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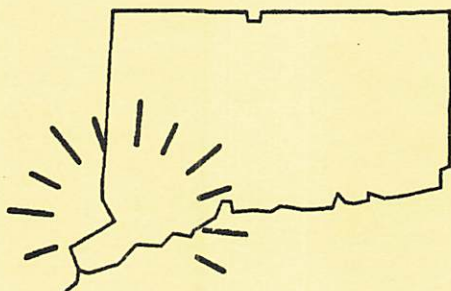
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New Website and Web Service **(Two New Web Developments)**

First, your Society has updated our website with our own domain name. We can now be found at <http://www.connecticutancestry.org>. We suggest you bookmark this site on your computer for ease of access. We are thankful for the hosting which has been provided by Rootsweb for the past months, and that site is still available for the near term. Our new website, like the old one, will allow you to follow the activities of your Society, and it will advertise the Society to potential new members and to others exploring their genealogical roots in our area.

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As an example of special news which may be sent, we recently experienced a situation where vital records access in Connecticut was being jeopardized. Our notice of new access policies came in early November after our last journal issue had gone to press. Though we did post a notice on the website, you will have missed it if you are not checking the site on a regular basis.

I really hope that this new email service can help to remind all of us in our busy lives of how and where we can all participate in this, our **Connecticut Ancestry Society**. And, as always, if you have any suggestions on how we might improve this Society and make it more helpful in your research endeavors, please send me an email (or write to my postal address inside the front cover).

—Robert A. Locke, Jr., Webmaster

Editorial Notes and Society News

(Please read)

In this issue we continue Fred Hart's most interesting series on the Ancestry of William Weed, this time focusing on two unrelated Smith families with some interesting comments on others with that common surname. Coincidentally, Robert Smith has submitted an article by on sorting out some, still different, Smith families by DNA testing. Our faithful contributor Helen Ullmann discovered and transcribed a number of family Bible records from the Old Sturbridge Village Library, and, based on one of these, she has filled out many details on the family of Henry Husted of Greenwich. Another family Bible found here in Fairfield County describes the Winne family from upstate New York and later from Westchester County. Finally, in our quest to publish all those early vital records missed in the Barbour Collection, we have transcribed a group of marriages from the town of Easton from 1845 to 1854, heretofore unpublished and little known.

In our last issue we congratulated Fred Hart for his election as a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists and named other Fellows who had been members of *our* Society and contributors to this Journal. Your current editor missed the fact that Donald Lines Jacobus, perhaps the best-known Fellow of ASG, had also been elected in 1964 as the first honorary member of our parent Stamford Genealogical Society. His obituary by Paul Prindle, FASG, was published in the Journal in November 1970 (Vol. 13).

The restriction, beginning in November, of Connecticut vital records from recent years which include Social Security numbers has become a concern to the genealogical community. See our new website, www.connecticutancestry.org, for the letter by the State Registrar of Vital Records and for a request to forward your comments and related experiences to our president or genealogist. As we go to press the State Registrar has not issued a set of common guidelines as to how town clerks are to respond to this restriction, and your input can be most helpful.

Finally, please take time to renew your membership, and here's an apology for misstating the increased dues rate in the last issue of the Journal. The increases are really modest and long overdue as compared with increases in our printing and mailing costs. We don't want to lose any of you!

Harlan R. Jessup

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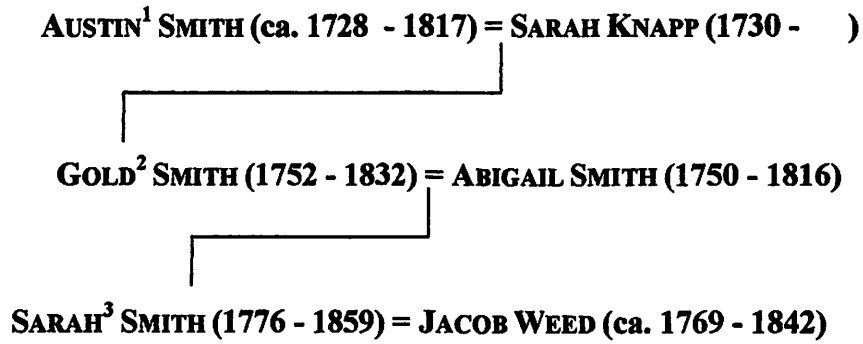
**ANCESTRY OF WILLIAM WEED
OF STAMFORD AND DARIEN, CONNECTICUT**

PART 8:

SMITH (Austin Smith)

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SMITH (Austin Smith)

The ancestry of Austin Smith who died at Stamford in 1817 is suspected but not yet proven. Many references to him in the secondary sources identify him as being from a Smithtown, Long Island Smith family, son of James and Jerusha (Topping) Smith, and moreover make him identical with a Capt. Austin Smith who lived at different times in Orange County, New York and in Stamford.^[1] A review of the primary records in Stamford, however, makes it obvious that the Stamford man and the Orange County man were two separate individuals. Each one has already appeared in an excellent fairly recent treatment as an individual – the Smithtown / Orange County Austin Smith in a published genealogy of the descendants of Richard “Bull” Smith of Smithtown,^[2] and the Stamford man in an extended article covering all of the Stamford Smith families.^[3] The discussion that follows is probably the first time that these two Austin Smiths have been considered together in a comparative fashion, explained primarily for the benefit of those readers who may be confused by the earlier erroneous merging of their careers.

By way of introduction to the detail that follows, the two men’s careers are summarized:

- Austin Smith of Stamford, our subject, was born about 1728, possibly at Huntington, Long Island, married Sarah Knapp at Stamford in 1752, and lived there continuously until his death in 1817, age 89 years. He had four sons who served in the Revolutionary War but no record is found for any service of his own as a soldier or as a provider of material support.
- Austin Smith of Orange County was born probably about the same time, probably in the village of Moriches, then in Smithtown but now in Brookhaven, Long Island, married Mehitable Tuthill, moved to Orange County following his wife’s family, the Tuthills, say around 1750, held the office of captain in the Orange County Militia and signed the Association in 1775 but became a Loyalist soon after the beginning of the Revolutionary War. He provided support to the British, for which he was captured or detained and for which his property was confiscated. He moved with his family to Wilmot, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia in 1782, where he and his wife Mehitabel both died.

¹ See, for example, Edith M. Wicks and Virginia H. Olson, *Stamford’s Soldiers* (Stamford: The Stamford Genealogical Society and The Ferguson Library, 1976), 251.

² Frederick Kinsman Smith, *The Family of Richard Smith of Smithtown, Long Island - Ten Generations* (Smithtown: The Smithtown Historical Society, 1967), 91-92, 151-52, hereafter *Richard Smith Genealogy*. I have greatly appreciated the assistance of Ned Smith of the Suffolk County Historical Society, presently librarian of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, and a descendant of this Richard Smith family, for providing a copy of the pertinent portions of this genealogy. Richard “Bull” Smith’s descendants appear to well understand the career of Austin Smith of Orange County, as evidenced by their many writings on the Internet, mostly based on the 1967 *Richard Smith Genealogy* just mentioned. Unfortunately the writers of *Stamford’s Soldiers* must not have been aware of this book, written several years earlier than the Stamford volume.

³ Robert Louer, “The Smith Families of Stamford, Connecticut,” *Connecticut Ancestry*, 45: 3-20, 62-84, 128-46, 155-76, 46: 9-29, at 46: 12-7. This article provided many significant additions and corrections to the treatment of the Stamford Austin Smith’s family in *Stamford’s Soldiers*.

Austin Smith of Stamford

1. **AUSTIN¹ SMITH** of Stamford was born about 1728, location still unknown but possibly in Huntington, Long Island, and died “suddenly” at Stamford in 1817 (only the year given), age 89 years. These dates all result from a single entry in the Stamford Congregational Church Records,^[4] and no other (Connecticut) record of his birth or baptism or death or burial has been found. Wherever necessary to distinguish him from the other Austin Smiths, the qualifier “of Stamford” will be used.

Austin Smith married **SARAH KNAPP** at Stamford on 17 August 1752.^[5] She was born on 5 June 1730, the daughter of Peter Knapp and his first wife Elizabeth Slason, who were married at Stamford on 30 June 1726. One source gives her date of death as 1817,^[6] but I have been unable to confirm that with any primary record. Her younger half-sister Deborah Knapp married Capt. Amos Smith (of the Henry Smith family), and her cousin Martha Slason married Zephaniah⁵ Weed, uncle of Jacob⁶ Weed (see the Weed segment of this series).

He first appeared on the Stamford Grand List of 1754 with a valuation of 26-4-0, and was consistently taxed as a property owner in Stamford from that time until his death.^[7]

He appeared a witness to several deeds made by Nathaniel Seely on 1 January 1761, along with John Knapp Jr.^[8] His association with these people in 1761 may be a clue to his identity, yet to be decoded. Another appearance as witness in 1767 is more straightforward. On 17 March 1767, Caleb Smith, Sarah Smith widow of Amos Smith Deceased, Amos Smith, and Rebecca Brown daughter of Nathan Brown Deceased, all of Stamford, sold 6+ acres at “Clapboard Hill or Witch Pin Ridge” to Daniel Lockwood.^[9] The witnesses were Austin Smith and Abraham Davenport (later Judge and Revolutionary War leader in the Connecticut General Assembly). Austin Smith’s appearance in this case was probably due to the fact that his wife, Sarah (Knapp) Smith, was half-sister to Deborah Knapp, who had recently married in 1765 Amos Smith (Jr.), one of the grantors.^[10]

Sometime between 1760 and 1772, Austin Smith was named guardian of one Jesse Weed in Stamford.^[11] The only candidate Jesse Weed seems to be the son of Nehemiah⁴ Weed, born in 1755.^[12] Nehemiah was the same person who was chosen (in 1783) as guardian by Jacob⁶ Weed,

⁴ Stamford Congregational Church Records, 3: 259, original volume on microfilm at the Connecticut State Library (CSL). The index made from these records at the CSL gives the year as 1816, but the original clearly lists him among the persons who died in 1817.

⁵ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 111.

⁶ Alfred Averill Knapp, *Nicholas Knapp Genealogy* (Winter Park, FL, 1953), 30.

⁷ Stamford Grand Lists, Stamford Historical Society Mss., passim.

⁸ Stamford Land Records, F: 462, 463, 466, 474.

⁹ Stamford Land Records, H: 26.

¹⁰ Louer, “Smith Families of Stamford” (note 3), 45: 128-9.

¹¹ This record is found in the index pages of Volume 3 of Stamford Probate Records. It appears that the clerk used these pages to record chronological events that were never transcribed onto the record volume pages. Consequently, this entry is not described anywhere else, and is not included in Mead’s abstracts, which are based on the volume’s numbered pages and not on its index pages. The date range has been estimated based on the dates of the adjacent chronological entries.

¹² This family is covered in the Weed segment of this series.

later to become the husband of a granddaughter of Austin Smith, see below.^[13] However, there are serious difficulties with this interpretation. Nehemiah⁴ Weed made his will in 1785, and was therefore living long after Jesse would have reached his majority. Furthermore, his son Jesse is presumed to have died young, since he was not named in Nehemiah's will. Nehemiah also had a *grandson* Jesse Weed, son of Ebenezer Pettit⁵ Weed, but this Jesse was born in 1776,^[14] and therefore too late to be the subject of this entry. This guardianship is therefore not explained, but may be another key to Austin Smith's identity.

Austin Smith participated in town affairs, and was appointed sealer of leather by the town meetings for the years from 1780 to 1795. He was also chosen as a surveyor of highways in 1766.^[15]

Contrast with "Capt." Austin Smith of Orange County, New York

Captain Austin Smith of Orange County will be discussed in more detail in a postscript to this segment. The earliest statement of his identity with Austin Smith of Stamford that I have found was in 1913. In that year, Frederic Mather set out a fairly complete list of the descendants of "Major" Richard¹ "Bull" Smith, the settler and founder of Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island, and identified a Capt. Austin⁴ Smith in that line, who did indeed go to Orange County.^[16] Further details of this report will be considered later. For now, it is only important to note that Mather assigned the Sarah Knapp marriage to this Long Island man, leading other researchers to fill in the remaining details of a combined identity. Unfortunately, both the *Knapp Genealogy* and *Stamford's Soldiers* carried this dual identity forward to the point where it now appears to have the strength of fact, simply because it has been repeated so many times!

Regardless of his parents or place of birth, our subject Austin Smith never left Stamford from the time of his marriage in 1752 until his death in 1817. He was a party to land transactions there in 1753, 1756, 1763, 1767, 1772 and 1784, and is *always* called Austin Smith *of Stamford* (emphasis mine) in those documents. His children were recorded there in birth or baptismal records of 1752, 1753, 1755, 1757, 1759, 1762, 1763, 1765, and 1771. It is quite impossible that such a person could have been "overseer of roads" in Orange County, NY in 1765 and "a few years later" led a company of Orange County Militia as claimed by Mather and his successors.

His first appearance in the Stamford land records was when Austin Smith and Sarah his wife sold their right in the Southern Commons or Sequest Land in Stamford on 28 March 1753 to John Waterbury.^[17] The right "came down to us from the sd. Sarah's grand father and grand mother John and Mary Slason late of sd. Stamford deceased, & ye right was originally part of Old Mr. John Slason & George Slason & Old Mr. Stephen Holmes right a part of each of their lists in the year 1687." About a month later, on 30 April 1753, Austin Smith was a witness to a

¹³ And the Weed segment of this series.

¹⁴ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 198, Barbour Collection used.

¹⁵ Stamford Town Records, transcription copy, Connecticut Ancestry microfilm, *passim*.

¹⁶ Frederic Gregory Mather, *The Refugees of 1776 from Long Island to Connecticut* (Albany: J. B. Lyon Co., 1913), 566-568.

¹⁷ Stamford Land Records, E: 535.

deed between Nathaniel Seeley Jr. and John Waterbury, perhaps having also to do with this former Slason and Holmes property.^[18]

Austin Smith does not appear as a grantee before 1763, and we therefore have no record of exactly where Austin and Sarah Smith were living in Stamford for the first 10 years or so of their marriage. Then, on 5 January 1763, Daniel Smith of New Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut sold 13+ acres of land in the Roxbury district of Stamford to Austin Smith for 41 pounds one shilling and seven pence New York Money.^[19] It does not seem that this was Daniel Smith's homelot, since no dwelling house or barn is mentioned (only "appurtenances"). The deed was witnessed by John Holly and Nathaniel Knapp and the property was bounded as follows: (W) by Bedford Road; (N) by land of the wives of Isaac Weed and Jonathan Whiting; (E) partly by land conveyed this day to Nathaniel Knapp & "partly by my brother Amos Smith's land;" (S) partly by my own land and partly by Amos Smith. The grantor was therefore Daniel⁴ Smith (Joseph³, Daniel², Henry¹), an uncle of Capt. Amos Smith, already mentioned above.

Six years later, on 11 March 1769, Austin Smith sold his 13+ acre parcel on the Bedford Road at Roxbury for 100 pounds New York Money to Timothy Lawrence of Greenwich.^[20] The land had been considerably improved, and now included the "dwelling house, bark mill, tan vats and fruit trees thereon." Witnesses of this deed were Abraham Davenport and Ezra Smith (probably Ezra³ Smith [Daniel², Henry¹], since he was not called junior).

Austin Smith received his second parcel of land in Stamford from Daniel Smith of New Fairfield on 2 January 1772. This 26+ acre parcel was on the East side of the Mill River below Taunton Saw Mill and on the South side of the Cross Highway, with boundaries as follows: (N) highway; (W) the Mill river; (S) partly by land in the possession of Joseph Webb and partly by Isaac Weed's land; and (E) heirs of Amos Smith, deceased.^[21]

This 26+ acre parcel was later sold to his sons Austin Smith Jr. and Peter Smith on 9 November 1784.^[22] No right of use was reserved, and it may be that Austin Smith Sr. went to live with one of his children at about this time.

In the 1790 census, he was shown as a head of family in Norwalk / Stamford (these towns were enumerated together) with only his wife and one other female resident in the household.^[23] This listing was immediately adjacent to the listing for his son Austin Smith Jr.

Taken together, these records all point to the career of a man named Smith who had some interactions with an established Smith family in Stamford, but did not appear to be a member of that Smith family by birth. No record of a residence for him in any other town is mentioned in these deeds. We have not found any record of his parents or grandparents in Stamford, or any mention of any blood brothers or sisters there. The name "Austin" certainly suggested that a

¹⁸ Stamford Land Records, F:1.

¹⁹ Stamford Land Records, G: 155.

²⁰ Stamford Land Records, H: 19.

²¹ Stamford Land Records, H: 412.

²² Stamford Land Records, K: 439.

²³ *Heads of Families in the Year 1790* (printed version), Connecticut (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980), 25.

connection with an Austin family existed, but none could be found with the Austins of Stamford. The unique name "Gold" for his first child suggested a connection with someone named Gold or Gould, possibly a member of the poorly documented family of John Gold who died in Stamford in 1712,^[24] possibly related on his mother's side, but again, no hint of a connection could be found. Where, then, was his origin?

Possible Origin on Long Island

All possible ancestors for Austin Smith in the Henry¹ Smith family of Stamford were eliminated by an exhaustive analysis of the evidence. For this reason, a possible origin on Long Island for two different Austin Smiths is proposed.

The main evidence under consideration is the baptism of "Austine" Smith (a male child) at the Huntington, Long Island Congregational Church on 24 March 1727/28.^[25] It was originally thought that this baptism might have been for the "other" Long Island Austin Smith, that is, the one from Smithtown who went to Orange County. However, this now appears unlikely: first, there is no other evidence of that child's parents James and Jerusha (Topping) Smith having any connection with the Huntington Church, and no others of their children were clearly baptized there; and second, James and Jerusha Smith were possibly living as far away as Moriches at this time, a trip of over 33 miles to Huntington.^[26]

Moreover, there were at least two Jeremiah Smiths, father and son, in Huntington in the early 18th Century.^[27] The father (at least) was a member of the Congregational Church where Austin was baptized. Austin Smith of Stamford named a son Jeremiah, and his eldest son Gold Smith named his eldest son Jeremiah Smith. Old English tradition was to name the eldest son for the father's father. The family of Jeremiah Smith of Huntington is not well understood and is certainly a candidate for further analysis.

Austin Smith's sudden appearance in Stamford as he married Sarah Knapp in 1752 raises the question of his possible connections with Stamford families prior to that time. The answer may be that Sarah Knapp's mother, Elizabeth Slason (1703-1733), was a sister of John Slason (1695-1778) who married Rebecca Brush, born in Huntington, Long Island – one of the several Brush children who accompanied their widowed mother to Stamford from Huntington about

²⁴ 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: 231-2.

²⁵ Moses L. Scudder, *Records of the First Church in Huntington, Long Island, 1721-1779*, Huntington, NY, 1899, 26. The entry has been verified against a photocopy of a page of the original Church Record book, courteously provided by Edward H. L. Smith III, Librarian of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. Unfortunately for us today, these records do not include the parents' names. The record shows that one Obadiah Rogers was also baptized on the same day in Huntington. Obadiah has been shown to be a grandchild of Obadiah and Phebe (Griffin) Rogers of Huntington and was therefore a grand nephew of Mary (Rogers) Brush who eventually moved to Stamford with many of her children (see the Rogers and Brush segments of this series). This connection tends to support the case for a Huntington origin for Austin Smith of Stamford.

²⁶ Direct line distance, scaled from a modern map.

²⁷ "Jeremiah Smith Son of Jeremiah Smith was Born In Januarey the fifth In ye yeare 1693" (Rufus B. Langhans, *Huntington / Babylon Land Deeds, 1663 - 1797*, 3 volumes [Huntington, 1985], 1: 69.)

1724 or 1725.^[28] John Slason and Rebecca Brush were married some time before 26 October 1722 when their first child was recorded at Stamford. The place of their marriage is not known.

With the incentive of discovering a positive connection with Austin Smith of Stamford (unfortunately never found) a detailed study of the origin and relationship of the James and Jeremiah Smith families of Huntington was undertaken and subsequently reported in a major journal article.^[29] This study found no reason that Austin Smith of Stamford could not have been the child baptized in Huntington on 24 March 1727/28 but was unable to reach a conclusion regarding this identity.

Children

The listing for the children of Austin Smith of Stamford in *Stamford's Soldiers* is substantially correct, but has been thoroughly updated with source citations in Robert Louer's article and is further expanded below, particularly regarding Revolutionary War service. In the course of this investigation it was thought necessary to review all the military pension records on file for the sons, to see if any further clues appeared regarding Austin's own background (including to help put to rest the Orange County question). The writer also felt it necessary to visit the New Canaan Historical Society's library, where the working papers that were used in the preparation of *Stamford's Soldiers* are filed, to see if the Austin Smith file contained any additional clues beyond what was published. I found nothing of significance, and it appears that those authors did not even suspect that their Orange County soldier had a life of his own and was never connected with Stamford or with this list of children!

It is quite unlikely that Austin Smith (Sr.) of Stamford ever served in the Revolutionary War. He would have been 48 years old in 1776 and saw four of his sons go out from their home, leaving him with the family to care for in Stamford. The earliest Revolutionary War record for any member of this family was specifically for "Austin Smith Jr.," with an enlistment in 8 May 1775,^[30] as described further below.^[31]

Children of Austin and Sarah (Knapp) Smith, all born at Stamford, first son baptized at the Congregational Church, last eight children baptized at St. John's Episcopal Church.^[32]

²⁸ See the Brush segment of this series.

²⁹ Frederick C. Hart Jr., "James Smith of Newtown, Long Island, His Descendants in Huntington, and His Brother John Smith of Hempstead," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 134 (July, 2003): 163-74, (October, 2003): 289-99.

³⁰ The Adjutants-General, *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the (1.) War of the Revolution* (Hartford: The General Assembly, 1889), 65.

³¹ "Although there were three very early applications for DAR membership on Austin Smith (1728-1817), the DAR does not now consider them to be accurate. New applicants would have to reprove the lineage and any Revolutionary War service for him or his sons because they would be treated as if they had never been established before because of the errors." (Private correspondence by letter from Eric G. Grundset, DAR Library Director, to Frederick C. Hart Jr., 13 December 2007.)

³² The first three births are recorded in Stamford Vital Records, 1: 111-12, and the first child's baptism was at the Congregational Church (cited below), with the other children's baptisms recorded at St. John's Episcopal Church (S. P. Mead Abstracts 196, 200-1, 206, 208, 213, 225, 229, Connecticut Ancestry microfilm copy used). No baptisms have been found for Austin Jr. or for Peter.

2.
 - i. GOLD² SMITH, b. 14 Oct 1752, bapt. 7 Jan 1752/53, m. (1) ABIGAIL SMITH, m. (2) SARAH (FLETCHER) STOCKDILL.
 - ii. AUSTIN SMITH (JR.), b. 20 Dec 1753, d. 9 Dec 1846 at Schroepel, Oswego County, NY. m. (1) 11 Jan 1781 ELIZABETH NEWMAN, and m. (2) say about 1800, REBECCA REYNOLDS. On 2 Oct 1798 Austin Smith Jr. of Stamford gave bond as guardian of Luke Smith, a son of Joshua Smith, late of Stamford, deceased.^[33] Austin Smith Jr's Pension Application file makes it clear that he was this person from Stamford, enlisting there on 1 Jan 1777, and aged 66 years in Aug 1820.^[34] During this enlistment he served three years with the ranks of Corporal (11 months) and Sergeant (13 months) in Col. Philip Bradley's Connecticut Regiment and was discharged on 29 Dec 1779 at Morristown, New Jersey. An earlier enlistment in Col. David Waterbury's Company of the 5th Connecticut Regiment from 8 May to 13 Dec 1775 was clearly for this same "Austin Smith Jr."^[35] but not recognized at all in *Stamford's Soldiers*. Another brief enlistment from 6 Dec 1776 to 11 Jan 1777 in Capt. Jonathan Whitney's Company of the 9th Connecticut Militia Regiment^[36] was almost certainly for this soldier although often attributed to his father. Austin Jr's older brother Gold Smith served in this same Company and it would have been extremely unlikely that a 48-year-old father with a large family at home would have served in the same Company with his oldest son. Austin Smith Jr. later resided in a variety of locations in New York State. His 14 children with two wives are well listed elsewhere and will not be repeated here.^[37]
 - iii. PETER SMITH, b. 2 Aug 1755, d. 5 Jun 1837, m. 17 Jan 1787 NANCY LINTWORTH. In addition to the information on his military service in *Stamford's Soldiers* (pp. 265-66), his Pension Application file states that he was wounded at the Battle of Monmouth and as a result had already been on the invalid pension list for several years before 1820.^[38] Their 7 children are well listed elsewhere and will not be repeated here.^[39]
 - iv. MARY SMITH, bapt. 10 Apr 1757, n.f.i., not to be confused with the Mary Smith who m. 11 Dec 1773 Ebenezer Pettit⁵ Weed, b. say 1751, son of Nehemiah Weed and Susannah Pettit.^[40]
 - v. ELIZABETH SMITH, bapt. 18 Feb 1759, bur. at Stamford 10 Jul 1837,^[41] m. 28 Dec 1775 JOSHUA SMITH JR., brother of Abigail Smith who married Gold Smith, above. Joshua Smith Jr. also served in the Revolution.^[42] He

³³ Stamford Probate Records, miscellaneous papers, reported in S. P. Mead Abstracts, 2: 339, Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm copy used.

³⁴ *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files*, NARA Microfilm series M804, Roll 2206, file #S-23426.

³⁵ Connecticut Men in the Revolution (note 30), 65.

³⁶ Connecticut Men in the Revolution (note 30), 459.

³⁷ Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 3), 46: 14-5.

³⁸ Pension Applications (note 34), M804: 2228, file #S-36767.

³⁹ Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 3), 46: 16.

⁴⁰ See the Weed segment of this series; and Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 3), 45: 81.

⁴¹ Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 3), 45: 132.

⁴² *Stamford's Soldiers* (note 1), 263.

died at Stamford before 17 Jul 1790 when his inventory was taken, leaving several small children. As noted above, Elizabeth's brother, Austin Smith Jr., was named guardian of one of those children, Luke (b. 27 Aug 1783 and d. in 1810) on 2 Oct 1798. The total of 7 children are all well listed elsewhere and will not be repeated here.^[43]

- vi. ZENAS SMITH, bap. 3 Aug 1760.
- vii. ISAAC SMITH, bap. 7 Apr 1762, d. 1845 at New Canaan, m. (1) 3 Apr 1787 OLIVE SMITH, daughter of David Smith Jr. and Lydia (Smith) Smith, b. at Stamford on 27 Aug 1771, d. 25 Jan 1789 age 17 years and 5 months, m. (2) 3 May 1792 HANNAH JEFFREY, and m. (3) 1 Sep 1826 HANNAH OLMSTEAD.^[44] He was the youngest of four brothers in this family to serve in the Revolution. Except for a time in New York State at Greenville in Greene County (where his pension application was first granted),^[45] he resided in the Stamford area, at New Canaan at least from 1820 until the time of his death. His 6 children, all with his second wife, are well listed elsewhere and will not be repeated here.^[46]
- viii. SARAH SMITH, bap. 25 Dec 1763.
- ix. PHEBE SMITH, bap. 23 Jun 1765.
- x. HANNAH SMITH, bap. 16 Feb 1769.
- xi. JEREMIAH SMITH, bap. 29 Dec 1771.

2. **GOLD² SMITH**, was born at Stamford 14 Oct 1752^[47] and baptized there at the Congregational Church on 7 January 1753.^[48] He died at Stamford on 20 April 1832,^[49] age 79 years.^[50] He married (1) at Stamford on 11 October 1775 **ABIGAIL SMITH**, born at Stamford on 12 August 1750,^[51] daughter of Joshua & Sarah (Newman) Smith from an entirely different Smith family.^[52]

Abigail (Smith) Smith died in 1816, age 65 years.^[53] Gold Smith married (2) at Greenwich on 21 October 1821 **SARAH (FLETCHER) STOGDILL**, born 10 February 1762 and died some time after 25 July 1837, probably at New York City, widow of Robert Stogdill, another Revolutionary War soldier. There is no evidence that he was the Gold Smith who is reported to have married Phebe Hilliker at the Dutch Church of Hopewell, NY on 21 Oct 1819.^[54] He was a Revolutionary

⁴³ All from Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 3), 45: 132-3.

⁴⁴ All from Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 3), 45: 78, 46: 16-7.

⁴⁵ Pension Applications (note 34), M804: 2215, file #S-14517.

⁴⁶ Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 3), 46: 17.

⁴⁷ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 111, Barbour Collection used.

⁴⁸ Stamford Congregational Church Records, 3: 62.

⁴⁹ The specific date only appears in his widow's Pension Application File (Pension Applications [note 34], M805: 776, file #W-22245.)

⁵⁰ Stamford Congregational Church Records, 3:263. Only the year was given in the original Church record. Stamford's Soldiers (note 1), 256, gives the year incorrectly as 1835, confusing this death with that of his son Gold Smith, see below.

⁵¹ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 87, Barbour Collection used.

⁵² Stamford Vital Records, 2: 2, Barbour Collection used.

⁵³ Stamford Congregational Church Records, 3: 258.

⁵⁴ Reported by Stamford's Soldiers (note 1), 256, but I have been unable to confirm this with a primary record and even if such a marriage took place it must have been for another person named Gold or Gould Smith..

