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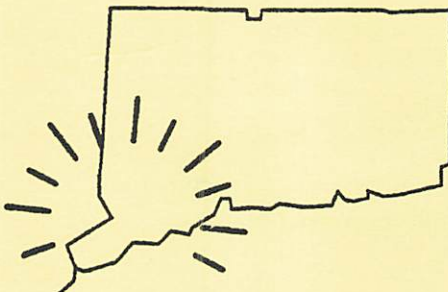
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## A Message From the New President

At this year's annual meeting, I had the honor of being elected President of Connecticut Ancestry. I would like to thank the members in attendance for their vote of confidence, and the Board members for their continuing encouragement and support. During the past four years as a Board member I handled Publication Sales for the Society, and served as the delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies, a role that will now be assumed by Rod MacKenzie.

Also at the annual meeting Rob Locke was elected Vice President. Rob, who designed the Society's web site, serves as the Webmaster. Additionally, he has been very active in transcribing church and bible records for publication in our journal. I'm thrilled to be working closely with Rob as we both share a common goal of providing more programs and content for the members.

I would especially like to thank our past President, Joe Hoefflinger and past Vice President, Fred Hart for their continuing service to Connecticut Ancestry. These two dedicated individuals deserve both your appreciation and respect. Under their inspired leadership, Connecticut Ancestry has:

- increased membership
- completed a successful 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, including the publication of a special issue of our journal which received critical acclaim
- and managed to ensure that the society remained financially sound

All of this without increasing the dues over the past four years! That is quite a record of achievement! Thank you Joe and Fred.

Both Rob Locke and I are very pleased that Joe and Fred will continue on as members of the Board. Joe will continue as the Delegate to the New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC), and will also be chairing a Bylaws Review Committee. Fred will remain as the Society's Genealogist, and will continue his work with the Connecticut Coalition of Genealogical Societies and Town Clerks. We appreciate their dedication and are grateful that we will be able to draw upon their knowledge and experience as we are presented with new challenges.

Speaking of challenges, one of the greatest I see in the years ahead is determining how to stimulate member participation in the Society's Board of Directors. I believe that it is critical for a society to continuously encourage members with different backgrounds and experiences to come forward and help shape the future. Consequently, I would like to encourage all members to become more involved in Society activities. For example, the position of Program Chair still remains open. Additionally, we would also welcome anyone interested in helping with Publication Sales or any other area of Board activities. Please feel free to send me an email or give me a call to discuss your desired area of interest and participation.

Also, let's not forget our Connecticut Ancestry Journal. The very reason for its existence is to publish articles written by the members. Since our editor, Harlan Jessup, tells me that articles are always welcome, perhaps it's time to consider submitting that family history you always intended to publish. Remember that publishing your article is the best way to preserve the research that you have done over the years. Future generations will thank you for your efforts.

Above all, please remember that this is your Society. We on the board have accepted the challenge of making your membership worthwhile.

How will you accept the challenge of making a contribution to your Society?

Sincerely yours,  
*Richard F. Roof Jr.*

## Editorial Notes

This issue of your journal represents a changing of the guard with a new President and Vice-President for your Society. We welcome Rick Roof and Rob Locke to these positions, and we want to add our expression of appreciation for dedicated service from the outgoing President and Vice-President, Joe Hoefflinger and Fred Hart, whose active involvement with the Society is expected to continue.

The lead article in this issue represents two years of research by your editor with key inputs from other researchers. This Hall family originated in Fairfield, but its journey to Newtown came through Dutchess County with its sparse records and New Fairfield with its burned records. The family's interesting history, which includes a wayward Baptist minister, was resolved with several unique sources including an unraveling by an astute researcher at New England Historic and Genealogical Society.

Other articles on area families include the sorting of two Abraham Woods of Pound Ridge by Fred Hart and a continuation of the John Mills family of Stamford by Helen Ullmann. A new contributor to our journal, Robert W. Hull, with the help of your editor, has put together a very early Dutch family, that of Francis Hendrick(s) whose children settled in the widely spaced communities of Norwalk, Newtown, and Wallingford, Connecticut.

Rob Locke (your new vice-president) and I have concluded our transcription of the early records of the Congregational Church of Brookfield with the 19<sup>th</sup> century annotated membership lists which include dates of dismissal to other churches (and probably departures from the area) and deaths which may not be included in town records.

Please make special note of our new Proxy Exchange Project coordinated by Fred Hart. Adding to the Smith project in the last issue is a request for Holly males to make contribution to that family's DNA database. Also note the two queries on the Mills/Hyatt and Patrick/Hoyt families.

We have just two short articles on deck for the November issue. There certainly is much more out there waiting to be researched and documented. Please consider how you can contribute to our store of information on the history of families, both old and new, from our southwestern Connecticut area.

*Harlan R. Jessup*

This is *your* journal on Connecticut families and Connecticut research. Sharing your knowledge of sources, your genealogical techniques, and the results of your research is what keeps the publication going. Reports on work in progress are encouraged—reader response to such an article may advance your research. Whatever you send is appreciated. We will acknowledge all contributions.

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## Ancestry and Children of Alexander HALL, 1800-1856, of Newtown, Connecticut

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The search began with Alexander Hall whose marriage to Rebecca Colburn is recorded in Newtown, Connecticut, on 28 April 1821.<sup>1</sup> Ten children of this marriage had been identified, and Rebecca's ancestry had been found, but Alexander's parentage remained a mystery. The record of his Newtown death on 11 November 1856 at age 56 says he was born in New Fairfield.<sup>2</sup> But New Fairfield vital records and land records were all destroyed by fire in 1867, and little seemed available to advance the search. And the earlier residence of the Hall family in Dutchess County, New York, with its relative paucity of records, compounded difficulties with older generations.

The discovery, piecemeal and by good fortune, of a remarkable set of unique and unusual records has permitted the tracing of Alexander's Hall ancestry to Francis Hall, the immigrant to New Haven in 1639 and to Fairfield by 1654. These include:

- The every-name indexing of New Fairfield probate records in the Danbury Probate District by Carol Ballard of the New Fairfield Historical Society, without which we would not have found the reference to Alexander Hall naming his mother Polly Birch.
- A 1929 letter by Carrie M. Crane Phelps which names Alexander's father as Ashbel and his probable grandfather as Daniel Hall. This is the only item in the vertical file for "Hall" at the Putnam County, New York, Archives.
- The discovery by a researcher at the New England Historic Genealogical Society that a deposition by a later Ashbell B. Hall, a grandson of Daniel, had been placed in the Revolutionary War pension file of the wrong Daniel Hall.
- A query placed in David VanHoosear's genealogical column in the *Norwalk Hour* in 1927 which names seven children of Daniel Hall, including Ashbel. This source is cited in a genealogy of the Beers family, and was reported by the NEHGS researcher above.

The early Hall generations are documented by Donald Lines Jacobus in *Families of Old Fairfield*.<sup>3</sup> This names Daniel<sup>5</sup> as the only son of Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> Hall, but says nothing more about him except that Abel Hall was appointed his guardian in September, 1762. Though our search began with Alexander Hall, the discussion of the family begins with his grandfather, this Daniel<sup>5</sup> Hall.

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<sup>1</sup> Newtown Vital Records 2:35.

<sup>2</sup> Newtown Vital Records, *Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1852-1870*:123.

<sup>3</sup> Donald Lines Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, vol. 1(1930):249-256; vol. 2(1932):425-434.

### Fifth Generation

1. Daniel<sup>5</sup> HALL (*Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3,2</sup>, Francis<sup>1</sup>*), born Fairfield, Connecticut, 1 March 1748, died New Haven, Oswego County, New York, 27 May 1837, married 1 February 1778<sup>4</sup> Sarah<sup>5</sup> BEERS (*Peter<sup>4</sup>, Elnathan<sup>3</sup>, Barnabas<sup>2</sup>, Anthony<sup>1</sup>*), born 30 June and baptized 3 August 1760, died after May 1837.<sup>5</sup>

That this Daniel is the son of Nathaniel Hall is proven by a deed dated 3 March 1780 in which Daniel Hall of Fairfield conveyed to William Duncombe of Fairfield the "dwelling house and barn in Fairfield near Fairfield Mill River, being the homestead of my father Nathanael Hall, dec<sup>d</sup>."<sup>6</sup>

The Phelps letter, described more fully below, reported Ashbel to be the father of Alexander Hall and "I think Ashbel's father was Daniel Hall."<sup>7</sup> Search for the unusual name Ashbel soon led to a power of attorney dated 26 December 1851 and signed at Oswego County, New York, in the Revolutionary War pension file of Daniel Hall of Jefferson County, New York, by Ashbell B. Hall, stating that he was a grandson of Daniel Hall, deceased.<sup>8</sup> But the Daniel Hall in that file had sworn in 1820 that he was age 69 and had served in the Massachusetts line. He could not be connected to "our" Daniel Hall of Fairfield and of Dutchess County, New York. Fortunately, an astute researcher at New England Historic Genealogical Society recognized that there was another pension file for a Daniel Hall of Oswego County, which is where Asbell B. Hall had signed, and this file gave details consistent with what was known of Daniel Hall of Dutchess County.<sup>9</sup>

This Daniel Hall resided in New Haven, Oswego County, and was 74 years old when he applied for pension on 24 September 1832. His application gives many details of his service, stating that he enlisted in April 1775 for seven months in Col. David Waterbury's regiment. He marched from Stratford to Horse Neck (Greenwich) and then to New York for a month or two. Thence he went by water to Albany and by land to Ticonderoga except that he served as a guard in a boat transporting flour from Fort George. From Ticonderoga they went by water to Isle au Noix, stopping briefly at Crown Point, and then to the siege of St. John's where he was slightly wounded in the leg. After the fort surrendered (on 2 November 1775) he marched to Montreal where he remained until his time expired. He then reenlisted for a term of five months and served garrison duty at Montreal and St. John's. After this service he reenlisted again for one year and soon marched to Albany for three or four weeks and then to German Flats on the Mohawk River where they remained for the summer (of 1776) and then to Fort Schuyler where he received a warrant as sergeant from Col. Elmore and remained until his discharge on 16 April 1777.

<sup>4</sup> Birth, marriage, and death dates are found in Daniel Hall's Revolutionary War Pension File No. S10789.

<sup>5</sup> The ancestry of Sarah Beers is documented in Mary Louise Regan, *The Beers Genealogy: Volume Four, the Descendants of Anthony Beers of Fairfield, Connecticut, through his Son Barnabas*, Palatine, IL, 1982. This volume also lists the children of Daniel and Sarah Hall with reference to the *Norwalk Hour* column cited below.

<sup>6</sup> Fairfield Land Records 20:368.

<sup>7</sup> Letter, Carrie M. Crane Phelps to Mrs. Austin, 13 Feb 1929, in Hall vertical file at Putnam County (NY) Archives.

<sup>8</sup> Heritage Quest Online, Revolutionary War Pension Files, M805-388, File No. S44896.

<sup>9</sup> Heritage Quest Online, Revolutionary War Pension Files, M805-388, File No. S10789, cited in Case No. M011805D of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, a research report for Howard Hall of Chelmsford, MA, who has given permission to cite the results of this report.

His application also states that he was born “as he has been informed” in the Town of Fairfield on 1 March 1758, that since the war he lived in Pawling, Dutchess County, New York; and then, for the past 26 years, in New Haven, Oswego County, New York. Reported elsewhere in the file is his marriage to Sarah Beers on 1 February 1778 and that she survived him at his death on 26 May 1837. His son, Daniel, was resident of New Haven, Oswego County, in 1835.

Nathaniel Hall died at Stratfield, Connecticut, in 1761, and his widow, Rebecca, died apparently by 1774.<sup>10</sup> Three guardianship bonds were found for their son Daniel. On 17 September 1762 and again on 3 August 1773 Abel Hall (his uncle) was bonded guardian, and on 27 October 1777 Daniel Brindsmade of Stratford was guardian—some time *after* Daniel Hall’s military service.<sup>11</sup>

A search of land records in Stratford and Fairfield provides a few more details of Daniel’s early life. On 7 January 1755 his grandfather, Samuel Hall of Fairfield conveyed several parcels in Stratford for “love and affection” to his sons Nathaniel, Ebenezer, David, and Abell, and in two deeds dated 31 January 1758, Nathaniel disposed of all his Stratford lands.<sup>12</sup> Daniel Hall’s first deed is the one cited above, dated 3 March 1780, in which he sold, for £200, the house near Mill River, Fairfield, “being the homestead of my father, Nathaniel Hall, dec<sup>d</sup>.”<sup>13</sup> This conveyance apparently provided the capital for his further career. By 1 December 1781 he was “of Stratford” when he sold a remaining 1½ acres of meadow and marsh in Fairfield.<sup>14</sup> And on 29 January 1782, in his only Stratford deed, Daniel Hall of Dutchess County, New York, sold a house and land in Stratford for £20 to widow Abigail Beach.<sup>15</sup>

There are no Daniel Hall deeds recorded in Dutchess County, but the 1929 Phelps letter states that he lived “in the second house south of Mrs. Turner’s home.”<sup>16</sup> A deed dated 1 November 1928 conveys to Addie M. Osborn Turner of Pawling and her daughter Helena A. Turner Hill of Groveland, Florida, four parcels in Pawling.<sup>17</sup> Research with these and with the 1867 Beers atlas of Dutchess County places Daniel Hall’s dwelling in the extreme southeast corner of the county on or very near the Putnam County and Fairfield County borders. Daniel Hall appears in Pawling in the census of 1790 at 1-3-2 and in 1800 at 1-0-1-1-0 and 0-0-1-1-0. He was assessed in Pawling in October 1799 on a house and land worth \$300 and personal property of \$37.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Donald Lines Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, vol. 2(1932):429.

<sup>11</sup> Fairfield Probate Estate Papers, # 2630, 2631, 2632. Cited in Case No. M011805D of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society.

<sup>12</sup> Stratford Land Records 11:203,204.

<sup>13</sup> Fairfield Land Records 20:368.

<sup>14</sup> Fairfield Land Records 21:288.

<sup>15</sup> Stratford Land Records 20:187.

<sup>16</sup> See footnote #7.

<sup>17</sup> Dutchess County Lane Records 490:441.

<sup>18</sup> Cited in Frank J. Doherty, *Settlers of the Beekman Patent*, vol. 6, 2001, p. 85. This reference to Daniel Hall is among unplaced Halls in Doherty’s work. It should be noted that there is an erroneous report by Doherty of the marriage of this Daniel Hall to Ruth Barnum at the Oblong Friends Meeting in October 1783. A careful reading of the original meeting minutes on microfilm (FHL Film # 0017313) reveals this marriage and related Quaker records to be for a Daniel *Hull* rather than Hall.

A history of Oswego County, New York, reports that Daniel Hall settled in the town of New Haven in 1807-8 and "was one of the first officers of the town, and a prominent man of the early days." He was elected Overseer of the Poor and Fence-viewer in 1814.<sup>19</sup>

Children of Daniel and Sarah (Beers) Hall.<sup>20</sup>

2. i. Ashbel B.<sup>6</sup> HALL, b. say 1776, m. Polly BIRCH.
  - ii. Josiah HALL, no further record.
  - iii. Rebecca HALL, died young.
  - iv. Sally HALL, died young.
  - v. Daniel HALL, died young.
  - vi. Nathan HALL, died young.
3. vii. Daniel HALL (2nd), b. 1790-1800.

**Sixth Generation**

**2. Ashbel B.<sup>6</sup> HALL** (*Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3,2</sup>, Francis<sup>1</sup>*), b. say 1776, died probably before 1809, married ca 1799 [1<sup>st</sup> child], **Polly BIRCH**, born ca January 1779, died New Fairfield, Connecticut, 27 October 1853, æ 74y, 9m.<sup>21</sup> Polly Birch married, second, ca 1809, as his second wife, Jesse Scudder, born ca 1778, died New Fairfield, 10 June 1864, æ 86.<sup>22</sup>

The will of Jesse Scudder of New Fairfield, dated 4 July 1863 and proved 1 July 1864 names wife Jemima, sons Isaac and Meeker, grandson Hiram J. Stevens (son of deceased daughter Lavinia), and grandchildren George R. and Harriet E. Wilson (son and daughter of deceased daughter Harriet). The will also leaves \$100 each to the heirs of Alexander Hall, deceased, son of my second wife Polly, and to Ann Patchen, daughter of my deceased wife Polly.<sup>23</sup>

In *Families of Old Fairfield*, Jesse Scudder's wives are identified as Betsy Osborne, Polly Birch, and Jemima Barnum. The only date Jacobus gives for these is the death of Betsey on 1 October 1808.<sup>24</sup> Isaac and Meeker are sons of Jesse by his first wife, while his children by Polly include Lavinia, and Harriet. Lavinia born ca 1809, died 1841,<sup>25</sup> married 2 Dec 1830, Amos Russell Stevens (later known as Russell Stevens) of Litchfield<sup>26</sup> (only child Hiram J. Stevens). Harriet, born ca 1812,<sup>27</sup> died before 1863, married, 27 June 1838, Henry S. Wilson<sup>28</sup> (children George R. and Harriet E. Wilson).

<sup>19</sup> *History of Oswego County, New York*, Philadelphia, PA, 1877, pp. 340-2. Cited in Case No. M011805D of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society.

<sup>20</sup> Items #3205 and #3219 in David VanHoosear's genealogical column, *Norwalk Hour* of 14 Sep and 28 Sep 1917. A notebook compilation of this column is found in the local history collection at Wilton, CT, Public Library.

<sup>21</sup> Hale Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, New Fairfield Cemetery, p. 5.

<sup>22</sup> Hale Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, New Fairfield Cemetery, p. 5.

<sup>23</sup> Danbury Probate Court Record 26:195, The vital records and land records of New Fairfield were all lost in a fire in 1867. However, the probate district for New Fairfield was Danbury until 1975, and Carol Ballard of the New Fairfield Historical Society has indexed every name in those probate records related to New Fairfield families. The only Hall found was this Alexander, son of Isaac Scudder's second wife Polly.

<sup>24</sup> Donald Lines Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, vol. 2(1932):826.

<sup>25</sup> Hale Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, New Fairfield Cemetery, p. 5.

<sup>26</sup> *Litchfield County Post and Enquirer*, 2 Dec 1830.

<sup>27</sup> Age 38 with Henry, age 40, in 1850 census of Fairfield, Fairfield County, CT.

<sup>28</sup> *Danbury Times*, 27 Jun 1838.



Though the *Scudder Association Bulletin*<sup>29</sup> and other publications consistently name Polly Birch as the wife of Ashbel Hall and Isaac Scudder and the mother of Alexander and Anna Hall, her parents have not been identified. In the 1790 census there were some thirteen Burch/Burtch families in the Dutchess County towns of Pawling and Frederickstown (now Patterson, Putnam County), one of whom surely represents Polly's parentage. An attempt to prove how she might be related to Lamson Birch, a near neighbor of her son Alexander in Newtown at a later date, only showed that any relationship was at least several generations removed.

The name of Alexander's father comes from the copy of a 1929 letter, the only item in the vertical file on the Hall family in the Putnam County Archives in Brewster, New York.<sup>30</sup> The writer of the letter is Carrie M. Crane Phelps, born in New Fairfield, Connecticut, about 1860, daughter of Harrison and Jane Crane. Married after 1900 to Francis Phelps and living with him in Patterson, New York, in 1920, she was widowed and living again in New Fairfield in 1930.<sup>31</sup> No family relationship to the Halls has been established. The recipient, Mrs. Austin, must be the Sarah Austin found in the 1930 census of Patterson.<sup>32</sup> She was born 23 June 1880 in New Haven, Connecticut, daughter of Alexander M. Hall and Martha Davis,<sup>33</sup> and is thus a granddaughter of Alexander<sup>7</sup> Hall of Newtown.

The Phelps letter states that Alexander Hall's father was Ashbel Hall and his mother was Polly Birch, and that "I think (am not sure) Ashbel's father was Daniel Hall." It also states that after Ashbel Hall's death Polly married Jesse Scudder and after Polly's death Jesse married Jemima ( ) (Haviland) Barnum, and that "Jesse and Jemima" lived in one part of the house, and "Russell and Selina" in the other part. The letter goes on to mention other neighbors and relatives whose exact connection to the family has not been determined.

Reinforcing the identification of Ashbel as the son of Daniel and Sarah (Beers) Hall, Sarah had a brother Ashbel Beers, for whom Ashbel B. Hall was surely named.<sup>34</sup> In October of 1799 Ashbil Hall was taxed in Pawling on personal property worth only \$86 for which he was taxed 8 cents.<sup>35</sup>

The records of the First Baptist Church of Dover, sometimes called Wingdale Baptist Church, together with court records of Dutchess County, provide intriguing details of the life of Ashbel Hall. In an undated entry, apparently 1798, "Brother Ashbel B. Hall was chosen by a unanimous vote as Moderator and Clerk. The Church exhorted to consult on the ordination of him, etc."<sup>36</sup> On August 11 (1798) there was "a movement for Brother Hall's Ordination and agreed to be done Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> inst." The Danbury Association refused to confirm the selection, and on September 8 "Brother Hall was desired if he had a willingness to join the Church that he

<sup>29</sup> *Scudder Association Bulletin* XXVIII, December 1976, p. 26.

<sup>30</sup> See note # 7.

<sup>31</sup> 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1930 Federal Census of New Fairfield, CT; 1920 Federal Census of Patterson, Putnam Co., NY.

<sup>32</sup> 1930 Federal Census of Patterson, Putnam County, NY.

<sup>33</sup> From Death Certificate, copy at Connecticut Vital Records, microfilm D159, frame 1475.

<sup>34</sup> Mary Louise Regan, *The Beers Genealogy: Volume Four, the Descendants of Anthony Beers of Fairfield, Connecticut, through his Son Barnabas*, Palatine, IL, 1982, p. 24-26.

<sup>35</sup> *Settlers of the Beekman Patent*, vol. 6, 2001, p. 78.

<sup>36</sup> Typescript transcription, First Baptist Church of Christ, Dover, by Mrs. Nathaniel Feagles and Mrs. Elmer L. Nelson, 1950, FHL Film No. 0529189 (hereafter Baptist Church Records), p. 26, from original p. 51.

manifest and desired us to give our opinions concerning the Council called to assist in his ordination, which we did, etc., as agreed that they [the Council] were deficient in Wisdom in their Proceedings, after which Brother Hall manifested a willingness to join with us which he did and we gave him the right hand of fellowship."<sup>37</sup> Entries in January and September 1799 allude to Brother Hall in his pastoral duties, and on 18 January 1800, "Enquired into the cause Brother Hall's stopping to preach, the matter being settled it was concluded for him to continue preaching as formerly."<sup>38</sup>

But positive feelings soon abated, and on April 12 [1800] it was "Voted to recall the former vote that was passed against the Elders that was called to assist in the ordination of Ashbel B. Hall that they lacked Wisdom, and the church voted that the Church lacked wisdom..." On the same day "Ashe Bell B. Hall excommunicated for saying [*sic*, lying?] and stealing, the accusation made by Joseph Ellis and the evidence was Samuel Stevens and Caleb Sheldon." Later, on 13 September 1800 it was "Voted that letter be sent to Brother Dethrick to come and preach amongst us."<sup>39</sup>

Whatever Ashbel's offense, it had been recognized by the civil authorities. In the Dutchess County Court of Oyer and Terminer on 10 June 1800 Ashbell Hall was indicted for (an unspecified) felony and "the prisoner being set to the bar he pleads not guilty." On 13 June "the jury being in the bar by their foreman say that they find the prisoner guilty." And on Saturday, 14 June, "the prisoner being set to the Bar for Judgment, Ordered that he be confined in the State prison at hard labor for the space of five years."<sup>40</sup>

As reported below, Alexander Hall was born on 23 June 1800, just nine days after his father was sent to prison. Anna Hall was born about 1806 or 7, likely conceived soon after the termination of Ashbel's confinement. Ashbel must have died soon thereafter, for Lavinia Scudder, apparently the daughter of Polly Birch by Jesse Scudder, was born about 1809.

Children of Ashbel B. Hall and Polly Birch:

4. i. Alexander<sup>7</sup> HALL, b. 23 June 1800, m. Rebecca COLBURN.
5. ii. Anna HALL, b. ca 1807, m. Firman PATCHEN.

**3. Daniel<sup>6</sup> HALL** (*Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3,2</sup>, Francis<sup>1</sup>*), born Connecticut, 1790-1800, died probably Oswego County, New York, before 1850, married, perhaps **Malissa \_\_\_\_\_**, born Connecticut, ca 1799.

We know little about this Daniel<sup>6</sup> Hall. He appears in New Haven, Oswego County, in the 1840 census with 1 male 1-15, 1 male 40-50, 1 female 15-20, and 1 female 40-50. In the 1850 census of New Haven, Ashbell B. Hall, 24, farmer, is listed as head of household with Malissa, 51, Josiah, 27, carpenter, Malissa, 24, and Daniel, 2, all born New York except the older Malissa born in Connecticut.<sup>41</sup> We presume that this Malissa is the mother of Ashbel and Josiah. The

<sup>37</sup> Baptist Church Records, p. 26 from original p. 53.

<sup>38</sup> Baptist Church Records, p. 29 from original p. 55.

<sup>39</sup> Baptist Church Records, p. 29 & 30, from original pp. 56, 57, 58.

<sup>40</sup> Dutchess County Court of Oyer and Terminer, unnumbered pages, FHL Film No.

<sup>41</sup> 1840 and 1850 Federal censuses, New Haven, Oswego Co., NY.

younger Malissa is either Josiah's wife or, possibly, a sister of Josiah and Ashbel with an illegitimate child. Neither she nor Josiah have been found in later censuses.

Children of Daniel and (Malissa?) Hall:

- i. Josiah<sup>7</sup> HALL, b. ca 1823, m. possibly Malissa \_\_\_\_\_, b. ca 1826, whose child, Daniel, was b. ca 1848.
6. ii. Ashbel B. HALL, b. ca 1826, m. Sophia \_\_\_\_\_.

### Seventh Generation

4. Alexander<sup>7</sup> HALL (*Ashbel B.*<sup>6</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathaniel*<sup>4</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>3,2</sup>, *Francis*<sup>1</sup>), born New Fairfield, 23 June 1800,<sup>42</sup> died Newtown, 11 November 1856, æ 56, of debility from fever,<sup>43</sup> married, Newtown, 28 April 1821 by D. Burhans [Episcopal rector],<sup>44</sup> Rebecca COLBURN, b. Massachusetts, 21 Feb 1799,<sup>45</sup> daughter of John and Sarah (\_\_\_\_\_) Colburn, died New Haven, 21 December 1879, æ 80y, 10m.<sup>46</sup>

After Alexander's death Rebecca lived with her daughters Charlotte Parmelee in New Haven in 1850 and with Mary Corcoran in 1860.<sup>47</sup> She is not found in the 1870 census, and she may have been with the Parmelee family at her death in New Haven in 1879.

Alexander Hall is called carpenter in his death record, and various land and census records provide details of his career. His first independent record appears to be a Newtown deed dated 3 July 1822 in which he purchased the undivided half of a homestead lot from Austin Beers.<sup>48</sup> He purchased 4½ acres from Nathan Beers on 26 Nov 1823 and on 5 Nov 1823, with partner Hiram Winton, recovered judgment for \$29.89 against Normand Tuttle, claiming a portion of a small shop on south Main Street.<sup>49</sup> On 13 Feb 1826 Daniel Beers quitclaimed a half-acre with dwelling house to Alexander's wife, Rebecca, and on 12 Feb 1827 Alexander purchased 10 acres from Martha Beers, bounded in part by Lamson Birch, of whom more later.<sup>50</sup>

On 5 Sep 1829 he sold this 10-acre plot to Lamson Birch, and on 18 Sep, just 13 days later, he purchased a dwelling house and barn in the Village of Litchfield.<sup>51</sup> On 6 Apr 1830, while in Litchfield, he sold the undivided half of a ½ acre plot adjoining the Methodist church on south Main Street, Newtown, to Charles Brisco.<sup>52</sup> In the 1830 census Alexander Hall is found in Litchfield as head of a household with five men aged 20 to 30, several younger men and boys, and a total of six females of various ages.<sup>53</sup> This large household may well represent a crew of

<sup>42</sup> From headstone inscription, Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions, Newtown, p. 57, Village Cemetery (Hereafter, Hale Collection). Alexander was born just nine days after his father was committed to a prison sentence of five years.

<sup>43</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, Deaths 1852-70:123.

<sup>44</sup> Newtown Vital Records 2:35.

<sup>45</sup> From headstone inscription. See footnote #39.

<sup>46</sup> New Haven Deaths 1879-1882:88.

<sup>47</sup> 1850 Federal Census of New Haven; 1860 Federal Census of Newtown, CT.

<sup>48</sup> Newtown Land Records 30:247.

<sup>49</sup> Newtown Land Records 30:418; 31:481.

<sup>50</sup> Newtown Land Records 31:587,697.

<sup>51</sup> Newtown Land Records 32:366; Litchfield Land Records 37:244.

<sup>52</sup> Newtown Land Records 32:434.

<sup>53</sup> 1830 Federal Census of Litchfield, CT.

house builders, reflecting Alexander's occupation as carpenter. Then, on 15 Nov 1830 he sold his Litchfield house and barn to Russell Stevens,<sup>54</sup> who had been "of Litchfield" at his marriage earlier that year to Alexander's half-sister Lavinia.

Alexander was back in Newtown by 29 Aug 1831 when a group of Mitchell siblings of Wethersfield quitclaimed six acres to him. In turn, on 5 Sep 1831, he quitclaimed an undivided half of that property to Zachariah Clark.<sup>55</sup> On 12 Jan 1833 this Zachariah Clark quitclaimed 10 acres of the home meadow to Alexander. There are no further Newtown deeds until 1838, and it is in this period, according to the Phelps letter, that he may have taken on building projects in Pawling and adjacent Patterson, New York.<sup>56</sup> This letter says that "Sandy" Alexander Hall build the house in which Mrs. Addie Turner [now] lives in 1834, and he probably also built the "Academy" which was moved to the new building across the road from where Mrs. T. now lives, the autumn of 1834.

On 25 Jul 1838 James Nichols quitclaimed a small parcel with buildings to Alexander, and the next day Alexander and Rebecca Hall mortgaged this property to Samuel B. Peck. On 30 Jan 1852 judgment was executed, transferring Alexander's entire interest in this property to Philo Hurd.<sup>57</sup> An examination of early Newtown maps places this house on Sugar St. (Rte. 302) some 300 yards west of Main Street. Alexander and Rebecca were parties to several more deeds from 1854 until Alexander's death in 1856. Then, on 18 May 1857 Emily L. Hoyt deeded to Rebecca Hall "the premises now occupied by Rebecca Hall" at the foot of Main Street and received a mortgage deed in return.<sup>58</sup> This house, where Alexander and Rebecca probably lived for the last few years of his life still stands on the northwest corner of Main St. and Glover Ave. (Rtes. 25 and 302).

On 21 June 1844 Alexander Hall had been appointed clerk of the probate court in Newtown,<sup>59</sup> but he seems to have had few personal assets, and he left no probate record of his own. Of his ten surviving children, only the eldest, Daniel, remained in Newtown for a time. Most of the others headed for New Haven, probably seeking employment there.

#### Children of Alexander and Rebecca (Colburn) Hall:<sup>60</sup>

7. i. Daniel<sup>8</sup> HALL, b. 1822, m. Sarah JUDSON.
8. ii. Mary HALL, b. 1824, John CORCORAN.
9. iii. Charlotte HALL, b. 1826, m. John PARMELEE.
- iv. Rebecca HALL, b. ca Nov 1827, d. 20 May 1829, æ 18 mo.<sup>61,62</sup>
10. v. Rebecca HALL, b. Nov 1829, m. John A. SAYRE.
11. vi. Alexander HALL (Jr.), b. ca 1832, m. Sarah E. BRADLEY.
- vii. James HALL, born ca Mar 1834, died 14 Sep 1837, æ 3 yrs., 6 mos.<sup>63,64</sup>

<sup>54</sup> Litchfield Land Records 37:523.

<sup>55</sup> Newtown Land Records 33:622,623.

<sup>56</sup> See footnote #7.

<sup>57</sup> Newtown Land Records 35:461,161; 37:422.

<sup>58</sup> Newtown Land Records 41:121,122.

<sup>59</sup> Newtown Probate Court Record 7:28.

<sup>60</sup> Except as otherwise noted, the children and spouses are from Ezra Levan Johnson, *Newtown's History and Historian* (hereafter Johnson, *Newtown's History*), 1917, Genealogical Section, p. 78.

<sup>61</sup> Newtown Vital Records 2:142.

<sup>62</sup> Hale Collection, Newtown, p. 57.

12. viii. Jane Polly HALL, b. 20 Jun 1836, m(1) Jerome T. JUDSON, m(2) George Miles GRANT.
13. ix. Anna Eliza HALL, b. 22 May 1838, m. Amos SHEPARD.
14. x. Henry Clay HALL, b. ca 1839, m. Emily J. ANDREWS.
15. xi. James Peck HALL, b. ca 1846, m. Margaret CARR.

**5. Anna/Ann<sup>7</sup> HALL** (*Ashbel B.<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3,2</sup>, Francis<sup>1</sup>*), born New Fairfield, ca 1806, died in Collins, Huron Co., Ohio, 27 Aug 1888 of paralysis, æ 82,<sup>65,66</sup> married ca 1835 [1<sup>st</sup> child] **Firman PATCHEN**, born Weston, Connecticut, ca 1808, son of Zalmon and Harriet Patchen,<sup>67</sup> died Collins, Ohio, 30 Sep 1891, æ 83.<sup>68,69</sup>

The family of Ann (Hall) Patchen was traced in the hope that a death record or other clues might name her parents. The names are not in her records, though she is called a daughter of Polly in Jesse Scudder's will.<sup>70</sup> Born in 1806 or 1807, she was likely conceived soon after Ashbel Hall's release from prison.

An obituary of Harriet, daughter of Firman and Anna Patchen, describes some of the removes of the family.<sup>71</sup> Harriet was born in 1837 in Woodbury, Connecticut. At age 5, or about 1842, she moved with her family to Westport, Connecticut, where they lived until her marriage in 1855. Her parents followed her to Ohio soon thereafter. Census records provide more details. In 1850 the family is found in Westport with Firman, 38, mason, Anna, 37, Harriet J., 14, and Henry B., 9.<sup>72</sup> Next to them in the census record is the family of Zalmon Patchen, Firman's brother, whose wife Annette Hodge was also born in New Fairfield.<sup>73</sup> Firman Patchen is not found in the 1860 census, but Anna resides in Hartland Twp., Huron County, Ohio, with her son-in-law and daughter, Stephen and Harriet Bills.<sup>74</sup> In 1870 Anna is not found, but Firman Patchin, 62, stone mason, is living in Hartland Twp. with the family of his son Henry.<sup>75</sup> In 1880 the couple finally live together and alone in Collins, Huron County, Ohio; "Farnian" Patchen is 70, meat dealer, with Anna H. Patchen also 70.<sup>76</sup> Ann had apparently understated her age in various censuses (age 37 in 1850, age 50 in 1860, age 70 in 1880).

Children of Firman and Anna (Hall) Patchen:

<sup>63</sup> Newtown Vital Records 2:128.

<sup>64</sup> Hale Collection, Newtown, p. 57.

<sup>65</sup> Uncertified copy of death record, Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, Hudson County, Ohio. Though hoped for, the names of her parents are not listed in this record. This and other Ohio records submitted by Mary Carabin, Research Chairperson for Huron Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

<sup>66</sup> Monument inscription, Woodlawn Cemetery, Norwalk, Ohio, which gives 81 as age at death.

<sup>67</sup> Grace Patchen Leggett, *History and Genealogy of the Patchin-Patchen Family*, Waterbury, CT, 1952, p. 35.

<sup>68</sup> Monument inscription, Woodlawn Cemetery, Norwalk, Ohio.

<sup>69</sup> Obituary, *Norwalk (Ohio) Chronicle*, Thursday, 8 Oct 1891.

<sup>70</sup> See footnote #23.

<sup>71</sup> Obituary, *Norwalk (Ohio) Chronicle*, Thursday, 28 May 1891, p. 6.

<sup>72</sup> 1850 Federal Census of Westport, CT. This and all census records cited are found on-line at Ancestry.com.

<sup>73</sup> Grace Patchen Leggett, *History and Genealogy of the Patchin-Patchen Family*, Waterbury, CT, 1952, p. 35.

<sup>74</sup> 1860 Federal Census of Hartland Twp., Ohio.

<sup>75</sup> 1870 Federal Census of Hartland Twp., Ohio.

<sup>76</sup> 1880 Federal Census of Village of Collins, Townsend Twp., Ohio.

- i. Harriet J. L. PATCHEN, b. Woodbury, CT, 10 Jun 1837, d. Norwalk, OH, 19 May 1891, married New York City, 26 Nov 1855,<sup>77</sup> Stephen W. BILLS, b. OH, ca 1829, d. Huron Co., OH, 19 May 1891, æ 79,<sup>78</sup> eight children.
- ii. Henry B. D. PATCHEN, b. Woodbury or Westport, CT, ca 1841, d. Hartland, OH, 18 Aug 1875, æ 35,<sup>79</sup> married, Berlin Heights, Erie Co., OH, 2 Jul 1859,<sup>80</sup> Olive Jane MINOR, b. ca 1838, d. Hartland, 1913,<sup>81</sup> three or more children.

