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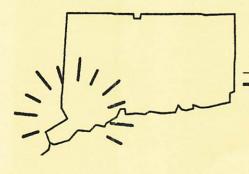
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Once again, our lead article for this issue is by our genealogist, Fred Hart. From deeds and other records, he supplies many details on the lives of Messenger<sup>6</sup> and Abigail<sup>6</sup> (Smith) Palmer of early 19<sup>th</sup> century Stamford, whose descendants migrated to Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Texas.

We recently were made aware of the 1880 notebook of the Rev. James Edward Coley on the old Westport Burial Ground, now often called the Kings Highway Cemetery. Not only does he supply complete transcriptions of the headstones, but he adds much information on family relationships. His record has not been compared to Hale Collection of 1934, but there is certainly much more detail and perhaps a better reading of some dates.

In this issue we complete our abstracts of the 18<sup>th</sup> century land records of Salem (now Lewisboro), New York. Then, Nora Galvin provides a transcription and details on a list of the insane from Bridgeport Alms House in 1892.

Finally, though we were delighted to present the Dutch ancestry of a Stratford settler in our last issue, we found that his own family had been misrepresented in earlier publications. Here, we describe more completely the record of John<sup>2</sup> Outman including the divorce from his first wife, uncommon for the period, and some details on the families of eight children by his second wife.

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## Messenger and Abigail (Smith) Palmer of Stamford, Connecticut

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Messenger<sup>6</sup> Palmer and his wife Abigail<sup>6</sup> Smith were the parents of a family that saw many members migrate away from Stamford, Fairfield County Connecticut in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, reaching various new home locations in Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Texas. One comprehensive Palmer family genealogy treats them briefly but without much detail.<sup>[1]</sup> Research on this family by their descendants in one branch has been dedicated and thorough, and a large group of members of that branch gathers together regularly for family reunions.<sup>[2]</sup> The purpose of this present article is to give additional detail on the family's origin in the Stamford area with emphasis on its land and probate records, and to provide an updated genealogical summary.

#### Palmer Land

We begin with a discussion of the Palmer lands and their application to this family's history. Messenger Palmer's father John Wood Palmer, mother Hannah (Ferris) and their family were residents of Greenwich, Connecticut, adjacent to Stamford on the west along the Long Island Sound shoreline. Many of the family's lands were near the boundary between Greenwich and Stamford and some of their fields were partially in both towns. John Wood Palmer died in 1795 when Messenger, his oldest son, was still a very young man of only 18 years. On 2 February 1796 Jeremiah Palmer, [3] Asa Ferris, [4] and Hannah Palmer (widow), administrators of the estate of John Wood Palmer of Greenwich deceased, presented the inventory of the estate [5] and applied for permission to sell some of the land to pay taxes and other expenses. [6] The overall inventory was substantial – a total of 144 acres in 7 different parcels, plus a house, a barn and "an old

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Horace Wilbur Palmer, *Palmer Families in America*, vol. 1 (Neshanic, NJ: Neshanic Printong, Co., 1966). This standard reference work on the Fairfield County Palmers covers this family briefly in outline form.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Special notice is made of a compilation by Charles Leslie Duke, prepared for publication by his daughter Charlotte Ann Duke, "The Ancestors & Descendants of James William Duke and Lydia Finetta Baker," (self-published in limited edition for family, 1995). Some copies of this compilation have had notations added by Charlotte Ann Duke's second cousin Lois Comal (Gee) Lacy of Watauga, Texas, whose mother Lois Comal (Baker) Gee (1915-2006) was also an avid Baker and Palmer family researcher. Much of the detail of the Texas portion of this family's history and the careers of the later generations are contained in this volume, especially in the copies with Mrs. Lacy's careful additional notations. Copies of both versions have been placed on file at the San Augustine Public Library and have also been duplicated for other family members. This present article is an additional result of Mrs. Lacy's continuing dedication to her family history, and her permission to publish these results is greatly appreciated.