War soldier, serving in Capt. Nathaniel Webb's Company of the 9th Connecticut Regiment from 12 August to 12 September 1776^[55] and Capt. Jonathan Whitney's Company of the same Regiment from 6 December 1776 to 11 January 1777.^[56]

He did not live long enough to enjoy the liberal benefits of the 1832 Pension Act, as did three of his brothers. His widow, however, applied for a pension on 25 July 1837 and it was granted, based upon the service of her first husband, Robert Stogdill.^[57] Stogdill's entry in *Stamford's Soldiers* mentions that she later married Gould Smith^[58] but fails to make the connection with that soldier's own entry.

Children of Gold and Abigail (Smith) Smith, all recorded at Stamford:^[59]

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| i. | SARAH ³ SMITH, b. 6 Aug 1776, d. 11 May 1859, m. say abt. 1795 JACOB ⁶ WEED. ^[60] |
| ii. | JEREMIAH SMITH, b. 28 May 1778, m. 20 Nov 1805 PATTY BATES of Stanwich. |
| iii. | NEWMAN SMITH, b. 3 Aug 1780. |
| iv. | ABIGAIL SMITH, b. 29 Oct 1782. |
| v. | GOLD SMITH, b. 30 Sep 1784, d. at Stamford in 1835. ^[61] |
| vi. | ESTHER SMITH, b. 23 Oct 1786, m. 30 Jan 1814 at Stamford NATHAN LOUNSBURY. |
| vii. | JOSHUA SMITH, b. 29 Dec 1788, d. 8 Feb 1863, m. ELIZABETH "BETSEY" DONALDSON of Greenwich. |
| viii. | OLIVE SMITH, b. 13 Apr 1791, m. HARRY LOCKWOOD. |

Postscripts

Austin⁴ Smith of Long Island and Orange County, New York

AUSTIN⁴ SMITH (*James³, Job², Richard¹*) of Orange County was the son of James and Jerusha (Topping) Smith of the Moriches section of (then) Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long

⁵⁵ Connecticut Men in the Revolution (note 30), 459. Interestingly, this service began 6 days after his first child was born.

⁵⁶ Connecticut Men in the Revolution (note 30), 485. *Stamford's Soldiers* has calculated the dates incorrectly.

⁵⁷ Pension Applications (note 34), M805: 776, file #W-22245.

⁵⁸ *Stamford's Soldiers* (note 1), 274.

⁵⁹ All listed on the same page at Stamford Vital Records, 2: 2, Barbour Collection used. Other information is from Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 3), 46: 13-4, except as noted.

⁶⁰ The statement in *Stamford's Soldiers* that she married Rufus Weed on 21 May 1796 appears to be due only to the fact that a Sarah Smith = Rufus Weed marriage was recorded at Stamford (Stamford Vital Records, 2:108) and that our Sarah Smith = Jacob Weed marriage was not recorded at all. The authors were apparently not aware of the information in the EFW Notebook. There are several candidate Sarahs for the Rufus Weed marriage, but she has not yet been conclusively identified.

⁶¹ Stamford Congregational Church Records, 3: 265. That record gives his age as 41 years, which must have been a simple error in subtraction. The year was clearly 1835 at which time he would have been age 51, not 41.

Island,^[62] said to have been born about 1727 or 1728 in Smithtown but no record has been found. Only two of the ten children in this family had their birth dates recorded, and Austin was not one of them.

His wife was **MEHITABLE TUTHILL**, born about 1728 in Brookhaven, Long Island, a daughter of James Tuthill of Brookhaven.^[63] Neither their marriage date nor either of their birth or death dates have been found. The James Tuthill family left Long Island for Orange County, New York in 1748,^[64] and it appears that Austin and Mehitable went there at the same time or shortly thereafter because it is reported that they settled in the Southeastern part of Orange County at Woodbury Clove "about 20 years before the Revolution."^[65] That area is now the town of Monroe. The earliest available record of Austin Smith in Orange County appears to be that of a town meeting in Cornwall Precinct on the first Tuesday in April 1765 at which Austin Smith was named one of two overseers of roads for Woodbury Clove.^[66]

Austin's brother Francis, born on 4 January 1733 and died 11 May 1785, also moved to Woodbury Clove with his own family where the two brothers were both active in local affairs, and both carried the title of Captain in Col. Jesse Woodhull's Regiment of the Orange County Militia.^[67] Austin Smith, however, became a Loyalist as described briefly in the Richard Smith Genealogy:

"Austin and Francis Smith are found among town officials between 1765 and 1776. At the beginning of the Revolution Austin Smith signed the Association Articles, but appears to have changed his views, and later he became a loyalist. Not refraining from expressing their sympathies by both words and action, he and others were for a time under arrest and the subjects of considerable attention from the Governor and other officials. Later he is found in Nova Scotia, where at least two sons were with him in Annapolis County."^[68]

Austin Smith and family arrived in Annapolis County, Nova Scotia from New York on 19 October 1782.^[69] Austin and Mehitabel Smith are both reported to have died in Wilmot, Nova Scotia,^[70] but no dates of death or burial records have yet been found. His property in Orange County was confiscated, for which he made a claim to the British government of £ 1854 and was awarded £ 750.^[71]

⁶² Richard Smith Genealogy (note 2), 91-2, 151-2.

⁶³ Alva M. Tuttle, *Tuttle / Tuthill Lines In America*, (Columbus, OH: the compiler, 1968), 429.

⁶⁴ Richard Smith Genealogy (note 2), 151.

⁶⁵ Refugees of 1776 (note 16), 568.

⁶⁶ Samuel W. Eager, *An Outline History of Orange County....* (Newburgh, NY: S. T. Callahan, 1846), 526. This source reports that there are no existing town records prior to this date and therefore this appearance does not preclude his being in that place quite a bit earlier.

⁶⁷ Richard Smith Genealogy (note 2), 151-3.

⁶⁸ Richard Smith Genealogy (note 2), 151-2.

⁶⁹ Leonard H. Smith Jr. and Norma H. Smith, *Nova Scotia Immigrants to 1867* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1994), 216.

⁷⁰ Tuttle Genealogy (note 63), 429.

⁷¹ Gregory Palmer, *Biographical Sketches of Loyalists of the American Revolution* (London: Meckler Publishing, 1984), 796.

Children of Austin⁴ and Mehitable (Tuthill) Smith include the following and perhaps others.^[72]

- i. JONATHAN⁵ SMITH, m. (1) LOVE WOODBURY and m. (2) ANN GATES, total of 8 children.
- ii. FRANCIS SMITH, m. MARY VANBUSKIRK, 10 children.

Two more Austin Smith considered and rejected

AUSTIN⁴ SMITH (*John*^{3,2}, *George*¹) of New Haven and Waterbury, and his son of that name, also appear in Connecticut records during the early 1700's. This Austin Smith was born at New Haven on 4 April 1711, and died at Naugatuck on 8 February 1797.^[73] He married his second cousin MARGARET⁴ SMITH (*Samuel*^{3,2}, *George*¹) on 7 February 1733/34 at New Haven. This family is listed herein simply to demonstrate that these two Austin Smiths, senior and junior, are well accounted for by records having nothing to do with Stamford.

Children of Austin⁴ and Margaret (Smith) Smith, all information from Jacobus sources just cited:

- i. MARGARET⁵ SMITH, b. 5 Nov 1734, m. JONATHAN THOMPSON.
- ii. MARY SMITH, b. 20 Feb 1737.
- iii. GAD SMITH, b. 29 Jul 1740, m. ELIZABETH BRADLEY.
- iv. AUSTIN SMITH JR., b. abt. 1742, m. at Waterbury 20 Mar 1765, SARAH HICKOX. They had four children recorded at Waterbury, and he was still living there as a head of family in the 1790 census.
- v. HANNAH SMITH, b. abt 1746, m. JAMES HICKOX.
- vi. PHILENA SMITH, b. abt. 1750, m. GIDEON HICKOX.
- vii. ANTHONY SMITH, b. abt. 1752, m. ESTHER _____.
- viii. MEHITABLE SMITH, b. 28 May 1755, m. ELIHU BENHAM.
- ix. ASHER SMITH, b. abt. 1757, m. SARAH CALKINS.

⁷² Richard Smith Genealogy (note 2), 152-3.

⁷³ All information from Donald L. Jacobus, "Asher Smith and His Ancestry," work performed for Mrs. Conrad C. Klee, ca. May 1953, Connecticut Historical Society Library, Smith Family Box 3, D. L. Jacobus folder; and Donald L. Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven*, nine volumes in three (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1981), 1619-23.

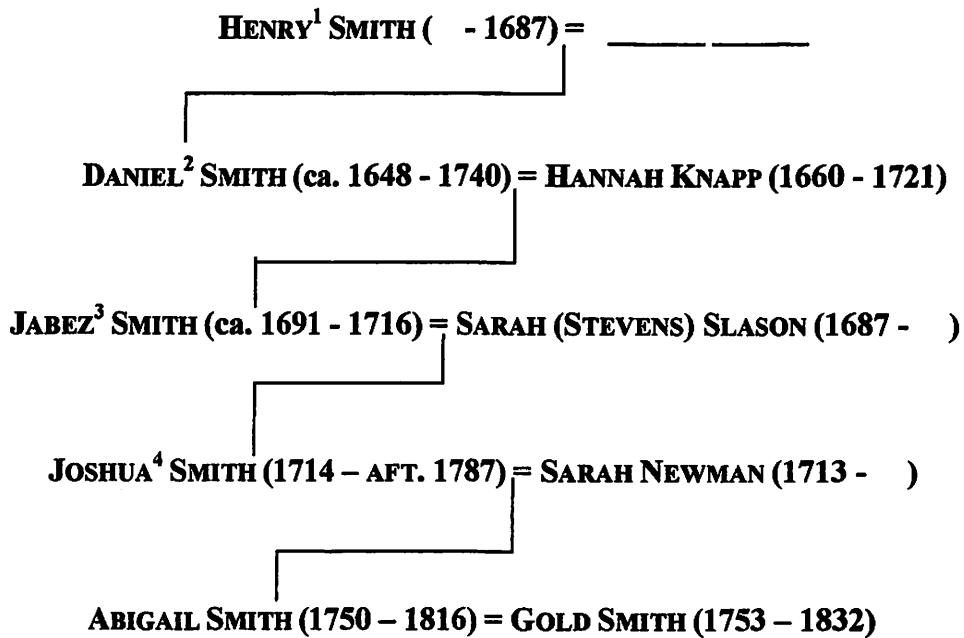
**ANCESTRY OF WILLIAM WEED
OF STAMFORD AND DARIEN, CONNECTICUT**

PART 9:

SMITH (Henry Smith)

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SMITH (Henry Smith)

1. **HENRY¹ SMITH** was among the first group of settlers that came from Wethersfield to Stamford in 1641.^[1] It has been claimed that he was the "son of Thomas Smith of St. Mary Adermanbury England," and was born in 1619^[2] but this origin is not yet considered proven. *The History of Ancient Wethersfield* claims that he was the son of a Samuel Smith, but without further explanation.^[3] Robert Louer has described these and other theories of the Henry Smith origin in more detail that will not be repeated here.^[4] Henry Smith died at Stamford, probably shortly after he made his will there on 4 July 1687.^[5]

The name of his first wife has been given as HANNAH _____, but not proven, perhaps an assumption based on the name of their oldest daughter. Sometime after the death of Francis Andrews at Fairfield 1662, he married (2) ANN/ANNA (____) ANDREWS, widow of Francis Andrews.^[6] On 21 January 1664, Henry Smith confirmed a prenuptial agreement with his wife that discussed legacies in her former husband's will to three of her youngest children, Rebecca, Ruth and Abraham.^[7] She actually had a total of 10 children with her first husband, namely, Hannah, Elizabeth, John, Thomas, Mary, Esther, Rebecca, Jeremiah, Abraham and Ruth.^[8] Ann's death was recorded at Stamford "the second week of June 1685."^[9]

"The lands of Henery Smith" in Stamford were entered in the town records on 26 March 1650, and included a house and home lot of 1 ½ acres bounded by Edward Jessup (N), common land (S), a highway (W), and the lands of Jeffrey Ferris and Thomas Hyatt on the East (E). Other lands recorded at the time were 5 acres + 3 acres of upland in the North Field, and 3 acres of meadow in the South Field. At a later time, 3 additional acres of upland in the North Field were

¹ Elijah Baldwin Huntington, *History of Stamford 1641-1868 including Darien until 1820* (Stamford, 1868, repr. Harrison, NY: Harbor Hill Books, 1979), 17.

² See, for example, Edith M. Wicks and Jeanne Majdalany, *The Early Settlement of Stamford, Connecticut 1641-1700* (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1991), 191.

³ Sherman W. Adams and Henry R. Stiles, *The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Connecticut...*, Two Volumes (New York: The Grafton Press, 1904, repr. New England History Press: The Wethersfield Historical Society, 1990), 144.

⁴ Robert Louer, "The Smith Families of Stamford, Connecticut," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 45: 3-20, 62-84, 128-46, 155-76, 46: 9-29, at 45: 4. Mr. Louer's excellent article appeared after the research had been done for this present segment but has been considered herein and any differences with his findings have been noted.

⁵ Fairfield Probate Packets, 1687 No. 5931, will of Henry Smith of Stamford, CSL microfilm used. According to William A. D. Eardeley, his inventory was taken the next day, 5 July 1757, and Eardeley gives that as the date of his death (William A[pplebie] D[aniel] Eardeley, Manuscript "Notes on Connecticut and Long Island Families," abt. 1900-1920, Long Island Historical Society, microfilm copy at the CSL used.

⁶ Donald Lines Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, two volumes in three (Fairfield, 1930, repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1991), 1: 18. Early Settlement (note 2), 191, gives the date of the second marriage as 1665 but without documentation.

⁷ Stamford Town Records, transcription copy, 101, Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm #1 used. Also transcribed by Donald Lines Jacobus, "Stamford Conn. Town Records," *The American Genealogist*, 10: 115, hereafter TAG, citing Stamford Town Records, 1: 86.

⁸ Old Fairfield (note 6), 1: 18; Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 4), 45: 6, citing Fairfield Probate Records 1: 79.

⁹ Jacobus, "Stamford Town Records" (note 7), 10: 182, citing Stamford Town Records, 1: 108.

recorded on this same page of the town records as having been purchased from Edmund Lockwood in 1653.^[10]

The General Court (Assembly) of Connecticut granted Henry Smith 80 acres of land on 11 May 1671 “upon the acco^t of his seruice at the Pequit warre.” The town of residence was not noted, but we assume this was our Henry Smith of Stamford.^[11]

The list of his children comes from a variety of sources. The Stamford Town Records contain two births, Mary’s in 1658, and an unnamed daughter in 1661, and Samuel’s death in 1658. Land transactions in 1679, 1680 and 1684 identify the sons John and Daniel, and a daughter who was married to Edward Wilkinson of Milford.

The will of “Hennery Smith” (who made his H mark in a feeble hand) was dated 4 July 1687 and witnessed by Joseph Garnsey and Abraham Ambler at Stamford. His son John Smith and his grandson John Knapp jointly received “my house and housing and home lott,” to be equally divided. His grandson John Knapp was to pay all just debts and funeral charges. “All the other of my estate” was given to his daughter Hannah Lawrence, “expecting ye other of my children to be satisfied with what they have already received: my estate being so small.”^[12]

Children of Henry Smith and his first wife, possibly Hannah _____, all probably born at Stamford except for Hannah who may have been born in Wethersfield:

- i. HANNAH², b. ca. 1640, d. 1685?, m. (1) abt. 1660 CALEB KNAPP,^[13] m. (2) after 1674 THOMAS LAWRENCE.^[14]
- ii. SAMUEL, d. 16 day 8th month 1658.^[15]
2. iii. DANIEL, b. abt 1648, d. 1740, m. abt. 1677 HANNAH KNAPP.
- iv. REBECCA, b. say 1653, m. 2 Jul 1672 EDWARD WILKINSON of Milford.^[16]
3. v. JOHN, b. say 1656, d. 3 Nov 1711, m. 1679? ELIZABETH SCOFIELD.
- vi. MARY, b. 3rd day, 10th month, 1658. She did not marry Joseph Brown as sometimes reported.^[17]
- vii. ABIGAIL, a minor and unmarried in 1674.^[18] She may have been the unnamed daughter born at Stamford 9 Aug 1661, or that may have been an additional child.

¹⁰ Stamford Town Records transcription (note 7), 41, citing original 1: 34.

¹¹ J. Hammond Trumbull, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut from 1665 to 1678* (volume 2 of the series) (Hartford, 1852, repr. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1993), 149. He probably served as a Wethersfield resident.

¹² Henry Smith will (note 5).

¹³ Alfred Averill Knapp, *Nicholas Knapp Genealogy* (Winter Park, FL, 1953), 5-6. Also Louer, “Smith Families of Stamford” (note 4), 45: 6.

¹⁴ Old Fairfield (note 6), 1:376, 575.

¹⁵ Stamford Town Records, 1: 20, transcription copy, 26, which gives the year as [16]18, obviously an error in transcription.

¹⁶ Milford Vital Records, 1: 13, Barbour Collection used.

¹⁷ For example in the Eardeley Notes (note 5). Louer explains the error in his “Smith Families of Stamford” (note 4), 45: 6.

¹⁸ Caleb Knapp’s will in 1674 gave a legacy to “my minor sister-in-law Abigail Smith” (Knapp Genealogy [note 13], 7 which gives the date of this will as 10 Nov 1674; and Louer, “Smith Families of Stamford” [note 4], 45: 6,

2. **DANIEL² SMITH** (*Henry*¹) was born at Stamford about 1648 and died there on 3 March 1739/40 "in the 92 year of his age."^[19]

His wife was **HANNAH KNAPP**, daughter of Joshua and Hannah (Close) Knapp, born at Stamford on 26 March 1660.^[20] Hannah, wife of Daniel Smith Sr., died at Stamford on 29 March 1721.

Daniel Smith had the second highest real estate valuation on the Stamford Grand List of January, 1701, being a total of 148 pounds, second only to Jonas Weed Sr.^[21] This was several years after his father's death, and much of his estate probably came from being Henry Smith's eldest son. Some of his family relationships appear in the land records: his son Moses in 1730; his son Ezra of Greenwich in 1730; his sons Jabez deceased, Joseph and Caleb; and his grandsons Jabez, Joshua and Josiah (sons of the first Jabez), all in 1733.^[22]

He also held land in Greenwich over the period from before 1713 until at least the 1720's. He gave rights in Greenwich to his son Daniel³ in 1706, to his son Nathan in 1722, and a parcel of land in Greenwich to his son Benjamin, also in 1722.^[23]

In the distribution of his estate at Stamford in 1740, his living children were named as: Benjamin, Ezra, Moses, Joseph, Daniel, Caleb, Nathan, Ruth, wife of James June, Hannah (husband not named), the wife of Daniel Lockwood Jr. (unnamed), and Sarah (husband not named.) In addition, reference was made to the children of a deceased son, Jabez.^[24]

Children of Daniel and Hannah (Knapp) Smith, all born at Stamford although only two recorded there.^[25]

- i. **JOSHUA³ SMITH**, b. say 1678, d. 19 Dec 1706.^[26]
- ii. **DANIEL SMITH**, b. say 1680, d. at Greenwich between 20 Dec 1755 and 4 May 1756, the dates of his will and its probate. This will named his wife Mary and children Daniel, John, Joshua, Rebecca, Hannah, Sarah, Ruth, Mary, Abigail, and Elizabeth, and grandfather Joshua Knapp.^[27] He m. (1) **REBECCA BUTLER** at Greenwich on 25 April 1706,^[28] and Greenwich records indicate that she was the mother of all of his children. He married

which gives the date of this will as 11 Oct 1674.)

¹⁹ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 41.

²⁰ Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 4), 45: 7. The will of his son Daniel³ Smith in 1755 referred to his grandfather, Joshua Knapp (see below.)

²¹ Stamford Land Records, A: 376, as cited in History of Stamford (note 1), 175.

²² Stamford Land Records, C: 263, 351, 456.

²³ Greenwich Land Records, Abstracts of Land Transactions (a contemporary compilation of transactions by individual name, located at the Town Clerk's office), 34.

²⁴ Stamford Probate Records, miscellaneous papers, Mead Abstracts used, 338.

²⁵ Based generally on Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 4), 45: 7-8, except as noted.

²⁶ Stamford Town Records, 1: 135.

²⁷ Stamford Probate Records, 5:198, Mead Abstracts used, 1: 158.

²⁸ Greenwich Land Records 1: 458, as cited in the Barbour Index.

- (2) 16 June 1752 at Greenwich, MARY LEWIS of North Castle.^[29] He was associated with his brothers Benjamin and Nathan in Greenwich land transactions.^[30]
- iii. SARAH SMITH, b. say 1683, m. (1) 15 Dec 1705 JONAS HOYT, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Weed) Hoyt,^[31] and m. (2) 17 Feb 1714 THOMAS JUNE. Eardeley makes an uncharacteristically positive statement that “she did not marry John Bates,” and that a marriage on 28 Dec 1702 must have been by another Sarah Smith.
- iv. JOSEPH SMITH, b. say 1687 judging from the date of his marriage in 1708, and died at Stamford on 12 March 1755.^[32] He m. MARY CORNELL at Danbury on 7 Dec 1708.^[33] Her parents, John³ and Mary (Starr) Cornell, were from Hempstead, Long Island, but moved “at an early date” to Danbury, where their children intermarried with Fairfield County families.^[34] Mary’s brother, John⁴ Cornell of Danbury, sold a 1/64 right in the North Purchase of New Milford to Joseph Smith of Stamford on 11 December 1740.^[35] Joseph had earlier purchased a different 1/64 right in the same purchase from John Weller (or Wheeler?) of New Milford on 2 August 1727.^[36] It does not appear that this Joseph Smith ever went to New Milford, although there were at least two others there by that name in later records (after 1755).
4. v. JABEZ SMITH, b. say 1691, d. 1716, m. 13 Feb 1711/12 SARAH (STEVENS) SLASON.
- vi. CALEB SMITH, b. say 1693 judging from the date of his marriage. No record of his death has been found. However, a John Smith of Stamford made choice of Samuel Olmsted to be his guardian on 18 Mar 1745,^[37] and this may have been this Caleb’s son, suggesting that Caleb had died before that time. He m. SUSANNAH SCOFIELD on 4 or 11 February 1719/20.^[38] She was b. 2 March 1697/98, daughter of John Scofield and Hannah Mead. Caleb Smith quit his claim to land in Greenwich in favor of (his brother) Nathan Smith on 20 February 1741/42.^[39] There is no indication, however, that Caleb Smith ever lived in Greenwich.
- vii. NATHAN SMITH, b. say 1695, d. bef. 20 Mar 1743/44 when he was called deceased in a land record,⁴⁰ m. HESTER GREEN, dau. of Benjamin

²⁹ Eardeley Notes (note 5), citing Greenwich Town records.

³⁰ Greenwich Land Abstracts, p. 115.

³¹ David W. Hoyt, *A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight, and Hight Families with Some Account of the Earlier Hyatt Families...* (Providence and Boston: the author, 1871, repr. Somersworth, NH: New England History Press, 1984), 323.

³² Stamford Vital Records, 1: 113.

³³ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 129.

³⁴ Prentiss Glazier, “Thomas Cornell (or Cornwell) (1594-1655/6) of Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island His English Origin and His Family in America,” 1975, typescript copy at the CSL, 8, 18.

³⁵ New Milford Land Records, North Purchase Book, 138.

³⁶ New Milford Land Records, North Purchase Book, 60.

³⁷ Stamford Probate Records, miscellaneous papers, Mead Abstracts used, 1: 339.

³⁸ There are two entries in Stamford Vital Records with different dates (Stamford Vital Records, 1: 106, 112).

³⁹ Greenwich Land Abstracts, p. 146.

⁴⁰ Louer, “Smith Families of Stamford” (note 4), 45: 13.

- Green.^[41] No children appear in the records. He was associated with Greenwich, and in particular with his brother Benjamin, who was also a Greenwich resident. There are numerous deeds recorded for Nathan Smith in Greenwich over the period from 1721 to at least 1743,^[42] and he was probably a resident of that town when he died.
- viii. BENJAMIN SMITH, b. say 1697, probably d. at Greenwich aft. 1765, m. SARAH HUSTED.^[43]
 - ix. MARY SMITH, b. say 1699, m. (1) 23 May 1723 CHARLES WEBB,^[44] and m. (2) 5 Apr 1734 DANIEL LOCKWOOD JR. Her portion of her father's estate was distributed to Daniel Lockwood Jr.
 - x. HANNAH SMITH, b. say 1701, d. bef. 8 Oct 1740, probably the Hannah Smith who m. at Stamford 1 Mar 1730/31 ENOS BISHOP. She did not m. Isaac Weed as sometimes proposed. That Hannah (Smith) Weed died in 1823 at age 84 and was therefore of a later generation of Henry Smith's descendants, the daughter of Joseph⁴ Smith.^[45]
 - xi. MOSES SMITH, b. 12 Jan 1702/03, m. at Greenwich 21 Apr 1725 SUSANNAH HOYT,^[46] b. 24 Mar 1706/07, daughter of Samuel and Susannah (Slason) Hoyt.^[47]
 - xii. EZRA SMITH, b. 24 Nov 1705, d. sometime prior to 4 February 1777 when letters of administration on the estate of "Lieut. Ezra Smith late of Stamford" were granted to his widow, Martha.^[48] He m. (1) at Stamford on 22 May 1729, MARY WEED, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Pennoyer) Weed, born 11 February 1709, and died 27 April 1749, in her 40th year.^[49] He m. (2) at Greenwich 24 Mar 1750/51 the widow MARTHA () BELLAMY.^[50] She was the widow of John Bellamy Sr. who was born at Wallingford on 26 January 1713.^[51] The will of Abraham Bellamy of Stamford, made on 3 March 1782, named (among others) "my honored mother Martha Smith."^[52] Ezra Smith, Jesse Smith, and Samuel Webb, Jr. were witnesses.
 - xiii. RUTH SMITH, b. say 1710, m. 22 May 1729 JAMES JUNE.

⁴¹ Nathan Smith received a distribution from the estate of Benjamin Green in 1727 (Stamford Land Records, C:148, cited in Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 4), 45: 13.

⁴² Greenwich Land Abstracts (note 23), 191.

⁴³ Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 4), 45: 14, citing Greenwich Land Records, 6: 149.

⁴⁴ Stamford Vital Records, 1:0 [sic], Barbour Collection used.

⁴⁵ Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 4), 45: 64.

⁴⁶ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 47.

⁴⁷ Hoyt Genealogy (note 31), 334.

⁴⁸ Stamford Probate Records, 5:326, Mead Abstracts used.

⁴⁹ Stamford Vital Records, 1:84, Barbour Index used. Mary Weed's much younger brother Isaac Weed (born 10 September 1732) married Hannah Smith, daughter of Joseph⁴ Smith, at Stamford on 8 March 1756.

⁵⁰ Recorded at Stamford, Stamford Vital Records, 2: 25.

⁵¹ Letter from Donald L. Jacobus to Sarah H. Black, 10 Nov 1949, Smith Family Box 3, Connecticut Historical Society manuscript collection.

⁵² Stamford Probate Records, 6:237.

3. **JOHN² SMITH** (Henry¹) was born say about 1656 judging from the fact that his father was already referring to him in deeds of 1680 and 1681. “John Smith Sr.” died at Stamford on 3 Nov 1711.^[53] He and his family are considered here in detail, not because he was a direct ancestor of William Weed of Darien, but because several children in this family had connections with families in Huntington, Long Island that may have some application the eventual determination of Austin Smith’s ancestry (see the Austin Smith segment of this series).

John married **ELIZABETH SCOFIELD**, daughter of Richard Scofield, born at Stamford on 27 November 1655^[54] and died there on 6 October 1703.^[55] Land in the estate of Richard Scofield deceased was divided by (his daughters) Hannah Scofield and Elizabeth Scofield and “their husbands John Webb & Jno. Smith” on the 25th day, 6th month, 1680.^[56] John² Smith did not marry (2) Phebe Green, as given in many secondary sources,^[57] and there is no other indication of any second marriage for him.

John² Smith was generous with his sons. On 28 March 1709, he gave to “my loveing & well beloved sonns” Samuel Smith and Ebenezer Smith “all my land and meadow” on both sides of the Mianus River near Lawrences Farm, a total of 36 acres.^[58] No record of a similar gift to his eldest son John Junior seems to have survived, but most likely had occurred earlier.

John Smith Senior distributed the remainder of his property by deeds of gift just prior to his death in 1711. On 13 October 1711, he gave his dwelling house and homelot to “my loveing son Nathaniel Smith,” along with 3 acres “upon ye tobaco lots,” two lots in the South Field of 3 and 2 acres respectively, and “an acre of medow salt & fresh” in the South Field.^[59] From other information, Nathaniel was not yet 20 years old in 1711, and this gift of his father’s house and homelot at that age is quite unusual.^[60]

Likewise on the same day, he gave “to my loveing son David Smith” three parcels in the North Field of 4, 3 and 3 acres, “all my right of land by ye Mill River,” “all my right of medow in ye south field,” and “all my right of fresh medow in ye woods.”^[61] On the 30th of the same month (or perhaps on the same day as the above if thirteenth was changed to thirtieth in the transcription), he gave “to my loveing son Jonathan Smith” 6 ½ acres in town bounded West by John Smith Junior, all his rights at Pepper Ridge and at the branch of the Mianus River, and an

⁵³ Stamford Town Records, 1: 131, transcription copy, 168.