6. **Ashbel B.<sup>7</sup> HALL** (*Daniel<sup>6,5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3,2</sup>, Francis<sup>1</sup>*), born probably in Oswego County, New York, about 1826, died probably North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, before 1900, married probably Oswego County about 1851 **Sophia** \_\_\_\_\_, born New York, December 1827, died probably Lincoln County, Nebraska, after 1900.<sup>82</sup>

It was this Ashbel B. Hall, the namesake of his uncle Ashbel, whose power of attorney (in the wrong pension file) names his grandfather Daniel Hall. He appears as a single head of household in the 1850 census of New Haven, NY; he is not found in 1860; in 1870 he is in Corunna, Shiawassee County, Michigan, age 43, well digger, with Sophia, 42, and Marion L., 18; and in 1880 the family is in North Platte Precinct, Lincoln County, Nebraska, with Ashbel B., 54, cattle raiser and butter man, Sophia, 52, and Marion C., 28, teacher.<sup>83</sup> Ashbel is not found in the 1900 census, but Sophia Hall, 72, is in North Platte in the household of John, 52, and Marion Evans (her daughter), 47, with their son Everett H., 18.<sup>84</sup>

Child of Ashbel B. and Sophia Hall:

- i. Marion C.<sup>8</sup> HALL, b. NY, Feb 1853, m. ca 1881, John EVANS, b. PA, Nov 1847. Son Everett H. Evans, b. Nebraska, Apr 1882.

### Eighth Generation

7. **Daniel<sup>8</sup> HALL** (*Alexander<sup>7</sup>, Ashbel B.<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3,2</sup>, Francis<sup>1</sup>*), born Newtown, 1822, died Southbury, Connecticut, before 20 Jan 1872 when his widow refused administration of his estate,<sup>85</sup> married Newtown, March 1843,<sup>86</sup> **Sarah JUDSON**, born 23 Apr 1820, daughter of Zenas and Fanny (Torrence) Judson, died Derby, Connecticut, 18 Nov 1909.<sup>87</sup> Both are buried in Newtown's Village Cemetery.<sup>88</sup> Children, born Newtown:

- i. Ann M.<sup>9</sup> HALL, b. ca 1846, d. Newtown 4 Oct 1849, æ 3 yrs, of dysentery.<sup>89</sup>

<sup>77</sup> Obituary, *Norwalk (Ohio) Chronicle*, Thursday, 28 May 1891, p. 6, reports birth, marriage, and death for Harriet J. L. Patchen.

<sup>78</sup> Headstone inscription, Woodlawn Cemetery, Norwalk, OH.

<sup>79</sup> Headstone inscription, Hartland Ridge Cemetery, Hartland, OH.

<sup>80</sup> Marriage certificate, no. 946, Huron County, Ohio.

<sup>81</sup> Headstone inscription, Hartland Ridge Cemetery, Hartland, OH.

<sup>82</sup> 1880 and 1900 Federal Censuses of North Platte, Lincoln Co., NB.

<sup>83</sup> 1850 Federal Census of New Haven, Oswego Co., NY; 1870 Federal Census of Corunna, Shiawassee Co., MI; 1880 Federal Census of North Platte Dist., Lincoln Co., NB.

<sup>84</sup> 1900 Federal Census of North Platte, Lincoln Co., NB, which gives months of birth shown.

<sup>85</sup> Woodbury Probate Estate Papers #1777. Daniel's death does not appear in the Southbury Vital Records.

<sup>86</sup> Newtown Vital Records 3:116.

<sup>87</sup> Death Certificate, Derby, CT.

<sup>88</sup> Hale Collection, Newtown, p. 3.

<sup>89</sup> Newtown Vital Records 4:9.

- ii. George HALL, b. 23 Jul 1848,<sup>90</sup> d. 21 Sep 1848, æ 6 wks.<sup>91</sup>
- iii. Charles H. HALL, b. 8 Dec 1850,<sup>92</sup> d. Newtown, 1929, m. Harriet WARNER, b. 1849, d. 1928.<sup>93</sup>
- iv. William F. HALL, b. 16 Jan 1854,<sup>94</sup> d. Newtown, 17 Jan 1895, not married.<sup>95</sup>
- v. Daniel A. HALL, b. 20 Jul 1857, m. Newtown, 16 Dec 1880, Anna A. WENZEL, b. Newtown, ca 1860.<sup>96</sup>

8. **Mary<sup>8</sup> HALL**, born Newtown, ca 1824, died New Haven, CT, 6 April 1886 of gastric fever,<sup>97</sup> married Newtown, 12 April 1856,<sup>98</sup> **John CORCORAN**, born New York, ca 1824.<sup>99</sup> John and Mary are in New Haven for the 1870 census with daughter Charlotte and Charles B. Hall, son of Mary's brother Alexander.<sup>100</sup> Children:

- i. Charlotte Ellen CORCORAN, b. Newtown, ca 1848.
- ii. Charles CORCORAN, b. ca Jan 1851, d. 6 Jul 1852, æ 1 yr., 6mo.<sup>101</sup>
- iii. Frederick CORCORAN, b. ca Feb 1859, d. 12 Jan 1860, æ 11 mo. of fit.<sup>102</sup>

9. **Charlotte<sup>8</sup> HALL**, born Newtown, 1826, died New Haven, 24 March 1890 of fatty degeneration of the heart,<sup>103</sup> married **John A. PARMALEE**, b. CT, 12 Aug 1814 [calc.], died New Haven, 31 August 1880 of phthisis.<sup>104</sup> John A. Parmelee, tailor, is found with his family in the third ward of New Haven in censuses of 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880. Charlotte's mother, Rebecca Hall, is with them in 1850, and she may have been with them at her death in 1879. In 1870 and 1880 an aunt, Anna Hull, born ca 1801, lives with them. Children.<sup>105</sup>

- i. John Sidney PARMELEE, b. ca 1846.
- ii. Ella Douglas PARMELEE, b. ca 1852.
- iii. Anna Rebecca PARMELEE, b. ca 1858.
- iv. Charlotte PARMELEE, b. New Haven, 3 Aug 1862.<sup>106</sup>
- v. Mary Jane PARMELEE, b. ca 1865.

10. **Rebecca<sup>8</sup> HALL**, born Newtown, November 1829, married New Haven, CT, 22 May 1850,<sup>107</sup> **John Q. A. SAYRE**, born New Jersey, January 1828. In the 1870 census John is New

<sup>90</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, Deaths 1847-51:7.

<sup>91</sup> Hale Collection, Newtown, p. 137.

<sup>92</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, Deaths 1847-51:141.

<sup>93</sup> Hale Collection, Newtown, p. 3.

<sup>94</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, Deaths 1852-70:63.

<sup>95</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, Deaths 1852-70:588. Ann M., George, and William F. all bur. Sandy Hook Cemetery, Newtown, Hale Collection, p. 137.

<sup>96</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, Deaths 1870-95:314.

<sup>97</sup> New Haven Vital Records 27:412.

<sup>98</sup> Newtown Vital Records 3:131.

<sup>99</sup> 1860 Federal Census of Newtown, CT. Rebecca Hall, 61, is living with John, Mary, and Ellen Corcoran.

<sup>100</sup> 1870 Federal Census of New Haven, CT.

<sup>101</sup> Hale Collection, Newtown, p. 57.

<sup>102</sup> Newtown Vital Records, 4:25; Hale Collection, Newtown, p. 57.

<sup>103</sup> New Haven Vital Records 28:141.

<sup>104</sup> New Haven Vital Records 24:164.

<sup>105</sup> 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 Federal Censuses of New Haven. No births found in New Haven except that of Charlotte in 1862.

<sup>106</sup> New Haven Vital Records 12:124.

York City, Ward 12, travel agent, with Rebecca and children Charles A. and Rebecca. In the 1880 census they are in Eldred Township, Warren County, PA, no occupation shown, with daughter Alice. In 1900 they are with their daughter Alice and son-in-law Frederick J. Brenner in Charles City, Floyd County, Iowa.<sup>108</sup> Children:<sup>109</sup>

- i. Frederick Augustus SAYRE.
- ii. Charles Albarnus SAYRE, b. ca 1854.
- iii. Helena Anna SAYRE.
- iv. Alice Rebecca SAYRE, b. Apr 1866, m. Frederick J. BRENNER.

11. Alexander<sup>8</sup> HALL, born Newtown, ca 1832, died Patterson, New York, before 1 December 1913,<sup>110</sup> m. Sarah E. BRADLEY, b. Connecticut, ca 1828 [1860 census], died before 13 September 1892.<sup>111</sup> Alexander's will dated 1 June 1904 leaves his homestead to his granddaughter, Sarah E. Austin, with remainder to sons Alexander Morris Hall and Charles B. Hall.

This Alexander Hall appears in New Fairfield, his father's birthplace, in the 1850 census as a blacksmith apprentice, age 18. In 1860 he is in New Fairfield with wife Sarah, 32, and son Alexander, 2.<sup>112</sup> On 3 March 1861 Alexander purchased, for \$1000, a lot measuring 100 ft. by 100 ft. near the Patterson, New York, Rail Road Depot. On 9 March 1888 he paid \$50 to enlarge his property by 100 square feet, and on 27 March 1900 he was reimbursed \$30 by the railroad company for some sort of damage to his property.<sup>113</sup> In censuses of 1870 and 1880 the family is found in Patterson,<sup>114</sup> and the 1876 map of Putnam County by Thomas H. Reed clearly shows A. Hall and his B[lacksmith] Shop in Patterson Village just a half-block west of the railroad depot.

Children of Alexander and Sarah (Bradley) Hall:

17. i. Alexander Morris HALL, b. Patterson, NY, ca 1857, m. Martha E. DAVIS.
- ii. Charles B. HALL, b. CT, ca 1861, res. Providence, RI, in 1913.

12. Jane Polly<sup>8</sup> HALL, born Newtown, 20 Jun 1836, died New Haven, Connecticut, 22 Dec 1913;<sup>115</sup> married, first, Jerome Truman JUDSON, born Newtown, 9 Nov 1830, died New Haven, 16 Jul 1872;<sup>116</sup> married, second, as his second wife, in New Haven on 22 Apr 1879, George Miles GRANT, b. New Haven ca 1834.<sup>117</sup> Child by Jerome Judson:

- i. Charlotte E. JUDSON, b. New Haven, CT, 27 Nov 1858, d. New Haven, 30 Mar 1925, m. Arthur M. ANSFIELD.<sup>118</sup>

<sup>107</sup> New Haven Vital Records 6:149.

<sup>108</sup> 1870 Federal Census, Ward 12, New York, NY; 1880 Federal Census, Eldred Twp., Warren Co., PA.

<sup>109</sup> Frederick and Helena found only in Johnson, *Newtown's History*, p. 79.

<sup>110</sup> Will proved, Putnam County Will Book W:185.

<sup>111</sup> Putnam County Probate Administrations, Book 6.

<sup>112</sup> 1850 and 1860 Federal Censuses of New Fairfield, Fairfield Co., CT.

<sup>113</sup> Putnam County Deeds 37:26; 68:262; 519:522.

<sup>114</sup> 1870 and 1880 Federal Censuses of Patterson, Putnam Co., NY.

<sup>115</sup> Death certificate, New Haven, CT.

<sup>116</sup> New Haven Vital Records, Deaths 20:170.

<sup>117</sup> New Haven Vital Records, Marriages 22:196.

<sup>118</sup> Death certificate, New Haven, CT.



**13. Anna Eliza<sup>8</sup> HALL**, born Newtown, 22 May 1838, married, New Haven, Connecticut, 13 March 1858, **Amos SHEPARD**, b. Newtown, 1832, son of Reuben and Phebe (Northrop) Shepard. In 1860 and 1870 censuses, family is in Somonauk, DeKalb County, Illinois. Amos is banker in 1860, cattle dealer in 1870. Not found in 1880 census. In 1900 census of West Town, City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, "Eamus" Shephard is manager, books, with wife Emma, 62, and children John R., 24, and Anna L., 22.<sup>119</sup> Children, born DeKalb County, Illinois:<sup>120</sup>

- i. William Henry SHEPARD, b. 16 Feb 1859, m. ca 1881, Emily M. \_\_\_\_\_, b. Dec 1859. With son Amos B., b. Oct 1887, in Charles City, Floyd Co., IA, in 1900.<sup>121</sup>
- ii. Jennie May SHEPARD, b. 8 Feb 1862.
- iii. Albert Amos SHEPARD, b. 10 Dec 1866.
- iv. John Robert SHEPARD, b. 26 Jul 1875.
- v. Anna Louisa SHEPARD, b. 29 Aug 1877.

**14. Henry Clay<sup>8</sup> HALL**, born ca 1839, died Petersburg, Virginia, 11 July 1864, æ 24, married Newtown, 16 August 1857,<sup>122</sup> **Emily J. ANDREWS**, b. Connecticut, ca Apr 1837, d. Danbury, 5 Mar 1881, æ 43y, 11m. Both buried Wooster Cemetery, Danbury.<sup>123</sup> On 7 February 1863 Henry C. Hall was elected captain, Co. F, Eighth Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He was killed 11 July 1864 at Drewry's Bluff outside of Petersburg.<sup>124</sup> In the 1870 census Emily J. Hall is keeping house in Danbury for E. A. Andrews, 55, hatter, probably her father. With her are children Edward H., 9, and Arthur B., 8.<sup>125</sup> Children, born Newtown:

- i. Albert H. HALL, b. 11 Mar 1858, d. Newtown, 2 Jun 1858, æ 3 mo. of inflammation of bowels, buried Wooster Cemetery, Danbury.<sup>126</sup>
- ii. Edward H.<sup>9</sup> HALL, b. 30 Aug 1860.<sup>127</sup>
- iii. Arthur Burnside HALL, b. 27 Feb 1862.<sup>128</sup>

**15. James Peck<sup>8</sup> HALL**, born ca 1843, married **Margaret CARR**, born New Haven, ca 1844,<sup>129</sup> daughter of William and Sallie (\_\_\_\_\_) Carr. James P. Hall served 23 May 1861 to 22 May 1864 in Co. F., First Regiment of Connecticut Volunteer Heavy Artillery.<sup>130</sup> In 1880 census of New Haven, Connecticut, James P. Hall, cashier, is with wife Madgie, father- and mother-in-law, William and Sallie Carr, and son Birdsey.<sup>131</sup> Child:

<sup>119</sup> 1860 and 1870 Federal Census, Somonauk, DeKalb Co., IL; 1900 Federal Census, Chicago, Cook Co., IL.

<sup>120</sup> Specific birth dates of children from OneWorldTree at Ancestry.com. Sources not identified.

<sup>121</sup> 1900 Federal Census, Charles City, Floyd Co., IA.

<sup>122</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, Deaths 1852-70:8.

<sup>123</sup> Hale Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, Danbury, p. 89.

<sup>124</sup> *Connecticut Men in the Army and Navy of the United States During the War of the Rebellion*, Hartford, 1889, p.344.

<sup>125</sup> 1870 Federal Census of Danbury, CT.

<sup>126</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, Deaths 1852-70:75, 127

<sup>127</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, Deaths 1852-70:83; Hale Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, Danbury, p. 89.

<sup>128</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, Deaths 1852-70:87.

<sup>129</sup> Ages in son Birdsey's birth record.

<sup>130</sup> *Connecticut Men in the Army and Navy of the United States During the War of the Rebellion*, Hartford, 1889, p.146.

<sup>131</sup> 1880 Federal Census of New Haven, CT.

- i. Birdsey James<sup>9</sup> HALL, b. New Haven, 12 Aug 1871,<sup>132</sup> m. Hattie CLARK.

### Ninth Generation

17. **Alexander Morris<sup>9</sup> HALL** (*Alexander<sup>8,7</sup>, Ashbel B.<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3,2</sup>, Francis<sup>1</sup>*), b. Patterson, New York, ca 1857, m. **Martha E. DAVIS**, b. New Haven, Connecticut, ca 1858. In the 1880 census Alexander M. Hall, farmer, age 23, is in Hamden, Connecticut, with wife Martha E., 22, a female servant and four farm laborers. Alexander and his brother Charles Hall were residents of Providence, Rhode Island, in the 1913 purchase of a Patterson cemetery plot.<sup>133</sup> Probable only child:

- i. Sarah E.<sup>10</sup> HALL, b. New Haven, CT, 23 Jun 1880, d. Danbury Hosp. (res. of Patterson, NY) 16 Mar 1942, bur Maple Ave. Cem., Patterson,<sup>134</sup> m. ca 1899, John Clayton AUSTIN, b. NY, ca 1869.<sup>135</sup> Residing in Patterson in 1930, this is the "Mrs. Austin" recipient of the 1929 letter by Carrie M. (Crane) Phelps.

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<sup>132</sup> New Haven Vital Records, Births 18:244.

<sup>133</sup> Putnam County Deeds 107:142.

<sup>134</sup> Death Certificate, copy at Connecticut Vital Records, microfilm D159, frame 1475.

<sup>135</sup> 1930 Federal Census of Patterson, Putnam County, NY.

## TWO ABRAHAM WOOD FAMILIES OF POUND RIDGE

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An article in a recent issue of ConnAn, and our editor's notes included therewith, called attention to two men named Abraham Wood in Pound Ridge, Westchester County, New York in 1860 and to a connection with the Austin Family.<sup>1</sup> As a descendant of these Wood and Austin families I would like to share some detail on the Wood family connection at this time with particular attention to resolving the two Abraham Woods. A more extensive article on the Austins is being prepared for later publication.

As the previous article noted, two Abraham Woods were enumerated in the 1860 census of Pound Ridge, one being a shoemaker age 42 with presumed wife Betsey A.,<sup>2</sup> and the other being a farmer age 72 with presumed wife "Purdy."<sup>3</sup> The younger of these two Abraham Woods and his wife Betsey Ann (Austin) were my grandmother's great grandparents, and the elder of the two Abrahams was the younger man's uncle. Both of them were alive in 1862 when the subject letter of the earlier article was written.<sup>4</sup> Their names were sometimes spelled "Abram" but no significance has been attached to that spelling, and no designation was apparently ever used to distinguish between them in Pound Ridge records. Which one, then, was the Abraham Wood whose "horse and wagen" were to be used by Samuel Austin as described in that article??

### *ABRAHAM<sup>7</sup> WOOD (1788-1867)*

**ABRAHAM<sup>7</sup> WOOD** (*Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Nathan<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>5</sup> was born 3 March 1788 and christened at the Bedford Congregational Church on 23 March 1788.<sup>6</sup> He died at Pound Ridge on 29 January 1867 and was buried in the Pound Ridge Cemetery south of the village on the west side of High Ridge Road.<sup>7</sup> His wife, married say about 1810, was

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<sup>1</sup> Judith Green Watson, "Jonathan Austin of Pound Ridge: a Stray 1862 Letter to His Parents," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 48[2005]: 92, hereafter ConnAn.

<sup>2</sup> 1860 census, Pound Ridge, Westchester County, New York, NARA Microfilm M653: 882, sh. 135, hereafter 1860 census of Pound Ridge.

<sup>3</sup> 1860 census of Pound Ridge, 130.

<sup>4</sup> Neither of them appears as an individual in John Sumner Wood, Sr., *The Wood Family Index* (Germantown, MD: the author, 1966).

<sup>5</sup> The earlier generations back to Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Wood will be covered in another article being prepared for publication in another journal, Matthew Wood and Frederick C. Hart Jr., "*Descendants of Jonathan Wood of Norwalk, Connecticut.*" For Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Wood's ancestry see Matthew Wood's masterful and definitive articles on this family already published as, "The Descendants of Timothy Wood of Long Island," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 132[2001]: 37-45, hereafter NYG&B Record; and, "English Origins of the Mitchell, Wood, Lum and Halstead Families," NYG&B Record, 120[1989]: 1-9, 98-101, 142-7, 229-36, 121[1990]: 96-101.

<sup>6</sup> Both dates are from Bedford Presbyterian Church Records, New York Public Library microfilm of original, call number \*ZI-251, n.p.

<sup>7</sup> Gravestone, Pound Ridge Cemetery, personal visit. Also see Mabel B. Jordan and Natalie M. Seth, *Tombstone Records of Eighteen Cemeteries in Pound Ridge* (Harrison, NY: Harbor Hill Books, 1983), 51, hereafter Eighteen Cemeteries, which gives the month incorrectly as June. The age at death given on the gravestone is 79-11-10, which

PRUDENCE AVERY, born 3 Dec 1792,<sup>8</sup> died 15 March 1872 at age 79-3-12,<sup>9</sup> daughter of Henry Avery and Elizabeth Pellam. Her nickname in the 1860 Census was therefore "Prudy," not "Purdy."

This family lived along what is now Upper Shad Road in Pound Ridge, about half way between Sarles' Corners on High Ridge Road (Route 137) and Long Ridge Road (Route 104). Except for living in the same town, no Austin family connections have been noted.

Children of Abraham Wood and Prudence Avery:<sup>10</sup>

- i. HENRY<sup>8</sup> WOOD, b. 1 Feb 1812, d. 21 Dec 1886,<sup>11</sup> bur. at the "cemetery near house" at age 74-10-6,<sup>12</sup> now know as the Waterbury Cemetery on Upper Shad Road, m. AMANDA \_\_\_\_\_, d. 5 Feb 1875 age 57-9-4, also bur. at the Waterbury Cemetery. He and his family lived next to his parents at the time of the 1860 census.
- ii. BETSEY WOOD, b. abt. 20 May 1813, d. 13 Apr 1891 age 77-10-23,<sup>13</sup> m. SAMUEL PROVOST.
- iii. male child, b. abt. 1815, d. bef. 1830.
- iv. STEPHEN WOOD, b. 9 Sep 1717, d. 14 Dec 1863 age 46-3-5 at Long Ridge in Stamford leaving a large family, m. EMILY \_\_\_\_\_ (perhaps WARING) who d. 1 Aug 1895 age 73-0-15, both bur. at Long Ridge Cemetery in North Stamford.<sup>14</sup>
- v. SETH A. WOOD, b. abt. 1825, m. 1 Jul 1850 at Pound Ridge SARAH E. LOCKWOOD of North Stamford,<sup>15</sup> who d. 17 Mar 1861 age 79-3-12, bur. at Pound Ridge Cemetery.<sup>16</sup>
- vi. child ???, b. abt. 1827.
- vii. MATILDA J. WOOD, b. abt. 1828, d. unm. 3 Feb 1865 age 38 years, bur. at Pound Ridge Cemetery.<sup>17</sup>
- viii. RACHEL A. WOOD, b. abt. 1831, n.f.i.
- ix. AARON C. WOOD, b. abt. 1832, n.f.i.

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also appears incorrect.

<sup>8</sup> Henry Avery Family Records, Methodist Pocket Hymn Book (copyright 1800) and separate family group sheet in the possession of Mrs. John Coutermarsh of Boutonville, Pound Ridge, transcribed by F. C. Hart 27 March 1986 during a visit. This date agrees exactly with the age at death given on her gravestone.

<sup>9</sup> Gravestone, Pound Ridge Cemetery, personal visit.

<sup>10</sup> Based upon census listings with other information as noted.

<sup>11</sup> Both dates from gravestone, Waterbury Cemetery, Upper Shad Road, Pound Ridge (Eighteen Cemeteries, 44, and verified with personal visit.)

<sup>12</sup> Russell Hall & Brother Burial Books, 4 volumes, New Canaan Historical Society manuscript collection, 3: 117, hereafter RHBB. The birth date was not given there but this age would suggest a different birth date of 15 February.

<sup>13</sup> All information from her gravestone at the Pound Ridge Cemetery, personal visit, including the name of her husband.

<sup>14</sup> All information (including calculated birth date) from gravestone at the Long Ridge Cemetery in Stamford, Charles R. Hale Collection used at the Connecticut State Library, Stamford page 97.

<sup>15</sup> "Poundridge Presbyterian Church Marriages Performed by Rev. William Patterson 1837-1886." unsigned transcription, 1939, typescript copy at the Connecticut State Library, hereafter Patterson Marriage Records.

<sup>16</sup> Eighteen Cemeteries, 51.

<sup>17</sup> Eighteen Cemeteries, 51.

### ABRAHAM<sup>8</sup> WOOD (1816-1892)

ABRAHAM<sup>8</sup> WOOD (*Isaac<sup>7</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Nathan<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>*) was born 6 April 1816 at Pound Ridge, and died 6 May 1892 at New Canaan, Connecticut at age 76 years and 1 month, son of Isaac and Sally Wood, both born in New York State.<sup>18</sup> His father Isaac Wood was a brother of Abraham<sup>7</sup> Wood, described above. This Abraham Wood's funeral was at the East Woods (Methodist) Church Chapel and his burial was at the Beck Hill Cemetery in the Vista section of Lewisboro,<sup>19</sup> although no gravestone is there to mark the site. He married (1) 8 September 1836,<sup>20</sup> probably at Pound Ridge, BETSEY ANN AUSTIN, born 14 April 1817, died 11 June 1872 aged 55-1-16,<sup>21</sup> buried at the Beck Hill Cemetery,<sup>22</sup> daughter of Henry Austin of Pound Ridge and Matilda Avery of Cross River.<sup>23</sup> Henry Austin was the brother of Samuel Austin to whom Jonathan Austin wrote the Civil War Letter of the previous article. Abraham Wood married (2) about 1875 EMMA JANE \_\_\_\_\_, who survived him. Her age was given as 30 years in the 1880 census, less than half that of Abraham who was listed as age 64.<sup>24</sup> She was still living in 1914 when she appeared with her stepson John L. Wood to confirm an earlier land record.<sup>25</sup> The 1860 census of Pound Ridge listed a daughter Emma Jane Austin age 12 years in the family of John and Mary Austin of Pound Ridge – immediately next door to the Abraham Wood family – who may have become Abraham's second wife, but further evidence is necessary to confirm this speculation.<sup>26</sup>

There was a close relationship between this Abraham Wood's family and Rachel (Wood) Jones, wife of William Jones,<sup>27</sup> and almost certainly a sister of Abraham's father Isaac<sup>7</sup> Wood and of his brother the earlier Abraham<sup>7</sup>. On 29 April 1841 William Jones and Rachel his wife of Pound Ridge sold a 1-acre parcel of land near a river to Isaac Wood for \$12.<sup>28</sup> On 17 March 1869 Rachel Jones, apparently now a widow, sold a 9-acre parcel on both sides of a highway, including a dwelling house, to Abraham Wood for \$600., mentioning the land of Isaac Wood on its easternmost boundary and reserving the "sole use and benefit" of the property to herself for life.<sup>29</sup> From the names of the boundary owners in the land description and by comparison with the contemporary Beers Atlas map of the area it appears that this was the East Woods property

<sup>18</sup> RHBB, 4: 5.

<sup>19</sup> RHBB, 4: 5.

<sup>20</sup> Reported in *The Stamford Advocate* of 26 Sep 1836, Connecticut State Library Newspaper Marriage Records Index used.

<sup>21</sup> RHBB, 2:6.

<sup>22</sup> Gravestone, personal visit by the writer on 26 March 1983. Her parents are also buried in this Cemetery.

<sup>23</sup> William Webster Austin Family Bible, photocopy at New Canaan Historical Society, location of original unknown.

<sup>24</sup> 1880 US Census of Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., New York, NARA microfilm T9:946, E.D. 121, sheet 17.

<sup>25</sup> Westchester County Land Records, 2071: 253 dated 7 Dec 1914 confirming the earlier deed of 24 Mar 1892, recorded earlier on 15 Mar 1893 at 1305: 386.

<sup>26</sup> 1860 US Census of Pound Ridge, 135. She may have earlier married (1) at age 15 years Andrew Morgan of Norwalk, age 25 (Fancher Marriage Records, 14.)

<sup>27</sup> For William Jones see Frederick C. Hart Jr, "Keeping Up With the Stamford Joneses: Part3: Near the Eight Mile Line So-called" Jones Families of Dantown, High Ridge and Pound Ridge," *ConnAn*, 42[1999]: 57-77, at 76.

<sup>28</sup> Westchester County Deeds, 93: 466. This parcel was near a river but has not been more specifically located.

<sup>29</sup> Westchester County Deeds, 737: 43.

on which the Abraham<sup>8</sup> Wood family lived from that time forward, if not before. Abraham Wood and his wife Betsey Ann mortgaged this property to John D. Bishop of Pound Ridge on 23 March 1870 for \$100.<sup>30</sup>

The East Woods section of Pound Ridge was near the town line of the present town of Lewisboro, formerly South Salem, New York. Abraham Wood's daughter Rachel A. Wood (age 14), Adeline M. Wood (age 12), and Sarah M. Wood (age 8) were all students at the East Woods School, District #4, Mary E. Scofield teacher, during the term of 31 October 1864 to 13 September 1865.<sup>31</sup> The 1870 and 1880 censuses both show several of the Austin families living in this same neighborhood. I believe it is reasonable to conclude that this was the Abraham Wood mentioned by Jonathan Austin in the letter that was the subject of the earlier article. This Abraham Wood's children were Jonathan Austin's contemporaries and Jonathan Austin himself was a first cousin of Betsey Ann (Austin) Wood, Abraham's wife (although there was an 18-year difference in age between them.)

Abraham<sup>8</sup> Wood's obituary in the *New Canaan Messenger* mentioned that he resided with his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brown at the time of his death.<sup>32</sup> It also named his 4 sons and 4 daughters, all with his first wife: Sylvester who had been killed in a train accident in Stamford in 1888, Israel, Henry and John, Mrs. Eli Brown, Mrs. Frank Potts, Mrs. Arthur Nichols and Mrs. George Nichols.

Children of Abraham Wood and Betsey Ann Austin, all probably born at Pound Ridge:

- i. HENRY AUSTIN<sup>9</sup> WOOD, shoemaker, b. 29 Dec 1837, d. at Norwalk 27 Feb 1918 age 80-1-29,<sup>33</sup> m.(1) 1 Jan 1862 PAULINA WATERS, b. 5 Jul 1838, d. 2 Nov 1881, dau. of Jared Waters and Mary Scofield of High Ridge,<sup>34</sup> both buried at the High Ridge Cemetery in North Stamford,<sup>35</sup> m. (2) 1886, LYDIA M. \_\_\_\_\_, b. Jan 1839 in New York.<sup>36</sup>
- ii. JAMES SYLVESTER WOOD, b. 1840, d. 8 Nov 1888 age 48-6-15<sup>37</sup> as a result of injuries sustained when he was hit by the "Lightning Express" at 2: 54 at the depot in Stamford while crossing the tracks to get to the New Canaan Line.<sup>38</sup> He m.(1) at age 20 years on 5 Oct 1860 at Pound Ridge GEORGIANNA DAN, age 16, also of Pound Ridge.<sup>39</sup> He m.(2) 4 Sep 1867

<sup>30</sup> Westchester County Mortgages, 522: 140. Note this is probably the same John D. Bishop who was listed in the Samuel Austin household in 1860 – see ConnAn, 48: 92.

<sup>31</sup> Virginia H. Olson, "Register of Attendance In School District #4 East Woods, Town of Pound Ridge, County of Westchester, New York," ConnAn, 18[1975]: 49-50.

<sup>32</sup> *New Canaan Messenger*, 14 May 1892, 2: 2, microfilm at the New Canaan Historical Society.

<sup>33</sup> All from death record at Norwalk Vital Records.

<sup>34</sup> All dates for Paulina from Henry A. Wood Family Bible (Hitchcock's Holy Bible, New York, 1873) in the possession of Mrs. Marjorie Stumpf of East Norwalk in 1987, photocopies in possession of the writer.

<sup>35</sup> Personal visits – ancestors of the writer.

<sup>36</sup> All from the 1900 census of Norwalk, Fairfield County, CT, NARA microfilm T623: 134, sh. 45B, listing her as Henry's wife, married for 14 years. I have not been able to confirm a report that her name was Lydia Mentimer and that they were married on 1 June 1886.

<sup>37</sup> RHBB, 3:176.

<sup>38</sup> *New Canaan Messenger*, 10 November 1888, microfilm at the New Canaan Historical Society.

<sup>39</sup> Patterson Marriage Records, 22.

- at Pound Ridge PHEBE J. BISHOP age 17 years (he then being age 26).<sup>40</sup> Served in the Civil War with Company F of the 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment New York Infantry, enlisting as a Private on 24 Sep 1863 at Tarrytown, New York, promoted to Corporal 10 Jun 1865, and serving until the end of the war, discharged 1 Nov 1865 at Amelia Courthouse in Virginia.<sup>41</sup> His funeral was at the East Woods Chapel and he was buried at the Beck Hill Cemetery in Lewisboro,<sup>42</sup> leaving a wife and 6 children.<sup>43</sup>
- iii. ISRAEL WOOD, b. abt. 1843, d. 25 Jan 1926 age 84, bur. in the veterans Section of the Lakeview Cemetery in New Canaan.<sup>44</sup> He m. at age "21" on 16 Jul 1863 at Pound Ridge SARAH E. BISHOP, age 18 years.<sup>45</sup> He first served in the Civil War with Company B of the 13<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Infantry from 17 Feb 1862 when he enlisted at New Haven until July 1862 when he was discharged at New Orleans by reason of disability. He then enlisted and served alongside his brother Sylvester in Company F of the 41<sup>st</sup> New York from 24 Sep 1863 until the end of the war, eventually reaching the rank of Sergeant.<sup>46</sup>
  - iv. JOHN LEWIS WOOD, b. abt. 1845, d. 1909, m. 29 Mar 1866 at Pound Ridge PAULINA E. BUTTERY, age 18 years.<sup>47</sup>
  - v. SUSANNAH WOOD, b. 11 Oct 1848, d. 10 Apr 1915,<sup>48</sup> m. ELI BROWN, res. Railroad Ave. New Canaan. Her obituary said that she "died just one week after the death of Mrs. [Sarah M.] Nichols of Millport Avenue, having contracted pneumonia from her sister."<sup>49</sup>
  - vi. RACHEL ANN WOOD, b. 13 Jun 1850, d. 19 Apr 1925, m. FRANCIS POTTS.<sup>50</sup>
  - vii. ADELIN M. WOOD, b. 22 Mar 1853, d. 17 Jul 1907, m. GEORGE NICHOLS.<sup>51</sup>
  - viii. SARAH M. WOOD, b. 19 or 20 Apr 1856, d. 3 Apr 1915 at New Canaan,<sup>52</sup> m. (1) at age "16" years 30 Nov 1871 at Pound Ridge BYRON A. BEARDSLEY age 22 years,<sup>53</sup> m.(2) before 1892 ARTHUR NICHOLS.

<sup>40</sup> Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan and Mrs. Frank W. Seth, "Marriage Records 1838-1871 of Aaron B. Fancher, Justice of the Peace, Poundridge, New York" (typescript, Connecticut State Library copy), 18, hereafter Fancher Marriage Records.

<sup>41</sup> Sylvester Wood, NARA Compiled Service Records of Civil War Soldiers, photocopies in possession of the writer.

<sup>42</sup> RHBB.

<sup>43</sup> *New Canaan Messenger*, 17 November 1888, microfilm at the New Canaan Historical Society.

<sup>44</sup> Gravestone, Lakeview Cemetery, New Canaan, Hale Collection used at the Connecticut State Library, New Canaan page 80, hereafter Hale Collection, New Canaan.

<sup>45</sup> Fancher Marriage Records, 14

<sup>46</sup> Israel Wood, NARA Compiled Service Records of Civil War Soldiers, photocopies in possession of the writer.

<sup>47</sup> Fancher Marriage Records, 16.

<sup>48</sup> New Canaan Death Certificate 1915 No. 56; also gravestone at Lakeview Cemetery, Hale Collection, New Canaan, 24.

<sup>49</sup> Obituary, *New Canaan Advertiser*, 15 Apr 1915, 2: 6.

<sup>50</sup> New Canaan Death Certificate 1925 No. 49; also gravestone at Lakeview, Hale Collection, New Canaan, 24.

<sup>51</sup> New Canaan Death Certificate 1907 No. 86; also gravestone at Lakeview, Hale Collection, New Canaan, 24.

<sup>52</sup> New Canaan Death Certificate 1915 No., 51; also gravestone at Lakeview, Hale Collection, New Canaan, 24.

<sup>53</sup> Fancher Marriage Records, 21.

## JOHN<sup>1</sup> MILLS OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

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The following sketch brings together some Connecticut, New York, and Illinois records, clarifying the identity of two of the several John Mills of Fairfield County. As far as is presently known, none of his progeny surnamed "Mills" lived in Connecticut, but the daughter of John<sup>4</sup>, Jerusha (Mills) Middlebrook, is said to have had eleven children.

10. JOHN<sup>4</sup> MILLS (*Robert<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>*), son of Robert and Dorothy (Middlebrook) Mills, was born in 1738 or 1739<sup>[1]</sup> and baptized at the Greenfield Hill church in Fairfield, Connecticut, on 10 June 1739. He died, probably at Huntington, Suffolk County, which is on Long Island, New York, after 30 May 1820.<sup>[2]</sup> He married at Greenfield on 26 June 1766, JERUSHA BRADLEY,<sup>[3]</sup> daughter of Joseph and Jerusha (Turney) Bradley, born 19 April 1739 and baptized at Greenfield Hill on 22 April 1739.<sup>[4]</sup> "Jeruisha Mills (wife of Cap<sup>n</sup> Mills)" died at Greenfield on 11 October 1777.<sup>[5]</sup> Joseph Bradley's will dated 1 January 1774 and the distribution of his estate on 2 June 1777 both mention his daughter Jerusha, but not by her married name.<sup>[6]</sup> John apparently married again, as he mentioned a wife in his 1820 deposition.<sup>[7]</sup>

John chose his uncle, Joseph Middlebrook, Jr., as his guardian on 16 December 1754.<sup>[8]</sup> He was probably the John Mills who "rode a horse from Fairfield" with his brother Ebenezer Mills in Captain Daniel Bradley's company, Colonel Andrew Burr's Regiment, from 7 to 23 August 1757 "for Relief of Fort Will<sup>m</sup> Henry,"<sup>[9]</sup> which is near Lake George. On 8 March 1767 John Mills and Jerusha his wife renewed the covenant at Greenfield.<sup>[10]</sup> On 19 December 1774 the Fairfield town meeting chose John Mills as a "packer." This is the only time his name appears in the town records.<sup>[11]</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Revolutionary War pension record, John Mills, S42978. On 1 April 1818 he was in his 79th year (perhaps actually 79) and on 30 May 1820 was age 81.

