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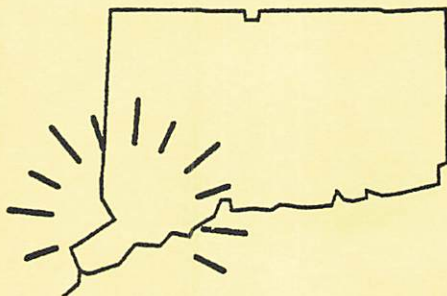
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## Upcoming Events of Interest to Genealogists

### CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY EVENTS

**WORKSHOP – Sunday, September 23, 2007, 2:00 pm** at Mark Twain Library, Route 53, Redding.  
**Explore the Margaret Wixted Collection & Get Help with Your Genealogy** with Library Staff and Connecticut Ancestry Board Members. This August issue includes newly published Redding records which will be presented to Redding “dignitaries.” See [www.marktwainlibrary.org](http://www.marktwainlibrary.org) for directions.

**WORKSHOP – Saturday, November 10, 2007, 1:00 pm** at Fairfield Museum and History Center, 370 Beach Road, Fairfield.  
**Native American Genealogy** with Vicki S. Welch. See [www.fairfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.fairfieldhistoricalsociety.org) for directions. This workshop will be our first cosponsored event in the new facilities of the renamed Fairfield Historical Society.

### OTHER LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

**MIDDLESEX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – [mgs.darien.org](http://mgs.darien.org)**  
 All programs at Darien Public Library, 35 Leroy Ave., Saturdays at 2 pm.

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – [www.rootsweb.com/~nywcgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nywcgs/)**  
 Most programs at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Dobbs Ferry, NY, at 10 am. Donation \$3 for guests.  
**September 8 – HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN NY – 200<sup>TH</sup> ANIVERSARY**,  
 Msgr. Thomas J. Shelley

**CONNECTICUT SOCIETY of GENEALOGISTS – [www.csginc.org](http://www.csginc.org)**  
**September 15 – UNDERSTANDING OUR COLONIAL ANCESTORS THROUGH WITCHCRAFT TRIALS**, Richard Tomlinson  
**October 20 – ALL-DAY GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR**, Holiday Inn, North Haven  
**November 17 – GENEALOGY & TECHNOLOGY**, Jack Scully

**GENEALOGY CLUB of NEWTOWN – [www.rootsweb.com/~ctgenc/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ctgenc/)**  
 Meets at Cyrenius H. Booth Library the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.  
**September 12 – AN INTRODUCTION TO USING MAPS IN GENEALOGY**, Erin Nikitchyuk  
**October 10 – USING THE INTERNET FOR GENEALOGY**, Dan Lynch  
**November 14 – SEARCHING HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS**, Tom Kemp

**FAIRFIELD MUSEUM & HISTORY CENTER – [www.fairfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.fairfieldhistoricalsociety.org)**  
**November 3 – LINEAGE WORKSHOP** at 10 am, co-sponsored by the Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, DAR, BettyOderwald and Stephanie Lantiere. Types of hereditary societies, membership applications and documentation. No fee, but registration is required. Call 203 259-1598 to register.

## Editorial Notes and Society News

With this issue we begin the 54th year for our *Connecticut Ancestry Society*, formerly the Stamford Genealogical Society, and the 50th for this journal, first known as the *Bulletin* of that Society. We are justly proud of the contents of the journal, but first some news of our Society.

At the annual meeting in May, we elected Nora Galvin as our new Society treasurer and keeper of member records. Nora is a professional genealogist with an interest in New England families and especially those with Irish origins. She moved here from Middletown, CT, just two years ago, and she and her husband are renovating an older home in the Black Rock section of Bridgeport. Our past treasurer, Sven-Eric Selander, is taking a well-earned respite from official duties, though we expect he will remain an active member of our Board. Sven took over as treasurer from Bob Spiers in May 2004 and has done an exemplary job of maintaining member records with the help of a rather antiquated database. That database is now, thankfully, undergoing a transition and upgrade with the combined efforts of Sven, Nora, vice-president Rob Locke, and Jeaneen Buchanan.

As for this issue, we are most pleased to begin a new series authored by our genealogist, Fred Hart, and sponsored by Robyn G. Weed of Colorado. The ancestors of William Weed include many early settlers, and these nineteen primary families tie into many more early families of southwestern Connecticut. The series, to be published in the next four to six issues, will total some 150 pages.

Here also are transcriptions of several early records of Redding, Connecticut. Ministerial records of the Rev. Lemuel B. Hull were discovered in the manuscript collection of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, and this led to further discoveries of unpublished vital records from the town and more early records at Christ Church, Episcopal, on Redding Ridge. Marriages and burials from the church records will be published in our next issue. Rounding out this issue are an article built on the revelations of an 1867 letter of the Selleck family and two queries on early Stamford families.

*Harlan R. Jessup*

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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 OF WILLIAM WEED OF STAMFORD AND DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

## DEDICATION

Dedicated to my father John William Weed and my uncle Kenneth Edward "Pete" Weed.

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## INTRODUCTION TO A NEW *CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY* SERIES

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Almost 25 years ago now, when I first started looking into my own family history, I had some difficulty identifying my mother's great-grandfather, Noah Brown Weed of Darien. He must have been a member of the Jonas Weed family that left so many descendants in that area – but how? I didn't realize it then, but this was the first of many "brick wall" situations that lay ahead.

Mary Louise King, then librarian at the New Canaan Historical Society, suggested that I contact Paul W. Prindle, FASG, a former resident of Darien who had recently moved with his wife to Cape Cod in retirement. I did that, and the results were beyond my expectations. Not only did Mr. Prindle respond almost immediately with the names of Noah B. Weed's parents, he also introduced me to the wealth of Weed family information that he had collected from several predecessors and that was eventually – years later – deposited at the NCHS.

I will never forget that when I contacted Paul Prindle by phone that first time in 1983 he asked me immediately if I was "writing a Weed Genealogy?" Of course such a thing had never entered my beginner's head and I replied, "no – I just want to know about my own line." I would eventually broaden my interest, as we all do. I would also soon learn that the goal of a comprehensive genealogy of the descendants of Jonas<sup>1</sup> Weed of Stamford has never been reached – and even now is not yet on the horizon. When Prindle's Weed Family Collection was deposited at the NCHS after his death in 1992, I assisted Joyce S. Pendery, CG in organizing and creating some finding aids for the materials. Through this process I was more able to appreciate the amount of dedicated family history research that had already been done on the Weed family, especially by Prindle himself and by the earlier Edward Franklin Weed (1870 - 1951), yet another Weed family researcher from Darien. Many of these important source materials will be described more fully in the Weed portion of the following articles.

In 1997, after I had become a professional genealogist specializing in the families of southwestern Connecticut, Mr. Robyn G. Weed of Broomfield, Colorado contacted me to see if I could assist him with finding his own connection with the same Jonas Weed clan. I agreed, and the result has been a long and pleasant relationship. In the intervening years we have investigated and written down another Weed family line in a serious fashion, and documented several collateral lines as well. As with all such projects, some questions have not yet been answered. We do feel, however, that the results contain much new information and identify many new relationships that have never before appeared in print (and correct some others that already have). Mr. Weed has graciously offered to make the results available to *Connecticut Ancestry* readers at this time, resulting in the preparation of this series.

The Weed portion of this work will be published first, followed by 18 other collateral lines representing other Stamford area families. The order of each part or chapter will be chosen so that each successive chapter will have a definite connection with at least one portion that has already been presented, and the parts are therefore neither alphabetically nor chronologically arranged. The immigrant ancestors of the various lines that we will be presenting are expected to be the following, in approximately this order:"

Jonas Weed  
 David Scofield  
 Thomas Brush  
 William Rogers  
 Miles Merwin  
 Thomas Wickes  
 John Conklin  
 Austin Smith<sup>\*</sup>  
 Henry Smith  
 Nicholas Knapp  
 George Slason  
 Jeffrey Ferris  
 Francis Holmes  
 William Tuttle  
 John Reynolds  
 William Newman  
 William Waterbury  
 Thomas Stevens  
 Clement Buxton

*Connecticut Ancestry* readers will probably recognize most of these names as being early settlers of Stamford and/or Greenwich, Connecticut, and some may recognize several names associated with Huntington, Long Island as well. Mr. Weed and I hope these articles will be useful to other ConnAn readers and will be another small step forward toward the elusive future goal of a comprehensive Weed family genealogy.

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<sup>\*</sup> Not yet connected with an immigrant ancestor.

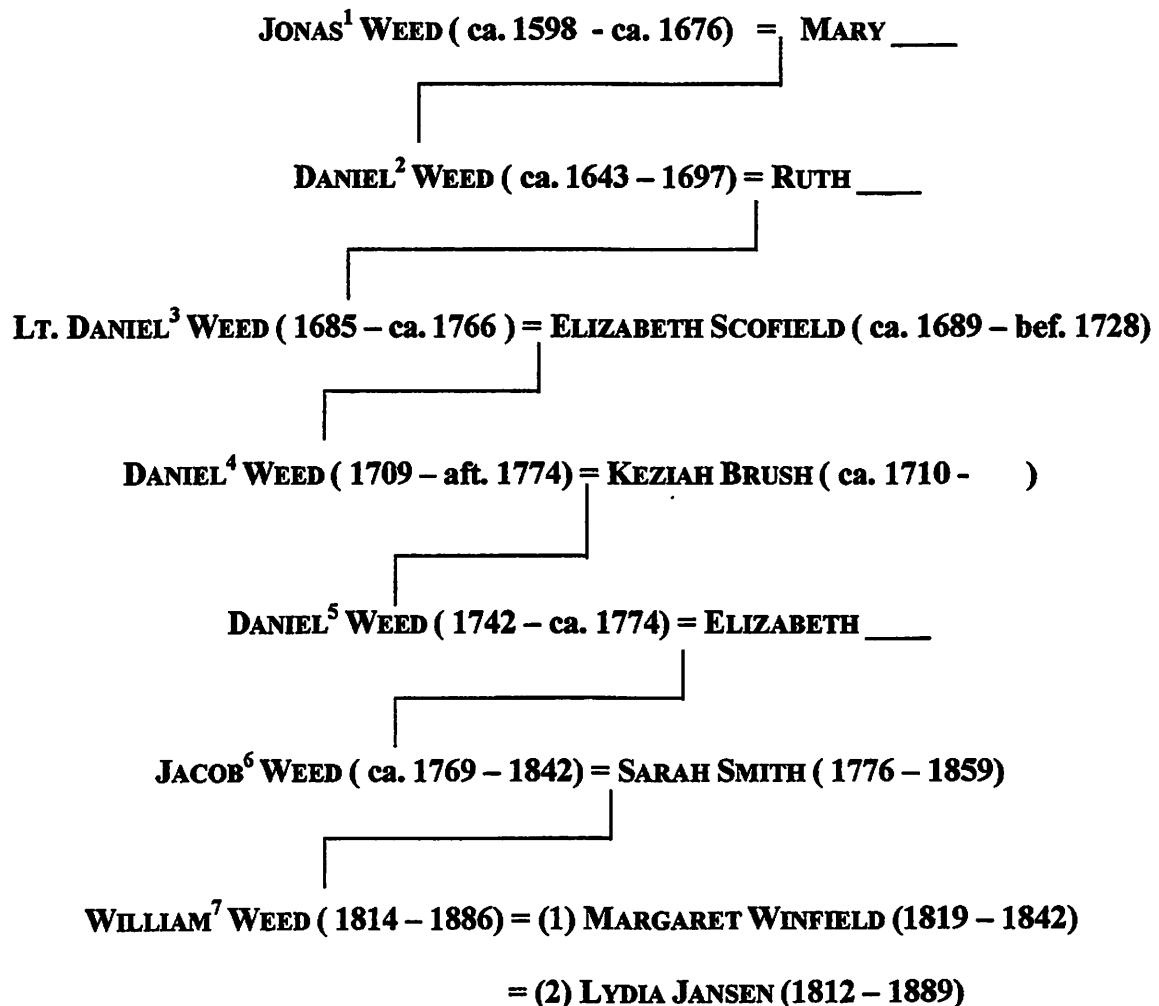
**ANCESTRY OF WILLIAM WEED  
OF STAMFORD AND DARIEN, CONNECTICUT**

**PART 1:**

**WEED**

Contributed by Robyn G. Weed, Broomfield, Colorado

Compiled by Frederick C. Hart Jr., CG, Guilford, Connecticut



## WEED

Westward migration from New England to the new lands in the interior of the United States began in earnest after the Revolutionary War. This movement, coupled with a more relaxed attitude toward recording vital statistics in the older communities (particularly in Connecticut in the early 1800's), created a situation in which people who are almost certain to have a connection with some of the early colonial families of New England sometimes find that the connection is difficult to identify. Such was the case for the descendants of William<sup>7</sup> Weed of Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Fortunately, the sheer quantity of Stamford's surviving land and probate records usually permits a reconstruction of families and relationships, in the absence of complete vital records in civic and church sources. In addition, this process often results in a much more satisfactory family history since it must, by nature, consider so many aspects of the subjects' lives: for example, records regarding their property, their taxes, their occupations, their estates, and so forth. Taken together, this data is always more interesting, and often more convincing, than vital statistics alone.

William<sup>7</sup> Weed's descent from Jonas<sup>1</sup> Weed, one of the early settlers of Stamford, has been reconstructed in this fashion, from a variety of records. The work was aided greatly by the papers of Edward Franklin Weed (1870-1951), an early Weed family historian from Darien. These papers are now part of the Weed Family Genealogical Collection (GE24) at the New Canaan Historical Society, placed there by another skilled and dedicated Weed family researcher, Paul W. Prindle (1903-1992), also of Darien, and later of Orleans, Massachusetts, a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. Whenever Prindle's own work on the Weed family is available, it can be generally be used with confidence in its thoroughness and accuracy. Likewise, E. F. Weed's earlier work has been found to be of the highest quality, and the conclusions he eventually placed in his "Notebook," one of the most important parts of his surviving collection, seem to have been the result of much critical analysis and a sincere desire for truth and accuracy. This present compilation owes much to the work of both of these earlier Weed family historians.

Credit is also due to the late Judge Penfield C. Mead of New Canaan, whose extensive Weed family research is preserved in manuscript form at the New Canaan Historical Society, as well as in articles published from time to time in *Connecticut Ancestry*.

Regrettably, several of the wives and mothers in the Weed families in this direct line must still remain unidentified in spite of extensive efforts to learn their identities. Speculation about some of them has been made by others and reported as such below – but the fact remains that proof is unfortunately still lacking for the wives in the first, second and fifth generation.



1. **JONAS<sup>1</sup> WEED** was born in England about 1598-1610,<sup>[1]</sup> at a place not yet identified, and died at Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut before 5 June 1676, when the inventory of his estate was taken. The surname of his wife **MARY** \_\_\_\_\_ is not known.

The authoritative account of his life that appears in the book, *Ancestry of Elizabeth Barrett Gillespie*, by Paul W. Prindle, F.A.S.G., may be relied upon with confidence.<sup>[2]</sup> As reported by Prindle and others, Jonas Weed was a passenger in the Winthrop Fleet that sailed to the Massachusetts Bay in 1630, although the exact name of the ship he sailed on within that fleet cannot be determined. His residences in the Massachusetts Bay Colony and Wethersfield, Connecticut prior to Stamford are already well documented by others including Paul W. Prindle and Robert C. Anderson<sup>[3]</sup> and need not be duplicated here.

No birth records appear to have survived for any of his 10 children, but they are all evident from other surviving records, and they were almost certainly all born in Connecticut. The list given by Prindle has recently been updated by Anderson,<sup>[4]</sup> and is used here in preference to the Prindle list. All except the first three were probably born at Stamford:

- i. **MARY<sup>2</sup> WEED**, b. say 1637, probably at Wethersfield, m. **GEORGE ABBOTT** of Norwalk.
- ii. **JOHN WEED**, "eldest son," b. say 1639, probably at Wethersfield, m. (1) **JOANNA WESTCOTT**, m. (2) **MARY** \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. **DORCAS WEED**, b. say 1641, probably at Wethersfield, d. at Wethersfield 24 Dec 1692, m. **JAMES WRIGHT** of Wethersfield on 20 Nov 1660.
2. iv. **DANIEL WEED**, b. abt 1643, d. at Stamford 29 Nov 1697, m. **RUTH** \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. **JONAS WEED**, b. say 1645 and d. 19 Nov 1704, both at Stamford, m. 16 Nov 167[0], **BETHIA HOLLY**.
- vi. **ELIZABETH WEED**, b. say 1647, m. **JOHN ROCKWELL** of Rye.
- vii. **SARAH WEED**, b. say 1649, no information on marriage or death.
- viii. **HANNAH WEED**, b. abt 1651, d. 9 Nov 1711 both at Stamford, m. 5 Jan 1670 **BENJAMIN HOYT**.
- ix. **SAMUEL WEED**, b. say 1653, d. 1708 at Danbury, m. **MARY** \_\_\_\_\_.
- x. unnamed child, d. 15 Jul 1656 at Stamford.

2. **DANIEL<sup>2</sup> WEED** (*Jonas<sup>1</sup>*), second son of the settler, was born about 1643, probably at Stamford, since his father was a resident there by 1641, and died at Stamford on 29 November 1697.<sup>[5]</sup> His wife's name was **RUTH**, but researchers have thus far been unable to determine her

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<sup>1</sup> Estimates differ.

<sup>2</sup> Paul W. Prindle, *Ancestry of Elizabeth Barrett Gillespie (Mrs. William Sperry Beinecke)* (New York: The New York Public Library, 1976).

<sup>3</sup> Robert C. Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins - Immigrants to New England 1620-1633*, 3 volumes (Boston: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1995), 3: 1956-59.

<sup>4</sup> The Great Migration Begins (note 3), 3: 1957-8.

<sup>5</sup> Donald L. Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, 3 volumes (Fairfield, CT: Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, NSDAR, 1930-32, repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1991), 1: 653.

family name. She married (2) on 25 July 1705, Peter Ferris,<sup>[6]</sup> and (3) on 29 Jan 1707/08, John Clapp.<sup>[7]</sup>

As in the case of Jonas<sup>1</sup> Weed, the reader is referred to Paul Prindle's Gillespie Genealogy for a complete and reliable account of the life of Daniel<sup>2</sup> Weed.<sup>[8]</sup>

The children of Daniel<sup>2</sup> and Ruth ( ) Weed were listed in the Stamford Town Records after his death as the children of "Daniel Weed Sen<sup>r</sup>," with their ages,<sup>[9]</sup> from which their birth dates have been calculated as given below. Other information is from Gillespie Ancestry:

- i. SARAH<sup>3</sup> WEED, b. 18 Nov 1675 (23 years old on 18 Nov 1698), d. 5 Jan 1715/16, m. (1) 11 Aug 1698 LT. DAVID WATERBURY,<sup>[10]</sup> m. (2) 20 Nov 1706 BENJAMIN FERRIS, and m. (3) 20 Sep 1711 NATHANIEL POND.<sup>[11]</sup>
- ii. ABRAHAM WEED, b. 18 Aug 1680 (18 years old on 18 Aug 1698), d. 26 Dec 1711, m. 11 Apr 1706 SUSANNA BELL.
3. iii. LT. DANIEL WEED, b. 19 Mar 1685 (13 years old on 19 Mar 1698), m. ELIZABETH SCOFIELD.
- iv. CAPT. EBENEZER WEED, 22 Oct 1692 (6 years old on 22 Oct 1698), d. 1765, m. 28 May 1713 MARY BELL.
- v. CAPT. NATHANIEL WEED, 22 Oct 1696 (2 years old on 22 Oct 1698), d. 22 Jun 1750, m. MARY \_\_\_\_ (perhaps REED) about 1719.

3. **LIEUTENANT DANIEL<sup>3</sup> WEED** (*Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>*) was born at Stamford on 19 March 1685, and died there before 5 August 1766 when his will was proved. He married probably about 1708, **ELIZABETH SCOFIELD**, daughter of Daniel<sup>2</sup> and granddaughter of Daniel<sup>1</sup> Scofield.<sup>[12]</sup>

In a few early records, notably in 1714 at the time he and his wife Elizabeth were parties to the agreement regarding her father's estate,<sup>[13]</sup> he was known as Daniel Weed Junior to distinguish him from the only other contemporary Daniel Weed in Stamford at the time. Soon afterward, however, the number of Daniel Weeds in town doubled to 4 heads of families, and the

<sup>6</sup> "Mr. Petter ferris [and] Mrs Ruth Weed both of Stanford were married in Stanford by Reuerend Mr John Dauenport 25 July 1705." Donald L. Jacobus, "Stamford (Conn.) Town Records," *The American Genealogist* 11 (1934-35): 91, citing original 1: 128.

<sup>7</sup> Stamford Town Records (Jacobus transcription, note 6), 11:92, citing original 1: 128.

<sup>8</sup> Gillespie Ancestry (note 2), 537-43.

<sup>9</sup> Stamford Town Records (Jacobus transcription, note 6), 11:161, citing original 1: 137.

<sup>10</sup> Stamford Town Records (Jacobus transcription, note 6), 10: 178, citing original 1: 104.

<sup>11</sup> Paul W. Prindle, "Sarah Weed Waterbury Ferris Pond," *The American Genealogist*, 28:96-98. This article is one of the "classics" of Stamford genealogy.

<sup>12</sup> Old Fairfield (note 5), 1:522, which reports an agreement among Daniel<sup>2</sup> Scofield's heirs in 1714, including Elizabeth Weed, to be discussed in more detail in the Scofield segment of this series. Also see Harriet Scofield and Henry Burdette Whipple, *A Scofield Survey, Daniel Scofield (d. ca. 1669) and Richard Scofield (1613-1670) and Their Descendants for About Six Generations* (High Point, NC, 1972), 2. This latter source is not documented, but reaches the same conclusion. Her identity was also confirmed by Blair C. Scofield in his, "Descendants of Daniel Scofield," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 41[1998]: 43, 44, 49.

<sup>13</sup> Fairfield Probate Papers 1714 No. 5477, estate of Daniel Scofield senior of Stamford, CSL microfilm copy used; also Fairfield Probate Records, 5: 336, 6a, 6b.

nomenclature problem became more difficult. In later years this present Daniel Weed was sometimes identified with his militia officer's title in the Stamford records and sometimes not, causing some confusion in interpretation of those records for us today. Paul Prindle noted that there were several Daniel Weeds in the Stamford records and admitted with understatement that, "It is sometimes difficult to distinguish one Daniel from another in the public records,"<sup>[14]</sup> so that whenever Lt. Daniel *was* identified with his militia title, it gave us a benchmark with which to place the other contemporary Daniels in their proper positions.

In one interesting case, the Stamford assessors chose to eliminate numerical titles altogether and named the four different Daniel Weeds on their 1738 tax list simply (and very effectively) as, "Lef<sup>d</sup> Dan<sup>ll</sup> Weed," "Dan<sup>ll</sup> Weed Lef<sup>ts</sup> son," "Dan<sup>ll</sup> Weed," and "Dan<sup>ll</sup> Weed Dan<sup>ll</sup> son."<sup>[15]</sup>

Part of the confusion with titles is due to the fact that Daniel's military offices were not held until rather late in his life. His commission as ensign of the Stamford 1st militia company or trainband was created by the Connecticut General Assembly in October 1733 when Daniel was already 48 years old.<sup>[16]</sup> Four years later, on 13 October 1737, he received his commission as lieutenant of the same Stamford Company from the General Assembly,<sup>[17]</sup> and this important title was used more frequently thereafter in the Stamford records.

Once again, the reader is referred to Paul Prindle's Gillespie book for a reliable and fairly thorough account of Lt. Daniel's career,<sup>[18]</sup> but with the caution that some errors in the Prindle account of this family have been discovered as noted below.

Lt. Daniel's real estate transactions, many of which shed important light on his family relationships, were not detailed in Prindle's treatment. Whenever he chose not to use the military title in his transaction, care must be taken to be sure of the identity of the "Daniel Weed" that was meant. For example, he was obviously the grantor in a sale of 8 May 1761 to "my loveing and dutifull sons Daniel Weed y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> and Nehemiah Weed both of Stamford," but was called (and signed as) simply Daniel Weed of Stamford.<sup>[19]</sup>

An earlier deed, dated 23 March 1757, "in consideration of the Love, Goodwill and affection which I have and do bear to my loveing and dutifull son Daniel Weed the 3<sup>d</sup>" conveyed two parcels of 9 and 5 acres at Pepper Ridge, with a note making sure that the value of "the house which my s<sup>d</sup> son dwells in which is on y<sup>e</sup> above described tract of land my s<sup>d</sup> son built for himself" would not be included in any calculations of gifts received from the father during his lifetime.<sup>[20]</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Gillespie Ancestry (note 2), 544. The situation with the various Daniels was so complicated that Prindle himself misidentified Lt. Daniel as sometimes being called "Sr." in the land records of the 1730's, which I do not believe was ever the case.

<sup>15</sup> "Stamford Connecticut Grand List of 1738," transcribed by Ronald M. Marcus from the original at the Stamford Historical Society (typescript at the Ferguson Library, Stamford), 24-5.

<sup>16</sup> Charles J. Hoadley, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut May 1726 - May 1735*, vol. 7 of the series (Hartford: Case, Lockwood and Brainerd), 7: 470.

<sup>17</sup> Connecticut Colonial Records (note 16), 8: 121.

<sup>18</sup> Gillespie Ancestry (note 2), 544-547.

<sup>19</sup> Stamford Land Records, F: 496.

<sup>20</sup> Stamford Land Records, F: 243.

In another deed (dated 18 February 1762), interesting because of the combination of grantors, Daniel Weed (clearly Lt. Daniel, but again not using his title), Elizabeth Weed (her X mark) and Daniel Weed y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> sold land at Bells Plain in the North Field of Stamford to Abraham Hait.<sup>[21]</sup>

The will of Daniel Weed of Stamford was made on 11 September 1762, witnessed by Abraham Davenport, Anne Belding and "Elizabeth Davenport Jr.," and proved 5 August 1766. His inventory was taken by Abraham Hait (Hoyt) and Benjamin Weed on 24 September 1766.<sup>[22]</sup> A distribution was made and accepted by the Court on 16 March 1767 in which his lands were distributed subject to the widow's right of dower to his daughter Elizabeth Seeley, 8 acres plus 2 roods; daughter Deborah Scofield, 4 acres plus 3 roods; a grandson Silvanus Hait, 3 acres plus 2 roods and 12 rods; and the remainder according to a complicated formula equally divided into four units, 3 to the surviving sons Daniel, Hezekiah and Nehemiah Weed, and the fourth to four grandchildren, all sons of Reuben Weed, deceased, namely Reuben (Jr.), John, Eliphalet and Elnathan Weed.

On 8 May 1767, the "Legatees of our Honoured Father and Grandfather Lieut. Daniel Weed Late of Stamford," being Daniel Weed Jr. and Hezekiah Weed (sons), and Reuben Weed, John Weed Jr. and Eliphalet Weed (grandsons) quit claimed land at Strawberry Hill to (their brother and uncle) Nehemiah Weed.<sup>[23]</sup> Zephaniah Weed, son of Daniel "Jr." witnessed his father's signature on this document.

Children of Lt. Daniel<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Scofield) Weed, all born at Stamford. Except as noted, all information (except for the name of Daniel<sup>4</sup>'s wife) is from Gillespie Ancestry.<sup>[24]</sup>

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  - i. DANIEL<sup>4</sup> WEED, b. 12 Nov 1709, m. KEZIAH BRUSH.
  - ii. ELIZABETH WEED, b. 16 Feb 1711-12, m. ELIJAH SEELEY.<sup>[25]</sup>
  - iii. HEZEKIAH WEED, b. \_\_\_ Sep 1715, d. between 4 and 29 Sep 1777,<sup>[26]</sup> m.(1) 7 Jun 1739 MERCY SEELEY,<sup>[27]</sup> dau. of John and Abigail (Bishop) Seeley, and (2) DEBORAH \_\_\_\_.

<sup>21</sup> Stamford Land Records, G: 61.

<sup>22</sup> All from Gillespie Ancestry (note 2), 545.

<sup>23</sup> Stamford Land Records, H: 180.

<sup>24</sup> Gillespie Ancestry (note 2), 546-7.

<sup>25</sup> Stamford Land Records, I: 137. In this deed, on 11 May 1774, Daniel Weed of Philips Patent in Dutchess County, New York sold to "my brother Hezekiah Weed of Stamford, right in two parcels of land in Stamford which had belonged to my sister Elizabeth Seeley, wife to Elijah Seeley late of Stamford Decd."

<sup>26</sup> The dates of his will and its probate (Stamford Probate Records, 5: 376). In a 1998 ConnAn article, the late Judge Penfield C. Mead pointed out that this Hezekiah could not have been "Lt." Hezekiah Weed as listed by Prindle in his Gillespie Genealogy (Penfield C. Mead, "A Weed Correction to 'Ancestry of Elizabeth Barrett Gillespie,'" *Connecticut Ancestry*, 40[1998]: 174-5. Lt. Hezekiah died between 20 April and 2 November 1775, and left a widow named Mary, not Deborah (Stamford Probate Records, 5: 344). This other Hezekiah Weed was the Son of Jonas<sup>3</sup> Weed (Jonas<sup>2,1</sup>) and Sarah Waterbury, born on 11 May 1722. He was also known as Hezekiah Jr., in recognition of the fact that he was 7 years younger than the Hezekiah who died in 1777.

<sup>27</sup> Stamford Vital Records (a different series than the Stamford Town Records also cited herein which contain earlier vital records), 1:44, Barbour Collection used.

- iv. REUBEN WEED, b. \_\_\_ Oct 1717, d. bef. 1761, m. 28 Jun 1739 LYDIA HOLLY,<sup>[28]</sup> dau. of Eliphalet and Mercy (Pennoyer) Holly.
- v. SARAH WEED, b. abt. 1720, d. 30 Jun 1740 soon after the birth of her only child, m. 1 Nov 1739 JAGGER HAIT. Their son Silvanus Hait, b. 22 Jun 1740, was called grandson in Lt. Daniel Weed's will and distribution. Jagger Hait m. (2) 21 Jan 1740/41 Jemima Clason.
- vi. DEBORAH WEED, b. 2 May 1724, m. 2 Feb 1748/49 JOSIAH SCOFIELD,<sup>[29]</sup> son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Pettit) Scofield.
- 5. vii. NEHEMIAH WEED, b. 8 Jun 1728, m. (1) SUSANNAH PETTIT, m. (2) MARTHA (BLATCHLEY) HOYT.<sup>[30]</sup>
- viii. ABIGAIL WEED, b. 6 Apr 1733, d. 14 Apr 1733.<sup>[31]</sup>

4. DANIEL<sup>4</sup> WEED (*Lt. Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>2</sup>, *Jonas*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Stamford on 12 November 1709.<sup>[32]</sup> The date and place of his death are not yet known, but he was still living in Philips Patent, Dutchess County, New York in 1774 when he sold Stamford land to his brother, Hezekiah.<sup>[33]</sup>

His wife was KEZIAH BRUSH, born about 1710, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Rogers) Brush of Huntington, Long Island.<sup>[34]</sup> Her sister Rebecca, born say 1700, married John Slason Jr. of Stamford,<sup>[35]</sup> highlighting a connection with the Slason family that would eventually prove central to the proper identification of this present (Weed) line of descent.

Daniel Weed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Keziah, wife of Daniel Weed 3<sup>rd</sup>, were already members of the Stamford Congregational Church in December, 1746 when a complete listing was made by the incoming minister, the Rev. Noah Welles.<sup>[36]</sup>

This Daniel Weed is easily confused with his second cousin, another contemporary Daniel<sup>4</sup> Weed (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>). In fact, responsible genealogists have reached differing conclusions over the years regarding their careers. Edward Franklin Weed, perhaps the most knowledgeable Weed researcher of all, reached the conclusion that this present Daniel Weed married Susannah Garnsey, without explaining his reasoning.<sup>[37]</sup> This marriage was also reported

<sup>28</sup> Stamford Vital Records (note 27), 1: 39.

<sup>29</sup> Stamford Vital Records (note 27), 1: 85.

<sup>30</sup> Stamford Vital Records (note 27), 1: 86.

<sup>31</sup> Stamford Vital Records (note 27), 1: 22 (both dates).

<sup>32</sup> Stamford Vital Records (note 27), 1: 125.

<sup>33</sup> Stamford Land Records, I: 137.

<sup>34</sup> Stuart C. Brush and Russell B. Brush, *The Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington, Long Island*, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1982), 16.

<sup>35</sup> Brush Genealogy (note 34), 16; George C. Slawson, *The Slason, Slawson Slawson, Slosson Family* (Waverly, NY, 1946), 18.

<sup>36</sup> Stamford Congregational Church Records, original at the Connecticut State Library (CSL), microfilm copy used, 3:3-4. These records are also indexed at the CSL, and have been abstracted by others, including for example, the Rev. Elijah Baldwin Huntington, *History of Stamford 1641-1868 including Darien until 1820* (Stamford, 1868, repr. Harrison, NY: Harbor Hill Books, 1979), 295-6.

<sup>37</sup> Edward Franklin Weed, Genealogical Notebook, Weed Family Genealogical Collection (GE-24), New Canaan Historical Society, 58-9.

by William Applebie Daniel Eardeley, a contemporary of E. F. Weed's, whose work also survives entirely in manuscript.<sup>[38]</sup> Paul Prindle also followed this path in his outstanding essay on the Weed family for his Gillespie Ancestry, which is so useful for the earlier generations of this family.<sup>[39]</sup>

In the course of the present investigation, the conclusions of Messrs. Weed and Eardeley were given great weight because of the depth of their previous analysis.<sup>[40]</sup> Unfortunately, their conclusion that this present Daniel<sup>4</sup> Weed, son of Lt. Daniel<sup>3</sup>, had married Susannah Garnsey had to be abandoned in the light of many significant discrepancies that arose in trying to make the primary records fit this situation. For example, as already noted, it was this Daniel<sup>4</sup> Weed who was generally known as Daniel "3<sup>rd</sup>" when paired with his wife Keziah in the Stamford Congregational Church records, and also known as Daniel "3<sup>rd</sup>" in the same time period when mentioned by his father Lt. Daniel. in the land records.<sup>[41]</sup> The Susannah Garnsey marriage must therefore instead be assigned to Daniel<sup>4</sup> Weed (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>), his second cousin.

Following an independent route, two present-day writers, Blair Scofield and Bob Spiers, have reached the same conclusion as presented herein, regarding the husband of Keziah Brush, but their explanation or interpretation of the records has not been published.<sup>[42]</sup> This line is also given correctly in the published Bedford Genealogies, but again without documentation or explanation.<sup>[43]</sup>

The complete analysis of the choice of contemporary Daniel Weeds for the husbands of Keziah Brush and Susannah Garnsey involves many factors. The most compelling factor of all, however, was a Stamford probate record in which Nehemiah Weed was chosen guardian by Jacob Weed, son of Daniel Weed 3<sup>rd</sup>, late of Stamford, on 28 April 1783.<sup>[44]</sup> Since this Jacob Weed (as will be shown later) must have been a son of Daniel<sup>5</sup> Weed (individual #6 herein), and therefore a grandson of Daniel<sup>4</sup> and Keziah, the only possible explanation for his choosing Nehemiah Weed guardian is that Nehemiah was his (Jacob's) great uncle (nearer to his father's age, however, than to his grandfather's.) No other relationship to Nehemiah Weed has been found, and therefore, in any scenario where Jacob is *not* part of the family of Lt. Daniel<sup>3</sup> Weed, the choice of Nehemiah would have been very highly unlikely.

<sup>38</sup> Eardeley's manuscript family notes are available on microfilm at, for example, the Connecticut State Library.

<sup>39</sup> Gillespie Ancestry (note 2), 546.

<sup>40</sup> Prindle's was given slightly less but still serious consideration. He may have been misled by E.F. Weed, with whose work he was intimately familiar. Furthermore, he was following a different related line (Mrs. Beinecke's) and was not focused on this present situation with Keziah Brush as we are now.

<sup>41</sup> In at least two apparent exceptions, probably mistakenly, this Daniel was called Daniel "4<sup>th</sup>" when paired with Keziah in the record of the baptism of their son Brush Weed in 1751 and Daniel "Jr." with Keziah in the record of baptism of their twins in 1748, see below. Great care is necessary in interpreting all these various records.

<sup>42</sup> Blair C. Scofield and Robert Spiers, "Descendants of Richard Scofield," *Connecticut Ancestry* 39 (1997): 123-130, at 129, where the Susannah Garnsey/Guernsey marriage is assigned to the correct Daniel<sup>4</sup> Weed, grandson of John. In private correspondence with the writer, Mr. Scofield indicated that Keziah Weed was the second marriage for "our" Daniel<sup>4</sup> Weed, but I believe this is incorrect, since it is apparently based on attributing Lt. Daniel's last child (Abigail) to his son, Daniel<sup>4</sup> in error, requiring a phantom marriage to a new "Elizabeth."

<sup>43</sup> Ronald B. Reynolds, "Bedford Genealogy - Descendants of the Original Settlers," Bedford Historical Records, Volume 9 (Town of Bedford, 1978), 9: 189.

<sup>44</sup> Stamford Probate Records, 6: 314.