He was Messenger's uncle twice over – Jeremiah was both his father's brother and his mother's sister's husband (Capt. James S. Ferris, "A Ferris Genealogy," 5 volumes [typescript Coronado, CA: the author, 1980, copy at the Ferguson Library in Stamford, Conn.], 15114.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Another uncle of Messenger's – his mother's brother (Ferris Genealogy [note 3], 15114.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Stamford Probate Records, 9: 150-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Stamford Probate Records, 8: 455.

house." With the permission of the court, some limited sales of land in John Wood Palmer's estate were then made in both towns:

- On 9 March 1796 the three administrators sold about 5 acres "with the dwelling house thereon" to Daniel Reynolds Jr. of Greenwich for £ 120.<sup>[7]</sup> It is not clear which of the two houses in the inventory were being sold in this transaction.
- On 21 March 1796 the three administrators sold 14 acres and three roods partly in Stamford and partly in Greenwich, "commonly called Scofield's lot," to Seth Palmer for £ 287 S 12 d 6. [8]
- □ Also on 21 March 1796 the three administrators sold 12 acres entirely in Greenwich and west of the Mianus River to Silvanus Knapp for £ 60.<sup>[9]</sup>
- On 10 May 1797 the administrators sold the estate's rights in about 10 acres of timber land west of the Mianus River (the estate had ¼ ownership) to Jared Reynolds and Abel Reynolds for £ 41 S 14. [10]
- On 5 December 1798 the administrators sold 15 acres in two parts both of which lay across the boundary line between Stamford and Greenwich to Isaac Quintard for £162. The transaction was recorded in both Stamford and Greenwich and was obviously a formality to clarify the title to the land in order to transfer ownership to Hannah Palmer and Messenger Palmer on the same day (see next).

This brings us to the first acquisition of real estate by Messenger Palmer. In 1798, when he turned 21, he and his mother Hannah Palmer purchased two tracts of land, essentially from his father's estate and surrounded by land already in the family. [12] For clarity in discussion of these properties owned by Messenger Palmer a line-item designation will be used for each individual property, in this case P1, so that they may be followed more easily in the later transactions:

P1. On 5 December 1798 widow Hannah Palmer and Messenger Palmer both of Greenwich purchased for £ 162 from Isaac Quintard of Stamford his rights to a total of about 15 acres in two parcels both of which lay across the boundary line between Greenwich and Stamford, adjoining each other and separated by a fence (stone wall). One parcel was "part of the Hog Pasture so called" and the other was "part of the Wyatt Lot so called." One was 6 and the other 9 acres, but we cannot tell which was which from the deed. The overall description was with boundaries north and east by land of Jeremiah Palmer (Messenger's uncle) south by Land belonging to the heirs of John Wood Palmer deceased (Messenger's father) and west by a driftway or land belonging to the same heirs of John Wood Palmer. In other words

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 14: 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Stamford Land Records, N: 344.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 14: 270.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 14: 87.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 14: 241; Stamford Land Records, N: 457.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Although it might seem improper on the surface for this transaction to take place before the father's estate had been settled, the fact that the administrators (and of course the probate court) were involved suggests that the entire family must have agreed with the arrangement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 14: 422-3; Stamford Land Records, M: 397.

this land was surrounded by land already being used by Messenger, his mother, and his siblings. Isaac Quintard, who facilitated this purchase, had married into the Palmer family – his wife was the daughter of John Wood Palmer's half-brother Seth Palmer – and he was therefore Messenger's first cousin by marriage. [14]

Messenger's mother, Hannah (Ferris) Palmer, died shortly afterward in 1799. John Wood Palmer's estate had been held open until after his widow had died, but at that time guardians were chosen or appointed for the children who were still minors. As a (now 14 years of age) chose his brother Messenger (now 22 and recently married) to be his guardian, while their uncle Jeremiah Palmer was either chosen or appointed guardian of the other 5 siblings: Oliver, Sybil Wood, Ralph, Ferris and Hetty. (Jeremiah had been born in Greenwich on 17 October 1750/51 and died there 25 September 1825.) [16]

A distribution of the remaining property was made on 26 February 1800.<sup>[17]</sup> Although he was only slightly older than his siblings and only recently married, Messenger Palmer received the most important portion of his father's land.<sup>[18]</sup> The 4 parcels of property set out to him were all located in Greenwich and described as follows:

