk/waldoemerson.html)>. "The house was purchased by John Bourne, father of 15 children, one of whom was George Washington Bourne. . . . When George moved out with his new bride in 1826, he sold the home to his brother-in-law, Henry Kingsbury, and it remained in the Kingsbury family until 1979. George and Henry teamed up to form the Bourne Kingsbury Shipyard. They ran a West India goods store and built 33 vessels behind the house between 1820 and 1850."

<sup>49</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 228. Capt. John Bowen [*sic*] and Mrs. Elizabeth Wildes m. 10 Sept. 1794 ("Records of the Church of Christ (Now First Congregational) Church in Arundel (Kennebunkport), Maine," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* [NEHGR] 108[1954]: 188). As Elizabeth Perkins, she had m. (1) Arundel, 19 Oct. 1785, Israel Wildes (*ibid.*, 108:123).

<sup>50</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, [#140158648](http://findagrave.com).

<sup>51</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:53 [DGS #7595725, image 365].

<sup>52</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)]; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, [#121153685](http://findagrave.com).

<sup>53</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, [#121185449](http://findagrave.com).

<sup>54</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:66 [DGS #7595725, image 372].

<sup>55</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 348:218; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, [#183003422](http://findagrave.com).

<sup>56</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 70 [DGS #7595725, image 184].

<sup>57</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:68 [DGS #7595725, image 373]; his parents m. (int.) Biddeford, 16 Sept. 1820 (*Biddeford VRs* [note 26], 286).

<sup>58</sup> Gravestone photo, [#133048808](http://findagrave.com).

<sup>59</sup> George W. Lord household, 1860 U.S. Census, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, p. 1081; 1880 U.S. Census, Boston, Suffolk Co., Mass., E.D. 721, p. 172B.

<sup>60</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:66 [DGS #7595725, image 372].

<sup>61</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, [#121185374](http://findagrave.com).

**HENRY KINGSBURY** became a partner with George Bourne in 1827.<sup>62</sup> Bourne and Kingsbury generally operated in partnership, although each would build his own vessels, independent of the other, when occasion demanded it.<sup>63</sup> Henry Kingsbury was born in York 11 May 1801, son of John and Betsey (Knight) Kingsbury.<sup>64</sup> He died in Boston 18 March 1889, aged 87 years, 10 months, 9 days.<sup>65</sup> He married in Kennebunk, 22 December 1825, JULIA ANN BOURNE.<sup>66</sup> She was born in Wells 21 or 23 July 1803, daughter of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Perkins) (Wildes) Bourne and sister of George W. Bourne above.<sup>67</sup> She died in Kennebunk, 8 November 1884, aged 81.<sup>68</sup>

Children of Henry and Julia Anne (Bourne) Kingsbury:

- i GEORGE HENRY KINGSBURY, b. Kennebunk, [calc.] 4 March 1827, d. Boston, Mass., 24 March 1899, aged 72y 20d;<sup>69</sup> m. (1) Boston, 21 Nov. 1854, ELIZABETH WATTS,<sup>70</sup> b. Kennebunk, c1830, daughter of Edward and Sarah B. (Emerson) Watts,<sup>71</sup> d. Boston, 20 June 1856, aged 27y;<sup>72</sup> m. (2) Boston, 30 Dec. 1858, MARION WINCHESTER,<sup>73</sup> b. New York City, [calc.] 30 July 1836, daughter of Edmund and Harriet (Mears) Winchester,<sup>74</sup> d. Kennebunk, 14 Jan. 1902, aged 65y 5m 15d.<sup>75</sup> A graduate of Bowdoin College, class of 1845, George was a lawyer in Boston entering, after he passed the bar, into the office of Daniel Webster.<sup>76</sup>
- ii JOHN BOURNE KINGSBURY, b. ca. Jan. 1830, d. 15 May 1833, aged 3y 4m.<sup>77</sup>
- iii EDWARD LINCOLN KINGSBURY, b. 9 May 1834, d. Kennebunk, 3 Dec. 1894,<sup>78</sup> unmarried. Edward was U.S. Consul to Algiers from 1861 to 1869.<sup>79</sup>
- iv FRANK HERBERT KINGSBURY, b. ca. 1836, d. 30 Sept. 1845, aged 9y.<sup>80</sup>

<sup>62</sup> Daggett, *Fifty Years of Fortitude* [note 1], 14.

<sup>63</sup> Borden, *Dear Sarah* [note 4], 60.

<sup>64</sup> Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Wiscasset, Maine*, (Rockland, Maine, 2011), 130, recorded 11 Jan. 1812; his parents m. 18 Aug. 1799 (*Berwick VRs* [note 13], 140).

<sup>65</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 402:88; Kennebunk Deaths, p. 69 [DGS #7595725, image 306]; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #121185714.

<sup>66</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, 2:54 [DGS #7595725, image 366].

<sup>67</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 228, shows birth date as 21 July; her gravestone gives 23 July.

<sup>68</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #121185853.

<sup>69</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 495:143.

<sup>70</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 80:155.

<sup>71</sup> Birthplace, parents' names, and age at death from her death record; her parents m. 22 Aug. 1827 (Kennebunk Marriages, 2:22 [DGS #7595725, image 350]).

<sup>72</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 104:41

<sup>73</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 119:115.