As we have already seen, Daniel<sup>4</sup> Weed was residing at Pepper Ridge on land adjoining his father's, in 1757,<sup>[45]</sup> and his father gave him 24 more acres adjoining this property on 2 February 1761.<sup>[46]</sup> Then, in two deeds made on 8 May 1761, Daniel<sup>3</sup> Weed (still not using the title of Lt., although there is no question of his identity) made additional gifts to his sons. In one of these deeds, Daniel 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nehemiah jointly received 50 acres at "Ponusses" (Ponus Ridge).<sup>[47]</sup> In another, Daniel 3<sup>rd</sup> received three parcels, namely 5 acres at Bell's Plain, "one half of a tract of swampy meadow land" the whole of which was 6 acres, and one half of a tract of salt meadow the whole of which was two acres, with the grantor reserving life use for himself and for his wife Elizabeth.<sup>[48]</sup>

The disposition of this gift land in Stamford has not been studied in detail. But in spite of all this property he had received at Stamford, Daniel<sup>4</sup> Weed migrated West to Dutchess County, New York by 15 January 1773, when he, as "Daniel Weed of Philips Patent...late Daniel Weed Jun<sup>r</sup> of Stanford..." gave two deeds in Stamford.<sup>[49]</sup> The following year, on 11 May 1774, still of Philips Patent, he sold his right in two parcels of land in Stamford which "did belong to my sister Elizabeth Seeley Wife to Elijah Seeley late of Stamford Dec<sup>d</sup>" to "my Brother Hezekiah Weed of Stamford."<sup>[50]</sup> The E. F. Weed Notebook is silent on the careers of many of the children in this Daniel Weed family, perhaps because of this migration to Dutchess County, and the consequent lack of Stamford records for them after this time.

Children of Daniel<sup>4</sup> and Keziah (Brush) Weed, four recorded at Stamford, six baptized at the Stamford Congregational Church (Daniel's names in the Church records are included to show the differences that occurred).<sup>[51]</sup>

- i. (probably) KEZIAH<sup>5</sup> WEED, b. say 1737, m. 19 Mar 1767 at St. John's Church in Stamford, her first cousin JACOB SLASON.<sup>[52]</sup> Jacob was the son of John and Rebecca (Brush) Slason, and half brother of Martha Slason who married Zephaniah Weed, see below.<sup>[53]</sup> Jacob's mother, Rebecca (Brush) Slason, b. abt 1700, was Keziah (Brush) Weed's sister.<sup>[54]</sup> The will of Jacob Slason, made on 28 Dec 1795 and probated 5 Dec 1796, names his wife Keziah, son Daniel (further reinforcing the premise that Keziah belongs in this family), and Jacob Little, a son of Rebecca, a deceased daughter.<sup>[55]</sup>

<sup>45</sup> Stamford Land Records, F: 243.

<sup>46</sup> Stamford Land Records, F: 497.

<sup>47</sup> Stamford Land Records, F: 496.

<sup>48</sup> Stamford Land Records, F: 496.

<sup>49</sup> Stamford Land Records, I: 18, 378.

<sup>50</sup> Stamford Land Records, I: 137.

<sup>51</sup> Stamford Vital Records (note 27), 1:48, 64, 179; Stamford Church Records (note 36), 3:57, 59, 60, 63, 65.

<sup>52</sup> Spencer Percival Mead, "Abstracts of Stamford Church Records," ConnAn microfilm copy used, St. Johns, 290. This Keziah Weed could not have been Daniel<sup>4</sup>'s widow, since he was still living in 1767, and there are no other candidate Keziahs in the Stamford records.

<sup>53</sup> Slason Genealogy, 16, 24.

<sup>54</sup> Brush Genealogy, 16.

<sup>55</sup> Stamford PR, 8: 466.

- ii. BRUSH WEED, b. 2 Apr 1739, bap. 18 Aug 1751, "son of Daniel 4<sup>th</sup> and Keziah," d. abt. 1776. On 13 Aug 1776, Zephaniah Weed was granted letters of administration on the estate of Brush Weed, late of Stamford.<sup>[56]</sup>
- 6. iii. DANIEL WEED, b. 17 Feb 1741/42, m. ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7. iv. ZEPHANIAH WEED, b. 15 Feb 1744/45, m. \_\_\_ May 1775, MARTHA SLASON.
- v. MARY WEED, b. 20 May 1748, bap. 5 Jun 1748 "Mary & Ananias twins of Danll Jr. & Keziah,"
- vi. ANANIAS WEED, b. 20 May 1748, bap. 5 Jun 1748, died "4 months after he was born."
- vii. SARAH WEED, bap. 9 Sep 1750 "dau of Daniel & Keziah," not traced further.
- viii. ELIZABETH WEED, bap. 8 Sep 1754 "dau of Daniel & Keziah," not traced further.
- ix. DEBORAH WEED, bap. 10 Apr 1757 "dau of Daniel 3<sup>rd</sup> & Keziah," not traced further.

5. **NEHEMIAH<sup>4</sup> WEED** (*Lt. Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>*) is included here because of his important relationship to Jacob<sup>6</sup> Weed, son of his nephew Daniel<sup>5</sup>. The youngest son of Lt. Daniel and Elizabeth Weed, he was born on 8 June 1728 at Stamford, and died there between 16 April 1785 and 6 Dec 1786, the dates of his will and its probate.

He married (1) **SUSANNAH PETTIT** on 5 April 1750,<sup>[57]</sup> and she was the mother of all of his children. She probably died about 1757, perhaps at or near the time of the birth of their last child, Sarah.

His second wife, married about 1758 although not recorded, was (2) **MARTHA (BLATCHLEY) HOYT**, daughter of Samuel Blatchley and widow of Samuel Hoyt who died at Stamford on 6 April 1756.<sup>[58]</sup> She came to this marriage with three Hoyt children, Martha, Samuel, and Abigail, who were all baptized at the Stamford Congregational Church on 23 November 1760 as children of "Nehemiah Weed and Martha."<sup>[59]</sup> The child Abigail was baptized with the surname Weed, while the other two retained the surname of Hoyt. After the death of Nehemiah Weed, Martha married (3) on 9 December 1788, Deacon Joshua Ambler.<sup>[60]</sup>

On 28 April, 1783, Jacob Weed, son of Daniel Weed 3<sup>rd</sup> deceased, chose Nehemiah Weed as his guardian.<sup>[61]</sup> Unfortunately for all, Nehemiah only lived for a few years after this selection.

Nehemiah's will of 1785 mentioned his wife Martha, and children Ebenezer Pettit Weed, Prudence Scofield, Susannah Scofield, and named his only son as executor. The witnesses were

<sup>56</sup> Stamford PR, 5: 305.

<sup>57</sup> Stamford Vital Records (note 27), 1: 86.

<sup>58</sup> David W. Hoyt, *A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight and Hight Families* (Providence: the author, 1871, repr. Somersworth, NH: New England History Press, 1984), 341, 367-8. Her identity was not provided by Prindle in his Gillespie Ancestry.

<sup>59</sup> Stamford Church Records (note 36), 3: 69.

<sup>60</sup> Stamford Church Records (note 36), 3: 184.

<sup>61</sup> Stamford PR, 6: 314.



Silas Bishop and Frederick Weed.<sup>[62]</sup> This connection with a Frederick Weed is not yet understood, but because he was an adult in 1785, he is definitely not the same person who identified himself as a half brother of Jacob Weed and Keziah Waterbury at the time of his death in 1840, see below.

Children of Nehemiah<sup>4</sup> and Susannah (Pettit) Weed, all born at Stamford and baptized at the Congregational Church.<sup>[63]</sup>

- i. EBENEZER PETTIT<sup>5</sup> WEED, b. say 1751, bap. 10 Dec 1752, d. 1804, m. 11 Dec 1773 MARY SMITH,<sup>[64]</sup> b. 24 May 1754 at Stamford, dau. of Ebenezer Smith and Mary Newman.<sup>[65]</sup>
- ii. PRUDENCE WEED, bap. 28 Jan 1753, d. 9 Dec 1812, m. her cousin ASAHEL SCOFIELD, b. 17 Mar 1759, d. 27 Dec 1839, son of Josiah Scofield Jr. and Deborah Weed.<sup>[66]</sup> They are both buried at the Pound Ridge Cemetery.<sup>[67]</sup>
- iii. JESSE WEED, bap. 19 Feb 1755 "to wife of Nehemiah privately," prob. d.y.
- iv. SUSANNA WEED, bap. 5 Sep 1756, living in 1786, m. SETH SCOFIELD, bap. 21 July 1754, d. 1797, son of Sylvanus Scofield and Hannah Seeley.<sup>[68]</sup>
- v. SARAH WEED, bap. 29 Aug 1760, prob. d.y.

6. DANIEL<sup>5</sup> WEED (*Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Lt. Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>*) was born at Stamford on 17 February 1741/42, and died there some time prior to 12 October 1774 when his brother Zephaniah Weed was appointed guardian of Esther, "daughter of Daniel Weed Jr."<sup>[69]</sup>

The only information we have on his wife is her first name, **ELIZABETH**. This comes from a single record, the baptism of their daughter Esther "to Dan<sup>ll</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> & Elizabeth" at the Stamford Congregational Church in 1767. Esther was probably their first child, and a marriage date of about 1765 may be assumed.

No records have been found that would explain Elizabeth's life after she was widowed in about 1774. It appears, however, that she married again and had at least one more child: a son, Frederick Weed, born about 1785. The personal statement of Frederick Weed of Darien in his will of 1840 identifies his half brother Jacob Weed and his half sister Keziah Waterbury, both of whom are children in this family. This Frederick Weed died on 19 November, 1840,<sup>[70]</sup> and was

<sup>62</sup> Stamford PR, 6:795.

<sup>63</sup> SCCR, 3: 61, 62, 64, 68.

<sup>64</sup> Stamford Vital Records (note 27), 1: 198.

<sup>65</sup> Robert Louer, "The Smith Families of Stamford, Connecticut," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 45[2002]: 81.

<sup>66</sup> Edith M. Wicks and Virginia H. Olson, *Stamford's Soldiers* (Stamford: The Stamford Genealogical Society and The Ferguson Library, 1976), 209.

<sup>67</sup> Mable B. Jordan and Natalie M. Seth, *Tombstone Records of Eighteen Cemeteries in Pound Ridge Westchester County New York* (Harrison, NY, 1983), 36-37.

<sup>68</sup> Stamford's Soldiers (note 66), 231.

<sup>69</sup> Stamford Probate Records, 5: 274.

<sup>70</sup> Middlesex (Darien) Congregational Church Records, S.P. Mead Abstract, 96, Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm #3.

buried the following day in the Noroton River Cemetery in Darien.<sup>[71]</sup> Both his death record and his gravestone give his age as 55 years, indicating his birth year was about 1785. He married Keziah (Weed) Waterbury's daughter Phebe, as described further below.

Because of their importance to the identity of the various Daniel Weeds, mention must be made here of the suffixes that applied to this family of Daniels at this time. Specifically, in 1765, just prior to the death of Lt. Daniel<sup>3</sup>, the following Daniels had property enumerated adjacent to each other in the Stamford Grand List: Lieut. Daniel (value 6:00:00, indicating he had disposed of most of his property by this time); Daniel 3<sup>rd</sup> (value 74:08:00); and Daniel 4<sup>th</sup> (value 31:00:00). These three persons are Lt. Daniel<sup>3</sup>, his son Daniel<sup>4</sup>, and his grandson, the present Daniel<sup>5</sup>, respectively. The following year, in the list for 1766, the estate of "Lieut. Daniel Weed dec<sup>d</sup>" is valued at 4:00:00; the property of Daniel Jr. at 62:16:9, and that of Daniel 3<sup>rd</sup> at 25:18:00. At the time of Lt. Daniel's death, therefore, his son "moved up" from 3<sup>rd</sup> to Jr., and his grandson moved up from 4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. By 1767, therefore, when Daniel<sup>5</sup> began having the children listed below, he had become Daniel 3<sup>rd</sup> – a title used by his father until Lt. Daniel's death.<sup>[72]</sup> Then, when his father moved to New York State in about 1773, he became Daniel Jr. in Stamford (the titles were used in a town-specific manner), the title by which he was known at the time of his own death a year later.

The Congregational Church Records note that Daniel Weed 3<sup>rd</sup> owned the covenant (affirmed his faith) on 3 November 1767, two days after the baptism of his first child.<sup>[73]</sup> Since there is no such record for his wife, Elizabeth, this may indicate that she was already a full member of the church, and this fact may eventually help in determining her identity.

Daniel<sup>5</sup> Weed left no estate to probate. We know that two of his children required guardians, one by appointment (Esther) and one by choice (Jacob, when he reached the age of 14 years.) The other child, Keziah, was only 2 years old at the time of her father's death, and her mother probably acted as guardian in her case, since no other guardianship record is evident.

Children of Daniel<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_) Weed, born at Stamford:

- i. ESTHER<sup>6</sup> WEED, bap. 1 Nov 1767 "to Dan<sup>l</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> & Elizabeth."<sup>[74]</sup> Except for the appointment of Zephaniah Weed as her guardian in 1774, we have no further information for her.
8. ii. JACOB WEED, b. about 1769, d. May 1842 at Stamford, m. SARAH SMITH.
9. iii. KEZIAH WEED, b. 19 Mar 1772, bap. 26 Oct 1772, d. 19 Feb 1867, m. 15 July 1793, MOSES WATERBURY of Darien.

7. ZEPHANIAH<sup>5</sup> WEED (*Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Lt. Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>*) was born at Stamford on 15 February 1744/45. He was called of Salem, Westchester County, New York in 1794-1796, and

<sup>71</sup> Hale Collection of Connecticut Gravestone Inscriptions, CSL, Noroton River Cemetery, Darien, 246.

<sup>72</sup> This analysis is a bit oversimplified because it ignores the set of other Daniel Weeds in Stamford at the time, who were descendants of John<sup>2</sup> Weed. For example, "Daniel Jr." just prior to Lt. Daniel's death was Daniel<sup>4</sup> Weed (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>) from another family.

<sup>73</sup> Stamford Church Records (note 36), 3: 37.

<sup>74</sup> Stamford Church Records (note 36), 3: 75.

may have died there after that time. His career is being included here because of his relationship with the Daniel<sup>5</sup> Weed family, namely his assigned guardianship of Esther<sup>6</sup> Weed, Daniel's oldest child.

On 12 October 1774 (and therefore before his marriage to Martha Slason) he was selected by the Stamford Probate Court to act as guardian of his niece, Esther Weed, daughter of "Daniel Weed Jr."<sup>[75]</sup> This record, as well as his age at the time (about 30 years) suggests that he may have had an earlier marriage, but no indications of a wife's name, or any children by an earlier marriage have been found.

It is known that he married **MARTHA SLASON** on \_\_ May, 1775 at the Middlesex (Darien) Congregational Church (some sources give the date as 21 May, but this is not reflected in the original record).<sup>[76]</sup> She was the daughter of John and Mercy (Youngs) Slason, born 11 June 1752 at Stamford, and therefore half sister of Jacob Slason who had married Zephaniah's sister, Keziah Weed, several years earlier in 1767.<sup>[77]</sup>

Zephaniah Weed served in the Revolutionary War in Captain Jesse Bell's Company at New York from 12 August to 11 September 1776.<sup>[78]</sup>

Then, sometime between 1793 and 1794, as indicated by deeds recorded at Stamford, he had relocated to Salem, Westchester County New York.<sup>[79]</sup> There are no probate or other later records regarding him as a Stamford resident, and he may have remained in New York State.<sup>[80]</sup>

Children of Zephaniah and Martha (Slason) Weed, all baptized at Middlesex (Darien):<sup>[81]</sup>

- i. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> WEED, bap. 16 Apr 1777.
- ii. MERCY WEED, bap. 30 Aug 1778,
- iii. JACOB WEED, bap. 11 Jun 1780, .
- iv. JOHN WEED, bap. 27 May 1792.

8. **JACOB<sup>6</sup> WEED** (*Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Lt. Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>*) was born at Stamford about 1769, since he was able to choose a guardian in April 1783,<sup>[82]</sup> indicating that he was probably 14 years old at that time. His census records are consistent with this estimate of his birth year. He died at Stamford in May 1842.<sup>[83]</sup>

<sup>75</sup> Stamford PR, 5: 274.

<sup>76</sup> Middlesex (Darien) Congregational Church Records, microfilm of originals at the CSL, 1: 34.

<sup>77</sup> Slason Genealogy, 24.

<sup>78</sup> Stamford's Soldiers (note 66), 335.

<sup>79</sup> Stamford Land Records, M: 353, N: 11, 61.

<sup>80</sup> He may also have returned to Norwalk, where a Zephaniah Weed was listed in the 1800 census (NARA microfilm M32: 1, sheet 192-93).

<sup>81</sup> Middlesex (Darien) Church Records (note 76), volume 1, page numbers not legible.

<sup>82</sup> Stamford Probate Records, 6: 314.

<sup>83</sup> Stamford Church Records (note 36), 3: 45. The microfilm of the original record has an inkblot over the number of the day, and this number was apparently unreadable at the time of the making of the CSL Index, which says only "May, 1842." However, E. F. Weed's notebook (note 37), 194 transcribed this entry as "12 May," perhaps when the number was still legible. Also on this page is the date "d. 18 May 1842," which may have come from a

Jacob Weed's career was difficult to piece together because of the limited number of records that were available. For example, his birth was not recorded in either the municipal or church records, and neither were his own marriage nor the births of any of his five children; he left no will or significant estate; had only one simple land transaction as a buyer and one as a seller (for the same property); and he was buried at the Josiah Smith Cemetery in Stamford without a gravestone.<sup>[84]</sup>

Fortunately, his appearance in Edward Franklin Weed's Notebook<sup>[85]</sup> provided a basic framework, around which other isolated facts could be attached, and a relatively complete outline of his life could eventually be created. That Notebook called attention to the fact that Jacob and Keziah Weed were brother and sister, and further that one Frederick Weed was their half-brother, statements later confirmed in the probate records. The Notebook does not mention anything about a Daniel Weed being their father, and it appears that E. F. Weed never carried his analysis far enough to reach any conclusion in that regard. At one point, Keziah is noted as "dau to Jacob Weed," but this statement is specifically attributed to "W. F. Waterbury" and appears to have been a misunderstanding.<sup>[86]</sup> Research was unable to find any candidate Jacob Weed that could conceivably have been these persons' father.

The E. F. Weed Notebook is the only source of information on the name of his wife, although the use of the given name "Smith" for the oldest boy, and for several grandchildren in this family, makes it very likely that this was indeed her family name. Further, the choice of the name of Sally for a female child suggests that her mother's name may have been Sarah, for which Sally is a nickname. According to E. F. Weed, she was SARAH SMITH, the daughter of Gold/Gould and Abigail (Smith) Smith, born 6 August 1776.<sup>[87]</sup> Also according to the E.F. Weed Notebook, she died on 11 May 1859, perhaps in another town, since no death of a Sarah Weed is recorded on that date in Stamford. Additional research has supported E. F. Weed's conclusions in this matter, although no primary record has yet been found that proves her identity.

Jacob and Sarah were not married prior to 1790, since he is not listed as a head of family in the census of that year. Only one Jacob Weed then appears consistently in the censuses of 1800 through 1830 in Stamford, and the listings agree quite well with this Jacob, with some minor discrepancies. In 1800, he was age 26-45 and his wife 16-26, one boy and one girl each under 10 years, and an older man, age 45+, probably a grandfather not yet identified. He is not listed in 1840, and must have been living with another family at that time. However, *both* the households of Stephen and Sally Lockwood and Betsey and Samuel Lounsbury have an older male (age 70-80) living with them in 1840, and it is probably impossible to say which of them (if either) was our Jacob.

It appears that this Jacob Weed only participated in two land transactions in Stamford -- a remarkably low number for the time period. This may indicate that he was a tradesman of some

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family record.

<sup>84</sup> The EFW Notebook (note 37), 194, says "buried Josiah Smith Cem. no g.s." and no inscription is found in the Hale Collection index, made in the 1930's.

<sup>85</sup> EFW Notebook (note 37), 182, 194, 195.

<sup>86</sup> EFW Notebook (note 37), 182.

<sup>87</sup> EFW Notebook (note 37), 194; Stamford Vital Records (note 27), 2: 2.

sort, and did not require acreage for farming; or, that he made use of land owned by others either as a renter or as a family member. It is also possible, but less likely, that he continued to live on land owned by his father and grandfather, without formalities.<sup>[88]</sup> He does not appear as a grantee in any transactions at all until 25 February 1802, when he purchased a little over ten acres of land in Stamford from Ebenezer Jones for \$256.25.<sup>[89]</sup> The deed was witnessed by Jeremiah Smith and John Blanchard, and this Smith connection helps to reinforce our placement of Sarah among the Smiths.<sup>[90]</sup> The land consisted of a house lot near to Deacon Elijah Hawley's mill, bounded by a road on the West, and on all other sides by Hawley's land; and another piece "where the barn stands" across the road, and bounded by Thaddeus Hoyt, Capt. Nathaniel Webb, and James Ferris.

He later sold this same property to Lebbeus Dean of Stamford on 3 December 1811, for \$500.00.<sup>[91]</sup> By this time, Dean himself owned the land surrounding the homelot (now specified as a half acre more or less), and one of the bounders on the West was now Gould Smith instead of James Ferris. The fact that the only property Jacob Weed certainly owned in Stamford was adjacent to that of Gold/Gould Smith helps to confirm that this Smith was indeed his wife's father.

On 8 June 1842, the Stamford Probate Court granted letters of administration on the estate of Jacob Weed late of Stamford deceased to Smith Weed of New York City, undoubtedly Jacob's eldest son.<sup>[92]</sup> Since the E. F. Weed notebook indicates that Smith Weed himself died in 1842,<sup>[93]</sup> it is very possible that an almost coincident death of father and son resulted in an incomplete probate proceeding, since there are no further probate documents in the Stamford records for our Jacob Weed.

Children of Jacob<sup>6</sup> and Sarah (Smith) Weed, all born probably at Stamford, but none recorded:

- i. BETSEY<sup>7</sup> WEED, b. 4 Nov 1797, d. 9 Sep 1890, m. 1 Feb 1816 SAMUEL LOUNSBURY,<sup>[94]</sup> son of Thomas and Betsey (Knapp) Lounsbury, b. 2 Nov 1794 at Stamford, d. 15 Jul 1840.<sup>[95]</sup> According to the E. F. Weed

<sup>88</sup> He appears regularly in the Stamford Grand Lists in the 1790's, but without any real estate value or other taxable property, and is only assessed for a poll tax (Tax Lists, Stamford Historical Society, passim).

<sup>89</sup> Stamford Land Records, O: 25. Another Jacob Weed was a party to deeds in Stamford during this time period, and there was no attempt to distinguish between the two Jacobs in the records. However, this other Jacob's deeds were all in Middlesex Parish, and one of them (Stamford Land Records, P: 205, dated 21 November 1807) clearly identified him as the son of Gideon Weed. The fact of the land being in Middlesex Parish may have been sufficient for their contemporaries to keep these two Jacob's identified. Furthermore, Gideon's son was a much younger man, having been born on 23 Jun 1783 (Stamford Vital Records [note 27], 2: 40).

<sup>90</sup> Jeremiah Smith was Gold Smith's brother (Stamford's Soldiers, 251; Stamford Vital Records [note 27], 2: 2).

<sup>91</sup> Stamford Land Records, Q: 705.

<sup>92</sup> Stamford Probate Records, 16: 106.

<sup>93</sup> EFW Notebook (note 37), p. 194.

<sup>94</sup> Marriage date is given by Eardeley based on his "Lounsbury notes" and must have come from a family source, since it does not seem to have been recorded in Stamford.

<sup>95</sup> John M. Freund, *Some Descendants of Richard Lounsbury of Rye, New York* (Saratoga Springs, NY: Albert R. Lounsbury, 1993), 160, 335.

Notebook, they were married on 30 Nov 1814,<sup>[96]</sup> but this may be in error since the Stamford Vital Records report a marriage of Betsey Weed and Jonathan B. Waterbury on that date,<sup>[97]</sup> which must refer to a different Betsey Weed.

- ii. SMITH WEED, b. bef 1800, perhaps d. 1842 at New York City, m. ABIGAIL SIMMONDS.<sup>[98]</sup>
- iii. SALLY WEED, b. 20 Apr 1805, d. 13 Mar 1907, m. 4 Apr 1828 STEPHEN LOCKWOOD.<sup>[99]</sup>
- iv. IRA WEED, b. 4 Dec 1811, res. briefly in Illinois, d. 13 Jan 1898 at "Belltown" in Stamford,<sup>[100]</sup> m. 13 Nov 1833 MARGARET JANSEN.
- 10. v. WILLIAM WEED, b. 22 May 1814, d. 21 Dec 1886, m. (1) 13 June 1839 MARGARET F. WINFIELD, and (2) 20 Dec 1843 LYDIA JANSEN.

9. **KEZIAH<sup>6</sup> WEED** (*Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Lt. Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>*) was born at Stamford on 19 March 1772,<sup>[101]</sup> and baptized at the Stamford Congregational Church one week later on 26 March 1772.<sup>[102]</sup> She died at Darien on 19 February 1868.<sup>[103]</sup> She and her family are included in this compilation as a separate family because of her residence in Darien (where William Weed and his second wife lived), because of her certain identity as a sister of Jacob Weed, and because of her less certain identity as a half sister of Frederick Weed, who married her daughter, Phebe Waterbury.

She married **MOSES WATERBURY** at Stamford on 15 July 1793.<sup>[104]</sup> He was born 26 May 1770 and died 5 November 1853, the son of David and Jemima (Knapp) Waterbury.<sup>[105]</sup>

Children of Moses and Keziah (Weed) Waterbury, all born at Stamford:<sup>[106]</sup>

- i. EBENEZER WATERBURY, b. 9 Feb. 1794.
- ii. ELIZA A WATERBURY, b. 22 Jan 1796, d. \_\_\_ Jan 1864.
- iii. HANNAH WATERBURY, b. 4 May 1799.
- iv. MARY WATERBURY, b. \_\_\_ Jun 1800, d. 19 Oct 1883.
- v. WILLIAM WATERBURY, b. 30 Oct 1802, d. 25 Dec 1891.
- vi. PHEBE/PHOEBE WATERBURY, b. 1806, d. 1872, m. FREDERICK WEED, "half brother to Keziah & also Jacob [Weed], res. in New York City," b. 1785, d. 19 Nov 1840. The will of Frederick Weed, late of Darien deceased, was made on 13 Nov 1840 and probated on 26 Nov 1840 at the Stamford

<sup>96</sup> EFW Notebook (note 37), p. 194.

<sup>97</sup> Stamford Vital Records (note 27), 2: 134.

<sup>98</sup> EFW Notebook (note 37), 194, 202.

<sup>99</sup> Stamford Vital Records (note 27), 2: 191.

<sup>100</sup> Stamford Vital Records (note 27), 8: 91.

<sup>101</sup> EFW Notebook (note 37), 182.

<sup>102</sup> Stamford Church Records (note 36), 3: 80.

<sup>103</sup> Darien Vital Records, 3: 42.

<sup>104</sup> Stamford Vital Records (note 2), 2: 61.

<sup>105</sup> EFW Notebook (note 37), 182; Stamford's Soldiers, 293.

<sup>106</sup> Except where noted, all information is from EFW Notebook (note 37), 182.

Probate Court. He mentioned property in New York City, and made bequests to his wife Phebe, Esther Conrey Waterbury [later the wife of Thaddeus P. Waring], Frederick Weed Waterbury, half sister Keziah Waterbury, half brother Jacob Weed, William Waterbury 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Alexander Studwell of New York City.<sup>[107]</sup> His death record in the Darien Congregational Church and his gravestone at the Noroton River Cemetery both give his age in 1840 as 55 years, indicating a birth year of 1785. The nature of his half-brother relationship to Keziah and Jacob (and presumably to their older sister Esther, who must have died before this time since she is not named) has not yet been discovered. In the absence of further information, we may propose that their mother, Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_) Weed, remarried another person named Weed following the death of Daniel<sup>5</sup> Weed, and that she had at least one more child, this Frederick Weed, born about 1785.

- vii. ABIGAIL WEED, b. Mar 1808, d. 23 Oct 1861, age 53 years, 7 months.
- viii. MARIA WEED, b. Mar 1812, d. 7 Nov 1890.

10. **WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> WEED** (*Jacob<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Lt. Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>*), our subject, was born at Stamford on 22 May 1814,<sup>[108]</sup> and died in Darien on 21 December 1886, age 72.<sup>[109]</sup>

Fortunately, Edward Franklin Weed was able to obtain information directly from members of this branch of the Weed family. In particular, three letters to E. F. Weed from Alanson Lockwood Weed Sr. have survived, relating some of his direct knowledge of his father's career.<sup>[110]</sup>

Based on these letters and the E. F. Weed Notebook entries derived from them, we find that William Weed and his brother Ira went together to Illinois in the 1830's. While in Illinois, William married (1) **MARGARET WINFIELD** on 13 June 1839, and they had a single child, Alanson Lockwood Weed (Sr.) Margaret was the daughter of Silas and Nellie (\_\_\_\_) Winfield, born 21 December 1819, and died 24 May 1842.<sup>[111]</sup> She died when Alanson was an infant, and the father went back East, leaving the child in the care of others in Illinois, where he grew up not knowing either of his parents. Alanson Weed said that his father returned to "New York," but he has not been clearly identified in any New York City Directories during this time period.

William married (2) on 20 December 1843 (place not yet evident), **LYDIA JANSEN**, daughter of Clyman Jansen, born on 17 November 1812, and died 23 October 1889.<sup>[112]</sup> They were living

<sup>107</sup> Stamford Probate Records, 15: 507.

<sup>108</sup> EFW Notebook (note 37), 194.

<sup>109</sup> Darien Vital Records, 4: 502-03.

<sup>110</sup> Letters from Alanson L. Weed Sr., 1014 Ohio Street, Quincy Illinois, abt. 1899, Edward Franklin Weed Papers, Weed Family Genealogical Collection, GE-24, New Canaan Historical Society.

<sup>111</sup> EFW Notebook (note 37), 195. Coincidentally, and tragically for William, Margaret's death was in the same month that his father, Jacob<sup>6</sup> Weed, died back in Stamford.

<sup>112</sup> All from EFW Notebook (note 37), 195.

in Darien at the time of the 1880 Census, where her place of birth, that of both of her parents, and of their daughter Margaret are all given as "New York."<sup>[113]</sup>

All information in the following list of children is from the E. F. Weed Notebook, and is considered to be reliably based on direct information from descendants of the family:<sup>[114]</sup>

Child of William<sup>7</sup> and Margaret (Winfield) Weed:

- i. ALANSON LOCKWOOD<sup>8</sup> WEED, b. 22 Aug 1840 at Pulaski, Illinois, m. (1) 11 Feb 1863 AMANDA REBECCA RUGH, m. (2) 16 Mar 1884 MARGARET WALLEBE, dau. of Henry Wallebe and Julia Ann Raymond.

Children of William<sup>7</sup> and Lydia (Jansen) Weed, possibly born in New York:

- ii. ANDREW SMITH WEED, b. 29 Nov 1845, d. 1 Sep 1881, m. ABBIE HALLOCK.
- iii. SARAH JANE WEED, b. 12 May 1849, d. 12 Nov 1850.
- iv. MARGARET WEED, b. 8 May 1852, d. 18 Oct 1884, prob. unmarried – she was living with her parents and still single at age 28 at the time of the 1880 Census.<sup>[115]</sup>
- v. JOSEPHINE WEED, b. 27 Sep 1855, d. 8 Feb 1886, m. 8 Mar 1876 WILLIAM PAGE, son of Edward and Harriet Augusta (Webb) Page, res. New York City.

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<sup>113</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Darien, Fairfield Co., Connecticut, HeritageQuest online image, citing NARA microfilm T9: 96, sh. 272.

<sup>114</sup> EFW Notebook (note 37), p. 195.

<sup>115</sup> 1880 U.S. Census of Darien (note 113).



**ANCESTRY OF WILLIAM WEED  
OF STAMFORD AND DARIEN, CONNECTICUT**

**PART 2:**

**SCOFIELD**

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**DANIEL<sup>1</sup> SCOFIELD (bef. 1620 – 1669/70) = SARAH \_\_\_\_ ( - 1697/98)**

**DANIEL<sup>2</sup> SCOFIELD ( abt. 1650 - 1714) = ABIGAIL MERWIN (abt. 1652 - )**

**ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> SCOFIELD ( ca. 1689 – bef. 1728) = LT. DANIEL WEED (1685 – 1765-66)**

## SCOFIELD

1. **DANIEL<sup>1</sup> SCOFIELD** was in Stamford by December 1641, when his name appeared on a list to be granted a 2-acre homelot with 3 acres of woodland.<sup>[1]</sup> His name did not appear among the lists of persons who migrated to Stamford with the Rev. Richard Denton from Wethersfield earlier that year, and he had therefore presumably come from some other place. His brother Richard<sup>1</sup> Scofield, a later settler of Stamford (in about 1655), is known to have come from Ipswich, Massachusetts, and it is possible that Daniel had also come from Ipswich, although no records have yet been found for Daniel prior to his appearance in Stamford.

Genealogists have pieced together several versions of a Scofield family genealogy, but although several competent researchers have tackled parts of the job, no definitive genealogy has yet appeared. The most comprehensive treatment yet for this family has appeared recently in the journal *Connecticut Ancestry*, in a series of articles by two members of Connecticut Ancestry, researched primarily by Blair C. Scofield of Orem, Utah, and prepared for publication by Bob Spiers.<sup>[2]</sup> Although these articles diligently attempt to identify places in the family for all descendants (and particularly to delineate the lines from the two settlers), they have relied heavily upon secondary sources, and have not contributed a substantial amount of original research except for their valiant attempt to resolve discrepancies among existing Scofield materials.

In his 1932 book commonly known as *Washington Ancestry*, Charles Arthur Hoppin provided a considerable amount of detail on the career of Richard<sup>1</sup> Scofield (his client's ancestor), but also mentioned Daniel's career in Stamford as well.<sup>[3]</sup> Hoppin found that the surname had its origin in Lancashire, England, first noted in Rochdale, Lancashire in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. Variant spellings include: Schofield (the spelling used by Hoppin as a preferred spelling), Scholefield, Scholfield, Schofeld, Scholefeld, etc. The sometimes used meaning of "School field" is discounted by Hoppin as an over-simplification. Although Hoppin stated flatly that the two brothers of Stamford "came from the Lancashire Schofields," and provided some English data to confirm that this was likely, he was unable to provide conclusive proof of the actual descent (and, to his credit, did not guess at one either). Later writers have continued to claim lines to the Rochdale family, but they are not yet confirmed by any rigorous study of primary records, and must be considered possible, at best. The English line for Daniel Scofield given by the recent *Connecticut Ancestry* articles, is: **DANIEL<sup>1</sup> SCOFIELD** (*Alexander<sup>A</sup>, Cuthbert<sup>B</sup>, James<sup>C</sup>.*)<sup>[4]</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Stamford Town Records 1: 6, transcription copy 7, Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm #1.

<sup>2</sup> Blair C. Scofield and Robert W. Spiers, "Descendants of Richard Scofield (1613-1670)," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 39 (February, 1997): 123-30 and following issues; and "Descendants of Daniel Scofield (1616-1669/70)," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 41 (August, 1998): 43-54 and following issues.

<sup>3</sup> Charles Arthur Hoppin, *The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson and Forty Other Colonial American Families*, 3 volumes (Greenfield, OH: privately printed, 1932), 3: 211-13.

<sup>4</sup> "Descendants of Daniel Scofield (1616-1669/70)" (note 2), 41: 43.

Several other partial genealogies of the family have appeared. "The Scofield Dictionary" and "The Scofields of Northfield, Minnesota," both by Robert LeRoy Scofield, is available on a Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm.<sup>[5]</sup> Unfortunately, the second half of the Dictionary's alphabetical listings of Scofields has been lost. Nevertheless, this work provided the foundation for much of the later generations in the Blair Scofield compilation.

Another earlier compilation was prepared by Harriet Scofield of the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, and is known as "A Scofield Survey." This compilation was completed for publication in typescript form by Henry Burdette Whipple in 1972, following Miss Scofield's death on 21 June 1970. The compilation is in outline form and, although it was compiled by a responsible genealogist, is unfortunately not documented, at least in its published form.<sup>[6]</sup> Another (unrelated) Harriet E. Scofield of Minneapolis also prepared an outline version of a limited Scofield Genealogy.<sup>[7]</sup>

Once again, the work of Paul W. Prindle may be used with confidence regarding the early generations of the Scofield families of Stamford.<sup>[8]</sup> Prindle gives an especially good treatment of the real estate transactions and land holdings for Daniel Scofield, that will not be repeated here.<sup>[9]</sup> One of those land transactions, a gift of 10 acres from William Graves, deserves special mention since it may indicate a possible relationship to Graves (perhaps related to Scofield's wife, see further below).

The brotherhood of Richard<sup>1</sup> and Daniel<sup>1</sup> Scofield of Stamford is proven by a land record in which, "I Richard Scofield doe discharge my brother Daniel Scofield of a certain parsell of the coman fence in the East Field....etc.," dated 11<sup>th</sup> day, 1<sup>st</sup> month (March) 1666/67.<sup>[10]</sup> It appears that Richard did not arrive in Stamford until about 14 years after Daniel, since the first record there for Richard is the recording of birth of his daughter Elizabeth on 27 November 1655. Clearly, the two brothers had traveled by different schedules, and perhaps different paths as well, prior to their coming together in Stamford. Richard's passage to the New World was well documented in a passenger list, and we therefore know that he was on board the *Susan & Ellen* in 1635.<sup>[11]</sup> Unfortunately for this present story, Daniel's name did not appear on this same passenger list, and researchers have been unable to determine his time of immigration. Hoppin

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<sup>5</sup> Robert L. Scofield, "Dictionary of the Scofield Family of North America Including Past and Present Names, Together With the Names of Allied Families About 8000 In All" (typescript, Elgin, IL and Northfield, MN, 1922-1945), Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm #7. The surviving portion of this manuscript only covers given names beginning with the letters A through L.