- P2. The house and 5 acres, 1 rood and 11 rods of land adjoining the house, bound N. by land set out to Asa, E. by land set out to Sybil Wood, S. by the "country road" (this was essentially the main east-west highway connecting these shoreline towns of Greenwich, Stamford and Norwalk, roughly equivalent to our present I-95 and the older US Route 1), and W. by land set to Oliver.
- P3. "One half of a certain tract of salt meadow and nole [knoll?] or timber land lying undivided with Jeremiah Palmer" near Samuel Garnsey's house and measuring about 4 acres, 1 rood and 32 rods, bounded N. by "Palmer's land," E. by a creek, S. by town meadows and W. by a highway [road]. "Undivided with Jeremiah Palmer" means that Jeremiah and John Wood Palmer had managed much of this (family) land jointly during their lifetimes, and Jeremiah still had his ½ interest.
- P4. ¼ part of a parcel of 9 acres and 8 rods of woodland near the house of James Ritch and being undivided with Jeremiah Palmer.
- P5. "A right of undivided land lying near the dwelling house of Isaac Clason," not described further as to acreage or location. This parcel was also probably undivided with his uncle Jeremiah Palmer.

Following this distribution, Messenger Palmer was in possession of at least partial rights to over 34 acres of farmland and in an excellent position to start off with his young family. On 15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Palmer Families in America (note 1), 83-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Stamford Probate Records, 9: 496. Greenwich was in the Stamford District for probate purposes. Palmer Families in America (note 1), 91, was wrong reporting that there was no record of these guardianships or distribution of John Wood Palmer's estate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Ferris Genealogy (note 3), 4: 15114, 151142.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Stamford Probate Records, 9: 254-5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> It is difficult to understand why Messenger Palmer's family was listed in Stamford rather than in Greenwich for the 1800 census. There are no other records placing him in Stamford during that period except that his marriage was recorded there in 1799. The census record suggests that he did in fact live in Stamford immediately after his marriage, but then only for about a year at most until his father's estate was settled and distributed.

December 1800 he and his brother Oliver jointly purchased additional rights to the land spanning across the town boundary:

P1. Messenger Palmer and Oliver Palmer purchased Abijah Bishop Jr's rights to a little over 15 acres in the towns of Stamford and Greenwich for \$209.52. [19] Although the description in this deed is worded differently, this is obviously the same parcel that Messenger purchased jointly with his mother in 1798. Here it was called "at a place called Palmer's Hill being partly in Wyat lot co called and partly in stone pound so called containing 15 acres and 38 rods and bounded east and north by Jeremiah Palmer's land and west by a highway and south by Asa Palmer's land." Messenger then bought out his brother Oliver's interest in this land on 9 April 1804 for £70. [20] and from then on enjoyed sole ownership.

There was no further real estate activity for Messenger Palmer until he was involved in a string of transactions all on the same date of 7 February 1807:

- P3. Messenger Palmer and Jeremiah Palmer divided their jointly held property in the salt meadow by executing two separate quit-claim deeds each in the amount of \$200.<sup>[21]</sup> The portion retained by Messenger Palmer was described as "two acres more or less, one piece being salt meadow and border containing one acre and a half," and "a small piece of wood land containing one quarter of an acre."
- P6. Messenger Palmer and his sister Sibbel W., now the wife of Joseph Ferris Jr., purchased the rights of James F. Palmer and Bethel Palmer to 4 acres and 1 rood of land on Pound Ridge Road in the Greenwich Second Society for \$80. [22] This was essentially an exchange of lands with James and Bethel who were sons of Jeremiah Palmer and therefore first cousins of Messenger and Sibbel, see next transaction.
- P\_. Offsetting the purchase just mentioned, Messenger Palmer and Joseph and Sibbel W. (Palmer) Ferris sold to the same James F. Palmer and Bethel Palmer, for the same price of \$80, their rights in a 5 acre parcel of land "left them by their father" in the West Society of Greenwich and bounded on the west by the parcel just mentioned, north by the heirs of Henry Johnson, deceased, east by "undivided land" and south by land belonging to the Knapps, "being the remainder of a piece of land lately belonging to Jeremiah Palmer and John W. Palmer." [23]
- P6. Messenger Palmer immediately quit-claimed his ½ interest in the property just obtained from James and Bethel Palmer to his sister Sibbel W. Ferris for \$50.<sup>[24]</sup> This was essentially an exchange of property transferred with the following deed.
- □ P7. In exchange, Joseph Ferris Jr. and Sibbel W. Ferris then quit-claimed their ½ interest in 4 acres in the Greenwich Second Society bounded east by James and Bethel Palmer to Messenger Palmer for the same \$50. [25]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 14: 513.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 15: 492-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 16: 348-9, 351-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 16: 349.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 16: 350. The details of this ownership have not been investigated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 16: 351.