<sup>2</sup> John Mills pension, S42978. He deposed on that date.

<sup>3</sup> *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 70 (1916):35 (Greenfield Hill Church records were published in vols. 68–70 of the *Register*); original Greenfield Hill church records, CSL film #197, 1:198.

<sup>4</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:133, 655; *Register* 68 (1914):297.

<sup>5</sup> *Register*, 70 (1916):42; Bradley, "Mills Family," 21, says she died on 4 Oct. 1774 and her mother was Jerusha. But John's pension (see the quote below) and her father's probate show 1777 is the correct year.

<sup>6</sup> Fairfield District Probate, Joseph Bradley, #1004. In mentioning Jerusha, Joseph's will says she should make a quitclaim deed to her brother Elisha to her right in the real estate of "her late mother Jerusha."

<sup>7</sup> John Mills pension, S42978.

<sup>8</sup> Fairfield District Probate, file #4264 and 11:212.

<sup>9</sup> *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War, 1755–1762*, 2 vols., vols. 9 and 10 in Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society (Hartford: 1903–1905), 9:201.

<sup>10</sup> *Register*, 68:293.

<sup>11</sup> Fairfield Records, Minutes of Town Meetings, 1661 to 1826, no page numbers.



On 23 March 1769 John Mills of Fairfield bought two acres in the parish of Greenfield from Amos Williams for £34. This was the same two acres with house, barn and shop which he sold to John Sherwood of Fairfield on 22 April 1779 for £810.<sup>[12]</sup> The higher price probably reflects value added as well as wartime inflation.

John himself said that he enlisted in January 1777 and served as a captain in Colonel Charles Webb's Second Regiment in the Connecticut line.<sup>[13]</sup> But he apparently saw earlier service as well. In April 1775 John Mills was adjutant to the Fifth Regiment of Colonel David Waterbury, Jr., and in March 1776 he was appointed lieutenant of the troops employed for defence at the fortification at Fairfield. In July 1776 "Lt. Jno. Mills" requested funds for his "party stationed at Black Rock Fort at Fairfield." In March 1777 John Mills was appointed first lieutenant in a company in Colonel Swift's Regiment and was voted funds to replace monies "advanced by him for expence in the defence of the harbour at Fairfield." Then in the same month he was appointed captain, at first in the same regiment and then transferred to Colonel John Chandler's Regiment. But in April he was in Colonel C. Webb's Regiment. There seems to be no record of his replacement in 1778.<sup>[14]</sup>

No further deed where John purchased land has been found, but on 2 June 1777 Jerusha, daughter of Joseph Bradley, received in the distribution of his estate two acres and 20 rods of land near Lockwood Gorham. It bounded north on the heirs of Elisha Alvord, deceased, east on Ebenezer Bradley and south and west on highways.<sup>[15]</sup> On 1 September 1790 John Mills, now of the City of New York, quitclaimed his right to two acres in the Parish of Greenfield to Eli Mills of Fairfield, describing it as bounding north on Ichabod Burr and the heirs of Elisha Alvord, east on Jesse Burr and south and west on the highway.<sup>[16]</sup> Eli then deeded this, describing it as two acres and twenty rods held "in common and undivided," in two halves for £14 and £2 to John Alvord on 23 September 1790, the latter half being a lease until 1 August 1795.<sup>[17]</sup>

In 1790 there was a John Mills in the West Ward of New York City, his household including six males over 16, three under and two females.<sup>[18]</sup> However, there was a John Mills, shoemaker, living at 38 Broadway according to the 1786 New York City directory,<sup>[19]</sup> while this John Mills called himself a cooper in his 1820 deposition (see below). He was probably living in someone else's household in New York City in 1790 and at Huntington in 1800 and 1810.

On 6 March 1802 John Alvord of Fairfield sold to John Mills of Huntington, New York, one [*sic*] acre and eleven rods of land in Greenfield, lying in common and undivided with the heirs of Jerusha Mills, deceased, being the same land Eli Mills deeded to John Alvord.<sup>[20]</sup> That sounds like one of the halves conveyed as above. (Although the

<sup>12</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 16:366; 20:332.

<sup>13</sup> John Mills pension record, #S42978.

<sup>14</sup> *Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut* (Hartford, 1850–1890), 14:428–29; 15:254, 462, 496; *Public Records of the State of Connecticut* (Hartford: State Library, 1864–1967), 1:189–90, 192, 203.

<sup>15</sup> Fairfield District Probate, Joseph Bradley, File #1004, distribution.

<sup>16</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 24:535.

<sup>17</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 24:536; 25:62.

<sup>18</sup> 1790 U.S. Census, New York, New York Co., N.Y., roll 6, original p. 19.

<sup>19</sup> David Franks, *The New York Directory for 1786, Illustrated with a Plan of the City, also Changes in the Names of Streets* (New York: H.J. Sachs & Company, 1905), as abstracted at *Ancestry.com*.

<sup>20</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 29:371/394.

bounds delimit the whole two acres and twenty rods.) About ten weeks later, on 30 July 1802, John Mills of Fairfield mortgaged to John Mills of Huntington an undivided half acre in Greenfield with a dwelling house and other buildings which he held "in common with my sister Jerusha Middlebrooks." That is, John, Jerusha and John, Sr., held together in common about two acres, Jerusha's share being a half acre and John, Sr.'s a full acre.<sup>[21]</sup> Thus it appears that the father, John Mills, Sr., living in Huntington, New York, had two other children besides Eli. John, Jr. and Jerusha (Mills) Middlebrooks cannot be children of Eli who had married in 1788, when he was only 21 years old. He would hardly have a son John old enough to be buying and mortgaging land in 1802. However, nothing more is known of Eli. Apparently he died and his siblings (and perhaps his father) inherited the other half of the land which he had only leased to John Alvord.

In February and March 1805 there are more deeds. On 16 February John Mills of Fairfield sold to John Mills, Jr., an acre with a dwelling house, bounded north "by land I have this day mortgaged to John Alvord, west and south by the highway and east by Jesse Burr,"<sup>[22]</sup> thus he sold the south part of the undivided land discussed above to John, Jr., and mortgaged the north part to Alvord. Then on 22 February 1805 John, Jr., mortgaged the south piece to James Knapp, describing it as one acre bounded on the north by John Mills.<sup>[23]</sup> On 10 March 1805 John, Jr., sold the whole, now two acres and 25 rods, to Jedidiah Hull.<sup>[24]</sup> While it appears that there were two John Mills in Fairfield at the time, apparently John of Huntington was back on a visit and the scribe simply called him "of Fairfield." These transactions are not completely clear.

On 26 May 1814 John Mills of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York, conveyed, for love and affection to his grandson Charles Mills, his right to an equal undivided part of two acres of land in Greenfield which had been deeded from Lockwood Gorham to Joseph Bradley, Jr., on 30 September 1747. On 25 November 1818 Walter Thorp, having been authorized by an act of the General Assembly in October 1817, sold to William B. Nash an undivided right to about two acres in Greenfield belonging to Charles Mills of Lansingburgh, New York, minor and son of John Mills of Lansingburgh,<sup>[25]</sup> which is in Rensselaer County.

On 1 April 1818 John<sup>4</sup> Mills applied for a pension saying,

I John Mills, a native of the State of Connecticut, now residing in Suffolk County in the State of New York, Do solemnly Declare that I entered the service of the United States of America, in the War of the Revolution, in the month of January in the year 1777. That I held the Commission and did the duty of a Captain in the 2<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> commanded by Col<sup>l</sup> Charles Webb, in the Connecticut line, from the time I entered the service until the month of May in the year 1778, when, in consequence of the death of my wife and affairs at home, it became necessary for me to surrender my Commission, which I handed to the Commander in Chief, Gen. Washington, who was pleased to accept the same with the kindest expressions of regret: And I do further Declare, with feelings which I cannot describe, that by reason of my advanced age, (being now in my 79<sup>th</sup> year)

<sup>21</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 29:460/483.

<sup>22</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 30:397/411; 31:103/126.

<sup>23</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 31:319/340.

<sup>24</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 31:634/655.

<sup>25</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 35:580; 36:577.

and reduced circumstances in life, I have need of assistance from my Country for support.<sup>[26]</sup>

On 30 May 1820 he again deposed as a resident of Huntington, saying he served from January 1777 to May 1778 and said “I have occasionally worked at the coopers business but having lost use of right arm. . .,” and he made his mark. His family included only his wife and his inventory only a few items.<sup>[27]</sup>

*Children of John and Jerusha (Bradley) Mills:*<sup>[28]</sup>

- i. **ELI<sup>5</sup> MILLS**, baptized Greenfield 5 April 1767;<sup>[29]</sup> was of Greenfield when he married at Greens Farms 29 Sept. 1788 **ANNE MEEKER** of Greens Farms,<sup>[30]</sup> born 28 March 1767, baptized 3 May 1767, died 21 April 1817 at age 50, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Burr) Meeker.<sup>[31]</sup> Eli was of Fairfield in 1790, as noted above, but has not been found in any census. Ann married (2) at Greens Farms 14 Oct. 1810 John Ogden.<sup>[32]</sup>
- ii. **JERUSHA MILLS**, baptized Greenfield 17 Dec. 1769, age about 3 months;<sup>[33]</sup> died 16 Sept. 1777 age 8, daughter of Capt. Mills.<sup>[34]</sup>
- iii. **MARY MILLS**, born ca. 1774, died 23 Sept. 1777 age 3, daughter of Capt. Mills.<sup>[35]</sup>
- iv. **JERUSHA MILLS**, born August 1776;<sup>[36]</sup> died 9 Jan. 1819, age 43, of typhus fever, and was buried from Trinity Church at Fairfield on 10 Jan. 1819;<sup>[37]</sup> married about 1794 **SAMUEL WHEELER MIDDLEBROOK**, son of Oliver and Mary (Odell) Middlebrook.<sup>[38]</sup> He was born 23 May 1773, baptized at Greenfield Hill 19 Dec. 1773,<sup>[39]</sup> died 25 or 27 Dec. 1836,<sup>[40]</sup> and was buried at Mt. Grove Cemetery in Bridgeport, Conn.<sup>[41]</sup> The Middlebrook genealogy lists eleven children including a John Mills Middlebrook.<sup>[42]</sup>
- iv. **JOHN MILLS**, born by 1777, perhaps in October (mother's death); died in Gallatin Co., Ill., probably in early 1828 (see below); married ca. 1799<sup>[43]</sup> **EUNICE SHERWOOD**,

<sup>26</sup> John Mills pension, S42978.

<sup>27</sup> John Mills pension, S42978.

<sup>28</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:655, said his list is incomplete and named only Eli, the first Jerusha, and Mary.

<sup>29</sup> *Register*, 69:233; Greenfield Hill church records, CSL film #197, 1:129, the day in the binding but Jacobus saw the original.

<sup>30</sup> Greens Farms Church Records, vol. 1, no page numbers; Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:655, says they married at Westport, but that town was not formed until 1835, when it included Greens Farms.

<sup>31</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:635–36.

<sup>32</sup> Greens Farms Church Records, vol. 1, no page numbers; Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:635–36, reporting that her father's will called her Ann Ogden.

<sup>33</sup> *Register*, 69:233; Greenfield Hill church records, CSL film #197, 1:129, the day in the binding, but Jacobus saw the original.

<sup>34</sup> *Register*, 70:42.

<sup>35</sup> *Register*, 70:42.

<sup>36</sup> Middlebrook, *Middlebrook*, 76, says 1772, but the age at death suggests 1776. Besides, the first Jerusha did not die until 1777. Perhaps she was first named something else and her name changed after her sister died.

<sup>37</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:652n, probably from Edmund Guilbert, *Annals of an Old Parish, Historical Sketches of Trinity Church, Southport, Connecticut, 1725 to 1898* (New York: Thomas Whittaker, 1898), 242. Southport is part of Fairfield. Middlebrook, *Middlebrook*, 76, also says she died 9 Jan. 1819.

<sup>38</sup> Middlebrook, *Middlebrook*, 76, says his mother was Mary Bradley, but Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:653 and 707, says Mary Odell. Oliver and Mary's son “Odel” was baptized on 24 Sept. 1775 (*Register* 69:240).

<sup>39</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:653; *Register* 69:240, which gives both birth and baptism dates.

<sup>40</sup> Middlebrook, *Middlebrook*, 76, says 27 Dec.

<sup>41</sup> Hale Collection, Bridgeport, 132, says 25 Dec.

<sup>42</sup> Middlebrook, *Middlebrook*, 76–77, at least two of them buried with their father.

<sup>43</sup> Their son Charles was born about 1800 (1850 census, see below).

daughter of Seth and Mary (Wakeman) Sherwood,<sup>[44]</sup> born 1770–80.<sup>[45]</sup> John was at Lansingburgh, Rensselaer Co. (on the Hudson, north of Troy), on 6 May 1814 when he bought lot 46 “in the Village” from John Cramer, one of the executors of the last will of Eliphalet W. Close late of Halfmoon, Saratoga Co.<sup>[46]</sup> On 2 May 1818 Eunice, wife of John Mills of Lansingburgh, quitclaimed for \$1 all the dower right in a house and lot in lot 45 in the Village of Lansingburgh sold by Reed Brockway and Elizabeth his wife of Troy to Rufus Fisher. On the same day Reed and Elizabeth Brockway of Troy sold to Rufus Fisher of Lansingburgh, a house and lot in lot 45 in the Village of Lansingburgh, bounded east by King St., south by lot 44, west by an alley 29', north by lot 46, 55' wide and 140' long, for \$400, but there is no mention of how Brockways had acquired the land.<sup>[47]</sup> These deeds could imply that Eunice had been previously married, but there may be some other reason for her possession of the dower right.

Since Lansingburgh was formed from Troy and Petersburg in 1807, this may be the John Mills at Petersburg in 1800 with a male under 10, one 16 to 26, one 45 or over, a female 10–16, and one over 45,<sup>[48]</sup> although if the count is accurate, the adults are too old. “J. Mills” was at Lansingburgh in 1810 with a male under 10, one 10–16, and one 26–45, plus a female under 10 and one 26–45.<sup>[49]</sup>

Although one account says the son Edgar and four brothers came from New York to Gallatin Co. in 1838,<sup>[50]</sup> by 1820 the family was there, the town unspecified in the census. John Mills had three males under 10, one 10–16, two 16–26, himself over 45, a female 16–26 and one over 45. Three were in agriculture.<sup>[51]</sup>

On 26 April 1824 Charles and John Mills were among the signers of a petition to set off an election precinct at the house of William Dotson, Sr., in the “pond settlement ... the place where Brica Hanna formerly resided” in Gallatin Co.<sup>[52]</sup> On 18 Sept. 1824 John Mills and Eunice his wife of Gallatin Co., Illinois, quitclaimed to Walter Thorp of Fairfield, Conn., their one-fifth right in an undivided twenty acres in Fairfield, held in common with other heirs of Polly Sherwood, deceased, mother of Eunice Mills,<sup>[53]</sup> Polly being a nickname for Mary. Walter Thorp was also guardian of their son Charles.<sup>[54]</sup> In 1825 John Mills was supervisor for the new Vandalia Road in Gallatin Co. On 19 March 1828 Eunice Mills was appointed administratrix of the estate of John Mills.<sup>[55]</sup> On the same day an original deed was “delivered to Eunice Mills.” This was an indenture dated 25 Dec. 1827 from Charles Mills and Juliann his wife of Gallatin Co., to George, James, Bradley, and Norman Mills, all of the said county, for \$50 for

<sup>44</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:848. See below for details of a deed which verifies the relationship.

<sup>45</sup> Age 50–60 in the 1830 census (see below).

<sup>46</sup> Rensselaer Co. Deeds, 7:373.

<sup>47</sup> Rensselaer Co. Deeds, 7:361–62.

<sup>48</sup> 1800 U.S. Census, Petersburg, Rensselaer Co., N.Y., roll 26, p. 861, indexed as “Mille” on *Ancestry.com*.

<sup>49</sup> 1810 U.S. Census, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer Co., N.Y., roll 35, p. 61.

<sup>50</sup> *History of Gallatin, Saline, Hamilton, Franklin, and Williamson Counties, Illinois: from the Earliest Time to the Present, together with Sundry and Interesting Biographical Sketches, Notes, Reminiscences, etc.*, (Evansville, Ind.: Unigraphic, 1967), 557–58.

<sup>51</sup> 1820 U.S. Census, Gallatin Co., Ill., roll 11, p. 57, no town stated.

<sup>52</sup> Lucy Bender, “Early Settlers of Gallatin County, Illinois,” 5 vols. (n.p.: n.p., n.d.), 5:92–93.

<sup>53</sup> *Fairfield Deeds*, 36:657. One witness was Charles Mills. Another deed to what must be part of the same piece, dated 5 Nov. 1824 (*Ibid.*, 40:351) to Zoa Ogden, wife of Sturges Ogden, was signed by Samuel W. Sherwood, Oliver and Mable Middlebrooks, and by Walter Thorp and his children (and a few others), revealing that Walter Thorp's wife Ruhamah and Samuel W. Sherwood were also children of Seth and Mary (Wakeman) Sherwood. See Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:848, 964n.

<sup>54</sup> *Fairfield District Probate*, Charles Mills of Lansingburgh, N.Y., file #4251.

<sup>55</sup> Lucy Bender, “Records of Gallatin Co., Illinois,” vols. 3 and 4 (1936) [FHL 0,007,702], pp. x, 22.

54 acres, the east part of the southeast quarter of section 2, township 8 south of range 9 east.<sup>[56]</sup>

In 1830, Charles Mills was listed at Cane Creek in Gallatin Co. and his mother "Eunis" was nearby. She had a male 10–15, three males 15–20, and one 20–30 besides herself, age 50–60.<sup>[57]</sup> On 15 Nov. 1838 Bradley Mills of Gallatin Co. sold land in section 2, same town, to George Mills.<sup>[58]</sup> On 26 May 1842 Edgar Mills and Sarah Jane his wife, George Mills, Charles Mills, Hanna and Ann their wives and Norman Mills sold three pieces of land in sections 2 and 11 in the same town, called "Shawneetown District."<sup>[59]</sup> However, township 8 south, range 9 east, is now named Ridgway, northwest of Shawneetown, which is on the Ohio River in the southeast corner of the state. Perhaps "Cane Creek Precinct" was in what is now Ridgway township.

Children, most assumed from the 1827 and 1842 deeds, order uncertain:

1. *Charles Mills*, born Conn. ca. 1800;<sup>[60]</sup> a minor in 1818; witnessed his parents' 1824 deed at Gallatin Co.; married at Gallatin Co. 26 March 1841 *Ann Sanders*.<sup>[61]</sup> In 1850 at Cane Creek Precinct, Charles was 50, a farmer born in Conn., with Anna 53, born in Tenn., Edgar 22, laborer, Lucy 21, Cellina 8 (a female), and Norman 29, laborer, all born in Ill.<sup>[62]</sup>
2. ?Daughter, under 10 in 1810, 16–26 in 1820.
3. *Samuel Sherwood Mills*, "son of John and Eunis," born ca. Dec. 1805; died 23 Nov. 1808 age 2 years 11 months, buried in the Old Cemetery, Waterford, Saratoga Co.<sup>[63]</sup> Waterford is just across the Hudson from Lansingburgh.
4. *George Mills*, born N.Y. ca. 1810 (1850 census); married Gallatin Co. ca. 1833 *Hannah Pollard*.<sup>[64]</sup> On 27 July 1841 George and Hannah his wife of Gallatin Co. sold two pieces of land in section 13, town 8 south range 9 east,<sup>[65]</sup> and on 8 March 1842 they were of Jefferson Co., Ill., when they sold land in section 3 of the same town.<sup>[66]</sup> In 1850 at Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co., George Mills was age 40, a merchant with real estate worth \$800, born in New York. Hannah, age 35, was born in England, and John 14, Mary J. 12, Eunice 10, George W. 8, Thomas J. 6, Edgar 4, and Sarah 2 were all born in Ill.<sup>[67]</sup> George and Hannah were among the founding members of the "Alton Presbytery–New School" church at Mt. Vernon on 21 Feb. 1854.<sup>[68]</sup>
5. *James Mills*, probably deceased by the time of the 1842 deed.
6. *Bradley Mills*, living in 1838 but possibly deceased by the time of the 1842 deed. However, a Bradley Mills, born in N.Y., ca. 1817,<sup>[69]</sup> married Rebecca \_\_\_\_, who was born in Ill. ca. 1824. In 1850 in Marion Co., Ill., this Bradley Mills, age 33, grocer, with \$700 in real estate, had Rebecca 26, Elizabeth 6, Marion 5, Melissa

<sup>56</sup> Gallatin Co. Deeds, A:302.

<sup>57</sup> 1830 U.S. Census, Cane Creek, Gallatin Co., Ill., roll 22, 282–83.

<sup>58</sup> Gallatin Co. Deeds, M:171.

<sup>59</sup> Gallatin Co. Deeds, L:583.

<sup>60</sup> 1850 census (see below).

<sup>61</sup> Betty Head, "Gallatin County, Illinois, Marriages, 1830–1858," (1985), 43, citing 1:181.

<sup>62</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Cane Creek, Gallatin Co., Ill., roll 107, p. 359.

<sup>63</sup> "Durkee's Saratoga County Epitaphs, Waterford Cemeteries," *The Saratoga*, 7 (1990):130.

<sup>64</sup> Head, "Gallatin County, Illinois, Marriages, 1830–1858," 43, citing 1:72 but giving no date; the date inferred from the age of the oldest child in the 1850 census (see below).

<sup>65</sup> Gallatin Co. Deeds, L:113.

<sup>66</sup> Gallatin Co. Deeds, L:521.

<sup>67</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co., Ill., roll 110, p. 398.

<sup>68</sup> William Henry Perrin, *History of Jefferson County, Illinois* (Chicago: Globe Publishing Co., 1883), 315.

<sup>69</sup> 1850 census (see below).

- 2, and George, age 4 months, all born in Ill., in his family.<sup>[70]</sup> However, several entries on the Ancestry World Tree say (perhaps erroneously) this man was the son of James and Elizabeth (Biggerstaff) Mills and his wife was Rebecca Ellis.
7. *Edgar Mills*, died, probably in 1845;<sup>[71]</sup> married Gallatin Co. 12 Sept. 1841 *Sarah Jane Ridgway*,<sup>[72]</sup> born 1820, died 1863, buried Westwood Cemetery near New Shawneetown.<sup>[73]</sup> On 1 March 1845 [*sic*] Sarah Jane Mills renounced her right to administer on the estate of her late husband Edgar Mills, deceased, late of Shawneetown, Gallatin Co., and requested that her brother John G. Ridgway administer. He posted bond on 1 March 1843 [*sic*].<sup>[74]</sup> In 1850 at Shawneetown, Sarah J. Mills was 28, Edgar 8, and Walter 6, all born in Ill.<sup>[75]</sup> Mrs. Sarah J. Mills married at Gallatin Co. 26 Jan. 1851 Silas Hemmingway.<sup>[76]</sup>
8. *Norman Mills*, born Ill. ca. 1821;<sup>[77]</sup> living with his brother Charles in 1850. He is probably the Norman Mills who enlisted as a private in Co. K, 49<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry, on 19 Feb. 1865 and was mustered out 9 Sept. 1865. That company was recruited in Jefferson and Marion Counties.<sup>[78]</sup>

[To be continued intermittently]

<sup>70</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, District 11, Marion Co., Ill., roll 119, p. 43.

<sup>71</sup> *History of Gallatin, . . . Counties*, 558, says he was a merchant in Shawneetown and died in 1846, this in a sketch of his son Edgar Mills of Ridgway, born Shawneetown 31 Aug. 1843 [*sic*]. See his probate below.

<sup>72</sup> Head, "Gallatin County, Illinois, Marriages, 1830-1858," 43, citing 1:190.

<sup>73</sup> Glen Miner, "Cemeteries of Gallatin County," (1973-74), online at <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~davidca/Gall-cem/Book1.htm> [hyphen added], 54, where her stone says she married Edgar Mills 1843 and married Silas Hemmingway 1852 [*sic*].

<sup>74</sup> Gallatin Co. Probate, Estate of Edgar Mills [FHL 2,132,376], alphabetically arranged.

<sup>75</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Shawneetown, Gallatin Co., Ill., roll 107, p. 392.

<sup>76</sup> Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, citing 2:108.

<sup>77</sup> 1850 census, living with his brother Charles (see above).

<sup>78</sup> "49th Illinois Infantry Regiment," [www.rootsweb.com/~ilcivilw/r050/049-k-in.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcivilw/r050/049-k-in.htm).

## Children of Francis HENDRICK(S): Updating Jacobus's *Fairfield* and *New Haven* Families

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In his works on New Haven and Fairfield families, Donald Lines Jacobus identified a group of siblings surnamed Hendrick or Henry, born perhaps ca 1675-1690.<sup>1</sup> He did not identify their parents, but the surname implies that the father was one of those few Dutch men who settled in the English colonies. The four children settled in the widely spaced communities of Norwalk, Wallingford, and Newtown, and the family name in records of these places appears in a variety of spellings, including Hendrick, Henry, Henneries, Henryx, and Henryxson.

Jacobus cites the will of Francis<sup>2</sup> Hendrick, who died in Wallingford in 1733, to prove the relationship of the four siblings.<sup>2</sup> This key document with its several interesting provisions is quoted here in full, preserving the original spelling but adding a few punctuation marks:<sup>3</sup>

In the Name of God Amen I Francis Hendrick of Wallingford in the County of New Haven in the Collony of Connecticut in New England being Grown into years tho at this time in good health and of Sound Mind & memory yet not knowing how Soon my great Change may come I Soe Cause to make my Last Will & Testament in Maner & form following -ltr

Imprimis I Committ my Soul to God who gave it hoping & Trusting in Christ Jesus my Redeemer for Life & Blessedness in the World to Come and my Body [illeg.] may be Committed to y<sup>e</sup> earth by Christian Burryall at the Discretion of My Executors. as for my outward estate I dispose of it as followeth -

1ly I order my just debts and funeral expenses to be payd out of my estate.

2ly I Give to my Loving wife Martha Hendrick the one half of my moveable estate forever. Item I give tomy s<sup>d</sup> wife during her Naturall Life or her estate of Widowhood the use & Improvement and proffitts of the one half of my Mansion House & Barn and Homestead and y<sup>e</sup> use and profits of the one half of all my Land in Wallingford that are Scittuate Lyeing and being in the eastward side of the Cuntry Road to Hartford (except one Wood Lott of Twelve acres and a half which is near my Dwelling House which Wood Lott I reserve Solely for my Heir hereafter mentioned &

3ly I Give to my Coursen John Hendrick 3<sup>d</sup> Son of my Brother William Hendrick of Wallingford decaas<sup>d</sup> and to the heirs male of his body Lawfully begotten and to their heirs male in Such a Lineall Descent of heirs male forever, to Say my Mansion House, Barn and all my Accomodations at Home (to come into y<sup>e</sup> possession of y<sup>e</sup> one half at my decease and y<sup>e</sup> other half after my wifes decease or Marryage) and to him s<sup>d</sup> John Hendrick I Give all my Lands in Wallingford y<sup>e</sup> are on y<sup>e</sup> eat Side of the river with y<sup>e</sup> Same Entail as above said to him and to the heirs male of his Body Lawfully begotten and to their heirs male in a Liniall Descent and in Case of failure of heirs male in y<sup>e</sup> Line then my Will is that the aboves<sup>d</sup> estate Shall with and under y<sup>e</sup> Same Entail pass to my Coursen Francis Hendrick Son of my Brother Samuell Hendrick of NewTown and to his heirs Male throughout all generations and in Case of failure of heirs male in y<sup>e</sup> line then my Will is that this same estate shall pass to my Cousen William Hendricks Son of

<sup>1</sup> Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven*, reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co, 1997 (1922-32) [hereafter Jacobus, *New Haven*]:737; and Donald Lines Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1976 (1930), [hereafter Jacobus, *Fairfield*] II: 448-9. In *Fairfield*, vol. 1, Jacobus also traces the family of Henry Hendrick, who entered land in the town of Fairfield in 1655. This Henry had four daughters and one son, Henry, but no link to the Hendrick family of this article has been discovered.

<sup>2</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield* II:448-9.

<sup>3</sup> New Haven Probate Court Record 6:119. The microfilm of this record [FHL Film #5296] is pratically illegible and this transcription is from the original held by the Connecticut Archives.

my Brother William Hendricks afors<sup>d</sup> Deceas<sup>d</sup> and to his heirs male under y<sup>c</sup> Same Entail abovs<sup>d</sup> throughout all generations.

4ly I order & empower my Executors hereafter named to Sell two pieces of my Land viz: one piece at River Meadow about one acre in quantity butted and Bounded as upon record. Y<sup>c</sup> other piece at Halls point about 16 acre more or less Butted & Bounded as upon record, and y<sup>c</sup> money y<sup>l</sup> these Lands Will [bring] I order to be distributed in equall proportion among y<sup>c</sup> Children of my Brothers William & Samuell Hendrick.

5ly I Give to y<sup>c</sup> Church in y<sup>c</sup> old Society in Wallingford the Sume of five Pounds and order my Executors to pay it out of my Moveable estate.

6ly all y<sup>c</sup> rest of my Moveable estate I Give to y<sup>c</sup> four children of my Sister Mary Canfeild hereafter named viz: Daved, Ezekiell, Elisabeth, and Lydia in equall proportion.

7ly I appoint my Good friends Ens. Hawkins Hart and M<sup>r</sup> Beniamen Holt to be my Executors, and in Confirmation that this is my Last Will & Testament Sign and Seal publish propound & Declare to be so in the presence of Lawful Witnesses this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December Anno Domeni 1729

Sign<sup>d</sup> Sead<sup>d</sup> & Publish<sup>d</sup> in presence of us

Francis Hendrick (seal)

Joseph Moss

Elisha Kent

Abigail Moss

The will was proved at court on 7 September 1733 upon presentation by witnesses "M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail Cook (quondam Moss)" and Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Kent, the Congregational minister at Newtown. But its provisions were challenged by Samuel Hendrick of Newtown and by William Hendrick, eldest son of the deceased William of Wallingford. On 7 March 1733/4 this appeal was granted and the case ordered to be heard in the Superior Court.<sup>4</sup> The results of the appeal have not been researched for this study.

The major finding of research for this article is the marriage record of Mary "Hennerly" to Ebenezer Canfield in Norwalk on 23 March 1693/4 which was not cited by Jacobus.<sup>5</sup> This record lists her as a daughter of Francis "Hennerly," thus identifying the father of the four siblings. Further, with this marriage date, Mary is shown to be the mother of all the children of Ebenezer Canfield, which had been questioned by Jacobus. This article summarizes the four families, spelling the surname as most commonly found in the various town records. Also, it cites some sources which had been omitted in Jacobus's *Fairfield* work.

### First Generation

1. FRANCIS<sup>1</sup> HENRICK(S) or HENRY, born say 1645 (first child born ca 1670), wife not identified. May have lived in Norwalk at marriage of daughter Mary on 24 March 1693/4, and may have resided in Wallingford with sons Francis and William.

Known children:<sup>6</sup>

2. i. Mary<sup>2</sup> Hennery, born say 1670, m. Ebenezer Canfield.
3. ii. Samuel Hendrick or Henry, born say 1675, m. Phebe Wake.
4. iii. Francis Hendrick, born say 1678, m. Martha How.
5. iv. William Hendrick, born say 1680, m. Abigail Sykes.

<sup>4</sup> New Haven Probate Court Record 6:132.

<sup>5</sup> Norwalk Land Records 1:238 [FHL Film #5001]. This filming is of a transcription of the original record. Here, and in the births of two daughters cited below, the surname is spelled *Camfield*, possibly a transcriber's error.

<sup>6</sup> Jacobus, *New Haven*, II:737-8.



### Second Generation

2. **MARY<sup>2</sup> HENNERY** (*Francis<sup>1</sup>*), born say 1670, died before 1715, married in Norwalk, 23 March 1693/4,<sup>7</sup> **EBENEZER CANFIELD**, died in Norwalk before 20 January 1715/[16] (date of estate inventory).<sup>8</sup> Ebenezer married, second, Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (named in his probate record).

A list of ten of Ebenezer Canfield's children, with birthdates and ages, is appended to his estate inventory. The inventory was exhibited to the court on 4 April 1716, and it is dated 20 January 1715, which must of course be read as 1715/6 in the Old Style (Julian) calendar. Birth records are found in Norwalk for only the first two daughters, and these match the inventory record within just a few days for each.

Four of the last six Canfield children are named in the 1733 will of Mary's brother, Francis<sup>2</sup> Hendrick of Wallingford. Had they been by Ebenezer's second wife, she would surely have been named their guardian and Mary's brother would not have named them. There are no gaps in the birth order, but Jacobus suggests a possible earlier wife for Ebenezer since the first four children are not named in Francis's will. Here, the date in the marriage record (which he had not cited) proves Mary to be the mother of all the children.

On 4 April 1716 the Fairfield Probate Court recorded that John Raymond was chosen guardian by Elizabeth Canfield and was appointed guardian to Ezekiel and David Canfield; Jedediah Canfield was appointed guardian to Mathew Canfield; and Lieut. Sam<sup>ll</sup> Keeler was appointed guardian to "Jabis" and "Lidiah" Canfield.<sup>9</sup>

Children of Ebenezer and Patience Canfield (birthdates calculated from the probate record except for Patience and Mary):<sup>10</sup>

- i. Patience Canfield, b. 8 October 1695<sup>11</sup> (age 20 on 15 of October last).
- ii. Mary Canfield, b. 3 August 1697<sup>12</sup> (age 18 years on 5 of August last).
- iii. Ebenezer Canfield, b. 24 August 1699.
- iv. Timothy Canfield, b. 16 September 1701.
- v. Elizabeth Canfield, b. 5 June 1703; named in her uncle Francis's will.
- vi. Jabez Canfield, b. 20 October 1704, prob. d. by 1733, not named in his uncle's will.
- vii. Lideah Canfield, b. 11 March 1707; named in her uncle's will.
- viii. Matthew Canfield, b. 12 October 1708, prob. d. by 1733, not named in his uncle's will.
- ix. Ezekiel Canfield, b. 6 November 1710; named in his uncle's will.
- x. David Canfield, b. 14 Apr 1712; named in his uncle's will.

3. **SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> HENRYX** (*Francis<sup>1</sup>*), born say 1675, married ca 1703 (first child) **PHEBE WAKE**, born after 1675, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Wake and Elizabeth (Dickerson) (Knapp) Wake.

<sup>7</sup> Norwalk Land Records 1:238 [FHL Film #5001].

<sup>8</sup> Fairfield Probate Court Record 5:338 [FHL Film #4287].

<sup>9</sup> Fairfield Probate Court Record 5:339 [FHL Film #4287].

<sup>10</sup> Fairfield Probate Court Record 5:338-9 [FHL Film #4287].

<sup>11</sup> Norwalk Land Records 1:238 [FHL Film #5001].

<sup>12</sup> Norwalk Land Records 1:238 [FHL Film #5001].

Jacobus discusses the family of Roger Knapp, Elizabeth's first husband and the father of her Knapp children. After Roger Knapp's first wife's death in 1653, he married a second time, Elizabeth Dickerson.<sup>13</sup> He wrote a will dated 1672 and proved September 1675. No daughter Phebe is named in this will, and she must have been conceived and born after that date.<sup>14</sup>

On 9 November 1691 the will of the "widow Wake" was annulled and the estate ordered to be distributed among the three children of her son-in-law Charles Land, her daughter Mary, and her daughter "feeby."<sup>15</sup>

The nuncupative will of the unmarried Mary Knap, dated at Stratford, 9 February 1710/11, names her "dear and tender sister to her" (i.e. half-sister) Phebe, as wife of Samuel Henrick and also "Nathaniell Henrick the son of the said Sam<sup>ll</sup> and Phebe to be her the said Mary[s] Child" (*sic*, that is godchild?). She gives "my boy Nathan<sup>ll</sup> two acres of land and if he dies before he comes of age then it shall be my brother Nathan<sup>ll</sup>[s]."<sup>16</sup> This will proves Samuel's wife to be the daughter "feeby" named in the distribution of Elizabeth Wake's estate.

In the Newtown birth records of his children Samuel's surname is given as Henryx, but in other Newtown records it is Henry. Benoni's surname is Henrixson in his children's birth record. The first five children are born at Stratfield, a parish of Fairfield later formed, with parts of Stratford, into the town of Bridgeport. The next two children are born at Chestnut Ridge, now Redding Ridge, in the town of Redding which was separated from Fairfield in 1767.