<sup>6</sup> Harriet Scofield and Henry Burdette Whipple, "A Scofield Survey (/) Daniel Scofield (d. ca. 1669) and Richard Scofield (1613-1670) and Their Descendants for About Six Generations" (High Point, NC: Henry Burdette Whipple, 1972.) This compilation is also difficult to follow in many areas, because of the abbreviated information on the individuals – particularly where two or more individuals in the same generation have the same name. Again, Blair Scofield and Bob Spiers have done their best to resolve these discrepancies in their recent effort.

<sup>7</sup> Harriet E. Scofield, "Scofield Genealogy; Descendants of David Scofield (ca. 1785-1880) of Norwalk, Connecticut and Marathon, New York, and His Ancestry From Daniel Scofield (1595-ca. 1670) of Stamford, Connecticut" (typescript, Minneapolis, MN, 1961), n.p.,

<sup>8</sup> Paul W. Prindle, *Ancestry of Elizabeth Barrett Gillespie (Mrs. William Sperry Beinecke)* (New York: The New York Public Library, 1976).

<sup>9</sup> Stamford Town Records (note 1), 1: 50-51, transcription copy 61-63.

<sup>10</sup> Washington Ancestry (note 3), 3: 217, citing original Stamford Land Records, A: 162.

<sup>11</sup> Washington Ancestry (note 3), 3: 214.

claimed that Daniel<sup>1</sup> Scofield was in Massachusetts “for a brief period of months,” and later in Wethersfield for three years before going to Stamford, but none of this is supported with documentation and appears to be a fabrication.<sup>[12]</sup> To repeat, we simply do not have any records of Daniel<sup>1</sup> Scofield prior to his arrival in Stamford in 1641.

Scofield and Spiers give Daniel<sup>1</sup> Scofield’s birth as “abt. 1616,” but without specific reference.<sup>[13]</sup> Hoppin said that he was “between 50 and 60 years of age” when he died (before 10 February 1669/70),<sup>[14]</sup> which would give a birth year range of about 1610-1620. Other researchers has come up with a birth year of 1595 for Daniel<sup>1</sup> Scofield, apparently based on earlier work by William A. D. Eardeley.<sup>[15], [16]</sup> No marriage date has been found, and only his last child’s birth was recorded in Stamford in 1657, so no good reasons for speculation on a birth year are found in these areas. About all we can say is that he was probably an adult (21 years of age or greater) in 1641 when he received his land distribution at Stamford, and was therefore born before about 1620, probably in England.<sup>[17]</sup>

His wife was SARAH \_\_\_\_\_, who, as “Sarrah Scofeeld,” married secondly Miles Merwin at Stamford on 30 November 1670,<sup>[18]</sup> and died at Milford, Connecticut on 5 March 1697/98.<sup>[19]</sup> Miles Merwin, a tanner of Milford, had been married twice before: (1) to Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, who died 10 July 1664, with whom he had 7 children, including Abigail, born about 1652, who married Daniel<sup>2</sup> Scofield, and (2) to Sarah (Platt) Beach, daughter of Richard Platt and widow of Thomas Beach, who died 15 May 1670, with whom he had another 4 children, including a set of twins, all born between 1665 and 1670. Paul Prindle also covered the career of Miles Merwin in his Gillespie Genealogy.<sup>[20]</sup>

As pointed out by Prindle and others, there seems to be no basis for identifying Daniel<sup>1</sup> Scofield’s wife as the daughter of Rev. John Youngs, as has been done by some authors.<sup>[21]</sup> It is possible, though, that she was somehow related to William Graves since several Stamford

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<sup>12</sup> Wethersfield’s eminent historians Sherman W. Adams and Henry R. Stiles make no mention at all Daniel Scofield in their comprehensive work *The History of Ancient Wethersfield*, 2 volumes (New York: The Grafton Press, 1904). Furthermore, there is no mention in the records of either Wethersfield or Stamford that Daniel was included in the list of 32 or 33 original settlers that formed that migrating group. I therefore believe that Daniel Scofield was among those who came to Stamford from some place in New England other than Wethersfield, even if it was, in fact, during Stamford’s first year.

<sup>13</sup> “Descendants of Daniel Scofield (1616-1669/70)” (note 2), 41: 43.

<sup>14</sup> Washington Ancestry (note 3), 3: 219.

<sup>15</sup> “Scofield Genealogy; Descendants of David Scofield” (note 7), n.p.

<sup>16</sup> “Scofield Dictionary” (note 5), n.p.. This source also reported that Eardeley said Daniel<sup>1</sup> Scofield had 6 children, including an oldest son Richard, who had been born in 1634. Robert L. Scofield expressed his doubts about this additional son, and there is no evidence of such a son in Stamford. It appears that Eardeley may have assumed that Richard<sup>1</sup> Scofield was Daniel’s son, based on their apparent age difference, and was probably not aware of the land record identifying them as brothers.

<sup>17</sup> Jacobus also did not engage in speculation on an estimated birth date (Donald L. Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, 2 volumes in 3 (Fairfield: Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, DAR, 1930), 1:521.

<sup>18</sup> Donald L. Jacobus, “Stamford (Conn.) Town Records,” *The American Genealogist* 11 (1934-35): 33, citing original 1:113.

<sup>19</sup> Old Fairfield (note 17), 1: 521.

<sup>20</sup> Gillespie Ancestry (note 8), 335-43.

<sup>21</sup> Gillespie Ancestry (note 8), 406.

residents testified in June 1666 that William Graves had told them that he (Graves) had given Daniel Scofield 10 acres of land in his tobacco lot.<sup>[22]</sup> This testimony appears to have been recorded in order to document the gift in the absence of a regular deed.

The will of Daniel Scofield was made at Stamford 1 September 1669, and witnessed by George Slason and John Holly. He designated his wife to be executrix (no name stated) along with his two sons Daniel and John, executors, and gave legacies to his daughter Sarah and her two minor children, and to "my other four children" (that is, to Daniel, John Joseph and Mercy) the three sons to have the house and homelot (subject to the widow's thirds) and the residue of the estate equally except for the son Daniel who was to have "ten pounds over plus."<sup>[23]</sup> He died sometime during the following winter, since his inventory was taken on 10 February 1669/70 (10<sup>th</sup> day 12<sup>th</sup> month 1669) by Lt. Francis Bell and John Holly.<sup>[24]</sup> The will was signed with a mark, as was an earlier deed given to John Mead on 20 February 1659/60,<sup>[25]</sup> indicating that Daniel<sup>1</sup> Scofield was unable to sign his own name and was probably not an educated person.

Children, only one birth recorded at Stamford, order as given by Jacobus:<sup>[26]</sup>

- i. SARAH<sup>2</sup> SCOFIELD, m. 13 Jul (5<sup>th</sup> month) 1665 at Stamford JOHN PETTIT.<sup>[27]</sup>
2. ii. DANIEL SCOFIELD, m. ABIGAIL MERWIN.
- iii. JOHN SCOFIELD,<sup>[28]</sup> d. 27 Mar "1698/9," m. 12 or 13 Jul 1677 HANNAH MEAD.<sup>[29]</sup>
- iv. JOSEPH SCOFIELD, d. say about 1675 in King Philips War.<sup>[30]</sup>
- v. MERCY SCOFIELD,<sup>[31]</sup> b. "latter end of Nov 1657,"<sup>[32]</sup> d. bef. 1699, m. 6 Jan 1681/82 at Milford SAMUEL CAMP.<sup>[33]</sup>

2. DANIEL<sup>2</sup> SCOFIELD (*Daniel*<sup>1</sup>) was born probably at Stamford say about 1650, judging from the age of his wife who was born in 1652. "Daniel Scofield Sr." died at Stamford on 10

<sup>22</sup> Stamford Town Records (note 1), 1: 50, transcription copy 61-2.

<sup>23</sup> Stamford Town Records (note 1), 1: 101, transcription copy 117-18; Fairfield Probate District Records, 2: 49.

<sup>24</sup> Fairfield Probate District Records, 2: 49, date clarified by Prindle in Gillespie Genealogy (note 8), 407. The Mead Abstracts translate this date as "Oct. 12, 1669," which is a misreading of the notation in the original.

<sup>25</sup> Stamford Town Records (note 1), 1: 49, transcription copy 60.

<sup>26</sup> Old Fairfield (note 17), 1: 522.

<sup>27</sup> Stamford Town Records (Jacobus transcription [note 18]), 10:175, citing original 1: 100.

<sup>28</sup> Scofield and Spiers place John earlier in the birth order than Daniel.

<sup>29</sup> All from Stamford Town Records (Jacobus transcription [note 18]), 11:158, citing original 1: 134.

<sup>30</sup> His inventory was filed in March 1675/76 and included an item "to his wages in the service against the common enemy." His heirs were listed as brothers Daniel and John, and sisters Sarah Pettit and Mercy Scofield (Gillespie Ancestry [note 8], 409; Fairfield Probate District Records, 3: 116).

<sup>31</sup> There seems to be no justification for calling her by the name Mary as is sometimes done.

<sup>32</sup> Stamford Town Records (Jacobus transcription [note 18]), 10: 112, citing original 1: 74. There seems to be no justification for using the specific day of 9 November as is sometimes done.

<sup>33</sup> Milford Vital Records, 1: 58, original on microfilm and Barbour Collection both used. Although the original record appears to have spelled the name "Scovell," it has been transcribed as "Seward" in the Barbour Index.

October 1714.<sup>[34]</sup> He married his stepsister, **ABIGAIL MERWIN**, born about 1652, daughter of Miles and Elizabeth ( ) Merwin of Milford.<sup>[35]</sup>

Prindle gives an excellent and complete account of Daniel<sup>2</sup> Scofield's land transactions in Stamford, as well as his considerable public service.<sup>[36]</sup> Over the years from the time he reached his majority about 1667-1668 until the time of his death in 1714 he served the town in countless ways, as selectman, on school and church committees, and in a variety of lesser elected and appointed positions. He was regularly called upon to take inventories and assist in administration of estates. His children married into the families of many of Stamford's other leading citizens. His selection for service to the town indicated an obvious measure of respect that culminated in the designation as "Mr." in some records of his later years.

Daniel<sup>2</sup> Scofield died intestate at Stamford on 10 October 1714, and his son Samuel Scofield and son-in-law Lt. Samuel Weed were designated to administer the estate.<sup>[37]</sup> His inventory was taken on 22 November 1714 and presented in Court by Samuel Scofield and Samuel Weed, countersigned by Samuel Hait/Hoyt (the smith), Samuel Weed, Daniel Weed, Daniel Scofield (clearly the son Daniel<sup>3</sup>), Samuel Bates and "Serh Scofeld" (the latter not positively identified but appears to have been the son Samuel signing as 'sergeant' instead of using his given name).<sup>[38]</sup> The inventory listed the homestead of Daniel Scofield and several other parcels of land throughout Stamford, but interestingly also included "the homestead of Joseph Scofield" and "the homelot of Samuel Scofield," indicating that these two sons were still living on their father's lands.

On 29 November 1714, only a week after the inventory had been presented and approved, the heirs entered into an extensive agreement that was filed with the Fairfield Probate Court, dividing up Daniel's extensive holdings of real and personal estate, "for a full final amicable conclusion & settlement of all s<sup>d</sup> Estate."<sup>[39]</sup> The parties and signatories to that agreement were: the widow Abigail Scofield, Daniel, Joseph, and Samuel Scofield, Samuel Hait "Smith" and Mary his wife, Samuel Weed and Abigail his wife, Samuel Bates and Sarah his wife, and Daniel Weed Junior and Elizabeth his wife.

Considering that the complicated agreement was signed only a week after the inventory was taken, there must have been considerable discussion and planning beforehand about how the properties would be divided. The agreement was unique in its extent and detail (3 full pages of small handwriting both in the original document and the recorded transcription) and especially in the amount of internal cooperation that must have been a characteristic of this family. Some of the more important provisions of the agreement were as follows:

- The widow received the usual movables and her 1/3 right in the real estate for her lifetime, plus allotments of livestock, corn, wheat, flax and hay to be provided by the

<sup>34</sup> Stamford Vital Records, 1: 22 (cited incorrectly by Prindle for this record as Stamford Town Records.)

<sup>35</sup> Old Fairfield (note 17), 1: 407.

<sup>36</sup> Gillespie Ancestry (note 8), 409-12.

<sup>37</sup> Fairfield Probate District Records, 5: 373, Mead Abstracts used.

<sup>38</sup> Original inventory, Fairfield Probate Papers 1714 No. 5477, estate of Daniel Scofield "senior" of Stamford, CSL microfilm copy used.

<sup>39</sup> Daniel Scofield Estate Papers (note 38); Fairfield Probate District Records, 5: 336, 6a, 6b.

children. The sons and sons-in-law all signed up for different specific amounts of provisions.

- The eldest son Daniel Scofield received his father's homestead and also "the homestead that was Samuel Scofields aforesaid with the buildings thereon," the Oxpasture land of 5 acres, half of the Toilsome Land being about 4 acres more or less, 1 acre of salt meadow, one other minor piece of 1 rood in size, ½ of 2 acres at Shippan "bounded east and west by the sea." (Several cash payments among the children in future years were also enumerated.)
- Jōseph Scofield received "his homelot whereon he now lives," plus several other smaller parcels, rights and considerations.
- Samuel Scofield received "his present homestead accounted five acres with all the buildings thereon," plus some land that was Daniel's (meaning Daniel<sup>3</sup>) and several other smaller parcels, rights and considerations. From these wordings it appears that Samuel Scofield had a former homestead (now being given to his brother Daniel) and a present homestead, which he would now own outright, both until now part of their father's lands.
- Samuel Hait received the other ½ of the Toilsome Land being about 4 acres, 1 acre in the horse pasture and other smaller parcels, rights and considerations.
- Samuel Weed received 4½ acres in the Tobacco Lot and other smaller parcels, rights and considerations.
- Samuel Bates received 1 acre of salt meadow and other smaller parcels, rights and considerations.
- Daniel Weed received 4½ acres in the Tobacco Lot, 1 acre of fresh meadow in the South Field, one acre of land that was (Mr.) Laurence's in the Horse Pasture, and several other smaller parcels, rights and considerations.

Children of Daniel<sup>2</sup> and Abigail (Merwin) Scofield:<sup>[40]</sup>

- i. DANIEL<sup>3</sup> SCOFIELD, b. say 1674, d. 28 Jul 1745, m. 17 Apr 1701 HANNAH HAIT/HOYT, prob. the Hannah who had been b. 1 Sep 1681, dau. of Joshua and Mary (Bell) Hoyt.<sup>[41]</sup> Daniel's father, Daniel<sup>2</sup> Scofield, had taken the inventory of Joshua Hait's estate in Nov 1690.<sup>[42]</sup>
- iii. MARY SCOFIELD, b. abt. 1678, m. (1) JONAS<sup>3</sup> WEED (John<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>), who d. 26 Nov 1706; m. (2) 31 Dec 1707 as his second wife SAMUEL

<sup>40</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all information is from Gillespie Ancestry (note 8), 412-13 and/or "Descendants of Daniel Scofield (1616-1669/70)" (note 2), 41: 44.

<sup>41</sup> There were two first cousin Hannah Hoyts in Stamford who could have married Daniel<sup>3</sup> Scofield. This one was selected by Blair Scofield ("Descendants of Daniel Scofield (1616-1669/70)" [note 2], 41: 47) and seems more feasible, based on their respective ages (she would have been about 20 years old at the time of this marriage, rather than 25 years as the other would have been.) The writer of the usually reliable Hoyt Genealogy (David W. Hoyt, *A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight, and Hight Families* [Boston and Providence: the author, 1871], 319) was non-committal on the choice. The other Hannah was the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Weed) Hoyt, b. 3 Jun 1676. This latter Hannah Hoyt was selected as Daniel<sup>3</sup>'s wife by Prindle in his Gillespie Genealogy.

<sup>42</sup> Fairfield Probate District Records, 4: 25, Mead abstracts used.

- HAIT/HOYT "SMITH," son of Joshua and Mary (Bell) Hoyt, and brother of Hannah Hoyt, presumed wife of Mary Scofield's older brother Daniel<sup>3</sup> Scofield (see above.)
- iv. SGT. SAMUEL SCOFIELD, b. abt. 1680, m. (1) HANNAH WEED, dau. of John and Mary (Abbott)<sup>[43]</sup> Weed, m. (2) 28 Feb 1739/40 HANNAH SOUTHERLAND/ SOUTHERLIN.<sup>[44]</sup>
- v. ABIGAIL SCOFIELD, b. abt 1682, d. 5 May 1737, m. 17 Apr 1701 LT. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> WEED (John<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>), brother of the husband of her sister Mary.<sup>[45]</sup>
- vi. SARAH SCOFIELD, b. abt 1685, d. 17 or 18 Feb 1617/18, m. 2 Mar 1703/04 Lt. SAMUEL BATES, son of John and Sarah (Cross) Bates.
- vii. JOSEPH SCOFIELD, b. say. 1687, d. 13 Dec 1726, m. 11 Aug 1709 EUNICE (BUXTON) SCOFIELD, widow of his cousin Samuel Scofield and daughter of Clement Buxton.<sup>[46]</sup>
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| viii. | ELIZABETH SCOFIELD, b. abt 1689, m. abt. 1708 LT. DANIEL WEED. |
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- ix. (possibly) JOHN SCOFIELD, living in 1695 when listed as a grandchild in the estate of Miles Merwin Sr. Since he was not a party to the agreement among the heirs of Daniel<sup>2</sup> Scofield in 1714, he is presumed to have died before that time, without issue.

<sup>43</sup> This maiden name (Abbott) was given by Blair Scofield ("Descendants of Daniel Scofield [1616-1669/70]" [note 2], 41: 48), but not by Prindle, who left it blank (Gillespie Genealogy, 413).

<sup>44</sup> Two contemporary cousins named Samuel Scofield were carefully identified and discussed by Harriet Scofield (of Cleveland - the author of "A Scofield Survey," see note 6 above) in a short article entitled "The Two Samuel Scofields of Stamford, Conn.," *The American Genealogist*, 11: 194-7.

<sup>45</sup> For additional information on Lt. Samuel Weed, see Frederick C. Hart Jr., "Lt. Samuel Weed of Stamford and Wilton, CT," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 33: 1-3.

<sup>46</sup> "Two Samuel Scofields" (note 44), 11: 194-7.



## Genealogical Gleanings from a Selleck Family Letter

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My mother, Neva (Selleck) Pruitt had among many old family letters the following one that connected her grandfather James Selleck with the Sellecks in New Canaan and Norwalk, Connecticut, and Pound Ridge, New York. This letter was written by my mother's great aunt Mary (Selleck) Blakeslee, who in 1867 was living with her husband Barnett Blakeslee near Kinmundy, Illinois. The letter was addressed to Mary's brother James Selleck and his wife Eliza (Strawn) Selleck who were then residing on their farm in Western Iowa along Willow Creek about four miles west of the present town of Woodbine in Harrison County. Most of Mary's letter involves personal and family concerns. That in itself is interesting and important historically, but about half way through the letter Mary briefly wrote that she had recently received two letters from family members who, it turns out, lived in Connecticut. The following is an unedited transcription of her letter.

*Kinmundy, Ill Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 1867*

*Bro. Jim & Sister Eliza:*

*We received your letter Saturday eve. were glad to hear from you & I do wish you would write often. Barnett would write now, but he has had what is called a catarrh on his right hand for the past three weeks & has at present but very little use of it. He hopes to be able to write you soon. He doesn't think it best on the whole to sell here & emigrate to western Iowa, though sometimes is tempted to do so. We would both like to live near you but in many respects he thinks this country preferable to live in to that. You are all mistaken about it's being unhealthy here. On the contrary I think it very healthy. I have been here over a year & haven't seen a funeral procession since I have been here, & this country is very thickly settled. There have, of course, been deaths in town. My health is never good, & you know how unused I was to work & care & how much I always rode around & went here & there, & of course it is all different. I have to stay at home & work we have no team & consequently I can go very little & it all wears upon my naturally delicate health Lucy [Mary's and James's other sister] was unnecessarily alarmed about me when she was here because I was so poor & seemed so feeble. But if I was free from so much care & hard work I think I should be as well here as ever I was in Ohio. We have plenty of fruit here I have dried over a bushel of peaches. I wish we could send you half of them. It has been very dry here this season & has been but little raised. I had a letter not long since from Uncle Ike & one from Katharine Benedict. Uncle I. says his boys were all at home last winter but Charlie had gone west again He didn't say where. He has sold his place in N\_\_ and he & Aunt Lucy are boarding. How foolish I think. Uncle Noah has sold all his property in Brooklyn & gone to Staten Island to live. They are all changing around.*

*How well I would like to see you all — little Kate — the blue eyed beauty — I always shall think of her as the prettiest child I ever saw — I can see her shelling her Hazelnuts & to think that you have boys large enough to help stack hay — Well take good care of yourselves & and of them. Don't be too worldly but rest often & long. send Arthur & Walter [twin sons of James and Eliza] to Ohio to G. R. I. [Grand River Institute near Austinburg] when they get old enough.*

*Well I will write no more at present. B. will write soon. He wished me to write immediately so you wouldn't hold on to that land for him. It is not probable we shall ever go there to live. We wish we could prevail upon you to sell & come here, & why cannot you both come here next season & visit us. Come to St Louis on a boat then on the cars [train] but a short distance here. It would be a delightful trip at this season of the year.*

*Please write soon & often to us, & let us all go to Ohio together visiting in a few years.*

*As Ever — Mary A. Blakeslee*

Mary's letter to her brother James and sister-in-law Eliza (Strawn) Selleck, made reference to their unmarried sister Lucy Selleck who lived in Ashtabula County, Ohio, with her father, James Selleck, Sr. Mary, Lucy and James, Jr. were three of the five children of James Selleck, Sr. and his wife Polly Hoyt. The five children were Erastus (b. 1817), David (b. 1820), James, Jr. (b. 1823), Lucy (b. 1826), and Mary A. (b. abt. 1836). A short announcement in one of the Ashtabula County newspapers said that James, Sr. and Polly along with Deacon Henry Webb and his family drove their teams from New Canaan, Connecticut, to Ashtabula County, Ohio, during the summer of 1815.<sup>1</sup> By the twentieth century the great grandchildren of James and Polly Selleck did not know to whom among the many Sellecks in Connecticut and New York James was connected. Henry S. Gorham wrote in his "Bates-Selleck" book that Isaac<sup>6</sup> Selleck (*Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, David<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>2</sup> had a son James<sup>7</sup>, but Gorham gave no hint that James<sup>7</sup> was the James Selleck who married Polly Hoyt and removed to Ohio. Instead Gorham has James and Polly (Hoyt) Selleck "unplaced" in his book.<sup>3</sup> It was Mary Blakeslee's letter that allowed the correct connection to be made.

Mary wrote in her letter about an Uncle Ike and Aunt Lucy who lived in N\_\_\_\_. She also referred to an Uncle Noah who sold his property in Brooklyn and moved to Staten Island. These three names are key to making the connection between James Selleck, Sr. in Ashtabula County, Ohio, and James<sup>7</sup> in Gorham's book. Mary just used N\_\_\_\_ for the name of the place where Ike and Lucy lived, but it suggests Norwalk, Connecticut. Indeed the U. S. Census Schedules for 1850 through 1880 show Isaac and Lucy Selleck living in Norwalk, Connecticut.<sup>4</sup>

Henry Gorham took much of his information about the family of Isaac<sup>6</sup> Selleck from the Reverend Charles M. Selleck who wrote in his book *Norwalk* that Isaac had sons Noah, Isaac [G.] and James.<sup>5</sup> Rev. Selleck also wrote that Isaac G. Selleck married Lucy Brown who was a daughter of the Rev. James Brown and his wife Esther Seeley.<sup>6</sup> As previously mentioned Isaac G. and Lucy Selleck had lived for years in Norwalk. Expressing her opinion, Mary thought it

<sup>1</sup> *Ashtabula Telegraph*, Ashtabula, Ohio, Friday, March 14, 1879, p. 3, col. 4

<sup>2</sup> The generational notation is that found in Henry S. Gorham, *Bates, Selleck and Allied Families of Stamford, Norwalk, and Fairfield, Connecticut* (Noroton, Conn., 1939), p. 430

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 634

<sup>4</sup> Isaac Selleck household in the U. S. Census, Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn. (1850) Roll M432-38, p. 134; (1860) Roll M653-74, p. 691; (1870) Roll M593-98, p. 824; (1880) Roll T9-96, p. 166

<sup>5</sup> Rev. Charles M. Selleck, A. M., *Norwalk* (Norwalk, Conn., Published by the Author, 1896), p. 445. Isaac G. Selleck's middle initial that is used in this article comes from his father's will in the Norwalk Probate Records, Vol. 5, (1830-1836), p. 20.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 445

was foolish for Isaac G. and Lucy to have sold their home and become boarders. Cousin Charlie in the letter was one of Isaac and Lucy's sons, Charles S. Selleck. Charles had traveled widely visiting California, Colorado, Utah, Montana and other western territories before coming to eastern Nebraska in 1856.<sup>7</sup> There he married and eventually farmed for 25 years north of Blair, Nebraska, just outside of Herman. He then retired to Blair where he died in 1922.<sup>8</sup>

In her letter Mary added that Uncle Noah had sold his property in Brooklyn and had gone to Staten Island. Noah Selleck had been a merchant in Norwalk and New York City.<sup>9</sup> In early 1841, Noah placed an advertisement in the *Norwalk Gazette* telling readers that he had purchased the interest of Munson Hoyt [of Norwalk], and would begin running the sloop "Citizen" from Hoyt's Landing to James Slip in New York.<sup>10</sup> Prior to early in 1843, Noah was in partnership with Asa Smith, a resident of Norwalk.<sup>11</sup> In NYC he sold Norwalk pottery designed by Asa Smith at their place of business known as "Selleck and Smith" at 38 James Slip. After dissolving the partnership with Smith, Noah ran steam powered packet sloops named the "Mary A Selleck" and the "Domestic" from his wharf near the Bridge in Norwalk to James Slip in NYC.<sup>12</sup> The "Mary A Selleck" was named for Noah's wife Mary Ann who was a daughter of Matthias Decker of Staten Island. Noah and Mary Ann never had children, but an interesting aside is that Mary Ann had a much younger half brother, 24 years her junior, who was named Noah Selleck Decker, surely so named in honor of her husband, Noah Selleck. In 1850 Noah and Mary Ann were once again living in Brooklyn where they lived until Noah retired. By the time of Noah's retirement, Mary Ann's parents were long deceased. She came from a large family plus she had other relatives on Staten Island. The decision made by Noah and Mary Ann in selecting that place for their retirement, as Mary Blakeslee wrote, is understandable.

Moreover Mary wrote that she had recently received a second letter. It seems obvious from the casual way that Mary wrote about recently receiving this letter from Katharine [*sic*] Benedict that James should also know Katharine. Genealogical sleuthing got even more interesting in seeking more about this person. According to the 1860 U. S. Census for Norwalk, living in the household of Thomas Benedict (35, farmer, b. Conn.), were his wife Cornelia (Weed) (27, b. NY), infant daughter Mary A. Benedict (b. Conn.), Catherine Benedict (55, b. Conn), Mary A. Selleck (24, School Teacher, b. Ohio), and Thomas A. Bryen (26, Laborer, b. Ireland).<sup>13</sup> It would seem from this that Thomas and Cornelia had a couple of boarders—an Irish immigrant and Mary, who was living and teaching in Norwalk seven years previous to her letter to her brother. Additional research showed that this Thomas Benedict was the grandson of

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<sup>7</sup> T. E. Andreas, *History of Nebraska* (Western Historical Company, Chicago, 1882), p. 1473

<sup>8</sup> Blair, Nebraska, Blair Cemetery records, p. 188

<sup>9</sup> Henry S. Gorham, *Bates, Selleck and Allied Families of Stamford, Norwalk, and Fairfield, Connecticut* (Noroton, Conn., 1939), p. 633

<sup>10</sup> *Norwalk Gazette*, Norwalk, Connecticut, April 8, 1841, p. 4

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, February 1, 1843, p. 3

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, November 30, 1842, p. 4

<sup>13</sup> 1860 Census, Connecticut, Fairfield Co., Norwalk, Series M653, Roll 74, pp. 697-698

Thomas<sup>6</sup> Benedict and his wife Mary (Waterbury).<sup>14</sup> Thomas<sup>6</sup> and his wife Mary Benedict had two sons, Thomas<sup>7</sup> and Edwin and a daughter Catherine (b. 26 Dec. 1806) who was the author of the second letter.<sup>15</sup> Thomas<sup>7</sup> married Susan Betts and had several children including Thomas<sup>8</sup>.<sup>16</sup> By 1860 both Thomas<sup>6</sup> and his wife Mary were deceased. That year the census enumerator found Catherine living with her nephew Thomas<sup>8</sup> and his wife Cornelia. As the infant daughter of Thomas and Cornelia was named Mary A., it is interesting to speculate that she was named after Mary A. Selleck. This bit of reasoning, however, might suggest that Mary Selleck had been living and teaching in Norwalk for several years. Regardless of her length of stay, it is clear from Mary's letter to her brother Jim and "sister" Elisa that even after moving back from Connecticut to Ohio, then marrying Barnett Blakeslee, and finally going with him to southern Illinois to live, she remained in communication with her relatives in Connecticut.

The Benedicts were more than just good friends of Mary Selleck. There was a family connection as well. Isaac<sup>6</sup> Selleck and his wife Sarah Waterbury were married 1 July 1793 in the Congregational Church in Darien, Connecticut.<sup>17</sup> Sarah (Waterbury) Selleck and Mary (Waterbury) Benedict were the daughters of Phineas Waterbury and his wife Elizabeth Lounsbury.<sup>18</sup> The Benedict-Selleck connection through the sisters Mary Benedict and Sarah Selleck made Mary Selleck, the author of the above letter, a "cousin" of Catherine Benedict.

Combining information from U. S. Census data, Selleck's *Norwalk*<sup>19</sup>, Gorham's *Bates-Selleck*<sup>20</sup> and the will<sup>21</sup> of Isaac<sup>6</sup> Selleck yields the following information on his children: Polly (b. abt. 1790), Sanford (b. 1791), James (b. 1793), Noah (b. 1797), Elizabeth G. (b. 1800), Isaac G. (b. 1802), Harriet Mahetable (b. 1804) and Nancy (b. 1806). More precisely the birth of James was 14 January 1793,<sup>22</sup> and Isaac's marriage to Sarah Waterbury was 1 July 1793, which should cause any keen eyed reader to notice that three of the children were born before Isaac<sup>6</sup> married Sarah. Assuming that Sarah Waterbury must have been the second wife of Isaac<sup>6</sup> Selleck, then who was his first wife? It turns out that honor belongs to Mary Brown. She and Isaac<sup>6</sup> were married 20 May 1790 in the Presbyterian Church of Poundridge, NY, by the Rev. Benjamin Judd.<sup>23</sup> Into this marriage were born Polly, Sanford and James<sup>7</sup>. Mary's death took place sometime after James was born and before 1 July 1793 when Isaac<sup>6</sup> married Sarah Waterbury.

<sup>14</sup> The generational notation for the Benedicts is that given in D. H. Hurd, ed., *History of Fairfield County, Connecticut with Illustrations & Biographical Sketches of Its Prominent Men & Pioneers* (J. W. Lewis & Co., 1881), pp. 571-572

<sup>15</sup> *Norwalk*, p. 367

<sup>16</sup> *History of Fairfield County*, p. 572

<sup>17</sup> Fredrick W. Bailey, ed., *Early Conn. Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800* (New Haven, CT: Bureau of American Ancestry, 1896-1906), Bk. 6, Congregational Church Records in Darien, CT, p. 65

<sup>18</sup> *Norwalk*, p. 369

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 445

<sup>20</sup> *Bates, Selleck and Allied Families*. . . , p. 630

<sup>21</sup> *Norwalk Probate Records*, Vol. 5 (1830-1836), p. 20

<sup>22</sup> *Ashtabula Sentinel*, Jefferson, Ashtabula, Ohio, March 5, 1879, p. 1

<sup>23</sup> Births/Baptisms/Marriages/Deaths 1787-1792, 1800-1808, 1822-1937 Poundridge Presbyterian Church Pound Ridge, New York (Pound Ridge, NY: Pound Ridge Historical Society, 2006), pp. 29, 30, 55

Evidence that Mary was a daughter of Benajah Brown (1749-1822) and his wife Sarah Weed is found in Benajah's will, which was probated on 17 July 1823 in Rensselaer County, New York.<sup>24</sup> In the will Benajah bequeathed \$200 to his "grandson Sanford Selleck son of my deceased daughter Mary." Although Benajah's will was probated in Rensselaer County in New York state, there is a grave stone in the Brown Cemetery near Pound Ridge on Upper Trinity Lake road in New York state's Westchester County that reads, "In memory of Benajah Brown who died in May 1822 ae 73 yrs."<sup>25</sup>

Executor of the will was one of Benajah's sons, James, who was the brother of the previously discussed Mary (Brown) Selleck, the first wife of Isaac<sup>6</sup> Selleck. It was mentioned earlier that James Brown, often described as the Rev. James Brown, married Esther Seeley.<sup>26</sup> Their daughter Lucy Brown married Isaac<sup>7</sup> G. Selleck. Isaac<sup>7</sup> and his wife Lucy were the Uncle Ike and Aunt Lucy mentioned in the letter. This provides an additional connection between the Selleck and Brown families, yet there is another. A daughter of Isaac<sup>6</sup> and Sarah Selleck was Harriet Mahetable Selleck. She married George W. Brown, one of the sons of the Rev. James and Esther Brown. George and Harriet removed to Onondaga County, New York in the 1820s along with several other Brown, Slauson and Seeley families from the Poundridge and New Canaan areas. It is not an unusual finding of the times that brother and sister married another sister and brother.

Mary's letter makes brief references to Catherine Benedict, Uncle Ike and Aunt Lucy, living in Norwalk, and Uncle Noah retiring from his business in Brooklyn and moving to Staten Island. Someone casually reading the letter might not suspect that these few comments in one letter could yield so much genealogical information as well as tie James<sup>7</sup> Selleck in Ohio to his family in Connecticut and New York.

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<sup>24</sup> Rensselaer County, NY, Surrogate Court, Vol. 7, pp. 164-167

<sup>25</sup> Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan and Mrs. Frank W. Seth, ed., *Tombstone Records of Eighteen Cemeteries in Poundridge, Westchester County, N. Y.* (White Plains, N. Y., 1941) p. 32 (typescript version)

<sup>26</sup> *Norwalk*, pp. 114, 120 and 445

**Early Vital Records of Redding, CT, a Recent Discovery**  
transcribed by Harlan R. Jessup

*These few vital records are found in the first book of town minutes, labeled Redding Town Meetings 1767-1817, Town Tax Lists 1784-1815, Vital Records 1754-1772.<sup>1</sup> The small collection of vital records is on reversed pages at the back of the volume with original page numbers 9-14, now numbered 434-439. These are not included in the Barbour Collection of Vital Records or in the town's index of early vital records. Several of the entries are noted as recorded by John Couch, Regis<sup>r</sup>. Other than his signature, transcriptions are verbatim.*

Step<sup>n</sup> Sanford was married to Abigail Ward Dafter to Moses J. Ward Dec<sup>d</sup> November y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> AD 1767. Entered December y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1769.

Isaac Coley Son to Gershom Coley was Born September 5<sup>th</sup> 1766

Eben<sup>f</sup> Couch was Married to Elizebath Carte July y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1761  
his Son John was Born May y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1762 – his Son Levi was Born August y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1763 – his Dafter Ana was Born February y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1765 – his Son Eben<sup>f</sup> was Born February y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1768.