Later that year Messenger Palmer sold a less valuable parcel of land, probably for cash purposes.

□ P5. On 14 April 1807 Messenger Palmer sold a parcel of 33 acres to Isaac Clason for \$10. [26] The property description is more complete here and mentions the properties of Seth Palmer on the north and Stephen Clason on the east. This must be the same parcel unidentified except for the notation "near the house of Isaac Clason" in John Wood Palmer's estate distribution.

The first sign of any difficulty in Messenger Palmer's financial situation and career occurred in January 1808 when he sold most of his very important salt meadow property to Henry Lockwood of Greenwich. Salt meadow land was extremely important to settlers along Long Island Sound because of the supply of salt hay that was so valuable to the farmers in so many ways. [27] It was very unusual to sell salt meadow land out of ones family.

P3. Messenger Palmer sold "2 acres" of salt meadow land at Longmeadow Brook, bounded south by the salt meadow of Jeremiah Palmer, to Henry Lockwood on 25 January 1808 for \$180. [28]

This began a pattern of sales and mortgages regarding the Greenwich properties.

- P2. On 4 April 1808 Messenger Palmer of Greenwich mortgaged his homestead property "being the place where I now live" to Abel Ferris for \$500. [29] The property contained 6 acres more or less with buildings thereon bounded south by highway, west by a driftway, north by land distributed to Seth Palmer and "easterly on land of my sister Sibbel Wood Ferris." No record is found that the mortgage was released but it must have been since Messenger was able to sell the property outright the following year; see below.
- □ P3. On 13 March 1809 he sold the remainder of his land in the salt meadow area, now called about ½ an acre (and clearly the ¼ acre second of two pieces he received in the division of 7 February 1807) back to his uncle Jeremiah Palmer for \$20. [30]
- P1 & P2. On 26 September 1809 he made a major sale of his two most important properties, the homestead and the 16 acres of valuable farmland spanning the Stamford/Greenwich town line purchased from Isaac Quintard shortly after his father's death, to Shadrack Ferris for a total price of \$1,950. [31] This was a warrantee

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 16: 352-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 16: 402-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> An excellent description of this subject of the uses and values of salt hay by Sandra R. Riley, "Salt Hay: Advertising an Extraordinary Product," New Jersey Lesson Plan – Agriculture, n.d., is found on the Internet at: www.cumauriceriver.org/downjersey/agri/a-lesson3.html. It applies to the shores of Long Island Sound as much as it does to the southern New Jersey Bayshore.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 16: 264.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 16: 279.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 18: 44.

<sup>31</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 16: 257; Stamford Land Records, Q: 359.

deed and not a conditional sale of any kind. Shadrack Ferris was another uncle of Messenger Palmer. [32]

Up to this point all land records referred to Messenger Palmer as being "of Greenwich," and it appears that he had been living in his parents' homestead there continuously since about 1800. With the sale of the homestead, however, his place of residence begins to become more of a puzzle. He did purchase additional property in Stamford shortly after his major sale of property in Greenwich.

P8. On 11 November 1809 Messenger Palmer (still called "of Greenwich") purchased 43 acres in Stamford "at a place called Hutton's Farm" from Edmond Scofield for \$1,280. The land was bounded north by Alpheus Scofield, east by Peter Knapp in part and Jonathan Knapp in part, south and west by the highway. There were barns on the property but apparently no residences. Palmer took out a mortgage on the property from the seller on the same day for the full purchase price amount of \$1,280. Peter Knapp was probably the Peter Knapp (ca. 1741-1811) who was a brother of Deborah (Knapp) Smith, Abigail (Smith) Palmer's mother.