<sup>74</sup> Her birthplace and parents given on her death record; see also Frederick John Kingsbury, *The Genealogy of the Descendants of Henry Kingsbury of Ipswich and Haverhill, Mass.*, ed. Mary Kingsbury Talcott (Hartford, 1905), 514.

<sup>75</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 531:16, which indicates she died in Kennebunk.

<sup>76</sup> *Kingsbury Genealogy* [note 74], 514.

<sup>77</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #121185781.

<sup>78</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #140159051, his gravestone gives his full dates of birth and death.

<sup>79</sup> *Kingsbury Genealogy* [note 74], 509.

<sup>80</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #121185955.



**GEORGE C. LORD**, son of the first shipbuilder to become established at Kennebunk Landing, was born 23 September 1791, son of Lieut. Tobias and Hephzibah (Conant) Lord.<sup>81</sup> He died in Kennebunk 8 October 1861, aged 70.<sup>82</sup> He married in Wells, 23 June 1818, OLIVE JEFFERDS.<sup>83</sup> Olive was born in Wells 21 December 1793, daughter of Maj. William and Olive (Gilpatrick) Jefferds.<sup>84</sup> She died in Newton, Massachusetts, 4 July 1879, aged 85 years, 6 months, 11 days.<sup>85</sup>

Children of George and Olive (Jefferds) Lord, b. Wells/Kennebunk<sup>86</sup>

- i HANNAH ELIZABETH LORD, b. 19 Jan. 1817, d. 23 Aug. 1818, aged 19m.<sup>87</sup>
- ii LUCY HAYES LORD, b. 19 April 1818 or 1819, d. 12 Dec 1833, aged 15y.<sup>88</sup>
- iii OLIVE JEFFERDS LORD, b. 29 April 1821, d. 15 May 1829, aged 8y.<sup>89</sup>
- iv GEORGE CLEMENT LORD, b. 27 Feb. 1823, d. Newton, Mass., 23 Feb. 1893, aged 69y 11m 27d;<sup>90</sup> m. Boston, 22 Sept. 1846, MARION RUTHVEN WATERSTON,<sup>91</sup> b. Boston, 28 May 1823, daughter of Robert and Hephzibah (Lord) Waterston,<sup>92</sup> d. Newton, Mass., 6 Aug. 1910, aged 87y 2m 19d.<sup>93</sup> George was a business executive in Boston.<sup>94</sup>

<sup>81</sup> *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], 102; his parents m. Wells, 7 Nov. 1781 (Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 165).

<sup>82</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #115269640. "Capt. George Lord, a well-known merchant of the old, honored and honorable firm of G. and I. Lord . . . fell dead at his residence, after eating breakfast in his usual good health" (obituary, *Portland Daily Advertiser*, 20 Oct. 1861, p. 2 [genealogybank]).

<sup>83</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 174, 272.

<sup>84</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 149; see William Jefferds family in *Maine Families in 1790* [note 9], 3:151–52.

<sup>85</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 311:141; gravestone photo, findagrave.com #115271151.

<sup>86</sup> Births of all given in *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], 108–10.

<sup>87</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #115278281.

<sup>88</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #115277312, which has b. 19 April 1818; *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], p. 109, gives her birth date as 19 April 1819.

<sup>89</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #115277578.

<sup>90</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 437:339.

<sup>91</sup> *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], 109.

<sup>92</sup> *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], 109; her parents m. Wells 25 Dec. 1810 (Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 141, 171).

<sup>93</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 1910/79:4.

<sup>94</sup> In 1843 he became a partner in the firm of Demond, Howe & Co., wholesale grocers at 24 Long Wharf in Boston, which became Howe & Lord; in 1847 he formed with his brother, Charles H. Lord, the shipping business firm of George C. Lord & Co.; from about 1865 to 1881 he was president of the New England Mutual Fire & Marine Insurance Co.; in 1866 he became a director and in 1881 until 1889 president of the Boston & Maine Railroad. At the time of his death he was a director of the Second National Bank of Boston, the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co., the American Loan and Trust Co., the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., the Worcester, Nashua & Rochester Railroad, the York Harbor & Beach Railroad, and the Newton & Watertown Gas Light Co. (George Clement Lord biography in Harriet B. Coe, ed., *Maine Resources, Attractions, and Its People: A History*, 5 vols. [New York, 938], 3:383).

- v CHARLES HOWARD LORD, b. 20 Jan. 1825, d. Newton, Mass., 6 Jan. 1892, aged 66y 11m 17d,<sup>95</sup> m. Saco, 6 June 1849, LUCY LORD HAYES,<sup>96</sup> b. Saco, 7 March 1826, daughter of Joseph Mooney and Susannah (Wildes) Hayes;<sup>97</sup> d. Watertown, Mass., 17 July 1899, aged 73y.<sup>98</sup> Charles was a commission merchant in New York City and Boston. He went into partnership with his brother George C. Lord in 1848, carrying out commerce in their own vessels.<sup>99</sup>
- vi EDWARD AUGUSTA LORD, b. 3 Aug. 1827, d. 8 Oct. 1827, aged 9w.<sup>100</sup>
- vii EDWARD WATTS LORD, b. Kennebunk, [calc.] 4 April 1830, d. Boston, 23 March 1903, aged 72y 11m 19d, unmarried.<sup>101</sup>