Step<sup>n</sup> Morehouse departed this Life May y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>th</sup> AD 1767

Isaac Coley Son to Gershom Coley was Born September 5<sup>th</sup> 1766 [*sic*, duplicated from above]

Clarisse Fitch Dafter to Ashael Fitch was Born September the 25<sup>th</sup> 1768

Peter Fairchild was Married to Marcy Lockwood Dafter to John Lockwood March y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1768  
his Son Peter was Born August y<sup>e</sup> 22 AD 1768  
his Dafter Hannah was Born December y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> AD 1769

Isaac Rumsey was Married to Abigail Saintjohn Dafter to Noah Saintjohn May y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> AD 1761  
his Dafter Abigal was Born December y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1761  
his Son Jeremiah was Born May y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> AD 1762  
his Dafter Ruth was Born December y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> AD 1763  
his Son Noah was Born march y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> AD 1768

Joseph Adams was Married September y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> AD 1761 [wife not named]  
his Son Step<sup>n</sup> was Born July y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> AD 1762  
his Son Hezekiah was Born August y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> AD 1765  
his Dafter Abigal was Born October y<sup>e</sup> first AD 1767

Jonathan Mallery Jun<sup>f</sup> was Born October y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1744 and was Married to Ann Conn January y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1768

She was Born May y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> AD 1746  
his Dafter Nancy was Born October y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1768

Joel Sanford Son to Seth Sanford was Born January y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> AD 1766  
said Seths Son Elijah was Born Augus y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1768

<sup>1</sup> Original in Connecticut State Archives; negative photostat in Town Clerk's vault.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Sanford Departed this Life November the 6 AD 1768  
 Chloe Sanford Dafter to Dan<sup>l</sup> Sanford was Born May 30<sup>th</sup> 1767

Meleson Davis Dafter to John Davis was Born January y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1754  
 his Dafter Sarah was Born January y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1756  
 his Son John was Born December y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1758  
 his Son Daniel was Born April y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1761  
 his Dafter Martha was Born December y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1763  
 his Son Step<sup>n</sup> was Born July y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> AD 1766  
 his Dafter Eunis was Born June y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> AD 1769

Joseph Rogers Son to James Rogers was Born October the 31<sup>th</sup> AD 1762 – his Dafter Chloe was Born October y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1766 – his Son James was Born April the 28<sup>th</sup> 1768 – his Son Aaron was Born August the 22<sup>d</sup> 1770

Jeremiah Mead Son to Step<sup>n</sup> Mead was Born March the 22<sup>d</sup> AD 1752  
 his Son Ezra was Born January y<sup>e</sup> first AD 1755  
 his Dafter Hannah was Born May y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> AD 1756  
 his Dafter Esther was Born August y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> AD 1760  
 his Son Thad<sup>s</sup> was Born October y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> AD 1761  
 his Son Step<sup>n</sup> was Born December y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> AD 1767

Lemuel Sanford Jun<sup>r</sup> was Married to Mary Russell Dafter to Jonathan Russell Sept<sup>m</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1768

This may Certify that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August Anno Domini 1761 I did Marry Stephen Crofoot and Adrea Couch both of Redding in the County of Fairfield Test. Nathaniel Bartlet Minister of the Gospel in Redding

This may Certify that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June Anno Domini 1769 I did Marry Ephraim Robbins Formerly of Killingly in the County of Windham and Sarah Couch of Redding in the County of Fairfield Test. Nathaniel Bartlet Minister of the Gospel in Redding

This may Certify whom it may Concern that Joseph Meaker and Mary Darling were Lawfully Joined together in MARRAGE by the Subscriber On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March Anno Domini 1767  
 Nathaniel Bartlet

The Names and Berths of the Children of the above named Joseph and Mary Meaker Brought to Recrd by the said Joseph Meaker are as followeth  
 Isaac Meaker was Born March the 8<sup>th</sup> 1768

Hannah the daughter of Asael Fitch was Born April the 21<sup>st</sup> 1770

These may Certify the I the Subscriber did On the 23<sup>d</sup> day [of] April AD 1767 Join in Marriage Ezekiel Sanford and Sarah Sturges Both of Redding Test. Nath<sup>l</sup> Bartlet

The Births of my Children were as Followeth my Eldest Son Benjamin was Born July 17<sup>th</sup> AD 1768 My Eldest Daughter Sarah was Born Decem<sup>r</sup> the 9<sup>th</sup> AD 1769

Ezekiel Sanford

**Baptisms of Christ Church, Episcopal, Redding, CT, 1814 to 1878**  
transcribed by Harlan R. Jessup

The Anglican Church of Redding was founded about 1732 by the Rev. John Beach who, for fifty years, served this church jointly with Trinity Church in Newtown. The earliest records of the church have apparently been lost, and none of the early records have been transcribed or microfilmed. The records here transcribed are from a volume labeled "Records of Christ Church Parish, Reading, Conn., Begun June 2d 1842 by Rev. William Atwill, Minister." In addition to regular entries of baptisms, marriages, and burials from 1842 to 1879, it includes these events as early as 1813 as transcribed from the records of earlier ministers. (As they pertain to Redding, these include the records of Rev. Samuel B. Hull, transcribed more completely in another article this issue.) It also includes confirmations from 1842 to 1872, lists of communicants, and some early financial records. Two other early volumes held by the church include Minutes 1833 to 1915 and the Parish Register of 1880 to 1928.

Baptisms only are transcribed in this article. Marriages and deaths will be published in later issues of *Connecticut Ancestry* as space permits.

*Record of Baptisms from Anno Domini 1814 to A.D. 1828 as copied from old records and obtained from other sources by Rev. Jos. P. Taylor [in about 1850].*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Parents</b>	<b>Sponsors and Other</b>
9 Jan 1814	Amelia	Zacheus & Amelia Morehouse	the father and Grace Mq[orehouse], his mother
9 Jan 1814	William Henry	Eli & Clary Banks	parents
5 Jun 1814	William Sanford	Children of	By the Rev. Mr. Judd
	Aaron Thomas	Willliam & Molly Beardsley	
	Caroline		
	Anna		
28 Aug 1814	Seth Wheeler	Isaac & Lucy Drew	the parents
18 Sep 1814	Sally	Garrard & Grace Crofut	the parents
9 Oct 1814	Betsy Fidelia	Ery(?) & Betsey Crofut	the parents
1? Apr 1815	George	John & Sally Meeker	the parents
25 Feb 1815	Laura Merrit	Adult	
25 Feb 1815	Granvil	Children of John B. & Laura	the parents
	Charles	Merrit	
2 Jul 1815	William Hill	Elihu & Mary Crofut	the parents
9 Jul 1815	Daniel Gray	Nathan & Clarissa (Thorp) Beers	the parents
23 Oct 1815	Zilpha	Samuel & Phebe Judd	the parents
15 Dec 1815	Henry Hezekiah	Hezek <sup>a</sup> & Anna Read	the parents
	Eliza Ann		



<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Parents</b>	<b>Sponsors and Other</b>
5 Feb 1816	Edna Zachariah	Jesse & Abigail Gilbert	The parents
28 Jul 1816	Joel Sturges	Joel & Rachel Stone	the parents
26 Jan 1816 [or 1817?]	Legrand	Zacheus & [blank] Morehouse	the parents
1 Jun 1817	Julia	Nathan & Clarissa (Thorp) Beers	the parents
27 Oct 1817	Felicia(?) Sarah Ann Abby Isaac _____ Philo Betsy Hannah Beach	Children of Lemuel & Charlotte Sanford	the parents
19 Jan 1818	Merilla (Mexilla?) James William	Children of Isaac & Betsey Sanford	the parents
19 Jan 1818	Eleanor Hull	Alden & Sally Winton	the parents
21 Mar 1818	Lois Patchen	Adult	
21 Mar 1818	Zerah	Hannah Patchen	Abel & Sally Perry & the mother
21 Mar 1818	William Meeker Abby Eliza Jackson	Children of Abel & Sally Perry	the parents
11 Oct 1818	Horatio Ephraim Wheeler	Children of Eli & Mary Banks	the parents
<i>Note: Rev. Reuben Hubbard's connexion with this Parish ended Nov. 1, 1818. Whole No of Baptisms from 1814 to Oct. 11, 1818 [blank]</i>			
21 Aug 1820	Henry	Lemuel & Hepzibah Glover	by Rev. Ambrose S.
21 Aug 1820	Hepzibah	wife of Lemuel Glover	Todd
21 May 1821	John	Abel & Sally Perry	
4 Jun 1821	Eliza Polly John Beach	Children of Alanson & Polly Sanford	parents
4 Jun 1821	Eliza Ann	Alden & Sally Winton	the father and Mrs. Sarah Sanford
4 Jun 1821	George Catherine	Children of John and Anna (Sanford) Beach	the Mother and James Sanford
17 Jun 1822	Francis	Asa?? & Adeline Meeker	Parents
23 Sep 1822	Henry	Judd & Susannah Morehouse	parents
23 Feb 1823	Samuel Bradley	adult son of Hezekiah & Abigail	Parents witnessed

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Parents</b>	<b>Sponsors and Other</b>
		<b>Beach</b>	
4 Apr 1823	Andrew	Aiza & Adeline Meeker	Parents
<i>The following list of Baptisms was copied from the Pocket Record of Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, his daughter Eleanor L. Hull. Several Baptisms performed by Mr. Hull are not included and I have not yet been able to obtain any record of them. J.P.T. August 1850.</i>			
Baptisms from Jue 21 <sup>st</sup> 1825 to Nov 2, 1828, the Rev. Lemuel B. Hull officiating.			
26 Jun 1825	Susan Elizabeth	Thadeus & Elanor Read	Parents
4 Sep 1825	Abel	David & [blank] Burr	Parents
20 Aug 1826	Maria	John B. & Susan Merrit	Parents
3 Sep 1826	Levi Patchin	Abel & Sarah Perry	parents
19 Aug 1827	[blank]	Son of [blank] Dudley	Parents
30 Sep 1827	Hannah White	Levi B. & Polly Hull	T. B. & Eleanor Read & Polly Hull
"	Sarah Hull	Thaddeus B. & Eleanor Beach	Polly Hull
17 Aug 1828	Children of	James & Rebecca Dennison	Parents
26 Oct 1828	Julia Sophrona	Charles & Fidelia Morehouse	Parents
26 Oct 1828	Hannah Jane	Aiza & [blank] Meeker	
2 Nov 1828	Ann Judd	by Rev. Eli Winton	Witnesses Samuel Judd 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Polly Hull
2 Nov 1828	Samuel Starr	Samuel Judd 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Polly Hull	
2 Nov 1828	John Beach	Lemuel Beach & Polly Hull	Parents & Thaddeus B. Read

*Baptisms continue on the following pages*

### Baptisms, beginning 1842

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Birthdate/Age</b>	<b>Parents</b>	<b>Sponsors/Witnesses</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
22 May 1842	Emily Read Lyon	13 Nov 1841	Edwin & Jane Lyon	The Father & Mrs. Eleanor Read	Mother sick, done at the house
20 Jun 1842	Adolphus Abbott	7 Jan 1840	Philo Woolsey & Eloisa Abbott	Parents	At the house, the youngest boy being badly hurt
1 Jul 1842	Mary Jane Tyrell	30 Aug 1841	Salemon & Polly Ann Tyrell	Parents	At home being very sick
1 Sep 1842	Catharine Eliza Northrop	23 Feb 1832	Eunice Northrop	Alonzo B. Northrop & the Mother	Church
	Henry Bennett Northrop	13 Dec 1836		A. B. Northrop	
24 Feb 1842	Orrin Thorpe	26 yrs		Orrin Thorpe	
29 Dec 1842	Alonzo B. Northrop	21 yrs		Mrs. Dudley	
21 Dec 1842	Julia Ann Northrop	15 yrs			
17 Oct 1842	Althea Sanford	42yrs			Confined at home by sickness of her son George
	Mary Ann Sanford	19 yrs	John W. & Althea Sanford		Wheeler
	George Wheeler Sanford	11 yrs			Church
18 Oct 1842	Harriet Adelia Squires	15 yrs		The Mother	"
18 Oct 1842	Lucy Ann Bassett	15 yrs		The Mother	"
	Nancy Gilbert	35 yrs			"
	Olive Bay [Glover]		Olive Glover	The Mother	"
	Peter Sidney [Glover]	4 Mar 1842			
12 Sep 1843	Charles Thompson	12 yrs	Mary Thompson	Same	Baptized at parents' house in Hopewell Dist., Newtown
	Frances Thompson	8 yrs			
	John Sidney Thompson	5 yrs			
4 Apr 1844	Eleanor Jane Hickenson	Adult	Elizabeth Denison		At the Church
Good Friday	Mary Morgan	Adult	Mary Morgan	Charles Morgan	" " "
	Julia Hawley	Adult			" " "
	Milo Ferry	Adult			" " "
30 Apr 1845	Able Fanton Brady	33 yrs			At his house, sick
20 Sep 1846	Emily Martha Wilson			Aaron B. & Angeline Wilson	At church by Rev. Abel Nichols

Date	Name	Birthdate/Age	Parents	Sponsors/Witnesses	Remarks
27 Sep 1846	Georgianna Sanford		John W. & Althea Sanford		
<p><i>Note: The Baptisms above recorded were administered by the Rev. William Atwill, excepting the two last by Rev. Abel Nichols. Rev. Mr. Short has recorded no Baptisms. I have not learnt whether in baptizing at the houses of individuals Rev. Mr. Atwill made use of the private or public office. I am, however, disposed to believe that the Public Office was used. J.P. T[aylor]</i></p>					
<p><i>Baptisms in Christ Church parish, Reading, Conn. by Rev. Joseph P. Taylor, Minister</i></p>					
23 Jun 1847	Ezra Platt [Basset]	31 Aug 1837	Hannah Basset	The Mother	<p><i>Public Note: All public baptisms here recorded by me have been at the church, and whenever the sacrament has been administered in private the office for Private Baptism has been used. J.P.T. Nov 22/47</i></p>
Whitsunday	Mary Esther [Basset]	15 Oct 1834			
	Hanford Nichols [Basset]	1 Jul 1840			
	Sarah Maria [Basset]	31 Aug 1844			
"	Henry Clay [Beers]		Alonzo Beers	The Father	
	Nancy Bradley [Beers]				
"	Uri(?) Seeley [Lyon]		Eli Lyon	Parents	
	Mary Frances [Lyon]				
"	Arthur Beers [Thorpe]	14 Jun 1843	Orrin Thorpe	Parents	
	Luther Drew [Thorpe]	30 Sep 1844			
	Marion Williams [Thorpe]	6 Aug 1846			
"	Mary Eliza [Hickerson]		William Hickerson	Mrs. Elizabeth Morehouse	
"	Betsy [Sanford]		James Sanford	The father and eldest daughter	
	Abby [Sanford]			Alonzo Beers	
24 Jun 1847	Mariett [Couch]	22 Nov 1832	Henry Couch		
	Althea [Couch]	5 Jan 1834	Asenath Couch		
4 Jul 1847	Fanny Meeker [Hawley]		[blank] Hawley		Niece of Aiza Meeker
5 Sep 1847	Eunice [Sherman]	55 yrs	Job Fairweather		Wife of Eben <sup>r</sup> Sherman
"	Flora Maria [Sanford]		John W. Sanford	Parents	
	Edward Jackson [Sanford]		Althea Sanford		
"	Charles Carroll [Winton]	22 yrs	[blank] Winton		
"	Mary Taylor [Bradley]	5 Mar 1844	Abel F. Bradley	The Mother	
	Sarah Jerusha [Bradley]	24 Nov 1838	Abigail Bradley		

Date	Name	Birthdate/Age	Parents	Sponsors/Witnesses	Remarks
"	Henry [Couch]		Nash Couch	Mr. James Denison	
1 Oct 1847	Warren Taylor [Bradley]	11 May 1847	Parents & Grandmothers		Private, the child being dangerously ill
13 Apr 1848	Harriet Stevens [Sanford]		John W. Sanford Althea Sanford	Parents	
21 Apr 1848	Hannah Elizabeth [Lyon]	24 Mar 1844	Eli Lyon	Parents	
	Richard Hill [Lyon]	20 Dec 184[ ]			
21 Apr 1848	Philo [Gilbert]	30 Jun 1837	Seth Gilbert	Parents	
	Julia [Gilbert]	21 Oct 1839			
	Fanny [Gilbert]	15 Mar 1842			
	Henry [Gilbert]	25 Jul 1846			
22 Apr 1848	Mary Irish [Lyon]	Adult		Edwin Lyon	Wife of Edwin Lyon
6 May 1848	Starr Baily [Ferry]	13 May 1838	Milo Ferry	Parents	Private
11 Jun 1848	Esther [Meeker]	25 Jul 1834	Aiza Meeker	Sister	
	Sarah Adelia [Meeker]	Jan 1836		"	
"	Lemira [Ferry]	Adult	Milo Ferry		
"	Leroy Haverland [Lyon]	Parents	Edwin Lyon		
"	John Aiza [Meeker]	Sister	Aiza Meeker		
8 Apr 1849	Hannah More [Keeler]	21 Jun 1845	Mrs. Mary Keeler	Miss Catharine Keeler	
Easter Eve	John Gray [Keeler]				
	Maruice Henry [Keeler]				
18 Apr 1849	Charles Caroll [Winton]		Mrs. C. C. Winton	Mrs. Read Abigail Read	Private
1 Jul 1849	Alice Louisa [Lyon]	1 Dec 1848	Eli Lyon	Parents	
"	Fanny Maria [Hickerson]	Mar 1844	[blank] Hickerson	Eleanor Hickerson	
	Julia [Hickerson]	30 Aug 184?			
"	Caroline Augusta [Lyon]	28 Feb 1849	Edwin Lyon Mary I. Lyon	Parents	
"	[blank] [Canfield]		Edwin L. Canfield Lucy Canfield		[all blank except names of parents]
Easter Eve	Charles William [Morgan]	12 May 1837	Edson Morgan	Parents	

Date	Name	Birthdate/Age	Parents	Sponsors/Witnesses	Remarks
1850	Sarah Josephine [Morgan]	10 Oct 1841	[blank] Morgan		
15 Aug 1850	Ludowick Slater Dart	59		Edson Morgan & wife	Private, Mr. Dart being ill.
<i>Baptisms at Christ Church, Reading</i>					
					<i>Rev. Orasmus H. Smith, Rector</i>
26 Oct 1851	Polly Ann Robinson	Adult		Lucy Ann Smith Hannah P. Meeker	
"	Sarah Jane Whitlock	Adult		Aaron B. Wilson and wife	
23 Nov 1851	Eugene Sigurney [Thorp]	Infant	Orin Thorp		
	Martha Edwina [Thorp]	Infant	Rebecca W. Thorp		
23 Nov 1851	Mary Jane [Canfield]	Infant	Lucy A. Canfield	The mother	
15 Feb 1852	Lewis Edwin [Meeker]	Infant			
	William Arthur [Meeker]		Lydia Ann Meeker	Mrs. Aiza Meeker	<i>The Baptism of this mother</i>
	Lydia Ann [Meeker]			Andrew Meeker	<i>&amp; child took place at their</i>
<i>residence when on account of the dangerous sickness of the mother a number of the members of the church assembled ant the publick</i>					
<i>offices were used</i>					
23 Feb 1852	Polly [Holmes]	Adult		Mabel Fanton	<i>Mrs. Polly Hill was the</i> <i>widow of the late John Hill</i> <i>of Reading</i>
16 May 1852	William Smith [Lyon]		Eli Lyon Louise Lyon	The Parents	
5 Sep 1852	John Robert [Battiere]?		Wm. Battiere?	The Mother	
"	Henrietta Regina [Hill]		Charlotte Hill	The Mother and Lucy Ann Smith	
14 Nov 1852	Nathan [Keeler]	Adult		Seth Gilbert Eleanor Keeler	
14 Nov 1852	Francis Burr [Keeler]		Nathan Keeler Eleanor Keeler	The parents	
23 Mar 1853	Wheeler Shepard [Bassett]	Adult	John Gilbert Orasmus Smith		
23 Mar 1853	Isaac Drew [Bassett]	Adult	John Gilbert		

Date	Name	Birthdate/Age	Parents	Sponsors/Witnesses	Remarks
			Wheeler S. Bassett Orasmus Smith		
16 Oct 1853	Emma Frances [ <b>Lion</b> ]		Edwin & Mary Lion	Parents	By A. Ogden
16 Oct 1853	George Henry [ <b>Canfield</b> ]		Edwin & Lucy Ann Canfield	Mother & Mrs. Bassett	“ “
30 Apr 1854	Francis <b>Meeker</b>	8 years old	Francis & Harriett	The Mother	By Abel Nichols
	Arza <b>Meeker</b>	6 “ “	Meeker		
	Edward <b>Meeker</b>	4 “ “			
	Frederic W <sup>m</sup> <b>Meeker</b>	18 months			
30 Apr 1854	Catherine Seely <b>Fery</b>	11 years old	Milo & Caroline Fery	The Mother	By Abel Nichols
	Susan Caroline <b>Fery</b>				
30 Apr 1854	Mary Ella <b>Lyon</b>	3 years old	Lamson & Marietta Lyon	The Mother	do.
30 Apr 1854	Harriet Frances <b>Croft</b>	Adults		Mrs. John Sanford	do.
	Mary Jane <b>Croft</b>				
3 May 1854	Emma Fitch <b>Ogden</b>	5 months	Rev. Abel & Harriet A. Ogden	Rev. Mr. Stimpson & The Mother	By Rt. Rev. Bishop Williams
	Almira <b>Payne</b>	Adult		Mrs. Th <sup>os</sup> Treadwell	By A. Nichols
<i>Baptisms by Rev. J[ames] Adams, Rector</i>					
30 Nov 1854	Rebecca Fanton [ <b>Tucker</b> ]	Adult	wife of Joseph Tucker	Mrs. John W. Sanford	
	Abel Bradley [ <b>Tucker</b> ]	27 Oct 1846	Joseph Tucker	Mrs. J. W. Sanford	
	George Burr [ <b>Tucker</b> ]	30 Mar 1850	Rebecca F. Tucker	& the mother	
	Frank [ <b>Tucker</b> ]	7 Jul 1852			
22 Jan 1855	Edson [ <b>Wakeley</b> ]	10 Aug 1852			(Private office, being ill)
8 Apr 1855	George Alfred [ <b>Seymour</b> ]	28 Nov 1853	Henry & Ann Elizabeth Seymour	The Parents	
Easter					
31 May 1855	George Winton [ <b>Lyon</b> ]	15 Oct 1853	Eli and Louisa Ann Lyon		(Private office, being ill)
8 Jul 1855	Augustus Hamilton [ <b>Ferry</b> ]	6 Nov 1849	Milo & Caroline Ferry	The Mother	
“	Stella Amelia [ <b>Wheeler</b> ]	27 Mar 1854	Nathan & Eleanor J. Keeler	Mrs. Edwin Lyon & the Mother	

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Birthdate/Age</b>	<b>Parents</b>	<b>Sponsors/Witnesses</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
"	Agnes Melissa [Canfield]	3 Aug 1854	Edwin L. & Lucy A. Canfield	Mary E. Basset & the Mother	
30 Sep 1855	George Augustus Richardson	(Adult office)		Alonzo Beers	
7 Oct 1855	Elizabeth Frances [Lyon]		Alanson & Marietta Lyon	The Mother	
"	Gertrude [Lyon]	8 Apr 1855	Edwin & Mary J. Lyon	The Father and Mother	
"	Sarah Josephine [Tucker]	26 Jun 1855	Jos. L. & Rebecca F. Tucker	The Mother & Mrs. J. W. Sanford	
11 May 1856 (Whitsunday)	Elisabeth Taylor [Sherwood]		Wife of Moses Sherwood	Mrs. J. W. Sanford & Mrs. Dibble (mother)	
10 Aug 1856	Rufus Alanson [Lyon]		Alanson & Marietta Lyon	J. Sanford, Esq., Mrs. J. W. Sanford & the Mother	
5 Oct 1856	Harriet Louisa [Kinsey]	29 Jan 1844	George & Eliza Jane Kinsey	Mrs. J. W. Sanford & the Mother	
	Frances Harrison [Kinsey]	27 Sep 1846			
	James Harrison [Kinsey]	4 Jan 1849			
	Delia Alice [Kinsey]	2 Oct 1852			
	Cornelia Agnes [Kinsey]	2 Oct 1852			
"	Charles [Gilbert]		John & Emeline Gilbert	The Parents	
"	Annie Estella [Lyon]	7 Apr 1856	Eli & Lousa J. Lyon	The Parents	
<i>Baptisms in Christ Church Reading The Rev. William White Bronson, Rector</i>					
31 May 1857	James Jackson [Denison]	11 Jan 1857	James C. & Margaretta L. Denison	William T. & Rebecca Denison	
1 Nov 1857	Mary Isabella [Lyon]	2 Jul 1857	Edwin & Mary Irish Lyon	Parents & Mrs. J. W. Sanford	
"	Mary Jane [Tucker]	18 Sep 1856	Joseph & Rebecca F. Tucker	Mother & Mrs. . W. Sanford	



Date	Name	Birthdate/Age	Parents	Sponsors/Witnesses	Remarks
2 Jan 1858	Mary Emma [Keeler]	1 Jan 1857	Nathan & Eleanor J. Keeler		(Baptized in private a case of illness)
5 Mar 1858	Viola Lavinia [Thorpe]	22 Feb 1855	Orrin & Rebecca W. Thorpe		Baptized in private being very ill.
2 Aug 1858	Henry Sanford Charles Sanford		James & Eliza	James & E. Sanford	
30 Aug 1858	Charles Benoni [Tucker]	23 May 1858	Joseph & Rebecca F. Tucker		Baptized just before death
2 Aug 1858	Samuel Dibble [Sherwood]	26 Nov 1853	Moses & Eliza T. Sherwood	Mrs. Eliza T. Sherwood	
"	Jane Elizabeth [Sherwood]	19 Dec 1857	"	"	
19 Sep 1858	Catherine Meeker	An adult		Mrs. J. W. Sanford, Mrs. F. Meeker	
"	Sally A Wheeler	"		"	
"	Stephen Sanford	"		James Sanford, Esq., Miss C. Sanford	
"	Perkins Sanford	"		"	
"	Mary Frances [Beers]	24 Aug 1855	Alonzo & Paulina	Alonzo Beers	
"	Paula Jane [Beers]	26 Jun 1857	Beers		
20 Sep 1858	Cynthia Hegeman [Denison]	21 Aug 1858	James C. & Margaretta H. Denison	The Parents	Rt. Rev. J. Williams, D.D.
7 Nov 1858	Eleanor Jane [Keeler]	25 Jul 1858	Nathan & E. J. Keeler	N. Keeler & Mrs. J. W. Sanford	W <sup>m</sup> W. Benson
<i>Baptisms in Christ Church Redding by Rev<sup>d</sup> Alfred Louderback, Rector</i>					
18 Aug 1861	William [Sanford]	7 Jul 1859	James & Sarah Sanford	Parents	
"	Charles Wheeler [Bassett]	25 Jul 1860	Wheeler & Eliza Jane Bassett	Parents	
"	Jennie Ann [Lyon]	27 Jun 1857	Alanson & Marietta Lyon	Parents	
"	Ella Eugene [Lyon]	22 Jul 1859	Edwin & Mary G. Lyon	Parents	
"	Anna Bell [Meeker]	9 Aug 1856	Andrew & Cath <sup>l</sup> Meeker	Parents	
"	Harriett Estelle [Meeker]	8 Apr 1858			

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Birthdate/Age</b>	<b>Parents</b>	<b>Sponsors/Witnesses</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
"	Emmaretta [Wade]	13 Oct 1860	William & Susan Wade	Parents	
"	Susan Ann [Wade]	13 Feb 1854	"	"	
"	Helen [Wheeler]	1 Dec 1853	Ward & Angeline	Parents	
	Charles Reuben [Wheeler]	6 Nov 1855	Wheeler		
	Mary Ann [Wheeler]	27 Jan 1846			
	Sarah Jane [Wheeler]	18 Aug 1857		Parents & Sarah	
	Geo. Washington [Wheeler]	22 Sep 1849		Sanford	
21 Jun 1863	Ida Louisa Canfield		Edwin L. & Lucy A. Canfield	Parents	By the Rev Henry Zell, Rector
	Hattie Maria Canfield				
	Herman Wilbur Canfield				
	Ella Rebecca Canfield				
13 Sep 1863	Charles Henry Libby	18 Oct 1856		Parents	"
	Mary Elizabeth Libby	18 Oct 1856			
	Simon Rodolphus Libby	19 Nov 1857			
<i>Baptisms in Christ Church Redding Rev. William L Bostwick, Rector</i>					
16 Apr 1865	Susan Hanford Canfield	Infant	E.L. & L.A. Canfield	The Mother & Mr. & Mrs Wheeler Bassett	
9 Jul 1865	Anne Maria Rowland	Adult		Mrs. Denison	
27 Aug 1865	Emma Eliza Duncombe	1 Jun 1864	Wm. & Sarah Duncombe	[parents]	
"	George Turney Sanford	Infant	Turney & Mary Sanford	[parents]	
14 Feb 1866	Delia Ann Wheeler	Adult , 21 yrs.	Wife of Marcus Wheeler		Mrs. Delia Ann Wheeler was baptized in extreme illness & died Feb. 15 By Bishop Williams
12 May 1866	Ellen True Bostwick	19 Dec 1868	Rev. Wm. L. & S. M. Bostwick	Parents	
10 Jun 1866	Jenny Louisa Bassett	Infant	Wheeler & Eliza J. Bassett	Parents	
24 Jun 1866	Martha L. Wheeler	Infant	Marcus & Delia A. Wheeler	Her Father & Mrs. Squiers	

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Birthdate/Age</b>	<b>Parents</b>	<b>Sponsors/Witnesses</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
30 Jun 1867	Frederic Wakeman <b>Beers</b> Mary Sophia <b>Beers</b> Annabel <b>Beers</b>	10 yr., 3 mo. 7 yr., 9 mo. 4 yr., 6 mo.	Hanford Beers	James Sanford Sen., Mrs. S. A. Bostwick & the parents	
19 Jul 1867	Sarah Josephine <b>Canfield</b>	15 months	Edwin & Lucy Ann Canfield	Mrs. L. A. Canfield & Mrs. E. J. Bassett	
1 Feb 1869	Frances Jane <b>Tucker</b>	Adult		Mrs. Rebecca S. Tucker & M. A. Bates	In private, sick, by J. W. Hoffman, Rector
<i>Baptisms administered by J. W. Hoffman, Rector of X<sup>d</sup> Chh., R. Ridge</i>					
1 Feb 1869	Frances J. <b>Tucker</b>	Adult		Mrs. Rebecca S. Tucker, Mrs. Mary A. Bates The Parents	At the house of Mrs. R. S. Tucker
18 Jul 1869	Thomas <b>Bassett</b>	12 Nov 1868	Wheeler & Eliza J. Bassett		
3 Jun 1870	Harriet Louisa <b>Wells</b>	Adult		Stephen Sanford & Mary F. Wells	House of David Wells
29 Aug 1869	Charles H. <b>Giles</b>	29 Aug 1868	Orry E. & Mary B. Giles	Parents & Js. B. Nichols	
26 May 1871	John Close <b>Bradley</b> Ellen <b>Bradley</b>	19 Oct 1865 8 Apr 1870	Hull B. & Eliza L. Bradley		Private from house of parents
6 Aug 1871	Anne Eliza [ <b>Downs</b> ]	17 Feb 1871	Levi & Anne Eliza Downs	Wheeler Basset, Mary E. Basset, & Lucy A. Canfield	
13 Aug 1871	Mary [ <b>Jordan</b> ]	10 May 1871	Oscar & Antoinette Jordan	Stephen Sanford, Georgiana Sanford & the mother	
20 Aug 1871	Emory Perkins [ <b>Sanford</b> ]	15 May 1871	Stephen & Mary S. Sanford	Charles, Stephen, & Sarah Sanford	
25 Sep 1871	Horace Woolsey [ <b>Wells</b> ]	17 May 1870	Isaac W. & Mary F. Wells		Private from house of parents
26 Nov 1871	Mary Elizabeth [ <b>Giles</b> ]	6 Aug 1871	Edgar E. & Mary B. Giles	The parents & Mary Wheeler	
4 Aug 1872	Amy Wilson [ <b>Nichols</b> ]	30 Apr 1871	Jas. B. & Emily M. Nichols	The parents & Angeline Wilson	

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<i>Baptisms Christ Ch. Redding Ridge C. W. Kelley, Rector</i>					
Easter 1873	Margaret Adeline <b>Hannaford</b>	Adult		Stephen Sanford	
"	Robert Hubbard <b>Hannaford</b>	Child		"	
"	Annie Laurie <b>Hannaford</b>	"		"	
"	Eliza Susan <b>Wood</b>	"		Georgiana Sanford	
Trinity 1873	Samuel B. <b>Rowland</b>	Adult		James Sanford	
"	Adelaide <b>Dickens</b>	Adult		[blank] Jordan, Georgiana Sanford	
24 Aug 1873	Henry [ <b>Beers</b> ]	Adult	Walter & Julia Beers	James Sanford, Mrs. J. W. Sanford, Julia Beers	
"	Louisa [ <b>Beers</b> ]	Adult		Stephen & Mary L. Sanford	
"	Howard <b>Taylor</b>	Adult			
"	Ida Bell [ <b>Beers</b> ]	10 yrs.	Walter & Julia Beers	Sarah Sanford, Eunice Close & Emeline Gilbert	
"	Charles [ <b>Beers</b> ]	4 yrs.			
"	Alonzo [ <b>Beers</b> ]	19 mos.			
31 Aug 1873	William Bradley [ <b>Banks</b> ]	Infant	George F. & Mary L. Banks	Stephen & Mary L. Sanford	
9 Nov 1873	Samuel Edgar [ <b>Rowland</b> ]	Adult	Saml. B. & Grace M. Rowland	Ja <sup>s</sup> Sanford & Stephen Sanford	
4 Jan 1874	Walter Barker <b>Beers</b>	Adult		James Sanford, Eunice Close	
Whitsunday 1874	Lillian [ <b>Giles</b> ]	7 Feb 1874	O. E. & [blank] Giles	Parents & Anna Rowland	
28 Jun 1874	Victoria [ <b>Gregory</b> ]		W <sup>m</sup> & Sarah Gregory (col <sup>d</sup> )	Cha <sup>s</sup> Sanford, O. E. Giles, J. E. Rowland, Ezra Bassett, godfathers.	
	Nelson [ <b>Gregory</b> ]	Infant		Mrs. J. A. Beers, Flora Sanford, Josephine Tucker,	
	Sarah Ellen [ <b>Gregory</b> ]	Infant	Cornelia Wykoff (Illegitimate)	Sally Sanford, godmothers	
	Nathaniel [ <b>Gregory</b> ]				
	Louis [ <b>Wycoff</b> ]				
12 Jul 1874	Benjamin <b>Bassett</b>		Wheeler & Eliza J. Bassett	Parents	

Date	Name	Birthdate/Age	Parents	Sponsors/Witnesses	Remarks
6 Sep 1874	Henry [Baldwin] (col <sup>d</sup> )		Henry & [blank] Baldwin	Ja <sup>s</sup> Sanford, Jr., Henry Sanford, Mrs. J. Sanford, Jr.	
25 Oct 1874	[three unnamed children] (col <sup>d</sup> )		Frank & Sarah Baldwin	[no sponsors named]	
29 Aug 1875	Joseph [Ford] (col <sup>d</sup> )	Infant	Albert & [blank] Ford	Joseph K. Farley & Sam <sup>l</sup> Sanford, Jr.	
26 Sep 1875	Carrie Starr [Banks]	Infant	George F. Mary L. Banks		
3 Oct 1875	Hattie May [Jordan]	Infant	Oscar & Antoinette Jordan	Stephen & Mary L. Sanford	
12 Aug 1877	Mary Emma [Hall]	Adult	Wife of Levi Hall	Ann B. Wilson, Mrs. Rebecca Tucker	at home
7 Sep 1877	William Henry [Gregory]	Infant	Wm. & Sarah Gregory (col <sup>d</sup> )	Mrs. Emeline Gilbert [& the mother]	By A. Alanson Welton, rector
"	Thomas [Ford]	Infant	Albert & Louise Ford (col <sup>d</sup> )	Mrs. Mary Sanford & Mrs. Mary P. Giles [& the mother]	"
2 Dec 1877	Stephen Ernest [Sanford]	Infant	Stephen & Mary S. Sanford	The parents & Ja <sup>s</sup> Sanford, Sen.	"
23 Dec 1877	Hattie Louise Hanaford	Adult		Mrs. Mary L. Sanford, Miss Maggie Adeline Hanaford	"
6 Jan 1878	Henry Chauncey	Adult		Stephen Sanford, O. E. Giles & Wife	"
9 Jun 1878 Whitsunday	Carolina [Giles] John Lloyd [Giles]	Infant "	O. Edgar & Mary B. Giles	The parents & Mrs. Flora J. Bradley & Charles Gilbert	"
21 Jul 1878	Nathaniel Wykoff	Adult		Mr. & Mrs. O. Edgar Giles	"
12 Sep 1878	Emeline [Beers]	infant	Grandchild of Walter Beers		House of W. Beers, with office for Private Baptism

**Ministerial Records of the Rev. Lemuel B. HULL of Connecticut:  
Christ Church, Redding, and St. James Church, Danbury, 1822 to 1835**

The Rev. Lemuel Beach Hull served the two parishes of Christ Church, Redding, and St. James Church, Danbury as their Episcopal rector from 1823 to 1835. He was a great-grandson of John Beach, the founding minister of the Anglican churches in Newtown and Redding in 1732 (who served both of those churches until his death in 1782). Hull was apparently serving in eastern Connecticut before 1823, and, beginning in 1836, he served at St. Paul's, Wallingford.

The original manuscript of his "Record of Marriages, Baptisms, Admission to the Communion, and Funerals" is now found in the library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, whose archivist has graciously permitted our publication of this transcription.<sup>1</sup> The original small booklet (10 x 15 cm.) has records beginning in 1822, and several of the earliest entries are from the eastern Connecticut towns of Norwich, Pomfret, Plainfield, and Brooklyn. Though catalogued with dates 1822-1835, there are no records after 1828 except a handful of marriages in 1834 and 1835.<sup>2</sup>

*Commenced officiating in the parishes of  
Christ's Church Redding & St. James Church Danbury Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1823*

*Admitted to the communion by Lemuel B. Hull*

Date	Name	of
1823	<b>Ebenezer Thompson</b>	Pomfret
	<b>Bathsheba Hall</b>	Pomfret
	<b>Elizabeth Harrington</b>	Plainfield
	<b>Saran Ann Nichols</b>	Newtown
15 Aug 1824	<b>Mrs. Sarah Daly</b>	Danbury
22 Aug 1824	<b>Thaddeus B. Read</b>	Redding
25 Dec 1824	<b>Abigail Starr</b>	Redding
1825	<b>Eleanor Read</b>	Redding
3 Dec 1826	<b>Betsey Benedict</b>	Danbury
1826	<b>Robert Andrus</b>	Danbury
22 Apr 1827	<b>Ann Benedict</b>	Danbury

<sup>1</sup> Lemuel B. Hull, *A Record of Marriages, Baptisms, Admissions to Communion and Funerals, 1822-1835*, Mss C 3366, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston. Catalog notes say that the volume was among papers donated to the DAR Library in Washington, DC, in 1996.