⁵⁴ Stamford Town Records, 1: 55, transcription copy, 67.

⁵⁵ Stamford Town Records, 1: 135, transcription copy, 175. This date was 4 days before the death of “their youngest daughter”.

⁵⁶ Stamford Land Records, A: 82-3.

⁵⁷ The families of John² and John³ Smith have been “mixed and matched” by earlier authors, and it is difficult to sort them out with reference to the printed genealogies. Recent authors, however, have reached conclusions similar to those presented herein (for example, Louer, “Smith Families of Stamford” [note 4], 45: 8). The earlier writers tended to combine all the children of both John Smiths into one large family, for example, Spencer P. Mead, *Ye Historie of Ye Town of Greenwich County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut* (New York: The Knickerbocker Press, 1911), 658. Some of them identified Phebe Green as this John’s second wife.

⁵⁸ Stamford Land Records, B: 27.

⁵⁹ Stamford Land Records, B: 205.

⁶⁰ It is also important to note that John Senior did not reserve any portion of the homestead for the use of a wife, which tends to support the premise that he did not have a second marriage.

⁶¹ Stamford Land Records, B: 206.

acre of salt meadow in the South Field.^[62] All three deeds were witnessed by Joseph Mead and Joseph Ferris, and acknowledged on 1 November 1711, two days before John Smith Senior's death.

Ebenezer and Samuel Smith also received joint distributions from the town of Stamford, based on their father's rights, on 12 November 1711 and 19 April 1717.^[63]

The children Samuel, Ebenezer, Nathaniel, Jonathan and David are therefore clearly identified as sons in their deeds from their father, as just described. John is proven to be a son by his deed of 26 January 1711/12 (not long after his father's death) to Jonathan Selleck of land and rights which had belonged to "my father John Smith" and "my grandfather Henry Smith,"^[64] and by a deed from his own son John⁴ Smith in 1743 which refers to his father John Smith (John³) and grandfather John Smith (John²).^[65] Deaths of the two youngest daughters were recorded in the Town Records, two other daughters were identified from probate records as described below, and there may have been other daughters not yet recognized.^[66]

Letters of administration on the estate of John Smith late of Stamford were granted to his son John Smith on 5 December 1711. His inventory was taken on 16 January 1711/12 by Elisha Holly and Daniel Scofield, and Joseph Mead, Joseph Ferris and Ebenezer Smith verified that part of said inventory that was in their possession. The estate was distributed to his children (not named in the record) on 6 February 1711/12 by Capt. Joseph Bishop and Daniel Smith.^[67]

Ebenezer Smith (his X mark) and Charles Smith divided several pieces of land by an agreement dated 29 March 1742.^[68] It is not clear how Charles Smith obtained the rights to make this agreement but this situation may signify that his father Samuel Smith, a child in this family, had died before that date.

Children of John and Elizabeth (Scofield) Smith, perhaps incomplete for daughters, order uncertain and dates very speculative.^[69]

- i. MARY³ SMITH, b. say 1680, d. prob. bef. 8 Nov 1725 at Greenwich. She m. JOSEPH MEAD, son of John and Hannah (Brown) Mead, but was not named in his will that was made on 8 Nov 1725.
- ii. JOHN SMITH, b. at Stamford perhaps about 1684, judging from his wife's age, and the fact that he had a child born in 1709/10, and perhaps others born earlier. He died at Stamford on 7 Sep 1724. He had married some time before 18 Feb 1724/25 PHEBE GREEN, b. 8 Jul 1686 at Stamford, whose father Benjamin Green left a small legacy to his daughter Phebe

⁶² Stamford Land Records, B: 205.

⁶³ Stamford Land Records, B: 94, 264.

⁶⁴ Stamford Land Records, B: 372.

⁶⁵ Stamford Land Records, D: 380.

⁶⁶ Perhaps including the Sarah Smith who married John Bates on 28 Dec 1702 (Stamford Town Records, 1:120.)

⁶⁷ Fairfield Probate Records, 5: 211, 211a.

⁶⁸ Stamford Land Records, D: 322.

⁶⁹ Based primarily upon the listing in Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 4), 45: 9, with additional information as noted and slight changes in birth order.

- Smith in his will written on that date.^[70] He was already a landholder in Stamford in October 1711, when his father made gifts to his brothers Nathaniel, Jonathan and David, and may have received his portion of his father's estate before that time, although the transactions do not seem to have been recorded.
- iii. ABIGAIL SMITH, b. 12 Dec 1686, d. bef. 11 Aug 1770, m. JOSEPH FERRIS, son of Joseph and Ruth (Knapp) Ferris.^[71]
 - iv. JONATHAN SMITH, b. say 1690, d. betw. 19 Oct and 7 Dec 1762, the dates of his will and its probate.^[72] He m. TEMPERANCE WHITMAN at the Huntington, Long Island Congregational Church on 10 February 1724/25,^[73] probably a sister of Hannah Whitman who married his brother Ebenezer. The Whitmans were a Long Island family, and probably members of this Church – another presumed sister, Sarah Whitman, married Edward Brush there on this same date. Although Jonathan and Temperance were married in Huntington, they seem to have resided in Stamford throughout their later lives. Jonathan's will named his wife Temperance and children Jonathan, Whitman and Temperance. His inventory was taken by Charles Smith (probably son of his brother Samuel) and Joshua Smith (probably Joshua⁴, a grand nephew, see below).^[74]
 - v. EBENEZER SMITH, prob. b. abt. 1691,^[75] d. at Stamford between 16 June and 5 July 1753, the dates of his will and its probate.^[76] He married HANNAH WHITMAN at Huntington, Long Island on 29 May 1723.^[77]
 - vi. SAMUEL SMITH, b. say 1692, d. aft. 1736 and prob. bef. 29 Mar 1742 (see above), m. MARY _____ who died 26 Apr 1715.^[78] His age is estimated using the Stamford birth records of his two children (born in 1714 and 1715)^[79] and the death of his wife. Such a Samuel Smith would have been born at least by about 1692.^[80] No record of his death has been found,^[81]

⁷⁰ Will of Benjamin Green of Stamford, Fairfield Probate District Papers, 1726/27 No. 2537, CSL microfilm used. She may have had a second marriage, not yet investigated.

⁷¹ Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 4), 45: 9.

⁷² Stamford Probate Records, 3: 33, Mead Abstracts used.

⁷³ Moses L. Scudder, *Records of the First Church in Huntington, Long Island, 1723-1779*, Huntington, NY, 1899, 61.

⁷⁴ Stamford Probate Records, 3: 34, Mead Abstracts used.

⁷⁵ Although it was not necessary that he be 21 years old to be his brother's guardian in 1712, that is a likely situation, and is used here to estimate his year of birth.

⁷⁶ Stamford Probate Records, 3: 87, Mead Abstracts used.

⁷⁷ Recorded at Stamford, Stamford Vital Records, 1:50. (The surviving marriage records of the Huntington Congregational Church begin later that year, in Oct 1723.)

⁷⁸ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 141, Barbour Index used.

⁷⁹ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 141, Barbour Index used.

⁸⁰ Mead erroneously placed Samuel in a Fairfield family (Town of Greenwich [note 57], 658). The correct version of the Fairfield (John Smith) family is described by Jacobus in his *Old Fairfield* (note 6), 1:570.

⁸¹ The Hale collection lists a gravestone inscription at the St. John's and St. Andrew's Cemetery in Stamford for a Samuel Smith who died 11 March 1761, age 73-10-22, therefore apparently born in 1687 and presumably at least a contemporary of our Samuel³ Smith, if not the same person. This inscription has, however, been transcribed incorrectly. There is also a newer (and larger) monument in the same plot at this cemetery, placed after the Hale Collection transcriptions were made, that clarifies this Samuel Smith was "Born 17 Sept. 1787," and "Died Mar. 11,

- but it was at least after 1736. A second marriage would certainly be expected for him, based on age alone, but none seems to have been recorded. Sam or Samuel Smith appeared on the Stamford Grand Lists of 1714, 1735 and 1736, but not thereafter.^[82]
- vii. (perhaps) ELIZABETH SMITH, b. say 1696, m. AARON FOUNTAIN (Jr.) of Westport.^[83]
- viii. NATHANIEL SMITH, b. say 1698. On 2 April 1712, Nathaniel chose his brother Ebenezer Smith to be his guardian,^[84] and this may signify that he reached his 14th birthday at about that time. On 17 Mar 1729/30, John Austin of Stamford sold for 50 shillings to Nathaniel Smith "about six or seven rods of land at ye Southeast corner of my home lott in Stamford aforesd, where sd Nathaniel Smith new barn now stands," this piece adjoining "said Smith's land."^[85] It would have been extremely unusual for Nathaniel to have his new barn on John Austin's property unless there was a strong family tie of some sort, including the possibility that Nathaniel had married a daughter of this John Austin,^[86] but we have no record of any marriage for him. Nathaniel Smith made his will on 1 Feb 1738/39, signing with his X mark, in which he gave his *entire estate* to Susannah Smith "daughter to my brother John of Stamford dec'd,"^[87] naming her his executrix, and thereby signifying that he was probably unmarried and without any children of his own. On the following day, 2 Feb 1738/39, this Susannah Smith m. Timothy Curtis at Stamford,^[88] so the provision of this will may have been in the nature of a wedding present. The will was not proved until almost 30 years later (3 March 1767), at which time "Timothy Curtiss and Susanah Smith his wife personally appeared in Court and Declared their acceptance of their Executorship."^[89] These events are all quite unique and difficult to completely understand.
- ix. DAVID SMITH, b. say abt. 1700, d. at Stamford probably about 1786, see below. He m. RACHEL HAIT/HOYT at Stamford on 30 Nov 1738.^[90] She

1867" (personal visit by the compiler, 12 May, 1998). The stone that carries the earlier inscription is still standing but is now virtually unreadable. It must therefore have misled the original transcribers. Robert Louer has identified Samuel Smith b. 17 Sep 1787 as being the son of Ezekiel⁵ Smith and Sarah Morehouse (Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" [note 4], 45: 162-3.)

⁸² Stamford Tax Lists, Stamford Historical Society collection, typescript copies at Ferguson Library.

⁸³ Eardeley's Notes place Elizabeth in this family. The wife of Aaron Fountain is given as Elizabeth ____ by Jacobus in Old Fairfield (note 6), 1: 209, but without a family name. Since Eardeley did not give the reason for this placement, we only note this child as a possibility.

⁸⁴ Stamford Probate Records, 5: 387, Mead Abstracts used.

⁸⁵ Stamford Land Records, C: 250.

⁸⁶ I have not been able to identify this John Austin successfully, and that is unfortunate since the main focus of this investigation has been to try to find the parents of Austin Smith. A very sketchy genealogy by Marian Wright Jones and Edith Austin Moore, "Genealogy of John Austin of Greenwich, Conn." (1981, typescript at the CSL), attempts to cover this family but does not list any John Austin who could have made this transaction in Stamford in 1729/30.

⁸⁷ Stamford Probate Records, 3: 265, CSL microfilm used. Some sources give the date incorrectly as 1758.

⁸⁸ Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 4), 45: 17.

⁸⁹ Stamford Probate Records, 3: 265.

⁹⁰ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 50, as cited by the Barbour Index, which gives the year as 1731, probably a

was the daughter of Samuel³ Hoyt and his second wife, Mary (Scofield) Weed, born at Stamford on 31 January 1714/15.^[91] David *could* have been many years older than Rachel, and quite advanced in years when their children were born, but I can find no other David of an appropriate age to account for this marriage, and must place him here not having any other alternative. The fact that his father specifically gave him land in 1711 does not prevent his being a very young person at the time. It does not appear that he had an earlier marriage, at least not one resulting in any surviving children. His will, made on 30 Oct 1769 and proved 1 Jan 1788, mentioned his wife Rachel, and only those children known to be Rachel's, (therefore none with a possible former wife) namely David, Nehemiah, Israel, Nathaniel, Rachel and "Asona."^[92]

- x. HANNAH SMITH, d. 27 Oct 1703.
- xi. unnamed "youngest" daughter, d. 10 Oct 1703.

4. **JABEZ³ SMITH** (Daniel², Henry¹) was born say about 1691 (judging from the date of his marriage in 1712), and died at Stamford on 23 April 1716^[93] leaving a very young family.

His married **SARAH (STEVENS) SLASON** at Stamford on 13 February 1711/12.^[94] She was the daughter of Joseph Stevens, born in Stamford in 1687, and the widow of Thomas Slason who died there in 1710. She may have had a third marriage, not yet identified.^[95]

The only document that clearly identifies their children by name is a land record of 1733, in which Daniel² Smith, Jabez' father, gave property to his grandsons Jabez, Joshua and Josiah, all minor sons of his son Jabez, deceased.^[96]

Children of Jabez and Sarah (Stevens) (Slason) Smith, all born at Stamford between 1712 and 1716, but no dates recorded:^[97]

- i. **JABEZ⁴ SMITH**, b. say 1713, m. 25 Dec 1733 **MINDWELL BACH/ BATCH/ BEACH**, daughter of Edward Beach and Mercy June.^[98]

mistake in transcription. Their first child was born on 19 Dec 1740 (Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" [note 4], 45: 19. The Hoyt Genealogy (note 31) and Early Settlement (note 2) both give the year as 1738, which is probably more correct.

⁹¹ On 11 Aug 1741, David Smith and Rachel his wife (her R mark) gave a quit-claim deed to Jonathan Hait for their claim to the "estate of our honored father Samuel Hait Smith leat of s^d Stamford" (Stamford Land Records, D: 310.) This Samuel Hait was called "Smith" or "Blacksmith" to distinguish him from other Samuel Haits/Hoyts in Stamford. It has misled some to think there was a Samuel Hoyt *surnamed* Smith, and the Barbour Collection has actually indexed the death of Samuel Hoit Smith on 10 Aug 1738 under the surname of Smith. Rachel had a brother and sister and stepsister who also married descendants of Henry¹ Smith.

⁹² Stamford Probate Records, 7: 18.

⁹³ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 138.

⁹⁴ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 129.

⁹⁵ A second marriage, if there were one, might be quite significant in explaining the association with the family of Austin Smith since two of her grandchildren from this Smith marriage married into the Austin Smith family.

⁹⁶ Stamford Land Records, C: 456.

⁹⁷ One son of Jabez Smith was born on 6 Mar 1713/14, but the child's name is not given in the record (Stamford Vital Records, 1: 129.) Robert Louer estimated that this was Joshua (Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" [note 4], 45: 12.)

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 - ii. JOSHUA SMITH, b. say 1714, m. say abt. 1737 SARAH NEWMAN.
 - iii. JOSIAH SMITH, b. say 1716, d. abt. 1782, m. bef. 1738, MARTHA HAIT, b. 3 Oct 1719, dau. of Samuel Hait.^[99] His will was made on 22 Mar 1771 and probated 2 Apr 1782 and mentioned his wife Martha, and children Samuel, Jabez, Martha wife of John Smith Jr., Prudence wife of Nathaniel Briggs Jr., Sarah, Mary and Deborah.^[100]

7. JOSHUA⁴ SMITH (*Jabez*³, *Daniel*², *Henry*¹) was born at Stamford about 1714, perhaps 6 Mar 1713/14, and died at Stamford sometime after 21 Mar 1787 when he was mentioned in a land record.^[101] He married about 1737 SARAH NEWMAN, born 17 Jul 1713,^[102] daughter of John Newman and Abigail Waterbury.

Children, all born and recorded at Stamford:

- i. RACHEL⁵ or REBECCA SMITH, b. 19 Feb 1737/38,^[103] d. bef. 1742.
- ii. SARAH⁵ SMITH, b. 16 Oct 1741.
- iii. EUNICE SMITH, b. 12 Jan 1743/44, m. 14 Jan 1766 at Stamford WILLIAM JUNE, b. 15 Apr 1741 at Stamford, son of Thomas June.
- iv. HANNAH SMITH, b. 30 Aug 1746.
- v. NEWMAN SMITH, b. 22 Aug 1748.
- vi. ABIGAIL SMITH, b. 12 Aug 1750, d. 1816, m. GOLD SMITH, son of Austin Smith and Sarah Knapp on 11 Oct 1775.
- vii. JOSHUA SMITH, b. 2 Oct 1752, d. bef. 1798, m. 28 Dec 1775 ELIZABETH SMITH, sister of Gold Smith who married his sister Abigail earlier that same year. Joshua and Elizabeth had a son Luke, b. 28 Aug 1783, for whom Austin Smith Jr. was named guardian in 1798.^[104]
- viii. AMY SMITH, b. 10 Nov 1756.

⁹⁸ Stamford Vital Records, 1:24; Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 4), 45: 66.

⁹⁹ Hoyt Genealogy (note 31), 334-35. A brother (Jonathan) and a sister (Rachel) also married Smiths, and her half sister Susanna married Moses³ Smith, see above.

¹⁰⁰ Stamford Probate Records, 6: 623, Mead Abstracts used.

¹⁰¹ Stamford Land Records, L: 274 as cited in Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 4), 45: 67.

¹⁰² She was 4 years old on 17 Jul 1717 (Stamford Town Records, 1: 140, transcription copy, 186).

¹⁰³ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 36, which says the name was Rachel, but Robert Louer has found evidence that it may have been Rebecca instead (Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" [note 4], 45: 67.)

¹⁰⁴ Stamford Probate Records, Misc. papers, Mead Abstracts used, 1: 339.

Henry and Charlotte (BURLEY) HUSTED of Greenwich, Connecticut

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HENRY HUSTED or **HEUSTED**, his parents unidentified,^[1] was born on 4 March 1784.^[2] He died, probably at Greenwich, Connecticut, on 17 April 1854,^[3] and was buried in the Old Sound Beach Cemetery in Greenwich.^[4] He married about 1808 **CHARLOTTE BURLEY**, who was born on 22 January 1781^[5] or 1786,^[6] daughter of Silas and Deborah (___) Burley.^[7] She died on 22 June 1854^[8] and was buried with Henry.^[9]

This was probably the Henry Husted who served in the War of 1812 as a private in Captain Alexander Hendric's company from 8 to 13 September 1813 along with Samuel Husted.^[10]

In 1840 at Greenwich, Henry Husted was age 50–60 with two males 15–20 (Jared and Isaac), one 20–30 (James would actually be 31), one female 15–20 (Deborah), one 20–30 (Hannah), and one 50–60. Listed only two names below was Deborah Burley, age 70–80,^[11] surely Charlotte's mother.

¹ A file at FamilySearch.org says he was son of Nathaniel and Sarah (___) Husted, but the will of Nathaniel Husted of Greenwich, dated 14 January 1826 and exhibited 13 February 1826, names wife Ruth and five sons but no Henry (Stamford District Probate, 13:152). Widow Hannah and Stephen Husted were named administrators on the estate of Nathan Husted of Darien on 27 Oct. 1842, but there is no mention of children (Stamford District Probate, 16:174, 198, 268). That Nathan Husted died at Darien 17 Sept. 1842 at age 59, clearly too young to be Henry's father [Spencer P. Mead, "Abstracts of Church Records of the Town of Darien" (1920), 97].

² Husted – Burley Bible (New York: Daniel D. Smith, 1827) at the Old Sturbridge Village Library, Sturbridge, Mass., call # 220/B47h/1827. For the births the name is spelled "Husted" but for the marriages and later deaths it is "Heusted." There are no places given in the Bible. Since her children are listed, it was probably passed down in the family of daughter Sarah (Husted) (Cox) Palmer.

³ Husted – Burley Bible, called "Henry H. Heusted."

⁴ Charles R. Hale, "Charles R. Hale Collection [of Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices of Marriages and Deaths]," (1933-34), at the Connecticut State Library, Greenwich, 308.

⁵ Husted – Burley Bible.

⁶ Her gravestone says 22 Jan. 1786 (Hale Collection, Greenwich, 308).

⁷ Silas Burley's will dated 23 November 1811 with a codicil on 12 March 1812, exhibited 3 September 1833, named wife Deborah and daughter Charlotte Husted among other children, six daughters and five sons (Stamford District Probate, 15:57). Deborah's probate in 1845–46 mentions four daughters but not Charlotte (*ibid.*, 17:116, 171, 174).

⁸ Husted – Burley Bible.

⁹ Hale Collection, Greenwich, 308, her name as "Charlotte Burley Heusted."

¹⁰ Spencer P. Mead, *Ye History of the Town of Greenwich* (1911, repr. 1978), 190; *Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the I. War of the Revolution. II War of 1812. III. Mexican War* (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood and Brainard, 1889), 71.

¹¹ 1840 U.S. Census, Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., roll 21, p. 93.

In 1850 at Greenwich, Henry Husted was age 65, a farmer with \$1500 in real estate. Charlotte was 65, James 40, with no occupation, Deborah 22, and [grandson] Edward Cox 14.^[12]

Henry's will, dated 7 April 1854, gave son Isaac a tract of land in Greenwich, two acres on the "eastern part of my homestead and a barn standing thereon." All the rest was to go to his wife Charlotte. On 1 May 1854 Charlotte, who was "out of health" requested that her son Isaac be appointed to administer Henry's estate. The inventory included four acres of land and buildings.^[13] Two months later, on 7 July 1854, Isaac quitclaimed to Jared R. Husted of Catskill, New York; James Husted of Greenwich; Cornelia Palmer, wife of William A. Palmer of German Flats, Herkimer County, New York; Sarah Palmer of Newark, Wayne County, New York; Hannah E. Myers, wife of Robert Myers of German Flats; and to the children of Mary Anderson, on about two acres of land in Greenwich, one sixth to each party.^[14] This was presumably the other two acres not willed to Isaac but listed in Henry's inventory.

Children of Henry and Charlotte (Burley) Husted,^[15] all surely born at Greenwich:

- i. **JAMES M. HUSTED**, born 20 April 1809; died probably 14 Jan. 1879 age 71, buried in an unmarked grave in Greenwich;^[16] living with his parents at Greenwich in 1850; living with his brother Isaac in Greenwich in 1860 and 1870, never with any occupation, but in 1870 there is no mark for any disability.
- ii. **MARY HUSTED**, born 4 Dec. 1812; died before 7 July 1854, leaving heirs;^[17] married 1 Jan. 183_ **JOHNATHAN H. ANDERSON**;^[18] not found in any census.
- iii. **SARAH HUSTED**, born 12 Oct. 1814; married (1), as his second wife,^[19] 26 June 1836 **ROBERT COX**;^[20] born ca. 19 Feb. 1799, died 9 April 1839 age 40 years 1 month 21 days, buried in the First Congregational Church Cemetery at Greenwich,^[21] married (2) 12 April 1845 **ALANSON O. PALMER**,^[22] born ca.

¹² 1850 U.S. Census, Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., roll 38, p. 244.

¹³ Greenwich District Probate, Second Series, Henry Husted file.

¹⁴ Greenwich Deeds, 28:552.

¹⁵ Birthdates from the Husted - Burley Bible.

¹⁶ Spencer P. Mead, "Abstract of Tombstones of the Town of Greenwich. . . Unmarked Graves," (1913), 24.

¹⁷ Greenwich Deeds, 28:552, detailed above; the Husted - Burley Bible lists her under deaths but has no date.

¹⁸ Husted - Burley Bible.

¹⁹ Robert Cox had a wife Sally who died 15 April 1832 age 27 years 1 month 17 days, buried with a child Sarah M., age 2 months 18 days, in the Old Sound Beach Cemetery (Hale Collection, Greenwich, 312).

²⁰ Husted - Burley Bible; Hale Collection, from the *Stamford Advocate* of 27 June 1836.

²¹ Hale Collection, Greenwich, 349, says only age 40; Mead, "Abstract of Tombstones of the Town of Greenwich," 11, gives the full age. The unnamed widow of Robert Cox declined

1805, died San Francisco, Calif., 8 Oct. 1852,^[23] born perhaps at Stamford, Conn., perhaps ca. 1815, son of Bethel and Mary (Webb) Palmer,^[24] died before his father made his will on 2 March 1859.^[25] In 1850 at Newark, Wayne Co., N.Y., Alanson O. Palmer was age 40 [*sic*], a boatman, with Sarah 36, Edward B. 14, Cornelia F. 12, all born Conn. and Franklin 3, born N.Y.^[26] In 1860 at Arcadia, Wayne Co., N.Y., Sarah Palmer was 44, with \$1200 in real and \$200 in personal estate, Cornelia 22, both born in Conn., and Franklin 12, born in N.Y.^[27] In 1880 widow Sarah Palmer was living alone at Newark, age 60, she and her parents born in Conn.^[28] Newark is a village in the Town of Arcadia. Children:

1. *Edward B. Cox*, born Conn. 27 Feb. 1837.^[29]
 2. *Cornelia F. Cox*, born Conn. 14 Nov. 1838.^[30]
 3. *Oscar Palmer*, born 8 Oct. 1844,^[31] died 8 May 1849 age 4 years 7 months.^[32]
 4. *Franklin A. Palmer*, born N.Y. 27 Oct. 1847.^[33]
- iv. **CORNELIA HUSTED**, born 29 Dec. 1816; died, probably at Frankfort, Herkimer Co., N.Y., in 1891,^[34] married, probably at Stamford 8 Nov. 1837,^[35] **WILLIAM PALMER**,^[36] born ca. 1814, son of Bethel and Mary (Webb)

administration on his estate on 10 June 1839. A list of debts included Henry Husted (Stamford District Probate, 16:130-32).

²² Husted - Burley Bible.

²³ Husted - Burley Bible.

²⁴ Horace Wilbur Palmer, *Palmer Families in America, Vol. I, Lt. William Palmer of Yarmouth, Mass., and His Descendants of Greenwich, Conn.* (Neshanic, N.J.: Neshanic Printing Co., 1966), 87-89, which lists Alanson as a child of "Bathel" and Mary (Webb) Palmer but says only that he was born in 1815, perhaps a guess. Also, in the continuation for Alanson, Palmer says his father mentioned in his will that Alanson had children living in Wayne County, but erroneously says he married Cornelia and lists entirely different children, based on Cornelia's 1891 will, apparently in Herkimer Co. These are almost certainly the children of Alanson's brother William and his wife Cornelia (see them).

²⁵ Palmer, *Palmer Families, Vol. I*, 87, saying son Alanson of Wayne Co. was deceased.

²⁶ 1850 U.S. Census, Newark, Wayne Co., N.Y., roll 612, p. 281, Edward and Cornelia's surname assumed to be Palmer.

²⁷ 1860 U.S. Census, Arcadia, Wayne Co., N.Y., roll. 877, p. 240, Cornelia's surname given as Palmer.

²⁸ 1880 U.S. Census, Newark, Wayne Co., N.Y., roll 943, ED 172, p. 53D.

²⁹ Husted - Burley Bible.

³⁰ Husted - Burley Bible, the year read as 1858 but probably 1838.

³¹ Husted - Burley Bible.

³² Husted - Burley Bible.

³³ Husted - Burley Bible.

³⁴ Palmer, *Palmer Families, Vol. I*, 89. On this page Palmer has an abstract of Cornelia's will, dated 7 Aug. 1891, proved 7 Sept. 1891, naming the children that appear in census records below (citing Herkimer Co. Probate, Z:307), but it is in the section for Alanson Palmer.

³⁵ Palmer, *Palmer Families, Vol. I*, 88; not in the Barbour Collection.

³⁶ Husted - Burley Bible, which has no date.

Palmer of Greenwich,^[37] probably died shortly before 30 May 1870.^[38] In 1850 at German Flats, Herkimer Co., N.Y., William Palmer was age 36, his occupation unclear, Cornelia 32, Adelia 10, Alanson 9, Cornelia[?] 7, Mary 4, and Jane 3, all born in N.Y. The next household was headed by Bethel A. Palmer, age 66.^[39] In 1860 at Herkimer, William H.[?] Palmer was 47, a butcher with \$900 in real and \$1000 in personal estate, with Cornelia 43, both born Conn., Alanson W. 18, Cornelia A. 15, Mary A. 14, and Emma J. 10, all born N.Y.^[40] In 1870 at Herkimer, Wm Palmer was 64 [*sic*], a saloon keeper, Cornelia 54, both born Conn., and Emma 19, born N.Y.^[41] In 1880 at Herkimer, Cornelia Palmer, age 58, a widow, was living with Theodore Griswold, 36, a laborer, and his wife Mary, age 32,^[42] probably Cornelia's daughter.

- v. **HANNAH E. HUSTED**, born 20 Jan. 1818; died 1890; buried Mohawk Cemetery, German Flats, Herkimer Co., N.Y.,^[43] married Greenwich 21 Oct. 1841 **ROBERT MYERS** of Herkimer, N.Y.,^[44] baptized Dutch Reformed Church, German Flats, 16 Sept. 1812, son of Michael F. and Margaret (Gettmann) Meyers,^[45] died 1898, buried with Hannah.^[46] In 1850 at German Flats, Robert Myers was 37, an innkeeper with \$1500 in real estate. Hannah was 30, Robert 7 and Mary 7 months, all born N.Y.^[47] In 1860 there Robert was 47, a clerk with \$1600 in real and \$1000 in personal estate, born N.Y., Hannah 42, born Conn., Madison 16, clerk, and Martha 9, both born N.Y.^[48] In 1870 at German Flats, Robert was 50 [*sic*], "at home," with \$2800 in real and \$300 in personal estate, born N.Y., Hannah 50 [*sic*], born Conn., and Mattie 18, born N.Y.^[49] In 1880 at German Flats, Robert was 67, a retired farmer, with wife Hannah 61, and daughter Martha 31.^[50]
- vi. **JARED R. HUSTED**, born 5 Oct. 1820; died probably 1860–70; married 24 Aug. 1845 **CAROLINE M. DEMING**,^[51] born Mass., ca. 1821.^[52] In 1850 at

³⁷ Palmer, *Palmer Families, Vol. I*, 87–88.