Jacobus lists another daughter, Elizabeth, baptized 2 October 1715. The birth is not recorded with others in Newtown, and Jacobus's source for the baptismal record has not been found.<sup>17</sup>

Children, births all recorded Newtown,<sup>18</sup> first four baptized at Stratfield:<sup>19</sup>

- i. Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, b. 7 Feb 1704/[5] at Stratfield, baptized 22 April 1705.
- ii. Roger, b. 14 April 1705 at Stratfield, baptized 16 June 1706.
- iii. Samuel, b. 15 May 1707 at Stratfield, baptized 25 April 1708, d. bef 17 Mar 1761 (estate inventory),<sup>20</sup> m. Deborah \_\_\_\_ (widow named in probate record). Children:
  1. Samuel, b. bef 1748. Being of age, chose Seth Hull of Redding as guardian on 24 Feb 1762.<sup>21</sup>
  2. Abner, b. aft 1747. Being of non-age, Deborah Hendrix appointed guardian on 6 Apr 1761.<sup>22</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield* I: 364-6.

<sup>14</sup> Fairfield Probate Court Record 4: 50 [FHL Film #4287].

<sup>15</sup> Fairfield Probate Court Record 4: 49 [FHL Film #4287].

<sup>16</sup> Fairfield Probate Court Record 5:192 [FHL Film #4287].

<sup>17</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, II:449.

<sup>18</sup> Newtown Land Records 2:352 [FHL Film #4967].

<sup>19</sup> Stratfield (now Bridgeport) Church Records 1:14,15,16,18 [FHL Film #3830].

<sup>20</sup> Danbury Probate Court Record 1:232 [FHL Film #4024].

<sup>21</sup> Danbury Probate Court Record 2:117 [FHL Film #4024].

<sup>22</sup> Danbury Probate Court Record 2:125 [FHL Film #4024].

- iv. Francis, b. 1 April 1709 at Stratfield, baptized 7 May 1710, d. bef 16 Jul 1759 (estate inventory).<sup>23</sup> Francis is the only child of Samuel named in his uncle Francis's will.
- v. Benoni, b. "last day of Jan<sup>y</sup>, 1711/12" at Stratfield, d. bef 23 Feb 1761 (estate inventory),<sup>24</sup> m. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (named as mother of children). Children, births recorded in Newtown to Benoni Henrixson and wife Sary:<sup>25</sup>
  - 1. Roger, b. 3 Dec 1737.
  - 2. Sary, b. 13 Jan 1739.
  - 3. Eleazer, b. 14 Feb 174[torn, indexed as 1741/2]. Roger Hendryx was appointed his guardian on 7 Apr 1761.<sup>26</sup>
- vi. Obed b. 28 April 1714 at Chestnut Ridge, baptized 2 Oct 1715 at Fairfield,<sup>27</sup> d. Woodbury, CT, 26 Jan 1737/8,<sup>28</sup> m. Woodbury, 20 January 1736/1737, Elizabeth Thomas.<sup>29</sup> Surname "Henries" in Woodbury records.
- vii. David, b. 1 January 1716/17 at Chestnut Ridge.
- viii. Aron, b. 25 May 1720 at Newtown.

4. **FRANCIS<sup>2</sup> HENDRICK** (*Francis*<sup>1</sup>), born say 1678, died in Wallingford, CT, 3 Sept 1733,<sup>30</sup> married **MARTHA HOW**, born Wallingford, 2 August 1684, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Culver) How,<sup>31</sup> who survived him. Francis Hendrick had no surviving children, and it is his will quoted above which names his three siblings, linking the families of this article.<sup>32</sup>

5. **WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> HENDRICK** (*Francis*<sup>1</sup>), born say 1680, died in Wallingford before the administration of his estate on 4 July 1726,<sup>33</sup> married in Springfield, Massachusetts (also recorded in Wallingford), 7 January 1708,<sup>34</sup> **ABIGAIL SIKES**, born Springfield on 16 March 1676/7, daughter of Increase and Abigail (Fowler) Sikes.<sup>35</sup> The five children of "ye Widow Hendricks" were baptized at Cheshire in September 1726. On 4 July 1726 Abigail Hendrick was bonded administratrix of the estate of William Hendrick, and on the same date she was "allowed" guardian to William and Caleb [who were above 14 years of age] and "appointed" guardian to John, Abigail, and Benjamin Hendrick.<sup>36</sup>

<sup>23</sup> Danbury Probate Court Record 1:189 [FHL Film #4024].

<sup>24</sup> Danbury Probate Court Record 1:226 [FHL Film #4024].

<sup>25</sup> Newtown Vital Records 1:80 [FHL Film #1435629].

<sup>26</sup> Danbury Probate Court Record 2:112 [FHL Film #4024].

<sup>27</sup> Fairfield Church Record 1:26 [Fairfield First Congregational Church Records, 1694-1806, Connecticut State Library, 1954, not microfilmed].

<sup>28</sup> Woodbury Land Records 4:229 [FHL Film #6150].

<sup>29</sup> Woodbury Land Records 4:1E [FHL Film #6150].

<sup>30</sup> Wallingford Vital Records 5:528 [FHL Film #6052].

<sup>31</sup> Wallingford Vital Records 1:50 [FHL Film #6052].

<sup>32</sup> New Haven Probate Court Record 6:119,120,132 [FHL Film #5296].

<sup>33</sup> New Haven Probate Estate Papers #4913 [Connecticut State Library Film #856].

<sup>34</sup> Clifford L. Stott, *Vital Records of Springfield, Massachusetts, to 1850*, 4 volumes (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2003) 1:134. Wallingford Vital Records 2:0 [FHL Film #6052].

<sup>35</sup> Stott, *Springfield*, 1:33.

<sup>36</sup> New Haven Probate Estate Papers #4913 & 4906 [Connecticut State Library Film #856].

Children, all born Wallingford.<sup>37</sup>

- i. William, b. 12 November 1709, m(1) Elizabeth McKay, m(2) Eunice Thorpe. Named in the will of his uncle Francis, his family is carried forward by Jacobus.<sup>38</sup>
- ii. Caleb, b. 16 October 1711, d. s. p. 5 January 1736.<sup>39</sup>
- iii. John, b. 5 February 1714, died 20 October 1758, m. Ruth Mix. Served in the French and Indian War, enlisting 2 May 1758 and dying in service with the 9<sup>th</sup> Co. (Capt. James Wadsworth, Jr.), 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt. (Col. Nathan Whiting), Connecticut Militia.<sup>40</sup> Named in the will of his uncle Francis, his family is carried forward by Jacobus.<sup>41</sup>
- iv. Abigail, b. 1 April 1716. Jacobus says she may have married John Thomas.
- v. Benjamin, b. 18 November 1718, died 25 January 1741/2 Wallingford.<sup>42</sup>

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<sup>37</sup> Wallingford Vital Records 2:794, 795, 797, 799, 787, respectively [FHL Film #6052].

<sup>38</sup> Jacobus, *New Haven*, p. 737.

<sup>39</sup> Wallingford Vital Record 5:534 [FHL Film #6052].

<sup>40</sup> *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War*, Hartford, Connecticut Historical Society, 1905, vol. 2, p. 46, which gives his death date.

<sup>41</sup> Jacobus, *New Haven*, p. 738.

<sup>42</sup> Wallingford Vital Records 8:536 [FHL Film #6052].

## Brookfield, Connecticut, Congregational Church Membership Lists

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These membership lists conclude our transcriptions from the first two books of Brookfield Congregational Church records, dated 1807 to about 1863. Baptisms, marriages, and deaths were published in the last two issues of *Connecticut Ancestry*, vol. 48, nos. 3 & 4 (February and May 2006). A few newly discovered baptisms are appended.

The lists begin with the settlement of Richard Williams 1807, and continue with Bela Kellogg from 1813, Abner Brundage from 1821, and with Dan C. Curtis from 1843 to 1855.

Names in [brackets] are uncertain. Surnames are **bold** for easier scanning. An asterisk "\*" apparently denotes a death, and "R" denotes a removal. Married surnames are added for a number of women admitted under their maiden names.

### Schedule of Deacons and Committe of [Earn]

Appointment	Name	Dea.	Com.	Left	Death	Dismiss
	Henry Peck ##	x		Oct 4 1809	x	
	Sam <sup>l</sup> Murwin	x		March 7 1828	x	
	Mathew <b>Baldwin</b>	x		Apl 10, 1836		
Dec <sup>r</sup> 1819	Levi <b>Dibble</b>	x				
Do	Michael <b>Dunning</b>	x		Aug 2 1827	x	
June 25 1821	Dan <sup>l</sup> <b>Holley</b>		x	May 4 1827		x
Do	John <b>Peck</b>		x	Do		x
May 4 1827	George C. <b>Smith</b>		x	F'ry 7 1831	x	
Do	Benj <sup>n</sup> R <b>Warner</b>		x	Apl 5 1829		x
Nov 4 1827	Ashbell <b>Dunning</b>	x				
Do	Beman <b>Fairchild</b>		x	May 2 1834		x
May 1832	Isaac <b>Gray</b>		x			
May 2 1834	Abel <b>Taylor</b>		x			
Nov <sup>r</sup> 16 Do	Do	x				
May 1 1835	Hiram <b>Fairchild</b>		x			
Do	Benj <sup>n</sup> <b>Hawley</b>		x			

## The first Deacons of this ch[urc]h are supposed to have been John **Dunning** and Joseph **Smith** – after them, Henry **Peck** and Abraham **Camp**. But at what time they were appointed is uncertain – after them S<sup>ml</sup> **Murwin** was appointed.

## Names of the Members of Church - Brookfield March 1807

* Dea	Henry Peck & Abia Peck his wife	
Dea	Samuel Merwin & Martha his wife	
Dea	Matthew Baldwin & Sary his wife	
*	Ebenazar Blackman & Anne his wife	
*	Ezra Dibble	
	Richard Smith & Ruth Smith his wife	
*	Amos Smith	
*	Thaddeus Baldwin	
	<u>Martin Warner</u> & Mary his wife	
	William Nichols & Patty his wife (Patty-Excomm.)	
	Ruggles Warner Hanah his wife	
	Timothy Ruggles	
	Levi Dibble & Charity his wife	
	Michael Dunning & Anne his wife	
*	<u>Isaac Merwin</u> & Jane his wife	R
	Isaac Merwin Jun <sup>r</sup> & Abby his wife	R <sup>d</sup>
	Isaac Gray	R
	Sarah Lewis wife of Walker	
Widow	Marcy Wood	R
	Ambrose Baldwin	
	Sary Hubbel wife of Clement	
*	Niram Blackman	
	Andrew Merwin & Tammy his wife	
March 1807	<u>David Peck</u> & Isabella his wife	Excom <sup>d</sup>
	John Peck & Clarisa his wife	
	Philo Merwin & Polly his wife	
Widow	Phebe Northrop	R
Widow	Sarah Northrop	R
Widow	Molly Brooks	
	Rachel Starr	R
	Amaryllys Baldwin	R
	Hitte Hine	R
	Rebecca Dibble	R
Widow	Hepsibah Hurd	R
* Widow	Phebe Dunning	
*	John Gregory	
*	Huldah Ruggles widow	
	Lois Blackman wife of Czar	
July 5 1807	Ruth Lion admitted from D <sup>r</sup> Burnett's recommendation	
	Isaac Lockwood & Anna his wife	
	Mary Hawley	
	George C. Smith	
Oct 30 1808	Electa Williams by letter	

July 21 1810 Lois **Blackman** by letter  
Philene **Summers**

### Admissions to Full Communion

July 5 AD 1807	(Lord's Day) The following persons were admitted to full communion with this Church. Liverus <b>Hawley</b> & Anne <b>Hawley</b> his wife Liverus <b>Dunning</b> & Mahitabel <b>Dunning</b> his wife Widow Mary <b>Starr</b> Ruby <b>Nearing</b> Lodemia <b>Starr</b> daughter of widow <b>Starr</b> And Sally <b>Northrop</b> wife of John <b>Northrop</b>	
Sept. 6 1807	(Lord's Day) The following persons were admitted to full communion with this church Sally <b>Merwin</b> wife of Elihu <b>Merwin</b> and R Marian <b>Northrop</b> wife of Clark <b>Northrop</b>	
Nov. 8	(Lord's Day) Also were admitted * Widow Sarah <b>Smith</b> Jemima <b>Smith</b> wife of Joseph Joseph <b>Smith</b> Jun <sup>r</sup> and Keziah <b>Smith</b> his wife Eunice <b>Blackman</b> wife of Philo Joseph <b>Smith</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> & Patty <b>Smith</b> his wife David <b>Hawley</b> & Joanna <b>Hawley</b> his wife Huldah <b>Smith</b> wife of Preserve Rebecca Pardee <b>Summers</b>	R R
Nov. 29 Jan <sup>y</sup> 10 1808	Widow Mary <b>Buckingham</b> Andrew <b>Northrop</b> & Clarinda his wife Lucy <b>Smith</b> Clark <b>Northrop</b> Czar <b>Nearing</b> & Caroline his wife Tamar <b>Smith</b> Tryphena <b>Camp</b> Sally <b>Lockwood</b>	Excommunicated * R * Meth.
March 13	Nathan <b>Camp</b> & Saray <b>Camp</b> his wife Jane Charlotte <b>Hawley</b>	
May 8th 1808	Martin <b>Warner</b> Sally <b>Northrop</b>	
July 10	<u>John <b>Bennet</b></u> & Lucy his wife Almon <b>Keeler</b>	*
Sept. 10	Nancy <b>Warner</b> Polly Minerva <b>Warner</b> Flora <b>Warner</b>	R
April 23 1809	John <b>Dunning</b>	*
May 14	Nehemiah <b>Hawley Merwin</b> & Sarah his wife	

Sept 10 David **Camp** & Lucy his wife \*

Sary **Baldwin**

Rebecca **Smith** wife of Joseph S. 3<sup>rd</sup>

R Joanna **Hawley** wife of Daniel H.

Annis **Ruggles** wife of Almon R.

Isaac **Ruggles**

Levi **Jackson** R

Asel **Jackson** R

Debby Orrilla **Warner**

Oct 1 1809 Epraim **Jackson** & Damaris **Jackson** his wife

**Admissions to the ch[urc]h since the settlement of Mr. Kellogg in Jan<sup>y</sup> AD 1813**

April 3<sup>d</sup> AD 1814 Urana **Merwin**

Lodema **Northrop**

Sally **Richards**

May 1<sup>t</sup> 1815 Lydia **Birch**

Marcia **Williams**

Olive **Starr** Dismissed by letter

Urana **Churchill** R

Daniel **Holley**

R James **Warner** By letters

R Ruana **Warner**

May 19 1816 Amos **Williams**

John L. **Botsford** Dismissed by letter

Samuel **Ruggles** Dismissed by letter certifying his  
good standing Sept 27, 1819

Dead Almon **Warner**

Alanson **French**

Patty **Warner**

Hannah **Warner**

Hannah **Northrop**

Lucia **Ruggles** Dismissed by letter

Mary **Chamberlain**

Harriet **Smith**

Lydia **Crofut**

August 4 Ashbel **Dunning**

Polly **Dunning**

Lydia **Stevens**

Julia **Hurlbut**

Huldah **Keeler**

May the 18 1817 the widow Lois **Merwin** rec<sup>d</sup> to full communion with this church

July 23<sup>d</sup> 1820 Horatio N. **Hubbel** was admitted a member in full communion

attest Dan'l **Holly**, Clerk



**1821 — Schedule of Church Members now Communicants & those received after this  
Date viz 1821.**

No	Received		How		Left Death	Certif	How	
	Time	Name	Con	Certif			Time	Excom
1		Dea. Samuel Merwin			March 7 1828	x		
2		Martha Merwin			Nov 1829	x		
3		Dea. Matthew Baldwin			Apl 10 1836	x		
4		Sarah Baldwin			July 29 1832	x		
5		Wid. Ruth Smith			1832	x		
6		Benj'n R. Warner			May 23 1848	x		
7		Hannah Warner			Nov 11 1851	x		
8		Timothy Ruggles			Dec <sup>r</sup> 15 1826	x		
9		Dea. Levi Dibble			Oct 16 1834		x	
10		Charity Dibble			Do Do Do		x	
11		Dea. Michael Dunning			Aug 2 1827	x		
12		Anna Dunning						
13		Sarah Lewis			1822 Apl 7		x	
14		Sarah Hubbill			1839 Jany 3	x		
15		Andrew Merwin			1840 March 7	x		
16		Tammy Merwin			July 1829	x		
17		Wid. Issabella Peck			Aug 15 1843	x		
18		John Peck			Feby 9 1839	x		
19		Clarissa Peck			Nov <sup>r</sup> 1835	x		
20		Philo Merwin			Apl 16 1826			x
21		Polly Merwin			March 24 1850	x		
22		Wid. Mary Brooks			Jany 1845	x		
23		Lois Blackman w. John						
24		Wid. Ruth Lyon			1829	x		
25		Isaac Lockwood			1838 Dec 16	x		
26		Aner Lockwood						
27		Mary Hawley						
28		Geo. E. Smith			Feby 6 1831	x		
29		Philena Somers			July 22 1832	x		
30		Elihu Merwin			Jany 18 1835	x		

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No	Received		How Confess/ Certif	Left Time	Death	How Certific ate	Excom	Resto rat'n
	Time	Name						
31	July 5 1807	Lavirus Dunning		Apl 5 1829				x
32	1807	Mehitabel Dunning		Oct 17 1832		x		
33		Wid Mary Starr		Dec <sup>r</sup> 17 1831	x			
34		Reubey Nearing		May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1839	x			
35		Sally Northrop						

36	Sept 6 1807	Sally Merwin		April 1828	x	
37		Sary Stephins		Aug 10 1845	x	
38	Nov 8	Joseph Smith Jr <sup>f</sup>		April 1831	x	
39		Kezia Smith		Dec <sup>f</sup> 27 1837	x	
40		Eunice Blackman		Dec 23 1850	x	
41		Joseph Smith 3 <sup>d</sup>		1824 Apl 29		x
42		Patty Smith		Do		x
43		Joanna Hawley		1837 Apl 5	x	
44		Huldah Smith w. [???				
45	Jany 10 1808	Andrew Northrop		1825 August	x	AE 67y
46		Clorinda Northrop		Jny 11 1852	x	
47		Czar Nearing		July 13 1836	x	Remains [__nd] July 6, 1838
48		Caroline Nearing		Do Do	x	Do
49		Tamar Baldwin				
50		Sarah Camp		Jany 9 1833	x	AE 84
51		Jane C Hawley				
52		Lucy Hamlin				
53		Polly M. Warner	Bostwick	Dec <sup>f</sup> 1833		x
54		Flora Warner	Stephens	Aug 27 1843		x
55	May 14 1809	Nehemiah Merwin		1829	x	
56		David Camp		1837 Apl 15		x
57		Rebecca Smith		1827 Jany 14	x	
58	Sept 3 1814	Urania Merwin	Dunning	Sept 20 1851	x	
59		Lodemia Northrop				
60		Sally Richards		Sept 10 1829		x
61	May 1 1815	Lydia Birch		1833 Jany 13		x
62		Marcia Williams		1837 Apl 15		x
63		Daniel Holly		1834 Augst 31		x Restored see [minutes] for Oct 7, 1838
64	May 19 1816	Amos Williams		1837 Apl 15		x
65		Patty Warner				
66		Hannah Northrop		June 16 1829		x
67		Mary Merwin		Aug 1822		x
68		Harriet Smith		Apl 22 1833		x
69		Lydia Crofut		Dec <sup>f</sup> 10 1821		x
70	Aug <sup>t</sup> 4 1816	Ashbel Dunning				
71		Polly Dunning		1837 Feby 18	x	
72		Lydia Stephens		May 1 1828		x May 1831
73		Julia Hurlbut				
74		Huldah Ke[e]ler		July 1823	x	
75	May 18 1817	Wid Lois Merwin		May 16 1822	x	
76	July 5 1807	Wid Anna Hawley - should have been recorded 32		Apl 1846	x	

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No	Time	Name	Conf Certi ess ficate	Time	Death Certi ficate	Exco mm	Resto rat'n
77	July 1 1821	Thomas P. Smith	x	1826 Nov 20	x		
78	"	Ann Smith	x	1848 Dec <sup>r</sup> 20	x		
79	"	Amos Hubbill	x	1825 Sept 25	x		
80	"	Rinda Hubbill	x	1829 May 1 <sup>st</sup>		x	
81	"	Lucy Peck w Amos	x				
82	"	John H Nothrop	x	1825 June 13	x		
83	"	Hiram Sturdevant	x	1825 Novr 4		x	
84	"	Edwin J. Sturdevant	x	Do		x	
85	"	Permelia Merwin Foot	x				
86	"	Sarah Nothrop Fairchild	x	1830 Decr 20	x		
87	"	Alathea Elwood Jackson	x	Feb 19 1846	x		
88	"	Sarah Ann Nothrup	x	1835 Jany 23	x		
89	"	Lucy Lockwood	x	Dec 5 1844	x		
90	"	Abigail Merwin	x				
91	"	Charles Hawley	x				
92	"	Harriet Sturdevant	x	1826 Nov 5		x	
93	"	Lucy Ann Holly	x	March 23 1826	x		
94	"	Eliza Sellick	x	Oct 1822		x	
95	Aug't 7 1821	Wid Hannah Starr	x	Feby 13 1826	x		
96	July 1 1821	Hannah Brundage					
97	Do	Joanna Keler	x				
98	Sept <sup>r</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Quintard	x	Dec <sup>r</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1831		x	
99	Do	Hannah Hamlin	x				
100	Do	Lucy Keler	Jackson	1842		x	
101	Do	Stanley S. Baldwin	x	Augst 1826		x	
102	Do	Orley Smith	x				
103	Do	Eunice Wood	x	Sept 29 1848	x		
104	Do	Henriet Bennet - Elwood	x	Sept 9 1838	x		
105	Do	Lucretia Mitchel	x	August 1 1823		x	
106	Do	Urania Buckingham	x	May 15 1825			x
107	Do	Caroline Smith	x	June 1827	x		
108	Nov 18	Mary Andrews	x	March 4 1825	x		
109	Do	Abigail Baldwin Wid	x	1833 March 9		x	
110	Do	Marcy Nothrop	x				
111	Do	Nancy Murwin	x	Stewart			
112	Do	Mary Mills	x	July 14 1827		x	
113	Do	Patty Merwin Northrop	x	Murwin			
114	Do	Rebecca Smith	x	Dec <sup>r</sup> 13 1826	x		

115	Jan <sup>y</sup> 6 1822	<b>Maria Brooks</b>	x				
116	Do	<b>Eliza A. Warner</b>		x			
117	July 7 1822	<b>Lucy Barnum</b>		x	March 15 1829	x	Restored July 5, 1833
118	Do	<b>James Barnum</b>	x		Do	x	Restored July 5, 1833
119	Do	<b>Sally Jones</b>	x				
120	Do	<b>W<sup>d</sup> Minerva Wise</b>	x		Dec <sup>r</sup> 20 1829	x	

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No	Time	Name	Con	Certif	Time	Death	Certif	Excomm
121	Nov 6 1822	<b>Polly Ann Fairchild</b>		x				
122	Feby 28 1823	<b>Eli Benedict</b>		x	July 27 1839			x
123		<b>Rebecca Benedict</b>		x	April 25 1841		x	
124	Sept 6 1823	<b>Olive Starr</b>		x				
125	June 15	<b>Clark S. Dunning</b>		x	1834 Aug 31		x	
126	Oct 31	<b>Isaac Burr</b>		x	July 13 1836		x	
127	Jany 3	<b>Sarah Smith</b>		x				
128	Do 3	<b>Eliza Graves Merwin</b>		x				
129	Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1809	<b>Damaris Gray</b> (by mistake in recording)			June 1830		x	
130	May 1 1824	<b>Sally A Keler</b>		x				
131	Do	<b>Hannah Gregory</b>		x				
132	July 4	<b>Esther Fogerty</b>		x	Apl 1828		x	
133	Sept 6	<b>Ebenezer Smith</b>		x	Apl 1 1830		x	
134	Nov 3	<b>Mabel Gray Keler</b>		x				
135	Jany 9 1825	<b>George Keeler</b>		x				
136	"	<b>Cyrus Beers</b>		x	Feby 3 1829		x	
137	"	<b>Beers Foot</b>		x				
138	"	<b>Ramsey Somers</b>		x	Jay 29 1848		x	
139	"	<b>Carloss Hard</b>		x	June 30 1837			x
140	"	<b>Orvill Pomeroy</b>		x	Decr 4 1825		x	
141	March 6	<b>Beman Fairchild</b>		x				
142	Sept 4	<b>Phene Ann Merwin</b>		x	Tailor			
143	Aug 19	<b>Jesse Hoyt</b>			Nov 18 1838		x	
144	<del>Nov 29</del>	<b>Sarah Hawley</b>			Nov 29 1825		x	
(Should have been recorded #77)								
145	March 5 1826	<b>Sally Dunning</b>		x				
146	May 7 Do	<b>Northrup Dunning</b>		x				
147	Nov 5 1826	<b>Lucy Camp</b>		x	Apl 15 1837		x	
148	May 4 1827	<b>Dr W<sup>m</sup> Belcher</b>		x	Oct 11 1829		x	
149	Do	<b>Emaline Belcher</b>		x	Do		x	
150	Do	<b>Abigail Northrup</b>		x				
151	Sept 3 1827	<b>Alva Smith</b>		x				

152	Do	<b>Polly Smith</b>		x		
153	Do	<b>Charles Jones</b>	x			
154	Do	<b>Erastus Merwin</b>	x			
155	Do	<b>Elizabeth Merwin</b>	x			
156	Do	<b>Lemuel Warner</b>	x		1843	x
157	Jany 7 1828	<b>Benjamin Hawley</b>	x			
158	Do	<b>Peter Hubbill</b>	x			

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No	Time	Name	Con	Certif	Time	Death	Certifi	Excom
159	May 1 1828	<b>Anna Smith</b>		x	March 3 1832		x	
160	July 6	<b>Robt Andrews</b>	x					
161	Sept 6	<b>Nathan Bristol</b>		x	Nov <sup>r</sup> 1836	x		
162	Do	<b>Hannah Bristol</b>		x				
163	Jan <sup>y</sup> 4 1829	<b>Mary Ann Burr</b>	x		July 13 1836		x	
164	Do	<b>Emma Cole</b>	x					Ex
165	Do	<b>Julia [L?]ongo</b>	x					
166	Do	<b>Labartee Dunning</b>		x	Feby 3 1839		x	
167	May 3 1829	<b>Abel S Taylor</b>	x					
168	Do	<b>Anna Hawley</b>	x		Nov <sup>r</sup> 14 1832	x		
169	Do	<b>Betsy Hoyt</b>	x		Nov <sup>r</sup> 18 1838		x	
170	July 5	<b>Delia Andrews</b>	x					
171	Do	<b>Marinda T Judd</b>	x		Jany 1 1834		x	
172	11	<b>Rhoda Starr Merwin</b>	x					
173	Apl 30 1830	<b>Emily Merwin</b>		x	Nov 1843		x	
174	Do	<b>Isaac Gray</b>		x	Oct 1836		x	
175	June 7 1830	<b>George Hurlbut</b>	x		<del>July 13 1836</del>		x	[ ]
								28 <sup>th</sup> May 1843 2 <sup>d</sup> certificate
176	Sept 20 Do	<b>Elmore B. Warner</b>	x					
177	Do Do	<b>Emily Holly</b>	x		Hubbill			
178	Nov 7	<b>Noah S. Taylor</b>	x					
179	Jan <sup>y</sup> 3 1831	<b>Eunice Ann Dunning</b>		x				
180	Do 30	<b>Anna Smith</b>		x	March 3 1832		x	
181	Do	<b>Laura E Stewart</b>		x	June 5 1833		x	
182	May 7 1831	<b>Lucy Dibble</b>	x					
183	Do	<b>Ursula Dibble</b>	x					
184	Do	<b>Sybil J Smith</b>	x		May 24 1833		x	
185	Do	<b>Chloe Stevens</b>	x					
185	May 17 1831	<b>Samuel Starr</b>		x				
186	July 3 1831	<b>Hiram Fairchild</b>	x					
187	Sept 4 1831	<b>Michael Benedict</b>	x		Oct 8 1837	x		See Record for this date
188	Do	<b>Burr B Northrup</b>	x		Oct 11 1840		x	
189	Do	<b>Ashbill Dunning Jn<sup>r</sup></b>	x		Feby 25 1836	x		

190	Do	Elijah Sturdevant Jnr	x	Sept 21 1839	x
191	Do	Horace Northrup		Feb 24 1825	x
192	Do	Alfred M. Brundage	x		

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No	Time	Name	Con	Certif	Time	Death Certif Excom icate
193	Sept 4 1831	Harry Gray	x			
194		George W. Peck	x			
195		Luzon Warner	x			
196		Robert Keler	x		August 15 1838	x
197		Lucinda Bulkley	x		Feby 27 1836	x
198		Sally Dibble	x		Feby 1835	x
199		Hariet Merwin	x		Oct 31 1832	x
200		Eliza Gregory Northrup	x		1855	x
201		Elisabeth Northrup	x	Dunning		
202		Thalia A. Treat Wood	x		1836 July 1 <sup>st</sup>	x
203		Miranda Dunning	x	Steven	Oct 8 1837	x
204		Maria Benedict	x	Northrup	Oct 11 1840	x
205		Mary Andrews Peck	x			
206		Sally Maria Dobbs	x	Bennet	Jany 1854	x
207		Lucia Williams	x		May 15, 1837	x
208		Elisabeth Caudit	x		May 28 1836	x
209		Roxy Adkins	x	Bradley	July 1 1835	x
210	Oct 9	Philander Stewart	x		Decr 1834	x
211	Nov <sup>r</sup> 4	Dr Chauncy Stewart		x	April 22 1833	x
212	Do	Hiram A Gray		x	Sept 21 1846	x
213	Nov <sup>r</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>	Herman Burch	x		April 5 1833	x
214	Do	Lemuel B Northrup	x			x
215	Do	Herman Dunning	x		August 31 1834	x
216	Do	Flora Dunning	x		Do	x
217	Do	Sidney Hawley	x			
218	Do	Laodemia Hawley	x			
219	Do	John S Bulkley	x		Feby 27 1836	x
220	Do	Elizur Elwood	x		Nov 28 1852	withdrew watch
221	Do	Benjamin M Starr	x			
221	Do	Frederick W Northrup	x		Feby 15 1835	x
222	Do	Oliver S S <sup>t</sup> John	x		April 22 1833	x

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No	Time		Con Cert	Time	Death Cert	Excom
223	Nov <sup>r</sup> 6 1831	Philip E Keler	x			
224	Do	Henrietta Peck Starr	x			
225	Do	Thalia Merwin	x	<del>July 13-1836</del>	x <del>remains see</del>	
			Hurlbut		record Feb 26 1838	
				May 28 1843	x on May 28	
226	Do	Anna Merwin	x	Hawley		
227	Do	Mary Baldwin	x	1833 March 9	x	
228	Do	Angeline Holley	x	Novr 11 1838	x	
229	Jan <sup>y</sup> 1832	Heman Wood	x	1836 July 1	x	
230	Do	Sarah Keeler	x	Jany 22 1837	x	
231	March 3d 1832	Lucia Tomlinson	x			
		<b>Holman</b>				
232	Do	Polly Ann Hubbill	x	Grey Sept 21 1846	x	
233	Do	Mary Keeler	x	June 5 1840	x	
234	Do	Almira Stevens	x	Dec 1847	x	
235	Do	Nathan Delavan	x	August 31 1834	x	
236	Do	Lucy Parker		x Brundage		
237	May 4 1832	Betsy Fairchild	x			
238	May 29 1834	Dr A L Williams	x			
239	---	Mary Ann Ruggles	x	1834 June 1 <sup>st</sup>	x	
240	1826	Maria Holly (by mistake)	x	1834 Aug 31	x	Returned
241	1835 Jany 2	Benedict P Wood	x	May 28 1836	x	
242	1835 July 1	Ruth Fairchild	x			
243	1835 Sept 6	Urania Somers	x			
244	Do	Olive Blackman	x	Novr 1839		
245	Do	Harriet Barlow	x	Wildman August 29 1833	x	Returned
246		Wid Harriet Smith	x	March 23 1850	x	
247	Apl 2 1837	Cynthia J. Morris	x			
248	Feb 26 1838	Wid Betsy Bostwick	x		x	
249	Do	Rebeca Parker Arnold		July 16 1843	x	
250	May 1838	Abigail Blackman	x			
251	Do	Sally Barlow	x		x	
252	Nov <sup>r</sup> 18 1838	Matilda Keeler	x			
253	Oct 1838	Lucy B Jackson	x		x	
254	May 1837	Huldah Keeler Wid	x	Feb 13 1846	x	
255	August 3 1839	Mary Parker	x	Sept 21 1845	x	
256	April 19 1840	Charles Stephens	x	March 1843		x
257		Mary Stephens	x	March 1843		x
258	August 2 1840	Jay L Smith	x	April 26 / 46		x
259	April 25 1841	Luther Smith	x			
260		Sally Smith	x			
261		Elijah S Dunning	x	Sept 7 1851		x
262		Abigail E Dunning	x	" "		x

263	[blank] Judson	x				x
264	Polly Ann Baldwin	x				x

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No	Time	Con	Cer	Time	Death	Cer	Excom
			x	Sept. 20 / 47		x	
			x	“ “		x	
			x	May / 49	x		
			x	July / 50	Dismissed June 23 1850		
Aug 12 1843	Mary Davis		x				
“	Harriet G. Holley	x					
	Lucy Ann Peck	x					
	Harriet Baldwin	x					
	Mary A Northrop	x					
	Jane E Davis	x					
	Susan M Smith	x					
	Elizabeth Fairchild	x					
	George C Cornwall	x					

### From Book 2

A catalogue of the members belonging to the Church Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1844 taken from the first book of records; by reference to which the time of their being received may be learned

	Time and manner of removal	
	by	by
Benjamin R. Warner	death	May 23 <sup>d</sup> 1848
Hannah Warner	“	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> 1851
Anna Dunning	Death	April 29 1861
Polly Merwin	death	March 24 <sup>th</sup> /1850
Mary Brooks	“	Jny 10 1845
Lewis Blackman	death	Sep 17 1858
[Anna?] Lockwood	death	Dec 1844
Mary Hawley	death	Nov 1859
Sally Northrop	death	June 28 1865
Sally Merwin	death	Jay 10 <sup>th</sup> 1845
Eunice Blackman	“	Dec 25 1850
Huldah Smith	death	Sep 10 1856
Clarinda Northrop	death	Jay 11 1852
Czar Nearing		Let. June 8 1844
Caroline Nearing		Let. “ “ 1844
Tamar Baldwin		letter Apr 29 1849



Lucy Hamlin	death		Ap 24 1855
Urania Dunning	death		Sept 20 1851
Lodema Northrop			
Patty Warner	Death		June 29 1856
Ashbel Dunning Dea.	death		Feb 21 1855
Julia Hurlburt	By vote of the church		April 30 1864
Anna Hawley	death		Sept 6 1846
Lucy Peck	death		Oct 26 1855
Permilia Foot			
Alathea Jackson	death		Feb 19 1846
Abigail Merwin			
Charles Hawley			
Hannah Brundage		letter	April 26 1846
Joanna Keeler	death		1844
Hannah Hamlin			
Orla Smith	death		Sep 12 1857
Eunace Wood	death		Sep 29 1848
Marcy Northrop			
Nancy Stewart			
Mary Mills			
Eliza Warner		letter	Oct 1 1854
James Barnum	death		Aug <sup>t</sup> 6 1844
Lucy Barnum	“		1849
Charles Jones	death		May 24 1858
Sally Jones			
Beman Fairchild			
Polly Ann Fairchild	death		Feb 4 1861
Olive Starr		letter	Mar 21 1858
Sarah Smith	death		May 19 <sup>th</sup> 1833
Eliza Graves Merwin	By vote of Ch		Apr 30 1864
Sally A Keeler	death		Oct 9 1854
Hannah Gregory			
Mabel Keeler		letter	Nov 3 1860
George Keeler	Excomm		Nov 2 1845
Beers Foot			
Ranslear Somers	death		Jay 29 1848
Phena Ann Taylor			
Northrop Dunning			
Sally Dunning	death		Feb 4 1863
Lemuel B. Northrop			
Abigail Northrop			
Alva Smith			
Polly Smith			
Erastus Merwin			
Elizabeth Merwin	death		July 1858