<sup>2</sup> In the first volume of records of Christ Church, Redding, the Rev. Joseph P. Taylor notes in 1850, "The following list of Baptisms was copied from the Pocket Record of Rev. Lemuel B. Hull [provided by?] his daughter Eleanor S. Hull. Several Baptisms performed by Mr. Hull are not included and I have not yet been able to obtain any record of them."

*Baptisms performed by Lemuel B. Hull*

Place	Date	Name	Parents	Sponsors/Witnesses
Brooklyn [CT]	13 Sep 1823	Catherine <b>Brown</b>	James & Emily	S. H. Huntington, Ann C. Putnam & Catherine H. Brinley
Redding	6 Jun 1823	Charles Burnet <b>Glover</b>	Samuel & Hepsibah	Parents
Redding	6 Jun 1823	John Turner <b>Sanford</b>	James & Eliza	Parents
Brooklyn	27 Jan 1823	Jane <b>Putnam</b>	W <sup>m</sup> & Mary	W <sup>m</sup> Putnam, Ann C. Putnam & Elizabeth Fogg
Brooklyn	12 Oct 1823	Mr. Bela <b>Darby</b>		Chauncy Hammett, Deborah Fogg
Brooklyn	12 Oct 1823	Elizabeth <b>Harrington</b>		Chauncy Hammett & Mrs. Deborah Fogg
"	"	Mary Watrous <b>Franklin</b>	James	Chauncey Hammett, Ann C. Putnam & Elizabeth Fogg
"	"	Laura Ann <b>Franklin</b>	"	"
"	"	Mary <b>Rice</b>	Joseph W.	"
"	"	Ardelia <b>Darby</b>	Bela	"
"	"	George Backus <b>Rice</b>	Joseph W.	W <sup>m</sup> & Ann C. Putnam
Danbury	23 Nov 1823	Ann Louisa <b>Bebee</b>	James & Polly	Parents
"	"	Henry <b>Bebee</b>	"	"
Redding	25 Dec 1823	Jacob Osborn <b>Perry</b>	Abel & Sarah	Parents
Danbury	12 Jun 1824	Oliver <b>Crofut</b>	Daniel & Anna	Parents
"	"	Rhoda <b>Crofut</b>	"	"
Bridgeport	27 Jun 1824	Theodore <b>Allen</b>	Capt. James, Jun <sup>r</sup> & [blank]	Parents
Danbury	19 May 1824	Antiontette [sic] <b>Benedict</b>		
Danbury	29 Aug 1824	Sarah Antiontette [sic] <b>Gregory</b>		M <sup>re</sup> [blank] Gregory & M <sup>re</sup> Lilly Chappell
Redding	26 Jun 1825	Susan Elizabeth <b>Read</b>	Thaddeus B. & Eleanor	Parents
Danbury	3 Jul 1825	Adelia Maria <b>Barnum</b>	Ira & Sarah	Parents
Brookfield	19 Aug 1825	Amelia <b>Hull</b>	Adult	
Redding	4 Sep 1825	Abel <b>Burr</b>	David & [blank]	Parents
Brookfield	28 Sep 1825	Henrietta <b>Hull</b>	Adult	
Danbury	23 Oct 1825	Eleanor Susan <b>Hull</b>	Lemuel B. & Polly	the Mother, Philo & Sally Calhoun

Place	Date	Name	Parents	Sponsors/Witnesses
Danbury	4 Jun 1826	Betsey <b>Benedict</b>		M <sup>r</sup> & M <sup>re</sup> Peck & M <sup>re</sup> Chappell
"	"	<b>Ann Benedict</b>		"
Pomfret	25 Oct 1824	Hannah Maria <b>Russel</b>	Joseph & Lorantsa	Parents
Redding	20 Aug 1826	Maria <b>Merritt</b>	John B. & Susan	Parents
Redding	3 Sep 1826	Levi Patchin <b>Perry</b>	Abel & Sarah	Parents
Danbury	10 Oct 1826	Betsey Dibble <b>Cohen</b>		James Trowbridge
Danbury	9 Apr 1827	Almira <b>Barnum</b>		James Trowbridge & wife
Danbury	24 May 1827	Thomas <b>Hoyt</b>		James & Polly Bebee
Danbury	17 Jun 1827	Lucius William <b>Hoyt</b>	Thomas Hoyt deceased	James Bebee & the Mother & M <sup>rx</sup> [blank] Starr
Redding	19 Aug 1827	[blank] <b>Dudley</b>	[blank]	The Mother & [blank] Banks
Danbury	27 Aug 1827	Julia Matilda <b>Adams</b>	Hiram & Julia of Bridgeport	Julia Adams & Lilly Chappell
"	"	Mary Marshall <b>Adams</b>	"	"
Redding	30 Sep 1827	Hannah White <b>Hull</b>	L. B. & Polly	T. B. Read, Eleanor Read & P. Hull
"	"	Sarah Hull <b>Read</b>	Thaddeus B. & Eleanor	"
Danbury	20 Dec 1827	Sarah Abigail <b>Croft</b>	Jonathan & [blank]	Parents & M <sup>r</sup> & M <sup>rs</sup> Stone
Redding	17 Aug 1828	[blank, more than one] <b>Dennison</b>	Jas. & Rebecca	Parents
Danbury	24 Aug 1828	Aurinda Betts <b>Booth</b>	Reuben & Jane	Parents
"	"	Susan Elizabeth <b>Booth</b>	"	"
Danbury	7 Sep 1828	[blank] <b>Dibble</b>	Ira S. & Jane Ann	Parents
"	"	Laura Elizabeth <b>Wood</b>	Reuben & [blank]	Parents
Redding	26 Oct 1828	Julia Sophrona <b>Morehouse</b>	Charles & Fidelia	Parents
"	"	Hannah [blank] <b>Meeker</b>	Arza & [blank]	Parents
<i>Baptisms by Rev<sup>d</sup> Eli Wheeler</i>				
Redding	2 Nov 1828	Ann <b>Judd</b>		Samuel Judd 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Polly Hull
"	"	Samuel Starr <b>Judd</b>	Samuel 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Ann	Parents
Redding	2 Nov 1828	John Beach <b>Hull</b>	Lemuel B. & Polly	Parents & Thaddeus B. Read



*Marriages by Lemuel B. Hull*

Town	Date	Groom	of	Bride	of
Norwich	16 Feb 1823	John E. Tew	Otsego, NY	Mary Washburn	Norwich
Redding	1 Jan 1824	Thaddeus B. Read	Redding	Eleanor Lyon	Redding
Danbury	4 Feb 1824	George Peck		Fanny Crawford	
Redding	21 Mar 1824	Charles Morehouse		Fidelia Starr	
Redding	12 May 1824	Jedidiah Adams		Amelia Morehouse	
Weston	16 Jun 1824	Daniel Hill	Redding	Elizabeth Ann Bostwick	Weston
Newtown	14 Jul 1824	Charles Sanford	Redding	Ann Rowland	Newtown
Weston	5 Aug 1824	Eli H. Fenner	Danbury	Axsa Seeley	Weston
Redding	12 Sep 1824	Henry B. Thorp	Edwardsville, IL	Sally Sheperd	Redding
Danbury	6 Oct 1824	Levi Clark	Danbury	Fanny Stevens	Danbury
Newtown	7 Oct 1824	Justus Thompson	Weston	Mary Hawley	Newtown
Newtown	7 Nov 1824	Abel Crofut	Danbury	Eliza Smith	Newtown
Danbury	21 Nov 1824	Ezra Andrews	Danbury	Clarissa Taylor	Danbury
Danbury	21 Nov 1824	Malancton Starr	Danbury	Esther Bishop	Danbury
Newtown	1 Dec 1824	William McArthur Sheperd	Redding	Anna Griffin	Newtown
Redding	9 Dec 1824	Edward Starr	Redding	Abigail Couch	Redding
Redding	15 Dec 1824	Jeremy Godfrey	Weston	Hannah Patchin	Redding
Redding	6 Mar 1825	Samuel Bradley Read	Redding	Camilla Lyon	Redding
Redding	20 Mar 1825	Monson Keeler	Redding	Mabel Crofutt	Danbury
Redding	20 Mar 1825	Seth Gilbert	Newtown	Nancy Sanford	Redding
Redding	15 May 1825	John B. Merritt	Redding	Susan Meeker	Redding
Danbury	29 May 1825	Matthew K. Gilbert	Danbury	Abigail Trowbridge	Danbury
Danbury	29 May 1825	Martin Mead	Danbury	Polly Maria Sheperd	Danbury
Danbury	19 Jun 1825	William Tweedy	Danbury	Mary Taylor	Danbury
Redding	14 Sep 1825	Richard S. Bouton	Danbury	Betsey Burr	Redding
Danbury	21 Sep 1825	Henry Hunt	Springfield, Bradford Co., PA	Nancy C. Spear	Springfield, Bradford Co., PA

Town	Date	Groom	of	Bride	of
Danbury	25 Sep 1825	Heman <b>Baker</b>	Danbury	Abigail <b>Barnum</b>	Danbury
Danbury	6 Nov 1825	Horace <b>Marshall</b>	Derby	Mary <b>Chappell</b>	Danbury
Danbury	9 Nov 1825	Ezra Wheeler <b>Dibble</b>	Brookfield	Eliza <b>Crofutt</b>	Danbury
Danbury	24 Nov 1825	Joseph C. <b>Barnum</b>	Danbury	Cynthia <b>Taylor</b>	Danbury
Danbury	4 Dec 1825	George <b>Hoyt</b>	Danbury	Eliza A. <b>Hitchcock</b>	Danbury
Danbury	29 Jan 1826	Hiram <b>Cole</b>	Danbury	Catherine Olivia <b>Robinson</b>	Danbury
Danbury	8 Aug 1826	David H. <b>Bouton</b>	Danbury	Mary B. <b>Starr</b>	Danbury
Newtown	17 Sep 1826	Medad <b>Bradley</b>	Weston	Eliza <b>Hawley</b>	Newtown
Danbury	22 Oct 1826	Samuel <b>Judd 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Danbury	Ann <b>Dimon</b>	Danbury
Redding	15 Nov 1826	Nelson <b>Sherman</b>	Trumbull	Almira <b>Morehouse</b>	Redding
Danbury	1 Feb 1827	Henry <b>Hull</b>	Brookfield	Chole Ann <b>Barnum</b>	Danbury
Danbury	27 Mar 1827	John <b>Skidmore</b>	Newtown	Sarah <b>Crofutt</b>	Danbury
Danbury	20 Jun 1827	Frederick S. <b>Wildman</b>	Danbury	Julia Ann <b>Starr</b>	Danbury
Brookfield	Oct 1827	Rev <sup>d</sup> Benjamin <b>Benham</b>	New Milford	Sarah Minerva <b>Sherman</b>	Brookfield
Redding	23 Sep 1827	Peter <b>Downs</b>	Weston	Sally <b>Lyon</b>	Redding
Redding	3 Feb 1828	David <b>Keeler</b>	Redding	Almira <b>Beers</b>	Redding
Danbury	1 Jul 1828	W <sup>m</sup> B. <b>Frey</b>	Danbury	Caroline <b>Gregory</b>	Danbury
Danbury	4 Aug 1828	Thomas <b>Gregory</b>	Danbury	Lucy <b>Starr</b>	Danbury
	4 Jun 1834	Edgar J. <b>Tweedy</b>		Elizabeth S. E. <b>Belden</b>	
	12 Oct 1834	Grandison M. <b>Barnum</b>	Danbury	Keziah B. <b>Boughton</b>	Danbury
	26 Mar 1835	Philander <b>Betts</b>		Jane Elizabeth <b>Wilcox</b>	Danbury
	12 Apr 1835	Seeley <b>Harris</b>	Norwalk	Abigail <b>Benedict</b>	Danbury
	11 Oct 1835	Eli H. <b>Barnes</b>	Danbury	Margaret <b>Hawley</b>	Brookfield
	1 Nov 1835	Sanford <b>Wheeler</b>	Redding	Urana <b>Wilson</b>	Weston
	25 Nov 1835	John D. <b>Lacy</b>	Danbury	Mary A. <b>Barnes</b>	Danbury

*Funerals attended by Lemuel B. Hull*

Date	Place	Name	Other
3 Sep 1822	Norwich	A son of Col. [blank] <b>Routh</b>	
2 Feb 1823	Brooklyn [CT]	Mrs. Mary <b>Withey</b>	
7 Jul 1823	Danbury	Mrs. Elizabeth <b>Cornwell</b>	
28 Jul 1823	Pomfret	Mrs. Bathsheba <b>Hall</b>	Relict of D <sup>r</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> Hall
11 Sep 1823	Poquatanock [Poquetanuck in Preston, CT]	Mrs. [blank] <b>Adams</b>	
9 Dec 1823	Danbury	Mr. Joseph <b>Starr</b>	I did not attend his funeral but preached a sermon upon the occasion on a following Sunday.
9 Jan 1824	Redding	Mr. Lamson <b>Sanford</b>	
23 Apr 1824	Redding	Lydia Ann <b>Shepherd</b>	
9 Jun 1824	Danbury	[blank] <b>Starr</b>	Son of Sylvanus Starr
18 Jun 1824	Danbury	Mr. [blank] <b>Wood</b>	
14 Jul 1824	Redding	Mr. Hezekiah <b>Read</b>	
13 Aug 1824	Danbury	Mrs. [blank] <b>Jarvis</b>	
23 May 1824	Danbury	Antionette <b>Benedict</b>	
5 Sep 1824	Redding	John Turner [ <b>Sanford</b> ]	Son of James Sanford Junr.
2 Sep [1824]	Danbury	Andrew <b>Beers</b> , Esq.	
29 Sep 1824	Danbury	Moses <b>Osborn</b>	
3 Oct 1824	Danbury	Daniel <b>Dibble</b>	
5 Oct 1824	Redding	Fanny [ <b>Burr</b> ]	Dau. of Bradley Burr
25 Jan 1825	Weston	B. <b>Coley</b>	Son of [blank] Coley
21 Feb 1825	Weston	Mrs. Charity <b>Gilbert</b>	
___ Jun 1825	Redding	[blank] <b>Cable</b>	Child of W <sup>m</sup> B. & [blank] Cable
2 Sep 1825	Redding	Mrs. Abigail <b>Starr</b>	Wife of Edward Starr
29 Sep 1825	Brookfield	Henrietta <b>Hull</b>	
[blank] 1826	Redding	Lem <sup>l</sup> <b>Sanford</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
4 Aug 1826	Redding	Capt. John <b>Hill</b>	
14 Aug 1826	Redding	Isaac <b>Drew</b>	
[blank] 1826	Danbury	Mrs. Phebe <b>Judd</b>	
[blank] 1826	Danbury	Mr. Benjamin <b>Judd</b>	
15 Oct 1826	Danbury	Mrs. Betsey Dibble <b>Cohen</b>	
1 Nov 1826	Redding	Zera <b>Patchin</b>	Aged 9 yrs.
1 Nov 1826	Danbury	Mrs. [blank] <b>Andrews</b>	Wife of Robert Andrews
2 Nov 1826	Redding	Jesse <b>Banks</b>	
2 Jan 1827	Redding	Mrs. Anna <b>Hill</b>	
1 Feb 1827	Danbury	Nathan <b>Cornwall</b>	
26 Apr 1827	Danbury	Almira <b>Barnum</b>	
31 Mar 1827	Danbury	Eliza <b>Crofutt</b>	
12 Jun 1827	Danbury	Thomas <b>Hoyt</b>	
10 Aug 1827	Newtown	Daniel <b>Crofutt</b>	
18 Jan 1828	Danbury	Sally <b>Calhoun</b>	

Date	Place	Name	Other
14 Mar 1828	Danbury	Eli Starr	
8 May 1828	Redding	Mrs. [blank] Glover	
3 Mar 1828	Redding	Mrs. [blank] Bulkley	
19 Apr 182[8]	Redding	Mrs. [blank] Wheeler	of Weston
20 Jul 182[8]	Redding	Mrs. [blank] Lyon	
27 Jun 1827	Redding	Charles Burr	These two I had omitted
20 Aug 1827	Redding	John Crofut	to record
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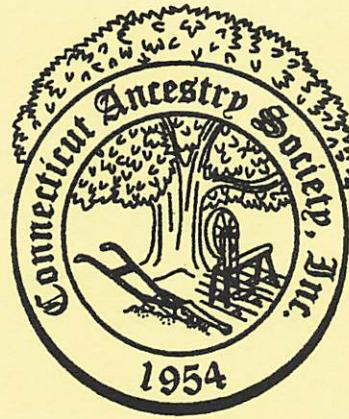
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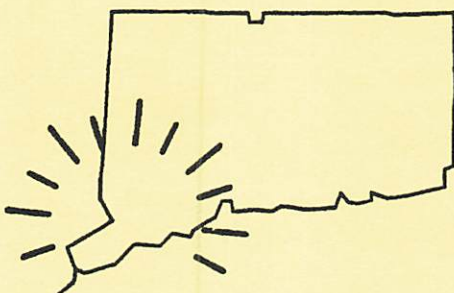
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## **Society News**

### **Fred Hart Elected as FASG**

Connecticut Ancestry's Genealogist, Frederick C. Hart, Jr., was elected a Fellow of the Society of American Genealogists at the recent annual meeting of that society. This allows him to add FASG as a postnominal together with the CG (certified genealogist) which already follows his name. The American Society of Genealogists (ASG) was founded in 1940 by three distinguished academicians—Arthur Adams, John Insley Coddington and Meredith Colket, numbered 1, 2 and 3 in the membership list. Donald Lines Jacobus was added in 1941 as Fellow number 4. Membership in the Society is limited to fifty life-time members designated as fellows with additions made only when vacancies occur due to death or resignation. Fred Hart is number 156 of just 157 fellows elected since the inception of this prestigious society.

Fellows of the society are elected by the membership based on the quality of their published work. While our readers know of Fred's many contributions to this journal including the current series, they may not be familiar with his many fine articles in *The American Genealogist*, *The New England Historic and Genealogical Journal*, and *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*.

We in Connecticut Ancestry Society can be justly proud of such an honor to an active member of our Board. But Fred is not the only FASG with whom we have a relationship. Helen Schatvet Ullmann, FASG, is a member of our Society and has contributed a number of articles to *Connecticut Ancestry* based on her Mills family of Fairfield County. And articles have been written for our anniversary issue and subsequent issues by Fred and by Helen and by six additional FASGs: Robert C. Anderson, John Bradley Arthaud, Gale I. Harris, Henry B. Hoff, Myrtle S. Hyde, David Kendall Martin, and Gordon Lewis Remington. There certainly can be no claim that contributors to our journal are anything but first rate!

Two deceased members of Connecticut Ancestry Society deserve special mention. Paul Wesley Prindle was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists in 1964 and died in 1991. He was a founding member of Stamford Genealogical Society (now Connecticut Ancestry Society) in 1954, served one term as its President, and contributed many articles to this journal. John Insley Coddington, a founding member of ASG, also died in 1981. He had lectured several times at early meetings of our Society. As a Society with a relatively limited geographical focus we can be proud to claim these distinguished genealogists, some as members and all as contributors.

## Editorial Notes and Society News

At the Board of Directors meeting on October 21 Sven-Eric Selander was appointed Librarian/Historian of this Society. Sven has served as our treasurer and membership coordinator for three years until he turned over the books to Nora Galvin with her election at our annual meeting in May. In his new position, Sven will coordinate our outreach to libraries and historical societies, continuing our objective to be the clearing house for genealogical activities in our geographic area. He will also keep the Society's historical records. It is noted that our by-laws call for the position of Librarian to coordinate our holdings in what has become the Stamford Room at Ferguson Library plus other duties. The Society's first Librarian was Grace Walmsley whose term ended in 1980; Tom Kemp and one or two others served short terms in the next decade; but the position has been unfilled since about 1990.

Also, at a recent Board meeting the decision was made to raise the annual dues, our first increase since 1995. Beginning with the membership year 2008-2009, individual dues will be \$25 per year plus \$10 for each additional member in the household. Dues for libraries and societies will be \$35 per year. This reflects increased printing and postal costs (six postage rate increases since 1995) and the added costs of tracking individual memberships to comply with increased security concerns. Some of you will want to take advantage of our special one-time offer to upgrade to life members. Such memberships are priced at \$750 with a credit of \$15 for each past membership year.

In this issue we continue the series on the ancestors of William Weed by our genealogist, Fred Hart. This series, to continue for several future issues, connects to a great many families of southwestern Connecticut. Also, we conclude our review of the early records of Redding, including here the marriages and burials from the first record book of Christ Church, Episcopal, of Redding Ridge, plus a summary of the genealogical holdings of the Mark Twain Library. And as a tasty tidbit for our readers we offer Priscilla Chatfield's dismemberment of a Chatfield family legend with several interesting sidelights.

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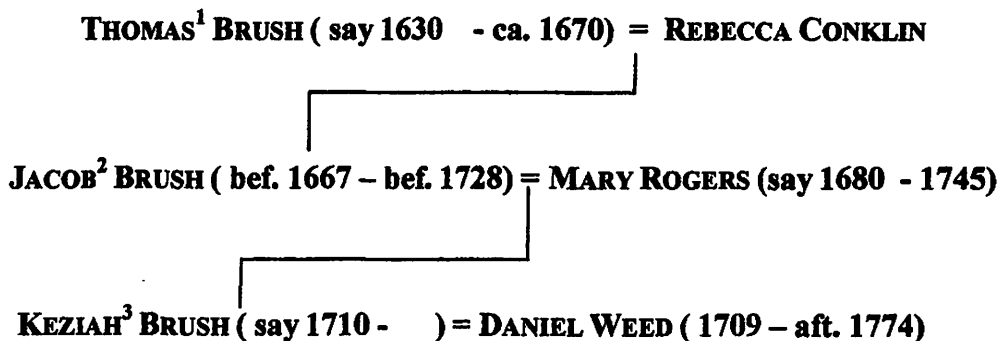
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**BRUSH**

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## BRUSH

Much of the following account has been taken from the authoritative treatment by Conklin Mann in his 1935 article for *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*.<sup>[1]</sup> A considerable amount of biographical information on the early generations will be found in this earlier article, and although primary source citations are not provided, it is still highly recommended.

1. **THOMAS<sup>1</sup> BRUSH** was first noted in Southold, Long Island, New York in a record of 8 October 1655 when he was mentioned in an affidavit, but is thought to have been there earlier, perhaps about 1650 or 1651.<sup>[2]</sup> His English origin has not yet been determined. He was born say about 1630,<sup>[3]</sup> most likely in England, and died at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, New York probably shortly after 26 April 1670 when a document shows his signature, and certainly before June 1677 when his estate was settled, see below. The person named Thomas Brush who appears as a party to Huntington records after 1670 was most likely his son by that name, no longer needing to use the suffix "Jr." to differentiate him from his father.<sup>[4]</sup>

Some researchers have claimed that he was a son of one John Brush of Southold,<sup>[5]</sup> but I have not been able to find any primary source documentation that would support this claim, and it is considered very speculative.

Probably about 1650/51 and possibly in Southold, he is presumed to have married **REBECCA CONKLIN**, daughter of John Conklin and Elizabeth Alseabrook.<sup>[6]</sup> The Conklin (or Concklyne) family had come to Long Island from Salem, Massachusetts, but no records of Thomas Brush have been found in that earlier place. Richard Brush, possibly the brother of Thomas Brush and closely associated with his family on Long Island, is known to have been in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1658, and later the two had adjoining lands in Huntington. It would not be unexpected to find the origins of Thomas Brush, Richard Brush, and John Conklin in the same community(ies) in England.

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<sup>1</sup> Conklin Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington, Long Island," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 66 (1935): 201 ff.

<sup>2</sup> Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush" (note 1), 201.

<sup>3</sup> Some references give a date of birth of about 1610 (see, for example, Charles R. Street, *Huntington Town Records Including Babylon, Long Island, N. Y. 1653 - 1688* [Towns of Huntington and Babylon, 1887], 28), but this does not seem consistent with the time of his marriage and ages of his children.

<sup>4</sup> Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush" (note 1), 203.

<sup>5</sup> This speculation appeared in Frederick Gregory Mather, *The Refugees of 1776 from Long Island to Connecticut* (Albany: J. B. Lyon Co., 1913), 283, but Mather made no reference to any source for John. In his 1982 Brush family genealogy (Stuart C. Brush, *The Descendants of Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington, Long Island* [Baltimore: Gateway Press, Inc., 1982], 10), Rev. Stuart Brush mentioned "the records of Fairfield County, CT" as his source for naming Thomas Brush's father as John Brush, but again with any specific citation. At this time, without further evidence of this relationship (and since there seems to be no mention of him in the published Southold Town Records), we cannot find a reliable source for a father named John Brush, although Thomas did give the name John to his second son, see below.

<sup>6</sup> Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush" (note 1), 202. No actual marriage record exists, but the circumstantial evidence (as related by Mann) seems convincing.

The Huntington Town Meeting of 15 October 1660 voted that “goodman [Thomas] Brush shall keepe the ordinary so long as hee do ... [etc.]”<sup>[7]</sup> He therefore appears to have been Huntington’s first innkeeper.

Thomas Brush returned briefly to Southold, where he purchased some land in 1661,<sup>[8]</sup> and was made a freeman of the Connecticut Colony on 9 October 1662.<sup>[9]</sup> On 11 April 1663, Thomas Brush and John Tucker, Gent., both of Southold, sold the property at Southold where Brush had been living to Thomas Mapes.<sup>[10]</sup> Rebecca, wife of Thomas Brush, gave her approval to the sale, and this record is apparently the only mention of the given name of his wife. He had certainly returned to Huntington by 1 June 1663, when the town named him to a select committee of four men to survey and record the boundaries and owners of all of the existing land holdings in Huntington, and to distribute additional lands within the town boundaries at their discretion – a very important responsibility.<sup>[11]</sup>

The estate of Thomas Brush was administered by his son Thomas and on 11 August (6<sup>th</sup> month) 1677 the daughter Rebecca Brush made receipt “of my brother Thomas administrator one oure fathers estate my full proportion of yt estate to Content(,) it being to ye value of fifty pounds & thirteen shillins & fower pence.” Her brother John Brush received an identical amount and made a similar receipt on the same date. Rebecca signed with her X mark and John made his own signature. Jonas Wood and Joseph Whitman witnessed both receipts.<sup>[12]</sup>

There does not seem to be any further mention of a widow Rebecca (Conklin) Brush, and she may have died around the same time as her husband. One reference gives a date for her death of 9 April 1670, but without reference to any original source.<sup>[13]</sup> There is also no record of any second marriage for her, even though there were several minor children. At any rate, her father John Conklin was appointed overseer of those minor children, and they were taken back into their grandfather’s home.

Children of Thomas and Rebecca (Conklin) Brush, no births recorded, but pieced together by Conklin Mann from a variety of other evidence.<sup>[14]</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Huntington Town Records (note 3), 28.

<sup>8</sup> Mann, “Thomas and Richard Brush” (note 1), 202.

<sup>9</sup> J. Hammond Trumbull, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, volume 1 (Hartford, 1850, repr. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1992), 388. At the time, Southold was under Connecticut Colony jurisdiction although physically on Long Island, now part of New York.

<sup>10</sup> Mann, “Thomas and Richard Brush” (note 1), 202.

<sup>11</sup> Huntington Town Records (note 3), 46-7.

<sup>12</sup> Huntington Town Records (note 3), 230-1. These published records appear reasonable in themselves, but an editor placed the title “Settlement of the Estate of **John Brush**” (emphasis added), with the date “1677, **June 11**” (emphasis added again) at the head of the entry in the publication, creating a simple error for the date, but potentially a more serious error in the name of the deceased which may possibly have been the origin of the speculation that one John Brush was the father of Thomas Brush (as already discussed in note 5 above).

<sup>13</sup> Mann, “Thomas and Richard Brush” (note 1), 203, referring to the Nellie Ritch Scudder Collection at the Huntington Historical Society.

<sup>14</sup> Mann, “Thomas and Richard Brush” (note 1), 204.

- i. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> BRUSH, b. abt. 1651/52, d. 16 Apr 1698, administered his father's estate in 1677, m. SARAH \_\_\_\_\_, perhaps Wickes or Ketcham, who m. (2) bef, 1711 Nathaniel Williams.
- ii. JOHN BRUSH, b. 1654, d. abt 1740, m. (1) by 1682 SARAH ADAMS, m. (2) ELIZABETH (PLATT) GRIFFIN, and m. (3) the widow JANE (\_\_\_\_) KETCHAM.
- iii. REBECCA BRUSH, b. abt. 1656, m. 8 Feb 1682/83 at Huntington JEREMIAH HUBBARD or Hobart of Jamaica, Long Island, perhaps a son of Benjamin Hubbard of Jamaica.<sup>[15]</sup>
- iv. EDWARD BRUSH, b. say 1658/59, d. bef. Mar 1729/30, m. 10 May 1688 ESTHER BRUSH, b. 2 Apr 1670, presumably dau. of Richard Brush and Joanna Sammis and therefore possibly a first cousin.
2. v. JACOB BRUSH, b. bef. 1667, m. MARY ROGERS.

2. JACOB<sup>2</sup> BRUSH (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), weaver, was born probably at Huntington before 1667. He appears to have died sometime after 23 June 1724 when Henry Lloyd sold a canoe to him and his son, and before 30 April 1728 when the Huntington records referred to "the right formerly held by Jacob Brush, late deceased."<sup>[16]</sup> As noted below, he may have died closer to the earlier date.

His wife has been identified through the Huntington land records as MARY ROGERS, daughter of Jonathan Rogers and Rebecca Wickes. On 27 January 1701/02, in what appears to have been a wedding present, Jonathan Rogers Senior gave her several pieces of land in Huntington for "ye natrall Love & afECTION which I have & Doe beare unto my well beloved Dafter Mary Rogers."<sup>[17]</sup> One of the pieces so conveyed was "Seventenn Acars of wood Land to be taken up by ye sd Mary Rogers or hur husband Jacob Brush upon my Right In ye next division Made by or stated by ye towne" (emphasis added). The other parcels were identified as 3 acres on the east side of Cold Spring Harbor and "also a third part of my Medow in ye east neck." Her father then went on to call her "Mary Rogers or Brush" two additional times later in the same deed. She was no longer called Mary Rogers when, on 24 October 1702, Jacob Brush and Mary his wife sold land in the little East Neck fields "which I the said Jacob had of my father [clearly meaning his wife's father] Jonathan Rogers senior" to Obadiah Rogers of Huntington, Mary's brother.<sup>[18]</sup>

They apparently needed to move to larger quarters in Huntington as their young family came along since on 24 February 1703/04, Jacob Brush with the "approbation and consent of Mary his wife," sold his homestead for an unspecified amount to Jeremiah Wood of Huntington including, "my hous orchard hom lott fences yards gardens belonging to ye same siteuate Lying & beeing In ye Town of Huntington Contayning by Estimation Six Acars be it More or Less being bounded on ye north by ye Lott of Jonathan Scuder(,) on ye South by ye highway Leading to

<sup>15</sup> Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush" (note 1), 210. This article points out that he should not be confused with the minister of Hempstead and Haddam, CT also named Jeremiah Hobart.

<sup>16</sup> All information from Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush" (note 1), 213. I have been unable to verify the cited events in the primary records.

<sup>17</sup> Rufus B. Langhans, *Huntington – Babylon Land Deeds*, six volumes (Town of Huntington, 1985), 2: 422-4, recorded again at 2: 461-3.

<sup>18</sup> Huntington Land Deeds (note 17): 2: 492-3. The deed was witnessed by Jonathan Rogers and John Ketcham.

Oyester Bay(,) on ye East by ye street Leading to hors Neck(,) on ye west by an old hedg formerly mad by ye sd Jacob Brush which Standeth by ye path yt Leadeth to wigwam Swamp.”<sup>[19]</sup>

Mary (Rogers) Brush married (2) at Stamford on “the evening following last day of February 1733/34”<sup>[20]</sup> Lieutenant Jonathan Bell, one of Stamford’s leading citizens. Jonathan Bell had been born at Stamford 14 February 1663 and died there in September 1745. He was married twice previously, first to one Grace Kitchell of New Jersey, and second on 14 Jan 1701/02 to Deborah Ferris, having a total of 7 children with these first two wives.<sup>[21]</sup> Deborah (Ferris) Bell had died at Stamford on 30 July 1724.<sup>[22]</sup> Lt. Jonathan Bell was 70 years old at the time of his third marriage.

The will of Mrs. Mary Bell of Stamford, widow of Lt. Jonathan Bell, was signed (with her + mark) on 23 September 1745 (probably shortly after her husband’s death, and certainly shortly after the death of her daughter Rebecca), and proved 5 November 1745, naming her children Jonathan Brush; Ruth wife of Nathan Brown; Ann, wife of Nathaniel Brown; Keziah, wife of Daniel Weed; and grandchildren Jacob Brush son of Jonathan Brush; and the children of Rebecca Slason, a deceased daughter.<sup>[23]</sup>

Considering that all of her children married into Stamford families, and that some of the marriages were as early as 1725, it is possible that the widow Mary Rogers may have moved to Stamford quite a bit earlier than her marriage to Lt. Bell would indicate. A date of death for Jacob Brush might therefore have been as early as 1724, when we seem to have the last known record of him still alive. At this time, many of his children had just reached or were reaching marrying age.

Children of Jacob and Mary (Rogers) Brush, presumably all born at Huntington:<sup>[24]</sup>

- i. REBECCA<sup>3</sup> BRUSH, b. say 1701, d. 1 Sep 1745 at Stamford,<sup>[25]</sup> m. say abt. 1720 as his first wife, JOHN SLASON JR. of Stamford, b. 4 Oct 1695, son of John and Mary (Holmes) Slason.<sup>[26]</sup>
- ii. RUTH BRUSH, b. say 1702, m. say abt. 1726 NATHAN BROWN of Stamford. Their marriage was not recorded but the births of the children of Nathan and Ruth Brown were recorded in Stamford beginning with Nathan Jr. on 13 May 1728.<sup>[27]</sup>

<sup>19</sup> Huntington Land Deeds (note 17): 2: 564-7. The deed was witnessed by Nathaniel Ketcham, Jonathan Scudder and John Ketcham.

<sup>20</sup> Stamford Vital Records, 1: 25, Barbour collection used. Mann gives a date of 6 February (Mann, “Thomas and Richard Brush” [note 1], 213), which appears to be a mistake.

<sup>21</sup> All from John Valentine Hecker, “Genealogy of the Bell Family,” *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 28 (1897): 155.

<sup>22</sup> Stamford Vital Records, 1: 2, Barbour Collection used.

<sup>23</sup> Stamford Probate Records, 2:341, CSL microfilm of original volume used.

<sup>24</sup> Mann, “Thomas and Richard Brush” [note 1], 214.

<sup>25</sup> Stamford Vital Records, 1: 66, Barbour Collection used.

<sup>26</sup> George C. Slawson, *The Slason, Slawson, Slawson, Slosson Family* (Waverly, NY, 1946), 18.

<sup>27</sup> Stamford Vital Records, 1: 35, Barbour Collection used.



- iii. ANN/ANNA BRUSH, b. say 1704, m. 20 Apr 1725 at Stamford, NATHANIEL BROWN of Stamford.<sup>[28]</sup>
- iv. JOHN BRUSH, b. say 1706, d. aft. 1770, m. at Huntington 4 Jan 1733/34 his first cousin JANE ROGERS, daughter of David Rogers and Jane Ketcham.<sup>[29]</sup> On 5 Jan 1737/38, as a resident of Huntington, he quitclaimed all land in Huntington "that was my father's or mine" to his brother Jonathan Brush formerly of Huntington but now of Stamford.<sup>[30]</sup>
- v. KEZIAH BRUSH, b. say 1710, m. say about 1737 DANIEL WEED of Stamford.
- vi. JONATHAN BRUSH, b. 1712, still living in 1770, m. at Stamford on 26 Feb 1740/41, HANNAH HOLLY, daughter of John and Abigail Holly. He apparently resided at Stamford (where he recorded his earmark in 1742) until about 1760 when he moved his family to Pound Ridge, Westchester County, New York.<sup>[31]</sup> Even with several young children, he enlisted in the Westchester County Militia in 1762, a blacksmith, age 50 and born on Long Island.<sup>[32]</sup>

<sup>28</sup> Stamford Vital Records, 1: 19, Barbour Collection used.

<sup>29</sup> Moses L. Scudder, *Records of the First Church in Huntington, Long Island, 1723 - 1779* (Huntington: the author, 1899), 68.

<sup>30</sup> Stamford Land Records, D: 444. It is interesting that although the land itself and the grantor were both in Huntington, this deed was recorded by the grantee in Stamford where he currently resided.

<sup>31</sup> All from Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush" (note 1), 361-2. Their marriage date is not recorded in Stamford and must have come from family records.