³⁸ Palmer, *Palmer Families, Vol. I*, 88, says William's will, dated 25 March 1868, was proved in Herkimer County on 30 May 1870, his wife called Almira [*sic*], but the citation is missing.

³⁹ 1850 U.S. Census, German Flats, Herkimer Co., N.Y., roll 513, p. 88.

⁴⁰ 1860 U.S. Census, Herkimer, Herkimer Co., N.Y., roll 760, p. 1066.

⁴¹ 1870 U.S. Census, Herkimer, Herkimer Co., N.Y., roll 942, p. 198.

⁴² 1880 U.S. Census, Herkimer, Herkimer Co., N.Y., roll 837, ED 28, p. 173C.

⁴³ <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyherkim/cemeteries/movilcem3.html>

⁴⁴ Husted – Burley Bible has the date and his name; Barbour Collection, citing Greenwich Vital Records, 1:208, says 18 Oct. 1841, by Thomas Payne.

⁴⁵ International Genealogical Index, extracted from Royden Woodward Vosburgh, "Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of German Flatts in Fort Herkimer, Town of German Flats (New York) 1753-1848," 2 vols. (New York, 1918) (FHL 0,534,219).

⁴⁶ <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyherkim/cemeteries/movilcem3.html> says only 1812–1898.

⁴⁷ 1850 U.S. Census, German Flats, Herkimer Co., N.Y., roll 513, p. 89.

⁴⁸ 1860 U.S. Census, German Flats, Herkimer Co., N.Y., roll 760, p. 822.

⁴⁹ 1870 U.S. Census, German Flats, Herkimer Co., N.Y., roll 942, p. 147.

⁵⁰ 1880 U.S. Census, German Flats, Herkimer Co., N.Y., roll 837, ED 26, p. 92D.

⁵¹ Husted – Burley Bible.

Williamsburg, Kings Co., N.Y., "Jerad Huestead" was age 30, a blockmaker with \$100 in real estate, born in Conn., with Caroline 29, born in Mass., Julia 8, Jerad 4, and Caroline 4 months, all born in N.Y.^[53] He was said to be of Catskill, N.Y., as of 7 July 1854.^[54] In 1860 at Piscataway, N.J., Jared "Hewisted" was 39, a patent block maker with \$2100 in real and \$300 in personal estate, born in Conn. Caroline was 39, born in Mass., Jared 14, Carrie 9, and William 4, all born in N.Y.^[55] In 1870 at New York City, Caroline Husted was age 49, born in Mass., with Jerod N. 24, clerk, and W^m M. 15, both born N.Y.^[56]

- vii. **JOHN HENRY HUSTED**, born 3 Oct. 1823; died 27 Feb. 1826.^[57]
- viii. **ISAAC HUSTED**, born 9 Oct. 1825; died shortly before 29 July 1874;^[58] married 25 Dec. 1849 **SARAH J. EMONS**,^[59] born N.Y. ca. 1830. In 1860 at Greenwich, Isaac was 33, a farmer with \$300 in real and \$300 in personal estate, born Conn., Sarah 30 and George A. 7, born N.Y., Charles 3, Isaac E. 2 months, and James M. 48, no occupation given, all born Conn.^[60] In 1870 at Greenwich, Isaac was 46, farmer, \$1000 in real estate, Sarah J. 56 [*sic*], George H. 17, Isaac A. 10, and James 62.^[61] On 29 July 1874 widow Sarah J. declined administration, requesting that Benjamin Page be appointed. On 13 Oct. 1875 Sarah renounced any claim to dower or personal estate.^[62]
- ix. **DEBORAH HUSTED**, born 5 Oct. 1827; died 11 Nov. 1851,^[63] married 24 July 1851 **HENRY W. BURLEY**.^[64] On 27 December 1850 her father sold one rood of land with buildings, on the south side of his own land, to Deborah Husted, reserving an estate in said tract for himself and his wife, and on 2 Sept. 1857 Henry W. Burley quitclaimed on the same land to Isaac Husted for \$1.^[65]

⁵² Census, see below. She might be Julianna Caroline Matilda Deming, born at West Stockbridge, Mass., 19 May 1821, daughter of John C. and Miranda (Newell) Deming (*Vital Records of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1907), 19 (birth), 62 (parents' marriage). See also Judson Keith Deming, *Genealogy of the Descendants of John Deming of Wethersfield, Connecticut* (Dubuque, Iowa: the author, 1904), 273, which says that John C. Deming died in New York City.

⁵³ 1850 U.S. Census, Williamsburg, Kings Co., N.Y., roll 522, p. 257.

⁵⁴ Greenwich Deeds, 28:552 (see above).

⁵⁵ 1860 U.S. Census, Piscataway, Middlesex Co., N.J., roll 699, p. 88.

⁵⁶ 1870 U.S. Census, 9th Ward, New York, New York Co., N.Y., roll 1023, p. 565.

⁵⁷ Husted – Burley Bible.

⁵⁸ Greenwich District Probate, Second Series, Isaac Husted file.

⁵⁹ Husted – Burley Bible; her middle initial from Isaac's probate file.

⁶⁰ 1860 U.S. Census, Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., roll 73, p. 47.

⁶¹ 1870 U.S. Census, Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., roll 97, p. 598.

⁶² Greenwich District Probate, Second Series, Isaac Husted file.

⁶³ Husted – Burley Bible.

⁶⁴ Husted – Burley Bible.

⁶⁵ Greenwich Deeds, 28:34; 30:41.

Playing with Ockham's Razor: the Smiths of Fairfield County and Long Island

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In the spring of 2006, when the piece, "Calling All Smiths, A DNA Study Project" was finished,¹ I started to write a new article entitled, "Nathan Smith and the Case for Circumstantial Evidence." I wanted to demonstrate that with a small amount of DNA evidence one could show a logical connection between ones earliest known ancestor (EKA) and the immigrant to which the DNA results pointed.

But my mind is like that of the neurotic fox that chases first one hare, then stops to chase another and never gets lunch. By the time I stopped finding byways that fascinated me, we had sufficient DNA matches to confidently assume that my ancestral connection flowed through the family of Lt. Samuel Smith. When "Calling All Smiths" was published there were three matching members. Today there are twelve:

| <u>Kit No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Born/location</u> | <u>Died/location</u> |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 9217 | Nathan Smith | c 1769 Fairfield Co. CT | 1842 CT |
| 11586 | Eleazer Smith | 1745 Litchfield Co. CT | |
| 13025 | Lt. Samuel Smith | 1602 England | 1680 Hadley, MA |
| 46327 | Reuben Smith | 1755 Worcester Co. MA | |
| 51914 | Lt. Samuel Smith | 1602 England | 1680 Hadley, MA |
| 64919 | Silvanus Smith | 1743 CT | 1812 VT |
| 67811 | Wiley B. Smith | 1810 NC | Aft 1865 TX |
| 74811 | Aaron Smith | 1760 MA | 1838 WI |
| 82798 | Lt. Samuel Smith | 1602 England | 1680 Hadley, MA |
| 84667 | Lt. Samuel Smith | 1602 England | 1680 Hadley, MA |
| 86341 | Lt. Samuel Smith | 1602 England | 1680 Hadley, MA |
| 88099 | Arthur Smith | 1797 NC | 1852 Hart Co., KY |

As you can see, five of the twelve have researched their family to Lt. Sam. I accept this does not mean that I am related to Lt. Sam. It may be that I am from his grandfather or his demented half brother (had he one). It is further possible that the five above have erred in their research, and although we are related, it is to a different family. For our purposes today however I will use Ockham's razor and pare away those assumptions that add complexity. I posit that I am a descendent of Lt. Sam.

I am kit number 9217. My earliest known ancestor is Nathan Smith. He is my wall, the wall through which I must pass to link to Sam's descendants. Before we proceed I will need my readers to stipulate that the data on my antecedents from my father to my 2nd great-grandfather

Editor's note (for those of us untrained in classical logic): Ockham's Razor is a principle attributed to 14th century English friar, William of Ockham, which, simply stated, is "All other things being equal, the simplest solution is the best."

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(Nathan's son, Jesse Smith b. 9 Apr. 1801, Smithtown, NY²; d. 16 Mar 1884 Norwalk, CT) are essentially correct. I can assure you that I have researched these, in the main, from primary sources. If we can put that behind us, we can move on to Nathan Smith, my 3rd great-grandfather.

Nathan Smith³ b. ca. 1769⁴, CT⁵ d. 2 Jun. 1842, age 73,⁶ Fairfield County, CT, probably Norwalk, his residence in 1840.⁷ He m. in Darien, 3 Nov. 1790,⁸ Sarah Tuttle daughter of Jesse and Mercy (Selleck) Tuttle.⁹

We also know that Nathan had as siblings: Hannah, Susannah, Isabel and Rhuamah.¹⁰ Selleck states these individuals are children of Ephraim, but this is challenged by Louer.¹¹ Let's look at this in more detail before we move on.

| Nathan's Father's Children | | | Ephraim's Children | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|-----------|---------|
| Name | Born/Bp | Married | Name | Born/Bp | Married |
| Hannah | 1763-65 | Selleck | | | |
| Nathan | b. 1769 | Tuttle | Nathan | b. 1737 | Betts |
| Susannah | 1775-1784 | Post | Susannah | Bp 1741/2 | Bell |
| Rhuamah | 1773 | Saxton | Rhuamah | Bp 1752 | Henly |
| Isabel | 1763-1773 | Tuttle | | | |

With three names the same it is easy to see how confusion could occur. It is also easy to infer that the similarity adds weight to the connection with Lt. Sam. Now onto the other side of the wall:

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My father, grandfather and great grandfather were all born in Norwalk, although each in turn died in a different city in Connecticut. It seems therefore if we are going to walk around the wall we might best begin to look into Connecticut, Fairfield County, and the towns of Norwalk, Stamford and New Canaan. Selleck's discussion of the Smith family begins on page 431:¹²

"With the exception of Joseph, Thomas and Richard Smith, the Samuel (Smith's Ridge) and what may be termed the Hadley¹³ Smith lines, appear to be Norwalk's oldest mention of the family name."

² Death Certificate Jesse Smith hereafter "DCJS" I have a small twinge about Smithtown for I haven't been able to find his birth record. I have no doubt though that he was born in New York, probably on Long Island.

³ DCJS; Rev. Charles M. Selleck, *Norwalk*, the author, 1896, Norwalk, CT; hereafter "Norwalk"; Letter, Robert Louer, dtd., 11/28/2004. hereafter, "Louer L." This letter supplemented information contained in his series of articles entitled, "The Smith Families of Stamford CT—Part 5," *Connecticut Ancestry* 46 (Aug. 2003):9-29.

⁴ Louer L; calculated from age at death.

⁵ Louer L states he was born on LI but the 1880 Census of Jesse and two of his siblings state their father was born CT.

⁶ Louer L with reference to Darien Congregational Church Records hereafter "DCC."

⁷ Census 1840.

⁸ Louer L; DCC.

⁹ Norwalk, Pg. 448; Louer L.

¹⁰ Norwalk, Pg. 432; Louer, Robert, "The Smith Families of Stamford CT—Part 5" Hereafter "Louer 5", Pg. 27.

¹¹ Louer 5, Pg. 27.

¹² Norwalk.

¹³ Here Selleck refers to Hadley, MA, and the Lt. Samuel Smith Family.

From many records we know some of Lt. Sam's progeny headed south. In the main it was Lt. Samuel's son Chileab's family that supplied Connecticut with its Smith families. This may be because Hannah Hitchcock, his wife, was born and obviously had ties to Connecticut. The children of the other brothers remained in Massachusetts. I'm sure there are exceptions, but once again following the entreaties of the fabled William of Ockham, let's consider first the simplest solution.

Of Chileab's offspring only Ebenezer's progeny went south in the early years. Ebenezer died before 27 Feb 1715/16.¹⁴ His widow, Abigail (Boughton) Smith, left Hadley, MA, with some of the children soon after and migrated to Norwalk, CT, where her younger sister Elizabeth, the wife of Edmund Warren, resided.

In Norwalk, on 30 Mar 1719, Abigail signed a deed (with her mark) in which she and her siblings disposed of a small remainder of their father's estate. Except for this, her trail is lost, with no further record in the Norwalk area. It may be that she remarried, but no evidence of such seems to exist.¹⁵

With Ebenezer's children the net begins to widen. Moving with her to Connecticut and living in and around Norwalk were her sons: Ebenezer¹⁶, Ephraim,¹⁷ Eliakim¹⁸ and Nathan.¹⁹ The only mention of Joseph, b. 1708, is in the list of children on page 431 in Selleck's *Norwalk*.

Before we proceed further it is time to lay out more most likely scenarios, guidelines, thoughts and parameters.

- We are looking for Nathan's father.
- Nathan was born ca. 1769, Hannah his sister, in 1763
- Nathan's father was most likely married prior to 1763, say 1748 – 1762.
- His birth would have been between 1718-1742.
- Nathan had siblings with names similar to those of Ephraim's children. We may also assume that Nathan's father had more children than the five mentioned above.

Given these parameters, how many of Ebenezer and Abigail's grandchildren meet these criteria? Working backward in the birth order we have children and grandchildren as follows:

Ephraim and Isabel, who had Nathan, James, Thomas

Joseph – No known marriage or issue

Eliakim and Abigail's children: Eliakim and Noah

Nathan and Mary – No children of record

John and Mary – there is no indication they moved south with Abigail

Ebenezer and Elizabeth – Ephraim, Jedediah, Josiah, and Jesse

¹⁴ Estate inventory taken 27 Feb., Hampshire Co., MA, P R, File # 134-13.

¹⁵ Smith and Leblanc, Connections on Ancestry.com citing the research of Frederick C. Hart, Jr.

¹⁶ Louer 5, Pg. 21.

¹⁷ Louer 5, Pg. 24.

¹⁸ Norwalk, Pg. 54, 362, 363, 424, 431.

¹⁹ Norwalk, Pg. 431.

The table below shows the grandchildren of Ebenezer most likely of consideration:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Birth Date</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Death date</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Married</u> | <u>Mar. date</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Nathan ²⁰ | Bf. 1740 ²¹ | New Can. | 1818 ²² | Canada | E. Betts | 1761 ²³ |
| James ²⁴ | Bf. 1740 ²⁵ | New Can. | 1787+ ²⁶ | CT? | H. Lockwood | 1780 ²⁷ |
| Thomas | ca 1743 ²⁸ | New Can. ²⁹ | ? | | | |
| Eliakim ³⁰ | 1734 ³¹ | Norwalk | 1792+ ³² | Norwalk | C. Hanford | 1759 ³³ |
| Noah ³⁴ | 1739 ³⁵ | Norwalk | ? | | E. Hoyt | 1763 ³⁶ |
| Ephraim ³⁷ | 1730 ³⁸ | Norwalk | 1767- ³⁹ | New Can. | M. Parsons | 1756 ⁴⁰ |
| Jedediah ⁴¹ | 1732 ⁴² | Norwalk | 1771 ⁴³ | New Can. | A. Benedict | 1758 ⁴⁴ |
| Josiah ⁴⁵ | 1734 ⁴⁶ | New Can. | 1803 ⁴⁷ | Norwalk? | | |
| Jesse | 1739 ⁴⁸ | New Can. | ? | | R. Hoyt | 1762 ⁴⁹ |

We are left with two doubtful possibilities, Eliakim and Jedediah, and four with more substantial promise. Using the razor one more time we are left with, James, Thomas, Josiah and Jesse. The only commonality is the lack of information about them.

²⁰ A well documented individual, perhaps a Tory who removed to Canada.

²¹ Louer 5; gives birth ca 1737 and baptism as 27 Apr. 1740.

²² Louer 5; 23 Dec 1818.

²³ Louer 5; 16 Jul 1761.

²⁴ He married later than the acceptable guideline; I will discuss James and Hannah in more detail later.

²⁵ Louer 5; Baptism 27 Apr 1740.

²⁶ After this date based on last child birth date, only if this is James married to Hannah Lockwood; otherwise date of death is unknown.

²⁷ 14 Sep 1780, *Genealogical Registry of Norwalk*.

²⁸ Louer 5; baptized 3 Apr 1743.

²⁹ All three boys were baptized in Canaan Parish.

³⁰ We leave Eliakim as a possibility since his son Eliakim was born 1765 and next child was recorded in 1775, thus leaving room for other children.

³¹ Norwalk; 25 Dec 1734.

³² After, based on birth of last child.

³³ March 1759, Marriage Index Connecticut 1635-1860.

³⁴ I'm eliminating Noah from the mix because even though the births of his children are poorly documented they seem to be complete and span the time Nathan was born.

³⁵ Norwalk, 7 Mar 1738/39.

³⁶ Based on birth of children.

³⁷ Died prior to time of Nathan's birth.

³⁸ Louer 5; 24 Mar 1729/30.

³⁹ Louer 5; Bef. 16 Jan 1767.

⁴⁰ Louer 5; 20 Oct 1756.

⁴¹ I can find but one child for Jedediah and Abigail, Pruella. I am not ruling Jedediah out but believe he is doubtful.

⁴² Louer 5; 5 Sep 1732.

⁴³ Louer 5; 4 Jul. 1777.

⁴⁴ Louer 5; 16 Mar 1758.

⁴⁵ We only have hard evidence for his birth and baptism. He is also known as Isaiah.

⁴⁶ Louer 5; 25 Oct 1734.

⁴⁷ Norwalk; Aft. 29 Dec 1803.

⁴⁸ Louer 5; baptized 29 Apr 1739.

⁴⁹ Louer 5; 14 Jan 1762.

What can be the reason for the paucity of information on such a prominent family? Louer,⁵⁰ speaking of the descendants of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Smith said, "Most of their children would reside in Canaan Parish until the 1760's when they removed from the area."

We know from Connecticut cemetery records⁵¹ that Ephraim and some of his kin were buried in Anglican cemeteries. From this we know at least that some parts of the family belonged to the Church of England. Many Anglicans maintained their English ties and were British sympathizers if not outright Tories; those that were not often were suspect. Some had their homes and other property taken from them. Others removed to an atmosphere that was not as hostile. We do know that Joseph, a son of Ebenezer I did not include above, was known as "Tory Joe" during the Revolution.⁵² He is, though, the only member of Lt. Sam's family mentioned in Connecticut Loyalists.⁵³ I've also read that some of the records of the lives of these families were destroyed; in other cases events in their lives were ignored.⁵⁴

Picture, if you will, the widow Abigail Smith with eight of her ten children moving south between 1716 and 1719. Martha and Ebenezer would have been in their 20's. The others were teens at best, down to Dinah who would have been still in arms. Abigail probably lived with or near her younger sister Elizabeth, whose husband Edmund Warren is my 6th great grandfather, but in a different line of descent. Edmund's son, Edmund Jr., is mentioned in Connecticut Loyalists as an absentee loyalist owing taxes to Norwalk for the years 1775-1777.⁵⁵ We find Edmund Jr. and Joseph Smith both known as Tories and first cousins apparently living near each other. Is it any wonder the family may have been suspect?

It is time to climb back over the wall. Perhaps we can find evidence that my family was one of those unfortunates who fled because of family association.

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It is clear that both Edmund and Edmund Jr. who were born on Long Island had ties to that area. In addition Jesse's death certificate states he (my second great grandfather) was born in Smithtown, Long Island. When we couple those facts with Louer's statement that most of the family would be removed from the Norwalk area by the 1760's, it would seem prudent for me to search for other connections to Long Island.

To confirm this assumption let's start with Nathan's siblings: Hannah, Susannah, Isabel and Rhuamah.⁵⁶

- We previously accepted Louer's position that Hannah was the daughter of Nathan's father rather than the daughter of Ephraim and Isabel (Bartlett) Smith. She was born 1763-65,⁵⁷ married Uriah Selleck 18 May 1784,⁵⁸ and died in Norwalk 2 May 1812.⁵⁹

⁵⁰ Louer 5, Pg. 21.

⁵¹ http://www.rootsweb.com/~ctfairfi/pages/cemetery/cm_stmfrd/stjohn-standrew.htm. St. John's and St. Andrew's Cemetery, Stamford, CT.

⁵² Louer 5 Pg. 23.

⁵³ Tyler, John W., *Connecticut Loyalists*, Polyanthos, New Orleans, 1977. Pg. 66.

⁵⁴ Moore, Christopher, *The Loyalists*, McClelland and Stewart Inc., Toronto, 1994.

⁵⁵ Tyler, John W., *Connecticut Loyalists*, Polyanthos, New Orleans, 1977. Pg. 73.

⁵⁶ Norwalk, Pg. 432; Louer 5, Pg. 27; I suspect there were more than five children, but that will unfold as it will.

⁵⁷ My estimate based on the census data of 1800 & 1810, date of her marriage, etc.

⁵⁸ *The Genealogical Registry of Norwalk*, Pg. 84.

Uriah was a patriot serving as a drummer in Captain Eli Reed's Company.⁶⁰ It may be that she left town with her parents, returning in time to marry, but there is no direct evidence of this.

- Almost all the information I have about Susannah Smith who married Micah Post⁶¹ has been gleaned from census data. Susannah was born 1770-1780, married probably before 1800, and died between 1840 and 1850. It appears her life was spent on Long Island, much of it in Oyster Bay.
- Isabel Smith married Jesse Tuttle, 14 Jan 1792, in Norwalk, CT.⁶² Other than their marriage they are mentioned in two Norwalk deeds in 1793 and 1801; but are not found in the 1800 census. I assume this is Jesse the son of Jesse and Mercy (Selleck) Tuttle, baptized 29 Jun 1768 in Darien, CT, but have no proof. There are however significant family connections. It was, after all, his sister Sarah that married Nathan.
- Rhuamah Smith married Benjamin Saxton probably between 1795 & 1798 on Long Island, perhaps in Oyster Bay. They spent the rest of their life there. Of Nathan's father's children Rhua or Rhuamy was the only one to live beyond 1850 and so we learn she was born in New York.

Two of the four have definite ties to Long Island; the others are doubtful. Before we move on to consolidate what we've learned I would like to revisit a paragraph from "The Smith Families of Stamford."

"Regarding Hannah (Smith) Selleck she is mentioned as a grantor, along with her siblings, in a couple of Norwalk deeds (Jun 1793 and Oct 1801). Both deeds recorded the sale of property in Canaan Parish previously owned by Ephraim Smith to a James Smith of Islip and later Brookhaven LI."⁶³

Louer⁶⁴ in footnote 363, speaking of James the child of Ephraim, states "Baptisms for the children of a James Smith of New Canaan and his wife Hannah are recorded at St. John's Episcopal Church in Stamford. While this James Smith is a strong candidate the writer was unable to find any conclusive proof that he was the individual."

We have Hannah, who I regard as Nathan's sister, mentioned as disposing of the property of Ephraim to a James Smith of Long Island. Further in the paragraph are the names of Hannah's siblings: Rhuamah, Susannah, Isabel, Nathan. Once again, though we have a name similarity, is this James son of Ephraim and Isabel Bartlett Smith with siblings Nathan, Susannah, Rhuamah? Or is it possible Nathan's father had another child named James? We must, I'm afraid, leave this question until a later time.

We have learned some things about Nathan's father. From before we have: Father Smith, b. 1718-1742, m. 1748-1762, d. aft 1773.⁶⁵

⁵⁹ [http://www.fhsu.edu/~phrp/Selleck/David\(4\)/genealogy.ht](http://www.fhsu.edu/~phrp/Selleck/David(4)/genealogy.ht)

⁶⁰ Wicks, Edith M. and Olson, Virginia H., *Stamford's Soldiers*, Stamford Genealogical Society and Ferguson Library, Stamford, CT, 1976, 241.

⁶¹ Louer 5, Pg. 27.

⁶² Connecticut Marriage Index 1635-1860; Data CD, Family Tree Maker also on LDS search engine.

⁶³ Louer 5, Pg. 27.

⁶⁴ Louer 5, Pg. 25.

⁶⁵ I have previously documented the dates used here and following. I see no need to restate them.

- He had at least five children from the early 1760's through the mid 1770's.
 - If we posit Hannah as the eldest we move Father's birthday closer to 1740 and his marriage to 1760.
 - Did he move to Long Island with his parent/s or marry and move there?
- Why was Hannah the grantor in the deeds of 1793 and 1801?
 - Was she the eldest?
 - Why not the eldest son?
 - Was she the eldest or the only one living in CT?
 - Was she the only one considered a patriot?
- We know that Nathan, b. ca 1769 and Rhuamah, b. ca 1773 were born in New York. This makes it likely that Susannah and Isabel were born in New York, probably Long Island.
 - Was Rhuamah the last child?
 - If there were children after Rhua what was the reason they were not included in the property distribution?
- From Hannah b. ca 1764 to Nathan b. ca 1769 there is ample room for 2 or 3 additional children.
 - Was one of these James?
 - Was Hannah born CT or LI?

Dipping into the information from the other side of the wall we have the four best possibilities for Nathan's father.⁶⁶

- James, son of Ephraim and Isabel Bartlett, b. before 1740, d. perhaps after 1787
 - James works only if he is not the James who married Hannah Lockhart in 1780.
- Thomas also son of the above, b. ca 1743
 - The sheer lack of information makes his relocation a strong possibility.
- Josiah son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Bartlett b. ca 1734 d. 1803.
 - Josiah does not seem quite as good a fit as the others
- Jesse son of the above b. ca 1739, m. Rhuamah Hoyt 1762
 - The times are right as well as name familiarity, but one Rhua does not a connection make.

It seems to me I have my marching orders. The last cut of Ockham's Razor pared away Connecticut. I must now face the daunting task of locating James, Thomas, Josiah, Jesse and of course Nathan from among the Blue, Bull, Tangier, Weight and other Smith families on Long Island. The help of all who read this will be greatly appreciated.

⁶⁶ These most certainly are not the only possibilities, but are the ones who must be ruled out before the search continues farther afield.

Easton, Connecticut, Marriages, 1845-1854

Harlan R. Jessup

The town of Easton, Connecticut, was formed in 1845 from Weston, and its marriage records begin in that year. No records from Easton are found in Connecticut's Barbour Collection of Vital Records which includes most town records until about 1850.¹ The small volume transcribed here is unlabeled but has this inside inscription: "A Record Book of Marriages in the Town of Easton since its first organization. Edward Hill, Town Clerk."² The records from 1845 to 1854 give only the date, names, and residences of the couple and the name and office of the officiant. This volume represents the record as first transcribed from the slips submitted by the clergymen and justices of the peace. The original slips have not been found.

In the same vault is a volume labeled *Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1852-1876, 1877-1955* which has original records created by the town clerk. The two records overlap, but this latter volume has several additional marriages for the years 1852-54. Besides dates and names, the latter record has for both bride and groom: color, occupation, birthplace, residence, and condition (single or widowed) plus the name and residence of the "magistrate." No records from this second volume are included here.

A third volume labeled simply *Births, Marriages, Deaths* is a transcription of records from 1845 to 1876 made in the early 20th century, but a sampling of these records showed a number of transcription errors and omissions. From 1847 to 1852 the state required recording of births, marriages, and deaths by school district, but no such records have been for Easton's one school district.

Marriages, Town of Easton, 1845-1854

| Date | Groom & Bride | Officiant |
|-------------|---|---|
| 15 Oct 1845 | David Underhill of Weston Sabra[?] Platt of Easton | Aaron S. Hill Minister of the Gospel |
| 7 Dec 1845 | William O. Sanford of Weston Lydia Wheeler of Easton | Wm. Denison Minister of the Gospel |
| 5 Oct 1845 | Edwin Meeker of Bridgeport Abigail Hall of Weston | Wm. Denison Minister of the Gospel |
| 26 Oct 1845 | Burton Lyon of Monroe Sophia Staples of Newtown | Wm. Denison Minister of the Gospel |
| 26 Oct 1845 | Joseph S. Tucker of Redding Rebecca S. Bradley of Easton | Wm. Denison Minister of the Gospel |
| 26 Nov 1845 | Gould S. Weed of New Canaan Fanny Banks of Easton | Wm. Denison Minister of the Gospel |

¹ For other omissions from the Barbour Collection see my "Early Vital Records of Redding, CT, a Recent Discovery" in *Connecticut Ancestry* vol. 50:34-35 (August 2007) and "Some Additions and Corrections to Connecticut's Barbour Collection" in *Connecticut Ancestry*, vol. 48:47-48 (August 2005).