<b>Benjamin Hawley</b>		
<b>Peter M. Hubbel</b>	letter	May 23 1858
<b>Emily Hubbel</b>	letter	May 23 1858
<b>Robert Andrews</b>	letter	July 28 1861
<b>Delia Andrews</b>	letter	July 28 1861
<b>Hannah Bristol</b>		
<b>Emma Cole</b>	Excommunicated	Jny 2 1848
<b>Abel S. Taylor Dea</b>		
<b>Rhoda Merwin</b>	death	Dec 1854
<b>Elmer B. Warner</b>	death	1858
<b>Noah S. Taylor</b>		
<b>Eunice Ann Dunning</b>	letter	March 2 1849
<b>Ursula Dibble</b>	death	Oct 4 1851
<b>Lucy Dibble</b>	death	Oct 16 1855
<b>Hiram Fairchild</b>		
<b>Betsy Fairchild</b>		
<b>Horace R. Northrop</b>	letter	Feb 24 1850
<b>Eliza Northrop</b>	"	" "
<b>Alfred M. Brundage</b>	death	Mar 26 1856
<b>Harry Gray</b>	letter	June 20 1858
<b>George W. Peck</b>		
<b>Mary Peck</b>		
<b>Luzon Warner</b>		
<b>Elisabeth Dunning (Robbins)</b>	letter	Feb 20 1853
<b>Sally Maria Bennett</b>		
<b>Hiram A. Gray</b>	letter	Sept 20 1846
<b>Polly Ann Gray</b>	"	" "
<b>Sidney Hawley</b>		
<b>Lodema Hawley</b>	death	Sep 1 1858
<b>Elizur Elwood</b>	watch withdrawn	Nov 28 1852
<b>Benjamin M. Starr</b>		
<b>Henrietta Starr</b>		
<b>Anna Hawley</b>		
<b>Lucia Tomlinson</b>		
<b>Almira Stevens</b>	letter	Dec 1847
<b>Lucy Brundage</b>	letter	
<b>A. L. Williams</b>		
<b>Ruth Fairchild</b>	death	
<b>Urania Somers</b>	death	June 1859
<b>Harriet Smith</b>	letter	March 28 1851
<b>Cinthia Morris</b>	letter	Feb 15 1857
<b>Betsey Bostwick</b>	letter	May 23 1847
<b>Abigail Blackman</b>		
<b>Harriet Wildman</b>	death	Augt 1850
<b>Matilda Keeler</b>		

<b>Lucy B. Jackson</b>	death	Feb 14 1831
<b>Huldah Keeler</b>	death	Feb 13 1846
<b>Mary Parker</b>	death	Sept 21 1845
<b>Jay L. Smith</b>	letter	April 26 1840
<b>Luthur Smith Deac</b>	death	Aug 31 1862
<b>Sally Smith</b>	Letter	May 1 1864
<b>Elijah S. Dunning</b>	letter	Sept 7 1851
<b>Abigail Dunning</b>	letter	“ “
<b>Orris T. Judson</b>	letter	April 11 1847
<b>Czar Keeler</b>	letter	Sept 20 1847
<b>Betsey Keeler</b>	letter	“ “
<b>Amy R. Warner</b>	death	May 1849
<b>Daniel N. Warner</b>	letter	June 23 1850
<b>Mary Davis</b>		
<b>Philip E. Keeler</b>	Death	
<b>Daniel Holly</b>	death	May 12 1852
<b>Maria J. Holly</b>	letter	Nov 3 1860
<b>Lydia Stevens</b>		
<b>Samuel Ruggles</b>	letter	April 5 1857
<b>Nancy Ruggles</b>	letter	April 5 1857

<b>Received</b>		<b>Time &amp; manner of removal</b>	
May 12 1843	<b>Harriet G. Holly (Butler)</b>	Letter	May 1 1864
“	<b>Mary A. Northrop (Cornwall)</b>		
“	<b>Jane E. Davis</b>		
“	<b>Susan M. Smith</b>		
“	<b>Elizabeth Fairchild</b>	Letter	July 22 1855
“	<b>Lucy Ann Peck (Smith)</b>		
“	<b>Harriet Baldwin</b>	letter	April 29 1849
“	<b>George C. Cornwall</b>		

The following persons have been received to the Church since Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1844

<b>Received &amp; how</b>		<b>Time &amp; manner of removal</b>	
Jan'y 5 <sup>th</sup> /44	Letter	<b>W'm F. Dibble</b>	letter Nov 27 1844
“	“	<b>Elijah Sturdevant Junr</b>	letter June 14 1857
“	“	<b>Maria Sturdevant</b>	letter June 14 1857
Jan'y 7 <sup>th</sup>	Prof.	<b>Samuel E. Merwin</b>	letter March 24 1850
“	“	<b>Ruby Merwin</b>	“ “ “
“	“	<b>Joseph Hamlin</b>	Excommunicated July 28 1851
“	“	<b>Amy Hamlin</b>	
Jan'y 14	Letter	<b>Harriet A. Curtis</b>	death Oct 11 1844

May 3	Letter	<b>John Stuart</b>	
July 7	Prof.	<b>Juliette Williams</b>	
	Prof.	<b>Huldah W. Ruggles</b>	letter April 18 1852
	Prof.	<b>Burr Keeler</b>	death March 1847
Sept 20	Letter	<b>Frances A. Curtiss</b>	letter March 16 1856
1849/July 1	Letter	<b>Rhoda A. Fuller</b>	letter Sept 30 1850
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Letter	<b>Timothy B. Hickok</b>	letter June 29 1851
"	"	<b>Esther Hickok</b>	" " "
"	"	<b>Sarah M. Broderick</b>	" " "
1850/May 19	Prof.	<b>Maria Skidmore</b>	
"	"	<b>Mariette Fairchild</b>	
Nov 30	Letter	<b>Mary J. Warner</b>	
1851/Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Letter	<b>Julia A. Merwin</b>	
"	Prof.	<b>Harriet Chipman</b>	letter Oct 4 1852
"	"	<b>Mary Ann McCorkle</b>	letter April 5 1857
"	"	<b>Ann O'Conner</b>	
Mar 3 <sup>d</sup>	Prof.	<b>Henry L. Peck</b>	death Jan 23 1863
"	"	<b>Eliza Peck</b>	
"	"	<b>John H. Stevens</b>	letter April 5 1857
"	"	<b>Sophia Stevens</b>	letter April 5 1857
"	"	<b>Sherman Fort</b>	
"	"	<b>Clarena Fort</b>	
"	"	<b>Lucy Northrup</b>	
"	"	<b>Hannah S. Parker</b>	letter March 16 1856
"	"	<b>Sarah Ann Taylor</b>	
1851 March 2 <sup>d</sup>	Prof.	<b>Marian Taylor</b>	
"	"	<b>Pamelia M. Keeler</b>	
"	"	<b>Bethiah Maria Peck</b>	Death Jan 29 1864
"	"	<b>Lucy Ann Hawley</b>	
"	"	<b>Lucy Ann Smith (Keeler)</b>	Letter May 1 1864
"	"	<b>Phebe Ann Holley</b>	Letter Nov 3 1860
"	"	<b>Harriet W. Somers (Birch)</b>	Letter Dec 5 1858
"	"	<b>Almina J. Gray</b>	Letter Feby 22 1857
"	"	<b>Elizabeth Ann Taylor</b>	
"	"	<b>Sarah Juliette Hubbel</b>	Letter May 21 1855
"	"	<b>Lucy Emily Hubbel</b>	Letter June 8 1856
"	"	<b>Lucy Delia Dibble</b>	Letter March 14 1851
"	"	<b>Eliza A. Dibble</b>	" " "
"	"	<b>Huldah E. Dibble</b>	" " "
"	"	<b>Jane S. Warner</b>	" Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1854
"	"	<b>Caroline Warner</b>	" " "
"	"	<b>Charlotte Warner</b>	" April 24 <sup>th</sup> 1854
"	"	<b>Harriet E. Peck</b>	Letter June 3 1866
"	"	<b>Harriet Smith</b>	
"	"	<b>Ann Maria Andrews</b>	Death Oct 22 1856

“ “	<b>Maria Sophia Northrop</b>	Letter April 10 1859
	<b>Hallock</b>	
“ “	<b>Anson Smith</b>	Death Dec <sup>r</sup> 23 <sup>d</sup> 1861
“ “	<b>Edwin C. Smith</b>	
“ “	<b>Charles Henry Hawley</b>	Letter Sept 30 1855
“ “	<b>Solomon B. Warner</b>	
“ “	<b>Asa W. Taylor</b>	Letter April 4 1852
“ “	<b>Oliver S. Taylor</b>	Letter Nov 28 1852
“ “	<b>Samuel D. Hickok</b>	Letter June 29 1851
“ “	<b>Samuel C. Holley</b>	Letter Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> 1859
“ “	<b>Amos Hawley</b>	Letter Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> 1853
“ “	<b>Emmon Hawley</b>	
“ “	<b>Alfred Somers</b>	
“ “	<b>Lauren A. Dunning</b>	Death Feb 1854
“ “	<b>Ammon B. Blackman</b>	Death Sep 2 1858
“ “	<b>Elmer H. Northrop</b>	
“ “	<b>Glover Amos Peck</b>	
May 4 <sup>th</sup> “	<b>Betsy Hawley</b>	
“ “	<b>Esther Maria Skidmore</b>	Letter July 2 <sup>d</sup> 1859
July 6 “	<b>Francis L. Fairchild</b>	Letter Sept. 30 1855
Sept 7 “	<b>Tamar Gray</b>	Death Sept 26 1853
“ letter	<b>Tamar Baldwin</b>	Death Sept 25 1862
“ “	<b>Harriet Baldwin (Blackman)</b>	Letter Dec <sup>r</sup> 14 1862
1852 Jy 4 <sup>th</sup> Prof.	<b>Ellen F. Williams</b>	
“ “	<b>Julia G. Williams</b>	
1852/March 4 Prof.	<b>Wallace Williams</b>	Letter Sept 3 <sup>d</sup> 1852
Aug <sup>t</sup> 15 letter	<b>Mary L. Lobdell</b>	Letter June 24 1855
Sept 3 <sup>d</sup> letter	<b>Olive Sturdevant</b>	Letter April 3 <sup>d</sup> 1853
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	by	<b>Mrs. E.E. Blackman</b>	
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	Prof.	<b>Josephine Isabel Blackman</b>	
		<b>Martha Urania Giddings</b>	Letter May 1864
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	letter	<b>Mary Ann Davis</b>	
	letter	<b>William Davis</b>	
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	letter	<b>Mary Ann Summers</b>	
1860 Nov 4	Prof.	<b>Adeline Hyde</b>	
	"	<b>Sophia Jane Marvin</b>	Letter
	"	<b>Ann Maria Davis</b>	
1861 March 2	Letter	<b>Polly Davis</b>	
	"	<b>Emma Antoinette Hawley</b>	
	"	<b>Ann Augusta Pugsley</b>	
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Letters	<b>Capt. John T. Rockwell</b>	
	"	<b>Mrs. Sally Rockwell</b>	
	"	<b>Miss Orril A. Rockwell</b>	
1862 May	Prof.	<b>Henry B. Hawley</b>	
	"	<b>Henry S. Peck</b>	
	"	<b>William Skidmore</b>	
	"	<b>Mary S. Merwin</b>	
	"	<b>Alice W. Morehouse</b>	
Prof		<b>Mary E. Roe</b>	
1862 July	"	<b>Sarah C. Nearing</b>	
	"	<b>Mariah Jane Hawley</b>	
	"	<b>John D. Brundage</b>	Letter Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 1865
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	"	<b>Henry C. Smith</b>	
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	"	<b>Susan L. Parmelee</b>	
	"	<b>Mary Elizabeth Gallagher</b>	
	"	<b>Rebecca Peck</b>	

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	“	<b>John P. Beard</b>	
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> Prof.		<b>Mary A. Goodsell</b>	
Jan 3 1864		<b>Sidney E. Hawley</b>	

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**Additional Baptisms**  
[discovered among church minutes, Book 1]

Baptisms in 1842 by Mr Greenwood

Elen Francis	}	Children of Doct <b>Williams</b>
Julia Gilbert	}	
William Hawley	}	

Theodore Starr	do	<b>Elijah Dunning</b>
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Eliza Minerva[?]	do	<b>George Peck</b>
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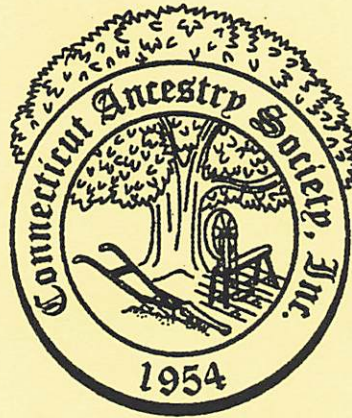
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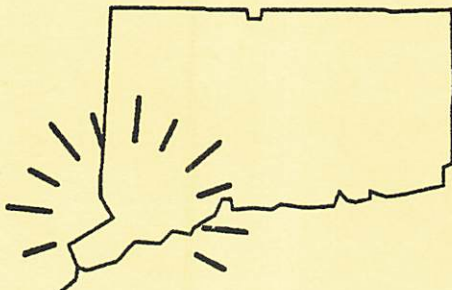
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Next, Helen Ullmann continues her description of the descendants of John Mills of Stamford. If my count is right, this is her sixth installment on this family, beginning in our anniversary issue of December 2004. This is followed by a description of the Samuel and Ebenezer Canfield families of Norwalk, Ridgefield, and Salem, a second article by Robert Hull coauthored by your editor. Following these, Kenneth Rockwell's short article on Silas Olmsted, Jr., and his wife Abigail Rockwell is well worth your perusal as a way solving a genealogical problem with a two-pronged approach.

Priscilla Chatfield's description of the Capt. John Brooks collection is perhaps more local history than it is genealogy, but it does include genealogical information, and it gives an excellent description of searching the provenance of some furnishings of a family related to many in the Bridgeport area.

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Our first review is of the valuable transcription of Pound Ridge Presbyterian Church records by Dick Major and Peg Malcolm. The next review offers a number of caveats to users of the new Barbour Collection CD from Genealogical Publishing Company. And we conclude with errata from our last issue and with a query on the Wood family.

*Harlan R. Jessup*

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## Benjamin GREEN of Pound Ridge (ca. 1740/41-1812)

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### Introduction

As part of their bicentennial collection, the Bedford Historical Society published a volume of genealogies compiled by Ronald B. Reynolds concerning the original proprietors of the town. Benjamin Green of Pound Ridge appears as Green number 54 under the descendants of John<sup>1</sup> Green.<sup>[1]</sup> Unfortunately there are some significant errors and omissions concerning Benjamin's family. In particular his parentage is confused with that of Benjamin Green of Somers. The purpose of the present article is to analyze all of the available evidence, and in the process correct these errors and propose a tentative ancestry for Benjamin.

### Benjamin Green

Based on the age at death on his tombstone, Benjamin Green was born in either 1740 or early 1741.<sup>[2]</sup> It appears that Benjamin served with the Westchester County militia at some point during the Revolutionary War. There are entries for a Capt. Benjamin Green with the third regiment and for a Benjamin Green as an enlisted man with the fourth regiment. Lists of those with land bounty rights show a Benjamin Green as an enlisted man in the third regiment and a Benjamin Green Jr. as an enlisted man in the fourth regiment.<sup>[3]</sup> Since the militia tended to serve for brief periods, it was not uncommon for someone to serve in different units at different times. However, there was another Benjamin Green who settled in Westchester County—in Somers (originally called Stephen Town after Stephanus Van Cortlandt), who appears to have also seen service during the war. As we will see, he in fact appears to be a cousin of Benjamin of Pound Ridge. Benjamin of Somers was the son of Charles Green who died in Greenwich, Connecticut in 1800. There was also a Benjamin Green who served with a unit of Connecticut militia raised from residents of Greenwich, Stamford and Norwalk during the war—perhaps the one who

<sup>1</sup> Bedford Historical Records, Volume IX, Bedford Genealogy: Descendants of the Original Settlers, published by the Town of Bedford, Bedford Hills, New York, 1978.

<sup>2</sup> Bedford Historical Records, Volume VIII, Town of Bedford Cemeteries 1681-1975, published by the Town of Bedford, Bedford Hills, New York, 1977. This was verified by the author's personal visit to the cemetery. Heading south on Route 121 from Route 35, it is about seven-tenths of a mile south of the entrance to Pound Ridge Reservation, and just north of the northern portion of Honey Hollow Road (on the opposite side of the street). On the right (west) side of the road there is a narrow dirt road just before the driveway to a modern house. The dirt road passes to the left (south) of what looks like an old barn, then a boathouse, and then an old house (probably what an old reference called the "old Hunt house"). A little farther on is a stone wall; the cemetery is the far (west) side of the wall. Benjamin Green's stone is in the northwest corner just in front of a tree; inscription on side facing the tree. A flag with marker noting "War of 1776" was by the stone when I visited. His wife Sarah's stone is just south of his and that for Dorcas wife of William Green is a little farther south in the same line.

<sup>3</sup> James A. Roberts, Comptroller, and Frederic G. Mather, compiler, *New York in the Revolution as Colony and State*, 2 volumes in 1 (1898 and 1901; reprint, Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1996), 1: 210, 215, 217, 267, 268; 2: 204, 208.

settled in Somers later.<sup>[4]</sup> It is not possible to be sure of the exact service of Benjamin of Pound Ridge, but in any case he does seem to have served at some point during the war.

A 1779 tax list for Pound Ridge indicates he was assessed 16 pounds and 10 shillings for real property and 14 pounds and 16 shillings for personal property.<sup>[5]</sup> On 21 October 1784 he married Anna Harford (or Hartford) in the Church of Christ in Salem (today Lewisboro).<sup>[6]</sup> Since some of his children were clearly born before that date, this is obviously a second marriage. In fact, based on the following will of Thomas Hartford, it would appear that Anna was the sister of Benjamin's deceased first wife, as his son William was born about 1779 if not earlier.

In the Name of God, Amen. I Thomas Hartford of the Town of Salem in the County of Westchester and State of New York being weak in body but of sound mind and memory blessed be God therefore do this twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form that is to say first it is my will and pleasure that all my just and righteous debts and funeral charges be paid out of my moveable Estate. I give and bequeath to my wife June the use and improvement of one third part of the land and Tenements where I now reside in the Town of Salem for & during her natural life. Also I give and bequeath to my said wife all my household furniture or household utensils which I hereby assign and insert as and for her dower. Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Slosson and to her heirs the sum of thirty pounds to be paid in money of this state. Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Green and to her heirs the sum of forty pounds of money aforesaid. Also I give and devise to my son Peter Hartford and to his heirs and assigns all that farm of land with the tenements he now lives on which lies in the Town of Bedford and Salem. Also I give and bequeath and to his heirs the sum of twenty five pounds of like money. Also I give and bequeath to my grandson James Hartford and to his heirs the sum of ten pounds of like money together with all my wearing cloathes. Also I give and bequeath to my Grandson William Green and his heirs the sum of five pound to be paid in money aforesaid. Also I give and bequeath to my Grandson Thomas Hartford two ewes and two lambs to be put at use by his father for him. Also I give and bequeath to my Grandson Joseph Griffin the sum of five pounds in like money. Also I give and devise to my son Ephraim and to his heirs and assigns all that farm of land and the Tenements whereon I now reside lying in the Town of Salem. And in consideration of such devise on him to support my said wife during her Natural Life provided he has the improvement of all the land and Tenements hereby assigned to her for her dower. Also I give and bequeath to my said son Ephraim and to his heirs all the rest and remainder of my monies and moveable Estate of what kind or nature whatsoever not herein before given or bequeathed. And I make ordain constitute and appoint my son Ephraim Hartford and my friend Abijah Gilbert Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Thomas Hartford made his mark on the will. Witnesses were Lyman Cook, John Cross and Lockwood Cross. It was proved 16 February 1797. (Note that Nancy is a nickname for Ann.)

<sup>4</sup> Spencer P. Mead, *Ye Historie of Ye Town of Greenwich, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut* (1911; reprint, Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1992), p. 128.

<sup>5</sup> Jay Harris, *For the Record, the People Who Made Pound Ridge "God's Country" 1718-1991* (Privately printed by the author, 1992), p. 21.

<sup>6</sup> "Records of the Church of Christ in Salem, Westchester Co., N.Y.," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Volume 31, No. 4 (Oct. 1900), p. 239.

The inventory of his estate was taken 20 February 1797 by Abijah Gilbert and Ephraim Hartford as executors, and appraised by Daniel Bouton and William Avery. It included 4 acres each of wheat and rye. It also included half of several things such as 2 plow irons and an iron bound cart; no mention of who owned the other half. Also a promissory note signed by Abijah Holmes and obligations signed by Jabes Jackson & David Williams, Jabes Jackson, Hezekiah Lockwood, Elisha Pelham and Elias Newman.<sup>[7]</sup>

The first federal census in 1790 finds Benjamin Green in Pound Ridge with the following household.<sup>[8]</sup>

2 males under 16  
2 males 16 and upwards  
4 females

Surviving lists indicate that over the years he served in various functions within Pound Ridge, as was common for property holders at the time. In 1796 he was both an overseer of the poor and a town highway superintendent. In 1797 he was again a town highway superintendent. In 1804 he was a fence viewer, a position that involved checking that people's fences were in proper condition to prevent their animals from straying off their farms. In 1809 he was again a fence viewer.<sup>[9]</sup> He served 12 days on the roads in district 1 according to a list from April 1799.<sup>[10]</sup> Benjamin also appears on the road lists for 1806-1810 serving 8 days each year, with the exception of 1808 when he served 9 days in District 5 of Pound Ridge.<sup>[11]</sup>

On 31 January 1797 a coroner's inquisition was held at the home of Abijah Smith in Salem (today Lewisboro), Westchester County, New York. The purpose was to look into the death the previous day of the widow Mary Utter. It was reported that she had been insane since the previous April. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of January she left Abijah Smith's house, went to a swamp, commonly called Smith Swamp, and used a piece of handkerchief and a toe string, which she tied around her neck, and by this means, coupled with the cold weather soon died. Benjamin Green was one of the 17 jurors who swore to these findings, signing by his mark—a "B".<sup>[12]</sup>

The estate inventory taken for the estate of the late Lemuel Peatt of Salem on 20 February 1797 shows an account due from "Benjamin Green" of 1 pound and 3 shillings.<sup>[13]</sup> A Pound Ridge tax assessment list for 30 September 1799 shows Benjamin with a house and farm valued at \$2,050

<sup>7</sup> Thomas Hartford probate file # 6-1797 and Will Liber B, pp. 150-152, at the Westchester County Archives, Elmsford, New York.

<sup>8</sup> Benjamin Green household in the 1790 U. S. census, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, Town of Poundridge, p. 191. Digital image at Ancestry.com, image 1 of 3 for Poundridge.

<sup>9</sup> Jay Harris, *For The Record, The People Who Made Pound Ridge "God's Country" 1718-1991* (Privately printed by the author, 1992), p. 31-46.

<sup>10</sup> Richard L. Major III, "Pound Ridge, NY "Assessment of the Highway in April 1799"" *Connecticut Ancestry*, Volume 45, No. 3 (February, 2003): 121-127.

<sup>11</sup> Richard L. Major III and Judith Green Watson, "Pound Ridge Road Lists 1806-1810: Supplementing The U.S. Census of 1810", *Connecticut Ancestry*, Volume 48, No. 1 (August, 2005): 33-46.

<sup>12</sup> Westchester County Historical Society manuscript # 2. A 1797 coroner's inquest concerning death of Mary Utter. At the Westchester County Historical Society, Elmsford, New York.

<sup>13</sup> Lemuel Peatt probate file # 16-1797 at the Westchester County Archives, Elmsford, New York, call number A-0018(3)L in Series 16.

and personal estate valued at \$346, resulting in a tax of \$2.39.<sup>[14]</sup> The 1800 census finds him in Pound Ridge with the following household:<sup>[15]</sup>

1 male 0-10; 1 male 10-16; 1 male 16-26; 1 male 26-45; 1 male 45 and up  
1 female 0-10; 1 female 10-16; 2 females 16-26; 1 female 26-45; 2 females 45 and up

In 1809 his property was mentioned in the boundary description from the following deed (emphasis added).

Original Deed of sale dated 4 May 1809.

Grantor: Philip Van Cortlandt Esq. of the Town of Cortlandt

Grantee: Lockwood Cross of the Town of Salem

Price: \$1,300

Property: "All that piece or parcel of Land situate in the Town of Pound Ridge beginning at the North East Corner of land in the possession of Benjamin Green and runs North eighty seven Degrees and thirty minutes East Thirty Chains then South nine degrees East fifteen chains then south eighty eight degrees about three chains and fifty links to the high way then southerly along the same about five chains and fifty links then Northerly about Two chains to a large Rock Samuel Peatts division line then North eighty eight degrees west fourteen chains and fifty links then North eighty five west two chains and thirty links then North eighty three west fourteen chains and five links to Benjamin Green's line then Northerly along the same fourteen chains and forty five links to the place of beginning containing fifty two acres of land".<sup>[16]</sup>

Benjamin had land both in the northwest part of Pound Ridge and just over the border in Bedford. This was just south of the Village of Cross River in Lewisboro. As a result he appears to have been enumerated in both Bedford and Pound Ridge in 1810. The household compositions were different, and perhaps one of them (Bedford?) reflects that of one of his children. They were as follows:

Bedford:<sup>[17]</sup>

1 male 16-25; 1 male over 45  
1 female under 10; 1 female 10-16; 2 females 16-25; 1 female over 45  
(There might also be 1 male 26-45, but this could be a stray mark or an erasure.)

<sup>14</sup> Judith Green Watson, "Pound Ridge, Westchester County, 1799 Tax Assessment List", *Connecticut Ancestry*, Volume 46, No. 1 (August, 2003): 43-49. Introduction notes that the list was transcribed from a photocopy obtained at the New York State Archives, Series B0950-85, Box 56, Folder 13.

<sup>15</sup> Benjamin Green household in the 1800 U. S. census, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, Town of Poundridge, 840 hand written on this half of the page. Digital image at Ancestry.com, image 5 of 5 for Poundridge.

<sup>16</sup> Original Deed from 1809 for sale of land in Pound Ridge by Philip Van Cortlandt Esq. to Lockwood Cross, at the Westchester County Historical Society, Elmsford, New York, Manuscript Box 15, #13.

<sup>17</sup> Benjamin Green household in the 1810 U. S. census, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, Town of Bedford, Roll M252-37, P. 213, with 1070 on this half of the page. Digital image on Heritage Quest CD.

Pound Ridge.<sup>[18]</sup>

1 male under 10; 1 male 16-25; 1 male over 45  
 1 female 10-16; 1 female 16-25; 1 female 26-45; 1 female over 45

Benjamin Green made his will on 11 July 1810. The details are as follows:

To his wife Sarah: 1 horse, 3 cows, 3 hogs, 1 year's provision of grain to feed 3 hogs, use of household furniture during her life, use of one-third of farm on which he was living (which was leased from Philip Van Courtlandt) during term of lease, use of one-half the house and other buildings on said farm.

To his daughter Sally: 15 acres in Bedford which he had purchased from John Holmes, adjoining the highway and bounded on the east by said highway, on the south by Enoch Clauson's land, on the west by Ebenezer How's land, and on the north by land of Gideon and Joseph H. Reynolds. Also, 2 cows, bed, bed clothes and furniture, chest of drawers, table, and use of one-half the house he was living in during the term of the lease—thereafter the use for life of the house on his land in Bedford with one-half the garden attached to it. Also as much fruit, firewood and timber as needed from his lands.

To his granddaughter Nancy Reynolds: 2 cows, press cupboard, bed, bedding and furniture, and \$100.

To son John Green: 10 acres of land in as near a square as the course of the road will admit to be set off of his land in Bedford which he purchased from John Rundell—to be taken from the southeast corner of said land; bounded on the east by the highway and on the south by land of Gideon and Joseph H. Reynolds, reserving use of one-half of the barn for Benjamin's son William. Also ten acres of timber land in Pound Ridge, a portion of the land he purchased from Philip Van Courtlandt. Also, 1 cow, one-third of his farming utensils, and use of one-quarter of the timber on the farm known as the Rundell Farm.

To his daughters Susannah, Elisabeth, Nancy and Polly: \$312.50 each

To his sons Caleb and William: The rest of his personal and real estate equally divided between them, provided they pay his debts, funeral charges, cost of settling estate and the legacies above. His executors were his “respected friends and relatives” Jerod Loder of South Salem and Jerod Green of Bedford. Benjamin signed by his “B” mark.<sup>[19]</sup>

A note concerning the land leased from and that purchased from Philip Van Cortlandt is in order. Pound Ridge was originally considered to be part of Stamford, Connecticut. In fact the earliest

<sup>18</sup> Benjamin Green household in the 1810 U. S. census, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, Town of Poundridge, Roll M252-37, P. 206, with 1057 on this half of the page. Digital image on Heritage Quest CD.

<sup>19</sup> Benjamin Green probate file # 32- 1812 and Will Liber E, P. 221, at the Westchester County Archives, Elmsford, New York. Note there was another Benjamin Green who died intestate in Somers in 1812, whose probate file is 31-1812.

settlers of Pound Ridge came in 1718 from Huntington, Long Island after purchasing rights to land from the Stamford owners. Overlapping Indian treaties and Royal grants and charters caused boundary disputes between the Colonies of New York and Connecticut. The settlement of these placed Pound Ridge in New York, portions of it within Van Cortlandt Manor. Those who settled there believing they had purchased or inherited their property from the Stamford owners continued to live for years without paying rent to the heirs of Stephanus Van Cortlandt. Benjamin Green's Pound Ridge property was in this disputed area, and he may have been forced to pay rent once the Van Cortlandt heirs began to take legal action. For a combination of reasons, including the Revolutionary War, it was many years before the Van Cortlandt heirs finally succeeded in obtaining clear ownership to all these lands. In the end Philip Van Cortlandt obtained title and then leased the lands to the inhabitants, with the opportunity of future purchase. Among those who obtained leases in 1802-1804 was our Benjamin Green, who was also among those who purchased land there as well. Remember that his will indicated timberland that had been purchased, as well as his home lot that was leased. It is possible that before his death the leased land was purchased, or else his heirs purchased it later.<sup>[20]</sup>

Benjamin Green died on 4 April 1812, aged 71, and was buried in the family burying ground he had set aside. His wife Sarah died 17 January 1817 also aged 71. She was his 3rd wife. Sarah is also buried in the family burial ground in Bedford.<sup>[21]</sup> This is sometimes known as the Avery cemetery, presumably because there are some Averys buried there. However the boundary description from an 1829 deed of sale by his grandson Benjamin Green (son of William Green) refers to it as follows: "said burying ground being the joint property of all the descendants of Benjamin Green, formerly of Poundridge deceased who died seized of the land set apart and occupied as a burying ground."<sup>[22]</sup>

Benjamin's will probably gives us as complete a list of his children as we are likely to have, although there may have been others who died young without descendants. Mr. Reynolds' account misses the names of daughters Elizabeth and Sally, and attributes additional sons Benjamin, Joseph, Stephen and Thaddeus.<sup>[23]</sup> There does not seem to be any evidence to suggest he had sons Benjamin or Joseph. There was a Stephen Green in Pound Ridge, but his age in the 1840 census was 85 (he was a pensioner). He is therefore more of a contemporary of Benjamin's. In 1840 he was living in the household of Thaddeus Green, so Thaddeus was almost certainly Stephen's son.<sup>[24]</sup>

<sup>20</sup> E. Marie Becker, "The 801 Westchester County Freeholders of 1763 and The Cortlandt Manor Land Case Which Occasioned Their Listing", *New York Historical Society Quarterly*, vol. 35, no. 3 (July, 1951), 283-321.

Philip A. Pessoni, *Historical Notes on the Great South Lots 9 & 10 and the Undivided Lands Behind Bedford of the Van Cortlandt Manor 1640-1940 - Now Known as the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation* (Boutonville, New York: July 1995). Copy at the Westchester County Historical Society, Elmsford, New York where the call number is HOC - L - 100. There is a similar book by Philip A. Pessoni: *Historical Notes on the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation 1640-1940* (Boutonville, New York: July 1995), at local libraries with much of the same information.

<sup>21</sup> Bedford Cemeteries, see note 2.

<sup>22</sup> Westchester County Deed Liber 37, p. 196 at the Westchester County Archives, Elmsford, NY.

<sup>23</sup> Bedford Genealogy, see note 1.

<sup>24</sup> Thaddeus K. Green household in the 1840 U. S. census, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, Town of Pound Ridge, P. 265. Digital image at Ancestry.com, images 7-8 of 20 for Pound Ridge.

Benjamin Green married 3 times, 1<sup>st</sup> ( ) Harford probably in the early 1760's based on the approximate birth dates of their children; 2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Harford 21 October 1784 as noted above; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah ( ) who is the only one buried with him. Benjamin had the following eight known children, the first six presumably by his first wife ( ) Harford and the final two by his second wife Anna Harford, who was still living when her father made his will in 1797.

1. Susannah Green, b. 1760-1765 based on census ages,<sup>[25]</sup> m. Amos Slawson. Children as listed in Amos' probate records.<sup>[26]</sup>
  - i. Elsy Slawson
  - ii. Ely Slawson
  - iii. Nathaniel Slawson
  - iv. Sally Ann Slawson
  - v. Nancy Slawson
  - vi. Charlotte Slawson
  - vii. Janet Slawson
2. Elizabeth Green, b. ca. 1765-1768, d. June 1837,<sup>[27]</sup> m. 7 July 1785 Timothy Reynolds.<sup>[28]</sup> For more on this family see my earlier article.<sup>[29]</sup>
  - i. Nancy Reynolds
  - ii. Clarissa Reynolds
  - iii. Benjamin Reynolds
  - iv. Sally Reynolds
  - v. Huldah Reynolds
  - vi. Enos Reynolds
3. Caleb Green, b. ca. 1772 based on age at death, d. 4 May 1858 age 86,<sup>[30]</sup> m. Lydia \_\_\_\_\_. Children listed in Lydia's probate records.<sup>[31]</sup>
  - i. Alfred Green
  - ii. Deborah Ann Green
  - iii. Abigail Green
  - iv. Benjamin Green
  - v. Edward Green

<sup>25</sup> Amos Slawson household in the 1800 U. S. census, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, Town of Poundridge, 834 hand written on this half of the page. Digital image at Ancestry.com, image 2 of 5 for Poundridge.

Amos Slosson household in the 1810 U. S. census, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, Town of Poundridge, Roll M252-37, p. 206, with 1056 on this half of the page. Digital image on Heritage Quest CD.

Amos Slosson household in the 1820 U. S. census, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, Town of Poundridge, p. 278 (455 on applicable half of page). Digital image at Ancestry.com, image 13 of 13 for Poundridge.

Susannah Slawson household in the 1830 U. S. census, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, Town of South Salem, p. 164. Digital image at Ancestry.com, images 17-18 of 22 for South Salem.

<sup>26</sup> Amos Slawson probate file # 80-1830, call number A-0141(14)L and Will Liber M, call number A-0139(12), pp. 273-281, both at the Westchester County Archives, Elmsford, New York.

<sup>27</sup> Widow Reynolds death listed in Pound Ridge Presbyterian Church records, June 1837, per e-mail from Dick Major of the Pound Ridge Historical Society dated 29 December 2005.

<sup>28</sup> "Records of the Church of Christ in Salem, Westchester Co., N.Y.," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Volume 31, No. 4 (Oct. 1900), p. 240.

<sup>29</sup> Scott Wesley Green, "Enos Reynolds, Sarah Newman and Some of Their Descendants", *Connecticut Ancestry*, Volume 48, No. 2 (November, 2005): 65-80.

<sup>30</sup> Bedford Cemeteries, see note 2.

<sup>31</sup> Lydia Green probate file # 55-1852 and Will Liber 34, call number A-0139(33), pp. 361-366, at the Westchester County Archives, Elmsford, New York.

- vi. Jeremiah Green
  - vii. Aaron Green
  - viii. Chauncey Green
4. William Green, b. ca. 1779 based on age in 1850 census,<sup>[32]</sup> m.(1) Dorcas \_\_\_\_, m.(2) Mary \_\_\_\_.  
He relocated to North Salem, Westchester County, New York in 1829.<sup>[33]</sup> Children all by 1<sup>st</sup> wife.
    - i. Benjamin Green, b. ca. 1806/7.<sup>[34]</sup>
    - ii. prob. Enoch A. Green,<sup>[35]</sup> b. ca. 1808, d. Pound Ridge 27 Dec. 1841,<sup>[36]</sup> m. Jane Bishop.
    - iii. William H. Green, b. ca. 1818/1819.<sup>[37]</sup>
    - iv. prob. 5 daughters based on household compositions in early census records.
  5. Nancy Green, d. 4 Apr. 1851 in Rye, m. ca. 1798/99 Jerod Loder.<sup>[38]</sup>
    - i. Benjamin Loder. Became President of Erie Railroad per mother's obituary.<sup>[39]</sup>
    - ii. Amy Loder<sup>[40]</sup>
  6. John Green, b. ca. 2 Apr. 1783, d. 5 Apr. 1863 age 80 years and 3 days,<sup>[41]</sup> m. Sarah \_\_\_\_.  
    - i. Ruth Green, b. ca. 7 June 1825, d. 15 Aug. 1838.<sup>[42]</sup>
    - ii. George Green, b. ca. 7 March 1831, d. 18 Apr. 1831.<sup>[43]</sup>
    - iii. possibly others.
  7. Polly Green, b. ca. 1788, d. 11 Oct. 1812 aged 24,<sup>[44]</sup> m. Egbert Smith. Known children are those named in the will of their Aunt Sally Green.<sup>[45]</sup>
    - i. Benjamin Smith
    - ii. Nancy Smith
    - iii. Sally Smith
  8. Sally Green, d. betw. 26 Oct. and 12 Nov. 1818, the dates she gave birth and when her will was proved. In her will dated 23 Sept. 1818, she noted that she was single and pregnant.<sup>[46]</sup> Other provisions of the will, coupled with a later land deed show her child survived as follows.<sup>[47]</sup>

<sup>32</sup> Wm. H. Green household in the 1850 U. S. census, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, Town of North Salem, p. 314, dwelling 188, family 215, lines 34-41. Digital image at Ancestry.com, image 25 of 32 for North Salem.

<sup>33</sup> Westchester County Deed Liber 35, p. 67, Liber 36, p. 6 and Liber 37, p. 196 at the Westchester County Archives, Elmsford, NY.