**Capt. IVORY LORD** had been a sea captain in his younger days before he joined his older brother George C. Lord (above) in building ships at Kennebunk Landing.<sup>102</sup> Ivory was born 1 February 1794, son of Lieut. Tobias and Hephzibah (Conant) Lord.<sup>103</sup> He died in Kennebunk, 16 August 1868, aged 74.<sup>104</sup> He married first in Wells, 23 June 1818, LOUISA McCULLOCH.<sup>105</sup> She was born 25 November 1798, daughter of Capt. Hugh and Abiel (Perkins) McCulloch,<sup>106</sup> and died 23 July 1842, aged 43.<sup>107</sup> Ivory married second OLIVE LEIGHTON (BOURNE) EMERSON, their marriage intentions recorded in Kennebunk, 20 May 1843.<sup>108</sup> She was born in Wells 23 May 1805, daughter of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Perkins) (Wildes) Bourne and sister of George W. Bourne above.<sup>109</sup> She died in Milton,

<sup>95</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 428:317.

<sup>96</sup> “Marriages,” NEHGR 3(1849):406.

<sup>97</sup> Katherine F. Richmond, *John Hayes of Dover, New Hampshire: A Book of His Family* 2 vols. (Tyngsboro, Mass., 1936), 1:282–83. Her parents m. (int.) Saco, 3 Nov. 1810 (*First Book of Records of the Town of Pepperellborough, Now the City of Saco* [Portland, 1896], 30).

<sup>98</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 493:699. Her mother’s name is incorrectly given as Anna Miles in this record.

<sup>99</sup> *John Hayes of Dover* [note 97], 1:283.

<sup>100</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #115277811.

<sup>101</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 541:246; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #115273167.

<sup>102</sup> “Discovering Summer Street, Kennebunk,” *Yankee Magazine*, 24 March 2016, <<https://newengland.com/yankee-magazine/living/homes/summer-street-kennebunk/>>.

<sup>103</sup> *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], 103; his parents m. 7 Nov. 1781 (Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 165).

<sup>104</sup> Kennebunk Deaths, p. 44 [DGS #7595725, image 281]; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #115429629.

<sup>105</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 174, 272.

<sup>106</sup> Susan Guckenberger, “Hugh McCulloch: His Early Years in New England and Migration to Fort Wayne,” *Old Fort News*, 50(1987):2. Louisa’s parents m. Wells 25 Nov. 1810 (Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 171) Her father, Capt. Hugh McCulloch, was a shipbuilder at the Landing prior to the War of 1812. Louisa’s brother, also named Hugh, b. 8 Dec. 1808, was Secretary of the Treasury under Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, and Chester A. Arthur.

<sup>107</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #115430424.

<sup>108</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:93 [DGS #7595725, image 385].

<sup>109</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 228.

Massachusetts, 26 August 1894, aged 89 years, 3 months.<sup>110</sup> Olive was the widow of William S. Emerson.<sup>111</sup>

Children of Ivory and his first wife, Louisa (McCulloch) Lord, b. Wells/Kennebunk:<sup>112</sup>

- i AUGUSTA HEPZIBAH LORD, b. 29 Aug. 1819, d. Groton, Mass., 20 June 1844, aged 25;<sup>113</sup> m. Kennebunk, 30 Aug. 1843, Rev. JOSEPH COUCH SMITH,<sup>114</sup> b. Waltham, Mass., 18 July 1819, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Couch) Smith,<sup>115</sup> d. Honolulu, Hawaii, 28 Dec. 1857, aged 38.<sup>116</sup> He m. (2) (int.) Groton, 7 Nov. 1846, Margaret Ann Brigham.<sup>117</sup> Joseph was called as minister in Groton on 28 May 1843 and he was ordained there on 12 July 1843.<sup>118</sup>
- ii WILLIAM FRANCIS LORD, b. 26 Feb. 1821, d. Kennebunk, 20 Dec. 1883;<sup>119</sup> m. Kennebunk, 14 June 1844, OLIVIA MATILDA PORTER,<sup>120</sup> b. Kennebunk, 27 March 1823, daughter of Horace and Lavina (Fisher) Porter, d. Kennebunk, 22 Jan. 1890.<sup>121</sup> William was a farmer in 1850 and 1860 and an insurance agent in 1870 and 1880.<sup>122</sup>

<sup>110</sup> Mass. VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 446:512; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #115431355.

<sup>111</sup> Olive L. Bourne and William Emerson m. Kennebunk, 8 Dec. 1828 (Kennebunk VRs, 2:55 [DGS #7595725, image 366]).

<sup>112</sup> All births recorded in Kennebunk VRs, 2:68 [DGS #7595725, image 373].

<sup>113</sup> *Vital Records of Groton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass., 1926–27), 2:113.

<sup>114</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 51 [DGS #7595725, image 165]; marriage notice, *Boston Courier*, 30 Sept. 1843, p. 2 [genealogybank].

<sup>115</sup> *Vital Records of Waltham, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, 1904), 84; his parents m. 2 Oct. 1810 (*Newburyport VRs* [note 11], 2:439). Daughter Louisa A. (Smith) Hall's 1913 death record confirms her father's birthplace of Waltham (Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]).