² We are indebted to our member and colleague Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, for discovering this volume and pointing out its existence to us.

| Date | Groom & Bride | Officiant |
|-------------|--|--|
| 14 Jun 1845 | Stephen Nichols of Easton Mary Platt of Easton | Wm. H. Bangs, Minister of the Gospel |
| 22 Oct 1845 | Ezra S. Seeley of Easton Harriet Johnson of Easton | Wm. H. Bangs Minister of the Gospel |
| 1 Mar 1846 | Charles E. Crofut of Danbury Marcitta [or Marcilla] Platt of Easton | Wm. Denison Minister of the Gospel |
| 8 Mar 1846 | Philo C. Hurd of Trumbull Miss Harriet S. Coley of Easton | Wm. F. Collins Minister of the Gospel |
| 29 Mar 1846 | Royal Jennings of Monroe Elizabeth Raymond of Monroe | Wm. Denison Minister of the Gospel |
| 8 Apr 1846 | Hiram Wakeman of New York State Polly Wakeman of Easton | N. E. Cornwall, Rector of Trinity Church, Fairfield |
| 21 Apr 1846 | Charles N. Fairchild of Trumbull Mary B. Banks of Easton | Charles G. Prentice Minister of the Gospel |
| 5 Jul 1846 | Charles Bartlett of Fairfield Joanna Banks of Easton | Laban Clark Minister of the Gospel |
| 12 Aug 1846 | Burr Nichols of Fairfield Mary A. Burr of Easton | Bradford Winton Justice of the Peace |
| 27 Sep 1846 | Wm. L. Brown of New York Fanny Mallett of Easton | Wm. Denison Minister of the Gospel |
| 26 Nov 1846 | Orris S. Polly of Bridgeport Mary W. Thorp of Easton | Wm. Denison Minister of the Gospel |
| 10 Jan 1847 | Joseph Crofut of Danbury Eunice Turney of Easton | Wm. Denison Minister of Gospel |
| 24 Jan 1847 | Edward Platt of Easton Susan Judd of Easton | Wm. Denison Minister of Gospel |
| 24 Jan 1847 | Mr. Antonio Banks of Fairfield Mrs. Phillis Wakeman of Weston | Orrando Perry Justice of the Peace |
| 24 Feb 1847 | John Wanzer of Easton Thyrza Stratton of Bridgeport | Wm. Denison Minister of Gospel |
| 10 Jun 1847 | Joseph Crofut of Danbury Eunice Turney of Easton | Wm. Denison Minister of Gospel |
| 11 Jul 1847 | John Powell of Monroe Polly Lyon of Monroe | Wm. Denison Minister of Gospel |
| 14 Jul 1847 | Jesse Lacey of Easton Amelia Fayerweather of Easton | Wm. Denison Minister of Gospel |
| 12 Sep 1847 | Norman Northrop of Newtown Julia Sanford of Easton | Clark G. Prentice Minister of Gospel |
| 26 Sep 1847 | Henry Baldwin of Easton Julia Couch of Redding | Wm. Denison Minister of Gospel |
| 29 Sep 1847 | James Morehouse of Redding Louis[e] Burr of Easton | Wm. Denison Minister of Gospel |
| 10 Oct 1847 | Ephraim Wakelee of Newtown Mary J. Farman [Farnam?] of Newtown | Wm. Denison Minister of Gospel |
| 19 Oct 1847 | Albert Wilson of Fairfield Ruth Ann Platt of Easton | William Reid[?] Baptist Clergyman |

| Date | Groom & Bride | Officiant |
|-------------|---|---|
| 15 Nov 1847 | George Downs of Easton Fanny M. Judd of Easton | Wm. Denison Minister of Gospel |
| 18 Jan 1848 | Robert Hiscock of Danbury Caroline E. Sherwood of Easton | Asa Abbott Minister of Gospel |
| 9 Feb 1848 | Samuel Marsh of Easton Martha Lovejoy of Easton | Ira Abbott Minister of Gospel |
| 15 Feb 1848 | Eli Winton of Easton Ruana Hubbell of Easton | Charles G. Prentice Minister of Gospel |
| 16 Mar 1848 | David Walter Horton of New York City Rhoda Ann Sturges of Easton | Ira Abbott Minister of Gospel |
| 7 May 1848 | Moses Burr of Weston Elmira Smith of Easton | Ira Abbott Minister of Gospel |
| 5 Jul 1848 | George Elwood of Woodbury Eliza Hubbell of Monroe | Jacob Gardner Minister of Gospel |
| 28 Sep 1848 | Hawley Sanford of Redding Elizabeth J. Johnson of Easton | Ira Abbott Minister of Gospel |
| 28 Sep 1848 | Morris Gould of Fairfield Eleanor Burr of Walton, Delaware Co., NY | Ira Abbott Minister of Gospel |
| 29 Aug 1848 | Emery Brothwell of Fairfield Maria Bradley of Easton | Charles G. Prentice Minister of Gospel |
| 10 Oct 1848 | Moses Ogden of Easton Harriett Wilson of Easton | C. G. Prentice Minister of Gospel |
| 22 Dec 1848 | Mr. James N. Wanzer of Easton Miss Eunice Beers of Easton | Jacob Gardner Minister of Gospel |
| 2 Nov 1848 | E. J. Gillette of Birmingham [Derby] Mary E. Adams of Easton | William Denison Minister of Gospel |
| 22 Nov 1848 | John G. Peck of Trumbull Elisa Hoyt of Easton | Ira Abbott Minister of Gospel |
| 29 Nov 1848 | Reuben Beach of Trumbull Sally Sherwood of Easton | Ira Abbott Minister of Gospel |
| 17 Dec 1848 | George L. Lathrop of Bridgeport Esther Downs of Easton | Samuel M. [blank] Minister of Gospel |
| 11 Mar 1849 | Mr. Aaron Wheeler of Redding Miss Lorena Vincent of Spencertown, Columbia Co., NY | Jacob Gardner Minister of Gospel |
| 12 Mar 1849 | Mr Glover T. Mallett of Easton Miss J[smudge] E. Thorp of Easton | Jacob Gardner Minister of Gospel |
| 9 May 1849 | Henry DeForest of Stratford Emily D. Bennett of Easton | Henry V. Gardener Minister of Gospel |
| 10 Oct 1849 | Burton Bradley of Easton Martha M. Burr of Easton | Charles Stearns Minister of Gospel of M. E. Church |
| 14 Oct 1849 | Christopher B. Marsh of Easton Frances R Fisher of Easton | Charles Stearns Minister of Gospel |
| 8 Jul 1849 | Mr. Philo Lockwood of Easton Miss Mary Eliza Downs of Easton | Jacob Gardner Minister of Gospel |

| Date | Groom & Bride | Officiant |
|-------------|---|--|
| 3 Nov 1849 | Mr. Joseph H. Wilson of Easton Miss Rhoda Grey of Easton | Charles S. Stearns Minister of Gospel |
| 2 Dec 1849 | Mr. Ashwell B. Beach of Easton Miss Sarah A. Edwards of Trumbull | Jacob Gardner Minister of Gospel |
| 14 Nov 1849 | Wakeman B. Williams of Easton Elizabeth Dimon of Easton | C. G. Prentice Minister of Gospel |
| 8 Jan 1850 | Nathaniel L. Silliman of Easton Eliza M. Burr of Easton | C. G. Prentice Minister of Gospel |
| 12 Feb 1850 | Charles H. Hall of Bridgeport Delia J. Plumb of Easton | C. G. Prentice Minister of Gospel |
| 24 Apr 1850 | Lockwood Hine of Southbury Mary Knapp of Easton | L. D. Nickerson, Minister M. E. Church, Stepney, Monroe, CT |
| 21 May 1850 | Aaron L. Sanford of Easton Caroline J. Burr of Easton | C. T. Prentiss Minister of Gospel |
| 22 May 1850 | Abel W. Mallett of Easton Susan M. Oakley of Easton | C. T. Prentiss Minister of Gospel |
| 5 Jun 1850 | Mr. Thomas B. Fanton of Redding Miss Mary S. Johnson of Easton | Charles Stearns |
| 7 Jul 1850 | Mr. Anson Edwards of Easton Mrs. Charity Beers of Easton | Charles Stearns |
| 8 Sep 1850 | Ahaz Oakley of Easton Abby Jane Bradley of Weston | C. T. Prentiss Minister of the Gospel |
| 29 Sep 1850 | Mr. Joseph D. Fanton of Weston Miss Mabel Hill of Redding | Charles Stearns |
| 29 Oct 1850 | Mr. Burr Bradley of Easton Miss June [?] E. Craft of Easton | Charles Stearns |
| 20 Nov 1850 | Moses W. Wilson of Easton Margaret E. Wheeler of Easton | C. T. Prentiss |
| 24 Nov 1850 | Almon H. French of Trumbull Laura L. Sanford of Easton | Charles Stearns |
| 25 Dec 1850 | James Morton of Redding Emelia Bryen [<i>sic</i>] of Easton | Abner Gregory |
| 12 Feb 1851 | Salem H. Weilez [<i>sic</i>] of New York City Frances E. Johnson of Easton | C. T. Prentiss Minister of Gospel |
| 23 Dec 1850 | Burr Osborn of Covert, Seneca Co., NY Susan Treadwell of Easton | Charles Stearns |
| 26 Dec 1850 | John Wheeler of Easton Maria L. Hull of Weston | Charles Stearns |
| 27 Mar 1851 | Andrew J. Weed of New Canaan Betsey Banks of Easton | Levi H. Wakeman Minister of Gospel |
| 21 May 1851 | Wm. Lyon of Easton Mrs. Harriet Wilson of Easton | Charles Stearns Minister of Gospel |
| 2 Jun 1851 | Jonathan W. Warner of Plymouth Emily V. Seeley of Easton | C. T. Prentiss Minister of Gospel |
| 8 Jan 1852 | John C. Beach of Trumbull Jane Gilbert of Easton | Levi H. Wakeman Minister of Gospel |

| Date | Groom & Bride | Officiant |
|-------------|--|--|
| 1 Jan 1852 | Frederick Oberlin Seeley of Easton Catherine Brice Jennings of Easton | Martin Dudley, Pastor Congregational Church, Easton |
| 15 Aug 1852 | Thomas Henry Hart of [blank] Mary Ann Seymour of [blank] | Orsanniz H. Smith, Pastor Christ Church, Reading |
| 12 Sep 1852 | John H. Purdy of Rye, NY Priscilla Dy[??] Johnson of Easton | Martin Dudley, Pastor Congregational Church, Easton |
| 4 Oct 1852 | Jeremiah Rowland Nichols of Weston Lavinia Parthena Turney of Easton | Martin Dudley, Pastor Congregational Church, Easton |
| 3 Nov 1852 | Isaac Elbert Nichols of Trumbull Henrietta Banks of Easton | Martin Dudley, Pastor Congregational Church, Easton |
| 14 Apr 1853 | Charles Goodsell of Easton Frances Craft of Easton | John Warren, Jr. Pastor of Easton Baptist Church |
| 17 Apr 1853 | Henry Lyon of Redding Eveline Thorp of Easton | John Warren, Jr. Pastor of Easton Baptist Church |
| 18 May 1853 | Lucian S. Wilson of Easton Harriet G. Silliman of Easton | John Warren, Jr. Pastor of Easton Baptist Church |
| 10 May 1853 | George W. Hawkins of New York Maria E. Perry of Easton | Martin Dudley, Pastor Congregational Church, Easton |
| 13 Aug 1853 | David Dayton of [Easton] Lucinda Hall of [Easton] | John Warren, Jr. Pastor of Easton Baptist Church |
| 3 Oct 1853 | A. Judson Jaques of Bridgeport Mary B. Johnson of Easton | Martin Dudley |
| 17 Oct 1853 | Isaac Haviland of Ridgefield Mary A. Thorp of Easton | Martin Dudley |
| 21 Dec 1853 | Wheeler French of Bridgeport Phebe A. Peck of Easton | John Warren, Jr. Pastor of Easton Baptist Church |
| 22 Feb 1854 | Wilson W. Ferris of Easton Mary E. Disbrow of Easton | John Warren, Jr. Pastor of Easton Baptist Church |
| 1 Jun 1854 | Ezra S. Seeley of Easton Mary Ann Jackson of Easton | John Warren, Jr. Pastor of Easton Baptist Church |
| 29 May 1854 | Anson Bennett of Easton Abigail Bradley of Easton | Martin Dudley |
| 14 Aug 1854 | George W. Gray of Easton Mary E. Banks of Easton | John Warren, Jr. Pastor of Easton Baptist Church |

Winne Family Bible
Transcribed by Harlan R. Jessup

This Bible, now destroyed, was owned by Society member Ralph Bates of Norwalk. The family record pages were rescued through the intervention of our Board member Sven-Eric Selander of Wilton. The title page is lost, but an inscription reads:

Mrs. Mary Winne's Bible
Coxsackie, Sept. 28, 1843
A my death this book is to go to Mr. W. L. Bates
146 Westchester Ave., Portchester, N.Y.

The Winne family (also spelled Winnea) seems to have come from Albany or Greene Counties, New York, with a later removal to Westchester County. Related families with several entries include Scofield, Bates, and Everett. Some births are listed in the "Deaths" column, but all are entered here in chronological order and with original word order.

Births

Matthew Winnea birth 1786 January 27
Hann[a]h Salsbury birth 1789 February 28
Mary M. Beast [*sic* but Bates intended] birth 1793 October 10
Mary E. Bates Birth June 20, 1818
Lewis C. Bates Birth January 19, 1821
Amanda J. Bates Birth June 11, 1822
Matthew Winne born January 26, 1827
Elisha B. Winne born September 22, 1829
Robert T. Winne born January 18, 1832
Elsie Winnea born June the 12, 1854
Robert M. Everett born December the 28, 1853

Marriages

Matthew Winnea – Hannah Salsbury Marri[e]d January 2 [year blank]
Matthew Winnea and Mary M. Bates Marri[e]d July 18, 1821
William T. Scofield – Alfaretta Kerrow Married August 13th 1898

Deaths

Robert T. Winnea departed this life the 5 day of January, 1854, aged 22 and 12 days

Leolbert[?] W. Everett Departed this live April the 4, 1849

Robert Matthew Everett Departed this life November 25, 1856

Mary E. Scofield Departed this life Marth 6th 1897, age 79 years.

James Henry Scofield Departed this life August 7, 1873, Age 33

William Thomas Scofield Departed this life June 27, 1901, Age 50

Jack L. Langridge Departed this life February 6, 1899

Mrs. Lewis E. Bates Died Aug 3, 1900, Age 76 years

Mrs. Alfaretta Scofield McKay [or McNay?] Departed this life April 17, 1923, age 44 years

Mr. Ralph F. Bates Departed this life December 28, 1976

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Book Review

Judith Green Watson, compiler, *South Kingstown, Rhode Island, Tax Lists, 1730-1799*. (Rockland, Maine: Picton Press, 2007, 603 pp.) \$69.50 plus \$5.00 postage. Order on-line at www.pictonpress.com.

South Kingstown is well beyond our area of focus in southwestern Connecticut, but this transcription of extensive tax records from the eighteenth century is well worth our consideration. Besides those few of us who may have ancestors from this Rhode Island area, there are two good reasons why others should pay attention to this volume.

First, the compiler, Judi Watson, a member of our Society, has contributed significantly to this journal, including her three-part series, "Samuel Selleck (1754–1818) of Stamford, CT, and Pound Ridge, NY, with Four Generations of His Descendants" in volume 46 (2003-2004). And this book is another fine example of her work.

Next, Judi's work here should be taken as an exemplary model for those publishing such transcriptions. Many transcriptions of lists (though none so extensive as these) have been published in this journal, and we should reflect on whether we have followed these or similar rules. Here is a sample of some fifteen points given as Transcribing Conventions in her Introduction:

- All material was transcribed, including items that were crossed out or lined through, and the cross-hatching replicated.
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- The capitalization and punctuation are the same as the original.
- Any items about which the compiler was uncertain are indicted with a question mark in square brackets, that is, [?].
- If the handwriting was unclear, but if the name was known to the compiler, it has been entered within square brackets.
- Where the ratemakers truncated a name ... the compiler has completed the name when known from other lists ...
- Where the spelling used on the originals might be misleading, the compiler has inserted what appear to be missing letters in square brackets, for example, "Ma[r]sh."

Also to be considered is the list of what useful information might be found in these (or similar tax lists, such as occupation, name of the father or widow's deceased husband, location of the residence, and approximate dates of death or removal to another town.

If you are lucky enough to have South Kingstown ancestors, you will want your own copy of this book. And if you are compiling similar transcriptions you will want to refer to the copy at Ferguson Library or at some other repository.

—Harlan Jessup

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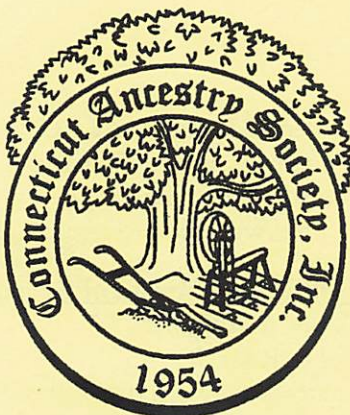
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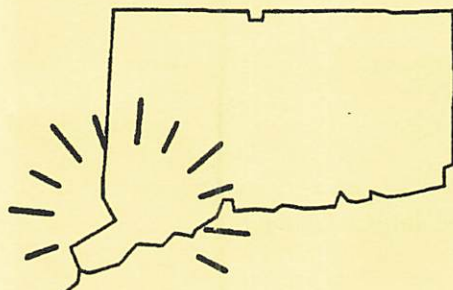
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This issue also includes a most informative article by Nora Galvin on the non-population records from Federal censuses. For most of us "census" means only names and households, but there is much more to be learned from the mortality schedules, agricultural schedules, and social statistics gathered in the latter half of the 19th century. Nora's contribution is surely one of the best "how to" articles we have published in recent years.

This issue concludes with the indexes to this Volume 50. The every-name index is abundant with names of those who have lived in our focus area. But the author index is altogether too sparse. Of seven authors this year, four are members of your Board and a fifth, Helen Ullmann, is a frequent contributor. We really hope that more of you will share your research on area families with the rest of our readers.

In coming issues look for the continuation of Fred Hart's *Weed* series, for abstracts of the early records of Salem, now Lewisboro, New York, and for more contributions from you, our members and readers.

Harlan R. Jessup

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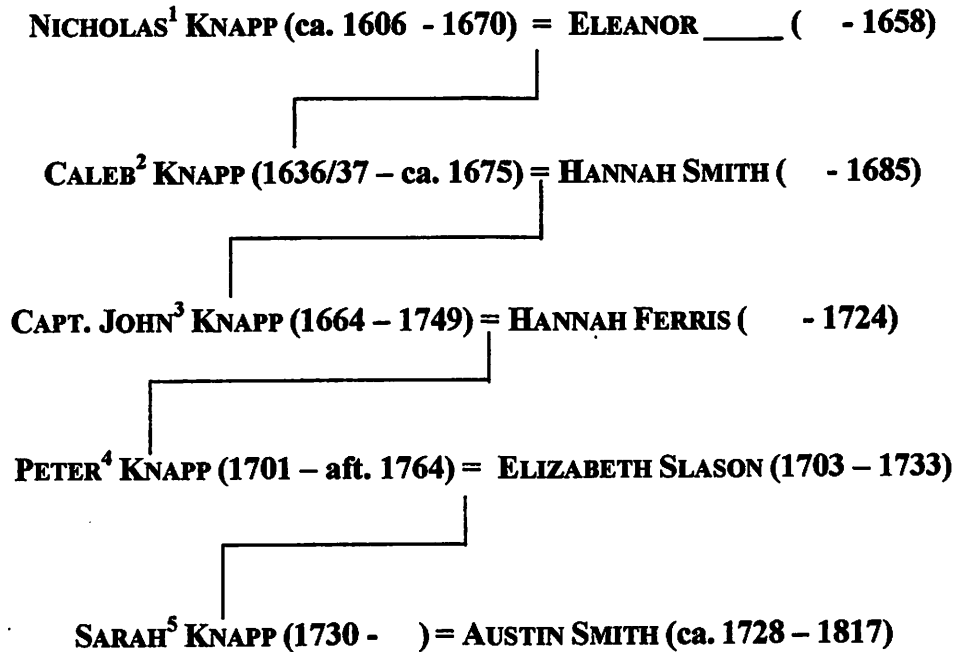
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PART 10:

KNAPP

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KNAPP

1. **NICHOLAS¹ KNAPP** was in Watertown, Massachusetts by 1 March 1630/31, when he was fined for selling some “water of noe worth nor value” as a cure for scurvy.^[1] Since this was wintertime when no ships made the Atlantic voyage, it is likely that he had arrived well before this time, perhaps during the summer of 1630.^[2] Anderson estimates that he was born by about 1606, based on the estimated date of his marriage.^[3] He died at Stamford between 15 and 27 April 1669/70, the dates of his will and his inventory.^[4] The family name was generally spelled Knap until about 1800, but the current spelling of Knapp will be used herein, except when in a direct quotation.

His first wife and mother of his children, who died in Stamford on the 16th day, 6th month (16 August) 1658, was named **ELEANOR** ____.^[5] He married (2) at Stamford on 9 March 1658/59 **UNICA** (____) (**BUXTON**) **BROWN**, widow of Clement Buxton and Peter Brown.^[6] Since she was not mentioned in his will, she is presumed to have died before 1670.

The standard *Knapp Genealogy* is full of error and must be used with caution.^[7] It does, however, contain some interesting historical and biographical information, including a list of the lands of Nicholas Knapp in Watertown, and a complete transcription of his will.^[8] He appears to have left Watertown about May 1646, since he sold all the land he had received from the town there to Bryan Pendleton on the 6th day 3rd month 1646, and another acre of meadow (purchased separately in 1645) to Edward Garfield on the same date.^[9] According to one Stamford historian, he was briefly in Rye, New York, and nearby Greenwich, before arriving in Stamford about 1649.^[10]

For some unknown reason, the Stamford Town Records do not contain a complete listing of the lands of Nicholas Knapp as they do for many other early residents. He is, however,

¹ Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, ed., *Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, 1628–1686*, 5 volumes in 6 (Boston: the Press of William White, 1853-1854), 1: 83, 99, 243. This fine was partially paid and partially forgiven, and it may be that the cure was somewhat successful after all.

² Although there is no specific record of the fact, he may very well have come with the Winthrop fleet that arrived in Massachusetts Bay in June and July of 1630 (Charles Edward Banks, *The Winthrop Fleet of 1630* (1930, repr: Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983), 78.

³ Robert C. Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins - Immigrants to New England 1620-1633*, 3 volumes (Boston: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1995), 2: 1136.

⁴ The Great Migration Begins (note 3), 2: 1136.

⁵ Stamford Town Records, 1: 20, transcription copy, 26, Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm #1. Her name is spelled “Eliner” in the record, which was written two different times on the same page. She was called Eleanor “Disbrow” by Capt. James S. Ferris in his, *A Ferris Genealogy* (Coronado, CA: the author, 1980), vol. 2, ID No. 12. She has also been called Eleanor “Lockwood” by several authors but this is very unlikely (see Harriet Woodbury Hodge, *Some Descendants of Edmund Lockwood [1594-1635] of Cambridge, Massachusetts and his son Edmund Lockwood [ca. 1625-1693] of Stamford, Connecticut* [New York: Philip V. Lockwood, 1978], 82.) Other surnames have also been proposed but all of these identities for her are considered speculative at this time.

⁶ The Great Migration Begins (note 3), 2: 1136, citing Paul W. Prindle’s analysis in his *Gillespie Genealogy*.

⁷ Alfred Averill Knapp, *Nicholas Knapp Genealogy* (Winter Park, FL: the author, 1953).

⁸ Knapp Genealogy (note 7), 2.

⁹ *Suffolk Deeds Liber 1* (Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, 1880), 1: 71.

¹⁰ Jeanne Majdalany, *The Early Settlement of Stamford, Connecticut 1641-1700* (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1990), 173.

mentioned regularly as an adjoining landholder in many of the other residents' summaries. The Town Records do contain an interesting purchase on 26 September 1651 by "Nickels Knape" of Elias Bailey's house and home lot of 1 ½ acre, purchased earlier by Bailey from John Coe, and adjacent to land already in Knapp's possession.^[11] Both Bailey and Coe left Stamford for Long Island, along with many other Stamford people.

Nicholas Knapp and his stepson Clement² Buxton, son of his second wife Eunice, "the [a]foresayd Nicholas Knap haveing by and wth the mariage of ye Widdow Buxton administred upon ye estate of Clement Buxton, deceased" made an agreement on 8 March 1666/67 and recorded 31 January 1667/68, the young man having reached his majority, that he (Buxton) would receive title to his father's house and property in return for granting Knapp and his wife the life use of the house and ½ of the barn and home lot.^[12] On the following day (9 March 1666/67) Nicholas Knapp added an additional detail to the agreement in which he gave "unto Clement Buxton a beding in ye house wch I now am resedent in and what conveniency I can conveniently accomodate him wth all for stoedge [storage] of what necisary things he have to put in so that it may be understood I grant him this priveledge as long as I shall live in the house. This my agreement made 9th March [16]66."^[13]

Then, within a year on 19 October 1668, Nicholas Knap purchased the house and 1 ½ acre homelot of Daniel Simpkins of Stamford for the price of "two oxen and on[e] cow in hand resived & for full satisfaction."^[14] This homelot was between the homelots of Richard Scofield on the south and Thomas Lawrence on the north and bounded by the highway on the east and the mill lot on the west.

His will was dated at Stamford on 15 April (2nd Month) 1670, probated 21 October 1670, and named his children Moses, Timothy, Caleb, Joshua, Sarah Disbrowe, Hanna, Lidea, and Ruth. Sarah Buxton and Eunice Buxton are called daughters in law, and are left property out of the effects of their father Clement Buxton.^[15] His son Joshua Knapp was named executor and the will was witnessed by John Weed and Eleazer Slason. The inventory was taken 27 April 1669/70 by John Holly and Clement Buxton, and filed 31 October 1670.^[16]

Children of Nicholas and Eleanor () Knapp, first seven born and recorded at Watertown^[17] and last two born probably at Stamford:^[18]

¹¹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 53, transcription copy, 65.

¹² Stamford Land Records, A: 18-9.

¹³ Stamford Land Records, A: 19.

¹⁴ Stamford Land Records, A: 143.

¹⁵ Fairfield Probate Records, 2: 55. The month was given as 2nd month on both the will and the inventory, which was April old style. Mead and others have incorrectly called it February.

¹⁶ Fairfield Probate Records, 2: 56.

¹⁷ Henry Bond, *Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Massachusetts, Including Waltham and Weston* . . . (Boston: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1860), 327.

¹⁸ All data are as given in *The Great Migration Begins* (note 3), 2: 1136-7 except where noted. Lists of spouses given in the Knapp Genealogy (note 7) and other secondary sources are similar, but have additional marriages for many of the children that have not yet been verified. This list follows Anderson who discounted many of these additional marriages for lack of proof. Also note his discussion and rejection of the claims that William Knopp of Watertown was a close relative of Nicholas Knapp.

- i. JONATHAN² KNAPP, b. Nov 1631, bur. Watertown 27 Dec 1631 “aged 7 weeks.”
- ii. TIMOTHY KNAPP, b. 14 Dec 1632, m. BETHIA _____, said to have been the daughter of John Brundish or Brundage.^[19] He moved to the town of Rye (then in Connecticut but now in New York) about 1667 when he purchased a house and homelot there. He was active in community affairs and was constable of Rye in 1681 and 1682. He apparently moved to Greenwich by 1697.^[20]
- iii. JOSHUA KNAPP, b. 5 Jan 1634/35, m. at Stamford 9 Jun 1657 HANNAH CLOSE.^[21]
- 2. iv. CALEB KNAPP, b. 20 Jan 1636/37, m. HANNAH SMITH.
- v. SARAH KNAPP, b. 5 Jan 1638/39, m. at Stamford 6 Apr 1657 PETER DISBOROUGH / DISBROW.^[22]
- vi. RUTH KNAPP, b. 6 Jan 1640/41, m. (1) at Stamford 20 Nov 1657 JOSEPH FERRIS,^[23] and (2) 19 Jan 1707/08 JOHN CLAPP.^[24]
- vii. HANNAH KNAPP, b. 6 Mar 1642/43,^[25] living at the time of her father’s will in 1670.^[26]
- viii. MOSES KNAPP, b. say 1645, perhaps at Stamford, m. by 1669 ABIGAIL WESTCOTT.
- ix. LYDIA KNAPP, b. say 1647, probably at Stamford, m. at Fairfield 16 Jan 1666/67 ISAAC HALL.^[27]

2. CALEB² KNAPP (*Nicholas*¹) was born at Watertown, Massachusetts on 20 January 1636/37, and died at Stamford between 11 October 1674 and 4 March 1674/75, the dates of his will and the taking of his inventory.^[28]

He married HANNAH SMITH, daughter of Henry¹ Smith, at Stamford say about 1660. She was born say about 1640, possibly at Stamford, the daughter of Henry Smith and an unknown

¹⁹ Although Bethia’s identity is given as fact by Norman Davis in his *Westchester Patriarchs* (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1988), 36-7, 140, it is not confirmed by Anderson, or by Donald L. Jacobus in his, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, 2 volumes in 3 (Fairfield: Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, DAR, 1930-1932), 1: 108.

²⁰ All from Charles W. Baird, *Chronicle of a Border Town: History of Rye Westchester County, New York 1660 – 1870* (Camden, ME: Picton Press [reprint], 1994), 416.

²¹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 20, transcription copy, 26.

²² Stamford Town Records 1: 19, 74, transcription copy, 74, 87. Some authors have claimed that she had an additional first marriage to John Disbrow, but this is unlikely since she was called Sarah Knapp in 1657.

²³ Stamford Town Records, 1: 74, transcription copy, 87.

²⁴ Stamford Town Records, 1: 128, transcription copy, 164. See also Ferris Genealogy (note 5), vol. 2, ID no. 12.

²⁵ Mr. Bond gave the year as “1643-4” in his *Watertown Genealogies* (note 17) but Anderson gives it as 1642/43 based on the original (*The Great Migration Begins* [note 3], 2: 1137.)