<sup>34</sup> Benjamin Green household in the 1850 U. S. census for Westchester County, New York, population schedule, Pound Ridge, p. 149, dwelling 1,904, families 2,093 and 2,094, lines 5-10. Digital image at Ancestry.com.

<sup>35</sup> Enoch's placement as a son of William is based on the author's analysis of available records, which may form the subject of a future article.

<sup>36</sup> Enoch Green obituary from the 11 January 1842 edition of the *Hudson River Chronicle*, published in Sing-Sing, Westchester County, New York, on microfilm at the New York Public Library, Manhattan, call number ZAN-7473. Death occurred "on the 27th ult."

<sup>37</sup> Wm. H. Green household in the 1850 U. S. census, see note 32.

<sup>38</sup> Elizabeth Green Fuller, compiler, *Lives Well Spent, Westchester County Obituaries and Death Notices in the Eastern State Journal, May 1845 - April 1875* (Elmsford, New York: Westchester County Historical Society, 1994), p. 200. Transcript of death notice for Nancy Loder from the *Eastern State Journal* of 25 April 1851.

<sup>39</sup> Ibid.

<sup>40</sup> Bedford Cemeteries, see note 2.

<sup>41</sup> Ibid.

<sup>42</sup> Ibid.

<sup>43</sup> Ibid.

<sup>44</sup> Ibid.

<sup>45</sup> Sally Green will in Will Liber I, pp. 174-176, at the Westchester County Archives, Elmsford, New York, call number A-0139(8).

<sup>46</sup> Ibid. Also Merlin Waterbury family bible records in Volume 12 of Family and Bible Records at the Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut, pp. 397-400.



- i. Anson Green, b. 26 Oct. 1818, m. Ruth A. Waterbury.<sup>[48]</sup>

### Parentage Considerations

Mr. Reynolds placed Benjamin Green as a son of the Charles<sup>3</sup> Green (Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) who left a will when he died in 1800.<sup>[49]</sup> However this Benjamin is clearly a different person, as discussed below under Benjamin Green of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Somers, New York. But who then was the father of Benjamin Green of Pound Ridge? Direct evidence is lacking, but there are clues pointing to a probable person.

Let us return to the land dispute mentioned earlier. The Pound Ridge portion of the land in dispute between the colonies was part of the Royal grant made to Stephanus Van Cortlandt in 1697. Stephanus died in 1700, but probably due to the continuing boundary disputes between the 2 colonies, some years passed before his heirs began to divide Van Cortlandt Manor amongst them. Even after the land was finally determined to be in New York, the Stamford patentees continued to act as if they still owned rights to the land. Those who settled there believing they had inherited or purchased rights from the Stamford owners were considered squatters by the Van Cortlandts. Finally in 1760 they began to take legal action to try to obtain clear title to the land. The first action was taken against Elisha Avery. In preparation for a possible trial, a list of potential jurors was constructed from Westchester County residents, aged 21 to 70, who satisfied a 60-pound freehold requirement. The 60-pound requirement is estimated to have been satisfied by only 20-25% of the white male population. Those who claimed ownership in disputed territory are among those listed. Ebenezer Green was the only Green shown in Pound Ridge, listed as a yeoman. There were no Greens listed in either Bedford or Salem.<sup>[50]</sup>

The 1779 tax list for Pound Ridge mentioned above showed only 1 Green besides Benjamin, again Ebenezer.<sup>[51]</sup> This would seem to indicate that Ebenezer Green needs further study.

Next we consider the oldest tombstone in the Green Family burying ground. This is the stone for Elizabeth Ingersoll, who died 11 November 1809 at age 55, so born about 1754.<sup>[52]</sup> An early Ingersoll Genealogy speculated that she was the daughter of John and Hannah Ingersoll of Bedford.<sup>[53]</sup> The premise here seems to be that Elizabeth never married, and that she was a sister-in-law of Benjamin Green. There are no other Ingersoll's known to be buried in the Green Cemetery. As noted above Benjamin's last wife Sarah is the only one buried with him, and his earlier wives were both Harford's. Would the unmarried sister of his last wife be buried on

<sup>47</sup> Westchester County, New York Deed Liber 94, pp. 539-540 at Westchester County Archives, Elmsford, New York.

<sup>48</sup> Merlin Waterbury family bible, see note 46.

<sup>49</sup> Bedford Genealogy, see note 1.

<sup>50</sup> 801 Freeholders of 1763, see note 20.

<sup>51</sup> 1779 Tax list, see note 5.

<sup>52</sup> Bedford Cemeteries, see note 2.

<sup>53</sup> Lillian Drake Avery, compiler, *A Genealogy of The Ingersoll Family In America 1629-1925, Comprising Descendants of Richard Ingersoll of Salem, Massachusetts, John Ingersoll of Westfield, Mass., And John Ingersoll of Huntington, Long Island* (New York, New York: Frederick H. Hitchcock, The Grafton Press, Genealogical Publishers, 1926), p. 346.

Benjamin's land, rather than with other members of the Ingersoll family? Although this is certainly possible, I believe there is a more likely interpretation.

I believe Elizabeth Ingersoll was Benjamin Green's married or widowed sister. Was there an Elizabeth Green in the area who could have been Benjamin's sister? There is a deed in the Westchester County Historical Society's manuscript collection dated 6 August 1782 representing the sale of a parcel in "Old Pound Ridge" by Elizabeth Green of that place to Gould Bouton of Salem for 12 pounds York money. The land included a dwelling house and fruit trees and was bounded on the south by the high way, on the north by the lands of Gould Bouton and Daniel Lockwood, and on the east by the land of Daniel Lockwood. It had been left to her by the late Ebenezer Green.<sup>[54]</sup> The records of the Church of Christ in Salem noted the death of the wife of Ebenezer Green on 16 April 1776 at age 69.<sup>[55]</sup> So it seems likely that this Elizabeth Green was the daughter of Ebenezer. Since the property included a dwelling house, the sale might indicate that she was preparing to marry.

This leads to the hypothesis that Benjamin Green was the son of Ebenezer Green. To see if this is consistent with the other available information, we need to consider what else is known or probable concerning Ebenezer Green.

### **Ebenezer Green**

In addition to the death of his wife in 1776, there are two other records from the Church of Christ involving Ebenezer Green. On 24 September 1755 he married Hannah Dickson and on 17 August 1757 he married the widow Hannah Gemsey.<sup>[56]</sup> Since there is no indication of a Sr. or Jr., I believe these are both for the same Ebenezer Green. Since the wife who died in 1776 was born about 1707, these were probably his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> marriages. Most or all of his children were probably by an unknown 1<sup>st</sup> wife.

Several other records for this church (which was formed in 1752) might relate to Ebenezer's children.<sup>[57]</sup>

8 January 1756 Phebe Green married Jeremiah Wood  
 18 August 1757 Esther Green married Jeremiah Salyer  
 26 February 1765 Jemimah Green married John Piet  
 16 December 1769 James Green married Sarah St. John  
 12 August 1771 a child of James Green died

<sup>54</sup> Original 1782 Deed, Grantor being Elizabeth Green, at the Westchester County Historical Society, Elmsford, New York, manuscript #99.

<sup>55</sup> "Records of the Church of Christ in Salem, Westchester Co., N.Y.," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Volume 33, No. 1 (Jan. 1902), p. 42.

<sup>56</sup> "Records of the Church of Christ in Salem, Westchester Co., N.Y.," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Volume 31, No. 2 (Apr. 1900), pp. 85-86.

<sup>57</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. 84-88; Volume 31, No. 3 (July 1900), pp. 175, 177; Volume 33, No. 1 (Jan. 1902), p. 40.

27 September 1772 Hannah, wife of James Green was admitted to the church (presumably this was James' 2<sup>nd</sup> wife)

30 June 1774 Mary Green married William Crawford

17 August 1780 Andrew Green married Sarah Griffin

Since his last wife was born about 1707, a likely candidate for Ebenezer Green is the one born in Stamford, Connecticut on 18 March 1704/5. This Ebenezer was the son of Benjamin<sup>2</sup> Green (John<sup>1</sup>) and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Hester Clements.<sup>[58]</sup> Among the Stamford property owned by this earlier Benjamin Green was a parcel on both sides of the Mianus River at the "eight mile line."<sup>[59]</sup> This was the boundary line finally established between New York and Connecticut. On the New York side of the line, the Mianus River forms the boundary between North Castle and Pound Ridge. It would be perfectly natural for his son Ebenezer to have pushed up into Pound Ridge and to have children named for his parents (note that Esther is a variation of Hester).

Ebenezer Green was a substantial landholder in Pound Ridge by 1763 (albeit on disputed land), and by 1779 Benjamin Green had substantial property in a different (but also disputed) section of the town. This would seem to imply their connection to ancestors in Stamford. Assuming Ebenezer was the one born in 1705, then all things considered it seems likely that Benjamin was his son (named for Ebenezer's father). Benjamin Green of Pound Ridge and Benjamin Green of Somers were thus first cousins.

There is very little additional information available for Ebenezer Green. On 8 July 1726 his father gave him land (50 acres?) in Stamford on the west side of Mianus River. It was bounded north by Tinoman's Brook, south by land of Ebenezer Smith and west by land gifted 2 days earlier by his father to his sister Joannah Wheaton.<sup>[60]</sup> In October of 1736 Ebenezer Green was one of the 56 Stamford petitioners for a separate church society in the "Five Mile River" area of Stamford, which later became the town of Darien, Connecticut.<sup>[61]</sup>

### **Benjamin Green of Greenwich, CT, and Somers, NY**

As noted above Mr. Reynolds placed Benjamin Green of Pound Ridge as a son of the Charles<sup>3</sup> Green (Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) of Greenwich, Connecticut who left a will when he died in 1800.<sup>[62]</sup> The provisions of Charles Green's will are as follows.

He made his will on 13 July 1795. He was of Greenwich, CT.

<sup>58</sup> Lorraine Cook White, general editor, *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records*, multiple volumes (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2000), volume 42, Stamford 1641-1852, compiled by Greater Omaha Genealogical Society, p. 85.

<sup>59</sup> Stamford, Connecticut Deeds, Volume A, p. 523, on microfilm at the Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

<sup>60</sup> Stamford, Connecticut Deeds, Volume C, p. 45, on microfilm at the Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

<sup>61</sup> Rev. E. B. Huntington A. M., *History of Stamford, 1641-1848, including Darien until 1820* (1868; reprint, Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1992), p. 150.

<sup>62</sup> Bedford Genealogy, see note 1.

To wife Rachel: During her lifetime, the sole use and improvements of his dwelling house and the part of his lands lying west of the north-south road that runs past the house, and south of the road that runs east-west past the house and barn until it comes to the land hereafter devised. Also, one-third of the moveables were to be at her disposal.

To son Charles Green: 40 acres with house, barn, etc. where son Charles now lives. Said property to run from the bars as the fence now stands till it comes to son Charles' upper lot, then from the end of the stone fence on a straight line to a large rock made a corner between said Charles and Jeremiah Green by Webb's freeway; also another lot, known as the Baker lot; also the lot known as the Benjamin Heusted land; also 2 parcels, one on the east, the other on the west of the road that leads from North Castle to Stanwich by Roger Sutherlands; also the land called the Harper lot in North Castle; also the wood lot on the opposite side of the road from the Harper lot in North Castle, containing 17 acres. Also the part of the land known as the upper Den lot on the east side of the brook that runs through it till it strikes the lower Den fence, then runs as the fence stands until it comes to the wood land now in possession of son Charles; the brook to be the dividing line between sons Charles and Benjamin.

To son Benjamin Green: The 40 acres in the north part of his homestead lot, adjoining the house; also the parcel which lies opposite the house on the east side of the road. Also the 2 and one-half acre parcel on the east side of the road, called the Turnip patch. Also the lot commonly called the wanser (?) lot. Also the part of the so called Den lot lying on the west side of the brook, together with a small corner on the east side of the brook in the so called Den meadow; also 7 and one-half acres of wood land that joins the orchard belonging to Roger Sutherland. Also, after the death of his wife Rachel, his son is to have the dwelling house and land left to her during her natural life, as noted above.

To grandson Jeremiah Green: All his rights to the lot of land commonly called the Merrit lot. Also, the land that Jeremiah now lives on, with the associated buildings and improvements, joining land of Charles and his son Charles southwardly, westwardly on the mianus river, northwardly on lands of Charles Green 3rd, and eastwardly on the highway leading to Bedford, containing 88 acres.

To daughters Phebe, wife of Winas Palmer, and Milleson, wife of Joseph Reynolds: 80 pounds of New York money each. However, his daughter Milleson is to have only the annual interest on the 80 pounds during her natural life, unless she is in such want that some of the principal is required for her and her children's support; neighbor and friend Joshua Knapp is to be given the principal and to manage this legacy. After Milleson's death, what remains is to go to her children lawfully begotten. His two daughters were to also have two-thirds of the household furniture, equally divided between them.

To son-in-law Caleb Ackerly: 5 pounds New York money.

His share of the land granted by the legislature of the State of Connecticut to the towns that suffered at the hands of the enemy in the last war (i.e. the Revolutionary War) to be equally

divided between his sons Charles and Benjamin Green, his grandson Jeremiah Green, and his two daughters Phebe and Milleson.

His wearing apparel was left to his two sons.

Note: He made his mark on this will - an "X".

Witnesses: Joshua Knapp, Samuel Knapp and Benjamin Knapp.

On 5 April 1799 he added a paragraph. The Joshua Knapp named in the will to manage the legacy to his daughter Milleson and her children had died. He named Joshua Knapp, son of the deceased to replace him.

The will was presented to probate on 5 August 1800; the added paragraph was presented on 11 August 1800.

An inventory was taken of his estate on 16 August 1800. Total value was \$2,769.50. It included the following real estate:

1. Homestead lot of 50 acres - value \$1,250.
2. The Benjamin Heusted lot of 11 acres - value \$165.
3. The Den, Wanser (?), and wood lots, containing 58 acres - value \$667.<sup>[63]</sup>

Benjamin Green of Stephen Town (today Somers), Westchester County, New York made the following land sales.

1. Deed of sale dated 19 April 1803. Price: 190 Pounds New York money.

Grantor: Benjamin Green of Stephen Town (today Somers), Westchester County, NY.

Grantees: Benjamin Knapp, Enoch Knapp and Jared Knapp, all of Greenwich, Fairfield County, CT.

Property: 2 parcels in Greenwich, lying in Stanwich Society:

- i. 15 acres, 2 roods and 39 rods, bounded northerly by Benjamin Green's own land, easterly by the highway, and westerly and southerly by land of the late Joshua Knapp.
- ii. 3 acres, 1 rood and 23 rods, bounded northerly and westerly by the highway, southerly and easterly by lands of the late Joshua Knapp.

Witnesses: Joshua Knapp and Gilbert Close.

Note: Benjamin Green signed this deed.<sup>[64]</sup>

2. Deed of sale dated 11 April 1804. Price: \$1,545.

<sup>63</sup> Stamford, Connecticut Probate Records, Volume 9, pp. 287-290, on microfilm at the Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut. Note: The Stamford probate district included Greenwich at this time.

<sup>64</sup> Greenwich, Connecticut Deeds, Volume 15, p. 176, on microfilm at the Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

Grantor: Benjamin Green of Stephentown (today Somers), Westchester County, New York.

Grantee: Nathaniel Lockwood Jr. of North Castle, Westchester County, New York.

Property: 2 parcels in Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut:

i. 51 and one-half acres with buildings, bounded northerly on the state line, easterly by the highway, southerly by land of the heirs of the late Joshua Knapp, westerly by lands of the heirs of the late Joshua Knapp and lands of Charles Green. Except, reserving one rood of land adjoining the highway, to himself, his heirs and assigns forever for the purpose of a burying ground, where his father lies.

ii. 1 acre on the east side of the said highway, bounded westerly by the highway, northerly and easterly by lands of the heirs of the late Joshua Knapp, southerly runs to a point.

Reserves the privilege of a road to pass and repass with teams, carts, etc. to his brother Charles Green, his heirs and assigns forever, in the place where they now pass out to said highway.

Witnesses: Charles Green Jr. and Jabez Fitch.

Note: Benjamin Green signed this deed.<sup>[65]</sup>

3. Deed of sale dated 11 April 1804. Price: \$680.34.

Grantor: Benjamin Green of Stephentown (today Somers), Westchester County, New York.

Grantee: Charles Green Jr. of North Castle, Westchester County, New York.

Property: A parcel in Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut, containing 44 and one-quarter acres and 4 rods, bounded southerly and westerly by lands of the heirs of the late Joshua Knapp, northerly by the highway, and easterly by lands of the estate of the late Roger Sutherland and of Charles Green.

Witnesses: Nathaniel Lockwood Jr. and Jabez Fitch.

Note: Benjamin Green signed this deed.<sup>[66]</sup>

Based on these transactions it is clear that the Benjamin Green who was the son of Charles Green of Greenwich was the one who settled in Somers and signed his records, not the one who settled in Pound Ridge and made his mark on records.

<sup>65</sup> Greenwich, Connecticut Deeds, Volume 15, p. 249, on microfilm at the Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

<sup>66</sup> Greenwich, Connecticut Deeds, Volume 15, p. 252, on microfilm at the Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

## JOHN<sup>1</sup> MILLS OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

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11. **EBENEZER<sup>4</sup> MILLS** (*Robert<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>*), son of Robert and Dorothy (Middlebrook) Mills, was baptized at Greenfield Hill Parish in Fairfield, Connecticut, in 1740/1. Jacobus wrote, "One Ebenezer, probably this man or his son, died Jan. 1818."<sup>[1]</sup> Since the son moved to Saratoga County, New York, and then to Delaware County, New York,<sup>[2]</sup> it was surely the father who died at that time. He is said to have died at the home of a daughter, Lucy Platt, in Sharon, Connecticut.<sup>[3]</sup> However, the Platts may have been living in Dutchess County, New York, when Ebenezer died (see below). He married, probably by 1760, **ABIGAIL** \_\_\_\_\_. Some have suggested that her maiden name was Wakeman, but I have not seen any evidence at all for this, except perhaps that a granddaughter was named "Anna Wakeman Mills"<sup>[4]</sup> and that they sold some land to Samuel Wakeman, Jr. (see below). The lengthy Wakeman section in *Families of Old Fairfield* does not identify any child or widow Abigail that might be Ebenezer's wife.<sup>[5]</sup> As one child, Sarah, appears in records of Trinity Church in Fairfield, this is probably the "Mrs. Mills" listed as an Episcopal communicant at Stratfield (part of which was in Fairfield), when Philo

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<sup>1</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:655, citing "Miss Treadwell's book," which is at the Fairfield Historical Society. Actually the "book" is a tiny notebook in rather poor condition titled "Treadwell Death Book," MS B14, Box VII, Folder F. The Fairfield Historical Society also has a transcription that is easy to read but is not entirely complete (both searched by the author on 29 Sept. 2006).

<sup>2</sup> On 15 December 1818, Ebenezer Mills, late of Ballston, Saratoga County, New York, sold to Jonathan Carter of Ballston for \$700 25 acres, a house and ground one mile from the late courthouse (Saratoga County Deeds, H:265). The four children of Ebenezer, Jr., born at Weston, Conn. (Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:655; Barbour Collection, citing Weston Land Records, 11:480), all later lived in Delaware County, New York – Ransom at Masonville and Ebenezer, Henry, and Miner at Tompkins. In 1820 Ebenezer Mills was at Tompkins, Delaware Co., aged over 45 with one female also over 45, listed just below "Ebenezer Mills Jun" (Tompkins and Masonville, Delaware Co., N.Y., roll 65, pp. 79, 90).

<sup>3</sup> According to Richard Ray by email to this author dated 31 July 2006, a note from Gwen (Anwyl) Cheney, daughter of Frances Alice (Mills) Anwyl, said her mother had copied information from a book by "Uncle Charles Mills," who was the grandson of the child Daniel Mills listed below. This account says, "that on his death bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jonas Platt, Sharon, Conn., he [Ebenezer] stated that he had received a letter (no date mentioned) from England saying that his brother had died there leaving a large estate without heirs in that country. This letter asked that he prove his relationship and receive the property. He is said to have been in destitute circumstances and therefore unable to act in the matter. So far as known no action was ever taken." One does not, of course, know how lucid he was in his last days. This book by Charles Mills has eluded identification. Information from the same family is in Edward C. Mills "Mills Family Genealogy," 3 vols., manuscript at the Ohio Historical Society (compiled 1895–1905), 2:178, supplied to him by Melissa (St. John) Mills of Columbus, Ohio, widow of Leavitt Dunbar Mills and mother of the Charles Mills mentioned above. Leavitt, son of the Daniel Mills listed below as a child of Ebenezer, left a "Memoranda" which said, "Ebenezer Mills Sr. had daughter a Mrs. Platt who lived at Sharon, Conn." (*Ibid.*, 2:179). It does not say he died there.

<sup>4</sup> "Philo Shelton's Register," original Trinity Church Records at the Fairfield Historical Society, call no. ChRec 104c, no page numbers.

<sup>5</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 1:630–37; 2:987–1006.

Shelton's records begin in 1785.<sup>[6]</sup> Although as shown below, Ebenezer's wife in March 1796 was named Abigail, there was a Mary Mills, age 55 years, whose burial on 24 October 1796 is recorded in Trinity Church records. Possibly this was really Abigail. Otherwise Mary is unidentified.

An Ebenezer Mills of Fairfield was on a muster roll at Fort William Henry dated 13 October 1756, Capt. David Lacey's 7th Company. He was sick at Albany. Ebenezer Mills was in Capt. Bradley's Company, Col. Andrew Burr's Regiment, for relief of Fort William Henry, serving from 7 to 23 August 1757. He rode a horse from Fairfield.<sup>[7]</sup> At some point Ebenezer Mills was admitted to full communion in the church at Greenfield Hills, but the list is undated.<sup>[8]</sup>

On 28 October 1765 Ebenezer Mills of Fairfield bought from Amos Williams for £16 a lot of 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acre and one rod in Greenfield Parish.<sup>[9]</sup>

On 21 February 1771 Ebenezer Mills and Abigail his wife, both of Fairfield, sold land in North Fairfield Parish in Grumman's long lot, 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> acres, to Samuel Wakeman, Jr., of Fairfield.<sup>[10]</sup> Since there is no record of their purchasing land there, it may have been inherited from Abigail's family; but on the other hand, deeds often went unrecorded. On 25 January 1772 Ebenezer of Fairfield sold <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acre with house and barn in Greenfield Parish to James Goodsell of Fairfield.<sup>[11]</sup> Probably this was part of the land he had bought in 1765. Ebenezer's name appears only twice in Fairfield town minutes: on 10 December 1772 and 19 December 1774 he was chosen a brander of horses.<sup>[12]</sup>

On 12 February 1772 Daniel Wheeler and his wife Esther, both of Fairfield, sold two tracts of land in Ward's long lot in Weston, Connecticut, to Ebenezer Mills of Fairfield. One piece was two [*sic*] acres with a shop and the other a quarter acre with a dwelling house. Although the land was at the time still in Fairfield, Ebenezer did not record this deed until 19 March 1796 at Weston<sup>[13]</sup> (which had been formed from Fairfield in 1787). The three-acre [*sic*] piece he mortgaged to Daniel Wheeler on 11 January 1775. The quarter acre was said to be in North Fairfield Parish when Ebenezer mortgaged it to William Heron of Redding on 15 June 1776.<sup>[14]</sup>

When he recorded his 1772 deed on 19 March 1796, he sold the quarter acre with the house to Daniel Grey, again saying it was in the North Fairfield Parish. On the same day Daniel Gray deeded it back to Abigail Mills, wife of Ebenezer.<sup>[15]</sup> On the previous day Ebenezer received three acres in North Fairfield Parish, including a barn, from Nathan Wheeler (probably the same land that he had mortgaged to Daniel Wheeler) and on the 19th he mortgaged it back to Nathan Wheeler.<sup>[16]</sup> Apparently he was simply readjusting terms of the previous mortgage.

<sup>6</sup> "Philo Shelton's Register," Trinity Church Records.

<sup>7</sup> *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War, 1755-1762*, in Publications of the Connecticut Historical Society, 9 (1903):155, 201.

<sup>8</sup> *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 68:171. His name was crossed out, perhaps indicating that he had died.

<sup>9</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 18:474.

<sup>10</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 18:362.

<sup>11</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 18:265.

<sup>12</sup> Fairfield Records, Minutes of Town Meetings, 1661 to 1826, no page numbers.

<sup>13</sup> Weston Deeds, 4:51.

<sup>14</sup> Fairfield Deeds, 20:92; 23:519.

<sup>15</sup> Weston Deeds, 4:52, 347.

<sup>16</sup> Weston Deeds, 4:53, 346.



The town of Weston included two parishes, Norfield and North Fairfield. As noted above, Ebenezer lived in the North Fairfield Parish or Society, which later (in 1845) became the town of Easton. He never held office there. The only mention of him in town meeting records is at the division of North Fairfield highways into districts on 19 December 1799. The descriptions of both the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> districts refer to the “middleway” between Jeremiah Oakley Jr. and Ebenezer Mills as a boundary point.<sup>[17]</sup> He was probably the Ebenezer Mills mentioned as a blacksmith by John Thorp of Weston.<sup>[18]</sup> But that could refer to his son Ebenezer.

In 1790 at Weston, there were two Ebenezer Mills, one with two males over 16 and three females, the other a male over 16 with two males under 16 and two females.<sup>[19]</sup> The latter count fits the son’s family, while the former suggests that a married son was living with his parents and that daughter Sarah was still at home. The census was to be taken as of 2 August, but perhaps it was taken later, soon after Robert’s marriage. Evidently Ebenezer gave up on his mortgage to the three-acre piece because on 18 April 1797 he quitclaimed his right in it to Levi Wheeler for \$123.<sup>[20]</sup>

In 1800 at Weston, there were again two Ebenezers, this time one labelled “Jr.” The other was, however, said to be 26–45, with two females under 10, one 10–16 and another 26–45. The 26–45 family members were probably actually 45 or over. The female 10–16 was probably daughter Sarah. It seems unlikely that the two younger females could be children of Ebenezer’s wife Abigail who had had children in the early 1760s. They could be grandchildren. However, anyone familiar with the 1850 or later censuses knows that there were often unrelated persons living in any given household. In 1810 Robert was the only Mills listed at Weston. By this time the son Ebenezer was in New York, and son John had been in Fairfield for many years. Robert would have been under 45, so the male over 45 in his household may well have been his father.<sup>[21]</sup>

The identity of Ebenezer and Abigail’s children is problematic. Jacobus names only Abigail with a question mark, Ebenezer, Robert, John, Hezekiah with a question mark, and Sarah.<sup>[22]</sup> The Frances Anwyl copy cited above includes a list of children of “Ebenezer Mills, 1<sup>st</sup>” from a book supposedly published by Charles Mills, grandson of the son Daniel, on an unknown date (Charles died in 1943). This “book” includes only Ebenezer 2nd and Robert, and then adds the names David, Daniel, Henry, Jonathan, and the unnamed wife of Jonas Platt of Sharon, Conn. It omits John, Hezekiah, Abigail, and Sarah. The 1895–1905 data in the Edward C. Mills Collection, noted above, implies that Daniel was the son of Ebenezer, but it does not mention any other children of Ebenezer.<sup>[23]</sup> A 37-marker DNA study of a well-documented descendant of the son Daniel matches exactly that of two known and at least one more probable descendant of John<sup>1</sup> Mills, shipwright of Stamford, Connecticut.<sup>[24]</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> “Town Meetings, 1787 to 1829, Town of Weston,” 34.

<sup>18</sup> Cyrus Sherwood Bradley, “History of the Mills Family,” typescript at the Fairfield Historical Society (Southport, Conn., c. 1972), 21.

<sup>19</sup> 1790 U.S. Census, Weston, Fairfield Co., Conn., roll 1, p. 234.

<sup>20</sup> Weston Deeds, 4:360.

<sup>21</sup> 1810 U.S. Census, Weston, Fairfield Co., Conn., roll 1, p. 115.

<sup>22</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:655–56.

<sup>23</sup> Edward C. Mills, “Mills Family Genealogy,” 2:178–79.

<sup>24</sup> See [http://freepages.family.rootsweb.com/~crrking/mills/mills\\_dnar.htm](http://freepages.family.rootsweb.com/~crrking/mills/mills_dnar.htm), group 100, the DNA study done by FamilyTreeDNA.

Finally, a Weston deed confirms the child Lucy but raises questions itself. On 4 December 1826 "Jones" Platt and his wife Lucy, of Sharon, Connecticut, quitclaimed to David L. Mills of Bridgeport [son of Ebenezer's son Robert] on a half acre in Weston "with an old Dwelling House thereon standing an undivided tenth part of which is the property of the said Lucy." It bounded west on a highway, south on Jeremiah Oakley, and east on Jeremiah Osborn, coming to a point at the highway, a triangular piece lately occupied by Robert Mills.<sup>[25]</sup> The only other deed to David L. Mills was from Ezekiel O. Banks of Weston, the description clearly delineating the same triangular lot, on 8 April 1828.<sup>[26]</sup> It seems that on 8 August 1816 Robert Mills had mortgaged two lots to Ezekiel O. Banks, a three-acre lot and the same triangular piece,<sup>[27]</sup> so that Ezekiel was not a relative who had acquired a nine-tenths right to the land; he was simply quitclaiming on the mortgage. The transactions suggest that Ebenezer had either died leaving ten children (but there is no probate record for him); he had somehow given Lucy a tenth and Robert the rest, probably with comparable payments to other children; or Robert had purchased eight rights from the other children without recording the deeds.

*Children of Ebenezer and Abigail ( ) Mills:*

- 19 i. JOHN<sup>5</sup> MILLS, born ca. 1760,<sup>[28]</sup> was of Weston when he married at Greens Farms [now part of Westport] 16 Sept. 1788 EUNICE FRASIER.<sup>[29]</sup>
- ii. ?ABIGAIL MILLS, born ca. 1763, died Hillsdale, Columbia Co., N.Y., in 1854 at age 93,<sup>[30]</sup> married 7 Feb 1781 JOSHUA MEEKER,<sup>[31]</sup> probably born Fairfield 14 Jan. 1760, son of Robert and Rebecca (Morehouse) Meeker, died Hillsdale 22 Feb. 1828.<sup>[32]</sup> The baptisms of three children, Aaron, Lucy, and Henry, appear in the "Remarkable Records of Rev. Gideon Bostwick, 1770–1793, Great Barrington, Massachusetts."<sup>[33]</sup> She has not been found in the 1850 census; possibly she had married again and appears under a different surname.
- iii. LUCY MILLS,<sup>[34]</sup> born probably in 1764;<sup>[35]</sup> d. 28 Feb. 1852<sup>[36]</sup> in her 88<sup>th</sup> year; buried Sharon Burying Ground, Sharon, Conn.,<sup>[37]</sup> married JONAS PLATT, son of Jonas<sup>5</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Weston Deeds, 15:710. The quarter-acre with house described in 4:52 also ran "to a point."

<sup>26</sup> Weston Deeds, 16:537. Ezekiel O. Banks's surname was often written O'Banks and is evidently a shortened form of Oysterbanks!

<sup>27</sup> Weston Deeds, 13:98.

<sup>28</sup> Theodore M. Sastrom, untitled Mills genealogy, *Connecticut Nutmegger* 5 (1972):460; corroborated by John Mills Revolutionary War pension file, S36158, which includes his deposition on 14 June 1820 saying he was age 60.

<sup>29</sup> Greens Farms Congregational Church Records at the Fairfield Historical Society, no page numbers.

<sup>30</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:655 (Meeker section), from a family record. However, a Meeker website says at (<http://www.familyorigins.com/users/m/e/e/Andrea-J-Meeker-Lincoln/FAMO3-0001/d265.htm#P265>) that she died on 9 August 1855 in Quaker Lake, Susquehanna Co., Penn. Perhaps she died there and was buried at Hillsdale.

<sup>31</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:630, 655, from a family record.

<sup>32</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:630, from a family record. This source says they went from Fairfield to Hillsdale in 1784, but has a question mark by Joshua indicating doubt about his parentage.

<sup>33</sup> Arthur and Nancy Kelly, *New York Births and Baptisms, Eastern Region, 1683–1928* [database online] (Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2001), online at *Ancestry.com*.

<sup>34</sup> Frances Anwyl copy cited above; named as wife of Jonas Platt in Edward C. Mills, "Mills Family Genealogy," 2:179.

<sup>35</sup> Age 86 in the 1850 census (see below); in her 88<sup>th</sup> year at death in early 1852.

<sup>36</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:767.

<sup>37</sup> L. Van Alstyne, *Burying Grounds of Sharon, Connecticut, Amenia and Northeast, New York* (Amenia, N.Y.: Walsh, Griffin, & Hoysradt, 1903), 45.

(*Obadiah*<sup>4</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>3</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>2</sup>, *Richard*<sup>1</sup>) and Elizabeth (Sanford) Platt of Ridgefield, Conn., born ca. 1755,<sup>[38]</sup> died 19 Sept. 1840<sup>[39]</sup> age 84, buried Pine Plains Cemetery, Pine Plains, Dutchess Co., N.Y.<sup>[40]</sup> In 1840 at Sharon, Jonas was age 80–90 and a female age 70–80.<sup>[41]</sup> In 1850 at Sharon, Lucy Platt was age 86, born in Conn., living in the household with Daniel Leach, 26, a stone mason, Abigail Moore 58, and Charles S. Prindle 33[?], a merchant.<sup>[42]</sup> Children:<sup>[43]</sup>

1. *Betsey Platt*, born Redding 22 Feb. 1783.
2. *Lucy Platt*, born Redding 22 Feb. 1785; baptized Redding 27 Oct. 1790.<sup>[44]</sup>
3. *Daniel Platt*, born Redding 2 Oct. 1786; baptized Redding 27 Oct. 1790.<sup>[45]</sup> In 1850 a Daniel Platt, age 63, was listed at Westport, Conn.<sup>[46]</sup>
4. *Abigail Platt*, born 1 Feb. 1789; baptized Redding 27 Oct. 1790;<sup>[47]</sup> married (1) *Edward Leach*; apparently married (2) \_\_\_ *Moore*.<sup>[48]</sup>
5. *Uri Platt*, born Redding 2 or 12 April 1791; baptized Redding 16 May 1791.<sup>[49]</sup> On 2 May 1839 Uri Pratt of New York City, sold one acre of land with a building in Sharon to Daniel and George Platt of Sharon.<sup>[50]</sup> In 1840 Uri was listed at Sharon.<sup>[51]</sup>
6. *Sarah "Sally" Platt*, born 23 April or 20 May 1793; baptized Redding 18 Aug. 1793.<sup>[52]</sup>
7. *Harriet Platt*, born 13 June 1795.
8. *Hulda Platt*, born 28 Aug. 1797.
9. *William Platt*, born 22 Jan. 1800.
10. *John L. Platt*, born 5 May 1802.
11. *Delia Platt*, born 24 May 1804.
12. *Arba Platt*, born 25 May 1807. In 1850 at Pine Plains, Arba Pratt was age 44, a wheelwright, with Betsey Ann 41, Andrew 17, wheelwright, Marietta 14, Frederick 4, and Perry age 1.<sup>[53]</sup>
13. *Eveline Platt*, born 1 June 1809.

20 iv. **EBENEZER MILLS**, born ca. 1765; married Weston 26 Feb. 1786 **LOIS BATES**.<sup>[54]</sup>

<sup>38</sup> Age 84 according to his gravestone (see below); age 80–90 in the 1840 census (see below). For the lineage see Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 1:485; 2:766–67.

<sup>39</sup> Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:767.

<sup>40</sup> J. Wilson Pouche & Helen Wilkinson Reynolds, *Old Gravestones of Dutchess County, New York*, 2 vols. (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.: Dutchess County Historical Society, 1924), 2:195. Pine Plains was formed from the Town of Northeast in 1823. Lucy is also listed on this page along with son Arba and others.

<sup>41</sup> 1840 U.S. Census, Sharon, Litchfield Co., Conn., roll 25, p. 296.

<sup>42</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Sharon, Litchfield Co., Conn., roll 43, p. 44.

<sup>43</sup> Carlton E. Sanford, *Thomas Sanford, the Emigrant to New England*, 2 vols. (Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle Co., 1911), 209, provides birth dates (which do not always agree with dates on the baptismal records cited below), death dates, and names of spouses.

<sup>44</sup> Methodist Episcopal Church in Redding, Records, 1779–1850 (FHL 1,011,970, item 8), 3.

<sup>45</sup> Methodist Episcopal Church in Redding, Records, 1779–1850 (FHL 1,011,970, item 8), 3.

<sup>46</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Westport, Fairfield Co., Conn., roll 38, p. 82.

<sup>47</sup> Methodist Episcopal Church in Redding, Records, 1779–1850 (FHL 1,011,970, item 8), 3.

<sup>48</sup> 1850 census (see above).

<sup>49</sup> Methodist Episcopal Church in Redding, Records, 1779–1850 (FHL 1,011,970, item 8), 7, said to have been born on 12 April 1791.

<sup>50</sup> Sharon Deeds, 24:288.

<sup>51</sup> 1840 U.S. Census, Sharon, Litchfield Co., Conn., roll 25, p. 283.

<sup>52</sup> Methodist Episcopal Church in Redding, Records, 1779–1850 (FHL 1,011,970, item 8), 16, as Sarah, said to have been born 20 May 1793.

<sup>53</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Pine Plains, Dutchess Co., N.Y., roll 496, p. 186.