<sup>116</sup> [Honolulu] *Polynesian*, 2 Jan. 1858, p. 9 [genealogybank]. "In Honolulu, the Rev. Joseph C. Smith, a Unitarian clergyman, late from Newton Corner, Mass. The deceased had suffered for several months with an affection [*sic*] of the lungs, and hoped that a voyage and residence in a tropical climate would have proved favorable to his health. After his arrival, he was able to ride out but two or three times; gradually sinking, he died on the 30th [*sic*] of December. . . . He was a graduate of Bowdoin College, and also of Andover Seminary. . . . He was called to settle over the Unitarian Society in Groton, Mass., and from thence to the Society at Newton Corner, where he was pleasantly located when overtaken by disease. He leaves a widow and children to mourn his loss." ([Honolulu] *Friend*, 1 Feb. 1858, p. 16 [genealogybank]).

<sup>117</sup> *Groton VRs* [note 113], 2:161.

<sup>118</sup> Caleb Butler, *History of the Town of Groton, Including Pepperell and Shirley* (Boston, 1848), 204.

<sup>119</sup> *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], 110; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #115325026.

<sup>120</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 52 [DGS #7595725, image 166].

<sup>121</sup> *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], 110; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #115325289.

<sup>122</sup> William F. Lord household, 1850–1880 U.S. Censuses, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, p. 87B (1850), p. 1084 (1860), p. 312A (1870), E.D. 192, p. 292C (1880).

- iii LOUISA LORD, b. 4 April 1823, d. Kennebunk, 28 May 1886, aged 63y;<sup>123</sup> m. Kennebunk, 7 June 1848, JOSEPH DANE,<sup>124</sup> b. Kennebunk, 21 Feb. 1823, son of Joseph and Mary (Clark) Dane;<sup>125</sup> d. Kennebunk, 17 March 1884, aged 61y 24d.<sup>126</sup> Joseph graduated from Bowdoin College in 1843 and became a lawyer in 1846. At the time of his death he was president of the Ocean National Bank, president of the Kennebunk & Kennebunkport Railroad, treasurer of the Kennebunk Savings Bank, overseer of Bowdoin College, and president of the Maine Unitarian Association. In 1882, he was the Democratic candidate for Congress from the first district.<sup>127</sup>
- iv ELIZABETH WATTS LORD, b. 25 March 1825, d. 8 Oct. 1858, aged 33;<sup>128</sup> m. Kennebunk, 7 June 1853, as his 2nd wife, Capt. NATHANIEL LORD THOMPSON,<sup>129</sup> one of the town's most famous sea captains and shipbuilders. He was a sea captain at age 23y in 1834, but in Dec. 1844, he began to build ships in partnership with the Titcomb family. They built 8 ships together at Kennebunk Landing before Nathaniel severed his relationship with the Titcombs to purchase Clement Littlefield's shipyard in Kennebunkport.<sup>130</sup> He was born in Kennebunkport, 24 July 1811, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth S. (Huff) Thompson, and d. in Kennebunk, 8 Feb. 1889.<sup>131</sup> He had m. (1) Kennebunk, 28 Aug. 1841, Jane Stone Lord,<sup>132</sup> and m. (3) Kennebunk, 29 Dec. 1859, Nancy Frances Hackett.<sup>133</sup>
- v JOHN ADAMS LORD, b. 28 Oct. 1827, d. Kennebunk 7 Dec 1913, aged 86y 1m 9d;<sup>134</sup> m. Kennebunk, 18 Jan. 1853, LUCY AMANDA WARREN,<sup>135</sup> b. Kennebunk, 7 Aug. 1829, daughter of Alexander and Lucy (Kelly) Warren;<sup>136</sup> d. Kennebunk, 24 May 1895, aged 65y 8m 14d.<sup>137</sup> John was called a merchant in 1860 and a gentleman in 1880.<sup>138</sup>

<sup>123</sup> *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], 111; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #74396717.

<sup>124</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:125 [DGS #7595725, image 402].

<sup>125</sup> *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], 111; his parents m. 3 Oct. 1808 (Kennebunk Marriages, p. 12 [DGS #7595725, image 126]).

<sup>126</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #74396521; Kennebunk Deaths, p. 63 [DGS #7595725, image 300].

<sup>127</sup> Obituary, *Bangor Daily Whig and Courier*, 18 March 1884.

<sup>128</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #56806996.

<sup>129</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 63 [DGS #7595725, image 177]; 2:134 [ibid., image 407].

<sup>130</sup> Margaret J. Thompson, *Captain Nathaniel Lord Thompson and the Ships He Built* (Boston, 1937), 2–3, 18.

<sup>131</sup> *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], 111.

<sup>132</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 63 [DGS #7595725, image 177]; 2:134 [ibid., image 407].

<sup>133</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 73 [DGS #7595725, image 187].

<sup>134</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>135</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 63 [DGS #7595725, image 177]; 2:134 [ibid., image 407].

<sup>136</sup> Kennebunk Births, p. 14 [DGS #7595725, image 23]; *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], 111.

<sup>137</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>138</sup> John A. Lord household, 1860 and 1880 U.S. Censuses, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, p. 1080 (1860), E.D. 192, p. 292D (1880).