²⁶ *Early Settlement* (note 10), 174, lists a marriage for her to Zerubbabel Hoyt in 1673, but there is no such marriage in the generally reliable David W. Hoyt, *A Genealogical History of the Hoyt, Haight, and Hight Families with Some Account of the Earlier Hyatt Families...* (Providence and Boston: the author, 1871, repr. Somersworth, NH: New England History Press, 1984), 311-2.

²⁷ *Old Fairfield* (note 19), 1: 250. It is sometimes claimed that she married Richard Mills but Jacobus explained that this Mills marriage instead belonged to Lydia the daughter of Roger Knapp of New Haven and Fairfield (*Old Fairfield* [note 19], 1: 365, 411.)

²⁸ *Fairfield Probate Records*, 3: 36.

first wife.^[29] After Caleb's death, say about 1676, She married (2) Thomas Lawrence, born at Milford, Connecticut 3 December 1648, son of Thomas and Martha Lawrence.^[30] She had probably died some time prior to 26 July 1691 when her second husband did not name her in his will.^[31]

In his will, made on 11 October 1674 and probated 9 March 1675 (probably 1674/75), he mentioned his wife Hannah, and children Caleb, John, Moses, Samuel, Sarah, and Hannah. He also named Abigail Smith, a sister of his wife. Overseers were to be Joshua Knapp and John Holly, Sr. (who had also taken his father's inventory). The witnesses were Daniel Westcott and (his brother) Moses Knapp. His inventory was taken on 4 March 16[74/]75 by William Newman and Jonathan Selleck.^[32]

Children of Caleb and Hannah (Smith) Knapp, all probably born at Stamford although only two recorded there:^[33]

- i. CALEB³ KNAPP, b. 24 Nov 1661,^[34] m. 23 day 9th month (Nov) 1694 HANNAH CLEMENTS.^[35]
3. ii. JOHN KNAPP, b. 25 Jul 1664, m. (1) HANNAH FERRIS, and m. (2) Mrs. MARTHA MEAD.
- iii. MOSES KNAPP, b. abt. 1666, m. ELIZABETH CRISSEY.^[36]
- iv. SAMUEL KNAPP, b. abt. 1668, m. HANNAH BUSHNELL.^[37]
- v. SARAH KNAPP, b. 1670, m. abt. 1691 EBENEZER MEAD.^[38]
- vi. HANNAH KNAPP, b. abt. 1676, m. (1) 6 Nov 1696 NATHANIEL CROSS,^[39] m. (2) SAMUEL PALMER.^[40]

3. **CAPT. JOHN³ KNAPP** (*Caleb², Nicholas¹*) was born at Stamford on 25 July 1664^[41] and died there on 5 April 1749, in his 85th year.^[42]

He married (1) on 10 June 1692 **HANNAH FERRIS**,^[43] born about 1666, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Ferris,^[44] at Stamford on 10 June 1692.^[45] Hannah, wife of Capt. John

²⁹ Robert Louer, "The Smith Families of Stamford, Connecticut," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 45(2002): 6.

³⁰ Old Fairfield (note 19), 1: 376.

³¹ Louer, "Smith Families of Stamford" (note 29), 45: 6.

³² All information from Fairfield Probate Records, 3: 36, Mead abstracts used.

³³ Spouses names from Knapp Genealogy (note 7), 6-7 except where noted.

³⁴ Stamford Town Records, 1: 98, transcription copy, 116.

³⁵ Stamford Town Records, 1: 104, transcription copy, 123.

³⁶ Stamford Town Records, 1: 101 records the marriage but the date is not legible.

³⁷ Old Fairfield (note 19), 1: 134-5.

³⁸ Spencer P. Mead, *History and Genealogy of the Mead Family* (New York: The Knickerbocker Press), 1901), 183, 222.

³⁹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 104, transcription copy, 123.

⁴⁰ Horace Wilbur Palmer, *Palmer Families in America*, Volume 1 (Neshanic, NJ: Neshanic Printing Co., 1966), 128-9, which has good additional information on both of her marriages.

⁴¹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 77, transcription copy, 90.

⁴² Knapp Genealogy (note 7), 14, citing a gravestone inscription.

⁴³ Stamford Town Records, 1: 126, transcription copy, 159.

⁴⁴ Ferris Genealogy (note 5), vol. 1, ID No. 116.

⁴⁵ Stamford Town Records, 1: 126, transcription copy, 159.

Knapp died on 10 September 1724.^[46] He married (2) on 21 December 1727 **MRS. MARTHA MEAD.**^[47] She has not been satisfactorily identified.

John Knapp must have been quite a capable young man, since he was named co-administrator of the estate of his grandfather Henry Smith in 1687,^[48] when John would have been only about 23 years old, and apparently not yet even married. This does raise the question, however, about the possibility of an earlier marriage for John Knapp (prior to 1692) that has not yet come to our attention.

Also, at the time of the death of Thomas Lawrence in the summer of 1691, John Knapp had "the custody of most of the effects of the deceased, and verified the inventory,"^[49] again signifying a position of considerable trust in the family. Perhaps John Knapp was living with his stepfather Thomas Lawrence even though his mother had died several years earlier in 1685.

He accumulated a considerable amount of property in Stamford over a period of a dozen years from 1703/04 to 1715/16. Interestingly, he continued to hold a total of 12 deeds for these properties without recording, until some event convinced him to record them all in the Stamford Land Records on the last day of January, 1733/34.^[50] One of these deeds, dated 2 April 1712, was from Joseph Ferris and Peter Ferris (Jr.) "both sons of Peter Ferris deceased," and therefore his wife's brothers, for 3 acres "whereon standeth ye new dwelling house and barn of sd John Knap."^[51]

On 20 May 1730, Capt. John Knapp, Joseph Smith and Caleb Smith all of Stamford made an agreement to divide about 80 acres of land near Lawrences Farm, so called, that they "have a joynt right to ye fee of and ye same hold as Tenants in common."^[52] Joseph and Caleb Smith were both sons of Hannah (Smith) Knapp's brother Daniel² Smith, and the genealogical significance of this deed is not immediately evident. John Knapp may have received his right in this property directly from the estate of Henry¹ Smith, for which he was administrator.

He was appointed Ensign of the Stamford Trainband in May 1707, Lieutenant in October 1710, and Captain in October 1716,^[53] and he was also elected to the respected position of townsman (selectman) of Stamford for a one year term in 1716.^[54]

⁴⁶ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 2.

⁴⁷ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 9. The original clearly says "Mead" but some transcriptions say Wead or even Weed instead. She may have been the widow Martha (Finch) Mead, b. abt. 1665, widow of Jonathan³ Mead who died in 1712.

⁴⁸ Fairfield Probate Records, 3: 239, Mead abstracts used. The other co-administrator was Henry Smith's son John Smith.

⁴⁹ Fairfield Probate Records, 4: 48b, Mead abstracts used.

⁵⁰ These 12 deeds for a total of about 45 acres in various parts of town all appear at Stamford Land Records, C: 416-20.

⁵¹ Stamford Land Records, C: 419.

⁵² Stamford Land Records, C: 230.

⁵³ Charles J. Hoadley, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut From October 1706 to October 1716* (Hartford: Case, Lockwood and Brainerd, 1870), 24, 171, 573.

⁵⁴ Elijah B. Huntington, *History of Stamford 1641-1868* (Stamford: the author, 1868, repr. Harrison, NY: Harbor Hill Books 1979), 470. The Knapp Genealogy (note 7) states that he was a member of the Connecticut Assembly in 1716, but this is not confirmed in the published Connecticut Colony Records.

Children of John³ and Hannah (Ferris) Knapp, all born and recorded at Stamford:^[55]

- i. LIEUT. SAMUEL⁴ KNAPP, b. 27 Aug 1695, m. (1) 15 Dec 1720 MARTHA SLASON,^[56] and (2) 15 Mar 1748/49 MERCY (PLATT) (BOUTON),^[57] dau. of John Platt of Norwalk^[58] and widow of Richard Bouton who had died about 1743.^[59]
- ii. JOHN KNAPP, b. 14 Aug 1697, m. (1) 23 May 1723 DEBORAH CROSS,^[60] m. (2) 1 Jul 1736 ABIGAIL HAIT/HOYT.^[61]
- iii. HANNAH KNAPP, b. 15 Mar 1698/99, m. 16 Jul 1716 ISAAC QUINTARD.^[62]
4. iv. PETER KNAPP, b. abt. 15 Aug 1701, m. (1) ELIZABETH SLASON, and m. (2) MARY SLASON.
- v. CHARLES KNAPP, b. 9 May 1703, m. 17 Jun 1731 BERTHA/BETHIA WEED.^[63]
- vi. DEBORAH KNAPP, b. 28 Jun 1705, m. (1) 1 Dec 1726 LT. WILLIAM KING.^[64] On 23 Mar 1729/30 John Knapp of Stamford gave 2 acres of land in the North Field on the west side of the Stamford Mill river for love and affection to "my loveing son-in-law William King of Stamford."^[65] William King died before 1 Jan 1754 when Deborah was named administratrix of his estate.^[66] Deborah was still not remarried on 5 Mar 1759 when she filed William's Inventory, but by 24 May 1763 had m. (2) PIERRE QUINTARD, brother of her sister Hannah's husband Isaac

⁵⁵ Stamford Town Records, 1: 125, 126, 127, transcription copy, 158, 159, 161. The Knapp Genealogy (note 7) also gives a possible first son Benjamin Knapp, b. about 1693, but no additional information on such a person has been found.

⁵⁶ Stamford Town Records, 1:96, transcription copy, 114. The Knapp Genealogy (note 7) and the Ferris Genealogy (note 5) both call her "Martha Holly," but no support for this identity has been found.

⁵⁷ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 80.

⁵⁸ Will of John Platt of Norwalk, Fairfield Probate Records, 8:372-3, in which John Platt refers to one of his four daughters as, "Mercy the wife of Richard Bouton." Many thanks to Gary A. Boughton of Bethel, Conn., for pointing out this relationship.

⁵⁹ On 12 April 1743 the widow Mercy Bouton was appointed guardian of Thomas Bouton, a minor under 14 years of age (Stamford Probate Records, 1: 222). This "Mrs. Marcy Bouton" of the Stamford marriage is often identified incorrectly as being the daughter of Capt. Samuel Boughton of Danbury, probably following the Bouton Genealogy (James Boughton, *Bouton - Boughton Family / Descendants of John Bouton A Native of France . . .* [Albany: Joel Munsell's Sons, 1890], 16).

⁶⁰ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 109, Barbour Collection used.

⁶¹ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 31. She was born 26 Oct 1703, the daughter of "Samuel Hait, Smith" (meaning blacksmith), whose family had several other connections with the families of both Henry Smith and Jonas Weed.

⁶² Stamford Town Records, 1: 106, transcription copy, 129. For the Quintard connection see Frederic Quintard Boyer and Herbert Armstrong Poole, "The Quintard Family in America," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 109(1955): 184-9, et. seq.

⁶³ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 22. She was the daughter of Jonas³ Weed and Sarah Waterbury. The will of Jonas Weed, dated 19 Sep 1753, listed Bethia Knapp among his children (Stamford Probate Records, 2: 324, Mead Abstracts used). Her birth does not seem to have been recorded at Stamford, but the usually very careful researcher Charles Gorham gave her birth year as 1708 (Charles S. Gorham, "Bates, Selleck and Allied Families of Norwalk, Stamford and Fairfield" (typescript, Noroton, CT: n.d.), 4: 767d,e).

⁶⁴ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 8.

⁶⁵ Stamford Land Records, C: 219-20.

⁶⁶ Stamford Probate Records, 2: 129.

Quintard.^[67] On that date, “Deborah Quintard, daughter of John Knap late of Stamford, deceased” was a grantor in a land transaction in Stamford.^[68] She did not have a marriage to David Bouton/Boughton, son of Capt. Samuel Boughton of Danbury, as claimed in several sources.^[69] That marriage was for another much younger Deborah Knapp, daughter of Francis Knapp of Danbury.^[70]

- vii. MOSES KNAPP, b. 6 Aug 1709, m. (1) 25 Nov 1731 JEMIMA MEAD,^[71] m. (2) 12 May 1767 “RACHEL WEED alias BUXTON.”^[72]

4. **PETER⁴ KNAPP** (*John³, Caleb², Nicholas¹*) was born at Stamford approximately 15 August 1701,^[73] and died there sometime after September 1764.^[74] The writer of the *Knapp Genealogy* placed Peter correctly in this Stamford family, and gave a fair account of his children, but was confused about many details, including the identity of Peter’s second wife, whom he called “Mary Sloan.”^[75] Much of the following updated information on Peter Knapp and his family has already been published in *Connecticut Ancestry* in 1998.^[76]

Peter married first at Stamford on 30 June 1726,^[77] **ELIZABETH SLASON**, daughter of John and Mary (Holmes) Slason, born at Stamford on 18 April 1703.^[78] She died on 12 May 1733 at Stamford,^[79] about a week after her fourth child, Mary, was born. On 24 April 1746, after the death of “my honored father John Slason late of Stamford deceased,” John Slason (Jr.) referred to “my sister Elizabeth Knap deceased who was the former wife of Peter Knap” and her heirs Elizabeth, Hannah, Sarah and Mary Knapp.^[80] Her identity is further confirmed in a deed made by her daughter Sarah (Knapp) Smith with husband Austin Smith on 28 March 1753, in which they conveyed their right in Southern Common or Sequest Land in Stamford that “came down to

⁶⁷ Boyer and Poole, “Quintard Family” (note 62), 109: 187.

⁶⁸ Stamford Land Records, H: 218.

⁶⁹ Including the *Knapp Genealogy* (note 7), 14.

⁷⁰ *Knapp Genealogy* (note 7), 37. The will of Francis Knapp of Danbury dated 5 Oct 1775 left his homestead to his beloved daughter Deborah Boughton and named his son in law David Boughton to be his executor (Will of Francis Knapp of Danbury, Danbury Probate Papers 1776 No. 2909, CSL microfilm used). Thanks to Gary Boughton of Bethel, Conn., for his assistance in clarifying this relationship.

⁷¹ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 22. The original clearly says “Mead.” She has not yet been identified – once again, various authors sometimes use Weed or even Weed for her surname.

⁷² Stamford Vital Records, 1: 169. James Weed had married Rachel Buxton on 8 Jun 1749, but had died sometime prior to 1767. On 13 Jan 1773, his son Solomon Weed made choice of Moses Knapp to be his guardian (Stamford Probate Records, 4: 40, Mead Abstracts used). This probably indicates that Solomon had reached the age of 14 years in 1773, about 6 years after her mother’s remarriage, and had therefore been born about 1759.

⁷³ Stamford Town Records, 1: 126, transcription copy, 159. The date is given as “neer y^o 15 August 1701.”

⁷⁴ He was still living on 8 September 1764 when he made a deed to Peter Knapp Junior (Stamford Land Records, H: 35), described further below.

⁷⁵ *Knapp Genealogy* (note 7), 30. That source’s claim that Peter Knapp died on 5 July 1748 is obviously incorrect in light of the 1764 land record cited below.

⁷⁶ Robyn G. Weed and Frederick C. Hart Jr., “Peter⁴ Knapp and His Two Slason Wives,” *Connecticut Ancestry*, 41 (Nov 1998): 58-62.

⁷⁷ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 12, Barbour Collection used.

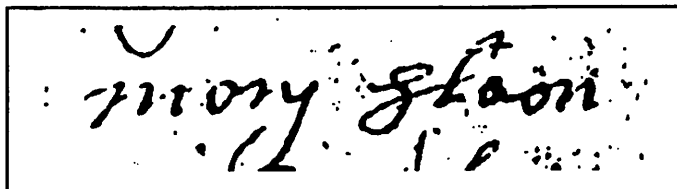
⁷⁸ Stamford Town Records, 1: 134, transcription copy, 174.

⁷⁹ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 23, Barbour Collection used.

⁸⁰ Stamford Land Records, E: 34, hereafter Stamford Land Records. The complete list of grantees was “[Lt.] Sam^l Knap + to Martha Knap his wife and Jon^h Brown + to Mary Brown his wife and the heirs of the s^d Elizabeth Knap [that is] to say Hannah Knap, Elizabeth Knap, Sarah Knap + Mary Knap.”

us from the s^d Sarah's grand father and grand mother John and Mary Slason late of s^d Stamford deceased & y^e right was originally part of Old Mr. John Slason & George Slason & Old Mr. Stephen Holmes right a part of each of their lists in the year 1687."^[81]

He married second at Stamford on 21 March 1734, **MARY SLASON**, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Waterbury) Slason, born at Stamford on 20 June 1704.^[82] The Stamford record of this marriage (partially reproduced here at right) is deficient in the original, spelling her surname "Sl□on."^[83]



The recorder, probably town clerk Lt. Samuel Weed, left out the letter 's' in the middle of her name, and this recording peculiarity has spawned a series of misinterpretations of her identity. First, the Rev. Elijah Baldwin Huntington copied her name as "Mary Sloon," and left it at that, with no interpretation or suggestions as to her identity.^[84] The transcription used for the Barbour Collection gave her name as Mary "Sloan," and cross-referenced the spelling "Sloon" given by Huntington.^[85] But except for this one instance, no persons at all by the name of Slaon, Sloan, or Sloon are found in any other early Stamford records.

The author of the *Slason Genealogy* correctly detected that the bride was named Mary Sla(s)on, but picked the wrong Mary.^[86] The authors of *Stamford's Soldiers* called her Mary Slason, but without further information.^[87]

Fortunately, a Stamford land record clarified the identity of Peter Knapp's second wife. On 9 January 1740/41, Peter Knapp and Mary his wife, Samuel Bishop and Rebecca his wife, and

⁸¹ Stamford Land Records, E: 535.

⁸² Stamford Town Records, 1: 134, transcription copy, 174. In his Stamford Registration (see footnote below), the Rev. Mr. Huntington transcribed this date as 20 "Jan" 1704, and this error has been repeated by later genealogies, some of which have further compounded the error by supplying a double date "1703/04" which does not appear in the original.

⁸³ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 25, original volume at the office of the Town and City Clerk. The complete wording of the entry is, "Peter Knap and Mary Sl□on was maryed y^e 21 Day of March 1733/4 by y^e worship full Jonathan Hait Esquier on[e] of his majesties Justices of y^e peace for y^e County of fairefield." Some genealogical colleagues have suggested that the short bar over the letter "a" may be intentional, indicating a letter left out of the original.

⁸⁴ E. B. Huntington, *Stamford Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths Including Every Name, Relationship, and Date Now Found in the Stamford Registers From the First Record down to the Year 1825* (Stamford: Wm. W. Gillespie & Co., 1874), 62.

⁸⁵ L. B. Barbour, *Connecticut Births Marriages and Deaths to About 1850*, Connecticut State Library (CSL), Hartford.

⁸⁶ George C. Slawson, *The Slason - Slason - Slawson - Slosson Family* (Waverly, NY, 1946), 18. The Mary Slason identified therein as Peter Knapp's second wife was a daughter of John and Mary (Holmes) Slason, born 25 August 1707 at Stamford, and therefore a sister of Peter Knapp's first wife. This Mary Slason had married Jonathan Brown on 19 November 1730. However, she was still having children with Brown as late as 12 May 1747, when a posthumous child was born to her after Brown's death on 17 April of that year. Not only was she still quite married to Jonathan Brown in 1734, but her family name would certainly be Brown at the time and not Slason. See also the Slason segment of this series.

⁸⁷ Edith M. Wicks, Virginia H. Olson and Paul W. Prindle, *Stamford's Soldiers / Genealogical Biographies of Revolutionary War Patriots from Stamford, Connecticut* (Stamford: The Stamford Genealogical Society and The Ferguson Library, 1976), 138, 250.

David Scofield and Sarah his wife, all of Stamford, sold to "our loving brother David Slason of said Stamford" rights in the sequestered lands of Stamford that "formerly belonged unto our honored father Jonathan Slason late of Stamford deceased."^[88] Also on this same date, Peter Knapp and Mary his wife sold their rights in the estate of "our *Brother* Jonathan Slason late of said Stamford" (emphasis mine – our *father* Jonathan Slason was meant) to Samuel Bishop.^[89]

The *Slason Genealogy* stated erroneously that this Mary Slason (the daughter of Jonathan Slason and Mary Waterbury) had "married Peter King," without giving a date or any other citation, and gives a date for her death as "15 March 1724/5 at Stamford."^[90] There is no such Peter King marriage, or Mary King death, in the Stamford records. This error probably stemmed from S. P. Mead's earlier transcription of the distribution of the estate of Jonathan Slason (Junior) in 1750 to "his brothers and sisters, viz: George, Silas, Nathan, Abigail Webb, alias Goolsbery, Mary wife of Peter King [*sic*], Sarah wife of David Scofield, and Rebecca wife of Samuel Bishop."^[91] This error has also been perpetuated in the Slason section of the Bedford genealogies,^[92] probably because of the same transcription problem.

Mary, wife of Peter Knapp, was admitted to full communion at the Stamford Congregational Church on 31 December 1746.^[93]

Peter Knapp apparently built his first home on his father's property, since on 5 February 1730/31, Capt. John Knapp gave his loving son Peter Knapp for good will and affection "ye new Dweling house and home Lot of about Eight acres be ye same more of Less where he my sd son now Lives."^[94] The father, now calling himself "John Knap Senr," also gave his loving son Peter a tract of land (size not mentioned) between the Mill River and the Mianus River on 31 January 1739/40.^[95]

⁸⁸ Stamford Land Records, D: 315. Jonathan Slason was twice married. Mary (Slason) Knapp and Sarah (Slason) Scofield were from his first marriage to Mary Waterbury, and David Slason and Rebecca (Slason) Bishop were from a second marriage to Rose Stevens. His death was not recorded, but was probably shortly before 4 June 1736 when the Court appointed Samuel Bishop guardian of Jonathan's youngest son, Nathan Slason (Stamford Probate Records, 1:95 (hereafter Stamford Probate Records).)

⁸⁹ Stamford Land Records, D: 238. The younger Jonathan was apparently still living until about 1750 when his estate was distributed.

⁹⁰ Slason Genealogy (note 86), 19.

⁹¹ Spencer Percival Mead, "Abstracts of Stamford, Connecticut District Probate Records," 2 volumes, 1729-1802 and 1803-1848, 1919-24 (Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm #6), 1: 58, citing Stamford Probate Records, 2: 56. The original record volume has been consulted on microfilm (CSL copy used), and indeed names Mary the wife of "Peter Knap," rather than Peter King, although the entry could easily be misread. Mead's abstract of this action is also deficient in that it overlooked the name of David Slason, another brother. The correct distribution entry is as follows, "...in the following manner viz^t: (there being no widdow nor children) it shall be distributed to & among the surviving brothers and sisters of the s^d deceased: which are David: George: Silas: and Nathan Slason: Abigail Webb alias Goolsbery: Mary the wife of Peter Knap: Sarah the wife of David Scofield: & Rebekah the wife of Sam^l Bishop or to their legal representatives..." (Stamford Probate Records, 2: 56.)

⁹² Ronald B. Reynolds, *Bedford Genealogy / Descendants of the Original Settlers*, Bedford Historical Records (Bedford Hills, NY: Town of Bedford, 1978), 9: 161.

⁹³ Stamford Congregational Church Records, 3: 4, Connecticut State Library (CSL) Index used. Several entries in these Church Records were transcribed incorrectly as "wid" instead of "wife" for this index, and this is one of them.

⁹⁴ Stamford Land Records, C: 361. The gift included an additional 6 acres nearby.

⁹⁵ Stamford Land Records, D: 178.

At a Town Meeting of 16 December 1736, the Town of Stamford voted that “ye town gives liberty to John Knap Junr, Peter Knap, and John Penoyre theirs heirs etc. all of Stanford for to build a grist mill, on ye mill river, so called, at ye upper end of ye Still water, neare Peter Knaps home lott, provided they build sd mill in two ye[a]rs after this time, and also provided thay damnify [*sic*] no one perticuler persons land by daming sd river and also that ye said John Knap etc. be hereby obliged when sd mill be build as aforesd to grind first for ye people of this town and before any person of any other town or place and for their service in grinding of any graine they shall take ye sixteenth part and no more, Voted in ye afirmitive.”^[96]

In a record not yet explained, Thankful Bullard of Stamford chose “her uncle Peter Knapp” to be her guardian on 6 December 1748.^[97]

Peter Knapp and his wife Mary sold 4 acres in the Roxbury district of Stamford to their son in law, Samuel Buxton Junior on 18 January 1757.^[98] The deed was witnessed by Abraham Davenport and the couple’s daughter, still single, “Daborah Knap.”

On 8 September 1764, Peter Knapp and Mary his wife sold their 5 acre farm in the Roxbury district, with buildings and fruit trees thereon, to “our son Peter Knapp Junior of Stamford,” for £40 New York money, reserving the use and improvement of the property for themselves during their lifetimes.^[99] This was the last mention of Peter Knapp in the land records, and he may have died not long afterwards. With his real estate disposed, and no other sons or unmarried daughters to provide for by this time, there were no probate proceedings recorded for him in Stamford.

Children of Peter Knapp and Elizabeth Slason, all born at Stamford:^[100]

- i. HANNAH⁵ KNAPP, b. 21 Apr 1727, no further information. She probably died young, at least before March 1756 when she did not participate with her sisters in the deed mentioned below.
- ii. ELIZABETH KNAPP, b. 14 Jun 1728. She was still unmarried and living in Stamford on 25 March 1756 when she joined her sisters Sarah Smith and Mary Arnold and their husbands in a deed to two pieces of land in Stamford at “Clarks Hill and Shaws Swamp,” one of which was “Mr. John Slason’s Old house lot.”^[101] The *Knapp Genealogy* claims that she m. Capt. Silas Hamilton, but we have not found confirmation of this marriage, and it was not recorded in Stamford.
- iii. SARAH KNAPP, b. 5 Jun 1730, m. AUSTIN SMITH at Stamford on 17 Aug 1752.^[102]
- iv. MARY KNAPP, b. 4 May 1733, m. JOHN ARNOLD at Stamford 8 April 1751.^[103]

⁹⁶ Stamford Town Records, 2: 178, transcription copy, 503.

⁹⁷ Stamford Probate Records, 1: 349, Mead Abstracts used.

⁹⁸ Stamford Land Records, F: 385.

⁹⁹ Stamford Land Records, H: 35.

¹⁰⁰ Stamford Vital Records 1: 12, 18, 23, Barbour Collection used.

¹⁰¹ Stamford Land Records, F: 200.

¹⁰² Stamford Vital Records, 1: 111, Barbour Collection used.

¹⁰³ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 92, Barbour Collection used..

Children of Peter Knapp and Mary Slason, all born at Stamford:

- v. ABIGAIL KNAPP, b. 4 Feb 1735,^[104] m. SAMUEL BUXTON JR. at Stamford on 19 Jun 1755.^[105]
- vi. DEBORAH KNAPP, b. 2 Sep 1739,^[106] d. 18 Dec 1826, age 87 y., 3 mo.,^[107] m. CAPT. AMOS SMITH at Stamford on 17 Oct 1765.^[108] Amos Smith d. 12 Apr 1819, age 75 y., 6 mo.^[109]
- vii. PETER KNAPP, b. abt. 1741, d. 1811 age 70 years,^[110] m. SARAH REYNOLDS at Stamford 1 Feb 1770.^[111] The widow of Peter Knapp (Jr.) died at Stamford on 9 Feb 1842, age 94 years.^[112]

¹⁰⁴ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 28, Barbour Collection used..

¹⁰⁵ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 124, Barbour Collection used..

¹⁰⁶ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 43, Barbour Collection used..

¹⁰⁷ Gravestone, "Old Cemetery - Stamford" (Josiah Smith Cemetery), Hale Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, CSL, Stamford p. 4.

¹⁰⁸ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 156-7, Barbour Collection used.

¹⁰⁹ Gravestone, Josiah Smith Cemetery.

¹¹⁰ Stamford Congregational Church Records, 3: 278, CSL Index used, giving only the year. The Knapp Genealogy gives a specific date of death as 9 Feb 1811, but this could be a mistake resulting from the date of *his wife's* death, which is cited below.

¹¹¹ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 200, Barbour Collection used.

¹¹² Stamford Congregational Church Records, 3: 44, CSL Index used.

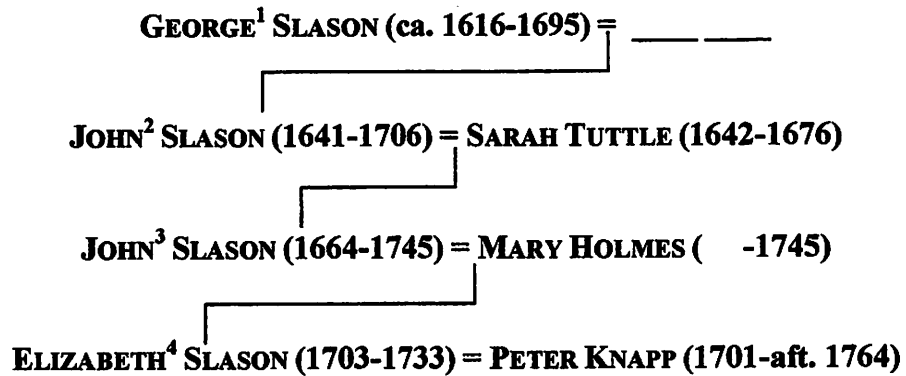
**ANCESTRY OF WILLIAM WEED
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PART 11:

SLASON

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SLASON

1. **GEORGE¹ SLASON** (?*Richard*^A) was born probably about 1616, perhaps at Southwark, Surrey, England.^[1] The spelling of the surname is quite variable, but this report will use the spelling that is most commonly found among in Stamford records. He died at Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut on 17 February 1694/95.^[2] The name of his first wife and mother of his children is still unknown.