He appeared as a head of family in Stamford when the 1810 census was taken and we must therefore assume he had moved there by that time. He then made one additional (and final) purchase in Stamford that may already have been his Stamford residence:

P9. On 20 September 1811 Messenger Palmer of Stamford purchased two parcels of land in Stamford from Daniel Knapp for \$250. [36] The first parcel of about 12 acres with the buildings thereon was bounded north and east by "the Old Stage Road," south by Isaac Lockwood and west by Ebenezer Peck, "it being the homestead of my [Daniel Knapp's] father, dec'd." The second parcel of about 4 acres was bounded north and west by Ebenezer Peck, south by a highway and east by the widow Martha Whitney's land.

Up until now his financial condition appears to have been relatively sound, although extended by mortgages. But financial difficulties appear to have become more of a problem after moving to Stamford and started to deteriorate rapidly near the end of 1812:

□ P7. On 8 December 1812 Messenger Palmer mortgaged 2 acres in Greenwich bounded east by Bethel Palmer and James F. Palmer to Joseph Gray for \$23.63. [37]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Ferris Genealogy (note 3), 4: 15114.

<sup>33</sup> Stamford Land Records, Q: 372.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Stamford Land Records, Q: 373.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> For this Knapp family see Frederick C. Hart Jr., "Ancestry of William Weed of Stamford and Darien, Connecticut – Part 10, Knapp," Connecticut Ancestry, 50(May, 2008): 145-56.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Stamford Land Records, P: 440. This was a quit-claim deed and not a warrantee deed, and it is possible that this was only a 1/5 interest in the two parcels, although this fact was not mentioned in the deed – discussed further below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 18: 6.

This appears to have been 2 acres that had been divided off from the 4 acres that had been purchased jointly with his sister Sibbel in 1807.

- □ P7. On 21 January 1813 Messenger Palmer quit-claimed whatever rights he continued to have in the same 2 acre parcel in Greenwich bounded east by Bethel and James F. Palmer to William Betts of Greenwich for \$10.<sup>[38]</sup> No mention was made of the mortgage just made the previous month but it was probably paid off during these transactions.
- David Lockwood 3<sup>rd</sup> of Stamford recovered a judgment against him on that date in the amount of \$22.20. [39] The matter was turned over to Joseph Gray, deputy sheriff of Fairfield County, who confiscated Messenger's 1/6 part in the ownership of a 15 acre parcel in Greenwich bounded north by "land belonging to the wife of White Webb [this would be Messenger's sister Hettie]," east by a driftway, and south and west by Asahel Palmer's land. [40] Although the property does not appear explicitly in the distribution of John Wood Palmer's land, this does appear to be a part of the original homestead that was never distributed among the 6 children. The value of the confiscated property was \$35.86, including \$9.59 for costs. After subtracting the amount owed David Lockwood that appears to have left \$4.07 to Messenger Palmer as his remaining interest in the property.
- P8 + P9. On 19 April 1813 Messenger Palmer mortgaged his entire property in Stamford in two separate transactions. The first was to (his uncle) Jeremiah Palmer, (his brother) Oliver Palmer, (his cousin) James F. Palmer and to Seymour Jarvis, all of Stamford, for the nominal sum of \$80. [41] The specific obligations were a note to Jeremiah and Oliver Palmer of \$52.13, a note to Oliver himself of \$16.68, and a note to "Jarvis and Palmer" of \$10.91, all with interest. The property descriptions included the 43-acre farm plus the two parcels obtained from Daniel Knapp. The second mortgage was to James Sacket of New York City for \$100 with the same property descriptions. [42] Sacket's relationship to the family, if any, has not been investigated.
- □ P8 + P9. Less than two months later, 8 June 1813, Messenger Palmer added another encumbrance on his Stamford lands with still another mortgage, this time to the same James Sacket of New York City, but now for the substantial amount of \$846, [43] still probably less than the value of the three parcels based on their purchase prices as already noted above.
- □ P8. Then, on 12 February 1814, Messenger Palmer sold his 43 acre farm at Hutton's Ridge in Stamford to Peter Sacket of New York City for \$1,500. [44] The transaction was subject to a mortgage on the property having been lent by Edmond Scofield of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 17: 396.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 17: 372-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Deacon Asahel Palmer was Messenger's second cousin (Palmer Families in America (note 1), 50-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Stamford Land Records, R: 252.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Stamford Land Records, R: 253.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Stamford Land Records, R: 282.