- vi OLIVE LORD, b. 27 Jan. 1831, d. Kennebunk, 29 Aug. 1884, aged 53y;<sup>139</sup> m. Kennebunk, 1 Jan. 1851 as his first wife, Dr. EDWARD WATTS MORTON,<sup>140</sup> b. Portland, 30 Aug. 1828, son of Stephen and Sally Wood (Frost) Morton,<sup>141</sup> d. Kennebunk, 10 Jan. 1894, aged 65y 4m 11d.<sup>142</sup> He m. (2) Kennebunk, 17 May 1886, Luella F. Jordan.<sup>143</sup> Dr. Morton was the Kennebunk's leading physician.<sup>144</sup>
- vii FREDERICK LORD, b. 26 June 1833, d. Kennebunk, 17 Jan. 1837.<sup>145</sup>

**JAMES TITCOMB** was a grandson of Stephen Titcomb, who came about 1740 to the Kennebunk area where he was a mill man, lumberman, trader, and shipbuilder, building “coasters” including the schooner *Endeavor* in 1747.<sup>146</sup> The Titcomb shipyard, the last functioning yard at the Landing, shut down shortly after the death of James's son George in 1857.<sup>147</sup> James was born in Wells 14 March 1783, son of Benjamin Franklin Titcomb and his first wife, Mary (Burnham).<sup>148</sup> James died in Kennebunk 19 October 1842.<sup>149</sup> He married in Kennebunkport, 26 July 1821, ABIGAIL WILDES DURRELL,<sup>150</sup> born in Arundel 15 November 1796, daughter of Jacob and Lucy (Wildes) Durrell.<sup>151</sup> She died in Kennebunk 22 December 1869, aged 73.<sup>152</sup>

Children of James and Abigail (Durrell) Titcomb, b. Kennebunk:<sup>153</sup>

- i JOSEPH TITCOMB, b. 8 June 1822, d. Kennebunk, 25 Dec. 1891, aged 69;<sup>154</sup> m. Kennebunk, 23 Dec. 1852, MARY ANN WISE,<sup>155</sup> b. Kennebunk, 17 Oct. 1824,

<sup>139</sup> Kennebunk Deaths, p. 63 [DGS #7595725, image 300].

<sup>140</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 61 [DGS #7595725, image 175].

<sup>141</sup> Kennebunk Births, p. 13 [DGS #7595725, image 22]. Edward's mother's maiden name is given as “Wood” on her gravestone [photo, findagrave.com #121185348] and as “Frost” on Edward's death record [note 142]. *Lieut. Tobias Lord Descs.* [note 36], 111, clears up the confusion, identifying her as Sally Wood (Frost) Morton.

<sup>142</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #121185581.

<sup>143</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 51 [DGS #7595725, image 219].

<sup>144</sup> Edward W. Morton household, 1860–1880 U.S. Censuses, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, p. 1084 (1860), p. 313B (1870), p. 292C (1880).

<sup>145</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:68 [DGS #7595725, image 373].

<sup>146</sup> Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk* [note 15], 764.

<sup>147</sup> Titcomb Shipyard, Kennebunk Landing, ca. 1850–60, <mainememory.net/artifact/10717>.

<sup>148</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 147, 157.

<sup>149</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:68 [DGS #7595725, image 373]; gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #168930682.

<sup>150</sup> Harold Clarke Durrell, “Philip<sup>1</sup> Durrell and His Descendants,” NEHGR 133(1979):46. Their marriage intentions were dated Kennebunkport, 6 July 1821 (Kennebunkport VRs, 1:518 [DGS #7595725, image 322]).

<sup>151</sup> Philip<sup>1</sup> Durrell [note 150], NEHGR 133:45–46. Her parents m. Arundel, 31 Dec. 1783 (Kennebunkport VRs, 1:586 [DGS #7595725, image 358]).

<sup>152</sup> Gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #168930828.

<sup>153</sup> Names and birth dates from Philip<sup>1</sup> Durrell [note 150], NEHGR 133:46.

<sup>154</sup> Kennebunk Deaths, p. 73 [DGS #7595725, image 310]; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #114840084.

<sup>155</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:133 [DGS #7595725, image 406].

daughter of William and Jane (Perkins) Wise,<sup>156</sup> d. Kennebunk, 25 Nov. 1887, aged 63.<sup>157</sup> Joseph, a graduate of Bowdoin College in 1843, initially was a lawyer, but soon became a successful merchant who served as a member of the Maine Senate (1849–1852), the Maine House of Representatives (1852), and a trustee of Bowdoin College (1868–1891).<sup>158</sup>

- ii LUCY WILDES TITCOMB, b. 22 Dec. 1824, d. 28 Dec. 1824, aged 6d.<sup>159</sup>
- iii GEORGE PAYSON TITCOMB, b. 9 Nov. 1825, d. Kennebunk, 8 Sept. 1857, aged 32y;<sup>160</sup> never married. George was a shipbuilder in 1850.<sup>161</sup>
- iv WILLIAM TITCOMB, b. 23 Jan. 1828, d. Kennebunk, of congestion of the brain, 11 Aug. 1851, aged 23y 6m.<sup>162</sup> He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1848 and was described as a shipbuilder in 1850.<sup>163</sup>
- v LUCY WILDES TITCOMB, b. 6 Nov. 1830, d. Kennebunk, 7 May 1908, aged 77y 6m;<sup>164</sup> m. Kennebunk, 4 April 1859, JAMES MONROE STONE,<sup>165</sup> b. Kennebunkport, 8 April 1826, son of Capt. James and Lydia (Perkins) Stone,<sup>166</sup> and d. Kennebunk, 15 Dec. 1907, aged 81y 8m 7d.<sup>167</sup> James was a graduate of Brown University in 1853 and admitted to the bar of York County in 1856. He was a member of the Maine Legislature for 1854 and 1855 from Kennebunkport; and in 1860, 1864, 1865, and 1870 from Kennebunk and he was Speaker of the House in 1866.<sup>168</sup>
- vi JAMES WILDES TITCOMB, b. 12 July 1833, d. 29 July 1833, aged 17d.<sup>169</sup>
- vii ABBY TITCOMB, b. 20 Oct. 1834, d. 3 May 1838, aged 3y 6m.<sup>170</sup>