The Slason Genealogy gives his parents names as Richard Slawson and Anne Angell, who were married at St. Saviour's Church in Southwark, Surrey on 13 March 1610.^[3] This Church is directly across the Thames River from London, and it is possible that Richard Slawson had come to the greater London area from some other place. Birth records for George Slason and his brother Thomas do not seem to have been found.

Both the Slason Genealogy and the Bedford Genealogies report that he "probably" immigrated to the New World on the ship *Jonas* in 1636, but without further explanation.

George Slason was in Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts by 1637^[4] and soon afterward in Sandwich, Barnstable County (Cape Cod), by 1638.^[5] The name of George Slason (but not Thomas) appeared on an undated list of men who had taken the Oath of Fidelity at Sandwich.^[6] George Slason (but not Thomas) was awarded 2 acres in a division of meadow land in Sandwich dated 16 April 1640.^[7]

The Slason "brothers" apparently removed from Sandwich to Stamford during the first year of settlement of that town. Thomas Slason was granted a house lot and another 3 acres,^[8] and presumably George was also, but no record of such a grant to George seems to have been preserved. There is no further record of this Thomas Slason in Stamford and although it has been claimed that he quickly returned to the Plymouth Colony,^[9] it also seems possible that the single

¹ George C. Slawson, *The Slason – Slauson – Slawson – Slosson Family* (Waverly, NY, 1946), 1. No birth record is cited, however, and the birthplace seems to be a result of the author's conclusion regarding George's parents, see next paragraph.

² Fairfield Probate Packets, 1684 No. 5874, estate of George Slawson of Stamford, microfilm copy used at the Connecticut State Library (CSL). The date of death is specifically noted on his inventory.

³ Slason Genealogy (note 1), viii, apparently based on the similarity of name, but without any direct chain of evidence. Repeated by Ronald B. Reynolds, *Bedford Historical Records Volume 9, Bedford Genealogy* (Bedford Hills, NY: town of Bedford, 1978), 158.

⁴ James Savage, *A Genealogical Dictionary of The First Settlers of New England*, 4 volumes (Boston, 1860-1862, repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1990), 4:106. Savage also mentions a George "Shawson" (4: 66, probably the same person since no other Shawsons are mentioned), who was in Duxbury in 1638, also said to have gone to Sandwich.

⁵ Leonard H. Smith Jr., *Cape Cod Library of Local History and Genealogy*, 2 volumes (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1992), 2: 1615, 1618.

⁶ Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England / Miscellaneous Records 1633 – 1689* (Boston: The Press of William White, 1857), 184.

⁷ Cape Cod Library (note 5), 2: 1615, 1618.

⁸ Stamford Town Records, 1: 6, transcription copy, 8, clearly saying the record was for Thomas.

⁹ Slason Genealogy (note 1), 11.

record for Thomas in Stamford instead belonged to George all along and that Thomas therefore never existed – at least not as a Stamford resident.

In a difficult chapter from Stamford's early years, George Slason (and Thomas Stevenson) had the unfortunate experience of being accused by the New Haven Court on 1 April 1644 with being responsible for the escape of the Dutchman who had murdered Capt. Daniel Patrick, and who was under arrest and under their guard at Stamford. Apparently because of the mitigating circumstances offered by Slason and Stevenson in their own defense, the case was not pursued and no sentences imposed.^[10]

Stamford Historian the Rev. Mr. Huntington called George Slason an “exemplary member of the church, a peace maker, and one whom all delighted to honor.”^[11] Huntington also related that George Slason was one of two Stamford leaders (along with Francis Bell) chosen to call the Rev. John Bishop to be pastor at Stamford, replacing the Rev. Richard Denton who had abruptly left Stamford without pastoral leadership in about 1644.^[12] The source for this account is not clear but it was reported as follows at a celebration of the Church in 1841:

“Rev. John Bishop succeeded Mr. [Richard] Denton [as pastor of the Stamford Congregational Church]. To show the value which the church placed, in that age, upon the regular ministrations of the Gospel, I will state the method of making out the call to Mr. Bishop. Hearing he was in the neighborhood of Boston, two brethren, George Slason and Francis Bell, were deputed to go to Boston, and if he was to be found to make known to him the wishes of the Church. Although the country was full of hostile Indians, they went on foot carrying their provisions, and succeeded at length in finding Mr. Bishop “to the eastward of Boston.” He accepted the call and returned with them on foot, bringing his Bible under his arm, through the wilderness, to Stamford. (This Bible is still in the possession [in 1841] of Mr. Noah Bishop, one of his descendants.) Mr. Bishop labored here in the ministry nearly *fifty years*, and died in 1693.”^[13]

The lands of George Slason were recorded in the Spring of 1650/51, when most of Stamford's land holdings were summarized in the Town Records. Unfortunately, the page has been torn so a complete description of some of his outlying land has been lost. His homelot, however, is described as “One house and home lot with an acre and a half adjoining to it, the home lot, and it contains 3 acres, more or less, bounded by Obadiah Seeley to the South, Thomas Morris [to the] North, abutting the highway [on the] West & the Meadow [on the] East.”^[14]

¹⁰ Charles J. Hoadley, *Records of the Colony And Plantation of New Haven From 1638 to 1649* (Hartford: Case, Tiffany and Company, 1857), 127-28.

¹¹ E[lijah] B[aldwin] Huntington, *History of Stamford, Connecticut, From Its Settlement in 1641, To The Present Time, Including Darien, Which Was One of Its Parishes Until 1820* (Stamford: The Author, 1868; repr. Harrison, NY: Harbor Hill Books, 1979), 86.

¹² History of Stamford (note 11), 119.

¹³ J[ohn] W[atson] Alvord, *Historical Address, Delivered in the First Congregational Church in Stamford, Ct at the Celebration of the Second Centennial Anniversary of the First Settlement of the Town* (New York: S. Davenport, 1842), 19-20.

¹⁴ Stamford Town Records, 1:32, transcription copy, 38, modern spelling used for clarity.

George Slason served at least twice as Deputy (Representative) from Stamford to the New Haven Colony Court at New Haven, in 1657 and 1663.^[15] After Stamford and the other New Haven Colony towns became a part of the Connecticut Colony, George Slason and his sons John and Eleazer were three of 21 Stamford men who were approved as freemen by the Connecticut Assembly at their meeting in Hartford of 14 October 1669.^[16]

He married (2) at Fairfield on 16 December 1680, **MARY (WILLIAMS) JENNINGS**, widow of Joshua Jennings who had died at Fairfield in 1675.^[17] They had made an extensive pre-nuptial contract on 18 November 1680, including recognition that she would “bring two or three of her younger children with her.”^[18] Mary (Williams) (Jennings) Slason returned to Fairfield after the death of George Slason. She made her will there on 27 March 1697, naming her (own) children Matthew, Isaac, Samuel, Joshua and Joseph Jennings and Mary Curtis, her grandson John Smith, and “daughter in law Hannah Jennings.”^[19] Her inventory was taken during 1697 and filed on 10 January 1697/98.^[20]

Prior to the time of his second marriage, George Slason transferred title to a substantial portion of his property in Stamford to his three children. On 10 September 1680, he confirmed and clearly identified lands that he had “formerly given” to his son in law John Gold to be his forever “as part or portion to or with my daughter Hanna.”^[21] The gift included his house and 3½ acre homelot on South Street, and another 3 acres of upland in the North Field. Apparently John Gold had previously made a partial payment to his father in law since he (Gold) signed a note attached to this deed of gift that courteously allowed his benefactor to keep the previous partial payment, “The [a]foresaid John Gold doth (in consideration of ye premises) acquit & discharge his father-in-law fore named of what sum so ever ye said Gold paid in pte of purchase of he said house & lands, viz: three pou[n]ds or thereabouts.”

Then, about 2 months later on the 3rd day, 10th month (December) 1680, George Slason made substantial gifts of property to both of his sons, John and Eleazer. Both deeds were witnessed by Jonathan Bell and Samuel Weed, and for some reason were not recorded until 16th day 2nd month (April) 1686.^[22]

George Slason made his will at Stamford on 19 December 1694, mentioning his wife but not by name, and his sons John and Eleazer and his daughter the wife of John Gold. His signature is smudged on the document, but it is clear that he could write his own name at the time. He added

¹⁵ Charles J. Hoadley, *Records of the Colony or Jurisdiction of New Haven From May, 1653, to the Union* (Hartford: Case, Lockwood and Company, 1858), 215, 500.

¹⁶ J. Hammond Trumbull, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut from 1665 to 1678* (volume 2 of the series) (Hartford, 1852, repr. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1993), 2: 118.

¹⁷ 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: 331.

¹⁸ Slason Genealogy (note 1), 7-9. I have not been able to locate the original contract.

¹⁹ Fairfield Probate Papers, 1697 No. 5875, estate of Mary Slawson. The daughter in law Hannah Jennings was probably the wife of her son Joseph Jennings.

²⁰ Fairfield Probate Records, 4: 182, Mead Abstracts used, 1: 128.

²¹ Stamford Land Records, A: 89.

²² Stamford Land Records, A: 149 (two separate deeds, but recorded on the same page). The typed official transcription of this deed names the witness as “Samuel Wood,” but there was no Samuel Wood in Stamford in 1680 and this must have referred instead to Samuel² Weed, son of Jonas Weed.

a codicil about 3 weeks later (9 January 1694/95), signed at this time only with his G S mark. Both instruments were witnessed by Abraham Ambler and Samuel Holly.^[23]

His inventory was taken by Jonathan Bell and Jonas Weed and filed on 5 November 1695, consisting of over 25 acres of land and rights still remaining in his name, livestock, tools, household furnishings, and *three* old bibles (emphasis added).^[24]

Children of George Slason and his unknown first wife:^[25]

2.
 - i. JOHN² SLASON, b. abt 1641, m. (1) SARAH TUTTLE, m. (2) ELIZABETH BENEDICT, m. (3) HANNAH (PUNDERSON) GIBBS.
 - ii. ELEAZER SLASON, b. say about 1643, probably at Stamford,^[26] d. May 1698, m. (1) by 1672 MARY CHAPMAN, dau. of John Chapman,^[27] m. (2) ca. 1680, probably at Bedford, NY, SUSANNA BELDEN / BELDING, b. 5 Nov 1651, dau. of William and Thomasina Belden, d. 1706 at Stamford.
 - iii. HANNAH SLASON, b. abt. 1645 at Stamford, m. (1) JOHN GOLD, m. (2) 20 Sep 1714 DEA. SAMUEL HOYT, as his third wife.^[28] She was probably “ye antient widow Hoit” who died at Stamford on 27 Jan 1729/30.^[29]

2. JOHN² SLASON (*George*¹) was born about 1641, perhaps on 14 May 1641 at Sandwich, Barnstable County, Massachusetts,^[30] and died at Stamford on 16 October 1706.^[31]

His first wife was SARAH TUTTLE, baptized in April 1642 at New Haven, daughter of William and Elizabeth Tuttle. They may have been married at Stamford on 22 November 1663.^[32] Sarah (Tuttle) Slason was brutally murdered with an axe on 17 November 1676 by her brother, Benjamin Tuttle, who was executed by hanging for the crime the following year.^[33]

²³ Stamford Town Records, 1: 142, transcription copy, 189-90. The original will has been preserved in the Fairfield Probate District Papers, 1684, No. 5874, will of George Slason of Stamford.

²⁴ Stamford Town Records, 1: 142, transcription copy, 188-9.

²⁵ Information from the Slason Genealogy (note 1), 12-3, except where noted.

²⁶ Both the Slason Genealogy (note 1) and the Bedford Genealogies (note 3) give an exact date of birth of 9 Feb 1642/43, but this date does not appear in the Stamford Vital Records and I have not been able to find it in any other primary source.

²⁷ Robert C. Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins - Immigrants to New England 1620-1633*, 3 volumes (Boston: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1995), 332-5. This source includes a substantial amount of good additional information on this extended family.

²⁸ Stamford Town Records, 1: 129, transcription copy, 166.

²⁹ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 14.

³⁰ The Slason Genealogy (note 1), 12, gives this specific date, but I have been unable to find it in the published Sandwich or Plymouth Colony records.

³¹ Stamford Town Records, 1:135, transcription copy, 176.

³² Slason Genealogy (note 1), 12. Once again, this date is not found in the Stamford records, and the Slason Genealogy's source is not evident.

³³ The incident is fully described in Paul W. Prindle, *Ancestry of Elizabeth Barrett Gillespie (Mrs. William Sperry Beinecke)* (The New York Public Library, 1976), 592-3.

He married (2), perhaps about 1679, and probably at Stamford, **ELIZABETH BENEDICT**, daughter of Thomas Benedict and Elizabeth Brigham or Brigum.^[34] They moved to the new settlement in Bedford in 1681, but did not remain long, and returned to Stamford by 1683. Elizabeth (Benedict) Slason died at Stamford in 1688.

John Slason married (3) **HANNAH (PUNDERSON) GIBBS**, baptized May 1642 at New Haven, daughter of John Punderson and widow of John Gibbs.^[35] Hannah (Punderson) (Gibbs) Slason died at New Haven on 18 January 1715/16.^[36]

He apparently died intestate, and his estate was administered by his eldest sons John and Jonathan Slason. His inventory was taken at Stamford on 29 November 1706 by Joseph Bishop, Daniel Scofield and Jonathan Bell; and the widow Hannah Slason appeared and verified the inventory on 5 March 1706/07.^[37]

Children of John and Sarah (Tuttle) Slason, all born at Stamford:^[38]

3.
 - i. JOHN³ SLASON, b. 9 Sep 1664, m. MARY HOLMES.
 - ii. SARAH SLASON, b. 20 Jun 1667, m. 2 Oct 1700 EBENEZER BISHOP.^[39]
 - iii. ENSIGN JONATHAN SLASON, b. 25 Jul 1670, d. 19 Nov 1727,^[40] m. (1) 4 Jan 1699/1700 MARY WATERBURY,^[41] and m. (2) 11 Jul 1711 ROSE STEVENS,^[42] dau. of Obadiah Stevens and Rebecca Rose.^[43]
 - iv. ELIZABETH SLASON, b. 30 Jun 1672, d. 11 May 1711,^[44] m. _____
NATHANIEL POND.^[45]

Children of John and Elizabeth (Benedict) Slason, all born at Stamford:^[46]

- v. MARY ELIZABETH SLASON, b. 21 Apr 1680, m. at Stamford 25 Dec 1707
JOSEPH SLASON,^[47] relationship not yet certain.^[48]

³⁴ Henry Marvin Benedict, *The Genealogy of the Benedicts in America* (Albany: Joel Munsell, 1870), 24.

³⁵ Slason Genealogy, 12.

³⁶ New Haven Vital Records, 1: 208, Barbour Collection used. The Slason Genealogy (note 1) gives the place as "Norwalk, Fairfield County," but with no other evidence.

³⁷ All from Fairfield District Probate Papers, 1706 No. 5869, estate of John Slason of Stamford, CSL microfilm used.

³⁸ All births recorded at Stamford Town Records, 1: 76, transcription copy, 90.

³⁹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 144, transcription copy, 192.

⁴⁰ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 9.

⁴¹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 134, transcription copy, 173.

⁴² Stamford Town Records, 1: 124, transcription copy, 157.

⁴³ Christine Rose, *Descendants of Robert Rose of Wethersfield and Branford, Connecticut* (San Jose, CA: the author, 1983), 31.

⁴⁴ Stamford Town Records, 1: 131, transcription copy, 168.

⁴⁵ Paul W. Prindle, "Sarah Weed Waterbury Ferris Pond," *The American Genealogist*, 28(1952): 96.

⁴⁶ All births recorded at Stamford Town Records, 1: 107, transcription copy, 129.

⁴⁷ Stamford Town Records, 1: 121, transcription copy, 150.

⁴⁸ The Slason Genealogy (note 1), 16-7 calls him a 2nd cousin, son of one Josiah² Slason who was in turn called a son of George¹'s presumed brother Thomas. However since this proposal requires several moves back and forth between Cape Cod and the southwestern Conn. area without any proof at all, this relationship, although often repeated in print and on the Internet, is probably a complete fabrication. It is much more likely that Joseph was a 1st

- vi. THOMAS SLASON, b. 3 Feb 1681/82, d. 30 Mar 1710,^[49] m. 14 Apr 1709 SARAH STEVENS,^[50] b. 27 Jan 1686, dau. of Joseph Stevens. She m. (2) on 13 Feb 1711/12 at Stamford, JABEZ³ SMITH,^[51] son of Daniel² Smith and Hannah Knapp.^[52]
- vii. HANNAH SLASON, b. 12 Mar 1685/86, prob. d.y.

3. JOHN³ SLASON (*John*², *George*¹) was born at Stamford on 9 September 1664^[53] and died there on 20 August 1745, the same day as his wife.^[54]

He married MARY HOLMES, daughter of Stephen and Martha (____) Holmes. The Slason Genealogy says that he moved to Norwalk by 1708, but this is unlikely since all of his children were recorded at Stamford, and his children married into other Stamford families.

This family left some very interesting land records in Stamford, describing family relationships in considerable detail. In one of those deeds, made by John³ Slason on 25 December 1742, the grantor gave property to "my dearly beloved and loving sons in law and their wives, viz: Samuel Knap and Martha his wife, & Jonathan Brown and Mary his wife, & unto my dearly beloved and loving grand children viz: the children of my beloved daughter Elizabeth Knap deceased who was the former wife of Peter Knap." The deed was for rights in Sequest lands, and mentions that some of those rights had previously belonged to "my brother Stephen Holmes that was father Holmes right," and "my grand father George Slason's right." For good measure, the grantees are named again three or four more times in the same document!^[55]

One of those grandchildren specified but not named by John³ Slason (Sarah [Knapp] Smith, daughter of Elizabeth⁴ Slason and Peter Knapp), made a deed with her husband Austin Smith on 28 March 1753 in which they conveyed their right in Southern Common or Sequest Land in Stamford that "came down to us from the s^d Sarah's grand father and grand mother John and Mary Slason late of s^d Stamford deceased & y^e right was originally part of Old Mr. John Slason & George Slason & Old Mr. Stephen Holmes right a part of each of their lists in the year 1687."^[56]

cousin, probably a previously unnoticed son of Eleazer² Slason of Stamford and Bedford, a relationship still remaining to be proved.

⁴⁹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 125, transcription copy, 159.

⁵⁰ Stamford Town Records, 1: 136, transcription copy, 178.

⁵¹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 129, transcription copy, 164.

⁵² See the Henry Smith segment of this series.

⁵³ Stamford Town Records, 1: 76, transcription copy, 90.

⁵⁴ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 66, Barbour Collection used.

⁵⁵ Stamford Land Records, D: 353.

⁵⁶ Stamford Land Records, E: 535.

Children of John and Mary (Holmes) Slason, all except David recorded at Stamford.^[57]

- i. SARAH⁴ SLASON, b. 20 Jan 1693,^[58] d. 11 Sep 1713, m. 22 Feb 1710/11 at Stamford JOHN BELL,^[59] b. 16 Jan 1681, son of Jonathan and Susannah (Pierson) Bell.^[60]
- ii. JOHN SLASON, b. 4 Oct 1695,^[61] m. (1) REBECCA BRUSH,^[62] and m. (2) MERCY YOUNGS.
- iii. (perhaps) DAVID SLASON, b. 28 Dec 1697, m. MARY DALY. Resided at Norwalk and New York State.^[63]
- iv. MARTHA SLASON, b. 17 Sep 1699,^[64] m. 15 Dec 1720 SAMUEL KNAPP,^[65] older brother of Peter Knapp who married her sister Elizabeth.
- v. ELIZABETH SLASON, b. 18 Apr 1703,^[66] d. 12 May 1733, m. PETER KNAPP.
- vi. HANNAH SLASON, b. 13 Apr 1705,^[67] m. 9 Jan 1728/29 ENSIGN JOHN HOLLY.^[68]
- vii. MARY SLASON, b. 26 Aug 1707,^[69] d. 1760, m. 19 Nov 1730 JONATHAN BROWN,^[70] b. 14 May 1701, son of Joseph and Mary () Brown.
- viii. REBECCA SLASON, b. 8 Mar 1709/10,^[71] d. 24 Apr 1710.^[72]

⁵⁷ Information from the Slason Genealogy (note 1), except where noted.

⁵⁸ Stamford Town Records, 1: 134, transcription copy, 173.

⁵⁹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 104, transcription copy, 124.

⁶⁰ John Valentine Hecker, "Genealogy of the Bell Family," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 28(1897): 202.

⁶¹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 134, transcription copy, 173.

⁶² See the Brush segment of this series.

⁶³ Slason Genealogy (note 1), 18, which says "probably born at Norwalk." This child is not recorded at Stamford and the birth is not recognized in the Barbour Collection covering all of Connecticut. The Slason Genealogy does not explain the source of the birth information. This David Slason may belong in some other family.

⁶⁴ Stamford Town Records, 1: 134, transcription copy, 174.

⁶⁵ Stamford Town Records, 1: 96, transcription copy, 114.

⁶⁶ Stamford Town Records, 1: 134, transcription copy, 174.

⁶⁷ Stamford Town Records, 1: 134, transcription copy, 175.

⁶⁸ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 12.

⁶⁹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 134, transcription copy, 175.

⁷⁰ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 17.

⁷¹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 125, transcription copy, 138.

⁷² Stamford Town Records, 1: 125, transcription copy, 139.

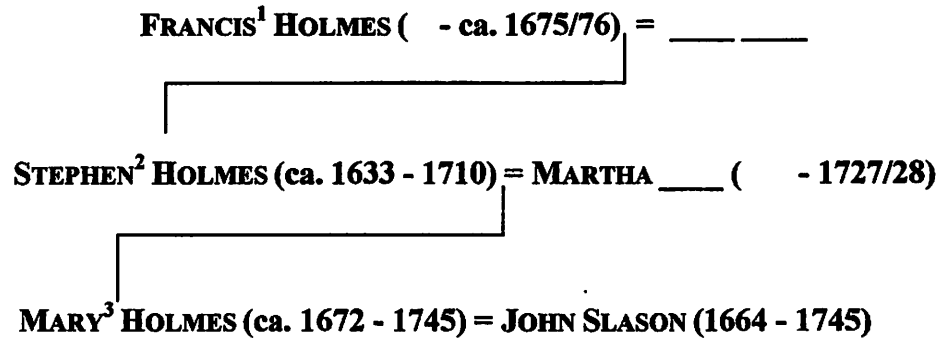
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PART 12:

HOLMES

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HOLMES

1. FRANCIS¹ HOLMES is another early resident of Stamford for whom English origins have not yet been identified. He died at Stamford in the winter of 1675/76.^[1]

The name of his first wife and mother of his children is completely unknown. He married (2), sometime after 19 August 1658, ANN (____) STEVENS, widow of Thomas Stevens who died on that date in Stamford. Her maiden name is also unknown. On 20 December 1686, the brothers Obadiah, Benjamin and Joseph Stevens agreed that their mother, "the widow Homs," would live with her son Benjamin Stevens, with some support being provided by the other two brothers in the form of certain specified gifts of animals.^[2] And, on 1 April 1689, Ann Holmes, widow, signing with her X mark, gave "a sartain ox" to her son Joseph Stevens.^[3] Francis Holmes had died at Stamford before 14 February 1675/76 when his inventory was taken.

He first appeared in the Stamford records in 1648 when he and a night watchman were both verbally abused by Robert Pennoyer, who was "overcom wt. wine."^[4] Francis Holmes himself was accused for misconduct years later (1665) in another Stamford incident,^[5] and his son Richard was similarly charged in 1684.^[6]

According to Paul Prindle, Francis Holmes was a blacksmith, and always signed with his mark, indicating that he could probably neither read nor write.^[7]

His will was made at Stamford on 6 September 1671 and proved at Fairfield on 14 March 1675/76.^[8] His wife (unnamed) was to receive the house for life or until "Change of Condition by mariage;" his son John to receive the shop with tools, iron, and steel; his son Stephen to receive the farm, horses, and farm implements; and both sons to share equally in the cattle and the remainder. His son Richard, daughter Ann Dean, and servant Cornelius were each to receive 5 shillings. He also referred to his son John's oldest son (not named) who was to receive "my short gunn." He signed with his "FH" mark, in the presence of witnesses Henry Smith, Ann Smith, and Matthew Bellamy. His inventory was presented on 14 March 1675/76, and verified by his widow on the same date.^[9] The small legacy to his son Richard suggests that he may have set Richard up in business as a blacksmith during his lifetime, possibly in Norwalk, and therefore considered that Richard had already received his portion.

¹ 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: 291.

² Stamford Land Records, A: 11.

³ Stamford Land Records, A: 196.

⁴ Stamford Town Records, 1: 13, transcription copy, 18.

⁵ Stamford Town Records, 2: 5, transcription copy, 215.

⁶ Stamford Town Records, 2: 15, transcription copy, 224.

⁷ Paul W. Prindle, *Ancestry of Elizabeth Barrett Gillespie (Mrs. William Sperry Beinecke)* (New York: The New York Public Library, 1976), 267. Prindle's account of Francis Holmes' career is quite complete and is therefore not repeated extensively here.

⁸ Gillespie Genealogy (note 7), 267, citing Fairfield Probate Records, 3:5.

⁹ All information from Gillespie Genealogy (note 7), 267-8.

Children of Francis Holmes and his unknown first wife:^[10]

2.
 - i. STEPHEN² HOLMES, b. abt. 1633.
 - ii. JOHN HOLMES, b. abt. 1635, d. bef. 13 Apr 1715, m. 11 May 1659 RACHEL WATERBURY.
 - iii. RICHARD HOLMES, b. abt. 1637, d. betw. 31 Oct 1704 and 2 Jan 1704/05, a blacksmith in Norwalk, Conn. m. SARAH GRANT of Middletown, Conn.^[11]
 - iv. ANN HOLMES, b. say 1640, m. SAMUEL DEAN.

2. STEPHEN HOLMES (Francis¹) was born about 1633 and died at Stamford on 15 May, 1710.^[12] His widow MARTHA _____, whose maiden name is still unknown, died at Stamford on 13 March 1727/28.^[13]

Stephen Holmes and his brother John were on the list of 21 Stamford residents nominated and approved as freemen of the State of Connecticut at the General Assembly of 14 October 1669 at Hartford.^[14]

As the single recipient of his father's farmland in Stamford, Stephen Holmes acquired additional property in newly-divided sections of Stamford over the years through those original property rights. Paul Prindle found that Stephen received specific properties from the town directly in 1667, 1674, 1685 and 1687, and commonage from the town in 6 other layouts; was the grantee of other properties in 4 other deeds from individuals; and was the grantor in 25 deeds and one exchange.^[15]

As often happened in colonial times and even today, Stephen Holmes disposed of most of his property by deed to his children and their spouses over a period from 1702-1704. Some of these properties were in later settlements away from Stamford center – for example, his gift to his son Samuel in 1706 was of 10 ½ acres east of the Noroton River, therefore in what is now the town of Darien.^[16]

He provided for a homestead for his eldest son Samuel Holmes during his lifetime, but for some reason never transferred the title to Samuel. His widow Martha Holmes who was also the executor of his estate, rectified this on 10 December 1711, when she gave “all that lot of land whereon ye said Samuel Holmes now dwelleth” to Samuel on behalf of herself and her husband's estate.^[17]

The sons-in-law Elisha Holly, John Slason and John Hait also received property from

¹⁰ Birthdates and other information as given by Prindle in his Gillespie Genealogy (note 7), 268.

¹¹ Frank Farnsworth Starr, “Grant, Webb, Warner, Holmes,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 64(1910): 83-4.

¹² Stamford Town Records, 1: 143, transcription copy, 191.

¹³ Stamford Vital Records, 1: 10, Barbour Collection used.

¹⁴ J. Hammond Trumbull, *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut From 1665 to 1678* (Hartford: F. A. Brown, 1852; repr. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1993), 118.

¹⁵ Gillespie Genealogy (note 7), 269-70.

¹⁶ Gillespie Genealogy (note 7), 270, citing Stamford Land Records, A: 516.

¹⁷ Gillespie Genealogy (note 7), 270, citing Stamford Land Records, B: 182.