<sup>32</sup> *Third Annual Report of the State Historian of the State of New York* (New York and Albany: Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., 1898), 692.

**ANCESTRY OF WILLIAM WEED  
OF STAMFORD AND DARIEN, CONNECTICUT**

**PART 4:**

**ROGERS**

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**WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> ROGERS ( ca. 1612 - 1664) = ANNA / ANNE HALL ( - 1669/70)**

**JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> ROGERS ( ca. 1637 - 1707) = REBECCA WICKES**

**MARY<sup>3</sup> ROGERS ( ca. 1680 - 1745) = JACOB BRUSH ( bef. 1667 – bef. 1728)**

## ROGERS

1. **WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> ROGERS** was born at Stratford-On-Avon, Warwickshire, England about 1612, and was baptized there on 7 February 1612/13,<sup>[1]</sup> the son of one Thomas Rogers, whose identity has not been resolved by earlier researchers. He died at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, New York "probably rather suddenly" on 13 July 1664.<sup>[2]</sup>

It is important to note that William's father was not the Thomas Rogers who was among the passengers of the MAYFLOWER. One author describes the situation as follows:

"Thomas Rogers of Stratford-on-Avon, father of William<sup>1</sup> Rogers, was not Thomas Rogers of the 'Mayflower.' The Rogers family was numerous and prominent in Stratford-on-Avon. Thomas Rogers, bailiff and alderman, who was buried February 20, 1610/11, was of this family. This Thomas had at least 16 children, one becoming mother of the John Harvard of New England. The handsome Rogers House in Stratford-on-Avon which the alderman Thomas Rogers built in 1596 is believed to still be standing."<sup>[3]</sup>

Some authors have called him a member of the followers of the Rev. Richard Denton who settled in succession Wethersfield and Stamford, Connecticut, and Hempstead, on Long Island,<sup>[4]</sup> but this appears to be an overstatement. William Rogers did in fact own property in Wethersfield by 1645, but he is not listed among the first settlers of that town who came from Watertown in 1635 and 1636.<sup>[5]</sup> Although it is reasonable to presume that he spent some earlier time in Massachusetts, he is not mentioned in Savage's *Genealogical Dictionary* at all, and apparently did not leave any records elsewhere in New England prior to the land ownership in Wethersfield. Seversmith said he appeared "supposedly" in Boston in 1638, but gave no source for the statement.<sup>[6]</sup> Seversmith also called him a "cousin" of Thomas Wickes / Wilkes of Wethersfield and Huntington (see below).

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<sup>1</sup> Richard Savage, *The Registers of Stratford-on-Avon in the County of Warwick, Baptisms, 1558-1652* (London: The Parish Register Society, 1897), 84.

<sup>2</sup> Herbert F. Seversmith, *Colonial Families of Long Island, New York and Connecticut*, manuscript notebook #6 of 11, microfilm copy used at the Connecticut State Library, 780. Seversmith's treatment is by far the most complete one available, and is used extensively herein. Although the citations are at a minimum, he was a careful researcher and his work is highly regarded.

<sup>3</sup> Louis Effingham DeForest, "The Ancestry of William Rogers of Long Island," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 60(1929): 102-04; reprinted in Henry B. Hoff, *Genealogies of Long Island Families*, 2 volumes (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1987), 2:41-3 at 2:43.

<sup>4</sup> Lillian Lounsbury (Miner) Selleck and Donald L. Jacobus, *One Branch of the Miner Family With Extensive Notes on the Wood Lounsbury Rogers and Fifty Other Allied Families of Connecticut and Long Island*, (New Haven: Donald Lines Jacobus, 1928), 71. These authors claim he was in the group that settled Stamford, but there is no justification for that conclusion in either the Wethersfield or the Stamford records.

<sup>5</sup> Henry R. Stiles, *The History of Ancient Wethersfield Connecticut* (New York: Grafton Press, 1904, repr. New England History Press and the Wethersfield Historical Society, 1990), 29-31.

<sup>6</sup> Whatever the source of this statement may have been, it may have referred to another William Rogers, known to have been from Boston, who purchased land in New London in 1652, but later returned to Boston, where he died (Frances Manwaring Caulkins, *History of New London, Connecticut* [New London: H. D. Utley, 1895, repr. New London County Historical Society, 1985], 108-10).

He married ANNA or ANNE HALL at Stratford-On-Avon on 2 February 1630/31.<sup>[7]</sup> She survived her husband and died between 22 November 1669 and 21 February 1669/70, the dates of her will and its probate.<sup>[8]</sup> The suggestion by Miner and Jacobus that she was possibly Anne Sherman, daughter of Edmund Sherman of Dedham, England and Wethersfield,<sup>[9]</sup> is not mentioned at all by Seversmith, and appears to have been superseded by Seversmith's more detailed discoveries. In particular, Seversmith noticed in the parish registers that Anne was probably identical with that Anne Hall, illegitimate daughter of Grace Hall, who was baptized at Stratford-on-Avon on 16 February 1612/13, less than one week after the baptism there of William Rogers.<sup>[10]</sup> Anne's mother appears to have been Grace, daughter of Robert "Hawle," who was baptized at Stratford-on-Avon on 18 June 1583.<sup>[11]</sup>

William Rogers was in Southampton, Long Island at an early time, but the exact sequence of his residences is not clear. The Southampton historian Mr. Howell gave the following account:

"William Rogers is mentioned as a resident [of Southampton] from 1642, to, at least, March 1645-6. In 1645 the Gen. Court [of Connecticut] made him a grant of land. In 1649 he is made freeman.<sup>[12]</sup> He appears to have had a home in Hempstead, for a few years previous to 1649. From 1649 to 1655 we find him an inhabitant of Southampton, and after this he disappears altogether . . . Subsequent to 1655, Obadiah Rogers is mentioned as residing on the homestead that William had occupied . . . Now it is probable that William<sup>1</sup> gave the Southampton homestead to [his son] Obadiah about 1655, and with his wife and younger children removed to Huntington where he might have resided several years."<sup>[13]</sup>

We do know that on 30 July 1656, Jonas Wood, William Rogers and Thomas Wilkes purchased the major portion of what would become the Huntington lands from Asharoken Montinnicok, Sachem, and the other native Americans "for and in consideration of 2 coates, fore shertes, seven quarts of licker and aleven ounces of powther."<sup>[14]</sup> This agrees very well with Mr. Howell's estimate of the time William Rogers moved to Huntington.

William Rogers did not leave a will (at least not one that has survived), but the will of Anne Rogers of Huntington mentioned her son Obadiah and his eldest son (not identified by name), her sons John, Noah and Samuel, and her daughters Mary and Hannah.<sup>[15]</sup> Miner and Jacobus found that "Although Jonathan was not named in the will, he was called brother by Noah in a conveyance and was certainly son of William, though possibly by a former wife."<sup>[16]</sup> Seversmith

<sup>7</sup> Stratford-on-Avon Registers (note 1): Marriages 1558-1812, 34.

<sup>8</sup> Seversmith Mss (note 2): 783.

<sup>9</sup> Miner Family (note 4): 72.

<sup>10</sup> Stratford-on-Avon Registers (note 1): Baptisms 1558-1652, 84.

<sup>11</sup> Stratford-on-Avon Registers (note 1): Baptisms 1558-1652, 36.

<sup>12</sup> These two facts (1645 and 1649) are not found in the published Connecticut Colony records, but may have been recorded somehow in Southampton for Howell to notice them.

<sup>13</sup> George Rogers Howell, *The Early History of Southampton, L.I., New York, With Genealogies, Revised, Corrected, and Enlarged*, second edition (Albany: Weed, Parsons and Company, 1887, repr. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1989), 360.

<sup>14</sup> Charles R. Street, *Huntington Town Records Including Babylon, Long Island, N. Y. 1653 - 1688* [Towns of Huntington and Babylon, 1887], 6.

<sup>15</sup> Thomas W. Cooper, *The Records of the Court of Sessions of Suffolk County in the Province of New York 1670-1688* (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1993), 3-4.

<sup>16</sup> All information from Miner Family (note 4): 72.

presumed that Jonathan was left out because of a family disagreement, but a more plausible argument might be that Jonathan had already received his portion. At any rate, if Anne was indeed the person who married William Rogers in England in 1630, then Jonathan (baptized in 1636 and still living in 1669) must have been her son. Samuel is felt by most writers to have been not her own child but the husband of her daughter Mary, probably Samuel Titus.

Children of William and Anna (Hall) Rogers, first three baptized at Stratford-On-Avon:<sup>[17]</sup>

- i. ANNA or HANNAH<sup>2</sup> ROGERS, bapt. as "Anna" 7 Mar 1631/32.
- ii. OBADIAH ROGERS, bapt. 29 Sept 1633, d. 1689 or 1690, m. MARY RUSSELL, and remained in Southampton.
2. iii. JONATHAN ROGERS, bapt. 4 Sep 1636, prob. m. REBECCA WICKES.
- iv. JOHN ROGERS, b. 1640, probably in America, of Huntington in 1664, but d. without issue at Branford, CT, in 1676.
- v. NOAH ROGERS, d. at Branford, CT, 8 Oct 1725, m. 8 Apr 1673 ELIZABETH TAINTOR, b. 22 Jun 1655, d. 9 Dec 1732. Conveyed land in Huntington to his brother Jonathan Rogers.
- vi. MARY ROGERS, prob. m. SAMUEL TITUS.

2. JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> ROGERS (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Stratford-on-Avon probably in 1636, and baptized there on 4 September 1636, son of William Rogers. He died sometime after 4 April 1708 when he sold some remaining land in Huntington, but no will or administration or burial record has been found.<sup>[18]</sup>

His wife was named Rebecca, and he probably married REBECCA WICKES, daughter of Thomas Wickes (or Wilkes) of Stratford-on-Avon, Wethersfield and Huntington, although no marriage record is found. The Wilkes/Wickes and Rogers families were both from Stratford-on-Avon, and it would not be unusual for two children in these families to have married each other. Herbert F. Smith (the same person later known as Herbert F. Seversmith whose work has been so helpful for the Rogers and Brush families of Huntington) published a brief article clarifying various Wickes families, in which he demonstrated that Thomas Wickes of Huntington was actually named Thomas Wilkes, and that his name had been read incorrectly on many documents. There was another unrelated Thomas *Weekes* of Oyster Bay, and there has been much confusion related to the similarity of names. In describing our Thomas Wilkes or Wickes of Huntington, Seversmith said:

"Wickes, or to give him his proper name, Wilkes, is indicated by investigations now current to have been the son of Edward Wilkes of the suburb of Shottery in Stratford-on-Avon,

<sup>17</sup> Stratford-on-Avon Registers (note 1): Baptisms 1558-1652, 118, 121, 126. Additional children are as given by Seversmith Mss (note 2), and William Rogers Ancestry (note 3), order somewhat adjusted but still uncertain. I have assumed that daughters Anna and Hannah were actually the same person. Some authors also list a son Samuel, based on their interpretation of Anna's will. Seversmith doubts this, however, and there is no other record of a Samuel Rogers of the proper age in these areas.

<sup>18</sup> All information from Seversmith Mss (note 2): 780.

Warwickshire, by Katheren Rogers his wife, a relative of William Rogers also of Huntington, New York, and close friend of Thomas Wilkes or Wickes."<sup>[19], [20]</sup>

Rebecca Wickes' grandmother, therefore, was also a member of the Rogers family of Warwickshire. Specifically, Seversmith concluded in his later work that Catherine Rogers was the sister of Thomas Rogers, grandfather of Jonathan Rogers of Huntington, and therefore Jonathan Rogers and Rebecca Wickes were most likely second cousins.<sup>[21]</sup>

Jonathan Rogers (along with his brother John Rogers and 19 other Huntington men) was made a freeman of the State of Connecticut on 12 May 1664, during Connecticut's brief jurisdiction over that Long Island town.<sup>[22]</sup> He held several positions of responsibility in Huntington, including rate gatherer, fence viewer, overseer, and constable.<sup>[23]</sup> He was a sawyer and at different times a miller of both lumber and grain.<sup>[24]</sup>

Jonathan Rogers "sener" and his wife Rebecca sold several parcels of land including 38 acres of upland bordering on the Huntington Harbor to their son John Rogers on 24 June 1699, reserving a portion to their own life use.<sup>[25]</sup>

On 12 May 1701 Jonathan and Rebecca Rogers sold their son Obadiah Rogers several parcels of lands and rights, reserving, as they had before with John, use of a portion of the lands during their lifetimes.<sup>[26]</sup>

On 27 January 1701/02, Jonathan Rogers (without Rebecca) gave his daughter Mary Rogers for love and affection and possibly as a wedding present 3 acres on the east side of Cold Spring Harbor and 17 acres of woodland "to be taken up by sd Mary Rogars or hur husband Jacob Brush upon my right in ye next division made by or stated by the towne."<sup>[27]</sup> Then, two days later on 29 January 1701/02, Jonathan and Rebecca Rogers sold or gave (the deed can be read both ways) their son Joseph several parcels and rights including 34 acres of upland, again reserving a portion for their lifetime use.<sup>[28]</sup>

The son David Rogers received the major portion of his father's remaining lands on 15 January 1705/06 when Jonathan and Rebecca Rogers sold him ". . . my house and grist Mill and homestead with all ye buildings that are now upon this sd land or hereafter Shall bee in my lifetime & twenty Acars of land this homestead Beeing Sum part of it a small part lying by ye mill pond another part lying at ye head of ye mill swampe in ye great hollow yt Cometh Down

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<sup>19</sup> Herbert F. Smith, "Weekes and Wickes of Long Island," *The American Genealogist*, 9 (1932-1933): 77-80, at 79.

<sup>20</sup> The baptism of Thomas Wilkes, son of another Thomas Wilkes, was recorded at Stratford-on-Avon on 19 April 1611 (Stratford-on-Avon Registers [note 1]: Baptisms 1558-1652, 81).

<sup>21</sup> Seversmith Mss (note 2): Wickes portion 156.

<sup>22</sup> J. Hammond Trumbull, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut*, volume 1 (Hartford, 1850, repr. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1992), 428.

<sup>23</sup> Huntington Town Records (note 14): 34, 46, 66, 166, 243.

<sup>24</sup> Seversmith Mss (note 2): 780.

<sup>25</sup> Rufus B. Langhans, *Huntington – Babylon Land Deeds*, six volumes (Town of Huntington, 1985), 1: 357-9.

<sup>26</sup> Huntington Land Deeds (note 25): 2: 463-5.

<sup>27</sup> Huntington Land Deeds (note 25): 2: 422-4 and 2: 461-3 (recorded twice).

<sup>28</sup> Huntington Land Deeds (note 25): 1: 395-8.

from ye Cuntry Road & Seven Acars Joining to it which I bought of Mr Whitehead lying in ye same hollow allso another part lying Eastward from my house upon ye hilles between ye ould Mill path & ye Cuntry Road & two Acars of land on ye north side ye road on which my barn now stands & nintenn Acars of land lying in ye west neck on ye east side ye Cove Swampe between ye land of John Ketcham & ye land of John Sammis & fouer Acers not yet laid out & one hundren pound Right of land excepting seventeen Acers and all yt peece of Medow on ye north side ye Road by my house which I bought of Edward Ketcham amd halfe my Medow upon Santapague & a third part of my right of land upon ye sd necke together with all & singular ye hereditements & appurtenances thereunto belonging.”<sup>[29]</sup>

Jonathan and Rebecca Rogers were both still living on 4 April 1708 when Jonathan Rogers “Senor . . . by & with ye Approbation & Consent of Rebeca his wife” sold to Captain Thomas Wickes a 4-acre homelot in Huntington.<sup>[30]</sup> The deed was witnessed by Jonathan Rogers Junior, Jeremiah Platt and John Ketcham. Since it appears there were no probate proceedings on his estate, Jonathan Rogers may simply have disposed of all of his real estate during his lifetime, and especially to the benefit of his children.

Children of Jonathan and Rebecca (Wickes) Rogers, probably all born at Huntington, list quite speculative and uncertain:<sup>[31]</sup>

- i. JONATHAN<sup>3</sup> ROGERS, b. abt. 1668, d. at Huntington 17 Jan 1749, m. (1) DEBORAH \_\_\_\_ who d. bef. 1740, m. (2) 2 Dec 1740 widow MARY (\_\_\_\_) BARKER.
- ii. JOSEPH ROGERS, d. 1731,
- iii. OBADIAH ROGERS, b. 1678, m. PHEBE GRIFFIN, dau. of Samuel Griffin of Stratford, CT.
- iv. MARY ROGERS, b. say 1680,<sup>[32]</sup> m. JACOB BRUSH.
- v. DAVID ROGERS, d. 1758, m. JANE \_\_\_\_, possibly JANE KETCHAM.
- vi. JOHN ROGERS, m. MARY \_\_\_\_, possibly MARY WHITMAN.

<sup>29</sup> Huntington Land Deeds (note 25): 2: 667-70. Unless there was a mistake in recording one of the dates, the deed was apparently not acknowledged until 2 years later on 17 Jan 1707/08 (Huntington Land Deeds [note 25]: 2: 670.

<sup>30</sup> Huntington Land Deeds (note 25): 2: 727-9.

<sup>31</sup> Seversmith Mss (note 2): 780-2, unless noted. Seversmith also mentions three more “possible” children (Sarah, Susannah, and Elizabeth), but these seem to have been loosely regarded even by him, and I have found no compelling reason to include them in the above list.

<sup>32</sup> She is placed in this order based on her estimated birth year, which in turn comes from her first child’s birth in 1700 (see Brush Segment). Seversmith gave her birth year as 1694, which is highly unrealistic given the time of that child’s birth, or possibly just a typographical error.

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**PART 5:**

**MERWIN**

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**MILES<sup>1</sup> MERWIN (1623/24 - 1697) = ELIZABETH POWELL (1630 - 1664)**

**ABIGAIL<sup>2</sup> MERWIN ( ca. 1652 - ) = DANIEL SCOFIELD ( ca. 1650 - 1714)**



## MERWIN

With the excitement that has attended the profusion of genealogical information on the Internet and on CD-ROM, it is easy to lose sight of the fact that much of it is simply a recycling of older and sometimes very inferior research conclusions. Because of the attraction of these technical advances, it is also easy to lose sight of the outstanding level of modern research that is being conducted and reported in the national journals.

The case of Miles Merwin is an example of why researchers need to monitor these national journals continually for something that may apply to one of their subject families. Douglas Richardson's brilliant recent article regarding Miles Merwin's English origin<sup>[1]</sup> goes far beyond anything even hinted at by earlier researchers, including such experts as Donald L. Jacobus and Paul W. Prindle. Not only does Richardson set forth the exact lineage of Miles Merwin back as far as one John Merwin born before 1500, but he also explains for the first time the name of Merwin's first wife, and his exact relationship to Abigail Branker of Windsor – a relationship that was misunderstood by previous researchers for decades. Richardson's work on the English origin has been incorporated here with the detailed work of Paul Prindle concerning Merwin's American records, and with other sources as felt appropriate.

1. **MILES<sup>1</sup> MERWIN** (*Walter<sup>A</sup>, Nicholas<sup>B</sup>, Thomas<sup>C</sup>, John<sup>D</sup>*) was born at Clewer, Berkshire, England early in 1624 and baptized at the adjacent parish of New Windsor on 1 February 1623/24.<sup>[2]</sup> Earlier suppositions that he was from Wales<sup>[3]</sup> have been disproved. He died at Milford, Fairfield County, Connecticut on 23 April 1697,<sup>[4]</sup> where his gravestone in the Milford Cemetery gives his age as "Aged 74 Years."<sup>[5]</sup> He was tanner by occupation.<sup>[6]</sup>



He was married three times. He first married about 1648 at Windsor, Connecticut, **ELIZABETH POWELL**. She had been baptized at All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, Exeter, Devonshire, England on 29 August 1630, the daughter of William and Dorothy (Searle)

<sup>1</sup> Douglas Richardson, "The English Ancestry of The Merwin and Tinker Families of New England," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 149[1995]: 295-ff. This excellent work was commissioned by the Miles Merwin (1623-1697) Association

<sup>2</sup> Richardson, "English Ancestry" (note 1): 305.

<sup>3</sup> See, for example, Miles Merwin (1623-1697) Association, Inc., *The Merwin Family in North America* (Hartford: Connecticut Historical Society, 1978), xxiii.

<sup>4</sup> Milford Vital Records, 1:40, Barbour Collection used.

<sup>5</sup> Paul W. Prindle, *Ancestry of Elizabeth Barrett Gillespie (Mrs. William Sperry Beinecke)* (New York: The New York Public Library, 1976), 336-43 at 336. While Prindle reported that Merwin's gravestone is "the only stone of the early settlers still remaining in that cemetery," the present marker is an exact reproduction of the original and bears an inscription on its back that it was placed there in 1859. The original marker was apparently buried below the surface for preservation at that time.

<sup>6</sup> Richardson, "English Ancestry" (note 1): 306.

Powell.<sup>[7]</sup> She joined the Milford Church in 1661 and died at Milford on 10 July 1664.<sup>[8]</sup> Paul Prindle discussed claims that she was Elizabeth (Baldwin) Canfield, widow of Theophilus Canfield, and showed that this was a confusion with the wife of John<sup>2</sup> Merwin, see below.

Although all previous researchers had assumed that the inclusion of Miles Merwin and his family in the estate of Abigail (Searle) (Branker) Warham of Windsor meant that he was her nephew, Richardson has demonstrated that it was actually Elizabeth (Powell) Merwin, Miles' first wife, who was a niece of Mrs. Warham, and Miles was only a nephew by marriage.<sup>[9]</sup>

His second wife, married probably about 1665, was SARAH (PLATT) BEACH, daughter of Deacon Richard Platt of Milford and widow of Thomas Beach who died in 1662.<sup>[10]</sup> She was baptized in Ware, County Hertford, England on 11 September 1636, daughter of Richard and Mary (Wood) Platt.<sup>[11]</sup> Sarah died at Milford on 15 May 1670,<sup>[12]</sup> not long after giving birth to Deborah on 24 April.

Miles Merwin married (3) at Stamford on 30 November 1670,<sup>[13]</sup> SARAH (\_\_\_\_) SCOFIELD, widow of Daniel Scofield, who had died early in 1669/70. She died at Milford on 5 March 1697/98.<sup>[14]</sup> As already discussed in the accompanying Scofield segment, there is no justification for calling her the daughter of the Rev. John Youngs as has been given wide publicity in several genealogies.<sup>[15]</sup> A 1998 article made a thorough analysis of all possible Youngs connections and concluded that, "her identity must be sought elsewhere."<sup>[16]</sup>

Although no specific passenger list has survived for the trip, many authorities have claimed that Miles Merwin came to America on board the ship *Mary & John* in its voyage of 20 March 1629/30 (which preceded the sailing of the Winthrop Fleet by about 2 weeks).<sup>[17]</sup> The claim was based on the fact that Abigail (Searle) Branker, widow of schoolmaster John Branker of Dorchester, Massachusetts and Windsor, Connecticut, and also of the Rev. John Warham of Windsor, was known to have been an aunt of Miles Merwin.<sup>[18]</sup> However, although Rev. Mr.

<sup>7</sup> Richardson, "English Ancestry" (note 1): 305.

<sup>8</sup> Donald L. Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, two volumes in three (Fairfield: Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, DAR, 1930-32), 1: 407.

<sup>9</sup> Richardson, "English Ancestry" (note 1): 305.

<sup>10</sup> Miles Merwin administered the estate of Thomas Beach (Merwin Genealogy [note 3]: 1).

<sup>11</sup> Merwin Genealogy (note 3): 1

<sup>12</sup> Old Fairfield (note 8): 1:407.

<sup>13</sup> Stamford Town Records, 1: 113, transcription copy, 136, Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm #1. This "official" transcription treats the year as unreadable but it is given as 1670 in Jacobus' transcription of "Stamford, (Conn.) Town Records," *The American Genealogist*, 11:33.

<sup>14</sup> Milford Vital Records, 1: 40, Barbour Collection used.

<sup>15</sup> See Gillespie Ancestry (note 5): 406 for Paul Prindle's discussion. One of the genealogies to make this erroneous claim is the Merwin Genealogy itself, 2. Richardson appears not to have addressed this question, and gives her name as Youngs, probably following the Merwin Genealogy.

<sup>16</sup> James Raywalt, *The Identity of Sarah, Wife of Daniel Scofield and Miles Merwin - Still a Mystery*, *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 152(1988): 179-83.

<sup>17</sup> Gillespie Ancestry (note 5): 336; Merwin Genealogy (note 3): xxii.

<sup>18</sup> The estate of Abigail (Searle)(Branker) Warham who died in Windsor 18 May 1684 included a distribution to Elizabeth, John, Thomas, Samuel, Abigail, Samuel and Miles Merwin Jr., children of "her cousin" (meaning nephew) Miles Merwin (Robert C. Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins - Immigrants to New England 1620-1633*, 3 volumes [Boston: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1995], 3:1926.)

Warham was a member of the *Mary & John* party in 1630, it appears that the Brankers did not migrate until 1632.<sup>[19]</sup> Even if Miles Merwin did travel to America in 1632 in the company of his (presumed) aunt Abigail Branker, as may certainly be possible, or sometime later, he was apparently not a passenger on the *Mary & John*. Recent scholarship has accepted this view and does not include Miles Merwin among the settlers of New England through 1633.<sup>[20]</sup>

In 1635, when the Warham party left Dorchester, Massachusetts by overland trail to settle what became the town of Windsor, Connecticut, the young Miles Merwin (age about 12 years) was thought by earlier researchers to have been with them, traveling with the Brankers. Richardson believes, however, that Merwin may have come to New England on board the ship *Susan and Ellen* as late as 1640, in company with his uncle, John Tinker,<sup>[21]</sup> but this, too, is speculation.

Regardless of how or when he arrived here, the first record we have of Miles Merwin in America was of a land arrangement he made with a Mr. Whiting in Windsor in about 1644. Miles Merwin gave testimony in a court case of 1684 in which he "aged about 60 years" testified that he had obtained rights to work a parcel of land in Windsor from Mr. William Whiting of Hartford.<sup>[22]</sup> No date was given, but other testimony by John Dumbleton (who was a servant of Mr. Whiting) indicated that Dumbleton had obtained the same piece of land in 1639 and worked it himself for about 4 years.<sup>[23]</sup> If Merwin actually did follow Dumbleton on this land, then he would have taken it up in about 1644. The latest he could have obtained these rights was in 1648, since Mr. Whiting died in 1649.

About 1653, he moved to Milford, Connecticut at the invitation of the town and with some incentives provided, due to his skill as a tanner.<sup>[24]</sup> His moving to Milford was apparently to his advantage, considering the prosperity he enjoyed there and his receipt of several substantial grants and divisions of land from the town. It was apparently not, however, to the liking of his (first wife's) aunt Abigail Branker when he left Windsor with his young family. She had made a will in which she named him executor and principal legatee "for he and his children were her only relatives in the New World." On her death bed in 1684, she made a nuncupative will that named two of Miles' children to receive certain amounts, but declared that Miles himself was not to receive anything beyond what he had already received during her lifetime. Based on this nuncupative will, amounts were eventually distributed to all of Miles children but not to him. He contested the probate of the nuncupative will in 1685, but without success.<sup>[25]</sup>

Although Miles Merwin apparently never lived in Stamford, his third wife received a considerable amount of land there through the settlement of Daniel Scofield's estate. These lands were described and entered into the Stamford Land Records on 29 Jun 1687, "Entre to goodwife

<sup>19</sup> The Great Migration Begins (note 18): 1:215-6.

<sup>20</sup> The Great Migration Begins (note 18): index.

<sup>21</sup> Richardson, "English Ancestry" (note 1): 305.

<sup>22</sup> Connecticut Archives, Private Controversies series 1, 2:201, *Whiting's sons v. John Bissell*, microfilm copy used, CSL.

<sup>23</sup> Henry R. Stiles, *The History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor, Connecticut..... 1635 - 1891* (Hartford: Case, Lockwood & Brainerd Company, 1891), 155.

<sup>24</sup> Gillespie Ancestry (note 5): 338.

<sup>25</sup> All information from Gillespie Ancestry (note 5): 338-9.

Murrin to her and hers forever being lands of her former husband Scofields collected from settlement by the court & agreement between her & her sons Danil & John Scofield and now entered in the records.”<sup>[26]</sup>

A couple of days later, on 1 July 1687, John Scofield entered a deed in the Stamford Land Records by which “I Sarah Marin of Milford wife of Miles Marin” had sold to “my loveing son John Scofield of Stamford” her 1/3 part of Daniel Scofield’s home lot on 13 November 1678.<sup>[27]</sup>

Miles Merwin provided well for all of his children during his lifetime, and additionally in his will, made on 5 May 1695 and probated in Milford in June 1697. After providing for his wife’s ample support as long as she remained his widow (as it turned out, she died within the next year), he left £ 100 to each of 4 sons, with a double portion to John, the eldest son; £ 50 to each of his 6 daughters; £ 100 each to the eldest grandchild in each of the 10 families; and a Bible to each grandchild. He also left legacies to several stepchildren, and named his sons John and Miles as co-executors.<sup>[28]</sup>

Children of Miles and Elizabeth (Powell) Merwin, first 3 probably born in Windsor, other 4 born in Milford:<sup>[29]</sup>

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> MERWIN, b. say 1648, m. abt. 1669 SAMUEL CAMFIELD (or CANFIELD)<sup>[30]</sup> of Norwalk.<sup>[31]</sup> Samuel Camfield did not marry Elizabeth Willoughby as has been and still is widely reported.<sup>[32]</sup>
- ii. JOHN MERWIN, b. abt. 1650,<sup>[33]</sup> d. at Milford 15 Jan 1727/28, m. (1) 12 Apr 1683 MARY (WELCH) HOLBROOK, widow of Israel Holbrook, m. (2) 6 Jan 1704/05 ELIZABETH (CANFIELD) BALDWIN, widow of Theophilus Baldwin of Milford. This Elizabeth Canfield was not a close relative of that Samuel Camfield who married John’s older sister, Elizabeth Merwin.
- iii. ABIGAIL MERWIN, b. abt. 1652, m. DANIEL<sup>2</sup> SCOFIELD of Stamford, her stepbrother.
- iv. THOMAS MERWIN, b. say 1654,<sup>[34]</sup> m. Mar 1678/79 ABIGAIL CLAPHAM.
- v. SAMUEL MERWIN, b. 21 Aug 1656, d. 12 Jan 1706, m. (1) at New Haven 13 Dec 1682 SARAH WOODING who d. 9 Mar 1690/91 at Milford, m. (2) HANNAH \_\_\_\_, who later m. as her second husband abt. 1707 Isaac Beecher, and they became the ancestors of Lyman Beecher, Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

<sup>26</sup> Stamford Land Records, A:165.

<sup>27</sup> Stamford Land Records, A:166. Sarah signed this deed with her X mark.

<sup>28</sup> All information from Gillespie Ancestry (note 5): 340-1.

<sup>29</sup> Based primarily on the lists given in Old Fairfield (note 8): 407; Gillespie Ancestry (note 5): 341-3; and Richardson, “English Ancestry” (note 1): 307-8.

<sup>30</sup> For a discussion of the possible spellings of his surname see “Corrections,” in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 150 [1996]: 495.

<sup>31</sup> Richardson gave the date as “ca. 1672” but the Jacobus date of 1669 seems more reasonable.

<sup>32</sup> For one example of an early report see Charles M. Selleck, *Norwalk* (Norwalk, CT: the author, 1896), 286-7. For a recent summary of the status of debate on this subject see Harlan R. Jessup, “Canfield Additions and Corrections,” *Connecticut Ancestry*, 49 [2007]: 145.

<sup>33</sup> Richardson gave a date of “13 Jan 16[?49]50” but without a primary source.

<sup>34</sup> Richardson lists Abigail and Thomas with their dates reversed, but Jacobus is being followed here.

- vi. MILES MERWIN JR., b. 14 Dec 1658, d. 18 Sep 1724, m. at New Haven 20 Sep 1681 HANNAH (WILMOT) MILES, widow of Samuel Miles.
- vii. DANIEL MERWIN, b. 28 Jun 1661, bapt. 30 Jun 1661 at Milford, d. 4 Aug. 1661.

Children of Miles and Sarah (Platt) (Beach) Merwin.<sup>[35]</sup>

- viii. MARTHA MERWIN, b. 23 Jan 1665/66, d. 17 Apr 1693, m. 20 Sep 1685 JAMES PRIME.
- ix. MARY MERWIN (twin with Martha), b. 23 Jan 1665/66, m. say 1690 JOHN HULL of Derby.
- x. HANNAH MERWIN, b. 15 Nov 1667, d. 20 Oct. 1740, m. 20 Dec 1683 ABEL HOLBROOK of Huntington, Long Island, who died at Derby on 30 May 1747.
- xi. DEBORAH MERWIN, b. 24 Apr 1670, d. 10 Oct 1706, m. 1694 SAMUEL BURWELL of Milford.

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<sup>35</sup> Also based on the lists given in Old Fairfield (note 8): 1: 407; Gillespie Ancestry (note 5): 341-3; and Richardson, "English Ancestry" (note 1): 307-8. Prindle and Richardson both listed a 12<sup>th</sup> child named Daniel, supposedly a twin with Deborah, born at Milford on 24 April 1670, but without a source citation. They were perhaps following the Merwin Genealogy (note 3) that also makes this (unsupported) claim. But this child is not on the list given by Jacobus in Old Fairfield (note 8): 1: 407, and only Deborah's birth was listed on that date in his transcription of the Milford Vital Records (Donald L. Jacobus, "Milford, Conn. Vital Records," *The American Genealogist*, 9[1932-33]: 109.)

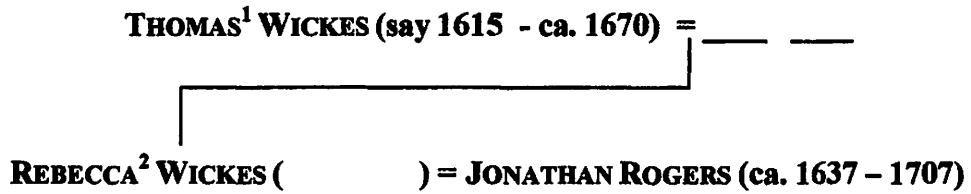
**ANCESTRY OF WILLIAM WEED  
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**PART 6:**

**WICKES**

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## WICKES

1. **THOMAS<sup>1</sup> WICKES** (or Wilkes) was born about 1615, perhaps in Shottery, a suburb of Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, England, perhaps a son of Edward Wilkes and Katherine Rogers.<sup>[1]</sup> Katherine Rogers was a sister of Thomas Rogers and aunt of William Rogers, the immigrant to America who was closely associated with Thomas Wickes. Thomas Wickes died at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, New York between 3 July 1670 and 19 March 1670/71 (see below). Care must be taken to distinguish him and his family from that of Thomas *Weeks* of Oyster Bay, Long Island.<sup>[2]</sup>

The name of his wife has not been determined, although Seversmith felt it was possible that she was related to Jonas Wood "Oram."<sup>[3]</sup> Thomas Wicks and Jonas Wood "Oram" were certainly closely associated in the Huntington records and shared many boundaries with each other.<sup>[4]</sup>

There can be no question that his name was spelled both Wilks / Wilkes on the one hand and Wicks / Wickes on the other, even though we don't know the reasons. Joseph Bailey, the official recorder of the Town of Huntington (whose own name was often spelled Bayley or even Baiely), recorded Thomas Wickes' land holdings and those of his son and namesake in Huntington in 1669. A perfect transcription of those records demonstrates that in both cases, the recorder, while not being completely consistent, nevertheless make the clear effort to give spellings of the name both with and without the (l), namely, "The Records of the Lands and Meddows off Thomas Wilks (Wickes) Senr in the yeare 1669,"<sup>[5]</sup> and "The Record of the Lands and Medow off Thomas Wilks (Wicks) Junior in the yeare 1669."<sup>[6]</sup> The spelling "Wickes" is used herein to reflect the most common usage of his descendants.

Thomas<sup>1</sup> Wickes appears to have made the same migrations as many other early Stamford families. He was in Watertown, Massachusetts in 1635,<sup>[7]</sup> and shortly afterward in Wethersfield, Connecticut with the first settlers there.<sup>[8]</sup> He was part of the Wethersfield group that agreed to

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<sup>1</sup> Herbert F. Smith / Seversmith, *Colonial Families of Long Island, New York and Connecticut*, manuscript notebook # 10 of 11, microfilm copy used at the Connecticut State Library, 149. Also, by the same author, "Weekes and Wickes of Long Island," *The American Genealogist*, 9 [1932-33]: 77-9. Although Seversmith made a plausible argument for these relationships to the Rogers family in England, they are still hypothetical and circumstantial and remain to be proven.

<sup>2</sup> Seversmith, "Weekes and Wickes" (note 1): 77-9. As will be seen below, the Wickes name was even spelled "Weekes" infrequently in Huntington, leading to more possible confusion.

<sup>3</sup> Seversmith Manuscript (note 1): 153. She was not Isabella Harcourt as sometimes claimed – this woman was instead the wife of Thomas Weekes of Oyster Bay (Seversmith Manuscript [note1]: 150).

<sup>4</sup> See for example, Charles R. Street, *Huntington Town Records, Including Babylon, Long Island, N.Y. 1653-1688* (the town, 1887, repr., the town, 1975), 157.

<sup>5</sup> Rufus B. Langhans, *Huntington – Babylon Land Deeds*, six volumes (Town of Huntington, 1985), 1: 28.