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<sup>156</sup> “Philip<sup>1</sup> Durrell” [note 150], NEHGR 133:46, which incorrectly says that she was b. 27 Oct. 1829; her birth date given recorded in Kennebunk Births, p. 63 [DGS #7595725, image 177], and on her gravestone.

<sup>157</sup> Kennebunk Deaths, p. 67 [DGS #7595725, image 304]; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #114840571.

<sup>158</sup> “Philip<sup>1</sup> Durrell” [note 150], NEHGR 133:46.

<sup>159</sup> Gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #168931321.

<sup>160</sup> Kennebunk Deaths, p. 33 [DGS #7595725, image 267]; gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #168931606.

<sup>161</sup> Abigail Titcomb household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, p. 86B.

<sup>162</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:191 [DGS #7595725, image 427]; gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #168931962. “He recently returned from Europe, as was thought, with improved health. But a few days before his death, he gradually lost the power of articulating, and then the use of his limbs—supposed at first to be in consequence of a stroke of the sun, in which condition he died. He was a fine scholar, and a young man of much promise” ([Saco] *Maine Democrat*, 19 Aug. 1851, p. 3 [genealogybank]).

<sup>163</sup> Death record [note 162]; Abigail Titcomb household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, p. 86B.

<sup>164</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #60372681.

<sup>165</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 72 [DGS #7595725, image 186].

<sup>166</sup> “Philip<sup>1</sup> Durrell” [note 150], NEHGR 133:46.

<sup>167</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #60372564.

<sup>168</sup> Clayton, *Hist. of York County* [note 47], 102.

<sup>169</sup> Gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #168931348.

<sup>170</sup> Gravestone photo, findagrave.com #168931384.

**ROBERT SMITH Jr.**, son of an Arundel merchant, was a merchant, ship owner, and shipbuilder at the Landing, and was known to have employed in his yard at least two master carpenters, Asa Durrell and Isaac Hall.<sup>171</sup> He was born in Arundel 25 November 1801, son of Robert and Lydia (Hovey) Smith.<sup>172</sup> He died in Kennebunk 15 January 1894, aged 92 years, 1 month, 22 days.<sup>173</sup> He married LUCY ROBERTS, their marriage intentions dated Kennebunk, 19 March 1836.<sup>174</sup> Lucy was born in Kennebunk 8 April 1814, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Wildes) Roberts, and died in Kennebunk 11 January 1892, aged 77 years, 9 months, 3 days.<sup>175</sup> In 1850 Robert Smith, aged 48, merchant, and wife Lucy R., aged 36, were living in Kennebunk with their three daughters. Also residing in the household was Abigail W. Roberts, aged 34, who was possibly Lucy's sister.<sup>176</sup>

Children of Robert Jr. and Lucy (Roberts) Smith:

- i ISADORA A. SMITH, b. 30 Nov. 1840, d. 4 Dec. 1940.<sup>177</sup> She never married.<sup>178</sup>
- ii LUCY A. SMITH, b. 19 July 1845, d. 6 Aug. 1942;<sup>179</sup> m. Kennebunk, 1 Jan. 1872, FRANK WILDES of Boston.<sup>180</sup> He was b. Boston, 17 June 1843, son of Solomon Lovell and Sophia (Rice) Wildes,<sup>181</sup> and d. 6 Feb. 1903 while "returning from command of Southern Squadron Asiatic Station."<sup>182</sup> Frank Wildes was a Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy who served under Adm. David Farragut at Mobile Bay and under Adm. George Dewey at Manila Bay.<sup>183</sup> His death was reported in newspapers around the country.

<sup>171</sup> Daggett, *Fifty Years of Fortitude* [note 1], 46, 57. Capt. Charles Barry, one of the owners of the *Mount Washington* being built by Robert Smith Jr. under master carpenter Asa Durrell, wrote in 1846: "I have no doubt Mr. Smith will build a good ship, but he is such a good-natured, easy soul, that I think you will require to look after his workmen a little to see they do not share in poor pieces & sap. I hope he will have a good foreman" (ibid., 58, citing ship *Mount Washington*, Construction Invoices, William Lord Papers, Brick Store Museum, Kennebunk, Maine).

<sup>172</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #140178381.

<sup>173</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, findagrave.com #140178381.

<sup>174</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:461 [DGS #7595725, image 362].

<sup>175</sup> Death record, Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; her parents m. 5 Aug. 1810 (Kennebunk Marriages, p. 14 [DGS #7595725, image 128]; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #140178425, her birth date inscribed on her gravestone.

<sup>176</sup> Robert Smith household, 1850 U.S. Census, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, p. 84.

<sup>177</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #140178464, the inscription giving her full dates of birth and death.

<sup>178</sup> She was single and aged 99y in Clarence L. Christie household, 1940 U.S. Census, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, E.D. 16-36, p. 5A.