Stephen Holmes, either during his lifetime or from his estate. Because of our particular interest in John Slason and the daughter Mary Holmes, we may note that on 8 October 1703, Stephen Holmes gave his daughter "Mary the wife of John Slason one acre of meadow in part of her portion." The deed was witnessed by Steven Holmes Jr. and Sarah Holmes, her H mark, and acknowledged as a deed of gift by David Waterbury, J.P.^[18]

Children of Stephen and Martha () Holmes:^[19]

- i. MARTHA HOLMES, b. abt. 1666, d. 4 Aug 1721, m. 2 Dec 168_ ELISHA HOLLY.^[20]
- ii. SAMUEL HOLMES, b. say 1669, m. a first wife, name unknown, and m. (2) ANNE ORRY.
- iii. MARY HOLMES, b. abt. 1672, m. JOHN SLASON.
- iv. JOHN HOLMES, b. say 1674, d. 6 Jul 1703, m. 15 Jan 1701/02 MERCY BELL,^[21] dau. of Jonathan and Susanna (Pierson) Bell,^[22] who m. (2) 13 July 1704 Deacon Samuel Hait/Hoyt,^[23] and (3) 15 Jun 1716 Peter Ferris.^[24] Young John Holmes died 6 July 1703 when he was helping to raise a new bell for the Stamford meetinghouse into place. When the bell was almost into its final position, the rope that was holding it gave way and the bell crashed to the floor, killing him instantly.^[25] His only child Jonathan Holmes, born on 21 May 1703 only 6 weeks before his father's death, was renamed John in his honor.^[26]
- v. STEPHEN HOLMES, b. say 1676, m. 7 Sep 1704 at Stamford MARGARET GIBBS. He is also said to have m. (2) SARAH GREEN, and (3) ABIGAIL CLAWSON.^[27]
- vi. REBECCA HOLMES, b. abt. 1680, d. 1 Apr 1749, m. 22 Aug 1700 JONATHAN JAGGER.
- vii. ABIGAIL HOLMES, b. abt. 1682, m. 30 Apr 1702 DEACON JOHN HAIT.^[28]
- viii. SARAH HOLMES, b. say 1687, d. 1 Aug 1709, m. 16 Jan 1706/07 JOHN WATERBURY.

¹⁸ Stamford Land Records, A: 224.

¹⁹ All information from Gillespie Genealogy (note 7), 271-3, except where noted.

²⁰ Stamford Town Records, 1: 101, transcription copy, 118. The last digit of the year is not legible on the original. Jacobus, Prindle and others have assumed it was 1686 and that is certainly possible but not confirmed.

²¹ Stamford Town Records, 1: 123 transcription copy, 155.

²² John Valentine Hecker, "Genealogy of the Bell Family," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 28(1897): 201.

²³ Stamford Town Records, 1: 123, transcription copy, 155.

²⁴ Stamford Town Records, 1: 145, transcription copy, 194. It has also been claimed that Mercy, widow of John Holmes m. (2) 19 Jun 1712 Thomas Mulford of Long Island (Hecker, "Bell Family" [note 22], 28: 201-2) but this must refer to another person since this present Mercy was having children with Deacon Samuel Hoyt in Stamford during that time period.

²⁵ E. B. Huntington, *History of Stamford Connecticut 1641 - 1868 Including Darien Until 1820* (Stamford: the author, 1868, repr. Harrison, NY: Harbor Hill Books, 1979), 125-6.

²⁶ Stamford Town Records, 1: 123, transcription copy, 155.

²⁷ Ronald B. Reynolds, *Bedford Genealogy*, Town of Bedford Historical Records, volume 9 (Bedford Hills, NY: the town, 1978), 9: 72.

²⁸ Stamford Town Records, 1: 123, transcription copy, 154.

Non-Population Schedules of the Federal Census: Up Close and Personal with Your 19th-century Ancestors

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The United States Federal Censuses may be the single most useful tool for genealogists. Despite difficulties presented by illiteracy, migration, foreign accents, distrust of the government and simple happenstance, enumerators managed to find and record most of our ancestors most of the time. And the range of information we can glean about these forebears is astonishing. Don't you itch to know something more, though, than the value of his real estate in 1850, or whether he owned a radio in 1930? Was your great-grandfather a farmer? Don't you wonder what crops he grew, or if he had any pigs, or if he kept bees for the sale of honey? If your great-grandfather was a farmer in Connecticut in the 19th century, we have good news for you.

The part of the census that is most easily available to us online and on microfilm at libraries is the population schedule (etymology: from Late Latin *schedula* slip of paper (m-w.com)). But there were other schedules filled in by enumerators, primarily in the years 1850-1880. These included: Mortality, Agriculture, Industry / Manufacture and Social Statistics. Some of these schedules have been lost for some states and some years, but Connecticut has a complete set.

I. Mortality Schedule

The mortality index was completed for each town in Connecticut in four censuses: 1850-1880. (There was a mortality schedule in the 1900 census, too, but because Connecticut already kept state-wide vital records, it was one of the states exempted from the mortality schedule that final year.) The purpose of this schedule was to capture information about people who died in the census year (the year ending with "Census Day" which was June 1 in each of the years 1850-1880).

The mortality schedule resembles the population schedule in that it has rows for information on each individual and columns describing the information to be provided. One finds the following headings for columns:

- Name of deceased
- Family number (from population schedule; 1870 & 1880 only)
- Description: Age, Sex, Color, Free or Slave (1850 & 1860 only)
- Married or Widowed
- Place of birth
- Whether father and mother are foreign-born (1870)
- Birthplace of father and mother (1880)
- Month of death

- Profession, Occupation or Trade
- Cause of death
- Duration of illness (1850 & 1860 only)
- How long the deceased person had lived in the county (1880 only)
- Location the disease was contracted, if away from home (1880 only)
- Attending physician (1880 only)

There are several circumstances which might make the information on a mortality schedule useful to us, especially since prior to 1850 only the head of household was named on the census, while other household members were counted by age. The mortality list might give us the name of a relative we didn't already know about who would not appear on that year's population schedule. We might learn the occupation of an ancestor who had not been found on earlier censuses. We would learn the cause of death, which might not have been recorded in the town records. Using the 1850 census we might find the name of an individual who had previously only been listed as a statistic. More generally we would find out the causes of death of people who lived in the same time and place as our ancestors. Demographic information is also revealed. For example, did more infants die than elderly people? Did people die from disease or from accidents? Unfortunately, the 1850 and 1860 mortality schedules do not give the family number for individuals listed there. That may make it difficult to link an individual to his family if the surname is a common one. Table A shows some example data.

Table A. Selected data from the Mortality Schedule of the 1850 US Census for the town of Fairfield, Connecticut.

| Name | Sarah Athington | Andrew C. Linel | Francis S. Bradley |
|----------------|-----------------|--|--------------------|
| Age | 63 | 32 | 1 mo |
| Sex | F | M | M |
| Color | [blank] | [blank] | [blank] |
| Free? | [blank] | [blank] | [blank] |
| Marr or Wid | widowed | [blank] | [blank] |
| Place of birth | Conn. | Norway | Conn. |
| Month of death | September | August | [blank] |
| Occupation | [blank] | Navy of USA | July |
| Cause of death | cancer | [?] fever and broken down in the Mexican War | teething |
| Duration | c [sic] | 9 days | 1 day |

The 1870 and 1880 censuses added a column for family number. This corresponds to the family number on the population schedule, allowing us to definitely match a deceased individual to the family in which he lived. This may be flesh-and-blood family, or it may be a family in which the individual was employed, perhaps as a servant or an apprentice. Here are some examples from the 1870 Mortality Schedule for the town of Fairfield.

Table B. Sample data from the Mortality Schedule, 1870 US Census, Fairfield, Connecticut.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Family # | 10 | 898 | 920 |
| Name | George Hall Jennings | Augusta A. Hurd | Sherwood Sterling |
| Age | 6 | 31 | 66 |
| Sex | M | F | M |
| Color | W | W | W |
| Mar/Wid | [blank] | M | M |
| Birthplace | Connecticut | Connecticut | Connecticut |
| Father foreign born | [blank] | [blank] | [blank] |
| Mother foreign born | [blank] | [blank] | [blank] |
| Month of death | October | November | October |
| Occupation | At home | Keeping house | Merchant |
| Cause of death | Congestion of Brain | Consumption | Apoplexy |

II. Agriculture Schedule

This schedule collected data on a large number of possible farm products (see Table C for the full list). These data give an excellent picture of what farmers owned, what they could produce and how many people it took to do the work. These descriptions can make our forebears' communities come alive. For example, it is possible to compare small farms to larger ones.

Table D offers some interesting comparisons among farms of varying sizes. First, let us look at Column 7, "Wages." This table shows that only W. B. Morehouse paid any wages to farm help. The 1870 population schedule shows that he had two farm laborers living in his household. They have different surnames from his and are presumably hired hands, earning part or all of the \$800 wages between them. The next farmer Edward Cassidy had a wife, daughter and 13-year-old son listed on the population schedule. The son is "at home," indicating he is not officially employed by his father, and he had attended school in the last year. Next, John Clarkson had a wife, two daughters and two young sons, aged 8 and 4, in his household. The Benjamin Penfield household included a 17-year-old "laborer" from Prussia, though it is not possible to know if he labored for Mr. Penfield without wages, or was employed elsewhere and boarded in the Penfield home. Lewis Burr had only a wife and daughter at home.

Looking at livestock we see that Mr. Morehouse, owner of the largest amount of land, and Mr. Burr with the second largest amount, were the only two of these five farmers who owned working oxen. How did the others plow their land? We might assume that the horse(s) owned by each man were draft horses, or that they may have borrowed or rented oxen when needed. They all owned milch cows, but none of them sold milk, only butter. Why was Mr. Burr's livestock more valuable than that of Mr. Morehouse when Burr owned fewer animals?

Comparing the produce from each farm we see that Mr. Penfield earned \$4,000 from "Market Gardens" which was by far the greatest contributor to his income. No single census category shows a greater production by him that would explain such a large sum. Perhaps he grew another crop that was not specifically mentioned on the agriculture schedule. Mr. Clarkson was able to earn more on his six acres than Mr. Cassidy did on his 13, and Mr. Clarkson claimed his 6 acres were of equal value to Mr. Cassidy's 13 acres. Those two farms were adjacent to one another, with Mr. Cassidy's bounded by tidal Ash Creek on the west and by Mr. Clarkson's property on the east.

Table C Headings on the 1870 Agriculture Schedule, US Census.

Following the category is the unit used for reporting. The main headings are underlined.

| <u>1</u> | <u>Name of Agent, Owner, or Manager</u> | | <u>27</u> | <u>Produce during the Year ending June 1, 1870, continued</u> | |
|-----------|---|---------|-----------|---|------------|
| | <u>Acres of Land:</u> | | | | |
| <u>2</u> | Improved | Number | <u>27</u> | Peas and Beans | Bushel |
| | Unimproved: | | | Potatoes: | |
| <u>3</u> | Wood-land | Number | <u>28</u> | Irish | Bushel |
| <u>4</u> | Other unimproved | No. | <u>29</u> | Sweet | Bushel |
| | <u>Present cash value:</u> | | <u>30</u> | Orchard products | Dollars |
| <u>5</u> | Of farm | Dollars | <u>31</u> | Wine | Gallons |
| <u>6</u> | Of farming implements and machinery | Dollars | <u>32</u> | Produce of Market Gardens | \$ |
| <u>7</u> | <u>Total amount of wages paid during the year, including value of board</u> | | <u>33</u> | Dairy Products: | |
| | Dollars | | <u>34</u> | Butter | Lbs |
| | <u>Livestock, June 1, 1870:</u> | | <u>35</u> | Cheese | Lbs |
| <u>8</u> | Horses. | Number | <u>35</u> | Milk sold | Gallons |
| <u>9</u> | Mules and Asses. | Number | <u>37</u> | Hay | Tons |
| <u>10</u> | Milch Cows. | Number | <u>38</u> | Seed | |
| <u>11</u> | Working Oxen. | Number | <u>39</u> | Clover | Bushel |
| <u>12</u> | Other Cattle | Number | <u>40</u> | Grass | Bushel |
| <u>13</u> | Sheep. | Number | <u>41</u> | Hops | Lbs |
| <u>14</u> | Swine. | Number | <u>42</u> | Hemp | Tons |
| <u>15</u> | Value of ALL live stock. | \$ | <u>43</u> | Flax | Lbs |
| | <u>Produce during the Year ending June 1, 1870</u> | | <u>44</u> | Flax seed | Bushel |
| | Wheat: | | <u>45</u> | Silk cocoons | Lbs |
| <u>16</u> | Spring | Bushel | <u>46</u> | Sugar: | |
| <u>17</u> | Winter | Bushel | <u>47</u> | Maple | Lbs |
| <u>18</u> | Rye | Bushel | <u>48</u> | Cane | 1,000 lbs. |
| <u>19</u> | Indian Corn | Bushel | <u>49</u> | Molasses | Gallons |
| <u>20</u> | Oats | Bushel | <u>50</u> | Bees | |
| <u>21</u> | Barley | Bushel | <u>51</u> | Wax | Lbs |
| <u>22</u> | Buckwheat | Bushel | <u>52</u> | Honey | Lbs |
| <u>23</u> | Rice | Lbs | | Forest Products | Dollars |
| <u>24</u> | Tobacco | Lbs | | Value of Home Manufactures | \$ |
| <u>25</u> | Cotton | Bales | | Value of Animals Slaughtered or sold for Slaughter. | Dollars |
| <u>26</u> | Wool | Lbs | | Total Value: Estimated value of all farm production, including betterments and additions to stock | Dollars |

Table D.

| Column name/number | | Row Number | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | 4 | 8 | 9 | 13 | 15 |
| Agent, Owner, Mgr. | 1 | W. B. Morehouse | Edward Cassidy | John Clarkson | Benjamin Penfield | Lewis Burr |
| # Improved acres | 2 | 100 | 13 | 6 | 30 | 50 |
| Value of farm land | 5 | 7000 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Wages paid | 7 | 800 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Horses | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Milch cows | 10 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Oxen | 11 | 5 | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Other Cattle | 12 | 7 | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Swine | 14 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Livestock Value | 15 | 900 | 200 | 350 | 475 | 1000 |
| Winter Wheat | 17 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 25 |
| Rye | 18 | 75 | -- | -- | -- | 30 |
| Indian Corn | 19 | 60 | 25 | 50 | 100 | 150 |
| Oats | 20 | 30 | 20 | 25 | -- | -- |
| Irish Potatoes | 28 | 300 | 100 | 40 | 300 | 200 |
| Market Garden \$ | 32 | 4000 | 75 | -- | -- | 1500 |
| Butter | 33 | 350 | 100 | 60 | 120 | 450 |
| Hay | 36 | 35 | 4 | 6 | 20 | 25 |
| Slaughtered Animals \$ | 51 | 465 | 30 | 45 | 75 | 620 |
| Total Value of Farm Production \$\$ | 52 | 5,490 | 311 | 345 | 810 | 2,930 |

Table D. Examples of data from the 1870 Agriculture Schedule, Black Rock, Town of Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut. The columns and rows are transposed in this table to allow it to fit onto the page. Categories that were empty across all four examples are not included in this table.

III. Industry

The purpose of this schedule, called "Manufacturing" in early years, then "Industry," was to collect information on the process of manufacturing in the United States, ranging from facilities and tools required to the number of people employed and their products. This is another excellent

Table E. Examples of data from the Industry Schedule, 1870 US Census, Fairfield, Connecticut.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | Motive Power | | Machines | | Average Number of Hands Employed | | | 11 | 12 | Materials. (Including Mill Supplies and Fuel.) | | | Production. (Including all Jobbing and Repairing.) | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|--|--|------------|--|
| | | | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Name of Corporation, Company, or Individual producing to value of \$500, annually. | Name of Business, Manufacture, or Product. | Capital (real and personal) invested in the business. | Kind of power (steam, water, wind, horse or hand). | If steam or water, No. of horse power. | Name or description. | Number of. | Males above 16 years. | Females above 15 years. | Children and Youth. | Total amount paid in wages during year. | Number of months in active operation, reducing part time to full time. | Kinds. | Quantities. | Values (omitting fractions of a dollar.) | Kinds. | Quantities | Values (omitting fractions of a dollar.) |
| Disbrow William | Carpenter | 250 | | | tools of trade | | 1 | | | | | | | 5 | jobbing & days work | | 900 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1400 |
| Wakeman SB | Tinner | 1500 | Hand | - | Tinners | | 3 | | | 300 | 12 | Tin | 3 tons | 600 | Tin roof | | 500 |
| | | | | | machineries generally | | | | | | | Copper | | 20 | Boilers &c | | 20 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Charcoal | 200 Bu | 44 | Stove pipe | | 100 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Short [?] Iron | 1500 | 150 | Furnaces | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Furnace Stoves | 6 / 30 | 600 | Stove [?] | | 3400 |
| Bibbins WH | Grist and flour mills | 15,000 | Water | 50 | 3 run stones | | 5 | | | 4008 | 12 | | | | Wh. Flour | 240 Bbls | |
| | | | | | Capacity | | | | | | | Personal [?] | bushels | | Rye do | 20,000 lbs | |
| | | | | | 300 Bs day | | | | | | | Grain | 25,700 | 28,580 | Corn Meal | 1,149,000 | 32,850 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Private Owners | | | Barley | 250 bu | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Grain | 225 bu | 337 | after grinding | | 545 |
| Bulkley Rosilla | Milliner | 800 | -- | | | | | 2 | | 300 | 12 | Could form no estimate | | | [?] & Job Work | | 1000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | perhaps 500 | | | | |
| Gregory Mary | Dressmaker | 450 | Hand | | Sewing | 1 | | 4 | | 300 | 12 | Could not estimate | | | Job Work | | 1800 |
| | | | | | machine | | | | | | | | ["700" added later] | | Drapes &c. | | |

tool for discovering specific information about a person who may have owned such an establishment or worked in one. Data for this schedule were collected 1820 and 1850-1880. Connecticut also has a similar document completed in 1933. Table E shows information about some of the industries in the town of Fairfield, Connecticut, in 1870.

The industry schedule gives us information on women who own companies and employ others. It is one of the few opportunities for us to get such direct evidence about individual women. In Table E we see data for companies owned by two women, Rosilla Bulkley, a milliner, and Mary Gregory, a dressmaker. We also see that the grist mill was a very busy place, employing 5 men besides the owner and paying over \$4000 in wages, far more than any of the other businesses. We learn that the tanners did their work by hand and the grist mill depended on water power to turn the stones. Mary Gregory used a sewing machine to make her clothes. (Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine Company of Bridgeport had been mass-producing machines for about 20 years in 1870.) The 1880 industry schedule covered only 12 specific industries: agricultural implements; paper mills; boots and shoes; leather and tanning/curing; flourmills and gristmills; cheese, butter, and condensed milk factories; slaughtering and meatpacking; salt; lumber mills and sawmills; brickyards and tile works; coal mines; and quarries.

IV. Social Statistics (1850-1870) and Defective, Delinquent and Dependent Classes (1880) Schedules

1850-1870

In 1850, 1860 and 1870 the census collected data on the social institutions in communities. In 1850 and 1860 the data were collected at the city or town level. In 1870 the data were reported for counties as a whole, not for individual towns. These schedules can provide a good general overview of the communities of the period. They give information on educational opportunities, religion and taxes, to name a few categories.

The series of tables below show the statistics collected for the town of Fairfield in 1850. (*Italics* indicate text that was written in by the enumerator.) This particular enumerator, W. R. Bunnell, made several comments that were not strictly called for on the form. For example, he offers the observation that the real estate values were taken from the tax assessor's records, but that individuals reported the value of their own personal estates, and those values were believed to be inaccurate (i.e., under-valued for tax purposes). His comments leave us to wonder if he was afraid of being accused of being responsible for an inaccurate valuation. Comments that he wrote in are shown in *italics* below.

| VALUATION OF ESTATE, REAL AND PERSONAL | |
|---|------------------------------|
| <i>The R.E. is ass'd at about 2/3 its value. but the pers. " value is uncertain—there is so much concealment & evasion practiced.</i> | |
| Real Estate | \$ 956,467— |
| Personal Estate | \$ 333,506— |
| Totals | \$1,288,975— |
| How valued | <i>from assessor's books</i> |
| True valuation | \$1,933,612— |

“ “ is 50 pc added to Assessed.

ANNUAL TAXES

| Name or kind of each | Amount of each | How Paid |
|----------------------|----------------|----------|
| State | 839.37 | Cash |
| Highways | 1,112.42 | " |
| Poor | 1,148.58 | " |
| Town Ex[ise?] | 1,110.01 | " |

COLLEGES, ACADEMIES AND SCHOOLS

| No. | Character, rank or kind | No. of Teachers | No. of Pupils | Amount annually realized from endowment | Raised by taxation. | Receiv'd from public funds | Receiv'd from other sources |
|-----|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 13 | Com schools[*] | 14 | 560 | -- | -- | 1,673.40 | 560.00 |
| 2 | Academies | 2 | 68 | -- | -- | | 1,370.00 |
| 2 | Fem Prim Sel Sc[**] | 2 | 60 | -- | -- | | 396.00 |

[* Community schools?]

[**Female primary select schools?]

LIBRARIES

| No. | Kind | No. of volumes |
|-----|----------------------------|----------------|
| | <i>none of 1,000 vols.</i> | |
| 1 | <i>Law</i> | 500 |
| 1 | <i>Theological</i> | 350 |

There were no newspapers or periodicals published in Fairfield in 1850.

RELIGION

| No. of churches | Denomination | No. each will accommodate | Value of Church property. |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4 | <i>Congregational</i> | 1750 | 36,500 |
| 2 | <i>Methodist Epis</i> | 750 | 6,500 |
| 1 | <i>Episcopal</i> | 450 | 4,500 |
| 1 | <i>Baptist</i> | 350 | 2,500 |

CRIME: Under the header "Whole number of Criminals convicted within the year," the following words are entered: "See Bridgeport." That much hasn't changed in the last 130 years! For the number in prison on 1st June: 3 native and 1 foreign.

The final category of social data was for wages. This section gives us an idea of how much our ancestors might have been bringing home if they were employed and paid by another.

| WAGES | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Av. monthly wages to a farmhand with board | Average to a day-laborer with board | Average to a day-laborer without board | Average day wages to a carpenter without board | Weekly wages to a female domestic with board | Price of board to laboring-men per week. |
| \$11. | \$.75 | \$1. | \$1.50 | \$1.25 | \$2.50 |

1880

The social statistics gathered in 1880 reveal a preoccupation with the imperfect specimens of the human family. The schedule which was used to record these data was called "Schedule 1 to 7 for Defective, Deficient and Dependent Classes." It is vastly different from the earlier Social Statistics schedules in its scope and focus, and it actually names the people who fall into a number of categories which separate the "defective, deficient and dependent" from the rest of the population. The major categories (with sample questions in parentheses) were: Idiots (Size of head (large, small or natural)); Deaf-Mutes (self-supporting?); Blind (type and cause of blindness); Homeless Children (see Table F below); Insane (see Table G below); Inhabitants in Prison; Pauper and Indigent Inhabitants in Institutions, Poor-Houses or Asylums or boarded at public expense in private houses (date of admission). The pages for most categories ask if the person also fits into other categories. For example, the page for "Idiots" also asks if the person is insane, blind, deaf, epileptic or paralyzed. People enumerated on these pages are listed by name, with the page and line number of their appearance on the population schedule, so we can assign them to specific households on the census.

| Number taken from Schedule No. 1. | Number of page. | Number of line. | Name | Residence when home. | | Is this child's father deceased? | Is this child's mother deceased? | Has this child been abandoned by his (or her) parents? | Has this child's parents surrendered control over him (or her) to the institution? | Was this child born in the institution? | If not so born, state year when admitted. | Is the child illegitimate? | Is this child separated from his or her (living) mother? | Has he or she ever been arrested? If yes, for what alleged offense? | Has he or she ever been convicted or sentenced? | Has the origin of this child been respectable? | Has he (or she) been rescued from criminal surroundings? | Is this child blind? | [Illegible] | [Illegible] |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|---|----------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | | City | County (if in same State), or State (if in some other State). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | |
| 10 | 50 | Platt, Frederick W. | Newtown | Fairfield | No | No | No | No | | | | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No | | | |
| 11 | 1 | " Daniel | " | " | No | No | No | No | | | | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No | | | |
| 11 | 2 | " Anna | " | " | No | No | No | No | | | | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No | | | |
| 11 | 3 | " George | " | " | No | No | No | No | | | | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No | | | |
| 11 | 4 | " Julia | " | " | No | No | No | No | | | | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No | | | |

"The above are children of Orlando Platt a soldier in the late war that was unable to support his family on account of Heart Affection. Has been The whole family has been supported by Poor Master of town as reported by me. Since The Census was taken he has received pension and back pay, with which he bought a small farm and now with the aid of the older children they are supporting themselves and should now be stricken from the list of the homeless. [signed] Lawson B. Lake, Enumerator 115th 1st Dist Conn"

Table F. "Homeless Children" from Defective, Deficient and Dependent Schedule, 1880 US Census, Newtown, Connecticut. (The paragraph above was written on the original page as shown.)

One can learn a number of things about Orlando Platt from the entries on this page: he fought in the Civil War, some sort of physical problem resulting from his service lasted nearly 15 years, this physical problem caused him difficulty in making a living, he was not married to the mother of his children. The statement that he received a pension opens a door to further research at the National Archives.

These are the instructions given to the enumerator on how to classify "idiots" for the 1880 DD&D schedule (transcribed as written with bolding and italics). It seems inconceivable today that a census employee would be asked to make such assignments and distinctions.

The object of this supplemental schedule is to furnish material not only for a complete enumeration of the idiots, but for an account of their condition. It is important that every inquiry respecting each case be answered as fully as possible. Enumerators will therefore, *after making the proper entries upon the population schedule (No. 1)*, transfer the name (with Schedule page and number) of every idiot found, from Schedule No. 1 to this Special Schedule, and proceed to ask the *additional questions* indicated in the headings of the several columns.

The word "idiot" has a special meaning which it is essential for every enumerator to know. An idiot is a person the development of whose mental faculties was arrested *in infancy or childhood before coming to maturity*. It is sometimes difficult to distinguish between the stupidity which results from idiocy and that which is due to the loss or deterioration of mental power in consequence of insanity. The latter is not true idiocy, but dementia or imbecility. The enumeration desired for the Census is of *true idiots only*. Demented persons should be classed with the insane.

Enumerators may obtain valuable hints as to the number of idiots, and their residences, from physicians who practice medicine in their respective districts.

Table G.

| Number taken from Schedule No. 1. | | Name | Residence when home. | | If now an inmate of an institution, is this person a pay-patient? | Form of Disease (see note B). | History of attack | | | Restraint and seclusion (See note D.) | | Has this person ever been an inmate of any hospital or asylum for the insane? If yes, name the said hospital or asylum | What has been the total length of time spent by him (or her) living life in such asylum? | Date of discharge (year only). | Is this person also an epileptic? | Is this person suicidal? | Is this person homicidal? |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Number of page. | Number of line. | | City | County (if in same State), or State (if in some other State). | | | Duration of present attack (not including previous attacks). | Total number of attacks (including the present one). | Age at which first attack occurred. | Does this person usually of often require to be kept in a cell or other apartment under lock and key, either by day or at night? | Does this person require to be usually or often restrained by any mechanical appliance, such as a strap, straight-jacket, &c? and if yes, state the character of the appliance used. | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 1 | 31 | Stark, Betsy | Fairfield | Fairfield | No | Melancholia | | one | 30 | No | | No | 9 years | | | | |
| 25 | 24 | Eddy Mary Jane | Fairfield | Fairfield | No | General form | 15 years | one | 20 | No | | Hartford, Connecticut | 1 9/12 | 1866 | | | |
| 8 | 67 | White Catherine | Fairfield | Fairfield | | Mania | 50 years | one | 20 | No | No | Middletown | 1 year | 1871 | | | |
| 18 | 1 | Daley Ellen | Fairfield | Fairfield | No | Mania | 5 years | one | 21 | Yes | No | Middletown, Con. | 4 years | | | | |
| 20 | 45 | Daley David | Fairfield | Fairfield | No | Mania | 3 years | 1 | 37 | Yes | | Middletown | 6/12 | | | | |
| 27 | 43 | Harkins George D. | Fairfield | Fairfield | Yes | Mania | 3 years | 1 | 25 | No | | Middletown | 9 years | | | | |
| 35 | 31 | Banks Mary D. | Fairfield | Fairfield | | | 3 years | 1 | 63 | No | | No | 66 years | | | | |

Table G. List of "Insane" persons from the Schedule for Defective, Deficient and Dependent Classes, 1880 US Census, Newtown, Connecticut.

Availability of the Non-population Schedules:

The original manuscripts of these schedules, filled out by the assistant marshal for each town, are bound in books, one for each year and each schedule, in the Connecticut State Archives. (The pages for the 1870 Social Statistics Schedule, one for each county, are found at the back of the book containing the 1860 Social Statistics Schedules.) The books can be examined by patrons of the State Library who have a State Library card. Some of them (Mortality, Agriculture and Industry and Manufacture) have been microfilmed and the microfilms can be viewed at the State Library History and Genealogy room. In addition, microfilms of the Mortality schedule are held at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and can be borrowed through local Family History Centers. There is an index to the 1870 Connecticut Mortality Schedule at ancestry.com and on microfilm at the FHL. In addition there is a database called "U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1880" at ancestry.com. It does *not* include the Connecticut returns. A search using the term "Connecticut" in the birthplace field, with no other fields filled in, brings up 4,758 individuals. These are people who were born in Connecticut, but died in another state and were included in the mortality schedule for their death location in any of the 4 census years. The Agriculture and the Industry and Manufacture schedule microfilms do not appear in the FHL online catalog. The Social Statistics schedule has not been microfilmed. N.B. Some reference books about the U.S. Census incorrectly indicate that some or all of these non-population schedules are unavailable because they are not found at the Family History Library.

Conclusions:

Genealogical research of people living in Connecticut in the 19th century can be aided and enhanced by using the non-population schedules of the U.S. Census. At the very least these schedules will provide information about the community in which a research subject lived. In many cases, however, the records contain specific information about individuals and may provide facts about lifestyle and work that will help researchers complete the picture of their ancestors.

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