<sup>6</sup> Huntington Land Deeds (note 5): 1: 29.

<sup>7</sup> Seversmith Manuscript (note 1): 149.

<sup>8</sup> Seversmith Manuscript (note 1): 149; Henry R. Stiles, *The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Connecticut*, 2 volumes (New York: The Grafton Press, 1904, repr. New England History Press, 1990), 1: 31.

settle Stamford, Connecticut, and was in Stamford with the first group in 1641.<sup>[9]</sup> Except for his original agreement to settle there, and some very early tax information, there are no further records of Thomas Wickes in Stamford.

Many Stamford settlers soon left with the Rev. Richard Denton to settle a community at Hempstead, Long Island in 1643-1644, and Thomas Wickes was part of this group, as well. A later (undated) summary of the rights of the original proprietors of Hempstead includes a section of considerable property "Laid Out to the Propriety Right and Blank of Thomas Wilks Ye Following Parcels of Land viz:"<sup>[10]</sup> Since all the other rights so listed were to original Hempstead proprietors, we may conclude that he was among them. A reconstructed overall listing of those proprietors that appeared in the same published volume of Hempstead Records included the name of "Thomas Hicks,"<sup>[11]</sup> which has more recently been shown to be an error for the correct name, "Thomas Wilks."<sup>[12]</sup> In 1724, his son Thomas<sup>2</sup> Wickes of Huntington made a quit claim deed to Joseph Smith of Hempstead for "all Such Right Estate title Interest and Demand Whatsoever as he the said Thomas Wickes had or ought to have of in or to all those tracts of parcels of Land and Meadow Land With all those Rights of Land Within the Township of Hempstead that did formerly belong to Thomas Wickes of Hempstead formerly Deceased by any ways or Means Whatsoever."<sup>[13]</sup>

Thomas Wickes made one more move during his lifetime, that being to another new settlement on Long Island at Huntington. On 30 July 1656, Jonas Wood, William Rogers and Thomas "Wilkes" purchased the major portion of what would become the Huntington lands from Asharoken Montinnicok, Sachem, and the other native Americans "for and inconsideration of 2 coates, fore shertes, seven quarts of licker and aleven ounces of powther."<sup>[14]</sup> If he were indeed the son of Katherine Rogers of Stratford-on-Avon, then he and William Rogers would have been first cousins.<sup>[15]</sup> Thomas Wickes was a significant landholder in Huntington. The 1699 listing made by Bailey for the town records described 9 separate parcels scattered throughout the town, the largest being about 8 acres "late in the tenor or ocupacon of Noah Rogers but since estrainged to thomas wilks."<sup>[16]</sup> Noah Rogers was a brother of Jonathan Rogers who married Thomas Wickes' eldest daughter Rebecca.

<sup>9</sup> Stamford Town Records, 1: 5-7, transcription copy 5-7; Ancient Wethersfield (note 8): 1: 142-8. This man was clearly our subject even though his name was spelled Weekes in the Stamford Records.

<sup>10</sup> Benjamin D. Hicks, *Records of the Towns of North and South Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y.*, 8 volumes (Jamaica, NY: Long Island Farmer Print, 1904), 8: 320-1.

<sup>11</sup> Hempstead Town Records (note 10): 8:571.

<sup>12</sup> Arthur S. Wardwell, "No Thomas Willett or Thomas Hicks Among Hempstead's Original Proprietors," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 80 [1949]: 18.

<sup>13</sup> Hempstead Town Records (note 10): 5: 303. The deed was witnessed by Epenetus Platt and John Wickes, the grantor's brother.

<sup>14</sup> Huntington Town Records (note 4): 6.

<sup>15</sup> The Huntington historian Mr. Street noted that, "Jonas Wood, another grantee, was probably the one designated as 'of Halifax.' He was the son of Edmund Wood, and came here [meaning to Huntington] with Thomas Wicks about 1654, via Stamford" [Huntington Town Records {note 4}: 7]. Mr. Street seems to overlook the fact that Thomas Wickes and Jonas Wood had both come to Huntington by way of Hempstead and not directly from Stamford. In a more recent and thoroughly considered article, Matthew Wood found that it was not possible to be so certain about this being Jonas Wood Halifax, and said only that, "It is uncertain which Jonas this was" (Matthew Wood, "Jonas Wood 'Halifax,' of Huntington, Long Island," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 123 [1992]: 138.)

<sup>16</sup> Huntington Land Deeds (note 5): 1: 28-9.



A Huntington town meeting of 7 June 1662 decided to require that any new settlers desiring to purchase lands in that town be first reviewed and approved by a committee consisting of Mr. Leverage [the minister], Will[iam] Smith, Tho[ma]s Weekes [sic], John Lum, Goodman [Thomas] Jones, James Chichester and Jonas Wood.<sup>17</sup>

Thomas Wickes made his will at Huntington on 3 July 1670, witnessed by Samuel Wood and Caleb Wood.<sup>18</sup> His wife (not named) was to receive the use of 1/3 of his "accommodations" for her life, then to son John. He also mentioned his son Thomas, daughters Rebecca and Martha and their children, and other children Elizabeth, Mary and Sarah. Isaac Platt and Thomas Powell were named executors. Unfortunately for us today, he did not give the married names of either of the two daughters who were married and had children by 1670. Letters of Administration were granted to "widow Wickes" on 19 March 1671.

Children of Thomas Wickes and his wife, her name still completely unknown, birth order and all other details as given by Seversmith except as otherwise noted.<sup>19</sup>

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| i.   | REBECCA <sup>2</sup> WICKES, m. bef. 1670, prob. JONATHAN ROGERS.  |
| ii.  | MARTHA WICKES, m. bef. 1670, prob. to TIMOTHY CONKLIN.   |
| iii. | JOHN WICKES, d. abt 1729, m. 25 Apr 1673 at Huntington ESTHER or HESTER KETCHAM. The oldest son, he inherited a large portion of his father's lands in Huntington, and deeded much of it to his sister's presumed husband Jonathan Rogers in 1683. He held many positions of responsibility in Huntington, including being trustee for many years and president of the trustees from 1701 to 1722, the town's highest position of honor. |
| iv.  | THOMAS WICKES, m. DEBORAH ____.  |
| v.   | ELIZABETH WICKES, prob. m. JOHN KETCHAM, brother of Esther.  |
| vi.  | MARY WICKES, no further information, but not likely the Mary ____ who m.(1) by 1679 JOHN WATERBURY, m. (2) abt. 1689 JONAS SEELEY, son of Obadiah Seeley of Stamford as claimed in many secondary sources. <sup>20</sup>   |
| vii. | SARAH WICKES, <i>perhaps</i> m. THOMAS <sup>2</sup> BRUSH. <sup>21</sup>   |

<sup>17</sup> Huntington Town Records (note 4): 40-1.

<sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_, *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogates Office, City of New York*, volume 1 (New York Historical Society Collections, volume 25 [1892]), 21-2, citing original Liber 1-2: 86.

<sup>19</sup> Seversmith Manuscript (note 1): 151-3. Seversmith noted (at 153) that an earlier *Weekes-Weeks-Wicks Genealogy* by Robert Dodd Weekes, and other subsequent publications, "all contain gross errors of fact, unfortunately, and it has been exceptionally difficult to separate the misstatements from what is most likely true."

<sup>20</sup> One Mary \_\_\_\_, the widow of John Waterbury Jr., did indeed marry Jonas<sup>2</sup> Seeley (*Obadiah*<sup>1</sup>) of Stamford. However, I have not been able to find any justification for calling her the daughter of Thomas Wickes as given by Seversmith and many other researchers including the Seeley Genealogical Society (see, for example, Madeline M. Mills and Katherine M. Olsen, *Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) & Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657)* (Salt Lake City: Seeley Genealogical Society, 1997, including Errata to February 1998), 3. As far as can be determined neither John Waterbury nor Jonas Seeley had any connection at all with Huntington.

<sup>21</sup> Conklin Mann, "Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington, Long Island," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 66 [1935]: 207.

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**JOHN<sup>1</sup> CONKLIN ( - 1683/84) = ELIZABETH (?MYLNER) ALSEABROOK ( - ca. 1671)**

**REBECCA<sup>2</sup> CONKLIN (say 1626 – bef. 1728) = THOMAS BRUSH (say 1630 – ca. 1670)**

## CONKLIN

Much of the following account has been taken from the authoritative treatment by Conklin Mann in his article for *The American Genealogist* in 1944 and 1945.<sup>[1]</sup> A considerable amount of additional biographical information on the early generations will be found in this article, and although primary source citations are not provided, it is still highly recommended.

1. **JOHN<sup>1</sup> CONKLIN** was born in England, probably in Nottinghamshire and probably before 1605, and died at Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, New York on 23 February 1683/84.<sup>[2]</sup> The most common present spelling of his surname is used herein, except where a specific record is being cited, in which cases the actual spelling at the time is shown. Conklin Mann studied the glassmakers of England from the standpoint of trying to determine the origin of the surname and eventually concluded, "My guess is that Conckelyne or Concklyne is an English corruption of a Continental name; that Ananias and John Conckelyne were of the second generation in England; that their forebears came from Italy, Lorraine or Normandy, perhaps by way of Antwerp."<sup>[3]</sup>

A submission to the Pedigree Resource File of the Family History Library claims that he was born about 1600 in St. Peter's Parish, Nottingham, son of William Conklyne and Ruth Hedges, but this has not been confirmed with independent investigation.<sup>[4]</sup>

He married **ELIZABETH (?MYLNER) ALSEABROOK** on 24 January 1624/25 at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England.<sup>[5]</sup> His presumed brother Ananias Conklin, with whom he was associated at several locations in America, was also married at this same church in Nottingham to Mary Launder six years later on 23 February 1630/31.<sup>[6]</sup> Elizabeth died at Southold, Long Island on or before 26 Mar 1671.<sup>[7]</sup> Close associations both in Salem, Massachusetts and on Long Island suggest that she or her husband may have been related to the Scudder family.<sup>[8]</sup> Rattray reported that John Conklin was married a second time to Mary \_\_\_\_\_,<sup>[9]</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Conklin Mann, "The Family of Conckelyne, Conklin and Conkling in America" and its continuation "The Line of John Concklyne of Southold and Huntington," *The American Genealogist*, 21[1944]: 48-58, 133-47, 210-15, 246-53; 22[1945]: 111-21, 226-36.

<sup>2</sup> From notation on his recorded will, see below.

<sup>3</sup> Mann, "Conklin Family" (note 1): 21: 48.

<sup>4</sup> Submission by Joan R. Jones of Carroll, IA, citing Family Search Pedigree Resource File Disk #3, information from Internet: [www.familysearch.com](http://www.familysearch.com).

<sup>5</sup> A study by Lawrence H. Conklin identifies her parents as John Mylner and Winifred Ludlam, leading to the speculation that Alseabrook was her married name. Mr. Conklin also provided an interesting list of the alternate spellings of the surname: "Here are the variant spellings of the Conklin name that have come to my attention so far. Conckelyne, Conkelyne, Concklyne, Conckelen, Concelyne, Conckline, Conckloyne, Kancklyne, Cakylinen, Concklin, Conklyn, Conclin, Concline, Konklyn, Conculyn, Conkelin, Concklaine, Conckelaine, Conckline, Conklen, Conculin, Conclen, Conclan, Conklon, Coklan, Concklayne and, of course, Conkling. Some East Hampton, New York lines of the family added the 'g,' as did all the descendants of Ananias Conklin, after 1700." All from Lawrence H. Conklin, "Conklin Genealogy," on the Internet at: [www.lhconklin.com/bio/genealogy.htm](http://www.lhconklin.com/bio/genealogy.htm).

<sup>6</sup> Mann, "Conklin Family" (note 1): 21: 48; and Joseph Gardner Bartlett, "Genealogical Research in England," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 61[1907]: 386 (both records).

<sup>7</sup> Conklin, "Conklin Genealogy" (note 5): n.p.

<sup>8</sup> See, for example, Mann, "Conklin Family" (note 1): 22: 115, 119.

<sup>9</sup> Jeannette Edwards Rattray, *East Hampton History Including Genealogies of Early Families* (Garden City, NY:

but no citation was given for this statement and no second marriage was reported by either Conklin Mann or Lawrence H. Conklin in their thorough articles.

Ananias Conklin was granted 10 acres of land by the town of Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, on 25 June 1638, apparently for the purpose of starting a glass works, and he had established a glass making business there before the end of that year. The following year, 1639, Obadiah Holmes and Laurence Southwick joined Ananias in glassmaking. On 14 September 1640 the town received John Conklin as an inhabitant and granted him 5 ½ acres near the “glass house.”<sup>[10]</sup> The proximity of ages of John and Ananias (as indicated by their marriage times) and their close relationship in Salem and later on Long Island have convinced researchers that they were brothers, although no specific statement of that relationship seems to have survived (at least in the American records). In spite of their apparently valiant efforts, the glass business didn’t succeed. On 27 February 1642/43 “Ananias Conklin and other poor people” were loaned 8 pounds by the Massachusetts Bay Colony, upon the town of Salem’s promise to repay at the next corn harvest. Then finally, on 1 October 1645 John and Ananias Conklin submitted a petition to the general court asking to be relieved of their obligations and allowed to seek “a better accommodation of themselves” elsewhere, and the relief was granted.<sup>[11]</sup>

Based on his extensive study of the career of these brothers, Conklin Mann has estimated that they left Salem in April 1650, along with Thomas Scudder and possibly others also bound for Long Island. John Conklin was certainly a landholder in Southold before January 1653, when he was mentioned as an adjoining landholder to Robert Ackerly.<sup>[12]</sup>

Mann cited several documents that recorded charitable acts by John Conklin and concluded that “John Conklin was a generous, kindly man. He became an important but not a leading man in both Southold and Huntington. He remained Goodman Conckelyne through life and such public services as are linked with his name lead to the conclusion that men who knew him had the greatest confidence in his sympathetic understanding and integrity.”<sup>[13]</sup> Goodman “Conclin” and John “Conclin” Junr., both residents of Southold, were made freemen of the Connecticut Colony on 9 October 1662, during Connecticut’s brief jurisdiction over that Long Island town.<sup>[14]</sup>

On 26 March 1671, John Conklin sold his homelot and lands in Hashamomuck (part of Southold) to his son Jacob, and although he continued to hold some parcels of land after this time, none of them appear to be residences. Mann’s conclusion was that from this time until his death, John Conklin Sr. spent his time in both Southold and in Huntington, living with one or another of his children and their families.<sup>[15]</sup> Huntington recognized his abilities by appointing him to important committees in 1673 and 1676.<sup>[16]</sup> When his son-in-law Thomas Brush died at an early age in Huntington in 1675, John Conklin volunteered to be overseer of his young Brush

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Country Life Press, 1953), 260.

<sup>10</sup> Sidney Perley, *The History of Salem Massachusetts* (Salem: the author, 1926), 53-7.

<sup>11</sup> History of Salem (note 10): 57-8.

<sup>12</sup> Mann, “Conklin Family” (note 1): 21: 210-1.

<sup>13</sup> Mann, “Conklin Family” (note 1): 21: 211-2.

<sup>14</sup> J. Hammond Trumbull, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, Prior to the Union With the New Haven Colony, May 1665* (Hartford, 1850; repr. Bowie MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1992), 388.

<sup>15</sup> Mann, “Conklin Family” (note 1): 21: 213.

<sup>16</sup> Mann, “Conklin Family” (note 1): 21: 213.

grandchildren, and the Court approved the arrangement when John Conklin and Thomas Brush Jr. presented the inventory of Thomas Brush Sr. on 1 June 1675.<sup>[17]</sup>

The will of John Conklin of Huntington was signed by mark and not dated, but was presented at the Court at a session of 18, 19 and 20 March 1683/84, at which time the notation was added that the testator had "deceased February ye 23, 1683/84."<sup>[18]</sup> He mentioned my son John, my son Timothy, my son Jacob, he paying to Mr. Silvester 4 pounds and 10 shillings, Mr. Walter Noaks, my grand child Rebecca Hubert, Mr. Eliphalet Jones [the minister of Huntington], and my daughter Elizabeth Wood, sole executrix. The will was witnessed by John Corey, Samuel Titus and Epenetus Platt. No further probate papers appear to have been filed for this estate, and since only personal property is mentioned in the will, it appears that John Conklin Sr. had been successful in portioning out all of his real estate to his children and grandchildren prior to his death.

Children of John Conklin and Elizabeth (?Mylner) Alseabrook, possibly among others:<sup>[19]</sup>

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| i.   | REBECCA <sup>2</sup> CONKLIN, b. say 1626, m. abt. 1650/51 THOMAS BRUSH.  |
| ii.  | CAPT. JOHN CONKLIN, b. 1630/31, d. at Southold 6 Apr 1694 in his 64 <sup>th</sup> year, <sup>[20]</sup> m. (1) ??, m. (2) 2 Dec 1657 SARAH (HORTON) SALMON, dau. of Barnabas Horton and widow of William Salmon. <sup>[21]</sup> He left many records on Long Island including an extensive will that was written on 4 Feb 1689 and probated 15 May 1694. <sup>[22]</sup> |
| iii. | ISAAC CONKLIN, d. in England "Isaac ye sonne of John Conklin buried ye 11 Oct. 1635."   |
| iv.  | TIMOTHY CONKLIN, b. bef. 1640, d. 1720, the founder of the Huntington, Long Island line of this family, said to have m. MARTHA WICKES.  |
| v.   | JACOB CONKLIN, b. say abt. 1640, bapt. at Salem, Mass. 11 Mar 1648/49, <sup>[23]</sup> d. bef. 22 Mar 1711/12, <sup>[24]</sup> m. ca. 1668 MARY YOUNGS. <sup>[25]</sup>   |
| vi.  | ELIZABETH CONKLIN, b. say bef. 1645, bapt. with her brother Jacob at Salem on 11 Mar 1648/49, <sup>[26]</sup> m. LT. JOHN WOOD of Huntington.   |

<sup>17</sup> Thomas W. Cooper, *The Records of the Court of Sessions of Suffolk County in the Province of New York 1670-1688* (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1993), 56-7.

<sup>18</sup> Court of Sessions (note 17): 145-6.

<sup>19</sup> All information as given in Mann, "Conklin Family" (note 1): 21: 215 unless otherwise noted.

<sup>20</sup> Mann, "Conklin Family" (note 1): 21: 252.

<sup>21</sup> Mann, "Conklin Family" (note 1): 21: 247.

<sup>22</sup> Mann, "Conklin Family" (note 1): 21: 252.

<sup>23</sup> Richard D. Pierce, *The Records of the First Church in Salem, Massachusetts 1629-1736* (Salem: Essex Institute, 1974), 22. This transcription gives the date as (1649) 11:1 meaning the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the first month (March) and from the context it is clear that 1648/49 was meant. Mann ("Conklin Family" [note 1]) gave the date as the 18<sup>th</sup> day of the first month in one place (21: 215) and as "30 May 1649" in another (22: 113), neither of which is likely to be more reliable than the transcription of the original.

<sup>24</sup> Mann, "Conklin Family" (note 1): 22: 115.

<sup>25</sup> Mann, "Conklin Family" (note 1): 22: 113.

<sup>26</sup> Salem Church Records (note 23): 22.

## **Chatfield Family Lore: Fact or Fiction?**

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Joel<sup>5</sup> Chatfield (*Elnathan<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Milford, Connecticut near the Derby, Connecticut, later Seymour, town line 21 February 1757.<sup>i</sup> Joel's great grandfather, John Chatfield, had removed from Killingworth, Connecticut, to Derby receiving a land grant 10 October 1684.<sup>ii</sup> Joel was baptized at St. James Episcopal Church in Derby 1 May 1757.<sup>iii</sup> He was buried in the Seymour Trinity Church cemetery on 15 June 1836.<sup>iv</sup> Joel built a house in Seymour on the south bank of Bladens Brook.<sup>v</sup> He owned a grist mill located near the house.<sup>vi</sup> His imported French burr stones ground wheat, and he supplied Yale College with wheat flour.<sup>vii</sup>

Joel's great-great-grandson, John F. Chatfield, Jr., inherited a cutlass, which came from the Seymour Chatfield family. Family lore had indicated that this cutlass had belonged to Joel Chatfield, and that Joel carried it during his service in the War of 1812. A close examination of the cutlass led me to research its markings. Facts were developed, which appear to establish the date the cutlass was manufactured as much later than 1812; probably after 1852. And research into Joel's service record suggests that it was not Joel Chatfield of Derby who served in the War of 1812.

The cutlass is marked "Tiffany & Co. of New York." Research established that Tiffany's business was founded in 1837, therefore, the cutlass could not have been in existence at the time of the War of 1812.<sup>viii</sup> In addition, Tiffany, initially Tiffany & Young, was renamed Tiffany & Co. in 1853.<sup>ix</sup> This is the company name that is found on the cutlass. Tiffany was under contract to the Naval War department during the Civil War to make naval swords, cavalry sabers, and cutlasses.<sup>x</sup> The cutlass also is marked with the initials "P. D. L." The initials stand for Peter D. Luneschloss, whose company was in the arms business in Solingen, Germany from 1810.<sup>xi</sup> Tiffany imported blades from Luneschloss to make their swords.

Biographical information concerning Joel Chatfield can be found in William C. Sharpe's "The Chatfield Family."<sup>xii</sup> Sharpe writes in 1896, "Joel Chatfield served in the War of 1812, under Col. Sill, in the latter part of 1813." Sharpe does not note this service in his books written about Seymour in 1869 and 1902, both of which referenced the Chatfield family.<sup>xiii</sup>

The War of 1812 service records for Connecticut list only one Joel Chatfield. This Joel Chatfield served in the Connecticut Militia, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, from 3 November 1813 to 1 December 1813, as a private under Commander Benjamin Dowd.<sup>xiv</sup> Dowd, in turn, was under the command of Colonel Elisha Sill. Both Sill and Dowd were from Saybrook, Middlesex County, Connecticut. Also listed in Dowd's regiment was a Josiah Chatfield.<sup>xv</sup> No home was listed for either Joel or Josiah. A Josiah Chatfield family was located in Killingworth, Connecticut, near Saybrook. This Josiah had a son Joel born 27 January 1788 and a son Josiah born 4 March 1790.<sup>xvi</sup> Both these sons would have been the right

age to serve in 1813 and are the logical candidates for service with Dowd. It is unlikely that the Seymour Joel would have enlisted at age 56. In addition, if Joel had enlisted, it would probably been in a New Haven County militia. It is possible that Sharpe saw the name Joel Chatfield listed in the War of 1812 records and assumed it was the Seymour Joel, or that Sharpe relied on erroneous information provided by the family. Another scenario is that the family, upon reading Sharpe's account and knowing the cutlass had belonged to Joel, connected the cutlass in their possession to Joel's supposed service.

On balance, based on the above research and until proven otherwise, the family lore is not accurate. The Seymour Joel Chatfield's service in the War of 1812 with said cutlass appears to be fiction and not fact.

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<sup>i</sup> Rev. Hollis A. Campbell, William C. Sharpe and Frank A. Bassett, *Seymour Past and Present* (Seymour, Connecticut, W. C. Sharpe, 1902), 419; Donald Lines Jacobus, "The *Chatfield* Family of Derby, Conn.," *Register* 78 (1924):265.

<sup>ii</sup> Sharpe, *Seymour* [note 1], 418.

<sup>iii</sup> Records of St. James' Church, Derby, Connecticut, *Register* 76 (1922): 136.

<sup>iv</sup> Trinity Cemetery, Seymour, Connecticut, Gravestone inscription "In memory of Joel Chatfield, who died June 14, 1836 aged 79 years." The author has viewed the gravestone many times.

<sup>v</sup> Sharpe, *Seymour* [note 1], 52. *Commemorative Biographical Record of New Haven County, Part I*, (Chicago, J. H. Beers & Co., 1902), 310.

<sup>vi</sup> Sharpe, *Seymour* [note 1], 266. *Commemorative* [note 5], 310.

<sup>vii</sup> Sharpe, *Seymour* [note 1], 267.

<sup>viii</sup> Web site [www.Tiffany.com](http://www.Tiffany.com). See About Tiffany; History & Resources, History & Timeline.

<sup>ix</sup> Tiffany.com [note 8].

<sup>x</sup> Mike McWatters, *Manufacturers of Regulation Model Enlisted Swords During the US Civil War*. Web site [www.angelfire.com/wa/swordcollector](http://www.angelfire.com/wa/swordcollector); see research articles. Google Books: Harold Leslie Peterson, *The American Sword: 1775 to 1945* (Ray Riling, The Arms Book Co., 1965), 35.

<sup>xi</sup> Web site [www.wehrmacht-awards.com/forums](http://www.wehrmacht-awards.com/forums). See US Militaria Forum; Civil War Items posted by Dirk 3/06/04. Web site [www.swordforum.com](http://www.swordforum.com). See Past Forums; Antique & Military Swords for a 6/04/01 posting by John Ker Corbell titled Tiffany & Co. Civil War Sword. Some references refer to Peter Luneschloss and some to Paul.

<sup>xii</sup> *The CHATFIELD Family, Principally from Records in the Naugatuck Valley, Conn.* (Seymour, Conn., 1896), Compiled by William C. Sharpe, 15.

<sup>xiii</sup> Sharpe, *Seymour*, [note 1]. W. C. Sharpe "History of Seymour, Connecticut with Biographical Genealogies" (Seymour, W. C. Sharpe, 1869).

<sup>xiv</sup> *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the I. War of the Revolution, II. War of 1812, III. Mexican War*, Compiled by Authority of the General Assembly, Hartford, CT (1889), 33.

<sup>xv</sup> War of 1812 [note 14], 34.

<sup>xvi</sup> Barbour Collection; Killingworth, Connecticut Town Birth Records, pre-1870, available on Ancestry.com. Contact with the Killingworth Historical Society, the Town Hall, and other sources failed to find mention of the Killingworth Chatfield brothers' service in the War of 1812. Cemetery records found on [www.newenglandancestors.org](http://www.newenglandancestors.org) list Joel and Josiah, sons of Josiah, as buried in Union Cemetery, Killingworth.

**Marriages and Burials,  
Christ Church, Episcopal, Redding, CT, 1814 to 1879**  
transcribed by Harlan R. Jessup

From a volume labeled *Records of Christ Church Parish, Reading, Conn. Begun June 2<sup>d</sup> 1842 by Rev. William Atwill, Minister*. Baptisms from this volume were published in the last issue of *Connecticut Ancestry*, August 2007. Besides marriages and burials transcribed here, the volume includes confirmations 1842-1879, communicants 1842-1862, miscellaneous parochial reports, financial reports, and a list of trees transplanted to the church grounds in 1852 and 1867.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Groom</b>	<b>Bride</b>	<b>Other</b>
<i>Rev. Reuben Hubbard's list of Marriages in Christ Church Parish, Reading</i>			
19 Dec 1813	Aaron Sanford Jr.	Fanny Hill	\$3
30 Dec 1813	Nathan Scott	Sally Burr	\$2
12 Nov 1815	Alden Winton	Sally Sanford	\$3
31 Aug 1818	Asahel Sanford	Abby Whitlock	\$2
7 Oct 1818	John Beach Starr	Abby Sanford	\$1
11 Oct 1818	Aiza Meeker	Adelia Gorham, in the church	\$5
<i>By Rev. Ambrose Todd</i>			
7 Jun 1821	John Fairchild	Elizabeth Meeker	\$2
Jan 1822	Samuel Sanford	Eliza French	\$3
28 Mar 1822	James Hawley	Lydia Beach	\$5
2 May 1822	Mr. William T. Lee	Abby Fairchild	\$3
14 Jul 1822	Joseph Starr	Elizabeth Austin	\$2
Oct 1822	Zalmon Sanford	Caroline Peck	\$3
15 Dec 1822	Norman T. Middlebrook of Weston	Felicia Sanford of Reading	\$2
<i>List of Marriages by Rev. Lemuel B. Hull.</i>			
6 Mar 1825	Samuel Bradley Read	Camilla Lyon	
20 Mar 1825	Monson Keeler of Reading	Mabel Crofut of Danbury	
20 Mar 1825	Seth Gilbert of Newtown	Nancy Sanford of Reading	
15 May 1825	John B. Merritt	Susan Meeker	
14 Sep 1825	Richard S. Bouton of Danbury	Betsey Burr of this town	
15 Nov 1826	Nelson Sherman of Trumbull	Alexia Morehouse of this town	
23 Sep 1827	Peter Downs of Weston	Sally Lyon of this place	
3 Feb 1828	David Keeler	Almira Beers	



<b>Date</b>	<b>Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>	<b>Place &amp; Remarks</b>
[by Rev. William Atwill, though not stated in the record]			
21 Jun 1843	<b>Simon Underhill</b> <b>Abigal French</b>	Her mother & brother-in-law	At his Mother's house in Newtown
"	<b>Baruch Burr</b> [blank] <b>Skidmore</b>	Her Mother & Sister	" " " "
10 Apr 1844	<b>George Kinsley</b> <b>Jane Beers</b>	S. Walker & Starr Lyon	At Starr Lyon's house
7 May 1844	<b>Fairchild Morgan</b> <b>Laura S. Drew</b>	Mrs. & Miss Mallet of Trumbull, Conn.	At his father's house
1845	<b>Charles Scofield</b> <b>Minerva Parmelee</b>	Philo Babbit & Harriet Sanford	" " " "
<i>By Rev. Abel Nichols</i>			
26 Nov 1846	<b>Julius S. Morehouse</b> <b>Elizabeth S. Denison</b>	Brother & sister of Mr. M., Parents & family of Miss D.	Mr. M. resided at Amenia, New York
10 Feb 1847	<b>George Chase</b> <b>Julia Hawley</b>	Parents of Miss Hawley, Charles Beach & wife	Resides at Sharton, Ct.
17 Mar 1847	<b>Ralph S. Mead</b> <b>Fidelia Drew</b>	Brother of Mr. Mead, Parents of Miss Drew	Resides at Bridgewater, Connecticut
30 Jun 1847	<b>Mr. Edwin L. Canfield</b> <b>Miss Lucy A. Basset</b>	Brothers of Mr. Canfield, Parents of Miss Basset	House of Miss Basset Mr. Canfield resides near the center of the town.
17 May 1848	<b>Charles Carrol Winton</b> <b>Miss Sarah Hull Read</b>	Brothers of Mr. Winton, Sisters of Miss Read	Christ Church, Reading
11 Jun 1848	<b>William C. Morehouse</b> <b>Miss Clarissa D. Denison</b>	Father & sister of Miss D.	In Christ Church, Reading. Mr. Morehouse resides in Amenia, N.Y.
5 Dec 1848	<b>George R. Peck</b> <b>Angeline Beers</b>	Parents	At the house of Alonzo Beers
<i>Marriages in Christ Church Parish, Reading, by Rev Osamus H. Smith, Rector, A.D. 1851</i>			
10 Aug 1851	<b>William Stuart</b> <b>Clara Peterson</b>	Benjamin Hays and Miss Ann Smith	The residence of the bride. I believe Mr. Stuart resides in Newtown & that the Peterson residence is also just within that town.
26 Nov 1851	<b>Joseph Jennings</b> <b>Abigail Jane Denison</b>		In the church. Capt. Joseph Jennings residence is in Southport.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>	<b>Place &amp; Remarks</b>
4 May 1852	<b>Robert Bradley</b> <b>Jane Pike</b>	Mr. Pike the brother Emily Smith	At the Rectory
15 Aug 1852	<b>Thomas Henry Hart</b> <b>Mary Ann Seymour</b>	Henry W <sup>m</sup> Seymour Matthias Bradley	The residence of the bride in Easton. Mr. Hart's residence is in N. York.
<i>Marriages by Rev. A. Ogden</i>			
18 Sep 1853	<b>Joseph Pike</b> <b>Elizabeth DeRenzy</b>		Marriage at the Parsonage
23 Oct 1853	<b>Smith Weed</b> of Stamford <b>Huldah Northrop</b> of Reading		Married at the house of Miss Platt
23 Nov 1853	<b>Edwin Stone</b> of Bethel <b>Eliza Ann Gilbert</b>		Married at the house of Seth Gilbert
<i>Marriages by Rev. James Adams</i>			
25 Dec 1855	<b>Henry J. Jackson</b> of Bridgeport & <b>Polly</b> <b>Jennette Wells</b> of Reading	Mr. A. Wheeler, Mrs. Abbott, Isaac Wells (brother of the bride), and Ellen W. Adams	At the parsonage
<i>The Rev. W. W. Benson, Rector</i>			
6 Jun 1858	<b>Chas. Osborn</b> of Waterville, N.Y. <b>Catherine A. French</b> of Trumbull, Conn.		Married in Christ Church, Reading
9 Nov 1858	<b>William E. Danscomb</b> <b>Sarah Sanford</b>		both of Reading, at Reading
26 Dec 1858	<b>Wheeler S. Bassett</b> of Reading <b>Eliza J. Osborn</b> of Monroe		In Christ Church, Reading
29 May 1859	<b>John E. B. Bevans</b> of Trumbull <b>Adelia E. DeNevers</b> [?] of Easton		Married at Easton
<i>Marriages by Rev. A. Louderback</i>			
26 Nov 1861	<b>Moses Hull</b> of Monroe, C <sup>t</sup> <b>Sarina</b> [?] <b>M. Northrop</b> of Newtown, C <sup>t</sup>		At Redding Ridge Parsonage
26 Nov 1861	<b>Andrew Cole</b> of Bethel, C <sup>t</sup> <b>Sally Adams</b> of Bethel, C <sup>t</sup>		At Redding Ridge Parsonage
<i>The above marriages were paid for by varnishing the organ, value \$1.00</i>			
1 Jan 1862	<b>George B. Sherwood</b> of Easton <b>Betsy Sanford</b> of Redding		At Bride's Father's, James Sanford, Jr.
<i>Marriages by the Rev. Wm. L. Bostwick, Rector</i>			
25 Jan 1866	<b>James Butler</b>	the Rector's wife &	People of colour.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>	<b>Place &amp; Remarks</b>
27 Apr 1866	Miss Emily Blade Moses Nichols Victoria Hamilton	daughter The Rector's family present	People of color.
16 Jan 1867	James B. Nichols Miss Emily M. Wilson	many persons congregated to witness the Ceremony.	in the church.
<i>C. W. Kelley, Rector</i>			
30 Jun 1874	Everett L. Spencer Jettie Mallette		At residence of Sam <sup>l</sup> E. Mallette, Easton, Conn.
20 May 1875	Cha <sup>s</sup> Gould Curtis Mary H. Botsford		at Christ Ch. Rectory, Redding Ridge.
10 May 1875	William W. Hardy Sarah Josephine Tucker		At residence of Mrs. Rebecca Tucker, Redding Ridge
29 Dec 1875	Frank Tucker Ella D. Townsend		At Paterson, N.Y., at the residence of the bride's Parents
6 Feb 1876	Marion Thorp Sarah J. Beers		At residence of Walter B. Beers, Redding
11 Jul 1876	Rev. Charles W. Kelley, Rector, St. Andrews, Bloomfield & Miss Georgiana Sanford		In Christ Church, Redding Ridge by the Rev. Eugene C. Pattison, Rector, St. Thomas, Bethel
<i>By A. Alanson Welton, Rector</i>			
19 Apr 1876	John C. Edmonds Mary A. Wheeler		At residence of bride's parents, Redding, Conn.
25 Oct 1877	Stephen Francis Gould of Easton Miss Mercy Tucker of Redding		At the residence of bride's mother, Mrs. Rebecca F. Tucker
10 Dec 1877	Fredrick W. Hoffman of New York City Mary A. Barnes of Westport		At the Rectory
30 Apr 1878	Leander W. Searles of South Norwalk Miss Helen R. Wheeler of Redding		
10 Aug 1878	George Sherman Adelaide Benedict of Redding		Married at the Rectory
29 May 1879	David W. Albin Adelia Beers of Redding		At the house of Walter Beers, Redding Ridge
10 Sep 1879	John H. Adams Jennie E. Sherwood both of Redding		At the house of Moses Sherwood in East Redding

Note: Loose in this volume is a deposition by Harriet Gregory of Wilton, dated 2 Jan 1891, which attests the marriage of John **Johnson** and Margaret **Coxe**, both of Easton, on 30 Mar 1854 at the rectory of Christ Church, Redding, by Rev. Abel Ogden, which had been witnessed by herself (then the wife of Abel Ogden) and John Gilbert of Redding (now deceased).