<sup>179</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, findagrave.com #140178298, the inscription giving her full dates of birth and death.

<sup>180</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 88 [DGS #7595725, image 202].

<sup>181</sup> Obituary [note 182].

<sup>182</sup> Obituary, *Springfield [Mass.] Republican*, 8 Feb. 1903, p. 1 [genealogybank]; gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #18122098.

<sup>183</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #18122098.

- iii MARGARET R. SMITH, b. April 1848,<sup>184</sup> d. 1944;<sup>185</sup> m. Kennebunk, 27 Sept 1871, FESSENDEN VINTON CARNEY.<sup>186</sup> He was b. Alna, Maine, 27 Dec. 1843, son of William and Lucia (Benson) Carney;<sup>187</sup> and d. Portland, 7 May 1917, aged 73y 4m 10d.<sup>188</sup> Fessenden Carney was a grocer in Portland.<sup>189</sup>

**CLEMENT LITTLEFIELD** opened a shipyard at the Landing while a young man.<sup>190</sup> He built over twenty-seven ships, many of them large square riggers of 1300 tons or more.<sup>191</sup> He sold his shipyard to shipbuilder Nathaniel Lord Thompson in 1858, who in turn sold part of the property to the Clark brothers (Clement's sons-in-law). Clement later worked as a master carpenter at both shipyards.<sup>192</sup> He was born in Wells 2 April 1814, son of David and Dorothy/Dolly (Grant) Littlefield,<sup>193</sup> and died in Somerville, Massachusetts, 5 June 1892, aged 78 years 2 months.<sup>194</sup> He married in Kennebunk, 10 December 1835, MARY AUGUSTA THOMPSON,<sup>195</sup> born in Wells 19 May 1817, daughter of William and Mary (Walton) Thompson.<sup>196</sup> She died in Kennebunk 13 January 1894, aged 76 years, 8 months.<sup>197</sup>

Children of Clement and Mary (Thompson) Littlefield:

- i MARY F. LITTLEFIELD, b. Kennebunk, 10 March 1836,<sup>198</sup> d. Kennebunkport, 12 July 1916, aged 80y 4m 2d;<sup>199</sup> m. (int.) Kennebunk, 21 May 1853, DAVID CLARK,

<sup>184</sup> Fessenden Carney household, 1900 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, E.D. 66, p. 11.

<sup>185</sup> Gravestone photo, Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #135671856, her stone giving her years of birth and death.

<sup>186</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 87 [DGS #7595725, image 201].

<sup>187</sup> William Carney family record, Portland Births, 6:16 [DGS #8203748, image 526]; his birthplace and the names of his parents given on his death record; his parents m. (int.) Alna, 28 Jan. 1834 (Marlene A. Groves, *Vital Records of Alna, Maine* [Rockland, Maine, 2012], 32).

<sup>188</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>189</sup> Fessenden Carney household, 1900 U.S. Census [note 184].

<sup>190</sup> In an interview with the *Biddeford Journal* in 1887, Clement said, "I came here when I was 16 years old and went to work, learning my trade at the Landing. When I was 21 years old, I had acquired sufficient proficiency in my trade so that I was made foreman of the yard, where I was at the time. Shortly after that I bought this field down here and had a shipyard of my own." (Sharon Cummins, "Interview with a 19th-Century Kennebunk Shipbuilder," <www.someoldnews.com>).

<sup>191</sup> Priscilla Eaton, *The Littlefield Genealogy: Descendants of Edmund Littlefield of Wells, Maine, Through Six Generations* (Waterville, Maine, 2020), 812.

<sup>192</sup> Clement Littlefield interview [note 190].

<sup>193</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 162, 249; his parents m. Wells, 16 May 1798 (*ibid.*, 92).

<sup>194</sup> Mass VRs, 1841–1910 [note 16], 428:356; gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #61260151.

<sup>195</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 41 [DGS #7595725, image 155].

<sup>196</sup> Shelley, *Wells VRs* [note 9], 163; Eaton, *Littlefield Genealogy* [note 191], 812.

<sup>197</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #61260637.

<sup>198</sup> Kennebunk Births, p. 17 [DGS #7595725, image 26].

<sup>199</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, findagrave.com #57894557.



- both of Kennebunk,<sup>200</sup> b. Sanford, 7 Oct. 1827, son of Abner and Betsey (Wakefield) Clark and brother of Abner Clark below,<sup>201</sup> d. Kennebunkport, 30 Nov. 1902, aged 75y 1m 23d.<sup>202</sup> David was a shipbuilder.<sup>203</sup>
- ii OLIVE LITTLEFIELD, b. Kennebunk, 30 Aug. 1838,<sup>204</sup> d. Portland, 10 Jan 1911, aged 72y 4m 10d;<sup>205</sup> m. (1) Kennebunk, 3 June 1860 ABNER CLARK,<sup>206</sup> b. Jan. 1834, son of Abner and Betsey (Wakefield) Clark and brother of David Clark above,<sup>207</sup> the marriage ending in divorce 27 Jan. 1865.<sup>208</sup> She m. (2) Kennebunk, 22 Nov. 1882, CHARLES WESTCOTE GOOCH,<sup>209</sup> b. Kennebunk, 11 Aug. 1829, son of Daniel and Priscilla (Huff) Gooch,<sup>210</sup> d. Portland, 9 July 1914, aged 84y 10m 28d.<sup>211</sup> Abner was a farmer and shipbuilder,<sup>212</sup> while Charles was a ship carpenter.<sup>213</sup>
- iii DAVID LITTLEFIELD, b. Kennebunk, 17 July 1840,<sup>214</sup> d. Kennebunk, 29 Sept. 1841, aged 14m.<sup>215</sup>
- iv JANE/JENNIE MARIA LITTLEFIELD, b. Kennebunkport, 9 April 1843,<sup>216</sup> d. Swampscott, Mass., 28 Sept. 1915, aged 72y 5m 21d;<sup>217</sup> m. ca. 1865, JOHN WESLEY CHATMAN,<sup>218</sup> b. Kennebunk, 23 March 1842,<sup>219</sup> son of Otho and Elizabeth