- 21 v. **ROBERT MILLS**, born ca. 1768;<sup>[55]</sup> married Weston 2 Sept. 1791 **DESIRE ROBERTSON**<sup>[56]</sup> or **ROBINSON**.<sup>[57]</sup>
- vi. **?HEZEKIAH MILLS**, born say 1770; m. at the Norfield Church in Weston, 15 Mar. 1793, **ADRIA SQUIRE**.<sup>[58]</sup> Jacobus probably included him solely because his marriage was in Weston where Ebenezer was living. However, this is more likely Hezekiah, son of Ezra<sup>4</sup> Mills (*William*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2-1</sup>), baptized at Darien in 1770.<sup>[59]</sup> As noted above, Ebenezer was living in the North Fairfield Parish, not the Norfield Parish, in Weston.
- vii. **?JONATHAN MILLS**.<sup>[60]</sup> This could be the Jonathan Mills, born ca. 1770, who died in Stratfield (now Bridgeport) 17 Aug. 1826 at age 56.<sup>[61]</sup> He married **MARY** \_\_\_ who died 10 Oct. 1826, probably at age 37.<sup>[62]</sup> A Jonathan Mills was hayward and poundkeeper at Weston in 1822, but that could be the son of 21. Robert Mills.<sup>[63]</sup>
- 22 viii. **DANIEL MILLS**, born 1773;<sup>[64]</sup> married 7 February 1796 **MARY POTTER DUNBAR**.<sup>[65]</sup>
- ix. **?HANNAH MILLS**. On 31 July 1796 "Malinda Murrin, daughter to Hannah Mills," was baptized at Trinity Church.<sup>[66]</sup> Since Ebenezer's was the only Mills family associated with Trinity at the time, Hannah may belong in this family.
- x. **?DAVID MILLS**.<sup>[67]</sup>
- xi. **?HENRY MILLS**.<sup>[68]</sup>
- xii. **SARAH MILLS**, baptized at Trinity Church, Fairfield, 21 Aug. 1785.<sup>[69]</sup>

[To be continued intermittently]

<sup>54</sup> Barbour Collection, from Weston Land Records, 11:480; also recorded at Trinity Church in Fairfield ("Philo Shelton's Register," Trinity Church Records).

<sup>55</sup> Robert was buried on 16 August 1826, age 58 (St. John's P.E. Church, Bridgeport, Records, v. 2, no page numbers).

<sup>56</sup> Barbour Collection, citing Weston Land Records, 11:480; Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 2:655, cites that record but also says, on that page and on 2:788, "Easton, Aug. 1790."

<sup>57</sup> William R. Cutter, *Genealogical and Family History of Connecticut* (New York: Lewis Publishing Co., 1911), 2161, which erroneously says Robert was descended from Jedediah Mills; cf. Helen Schatvet Ullmann, *Descendants of Peter Mills of Windsor, Connecticut* (Rockport, Maine: Penobscot Press, 1998), 21-24.

<sup>58</sup> Norfield (Weston) Congregational Church records, 133.

<sup>59</sup> Ullmann, "John Mills," *Connecticut Ancestry* 48 (May 2006):168.

<sup>60</sup> Frances Anwyl copy cited above.

<sup>61</sup> The Bi-Centennial Celebration of the First Congregational Church and Society of Bridgeport, Connecticut, June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 1895 (New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1895), 187; United Congregational Church, Bridgeport, Records (FHL 0,003,830), 1:87. This church record says that both Jonathan and his wife died in 1826, Jonathan at age 56.

<sup>62</sup> "Treadwell Death Book." The transcription of this little book says only "Jonathan Mills' wife," but the original includes the name "Mary." The death "wife of Jonathan Mills," also appears in *The Bi-Centennial Celebration* cited above taken from United Congregational Church, Bridgeport, 1:88. However, St. Johns P.E. Church, Bridgeport, Records, v. 2, say on "A List of those Buried" "1826, Oct. 7, wife of Jon<sup>a</sup> Mills [age] 37." Although the date of burial is before the date of death as in the first source, it is probably the same woman.

<sup>63</sup> "Town Meetings, 1787 to 1829, Town of Weston," 130.

<sup>64</sup> Edward C. Mills Collection, 2:178.

<sup>65</sup> Edward C. Mills Collection, 2:178; her middle name, Potter, from the Frances Anwyl copy cited above.

<sup>66</sup> "Philo Shelton's Register," Trinity Church Records.

<sup>67</sup> Frances Anwyl copy cited above.

<sup>68</sup> Frances Anwyl copy cited above.

<sup>69</sup> "Philo Shelton's Register," Trinity Church Records; Jacobus, *Fairfield*, 656.

**Samuel<sup>2</sup> CANFIELD (d. 1690) and his son Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> CANFIELD (d. 1715)  
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The line of Samuel<sup>2</sup> Canfield (Matthew<sup>1</sup>) “will not be followed in this genealogy”; so states an early compiled Canfield genealogy.<sup>1</sup> Such a dismissive statement is an irresistible challenge and provocation to an adventurous researcher interested in the ignored descendants.

Samuel<sup>2</sup> Canfield’s son, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> is the focus of this article.<sup>2</sup> Ebenezer’s mother is tentatively identified here, and our earlier article resolved that his widow was not the mother of any of his ten children.<sup>3</sup> Seven of these children survived to maturity, and their families are discussed in the summary below.

Both Samuel and Ebenezer died intestate, but their probate records and related land records identify their surviving children and the spouses of married daughters. In particular, a 1748 deed selling the dower share of Ebenezer’s estate, some thirty years after his death, provides the names and residences of all his then surviving children. A deed like this is one of which researchers dream.

The ancestry of Samuel Canfield falls outside the scope of this article, but his maternal ancestry is treated in Burton Spear’s *Search for the Passengers of the Mary and John 1630, Volume 27*. Sarah<sup>2</sup> (Treat) Canfield, wife of Matthew<sup>1</sup> Canfield, was a daughter of Richard<sup>1</sup> Treat and Alice<sup>1</sup> (Gaylord) Treat and the origins of both Treat and Gaylord families are discussed.<sup>4</sup>

Our discussion begins with the family of Samuel<sup>2</sup> Canfield, son of Matthew<sup>1</sup>.

### **Second Generation**

1. **Samuel<sup>2</sup> CANFIELD** (Matthew<sup>1</sup>), baptized in New Haven, 19 October 1645,<sup>5</sup> died in Norwalk, 19 November 1690,<sup>6</sup> married, first, ca 1669, probably **Sarah WILLOUGHBY**, baptized 13 June 1641, daughter of Francis and Sarah Willoughby,<sup>7</sup> who died after the birth of

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<sup>1</sup> Frederick A. Canfield, *A History of Thomas Canfield and of Matthew Canfield with a Genealogy of their Descendants*, Dover, NJ: 1897. (Family History Library microfilm US/CAN 873,920, Item 1.)

<sup>2</sup> Camfield and Canfield are variant spellings of the surname; Canfield is the spelling of choice in this article.

<sup>3</sup> Robert W. Hull and Harlan R. Jessup, “Children of Francis Hendrick(s): Updating Jacobus’s *Fairfield and New Haven Families*,” *Connecticut Ancestry*, 49 (August 2006):27-32.

<sup>4</sup> Burton W. Spear, compiler, *Search for the Passengers of the Mary and John 1630. Volume 27: New Ancestral Discoveries Part 3*, Toledo, OH: 1999, 27:63-75 [Treat], 75-85 [Gaylord].

<sup>5</sup> New Haven Congregational Church Records, 1:12.

<sup>6</sup> Fairfield Probate Records. 4:23 (FHL film #4287).

<sup>7</sup> James Savage, *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Boston: 1862, vol. IV, p. 578.

their child Ebenezer in 1670; married, second, **Elizabeth MERWIN**, daughter of Miles and Elizabeth (Powell) Merwin, born probably Windsor, CT, ca 1648.<sup>8</sup>

Samuel had apparently moved to Norwalk with his father Matthew by about 1655<sup>9</sup> and lived there until his death in 1690. The will of Matthew<sup>1</sup> includes an article reading, "Imp: My eldest son Samuel hath received his portion already at Norwalk and shall have nothing here," thus proving the relationship.<sup>10</sup>

Samuel Canfield's mother was Sarah<sup>2</sup> Treat, a daughter of Richard<sup>1</sup> Treat, senior, of Wethersfield and sister of Connecticut's governor Robert Treat. Richard Treat left a will dated 13 February 1668 that includes "Item. I give to my sonn-in-law, Matthew Campfield, Twentie pounds for that which is remayning for his portion."<sup>11</sup> This was of course a legacy for his daughter, Sarah.

Samuel's probate record shows him to be the father of four children, ages ranging from 21 to 7 years of age. The mothers of these four are not identified, but he must have married for the first time by 1670, the birth year of his first child, Ebenezer. Donald Lines Jacobus raised the possibility that Elizabeth Merwin, generally accepted as Samuel's surviving widow, was not the mother of Ebenezer. In the *Additions and Corrections* to his *Families of Old Fairfield*, Jacobus stated that the implies date for marriage of Elizabeth (Merwin) Canfield to Samuel Canfield was too early, and that there is indirect evidence that Elizabeth was not the mother of the eldest child. Rather, he proposes a candidate for Ebenezer's mother saying, "Samuel Canfield *probably* married Sarah Willoughby, daughter of Francis, whose will of 4 June 1670 names his "daughter Campfield."<sup>12</sup>

Jacobus did identify the wife of Samuel Canfield and mother of his younger children as Elizabeth (Merwin) Canfield, born about 1648, daughter of Miles Merwin and his first wife, Elizabeth.<sup>13</sup> Douglas Richardson, writing in 1995 in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, assigned Elizabeth Merwin as the mother of Samuel's four children, but did not name these children in his article.<sup>14</sup>

The evidence that Abigail Canfield, Samuel's daughter, was the eldest child of Elizabeth (Merwin) Canfield rests on a legacy Abigail received from her grandfather, Miles Merwin who

<sup>8</sup> Merwyn R. Buchanan, *The English Ancestry of Miles and Elizabeth (Powell) Merwin*, Miles Merwin Association, ca 1995.

<sup>9</sup> Charles M. Selleck. *Norwalk*, Norwalk, CT: the author, 1896, p. 78.

<sup>10</sup> Cited in Frederick A Canfield, *A History of Thomas Canfield and of Matthew Canfield with a Genealogy of their Descendants*, Dover, NJ: 1897, p. 93.

<sup>11</sup> Charles William Manwaring, *A Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records Vol. I Hartford District 1635-1700*, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1995 (1904-6), I:145, citing Hartford Probate Records, Volume III:72-3.

<sup>12</sup> Donald Lines Jacobus, compiler and editor, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976 (1930-2), II:1075 (Additions and Corrections). [Hereafter *Families of Old Fairfield*].

<sup>13</sup> *Families of Old Fairfield*, I: 406-7 [Merwin].

<sup>14</sup> Douglas Richardson, "The English Ancestry of the Merwin and Tinker Families of New England, Part I: Miles Merwin of Windsor and Milford, Conn." *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 149 (July 1995):307.

left legacies to the eldest child of each of his children. Abigail Canfield received this legacy as Elizabeth (Merwin) Canfield's daughter.<sup>15</sup>

Samuel's children were listed with his estate inventory in Fairfield dated 20 November 1690, with their ages and dates of birth, as follows.<sup>16</sup>

Ebenezer Canfield 21 ye 19 of next February [1690/1] (born 1679/70).

Abigail Canfield aged 18 next April [1691] (born 1673).

Samuel Canfield 12 years of age next May [1691] (born 1679).

Jedediah Canfield 7 years of age next August [1691] (born 1684). On 18 November 1700

Jedediah made choice of Zerubbabel Hoyt to be his guardian. He was sixteen years of age.

This guardianship note is inserted in a different hand in the probate record.

In 1701, some eleven years after Samuel's death, the Canfield heirs agreed to a property division, recorded in Fairfield probate records and Norwalk land records.

In the Fairfield probate record the three Canfield sons and Elizabeth Canfield, the widow, received a distribution under a probate division agreement. Samuel Hayes as administrator, Elizabeth Canfield, Ebenezer Canfield, Samuel Canfield, and Zerubbabel Hoyt as Jedediah Canfield's guardian, are named, signing on 3 April 1701. Jonathan Rockwell, husband of the Canfield daughter, gave his consent to this document 14 December 1702. Elizabeth Canfield appeared and acknowledged the documents 14 December 1702, and Ebenezer and Samuel Canfield acknowledged 16 December 1702. The agreement order was recorded 16 December 1702, some twenty months after it was first signed.<sup>17</sup>

On that same first date, 3 April 1701, Elizabeth Canfield and Samuel Hayes, administrators, had made a grant to Jonathan Rockwell of Norwalk in right of his now wife Abigail Canfield as part of her portion. The deed was recorded 26 July 1709.<sup>18</sup>

Ebenezer Canfield and Samuel Canfield exchanged property in a transaction dated 9 April 1706 and recorded 28 October 1709.<sup>19</sup> Elizabeth Canfield sold her home lot to (her son) Samuel<sup>3</sup> Canfield of Norwalk on 4 August 1709, also recorded 28 October 1709.<sup>20</sup> Child of Samuel and, probably, Sarah (Willoughby) Canfield:<sup>21</sup>

2. i. Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> CANFIELD, born February, 1669/70, married Mary HENNERY or HENDRICKS in Norwalk 24 March 1693.

<sup>15</sup> The Miles Merwin Association, Inc, *The Merwin Family in North America*, Hartford, CT, Connecticut Historical Society, 1978, p. 11.

<sup>16</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 4:23 (FHL Film #4287).

<sup>17</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 5:43 (FHL Film #4287).

<sup>18</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 4:124 (FHL film #5002).

<sup>19</sup> Norwalk Land Records 4:134-5.

<sup>20</sup> Norwalk Land Records 4:134.

<sup>21</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 4:23a.

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Merwin) Canfield; birth dates from Fairfield probate records.<sup>22</sup>

- ii. Abigail CANFIELD, born April 1673, married Jonathan Rockwell in the last week of April 1700.<sup>23</sup> Children, recorded in Ridgefield:<sup>24</sup>
  - (1) Benjamin, b. 5 July 1704 [with pencil note, "in Norwalk"].
  - (2) John, b. April 1705.
  - (3) David, b. 8 October 1708.
  - (4) Jonathan, b. 31 Mar 1711.
- iii. Samuel CANFIELD, born May 1679, died September 1712;<sup>25</sup> married, first, Norwalk, 1 Aug 1709, Abigail AUSTIN daughter of Thomas of Stamford,<sup>26</sup> who died 11 June 1710;<sup>27</sup> he married, second, Norwalk, 9 May 1711, Abigail DEAN<sup>28</sup> who survived him. Samuel had no surviving children. A son, Samuel, was born 9 Jun 1710 and died Sep 1712.<sup>29</sup> Samuel's estate inventory, recorded in Fairfield on 3 October 1712, totaled some £200.<sup>30</sup> On 15 March 1712/1713, Abigail Canfield surrendered "all her right of dower and power of thirds, that she might by any manor of ways whosoever, lay claim of in or to the house barn and home lot."<sup>31</sup> She apparently sold her dower rights in a deed executed by Jedediah Canfield.<sup>32</sup> Both deeds were recorded 16 March 1712/13.
- iv. Jedediah CANFIELD, born August 1684. On 18 November 1700, he made choice of Zerubbabel Hoit to be his guardian.<sup>33</sup> Jedediah was living in 1716 when appointed administrator of his brother Ebenezer's estate.<sup>34</sup>

### Third Generation

2. Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> CANFIELD (*Samuel*<sup>2</sup>, *Matthew*<sup>1</sup>), born February 1669/70,<sup>35</sup> died before 20 January 1715/16,<sup>36</sup> married, first, Norwalk, 24 March 1693/4, Mary "HENNERY", daughter of Francis Henry/Hendricks,<sup>37</sup> died after 4 April 1713,<sup>38</sup> married, second, about 1713, Sarah (CLEMENTS) DIBBLE, daughter of William and Elizabeth Clements and widow of Zachariah Dibble who had died 22 January 1711/12 in Stamford.<sup>39</sup> Sarah married, third, John YOUNGS, and died before 21 April 1748.<sup>40</sup>

<sup>22</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 4:23a.

<sup>23</sup> Norwalk Land Records, Vol. 2 and 3:73 [folio number 8] FHL film #5,001.

<sup>24</sup> Ridgefield Land Records, 1:200.

<sup>25</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 2 and 3:73

<sup>26</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 4:5 (FHL film #5,002). (Manuscript section entitled "Marriages, Births, and Deaths.")

<sup>27</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 4: 4

<sup>28</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 4:4.

<sup>29</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 4:4.

<sup>30</sup> Fairfield Probate Records 5:234-234a.

<sup>31</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 4: 406 (FHL film #5,002).

<sup>32</sup> Norwalk Land Records 4:405-6.

<sup>33</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 4:23b.

<sup>34</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 5:338.

<sup>35</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 4:23a.

<sup>36</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 5:338.

<sup>37</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 1: 238.

<sup>38</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 5: 338 (birth of David Canfield).

<sup>39</sup> Stamford Town Records. 1:131 (FHL film #5,570).

<sup>40</sup> Distribution by Ebenezer's heirs, Norwalk Land Records, 7:606-7.



Ebenezer had ten children when he married a second time, and his wife Sarah Dibble had seven children at their marriage; this is seventeen children in the two combined families.

Ebenezer died before his estate inventory was taken 20 January 1715[/16]. The inventory totaled £441 in money of those days and several parcels of real estate; there was a house, barn, orchard, and the homestead. There were assorted additional parcels of real estate including land at Flax Hill valued at 55 pounds, 12 acres land at Roton [that is, Rowayton], 20 acres lower field at Roton, 6 acres upper piece at Roton, 2 acres swamp at Roton brook, 18 acres of land lying Smith's ridge, and a right of commonage valued at 7 pounds. Jedediah Canfield, Ebenezer's brother, and Sarah Canfield, his widow, were appointed administrators on 4 April 1716.<sup>41</sup>

Ten Canfield children are named in the probate record. The younger children all chose guardians, or had guardians selected for them. Elizabeth Canfield, 5<sup>th</sup> child, chose Captain John Raymond. John Raymond was appointed guardian of Ezekiel Canfield and David Canfield, and Jedediah Canfield was appointed guardian to Mathew Canfield "in his nonage." The eldest children had no guardians recorded here.

Sarah, the widow, is guardian of none of the children, but, in the same record, "Zachariah Dibble and John Dibble hath chosen their mother Sarah Dibble to be their guardian 4 April 1716 at a court of probate in Fairfield." She appears elsewhere on the same page as "Sarah Canfield." Perhaps the surname Dibble was used to reinforce her connection to her sons.

On 21 April 1748, all the surviving Canfield children joined to sell land inherited from Ebenezer and released from all claims by the death of their stepmother, Sarah.<sup>42</sup> This deed places all of the Canfields in their town locations and names all the Canfield daughters with their spouses. Created some three decades after the original owner died, a deed like this is one of which researchers dream, and might have been a gratifying surprise to the author who "will not follow this line."

The deed begins, "To all people now come Timothy,<sup>43</sup> Ezekiel, David, Patience the wife of Isaac Wood, Mary the wife of Solomon Tuttle, Elizabeth the wife of Thomas Rusco, Lydia the wife of Joseph Crowfoot all formerly of Norwalk." These are "all sons and daughters of Ebenezer Canfield of Norwalk aforesaid deceased intestate." It continues, "Timothy Canfield, Ezekiel Canfield, David Canfield, all now of ye town of Salem, and county of Westchester; and Isaac Wood and his wife Patience, Solomon Tuttle and his wife Mary, Thomas Rusco and his wife Elizabeth, Joseph Crowfoot and his wife Lydia, all of ye town of Salem, except Isaac Wood and his wife who now liveth on the East Patent so call in Westchester and Thomas Rusco and his wife Elizabeth both of Norwalk."

The acknowledgement signatures on the deed are of interest; with witnesses they fill one-half of one page and span a five-months interval in 1748. Ezekiel Canfield acknowledged on 27 July 1748. Isaac and Patience Wood acknowledged on 28 July 1748. Timothy Canfield and David Canfield acknowledged 30 August 1748; Mary Tuttle and Lydia Crowfoot appeared

<sup>41</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 5:338-9.

<sup>42</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 10:106 (FHL film #5005).

<sup>43</sup> The name "Timothy" is an insert on the first line of the deed.

without their husbands and acknowledged 10 October 1748; Thomas Rusco and "Elizabeth Canfield his wife" (note she did not use "Rusco") acknowledged 11 November 1748. Solomon Tuttle acknowledged 11 November 1748. And the deed was recorded on this final date.

A proof of Ebenezer's second marriage is that on 5 March 1735[/6] Sarah Youngs of Stamford "...for thirty shillings paid by Thomas Bennedict, third of that name, and second junior of Norwalk sell part of certain tract of land lying in Norwalk of husband Ebenezer Canfield late deceased eighteen acres." The deed is recorded 15 April 1735. Witnesses were John Youngs and William Bolt.<sup>44</sup> This deed shows that Sarah Youngs had been Sarah Canfield. The guardianship proceedings had already indicated that earlier she had been "Dibble."

Another 1735 deed gives evidence of other children of Sarah (Clements) (Dibble) (Canfield) Youngs: "Solomon Tuttle and Mary Tuttle ye wife of Solomon Tuttle of ye Oblong land in ye county of Westchester" sell "three seventh parts of that part of a certain tract of land lying in Norwalk... which was distributed to our mother in law Sarah Young of Stamford relict of our father Mr. Ebenezer Canfield...as part of her dower. Two parts of which three above s<sup>d</sup> Solomon bought of Joseph Crowfoot and Thomas Rusco junior and their wives; the other part natural accruing to them as their proper right." The deed is signed in Ridgefield 26 November 1735, and recorded in Norwalk on 27 April 1736.<sup>45</sup> This deed shows that by 1735 there were seven surviving Canfield children.

After their mother's death, and after Ebenezer's remarriage and death, the Canfield children were parentless orphans. None of them apparently went to Stamford with the widow.

Children of Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> and Mary (Henry) Canfield, birth dates and ages appended to Ebenezer's estate inventory dated 20 January 1715[/16]:<sup>46</sup>

3. i. Patience<sup>4</sup> CANFIELD, b. 15 Oct 1695, m. Joseph CRAMPTON.
4. ii. Mary CANFIELD, b. 5 Aug 1697, m. Solomon TUTTLE.
5. iii. Ebenezer CANFIELD, b. 24 Aug 1698, m. Jemima \_\_\_\_\_.
6. iv. Timothy CANFIELD, b. 16 Sep 1699, m. Kezia \_\_\_\_\_.
7. v. Elizabeth CANFIELD b. 5 Jun 1703, m. Thomas RUSCO, Jr.
8. vi. Jabez CANFIELD, b. 20 Oct 1704.
9. vii. Lideah CANFIELD, b. 11 Mar 1707, m. Joseph CROFUT.
10. viii. Mathew CANFIELD, b. 12 Oct 1708.
11. ix. Ezekiel CANFIELD, b. 16 Nov 1710.
12. x. David CANFIELD, b. 14 Apr 1712.

#### **Fourth Generation**

**3. Patience<sup>4</sup> CANFIELD** (*Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>1</sup>*), born 15 October (probate record), or 8 October 1695 (Norwalk vital record).<sup>47</sup> Patience married, first, in Norwalk (recorded in

<sup>44</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 7: 606-7 (FHL film #5,003).

<sup>45</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 8: 72 (FHL film #5,004).

<sup>46</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 4:338-9.

<sup>47</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 1:238.

Ridgefield), 29 December 1714, **Joseph CRAMPTON** of Ridgefield,<sup>48</sup> who died in Norwalk by 1720 when his probate record begins. She married, second, **Isaac WOOD**, as proven by land records. In 1748 Patience and Isaac Wood were living in the East Patent, Westchester County, NY. For more information on the Crampton family, see Robert Hull's "Joseph Crampton" article in the March 2005 *Connecticut Nutmegger*.<sup>49</sup> Children by Joseph Crampton, born in Ridgefield:<sup>50</sup>

- i. Mary CRAMPTON, born 5 November 1715 in Ridgefield; she is perhaps named for Patience's mother, Mary (Henry) Canfield.
- ii. Sarah CRAMPTON, born 5 May 1717.<sup>51</sup> Sarah Crampton is perhaps named for her father's mother, Sarah (Rockwell) Crampton.
- iii. Unnamed child, "born August 11, 1718, and died August 12, 1718, aged 1 day."
- iv. Abigail CRAMPTON born 20 August 1719.

4. **Mary<sup>4</sup> CANFIELD** (*Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>1</sup>*), born 5 August (probate record) or 3 August 1697 (Norwalk vital record),<sup>52</sup> married **Solomon TUTTLE** sometime before 31 January 1727/8, when, as Solomon Tuttle and Mary Tuttle, they signed a deed selling Canfield real estate.<sup>53</sup> Mary and Solomon were living in 1748 in South Salem, when both sign a further deed. Solomon is very probably the child born in Norwalk on 16 August 1699, son of David and Mary (Read) Tuttle.<sup>54</sup> David Tuttle had married Mary Reed, daughter of John of Norwalk, on November 24, 1698.<sup>55</sup> No children of Solomon and Mary identified.

5. **Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> CANFIELD** (*Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>1</sup>*), born in Norwalk, 24 August 1698,<sup>56</sup> died before 29 September 1720,<sup>57</sup> married **Jemima \_\_\_\_\_**, who, as widow of Ebenezer Canfield, married, second, in Norwalk, 18 Apr 1724, Samuel Benedict [here Bennedick].<sup>58</sup> Her parentage has not been established.

Ebenezer Canfield's intestate probate was presented in Fairfield December 14, 1720 by Jemima Canfield, relict. His inventory taken 29 September 1720 totaled £91; his debts were £11. He had a widow and no children, and distribution was ordered to brothers Timothy, Jabez, Matthew, Ezekiel, David and sisters Patience, Mary, Elizabeth, and Lydia.<sup>59</sup>

6. **Timothy<sup>4</sup> Canfield** (*Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>1</sup>*), born 16 Sep 1700,<sup>60</sup> living in 1748 in South Salem, Westchester County, NY, married Ridgefield, 19 November 1729, **Kezia \_\_\_\_\_**.<sup>61</sup>

<sup>48</sup> Ridgefield Land Records, 1: 227, (FHL film #5,496).

<sup>49</sup> Robert W. Hull, "Joseph Crampton, The Proprietor of Ridgefield..." *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, 37 (March 2005):542-563.

<sup>50</sup> Ridgefield Land Records, 1:199, 202, 202, 203, respectively (FHL film #5,496).

<sup>51</sup> The Barbour transcription gives the birth year as 1714, but the original record has "1717" written over what may have looked like "1714" to the transcriber.

<sup>52</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 1:238

<sup>53</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 6:241 (FHL film #5,003).

<sup>54</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 4:5.

<sup>55</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 4:5.

<sup>56</sup> Father's probate record.

<sup>57</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 6: 93 (FHL film #4,288).

<sup>58</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 4: 9.

<sup>59</sup> Fairfield Probate Records, 6:93.

<sup>60</sup> Father's probate record.

<sup>61</sup> Ridgefield Land Records, 1:228.

In 1752, Kezia and her daughter Phebe joined the Church of Christ in Salem, "Kezia, the wife of Timothy Canfield, and Phebe, her daughter."<sup>62</sup> Children, births recorded in Ridgefield:<sup>63</sup>

- i. Mary CANFIELD, born 25 October 1730.
- ii. Phebe CANFIELD, born 31 December 1731. In 1752, Phebe is named in a list of church members of Salem, with her mother. In another list, she is named as "Phebe Canfield." Phebe Canfield married Elisha SHERMAN in South Salem on 9 October 1754.<sup>64</sup> Children, baptized in Salem:<sup>65</sup>
  - (1) Mary, bp. 27 Jul 1755.
  - (2) Ebenezer, bp. 10 April 1757.
  - (3) Phebe, bp. Dec 1758, "on Phebe's account."
  - (4) Sarah, bp. 15 Dec 1771, "on Elisha's wife's account."
- iii. Ebenezer CANFIELD, born 4 November 1733.
- iv. Timothy CANFIELD, born 2 September 1736.
- v. Elijah CANFIELD, born 4 April 1739.
- vi. Silas CANFIELD, born 24 April 1741.
- vii. Thaddeus CANFIELD, born 22 April 1744.
- viii. Cloe CANFIELD, born 20 December 1748.

7. Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Canfield (*Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>1</sup>*), born 5 June 1703,<sup>66</sup> married Thomas Rusco, Jr., probably the son of Thomas Rusco of Norwalk. Thomas Rusco (junior) died 2 February 1774, aged 73, in Salem.<sup>67</sup>

8. Jabez<sup>4</sup> CANFIELD (*Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>1</sup>*), born 20 Oct 1704,<sup>68</sup> died before 14 January 1727/8, when a partial distribution of his real estate was made to Ezekiel Canfield, David Canfield, Elizabeth Rusco, and Lidiiah Crowfoot.<sup>69</sup> He was probably unmarried, and not all his siblings are named in this deed.

9. Lidea<sup>4</sup> Canfield (*Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>1</sup>*), born 11 March 1707,<sup>70</sup> living in South Salem in 1748, married, ca. 1725, Joseph CROFUT, baptized in Fairfield, 10 December 1704.<sup>71</sup> In addition to Jacobus's treatment in *Families of Old Fairfield*, these births are recorded at Ridgefield for this family:<sup>72</sup>

- i. Samuel CROFUT, born 23 January 1727/8. The Barbour Collection transcription erroneously calls this child Ebenezer, but Samuel is correct from the original.
- ii. Ebenezer CROFUT, born 30 April 1730.

<sup>62</sup> "Records of the Church of Christ in Salem, Westchester County, NY", *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 31(April 1900):83. [Hereafter *Record*].

<sup>63</sup> Ridgefield Land Records, 1:211, 211, 219, 221, 224, 225, 238, 210, respectively.

<sup>64</sup> *Record*, 31:85.

<sup>65</sup> *Record*, 32:16.

<sup>66</sup> Father's probate record.

<sup>67</sup> *Record*, 33:41.

<sup>68</sup> Father's probate record.

<sup>69</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 6:187.

<sup>70</sup> Father's probate record.

<sup>71</sup> Jacobus, *Families of Old Fairfield*, II: 269 [Crofut]. "Crofut" is the spelling used in this article; there are many variants.

<sup>72</sup> Ridgefield Land Records, 1:226. [Crofut]

- iii. Phebe CROFUT, born 3 February 1731/2. Possibly the Phebe Crofut who married Benjamin JONES on 1 April 1757 in South Salem, NY.<sup>73</sup>
- iv. Elizabeth CROFUT, born 1 July 1734.
- v. Lydia CROFUT, born 13 December 1736.
- vi. Sarah CROFUT, born 4 March 1739/40.
- vii. [?] Rebecca CROFUT, born 12 June 1741, died 12 January 1792, aged 50 years, 7 months, married ca 1761, Peter ST. JOHN as his second wife.<sup>74</sup> Thirteen children by her second marriage.<sup>75</sup>

10. **Matthew<sup>4</sup> CANFIELD** (*Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>1</sup>*), born 12 Oct 1708,<sup>76</sup> living in 1722. Matthew Canfield was the subject of legal proceedings at the General Court in New Haven which were also recorded in Norwalk. At a General Assembly held in New Haven, 9 October 1714, "Matthew Canfield of Norwalk an idiot and impotent child" was discussed. Samuel Betts, Samuel Marven, Samuel Comstock, Samuel Kellogg, Samuel Raymond were appointed to oversee his case. The Norwalk transcript is "a true copy of record."<sup>77</sup> In a deed recorded in Norwalk, some of Matthew's land is sold to Jedediah Canfield, brother of Ebenezer and an uncle of Matthew.<sup>78</sup> This sale was made possibly to raise money to pay for Matthew's living expenses. Matthew probably died young and had no children.

11. **Ezekiel<sup>4</sup> CANFIELD** (*Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>1</sup>*), born 16 November 1710,<sup>79</sup> living in Salem in 1748. On 21 March 1733/4 Ezekiel received a distribution from the estate of his deceased brother Ebenezer Canfield.<sup>80</sup> In 1735, he sold to Thomas Benedict 3<sup>rd</sup> his "whole right in land laid out to father Ebenezer Canfield accrued to me by right of distribution of brother Ebenezer Canfield, my natural right in that part of said land set out to my mother in law Saray Young, and what I bought of my brother David Canfield...twenty nine pounds."<sup>81</sup> Note that Sarah is his "mother in law," a term then in use for stepmother. No marriage or children have been found for him.

12. **David<sup>4</sup> CANFIELD** (*Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>1</sup>*), born 11 April 1712,<sup>82</sup> living in Salem in 1748, perhaps the David Canfield who died in Salem on 20 March 1783.<sup>83</sup> No marriage records has been found, but he likely married Mary \_\_\_\_\_, who, as wife of David Canfield, joined the Church at Salem in 1752,<sup>84</sup> and who in her 1783 will refers to "my adopted son,

<sup>73</sup> *Record*, 31:86.

<sup>74</sup> Jacobus, *Families of Old Fairfield*, II: 268. "Perhaps also" a member of this family per Jacobus.

<sup>75</sup> Orline St. John Alexander, *The St. John Genealogy*, New York: The Grafton Press, 1907, pp. 96-8. This genealogy also says she is a daughter of Ebenezer Crofut and lists no less than thirteen children of this second marriage.

<sup>76</sup> Father's probate record.

<sup>77</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 5:83.

<sup>78</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 5:426.

<sup>79</sup> Father's probate record.

<sup>80</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 7:207.

<sup>81</sup> Norwalk Land Records, 7:607.

<sup>82</sup> Father's probate record.

<sup>83</sup> *Record*, 33:114.

<sup>84</sup> *Record*, 31:82.

known by the name of, and commonly called, James Canfield.”<sup>85</sup> David Canfield junior, a young man and possibly the son of David and Mary, is recorded as dying in Salem on 15 April 1775.<sup>86</sup> The *Keeler Family* outline suggests that David and Mary had no surviving children.

### Conclusion

The 1897 Canfield Genealogy, the starting point for this article with its line that “will not be followed in this genealogy;” can be extended for several generations on various lines of descent, both male and female, and for several decades. Both male and female descendants can be followed through probates of intestate estates; both probate and land records can prove descent along both male and female lines.

It is hoped that information offered here may be used as a starting point for future research by interested descendants of this branch of the Canfield family.

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<sup>85</sup> Wesley B. Keeler, compiler, *Keeler Family*, Baltimore: Gateway Press, 2000, pp. 11-12. Adopted son James Canfield married Dinah Keeler, daughter of Daniel, and both James and Dinah and their nine children were made heirs in the will of Mary Canfield.

<sup>86</sup> *Record* 33:41.

## Abigail ROCKWELL's Husband and Silas OLMSTED's Wife: Two Approaches to Genealogical Research

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Genealogical research tends to run in one of two directions: forward and backward. The compiler of a genealogy that shows descent from a single individual works forward in time to identify descendants, while someone researching his or her own ancestry works backward from known to unknown ancestors. This article will discuss the case of a couple whom I have been working on and how the two approaches would address it.

In my research of the Rockwell family of Fairfield County, Connecticut, I have sometimes come across references to married daughters without any reference to the husband's identity beyond the surname. One such case appeared in records relating to the family of John and Sarah (Whelpley) Rockwell of Wilton Parish, Norwalk. This couple was married at the Wilton Congregational Church on 22 October 1755.<sup>1</sup> They had children baptized there—the first of them was Abigail, baptized on 3 October 1756, and the youngest was Lewis, baptized on 30 October 1781.<sup>2</sup> When John Rockwell wrote his will on 12 August 1799, he left a legacy to “the heirs of my daughter Abigail, deceased.”<sup>3</sup> From this record we know that Abigail had died before that date and that she had children, but their names, and that of their father—even his surname—were not given.

Abigail's youngest brother, Lewis Rockwell, died unmarried in the early 19th century. Though no probate records have been found for his estate, his land records provide the first real details on Abigail's family. Lewis Rockwell died in possession of twenty-three acres at Wilton. On 5 January 1809, William B. and Allinor Olmstead of Aurelius, Cayuga Co., NY; Silas and Elizabeth Keeler of Jefferson Township, Cayuga Co., NY; and Ichabod and Abigail French of Brutus, Cayuga Co., NY, collectively sold their interest in Lewis's twenty-three acres to John Rockwell of Otsego town and county, NY.<sup>4</sup> On 25 Oct 1809, John R. Olmstead, also of Aurelius, NY, sold his share to John Rockwell as well.<sup>5</sup> From the recurrence of the surname “Olmsted” in these records, we may guess that Abigail's husband was an Olmsted. The local church and vital records, however, did not list this marriage or baptisms for any of these children.

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<sup>1</sup> “Wilton Congregational Church records: births, baptisms and marriages, 1698-1816,” copied and arranged by David H. Van Hoosear, p. 6 of brides' listing; Family History Library (FHL) Microfilm no. 1015121, item 2.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 55 of baptism listing.

<sup>3</sup> Fairfield District Probate Court records, vol. 27, p. 344–5; FHL Film no. 4282, item 2.

<sup>4</sup> Wilton Deeds, vol. 3, p. 44; FHL Film no. 6248.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.* 3:285.