### Burials at Christ Church, Redding

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Other</b>
11 Jul 1813	Mrs. Clarissa <b>Gilbert</b>	Wife of Rev. Sturges Gilbert of Kent
12 Oct 1813	Andrew Lane <b>Hill</b> , Esq.	
26 Jan 1814	Hannah <b>Lyon</b>	Widow of Mr. Philo Lyon
3 Aug 1814	Mr. Daniel <b>Hill</b>	Aged 20 yrs., 11 mos., 1 day
5 Feb 1816	Lydia <b>Lyon</b>	Aged 16
23 Aug 1816	Jane <b>Gilbert</b>	Aged 72
8 Nov 1816	Peter <b>Fairchild</b>	
20 Dec 1816	Mrs. <b>Platt</b>	
3 Sep 1817	Annis <b>Starr</b>	
23 Mar 1818	Lydia <b>Fairchild</b>	
11 Apr 1818	Simon <b>Fairchild</b>	
13 Feb 1821	Abigail <b>Starr</b>	Wife of Edward Starr, aged 56
14 Jul 1822	Isaac <b>Beach</b>	
20 Aug 1822	Ebenezer [Starr]	Child of Betsey Starr
22 Aug 1822	Jesse <b>Burr</b>	
21 Oct 1822	Mrs. <b>Wheeler</b>	
10 Jan 1824	Mr. Alanson <b>Sanford</b> Mrs. Lydia Ann Sanford <b>Shepherd</b>	
2 Jan 1825	Child of W. B. <b>Cable</b>	
2 Sep 1825	Abigail <b>Starr</b>	Wife of Edward Starr
14 Oct 1825	Mrs. Lois <b>Munger</b>	
30 Nov 1825	Simeon <b>Lyon</b>	
2 Dec 1825	Hannah <b>Wheeler</b>	
31 Dec 1825	Mrs. _____ <b>Burr</b>	
1826	Philida <b>Middlebrooks</b>	
1826	Lemuel <b>Sanford</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
4 Aug 1826	Capt. John <b>Hill</b>	
14 Aug 1826	Isaac <b>Drew</b>	
1 Nov 1826	Zera <b>Patchen</b>	Aged 9 years
2 Nov 1826	Jesse <b>Banks</b>	
2 Jan 1827	Mrs. Anna <b>Hill</b>	
8 May 1827	Mrs. <b>Glover</b>	

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Other</b>
3 Mar 1828	Mrs. <b>Bulkley</b>	
19 Apr 1828	Mrs. <b>Wheeler</b>	of Weston
20 Jul 1828	Mrs. <b>Lyon</b>	
17 Nov 1828	John C. [ <b>Burr</b> ]	Son of Abel Burr
26 Jun 1827	Charles <b>Burr</b>	
20 Aug 1827	John <b>Crofut</b>	
<i>[no records 1828-1841] Burials in Christ Church Parish, Rev. William Atwill, Minister</i>		
4 Jul 1842	Betsey <b>Robinson</b>	dau. of Levi & Polly Robinson, 6 yrs., bur. 5 Jul in Jas. Sanford's lot.
25 Jul 1842	Jane [ <b>Lyon</b> ]	wife of Edwin Lyon, 39 yrs., bur. in A. Sanford's lot
7 Aug 1842	Susan <b>Read</b>	17 yrs., bur. 8 Aug in Central burial place
Oct 1842	_____ <b>Bradley</b>	Child of Walter Bradley, 2 weeks, in Aaron Sanford's lot
6 Dec 1842	Abigail <b>Drew</b>	15 yrs., bur. 7 Dec at Bethel
7 Dec 1842	George <b>Wheeler Sanford</b>	son of John W. & Althea Sanford, 18 yrs., bur. 9 Dec at Aaron Sanford's lot
18 Dec 1842	Sarah Ann <b>Gray</b>	6 yrs. in James Sanford's lot
	_____ <b>Gray</b>	16 yrs., " " "
1 Jan 1843	William <b>Robinson</b>	son of Levi & Polly Robinson, 3 yrs., in James Sanford's lot
[blank]	Eliz. <b>Williams</b>	84 yrs., bur. in the church yard
5 Mar 1843	Andrew <b>Fairchild</b>	40 yrs., " " " " "
7 May 1843	_____ <b>Beers</b>	child of Alonzo Beers, infant, bur. in the church yard
27 May 1843	E. M. <b>Lyon</b>	child of Edwin Lyon, 1 1/2 yrs., bur. in Sanford's lot
3 Apr 1843	Hannah <b>Godfrey</b>	dau. of Mr. Pa[t]chen, 46 yrs., " " " "
14 Jan 1844	Eliz. <b>Starr</b>	10 yrs., in the church yard
May 1844	George <b>Wakeley</b>	6 yrs.; Sanford's lot
20 Sep 1844	Jacob <b>Pa[t]chen</b>	80 yrs., " "
7 Feb 1845	Edward <b>Starr</b>	83 yrs., Church-yard
1 Apr 1845	Hannah <b>Hill</b>	87 yrs., " "
26 Apr 1845	Abel F. <b>Bradley</b>	son of Burr Bradley, 33 yrs., bur. in Sanford's lot

*Burials in Christ Church Parish, Rev. Abel Nichols, Minister*

13 Sep 1846	Andrew <b>Fairchild</b>	Church-yard, service and a sermon at the church
26 Oct 1846	Betsey, wife of A. <b>Fairchild</b>	" " At the request of her only daughter and in accordance with her own desire expressed (as was said) during her last illness, she being a Congregationalist, a Congregational preacher, Mr. Frost, was allowed the use of the church for preaching at her burial. Former practice and usage were plead, which together with other considerations having an important bearing on the interests of the parish induced us to interpose, only so far as to give my protest. A.N.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Other</b>
15 Nov 1846	Henry Couch	Sanford's lot
15 Dec 1846	Diamond Crofut [Sherwood]	Infant son of David Sherwood, bur. in Easton
1 Feb 1847	William Beach	An aged communicant, church-yard
7 Feb 1847	Willis Beach	An invalid son of the above, church-yard
14 Feb 1847	Justus Thompson	Bur. at Flat Swamp
13 Apr 1847	Betsy Heron	Church-yard

*Burials in Christ Church Parish, Reading, J. P. Taylor, Rector*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Other</b>
6 Sep 1847	Buried Miss Betsey <b>Beach</b> , a sister of Mr. Charles Beach in the church-yard. Her disease was [blank] and she departed in the [blank] year of her age.
22 Nov 1847	Eliz. <b>Price</b> departed this life. She was a daughter of Olive Glover and was baptized in infancy. In after life she attended the Congregational Meeting. On her sick bed she requested me to visit her and at length I gave her the Holy Communion. Through the influence of her friends, however, her funeral was attended by the Cong <sup>l</sup> preacher, Mr. Frost. Her disease was consumption. She was interred in the church yard. Age [blank]
21 Feb 1848	Departed this life Mrs. <b>Lyon</b> , wife of Alanson [Lyon]. She was buried on the 22 <sup>d</sup> of February by Rev. David P. Sanford who officiated for me in my absence. Mrs. L. was a communicant. Disease Erysipelas Fever, Age [blank]
20 Mar 1848	I buried Mrs. J. <b>Prindle</b> , an old lady who had been living with her daughter Mrs. Dibble. Her body was taken to Newtown.
12 Jan 1849	Departed this life Charles Carroll <b>Winton</b> in the 24 <sup>th</sup> year of his age. His funeral was attended at the church on Sunday P.M., Jan. 14, by a crowded congregation of people. His body was buried in the Read Burying Ground. I had baptized Mr. Winton on the 8 <sup>th</sup> of September 1847, presented him to the Bp. for confirmation Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> , same year, had regularly given him the Sacrament, married him May 17, 1848, and have to day performed for him the last offices of the church. He was a merchant of this place, a man universally beloved by his acquaintances and an earnest Christian. His disease was sore throat.
[no date]	Mrs. <b>Barnham</b> , a widowed sister of Mrs. Collins, in town, a communicant, deceased at 10 1/2 o'clock P.M. Disease – consumption. Her funeral was attended at the house of Mrs. Collins and her Body carried to Norwalk where I buried it in the church-yard, Feb. 15, 1849.
[no date]	I buried Hezekiah <b>Gray</b> , the father of Mrs. Dickinson, in the church-yard
6 May 1849	Mrs. Mary A. <b>Keeler</b> departed at 9 o'clock A.M. Mrs. K. was a communicant. Her funeral was attended at the church and her body buried in Sanford's ground near Mr. Wilson's. Disease – consumption.

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*Burials in Christ Church Parish, Reading, Osamus H. Smith, Rector*

- 12 Mar 1851 Mr. Jer[*e*]miah **Banks** died on Wednesday at 6 o'clock A.M. of dropsy in the chest. Mr. Banks a communicant. His remains were taken to the church, then funeral service and sermon were had, then they were buried in the cemetery a short distance below Mr. T. Treadwell's
- 31 May 1851 Mrs. Lucy **Drew** died on Saturday of Palsy, was a communicant and the funeral was attended at her late residence where funeral service and sermon were had. She was buried at a cemetery in Bethel one mile north.
- 6 Jul 1851 Mr. Lodowick **Dart** died Sunday of Palsey, was a communicant, funeral attended at his late residence where funeral service and sermon were had. Buried at a cemeter in Bethel one mile north.
- 27 Jul 1851 Sunday, attended the funeral of Daniel F. **Hill** at the Baptist meeting house in Easton. His disease measles. Interred in the cemetery there.
- 11 Aug 1851 On Monday I attended the funeral of Charles Burr [**Keeler**], infant son of Nathan and Eleanor Keeler. Service & sermon at the house of Mrs. Hickerson. Remains interred in the Sanford cemetery. Disease – inflammation of bowels.
- 7 Feb 1852 Mr. Thomas **Starr** died on Saturday, old ate, was a communicant, buried in the church cemetery.
- 11 Feb 1852 Mr. Levi **Robinson** died on Wednesday of dropsy in the chest, buried in the cemetery near James Sanford's residence.
- 21 Feb 1852 Mrs. Lydia Ann **Meeker** died on Saturday of Consumption in the 24[th] year of her age. Funeral attended in church with full services. She was buried in Mr. Sanford's cemetery. Mrs. M. was a communicant.
- 21 Mar 1852 Mrs. Polly **Hill**, relict of the late John Hill died on Friday of Dropsey after a painful illness. Funeral service and sermon at her late residence. She was buried in the church cemetery by the side of her husband.
- 31 Mar 1852 William Arthur [**Meeker**], infant son of Andrew Meeker, died of disease of the heart. Interred in the same grave with its mother Lydia Ann Meeker.
- 28 Oct 1852 Emma Jane **Hannaford**, infant daughter of Stephen and Harriet Mariah Hannaford died of Disentary. Interred in the cemetery of Mr. Sanford. Funeral service at the house of Mr Cable, the grandfather.
- 10 Nov 1852 Frederick **Meeker** died. Buried in the cemetery of Aaron Sanford. Services at the church.
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Dec 1852 Ruth **Todd**, relict of the late Bethel[?] Todd, died. Buried in the cemetery at Rock house. Services at the house.
- 10 Dec 1852 Eunice **Lyon** died, interred in the cemetery in Hopewell. Services at the late dwelling.
- 20 Jan 1853 Susanna **Peck**, widow of the late Dr. Peck of this place died in her 83<sup>d</sup> year. Her last residence had been with her daughter Mrs. G. Sanford at Westport. Her remains were brought here for interment in the church cemetery. Full funeral services were had at the house of her brother Wm. Heron, Esq.
- 5 Feb 1852 Harriet **Sanford** died, buried in the Sanford cemetery. Services at her father's house.
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- 6 Feb 1852 **Thomasin Burr** died, buried in the Wheeler cemetery. Services at her late residence.
- 5 Mar 1852 **James Denison Esq., Jun.** Warden of Christchurch Parish Reading died of asthma, interred in the Sanford cemetery after full funeral services and sermon in church. Mr Denison was a devout and faithful member of the body of Christ of nearly 60 years standing. His loss to the church and community it will be hard to repair[?]
- 19 Mar 1852 On Saturday I attended the funeral of Hannah **Bennet**, relict of Mr. Eben Bennet of Easton.
- 1 Apr 1852 On Friday attended the funeral of Mrs. Betsey **Lyon**. Services in church, buried in the church yard.
- 17 Oct 1853 Buried in the yard by Mr. Wilson's house a child of Mr. & Mrs. **Gilbert**.

*Burials during the Rectorship of Rev. James Adams*

- 8 Jan 1855 Attended the funeral (at the house) of Mrs. Sarah **Bradley**. Died Jan. 6. Disease, cancerous affection of the bowels. Aged 66 yrs. Buried in the yard near Mr. Wilson's
- 17 Jan 1855 Read the service at the grave over the remains of **George Goodsell** (an inmate of the Town Poor House), supposed to be about 80 years of age. Disease, old age and the effects of a fall. Buried in the yard adjoining the Church.
- 19 Jan 1855 Attended the funeral of Horace W. [**Vincent**], son of Anson and Harriet Vincent (at the house, and service and sermon in Church). Died Jan. 18. Disease, Whooping Cough. Aged 6 years.
- 23 Jan 1855 Attended the funeral (at the house) of Albert [**Wakeley**], son of Harry and Sally Wakeley. Aged 6 months and 26 days. Disease, Whooping Cough.
- 11 Jul 1855 Attended the funeral (at the house of Mrs. Collins, at the Centre) of Charles **Carroll Winton**, son of Mrs. C. C. Winton (brought from N. Y. City), aged 6 years. Died of congestion of the lungs and an affection of the heart. Buried in the Grave Yard at the Centre.
- 2 Oct 1855 Attended the funeral at the house of the father of Frederic William [**Meeker**], son of Francis and Harriet Meeker, aged two years and eleven month. Disease, dysenterry. Buried in the yard near Mr. Wilson's.
- 30 Oct 1855 Attended the funeral of Enos **Wheeler** (at the house), aged 83 years. Disease, paralysis. Buried in the Yard near James Sanford's
- 15 Jul 1856 The remains of Esther **Meeker** were brought from Southport, and funeral services were performed in the Church, the Rev. Mr. Urudy making an address and officiating at the grave. Buried in the yeard near Mr. Wilson's. Died suddenly from bleeding in the lungs.
- 15 Aug 1856 Attended the funeral of Wm. [**Bradley**], son of Hull and Eliza Bradley, aged 10 months and 19 days. Disease, consumption produced probably by a scrofulous affection. Service and sermon in church.
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*The Rev. W. W Bronson, Rector*

- 1 Aug 1857 Buried Annis Maria Crofut, aged 17 yrs. Service and address at house. Buried in Newtown. Supposed cause of death, poison taken or administered.
- 30 Oct 1857 Buried in Easton, John Scofield, aged 38 years. Had been dead 2 weeks when found near Pratt's mill. Cause of death – delerium tremens.
- 7 Jan 1858 Buried at Reading, Mary Emma [Keeler], daughter of Nathan & Eleanor J. Keeler, aged 1 year. Disease, Lung Fever.
- 22 Feb 1858 Buried at Reading from the Poor House, Charles [Wheeler], son of Aaron & Lorinda Wheeler, aged 4 years. Disease of the bowels.
- 1 Mar 1858 Buried in Reading from the Poor House, Annie Mead, aged 70 years. Buried in the Church Yard.
- 12 Mar 1858 Buried from Reading in Bethel, Viola Lavinia [Thorp], daughter of Orrin & Rebecca W. Thorp, aged 3 yrs., 1 mo, disease, scarlet fever.
- 17 Mar 1858 Buried from Reading in bethel, Martha E. [Thorp], daughter of Orrin and R. W. Thorp, aged 6 yrs., 7 mos., disease, scarlet fever.
- 29 Mar 1858 Buried from Reading in Bethel, Henry Roswell, aged nearly 57 years. A coroner's inquest, of which I was foreman, was held in this case. The verdict being that he came to his death by the wanton exposure, the gross cruelty, & th most inhuman ill treatment upon the part of Hulday Ann Roswell, the mother of the aforesaid Henry.
- 8 Aug 1858 Buried at Reading, in the lot of Jas. Sanford, Esq., Lyman Bennett, aged 50 Years, died instantly in a fit.
- 31 Aug 1858 Buried at Reading, Charles Brown [Tucker], son of Joseph & Rebecca F. Tucker, aged 3 months, disease, cholera infantum.
- 5 Sep 1858 Buried at Reading, Fanny [Gilbert], daughter of Seth Gilbert, aged 17 years. Disease, inflammation of bowels.
- 9 Nov 1858 Buried Mrs. Eleanor J. Keeler, aged 30 years – consumption.
- 7 Dec 1858 Buried at Reading in J. Sanford's Esq. ground, Aaron S. Crofut, aged 45 years. He was found dead on the 4<sup>th</sup>, had been missing since Nov 25<sup>th</sup>. The verdict of the Coroner's Inquest was intemperance, particularly from liquor given him by Chas. Duncomb, at[?] whose premises he was last seen.
- 9 Jan 1859 Buried at Reading, Mrs. David Parmalee, aged 76 years. Disease, old age & its infirmities.
- 10 Jan 1859 Buried at Reading, Mary Jane Glover (colored person) aged 26 years. Disease, consumption.
- 6 Feb 1859 Buried at Reading, Mr. William Heron, aged 88 yrs., 10 mos. Disease, old age.
- 8 Apr 1859 Buried at Reading, Amanda Downs, aged 22 yrs. Disease, pneumonia.
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- 27 Apr 1859 The Burial office (except the committal of the body to the dust) was this day read in Xt ch Reading over the remains of Charles Kirkham[?] [White], son of the Rev. W. White & Mary O. Brown, aged 8 yrs., 3mos. There were present & assisting of the Clergy, the Rev. Moses Short, Williams, Rumney & Townsend. A sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. Williams of Ridgefield, from St. Math. IX:18. The body was taken to S. Peter's, Phil[?], for interment. Disease, dropsy of the ham[?]
- 15 Sep 1859 Buried, Aiza **Meeker**, aged 59 years. Disease, stroke of the son from the intense heat of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst.
- 28 Aug 1859 Buried, Nelson [Ferry], son of Milo & Caroline Ferry, aged 23 years. Disease, typhus fever.
- 23 Sep 1859 Buried, Jas. C. **Denison**, aged 55 years. Disease, lockjaw from injuries of th hand.
- 8 Oct 1859 Buried, Joseph S. **Tucker**, aged 36 years. Disease, consumption.
- 27 Oct 1859 Buried in the church ground, Sarah [Beers], wife of Simeon Beers, aged 70.
- 10 Nov 1859 Buried in the church ground, Lucy **Keeler**, aged 78 years.
- 18 Nov 1859 Buried Eleanor Jane [Keeler], daughttr of M. B. Keeler, aged 16 months.
- 27 Dec 1859 Buried Esther **Meeker**, aged 91 years.
- 7 Jan 1860 Buried in Easton, Mrs. Esther **Wheeler**, aged 99 years, 8 months, & 20 days.
- 20 Jan 1860 Buried Miss Elosia [sic] **Heron**, aged 75 years.
- 2 Feb 1860 Buried in Weston, Mr. Thomas **Treadwell**, Senior Warden of the Parish, aged 70 yrs. & 6 mos. The services were held at Emmanuel Church, the Rev. Mr. Tomlinson being present & assisting at the grave.
- 12 Mar 1860 Buried at Reading, Kate Augusta [Libbey], daughter of Simon R. Libbey, aged 13 months. Disease, pneumonia.
- 25 May 1860 Buried in Hopewell by the Rev. A. O. L. Barclay, Rector of S. Thomas ch. Bethel, Mrs. Seth **Gilbert**, aged 67 years.
- 17 Jun 1860 Buried at Reading by the Rev. C. C. Barclay of ethel, Mr. John R. **Hill**, aged 70 years.
- 8 Aug 1860 Buried at Reading by the Rev. W. H. Williams of Ridgefield, Mr. Alanson **Lyon**, aged 55 years.

*The Rev<sup>d</sup> Alfred Louderback, Rector*

- 28 Nov 1861 Elizabeth Frances **Lyon** buried by the Rector at Sanford Town, died of Scarlet Feber, aged about 7 years.
- 28 Feb 1862 Charles **Hickison (Hickerson)** died in Camp near Washington of Typhoid Fever. Buried by the Rector and with the honors of war by the Bethel Company.
- 30 Mar 1862 Nancy Bradley **Beers**, aged 22, died at Newark, New Jersey, of Typhoid Fever. Body brought here for burial and committed to the earth by the Rector.

*The Rev. Henry Zell, Rector*

- 6 Mar 1863 Flora **Wakely** died in Weston, March 5, aged 23, disease, consumption, interred in the yard near M<sup>f</sup> Wilsons.
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- 19 Jul 1863 Sarah Betsey **Sherman**, wife of Geo Sherman, died on the 18 inst., interred in the yard by James Sanford, aged 27.
- 24 Jul 1863 John Woolsey **Meeker**, infant son of John A. Meeker, died in New York on the 23<sup>d</sup>, interred in the yard near Mr. A. B. Wilsons, aged 6 mo.
- 6 Sep 1863 Rebecca **Denison**, widow of the late James Denison, warden of the church, died on the 4[th], interred in the yard near Mr. A. B. Wilsons, aged 75 years.
- 25 Nov 1863 Died at Redding (in the Parsonage) the Rev. Henry Zell, aged 54 years. After funeral services in the Parish Church conducted by the Rev D. P. Sanford, the Rev. [blank] & the Rev. [blank], his remains were taken to West Haven for interment. [Long obituary follows.]

*Burials by the Rev. J. L. Townsend*

- 20 Dec 1863 Catherine J. **Ferry**, Æ 20 yrs., 10 mos.
- 20 Mar 1864 Edson **Wakelee**, Æ 12 yrs., 7 mos., by the Rev. D. P. Sanford.
- 23 Mar 1864 Maria **Oakley**, aged 46.
- 15 Jul 1864 C. Asa **Stilson**, Æ 23 yrs. Buried by the Rev. W. L Bostwick in the Newtown Burying Ground after a service & sermon in Christ Chh. Redding.
- 14 Aug 1864 George W. **Giles**, Æ 20 yrs., 10 mos.
- 11 Nov 1864 Ebenezer **Sherman**, Æ 78 yrs.
- 19 Feb 1865 David **Parmelee**, Æ 90 yrs., 8 mos., [blank] days.
- 21 Feb 1865 Milo **Ferry**, Æ 61 yrs.
- 30 Apr 1865 William **Hickerson**, Æ 69 yrs, 10 mos.
- 14 Sep 1865 Russell Augustus **Wells**, Æ 1 yr., 1 mo.
- 24 Nov 1865 Salley **Bradley** (Mrs.), Æ 52 yrs, 9 mo., 10 days.
- 18 Feb 1866 Delia Ann **Wheeler** (Mrs.), Æ 21 years.
- 25 Feb 1866 Hannah M. **Wells** (Mrs.), Æ 63 years.
- 23 Aug 1866 Hannah **Bassett** (Mrs.), Æ 61 years, 6 mos.
- 24 May 1867 Adeline **Meeker**, Æ 68 years.
- 17 Jul 1867 Esther **Treadwell**, buried by Rev. J. M. Marvin.

*Officiating clergyman, J. W. Hoffman*

- 22 May 1869 Ninian **Reed**, bur. Easton.
- 20 Aug 1869 [blank] **Brown**, bur. Woodlawn Cemetery, Westchester Co., N. Y.
- 1 Aug 1870 Harriet L. **Wells**, bur. Upper Stepney, Ct.
- 2 Sep 1870 Daniel **Glover** (colored), bur. X<sup>t</sup> Chh, grave yard.
- 28 Feb 1871 Jessie & Julia **Patchen**, (twins 3 mos. old), bur. Ridge grave yard.
- 1 Mar 1871 Ann Aliza **Downs**, bur. Ridge grave yard.
- 23 Apr 1871 Henry **Wakeley**, bur. Ridge grave yard.
- 28 May 1871 John Close **Bradley**, bur. Ridge grave yard.
- 11 Sep 1871 Infant, 2 wks old **Sherman**, bur. Sanfords grave yard.
- 29 Sep 1871 Horace Woolsey **Wells**, bur. Ridge grave yard.
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*Burials, C. W. Kelley, Rector.*

- 15 Mar 1873 Olive **Glover**, aged 77 (est<sup>d</sup>), died Mch. 13<sup>th</sup> of Typhoid fever. Service at the Ch. & burial in the Ch. yard.
- 19 Mar 1873 Emily M. **Nichols**, aged 29, wife of J. B. Nichols & daughter of A. B. & Angeline Wilson, died Mch 16<sup>th</sup> of Typhoid fever. Service at the Ch. & buied at Easton in new Cemetery near Ransom Lyon's.
- 13 Apr 1873 Joseph Franklin **Rowland**, aged 32, died Apl 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 pm of Consumption  
Easter Service at the Church, buried in the new cemetery on the Ridge.
- 1 May 1873 Levi **Patchen**, aged 25, died [blank], service at the Church, buried in the new Cemetery on the Ridge.
- 28 Jul 1873 Watson **Beers**, age 6 years, 10 months, son of Walter & Julia Beers, died July 26<sup>th</sup> from a tree being blown down & falling on him. Buried in Sanford-town Cemetery.
- 15 Oct 1873 Ada **Wallace**, aged 82 years, died Oct 13<sup>th</sup> of consumption. Service at the house of Dan<sup>l</sup> Sherwood, buried at Huntingtown.
- 1 Jan 1874 Henry **Lyon**, aged 88, died Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1873 of [blank]. Sevice at his late residence, buried at the Cemetery.
- 12 Mar 1874 Walter [Warren *interlined*] Taylor **Bradley**, age 26, died Mch 8<sup>th</sup> 1874. Son of Walter & Nancy Bradley, Redding Ridge. Burned to death at the burning of the American Hotel, Pitsburg, Pa.
- 21 Apr 1874 W<sup>m</sup> Burr **Cables**, age 73, died Apl 18<sup>th</sup> 1874 at his residence, Redding, of dropsy, burial service at the house, buried at the Cemetery near James Sanford's house.
- 7 May 1874 Sellick Lester **Hickerson**, age 3 months, child of W<sup>m</sup> & Mary L. Hickerson, died May 5<sup>th</sup> 1874 in Weston, buried in new Cemetery, Redding Ridge.
- 18 May 1874 Alonzo **Beers**, age 74 years, died May 16<sup>th</sup> 1874, probably of heart disease, buried in new Cemetery, Redding Ridge. Service in Christ Church.
- 5 Jun 1874 Jeannette **Sherman** died June 4<sup>th</sup>, wife of George Sherman age [blank], buried in New Cemetery.
- 18 Jun 1874 John Bur **Baldwin** (col<sup>d</sup>), age 21, son of Albert & Ann Baldwin, died June 16<sup>th</sup>, buried on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Easton Cemetery.
- Oct 1874 Drusilla **Wakeman**, age 89 years, 9 mos., 15 days, widow of Sam<sup>l</sup> Wakeman, died Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1874, buried Oct. [blank] at Easton Cemetery.
- 27 Mar 1875 Simeon **Beers**, age 85 years, died Mch. 25<sup>th</sup> 1875 of heart disease, buried Mch 27<sup>th</sup> in Ch. yard.
- 19 Apr 1875 Harry **Wakely**, age 61 years, died in Monroe Apl. 16<sup>th</sup> of consumption, buried from the Church in Redding Ridge Cemetery.
- 5 Oct 1875 Starr Bailey **Ferry**, age 39 yrs., died at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Milo Ferry, from a fall from a tree. Buried at the small cemetery nearly opposite their house.
- 17 Nov 1875 Edward **Hill**, age 61 years, died Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> of consumption, buried from Christ Ch., Easton in Gilbert-town Cemetery.
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- 22 Nov 1875 Hattie May [Jordan], infant child of Oscar & Antoinette Jordan, died [blank], buried from the Ch. in the New Cemetery.
- 25 Mar 1876 Daniel Sherwood, age [blank], died Mch. 23<sup>rd</sup> of Consumption, buried in Cemetery on the Ridge.
- Jan 1877 John Sherwood, aged [blank], buried in same Cemetery by the Rev. E. C. Pattison, Rector, St. Thomas, Bethel.
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*Burials by A. Alanson Welton, Rector*

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- 18 Jul 1877 Mrs. Flora j. Mills (of Weston) agd 30. Buried in the New Cemetery from Christ Church (a native of Redding).
- 22 Jul 1877 Miss Hannah J. Meeker, aged 30, a former communicant of this church. Buried from the church in the New Cemetery.
- 21 Aug 1877 Joseph T. Fanton, aged 60. Buried in cemetery of Mr. Jas. Sanford Sen. Services in front of house in the open air.
- 10 Sep 1877 Mrs. Flora Drew, aged 78. Buried in the cemetery in the Wolf Pits District in Bethel. Funeral services at the house.
- 28 Sep 1877 Mrs. Eliza Basset (wife of Isaac Basset), aged 37. A Methodist, from Hattertown. Services at the house by a Local Preacher. Buried in New Cemetery (near Wilson's).
- 30 Dec 1877 Emma Augusta [Giles], daughter of John H. Giles, Aged 12 years & 9 Months. Buried from Church in New Cemetery (Redding Ridge).
- 3 Feb 1878 Levi Patchen, aged 75. Service in Church. Buried in Redding Ridge Cemetery.
- 15 Apr 1878 Mrs. Nabby Underhill. Aged 84. B. S. at late residence, Hopewell Dist. Buried in the Huntingtown Cemetery. In Newtown.
- 9 May 1878 Mrs. Mary Emma Hall, Aged 49. B. S. at house. Interred in Redding Ridge Cemetery.
- 10 May 1878 Buried in the R. Ridge Cemetery aftr services at the house of his Sister, Bradley Nichols, aged 72.
- 20 Jul 1878 Aaron B. Wilson, aged 60. Buried in the Easton Cemetery. Services in church Sunday the 21 at one O'clock P.M
- 22 Jul 1878 Miss Sarah Nichols, aged 76. Burial service at the house. Interred in the Redding Ridge cemetery.
- 12 Aug 1878 Mrs. Eleanor Read – aged 76. Died at [blank] Mass. In the Read Cemetery, Redding Centre.
- 13 Sep 1878 Emma Louisa [Beers], infant grandchild of Walter Beers. Buried after services at the house in R. Ridge Cemetery.
- 30 Apr 1879 Mrs. Elvira S. Cable, aged 77. Buried in the cemetery near the residence of James Sanford, Esq.
- 24 Mar 1879 Buried with committal service only, infant daughter of Abel S. Tucker of Pittsfield, Mass., where the child died.
- 24 Jun 1879 Buried in the Huntingtown Cemetery, Newtown, after funeral services at the house of Ebenezer Fitch in Weston, Mrs. Amelia Hotchkiss, aged 91 yrs., 3 months & 14 days. A communicant of the Church.
- 23 Dec 1879 Buried in the Redding Ridge Cemetery Dec. 23, 1879, Nash Couch, aged 85 yrs., 2 mos. and 3 days. Services at the house.
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at Mark Twain Library, Redding, CT  
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Both the August issue and this current issue of *Connecticut Ancestry* contain transcriptions of Redding records which have been of limited access to researchers. In September members of the Society met at the town's Mark Twain Library to present a copy of the August issue to the first selectman of Redding and to the library director. Members then had an opportunity for research using the library's collection of published works and especially their Margaret Wixted Collection.

In addition to this special collection the library has a significant number of local histories of Connecticut and of Redding and surrounding towns. With these, of interest to genealogists for background information, there are a few with more specific genealogical information, including transcriptions of the Barbour Collection for Redding, the published early *Records of the State of Connecticut*, and Jacobus's *Families of Old Fairfield*.

Margaret McCollam Wixted served as Town Historian of Redding from 1982 to 2003. After her death in 2005 her files on more than 160 Redding families, 55 historic houses, and many subjects of historical interest were given to the library. For the convenience of our readers we here list the surnames from the family files:

<b>Abbott</b>	<b>Bennett</b>	<b>Davies</b>
<b>Adams</b>	<b>Betts</b>	<b>Davis</b>
<b>Ambler</b>	<b>Booth</b>	<b>Dayton</b>
<b>Andrews</b>	<b>Boughton</b>	<b>DeForest</b>
<b>Applegate</b>	<b>Bradley</b>	<b>Denison</b>
<b>Ashton</b>	<b>Bulkley</b>	<b>Dennie</b>
<b>Bachman</b>	<b>Burr</b>	<b>Dibble</b>
<b>Baldwin</b>	<b>Burritt</b>	<b>Dicken</b>
<b>Banks</b>	<b>Byington</b>	<b>Dimon</b>
<b>Barlow</b>	<b>Canfield</b>	<b>Dorgan</b>
<b>Bartlett</b>	<b>Chapman</b>	<b>Douns</b>
<b>Bartram</b>	<b>Chatfield</b>	<b>Drew</b>
<b>Basett</b>	<b>Clugston</b>	<b>Driggs</b>
<b>Bates</b>	<b>Coley</b>	<b>Duncole</b>
<b>Beach</b>	<b>Comstock</b>	<b>Ezequille</b>
<b>Beardsley</b>	<b>Couch</b>	<b>Fairchild</b>
<b>Beers</b>	<b>Crofut</b>	<b>Fanton</b>
<b>Benedict</b>	<b>Davern</b>	<b>Finney</b>

<b>Fitch</b>	<b>Lindley (see Coley)</b>	<b>Rogers</b>
<b>Flood</b>	<b>Lockwood</b>	<b>Rumsey</b>
<b>Foster</b>	<b>Lord (Wilson, Squire)</b>	<b>Salmon</b>
<b>Frost</b>	<b>Lounsbury</b>	<b>Sanford</b>
<b>Gilbert</b>	<b>Lutz</b>	<b>Scofield</b>
<b>Godfrey</b>	<b>Lyon</b>	<b>Seeley</b>
<b>Gold/Gould</b>	<b>MacNeil</b>	<b>Selleck</b>
<b>Goodsell</b>	<b>Mallery/Mallory</b>	<b>Sherman</b>
<b>Gorham</b>	<b>Marchant</b>	<b>Sherwood</b>
<b>Gray</b>	<b>Masterson</b>	<b>Smith</b>
<b>Green</b>	<b>Mead</b>	<b>Squire</b>
<b>Griffin</b>	<b>Meeker (Gray)</b>	<b>Staples</b>
<b>Grumman</b>	<b>Merritt</b>	<b>Starr</b>
<b>Guiles</b>	<b>Mills</b>	<b>Stauffer</b>
<b>Hall</b>	<b>Moore</b>	<b>Stolle (Steichen, Sturges)</b>
<b>Hard</b>	<b>Morehouse</b>	<b>Sullivan</b>
<b>Hawley</b>	<b>Morgan</b>	<b>Taylor</b>
<b>Heron</b>	<b>Munger</b>	<b>Thorp</b>
<b>Hibbard</b>	<b>Munson</b>	<b>Tillou</b>
<b>Hill</b>	<b>Nash</b>	<b>Todd</b>
<b>Hubbard</b>	<b>Nichols</b>	<b>Treadwell</b>
<b>Hubbell</b>	<b>Norton</b>	<b>Truesdell</b>
<b>Hill</b>	<b>Oakley</b>	<b>Tucker</b>
<b>Iles</b>	<b>O'Hara</b>	<b>Turkington</b>
<b>Jackson (Jenkins)</b>	<b>Olmstead</b>	<b>Turney</b>
<b>Jacocks</b>	<b>Osborn</b>	<b>Wakeman</b>
<b>Jarvis</b>	<b>Paine</b>	<b>Wanzer</b>
<b>Jelliff</b>	<b>Parmelee</b>	<b>Webb</b>
<b>Jenkins</b>	<b>Parsons</b>	<b>Wheeler</b>
<b>Knapp</b>	<b>Patchen</b>	<b>Whitehead</b>
<b>Kniffen</b>	<b>Peck</b>	
<b>Krutch</b>	<b>Perry</b>	
<b>Lacey</b>	<b>Pickett</b>	
<b>Lane</b>	<b>Platt</b>	
<b>Langdon</b>	<b>Read</b>	
<b>Lee</b>	<b>Reid</b>	
<b>Libby</b>	<b>Rider/Ryder (Rowland)</b>	

## Upcoming Events of Interest to Genealogists

### CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY EVENTS

**WORKSHOP – Saturday, November 10, 2007, 1:00 pm** at Fairfield Museum and History Center, 370 Beach Road, Fairfield.

**Native American Genealogy** with Vicki S. Welch. See [www.fairfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.fairfieldhistoricalsociety.org) for directions. This workshop will be our first cosponsored event in the new facilities of the renamed Fairfield Historical Society. No fee, but please call 203 259-1598 to register.

**GENEALOGY SHOW AND TELL – Sunday, November 18, 2007. 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM** at Ferguson Library, Stamford. Bring an object to illustrate your family history and tell us about it for a minute or two. Refreshments will be served. **Come and celebrate the holiday season with your fellow genealogists. And bring a guest!** Please RSVP with number of attendees by Nov. 16 to VP Robert Locke at [rlocke@ralii.com](mailto:rlocke@ralii.com) or 203 778-4794.

### OTHER LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

#### **MIDDLESEX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – [mgs.darien.org](http://mgs.darien.org)**

All programs at Darien Public Library, 35 Leroy Ave., Saturdays at 2 pm.

**November 17** – UNDERSTANDING YOUR WESTERN EUROPEAN ANCESTORS CAN HELP YOU TRACE THEM, Leslie Huber.

**January 26, 2008** – COLONIAL SHIPS' LISTS: AVAILABLE THROUGH NARA, Casey Zahn.

#### **WESTCHESTER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – [www.rootsweb.com/~nywcgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nywcgs/)**

Most programs at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Dobbs Ferry, NY, at 10 am. Donation \$3 for guests.

**November 10** – CROSSING THE OCEAN WITH THE INTERNET, Leslie Huber

**December 8** – HOLIDAY PARTY

#### **CONNECTICUT SOCIETY of GENEALOGISTS – [www.csginc.org](http://www.csginc.org)**

**November 17** – STONEWALLS IN NEW ENGLAND GENEALOGY, Timothy Jacobs

**February 16, 2008** – FAMILY TREE RINGS: FAMILY DYNAMICS, Tom Howard.

#### **GENEALOGY CLUB of NEWTOWN – [www.rootsweb.com/~ctgcnc/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ctgcnc/)**

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**November 14** – SEARCHING HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS, Tom Kemp

**December 14** – MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

**January 11, 2008** – USING YOUR DIGITAL CAMERA, Cathy Vanaria

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