<sup>200</sup> Kennebunk VRs, 2:227 [DGS #7595725, image 446].

<sup>201</sup> His parents named on his death record; will of Abner Clark Sr. of Sanford, naming his son David (York Co. Probate Records, #2973 [DGS #7315281, image 883].

<sup>202</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org].

<sup>203</sup> David Clark household, 1860 U.S. Census, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, p. 1065; Clement Littlefield interview [note 190] indicates that brothers David and Abner Clark learned the shipbuilding trade under the tutelage of Clement Littlefield before opening a shipyard of their own.

<sup>204</sup> Birth date from gravestone; birthplace from death record.

<sup>205</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; gravestone photo, Home Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #73953707.

<sup>206</sup> Divorce record, York Co. Supreme Judicial County Records, 22:108–9 [DGS #4743556, images 136–37].

<sup>207</sup> Abner Clark household, 1900 U.S. Census, San Luis Obispo, Salinas Co., Calif., E.D. 29, p. 15; son Abner named in his father's will [note 201].

<sup>208</sup> Divorce record [note 206]. In her divorce complaint, Olive accused Abner of adultery and abandonment.

<sup>209</sup> Kennebunk Marriages, p. 101 [DGS #7595725, image 215].

<sup>210</sup> Birth date from gravestone; birthplace and parents' names from death record.

<sup>211</sup> Maine Vital Records, 1670–1921 [image, familysearch.org]; gravestone photo, Home Cemetery, Kennebunk, findagrave.com #73953540.

<sup>212</sup> Abner was described as a farmer in U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863–1865, ancestry.com, but he was also a shipbuilder [note 203].

<sup>213</sup> Charles W. Gooch household, 1870 and 1880 U.S. Censuses, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, p. 301B (1870), E.D. 192, p. 282C (1880)

<sup>214</sup> Kennebunk Births, p. 19 [DGS #7595725, image 28].

<sup>215</sup> Kennebunk Deaths, p. 20 [DGS #7595725, image 253]; gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, findagrave.com #171459213.

<sup>216</sup> Her birth date, birthplace, and parents' names from her death record.

<sup>217</sup> Massachusetts Vital Records, 1911–1915 (index and images at americanancestors.org), 1915/78:447.

<sup>218</sup> They reported in 1900 as being married 35 years (John W. Chatman household, 1900 U.S. Census, Swampscott, Essex Co., Mass., E.D. 466, p. 21).

<sup>219</sup> U.S. Passport Applications, 1795–1925, image, ancestry.com.

(Low) Chatman,<sup>220</sup> d. Swampscott, Mass., 28 Oct. 1921, in his 80th year.<sup>221</sup> John's obituary called him a retired wholesale dry goods merchant of Boston: "Mr. Chatman came to Boston directly after the Civil War and entered the old Boston firm of Jackson, Mandell & Daniels, dealers in wholesale dry goods, and ultimately succeeded to the head of the business. . . . Mr. Chatman retired from business 25 years ago."<sup>222</sup>

v CLEMENTINA LITTLEFIELD, b. Kennebunk, 19 Feb. 1859,<sup>223</sup> d. Kennebunk, 22 March 1859, aged 5w.<sup>224</sup>

#### CONCLUSIONS

1. Nearly all the shipbuilders at Kennebunk Landing in the early 1840s were raised in the town of Wells. Only Henry Kingsbury was raised in a different town, Wiscasset, a town on the seacoast further down east.
2. Most of the shipbuilders at Kennebunk Landing were brought up in families where shipbuilding had been an occupation in previous generations. Only David Little, Henry Kingsbury, and Clement Littlefield did not have a father and/or grandfather who was in the shipbuilding trade.
3. Many of the shipbuilders at Kennebunk Landing had siblings or children who married into the families of the other shipbuilders at the Landing.

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<sup>220</sup> Wesley J. Chatman, age 8 in 1850 and age 18 in 1860 in Otho Chatman household, 1850 and 1860 U.S. Censuses, Kennebunk, York Co., Maine, pp. 78, 1059; his parents m. (int.) Kennebunk, 12 Oct. 1839 (Kennebunk VRs, 2:81 [DGS #7595725, image 379]).

<sup>221</sup> Obituary, *Boston Globe*, 29 Oct. 1921, p. 5.

<sup>222</sup> Obituary, *Boston Globe*, 29 Oct. 1921, p. 5.

<sup>223</sup> Kennebunk Births, p. 29 [DGS #7595725, image 38].

<sup>224</sup> Gravestone photo, Evergreen Cemetery, findagrave.com #171459297.

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