The fact that all four children resided in Cayuga County suggested to me that they may have gone there with their father. Turning to the Cayuga deed books, I found two early purchasers named Olmsted: Noah and Silas. They were clearly related, as in 1796, Noah Olmsted sold Silas Olmsted a 100-acre parcel in Aurelius.<sup>6</sup> I checked the probate records, and found that Silas Olmsted had left a will, written in 1817 and probated on 22 November 1822. This will solved the case, as he named his children: daughters Elizabeth Keeler, wife of Silas Keeler; Abigail French, wife of Ichabod French; "William Belden Olmsted, Louisa Olmsted, Silas Olmsted, & Lewis Rockwell Olmsted, my grand children and children of my son William Belding Olmsted deceased"; and son John.<sup>7</sup> Clearly, his children are the heirs of Lewis Rockwell of Wilton, and thus the children of Abigail, daughter of John and Sarah Rockwell of Wilton.

The above is an example of researching in a forward direction. Following this discovery, I thought of how descendants of these four children might approach the problem of identifying the next earlier generation. If they had found their way back to, say William Belden Olmsted Sr, who died before his father, they could check the Cayuga County Surrogate's Court records and discover the connection through the will of Silas Olmsted. This will, however, mentions no wife, so the researcher will know only that she died before her husband. How would one make the leap back to the Rockwell family of Wilton?

One thing such a researcher might try is to look for previously-published genealogical work on Silas Olmsted. There is an extensive Olmsted genealogy dating from 1912 in which one finds brothers Silas and Noah Olmsted in Wilton and mentions Noah's move to Cayuga County, New York. This Silas, however, died in Wilton in 1782. The book lists two wives, Abigail DeForest and Lydia Sloan, and children by each of them. Interestingly, one of the younger ones listed is William Belden Olmstead, baptized in 1783; and his own listing names the same children named in the will of Silas Olmsted of Aurelius, NY.<sup>8</sup> If this book were the first stop for a researcher, he or she might miss a generation. Silas Olmsted of Wilton had a son named Silas, according to the book, but his line is not traced.

Once the researcher takes the cue from the Olmsted Genealogy to check records in Fairfield County, Connecticut, he or she will not find record of Silas Jr's marriage or his children, nor do any land records name Silas Jr's wife. One should find the Fairfield probate records for Silas Olmsted Sr., which will confirm the son's existence, as his will names son Silas as his executor. Most of the other children named in the Olmsted Genealogy are named in this will as well (plus Hannah, whom the compiler missed), but there is no mention of a son named William Belden Olmsted.<sup>9</sup> Interestingly, a Norwalk deed shows the Silas Olmsted heirs selling some of their land to John Rockwell Jr, a son of John and Sarah Rockwell of Wilton.<sup>10</sup> The skilled researcher will recall that people often sold land to relatives, though there were also sales to others, including Nathan Gilbert. It is again the record of the four children of Silas Olmsted Jr selling their shares of the land of Lewis Rockwell that should be the clue that the researcher picks up on. A study of the probate records pertaining to John Rockwell and his son Thomas should identify the wife of Silas Olmsted Jr. as Abigail Rockwell, daughter of John.

<sup>6</sup> Cayuga County Deeds, vol. G, p. 318; FHL Film no. 851932.

<sup>7</sup> Cayuga County Wills, vol. B1, p. 159; FHL Film no. 853218.

<sup>8</sup> Henry King Olmsted, *Genealogy of the Olmsted Family in America*, revised and completed by George K. Ward (New York, 1912), p. 203, 223; FHL Film no. 1316686.

<sup>9</sup> Fairfield District Probate Court packet no. 4713; FHL Film no. 1018771.

<sup>10</sup> Norwalk Deeds, vol. 17, p. 139; FHL Film no. 5008.



In conclusion, the paths followed in dealing with this couple from the two directions are almost mirror images of each other. The descendant is likely to find the husband first, in Aurelius, New York, and then struggle to find where he came from before the wife can be named, while I, a Rockwell researcher, found the wife first, and had to trace her family to Aurelius in order to identify her husband. In both cases, we are dependent upon a good paper trail; had Silas Olmsted Jr not left his will and named his children, and if Lewis Rockwell had not died unmarried, leaving his sister's children as heirs, the reconstruction of this family might have been impossible.

### Genealogical summary

**Silas Olmsted Jr.**, son of Silas and Abigail (DeForest) Olmsted of Wilton Parish, Norwalk, Conn., baptized at Wilton Congregational Church 26 May 1754;<sup>11</sup> married ca. 1775, **Abigail Rockwell**, daughter of John and Sarah (Whelpley) Rockwell, born in 1756 and baptized on 3 October 1756 at Wilton Congregational Church. She died before August of 1799, when her father's will states that she is deceased. Silas settled in Aurelius, New York, wrote his will on 2 March 1817, and died before 21 November 1822. Children of Silas and Abigail (Rockwell) Olmsted:

1. Elizabeth Olmsted, who married Silas Keeler, and settled in Jefferson Township, Cayuga County, New York.
2. Abigail Olmsted, who married Ichabod French and settled in Brutus, Cayuga County, New York.<sup>12</sup>
3. William Belden Olmsted, who married Alinore or Eleanor (-----), lived in Aurelius, N.Y., in 1809, and died before his father wrote his will in 1817. His children:
  - i. William Belden Olmsted, Jr.
  - ii. Louisa Olmsted.
  - iii. Silas Olmsted.
  - iv. Lewis Rockwell Olmsted.
4. John R. (perhaps for "Rockwell") Olmsted, who lived in Aurelius, N.Y., in 1809.

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<sup>11</sup> Van Hoosear, p. 51.

<sup>12</sup> I note another error in the 1912 Olmsted Genealogy: the compiler assumed that Abigail the daughter of Silas Olmsted Sr., rather than Jr., was the wife of Ichabod French.

## Capt. John BROOKS Furniture Collection

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The Captain John Brooks House, formerly on Pembroke Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, is now located on the premises of the Discovery Museum on Park Avenue, Bridgeport. In 1962 the museum was named a residual legatee in the will of Mabel Frances Wilder and, in 1964, acquired the deed to the Brooks house and property. Some of the Brooks family furniture from the house is now on loan by the Discovery Museum to The Historical Society of Easton, Connecticut and displayed in the Bradley-Hubbell House in Easton. To better understand the heritage of the family who preserved this furniture and thereby enhance the viewer's appreciation, a brief exploration of the genealogy of the Brooks and associated families follows. Also included is a discussion of the Hubbell family's connection to the furniture and to the Brooks family.

### Brooks Family

[Birth and death dates, where known, are entered following names.]

First Generation: John Brooks ( -1695) married [henceforth m.] Sarah Peat ( -1694)  
 Second Generation: Benjamin Brooks (1685-1743) m. Mary Fairchild ( -1740)  
 Third Generation: John Brooks, Esq. (1715-1777) m. Ann Sherwood (1716-1804)  
 Fourth Generation: John Brooks (1739-1788) m. Dorothy Birdsey (1742-1834)  
 Fifth Generation: **Captain John BROOKS, Sr.** (1763-1861) m. Mary Coe (1764-1838)  
 Sixth Generation: Birdsey Brooks (1796- ) m. Emily Booth (ca 1803/04- )  
 Seventh Generation: Maria Brooks (ca 1824- ) m. Thaddeus B. Beecher (ca 1824- )  
 Eighth Generation: Emily L. Beecher (1852- ) m. Edward Payson Wilder (1849-1890)  
 Ninth Generation: Mabel Frances Wilder (1876-1955). Died unmarried.

The "Brooks Family Papers" in the Dannenberg Collection, the Brooks "Brown Envelope", and clippings from the Bridgeport Post, are available for research at the Fairfield Historical Society, Fairfield, Connecticut. They tell us that Captain John Brooks, whose forebears had resided in Stratford, Connecticut from 1679-1680, built the house at 199 Pembroke Street, Stratford [later Bridgeport], Connecticut in 1787. The house was one of the first built between the river and Old Mill Green and was originally located on the Old Boston Post Road. It was later moved a half block to Pembroke Street. In 1970 the house was listed as having been accepted on the National Register of Historic Places. The Captain served under General Hooker in the Revolutionary War at age 18 and became a wealthy merchant and ship owner. The Captain's son, Birdsey, first resided in New Haven, Connecticut, then returned to the family home on Pembroke Street. Birdsey is listed on the 1860 New Haven census records next to the family of Thaddeus

B. Beecher and his wife, Maria [Birdsey's daughter]. The Bridgeport 1870 census lists, for the house on Pembroke as Head of Household, Emily Brooks [Birdsey's widow] residing with her daughter Maria Beecher and granddaughter Frances [Fanny] M. Beecher. By 1880, the Bridgeport census lists Emily Brooks Widow as Head residing with her daughter Maria Beecher Widow, grandchildren, Thaddeus and Fanny M. Beecher, son John B. Brooks, and sister Hannah Booth. Brooks family members continued to occupy the house for the next sixty years. In the early 1940's the Bridgeport City Directories lists as occupant Fanny M. Beecher [Mabel Frances Wilder's aunt]. By 1944-45, the directory lists Mabel Frances Wilder and John B. Brooks [son of Birdsey Brooks and Mabel's great uncle] a ship's carpenter. In 1946, Mabel Frances Wilder is the sole occupant.

Mabel Frances Wilder died unmarried 13 July 1955 in Bridgeport. Her *Bridgeport Post* newspaper obituary says that Mabel's great great grandfather, Captain John Brooks, built the house. The house was inherited by Mabel's sister, Florence Wilder Campbell (ca 1879- ). Upon her death, the house was inherited by a Wilder cousin, Ruth Wilder Braistead (1899-1984). Ruth was the daughter of Robert Parmelee Wilder, brother of Edward Payson Wilder. This is the same family that produced the author, Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Two samplers in the Collection were made in 1798 by Sally Brooks and in 1802 by Maria Brooks. Captain John and Mary (Coe) Brooks of Stratford had daughters Sally born 27 January 1789 and Maria christened 1792. It appears they are probably the girls who made the samplers, which say Maria was "aged nine years" and Sally was "in the nine year of her age." Maria died young and Sally married Josiah Burr of Fairfield. A Collection dressing table is said to be a Coe family piece. It came to the Collection through Captain John Brooks' wife, Mary (Coe) Brooks.

A portion of the Collection, according to experts, consists of important pieces attributed to the Stratford School. It is well within the realm of possibility that Ebenezer Hubbell (1726-1812), born in Stratford and a joiner, could have made a desk from the Collection. His father, Josiah, and other members of the family were also joiners. The desk was crafted about 1760 by the Hubbell Shop. There were two important furniture shops in Stratford in the last half of the eighteenth century, of which the Hubbell Shop was one. Ebenezer Hubbell was Master of the Hubbell Shop. Articles by Edward Cooke, Jr. "The Social Economy of the Pre-industrial Joiner in Western Connecticut 1750-1800" and "The Work of Brewster Dayton and Ebenezer Hubbell of Stratford, Connecticut", discuss the techniques employed by the Stratford Shops. Edward Cooke is a Professor, Department of the History of Art at Yale University. The articles refer to account books and inventories establishing the importance of the Hubbell Shop and sales to the Brooks and Coe families. Cooke's article describes the sale by the Hubbell Shop of a desk to John Brooks, Sr., who was married to Ann Sherwood. A hand-written label attached to the inside of a drawer says the desk "belonged to my great, great, great grandfather John Brooks, Sr." The label was probably affixed by Fanny Beecher, a Brooks descendant and Mabel Frances Wilder's aunt. Fanny Beecher was born in 1855. She had resided in the house for decades until her death in the 1940's, carefully preserved its contents, and

ardently presented its historic significance to the community. The Collection desk features a carved shell in the lower drawer carved from a block of wood nailed to the inside surface of the drawer front to provide extra depth. According to Edward Cooke's article, the Hubbell Shop, as contrasted with the Dayton Shop, typically featured a deeper shell with more undulating ribs and, also, more modeled feet. Ebenezer's family was well acquainted with the Brooks family, not only because the families both resided in Stratford, but also because Ebenezer Hubbell married Mary Brooks (1723-1790), daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Fairchild) Brooks. This Benjamin was the great grandfather of Captain John Brooks. Finally, it is noted that Ebenezer Hubbell and Franklin Hubbell, who resided in the Bradley-Hubbell House in the nineteen hundreds, were both descended from Richard Hubbell, the immigrant who came to Stratford in the sixteen hundreds.

Sources consulted included the archives of the Fairfield Historical Society, *Families of Old Fairfield*, by Donald Lines Jacobus, Federal Census Records found on Ancestry.com, newspaper obituaries, Bridgeport City Directories, and literature in the Connecticut State Library and online regarding Stratford furniture of the eighteenth century.

**Bible and Family Records: Levi CLARK of Norwalk; Charles JONES of New Canaan; TRAVER of Sharon with CALKINS of Brookfield; and Henry F. NORCROSS of Derby and Bridgeport**

Transcribed by Harlan R. Jessup (1-3) and Priscilla Noyes Chatfield (4)

**Levi CLARK Bible**

This Bible was purchased at a local tag sale by Dick Stein of Westport, Connecticut, and its earlier provenance is unknown. It was loaned to Sven-Eric Selander, and it may be claimed by any close family member. Several front pages including the title page are missing, but the title of the New Testament reports the Bible published in 1827 by H. & E. Phinney of Cooperstown, NY. Family records appear between the Old Testament and Apocrypha.

In the 1850 census of Norwalk we find Levi Clark, 49, jeweler, with Fanny, 43, Joseph 12, Mary 1, and an apparent servant, Bridget Mahoney, 24.

Marriages, page 1, column 1

Levi Clark and Fanny Stevens were Married October 6<sup>th</sup> 1824

Oliver S. Clark and Maria Mitchell were Married April 29<sup>th</sup> 1849

Andrew A. Jackson and Emily A. Clark were Married Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1856

William Thomas Clark was Married to Laura Clark of Hartford Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1856

Oliver S. Clark was Married the Second time to Katharine Finch May 25<sup>th</sup> 1857

Stephen R. Stanley and Mary Benedict Clark were Married Feby 20<sup>th</sup> 1867

Marriages, page 1, column 2

Oliver Clark father of Levi was Married to Betty Starr September 19<sup>th</sup> 1782

Levi Clark was Married the Second time to Mrs. Olive Stevens July 18, 1855 – formerly Olive Clark, daughter of Sallie Pell Clark of Danbury, Conn.

Births, page 2, column 1

Levi Clark born Feby 15<sup>th</sup> 1801

Fanny Stevcns born Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1807

Births, page 2, column 2

Emily Augusta Clark born Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1825

Oliver Stevens Clark born Feby 11<sup>th</sup> 1828

Emily Augusta Clark born January 19<sup>th</sup> 1830

William Thomas Clark born June 29<sup>th</sup> 1831

Ephraim Gregory Clark born June 10<sup>th</sup> 1833

James Starr Clark born March 4<sup>th</sup> 1835

Catharin Rebecca Clark – Feby 2<sup>nd</sup> 1837

Joseph Clark – Feby 4, 1838

Sarah Francis Clark – July 9, 1839

Fanny Stevens Clark – Oct 7, 1840

Edward Starr Clark Born September 26, 1840

Charles Isaacs Clark Born July 7<sup>th</sup> 1845

Mary Benedict Clark Born Nov 29, 1848

Births, page 3, column 1

Oliver Clark the Father of Levi Clark was Born October 5<sup>th</sup> 1760

Betty Clark Mother of Levi Born June 14, 1765

Children of the above:

Laura Clark Born July 14<sup>th</sup> 1783

Zar Clark Born July 14<sup>th</sup> 1786

Rebecca Clark Born Nov 5, 1793

Sally Clark Born July 31, 1797

Levi Clark Born Feby 15<sup>th</sup> 1801

Ansel Clark Born April 28, 1806

Births, page 3, column 2

Ephraim Gregory Stevens, Father of Fanny Stevens was born September 25<sup>th</sup>  
1777

Sally Benedict was born April 28, 1771 [1758, overwritten, but most improbable]

Deaths, page 4, column 1

Oliver Clark father of Levi Died Feby 26, 1836

Betty Clark Mother of Levi Died may 28, 1818

Ephraim G. Stevens Father of Fanny Died Aug 13, 1844

Fanny Clark Wife of Levi Died Jan 3, 1855

Maria Wife of Oliver S. Clark died March 13<sup>th</sup> 1856

Sally Stevens Wife of E. G. Stevens died Oct 17, 1859

Levi Clark died April 1<sup>st</sup> 1875

Deaths, page 4, column 2

Emily Augusta Daughter of Levi & Fanny Clark Died November 15<sup>th</sup> 1826

Catharine Rebecca Clark Died Nov 8, 1837

Sarah Francis Clark Died April 18, 1842

James Starr Clark Died April 18, 1842

Charles Isaacs Clark Died December 22, 1846

Fanny Stevens Clark Died June 2, 1847

Edward Starr Clark Died Feb<sup>y</sup> 29, 1848

Joseph Clark Maj. Of 4<sup>th</sup> Miss. Inf<sup>t</sup> ?AD? Died at Vicksburg Mis<sup>s</sup> Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

### **Charles JONES Bible**

This Bible was donated to the annual book sale of the Cyrenius H. Booth Library. Its provenance is unknown. It is kept temporarily in that library's genealogy collection until a family member or other appropriate recipient is located.

The Bible was published in 1850 by S. Andrus & Son of Hartford [CT]. Family records in various hands between the Apocrypha and New Testaments.

In the 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses this family is found in New Canaan, Connecticut. In 1870 the family consists of Charles, 54, stone mason, Sarah E., 37, Charles I., 19, Mary E., 22 [*sic*], and Chester W., 9.

### Marriages

Charles Jones & Julian [*sic*, Julia] Ann Buxton Married Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1839

Charles Jones & Sarah E. Holly were married Nov<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1859 by Rev<sup>d</sup> John A. Morris

Charles I. Jones & Mary E. Waterbury Married June 1<sup>st</sup> 1873

George H. Raymond & Mary E. [Waterbury] Jones Married May 1<sup>st</sup> 1901

### Births

Charles Jones was born July 20<sup>th</sup> 1815

his wife Julia A. was born December 18<sup>th</sup> 1817

Charles Isaac Jones born March 27 1841

Mary Elizabeth Jones born September 6<sup>th</sup> 1847

Chester Winfield Jones born July 10<sup>th</sup> 1861

George H. Raymond born Nov 23, 1853

Ella May Jones Born May 31<sup>st</sup> 1874

Carrie Jones Born July 11<sup>th</sup> 1876

Charlie Jones Born Aug 25, 1878

Marnie Jones Born Feb 20, 1880

Mary E. Waterbury Born Feb 17, 1851

### Deaths

Julia A. Jones Died August 13, 1858, Aged 40 yrs, 8 mos, 13 day

Charles Jones Died April 24<sup>st</sup> 1900, Aged 84 yrs, 9 mon, 4 days

Chester W. Jones Died Mar 31<sup>st</sup> 1879, Age 17 yrs, 8 mon, 21 days

Sarah E. Jones Died June 30<sup>th</sup>, Aged 80 years, 3 months, 28 days

George H. Raymond Died March 19, 1907, Aged 53 years, 3 mo, 24 days

Ella May Jones Died April 8, 1878, Aged 3 years, 10 mo, 8 days

Carrie Jones Died Jan 11 [Dec 17 *overwritten in pencil*] 1895 [4 *overwritten*],  
Aged 18 years, 6 mo.

Charlie Jones Died July 6, 1879, Aged 10 mo, 8 days

Marnie Jones Died March 19, 1887, Aged 6 years, 10 mo, 8 days

Charles I. Jones Died March 21, 1915, Aged 73 years, 11 mon, 21 days

Died March 10, 1919 (wife of above Jones) Mary E. [Waterbury] Jones, aged 68  
years, 21 days

Mary E. Jones Died April 19, 1936, age 89 years

### **TRAVER/CALKINS Family Record**

This family record was found among papers once in the old vault of the Town Clerk of Brookfield, Connecticut. Its provenance is unknown beyond that. The Traver family of the earliest records was from Sharon, Connecticut, and vicinity. Mary Traver married Sanford Palmer, and their daughter Isadore married Charles T. Calkins. The Calkins family resided in Brookfield in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The records, perhaps transcribed from one or more family Bibles, are on lined pages with stamped numbers beginning with 246. They appear to be taken from some official record book, but no matching book has been found in the town records. They are all in one hand, though those beginning after about 1910 appear to be later additions.

### Marriages

Hiram Traver to Eliza Brusie, March 14<sup>th</sup> 1835

Charles P. Traver to Susan Kellogg, Dec 9, 1857

Frederick White to Cornelia E. Traver, Oct 20, 1856

Sanford B. Palmer to Mary A Traver, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1858



Alvah Traver to Addie Strickland, Oct 25, 1876

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Charles T. Calkins to Isadore E. Palmer, Sept 5, 1880

William H. Root to Emma T. Palmer, May 19, 1880

Halsey Calkins to Mary Jane Owen, July 5, 1855

Charles Calkins to Miss Meti Miller, Sept 23, 1903

Emma J. Calkins to Fredrick Rapp, Oct 24, 1902

Eugene Calkins to Francis Meehan [no date]

Howard Shingler to Clara Calkins [no date]

### Births

Hiram Traver, April 6, 1814

Eliza Brusie, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1817

Charles P. Traver, Feb 27, 1836

Cornelia E. Traver, Feb 15, 1838

Mary A. Traver, Jan 23, 1840

Albert N. Traver, June 15, 1846

Julia E. Traver, June 6, 1850

Alvah H. Traver, Oct 20, 1855

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Charles T. Calkins, May 28, 1856

Isadore E. Palmer, Dec 27, 1862

Charles M. Calkins, Aug 17, 1881

Emma J. Calkins, Aug 17, 1883

Eugene H. Calkins, Sept 21, 1885

Claribel E. Calkins, Sept 29, 1888

Albert J. Calkins, July 2, 1896

Leon T. Calkins, Dec 27, 1903

Halsey Calkins, April 2, 1822

Mary Jane Owen Calkins, March 14, 1838

William H. Root, Jan 6, 1859

Emma T. Palmer, Nov 30, 1860

May C. Root, March 6, 1881

### Births (cont'd)

Claude W. Root, Nov 26, 1887

Etta Calkins, Dec 21, 1858

Nellie Jane Wolf, July 26, 1880

Meta Miller Calkins, April 16, 1906

Twins Gladys & Myrtle Calkins, Jan 28, 1908

Charles Eugene Calkins, July 13, 1909

Joseph Shingler, Feb [no further date]

Gladys Lousie [*sic*] Calkins, Nov 23, 1916

### Deaths

Albert A. Traver, Sept 21, 1847

Julia E. Traver, April 10, 1854

Mary E. Clark, Feb 18, 1875 - 35 years

Eliza Traver, Nov 9, 1879

Hiram Traver, Dec 26, 1990 - 75 years

Albert J. Calkins, Feb 26, 1897

Halsey Calkins, April 9, 1904 - 78 years old

Gladys Calkins, 22 May June [*sic*] 1917

Nancy Jane Calkins, Aug 25, 1918

Emma J. Calkins, Feb 23, 1922

William H Root [no date]

## Henry F. NORCROSS Family Bible — Transcribed by Priscilla Noyes Chatfield

This Norcross Bible was most likely purchased by Henry Fanning Norcross at the time of his marriage in 1857. Henry had been born in Monson, MA, in 1835, came to New Haven, Connecticut, as a young man, removing in 1857 to Derby, and in 1877 to Bridgeport. It documents six generations of Henry's family. The Bible is now in the possession of Henry's great grandson, John F. Chatfield, Jr., of Easton, Connecticut. In the February 1995 issue of *Connecticut Ancestry*, pages 127-133, an article describes Henry's 1857 Diary.

The Bible consists of the Old and New Testaments and was published by New York: by the American Bible Society in 1856. The entries are in the hand of Henry Fanning Norcross from 1857 to 1919 with the handwriting deteriorating in his old age.

### Births

Henry Fanning Norcross Born at Monson, Mass Nov 27<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1835

Sarah Marcia Keeney Born at Bridgeport, Conn May 12<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1836

Susan Brainerd Arnold born at Middletown, Ct October 21st 1843

William Henry Norcross Born at Derby on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May AD 1858 (Saturday)

Mary Fanning Norcross Born at Derby on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January AD 1860

Joseph Arnold Norcross born at Birmingham, Conn December 27<sup>th</sup> 1869

(christened) Susan Lavinia Norcross at Birmingham, Conn Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> 1872 Later called Susan Arnold Norcross

Helen Norcross Lewis born in Bridgeport Conn Decenber 25 1889

Otis Norcross Lewis born in Bridgeport Conn Jan 10 1893

Arnold Brown Norcross Born in New Haven May 11, 1907

Marcia Chatfield Born at Duluth, Minnesota Wednesday, Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, 1916 Daughter of Helen (Norcross Lewis) Chatfield and John Farquhar Chatfield

Mary Elizabeth Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1919 Sunday 2:15 AM dau of Helen N. (Lewis) C & J F Chatfield

### Marriages

Married on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> of July AD 1857 at the Congregational Church in Derby, by the Rev C C Tiffany, Henry Fanning Norcross to Sarah Marcia Keeney.

Married on the Twenty fifth day of August AD 1868 at St. James Church Birmingham Conn by Rev. N H Chamberlain, Henry Fanning Norcross to Susan Brainard Arnold.

Married 29 November 1887 at No 40 West Liberty Street Bridgeport, Conn by Rev. John S. Lindsay Mary Fanning Norcross to Irving Fremont Lewis.

Married on Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1902 at Foxcroft & Dover Cong'l Ch' at high noon by Rev. Geo H. Breck assisted by Rev. V. M. Hardy D.D., Jos. Arnold Norcross (of London, England) to Cellissa Brown of Dover Me. Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Orman Brown.

Married Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> 1911 (Saturday) at Malone, NY Helen Norcross Lewis to John Farquhar Chatfield by Rev. [no name entered]

Married January 26, 1918 Serg't Otis Norcross Lewis to Helene Hazel Chase by Revd Lewis Edward Perry, at Hudson, NH.

### Deaths

Derby Conn Sep 18<sup>th</sup> 1863 Departed this life in the full hope of a glorious immortality My Dear wife Sarah Marcia Norcross AE 27 years 4 mo & 6 days

Susan Brainerd Arnold wife of Henry F Norcross Died at Birmingham Conn July 26<sup>th</sup> 1873 aged 29 years 9 mos 5 days

My brother Charles Frederick Norcross died in Birmingham Oct 23/75

Wm H Norcross at or near St. Augustine Florida Saturday Feb 3d 1877 his body arrived in Birmingham Ct Saturday Feb 10 & the funeral was on Sunday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at St. James Church

Mary Lavinia (Norcross) Breed Died May 24 1881.

Mary Fanning Norcross (My Mother) Died in Swampscott Mass Apl 19<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) 1889 Born July 16<sup>th</sup> 1810

Anna Frances (Norcross) Reichardt died March 9 1899 at Worcester Mass (sister) Born Apl 1/31

### **Obituaries: Newspaper clippings pasted in Bible**

**FANNING** On Saturday, August 17, at Newark, Maria Ketchum, relict of Henry Fanning, aged 76 years. Her friends, also the friends of her brother, Joseph Ketchum, and her father, the late Col. Hezekiah Ketchum, are invited to attend her funeral from the house of her nephew, Adolphus Lane, 219 Tenth street, on Tuesday morning August 20 at 11 o'clock precisely without further [word illegible]. [1861 Grandmother of H. F. Norcross]

**DIED - KEENEY** At the residence of her son-in-law, on Thursday, April 14, Maria A. Keeney, mother of Mrs. Jos. A. Peloubet, in her 86<sup>th</sup> year. Funeral services tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at 83 Linden Ave. interment at Worcester, Mass. [1894 Mother of H. F. Norcross' first wife]

**HENRY F. NORCROSS Bridgeport Man Was Well Known In This City**  
Henry Fanning Norcross, formerly of Derby, who died on March 31<sup>st</sup>, was connected with the Iron and Steel Works, leaving here in 1877 to go to Bridgeport where he resided until his death. He was an honorary member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the oldest member of the King Hiram lodge, Derby. He leaves a son, J. Arnold Norcross of New Haven, two daughters, Mrs. Irving F. Lewis of Bridgeport, Miss Susan A. Norcross of Derby, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. [1925]

**SAD OCCURRENCE** On Friday evening last, about half past six o'clock, our whole community were pained and shocked by an event that brought sudden death into an estimable family and sorrow and gloom into a large circle. So far as can be got at the facts seem to be these. Mrs. Susan B. Arnold, wife of Mr. Henry F. Norcross, coal dealer in this place, was either undressing or rocking to sleep one of her children, a child of some fifteen months, when she felt about the lower part of her dress and person some unusual heat. Looking down she saw all that part of her dress on fire. Either hampered by the child, or unnerved by fear, she neither herself grasped and extinguished the flame, nor got help from others, until it was too late. When help came in her clothes were literally burned from her person, and scarce one spot the size of a woman's hand was untouched by the fire on any part of her body. When first seen she was walking about the room, her clothes burnt to shreds, her hands over her face. She lingered until half past twelve o'clock, not suffering much from her external injuries, but rather from inward distress, and so passed away. The fire was occasioned, it is now found out, by a match on the carpet, either ignited by the rocker of the chair or pressure of the foot. Mr. Piper, living across the street, and Mrs. George Spring in the same block, heard the alarm, and rendered what assistance they could; but it was of no avail, as it came so late. Probably not two minutes elapsed from the first discovery of the fire, until she was beyond hope. Thus passes away, in a moment, a most estimable lady. She was quiet, amiable, of a rather subdued and yet energetic nature, universally loved and respected, a gentle mother, a true and firm friend. Nothing like this ever occurred here, or one that has called out a more unmistakable expression of deep and heartfelt sympathy.

Her funeral was attended on Monday afternoon last from St. James' Church, Rev. Mr. Baldwin officiating. The church was crowded, and the solemnities of the occasion will not be soon forgotten. [1873 Second wife of H. F. Norcross].

## Book and CD Reviews

***Births / Baptisms / Marriages / Deaths 1787 – 1792, 1800 – 1808, 1822 – 1937 Pound Ridge Presbyterian Church Pound Ridge, New York*** (Pound Ridge, NY: Pound Ridge Historical Society, 2006. 63 pp Softcover, \$10.00 plus \$3.00 postage). The Society may be contacted at [prhsmuseum@earthlink.net](mailto:prhsmuseum@earthlink.net), at 914-764-4333, or at P.O. Box 51, Pound Ridge, NY 10576.

The Pound Ridge Historical Society's most recent publication opens with a two page introduction written by Richard Major and Peg Malcolm. After a brief history of the Pound Ridge Presbyterian Church, a description of the source materials used in the transcriptions is presented. The introduction also includes a useful bibliography of other publications relating to Pound Ridge Vital Statistics.

Following this introduction is a three-page section containing biographical information on the church's first minister, Rev. Benjamin Judd. To say the least, the good reverend was a very interesting character who seemed to elicit strong feelings among his parishioners.

After a few additional pages of pictures and some documents, the real essence of the book begins. The transcriptions are divided into three sections: Births and Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths.

The Births and Baptism section is in alphabetical order by name, and provides the birth and baptism date of the individual as well as the name of the child's parents.

The short marriage section is also ordered by surname. Each marriage has two entries in the transcription. One entry is by the groom's name, and the other is by the bride's name. This makes it easy to quickly find the marriage using either name. The entry provides the towns of residence of the bride and groom, and the date of their marriage.

The death section is an alphabetical listing providing the date of death and the age of the individual at the time of his or her demise.

A wonderful feature of this publication is the inclusion of photocopies of the original records used in the transcription. Therefore, a researcher is able to verify the transcription immediately without having to send for additional materials.

In summary, this book is an essential addition to the libraries of anyone with Pound Ridge ancestors. The amount of work apparent in the transcriptions plus the inclusion of photocopies of the original records, make this a valuable publication for area libraries and historical societies as well. Frankly, I'm surprised at the purchase price of the book. It is easily worth twice the price.

—Rick Roof

Editor's note: Besides many articles dealing with families who resided in Pound Ridge for at least some period of time, readers of *Connecticut Ancestry* should be familiar with a number of articles published in this journal transcribing other Pound Ridge records:

- Richard L. Major, III and Judith Green Watson, "Pound Ridge Road Lists 1806-1810: Supplementing the U.S. Census of 1810," vol. 48, no. 1 (August 2005).
- Richard L. Major, III, and Peg Malcolm, "Pound Ridge, NY, Marriages, 1847 to 1852." vol. 46, no. 3 (February 2004).
- Richard L. Major, III, "Pound Ridge, NY, Births and Deaths, 1847 to 1852," vol. 46, no. 2 (November 2003).
- Judith Green Watson, "Pound Ridge, Westchester County, 1799 Tax Assessment List," vol. 46, no. 1 (August 2003).
- Richard L. Major, III, "Pound Ridge, NY: Assessment of the Highway in April 1799" vol. 45, no. 3 (February 2003).
- George W. Hoyt, "Pound Ridge, NY Presbyterian Church, 1822-1899, Sessional Record Genealogical Information," vol. 43, no. 4 (May 2001).

**Jacquelyn Ladd Ricker, editor. *The Ricker Compilation of Vital Records of Early Connecticut: Based on the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records and Other Statistical Sources: CD-ROM.* Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 2006. (Order from Genealogical Publishing Co. at [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com); \$59.99 plus shipping.)**

This new CD from Genealogical Publishing Co. is an alphabetical compilation of 1.2 million records from the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records plus many other sources. These include records from 409 Connecticut cemeteries previously published in *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, about seventeen other vital records compilations published in the *Nutmegger*, and some forty other sources from the Connecticut State Library, including the vital records published earlier than the Barbour Collection.

This can be a most valuable resource, both to those who use it to find records in those "miscellaneous" sources, and to those do not have ready access to the basic source materials. But a number of caveats must be observed in its use.

First, and just because it is so extensive, the inexperienced user may assume that this is a *complete* collection of early vital records for Connecticut. This is inaccurate from several viewpoints: (1) the compilation does not include any church records except for a few published in the *Nutmegger*; (2) though many cemetery records are included, the compilation falls far short of Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions which is far more complete; (3) it does not include any vital records transcriptions from other journals including many from our own *Connecticut Ancestry*; and (4) the Barbour Collection itself is missing records from at least eight Connecticut towns. [For a list of these missing towns see my article, "Some Additions and Corrections to Connecticut's Barbour Collection" in *Connecticut Ancestry*, vol. 48, no. 1 (August 2005).]

The next major objection is that source citations are incomplete. For items from the Barbour Collection, the source is given as "Town Name" VR, omitting the volume and page number. For other records the abbreviated citation requires extensive searching among the randomly listed fifty-one sources. Experienced genealogists know that an examination of original sources is highly desirable, and this compilation could do much more to facilitate that search.

Third, this collection itself is not easy to search. Directions for the search engine provided suggest that a name may be found listing first and last names, but this only works where the names are in a single string. It does not work for the primary list where the surname is followed by a sometimes long list of given names. Further, the headings of each page do not include those surnames. Thus, in scanning it is difficult to find where you are if in the midst of one of those surnames which may run for several of the 14470 total pages.

Last, but not least, a number of errors are introduced in this transcription. As compiler of one of the source articles I was particularly sensitive to this, but I expect these examples may be fairly typical. My article was "Newtown, CT, Bills of Mortality, 1797-1821: a Supplement to the Barbour Collection," published in *The Connecticut Nutmegger* in December 1996. These examples are from just one page of that source article:

- The source for four Beers family deaths in Newtown was given as "Shaker Cem., Enfield," which is two items above the correct "Newtown Mortality List" in that random listing of source materials.
- In the Barbour Collection the death of John Bamford is listed under "Banford," which entry is included in this compilation while my correction is listed under the surname "Bamforth." The search engine failed to find the name Bamford.
- The Barbour Collection lists the 1821 death of David Wheeler Beardslee when it was his unnamed daughter who died, age 17. The incorrect listing is on this CD, but not the correction.
- A son of widow Barlow died on 26 May 1805. The original Barbour Record says that Mrs. Barlow died, and this is not corrected on the CD, which also adds that a son of "widower" Barlow died. Another "child of widow" Barlow died on 5 Oct 1805, but the CD transcription says a child of "widower" Barlow.

That's more than four errors in one brief sample. We can only hope that it is not representative.

We are sorry that we must give such a list of caveats and faint praise to a compilation with such a valuable intent. As useful as it may be, it falls far short of the search capabilities which it might have had and which we hope our "age of information" will bring us in the not-too-distant future.

—Harlan Jessup

## Department of Corrections

### Corrections to Vol. 49, No. 1 (August 2006)

Page 2, line 1 – Daniel Hall was born in Fairfield on 1 March 1758 (not 1748).

Page 4, two places on this page – Based on the birthdate of his father, the birth of Ashbel B. Hall is likely nearer 1778 than 1776. This makes him only about 20 years old when called as minister to the Wingdale Baptist Church.

Page 5, line 2 – Polly Birch was wife of Ashbel Hall and Jesse (not Isaac) Scudder.

Page 8, end of third paragraph – The house described is on the northeast (not northwest) corner of the intersection.

Page 16, child iv. – Stephen Wood was born 9 Sep 1817 (not 1717).

Page 29, fourth paragraph – List of children of Ebenezer and Mary (not Patience) Canfield.

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**104a WOOD:** Seeking information on TIMOTHY WOOD born ca 1722 in Ridgefield, CT, married to REBECKA (LOBDELL) MOREHOUSE IN 1749. I would like to learn who his parents were. I know his paternal grandfather was JONATHAN WOOD of Norwalk, CT.

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