<sup>44</sup> Stamford Land Records, R: 353.

Stamford, established at the time of purchase in 1809 and apparently never paid or released.

P9. Less than a week later, 17 February 1814, Messenger Palmer made his final land transaction in the Greenwich – Stamford area. On that date he mortgaged (not sold) the two parcels in Stamford purchased form Daniel Knapp in 1811 to his brother Asa Palmer, now of Utica, Oneida County, New York for \$150. [45] Strangely, the property description of the two tracts involved includes the statement that "each of which tracts I own the one undivided fifth part which undivided fifth part is meant to be conveyed..." No such mention of a 5 part division appears in the deed of purchase dated 20 September 1811, and its meaning is not yet understood.

It appears that Messenger Palmer left Stamford about this time (1814), and he was certainly not enumerated there (at least as a head of family) in either the 1820 or 1830 censuses. Stamford tax lists include evaluations for Messenger Palmer in the years "1800-1808, 1810, 1812 and 1813. In 1814 and 1815 his name is listed but no other entries [taxable items]. In 1816 and 1817 he is not listed." [46]

His last recorded transaction as a Stamford or Greenwich resident was a promissory note recorded in Greenwich and dated 18 July 1817 in which Messenger Palmer "in the County of Fairfield" used Greenwich property "Lying on the north side of the public highway" (but not described in more detail) as collateral for a \$20. note to Seth Palmer. [47] It is not clear if this has any relationship to any of the parcels already documented above, or it may simply have been a small purchase made since leaving Stamford.

#### Smith Land

Abigail Smith did not bring property with her to their marriage, so the story of Smith lands in this family begins with the will of Abigail's father, Captain Amos Smith, made on 7 December 1818 at Stamford and presented to the Probate Court on 14 April 1819. After specifying the usual 1/3 of his estate for the use of his wife Deborah during her lifetime, and having no sons, he gave all of his estate both real and personal to be distributed equally to his four daughters Hannah, Sarah, Mary and Abigail but with the following unique provision: "reserving the use and improvement of the whole of that part devised to my said daughter Abigail unto Nath Mills, Epenetus Marvin & Joseph Smith 3rd during the full term of the natural life of my son-in-law Messenger Palmer & it is my desire and Will that at the decease of either of my aforesaid daughters that the property herein devised to her should be immediately possessed, occupied and improved by her children as theirs in an equal proportion." Josiah Smith, Catherine Palmer and Samuel Webb witnessed the will.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Stamford Land Records, R: 354.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Stamford Grand Lists preserved at the Stamford Historical Society, abstracted and reported by Grace F. Bounty in a letter to Mrs. Lois Lacy dated 15 May 1997. These data agree fairly well with the foregoing description of land transactions with a few very minor differences. The implication is that he was probably still on the voters list in 1814 and 1815, but not thereafter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Greenwich Land Records, 19: 452. Seth Palmer was another relative already noted above, half brother of Messenger's father, John Wood Palmer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Stamford Probate Records, 11: 573.

The question of "why?" is the hardest one to answer in genealogy and we can only guess what Amos Smith's reason might have been for the special provisions regarding Abigail and Messenger Palmer. Those provisions could be a signal that Messenger Palmer had deserted his family before this time, [49] and since Abigail's children were still minors it should be up to the husbands of Abigail's sisters to manage her share of the property for her. It could also have been a signal from Amos that Messenger Palmer should not have any use and improvement of Abigail's portion even though they were evidently still married.

In the 1820 census, Abigail Palmer and her children were listed next to the widow Deborah Smith in Stamford. Actually they all appear to have been living in the homestead by that time since the distribution of Amos Smith's estate was also made in 1820 and the following line items of real estate were distributed to Abigail:

- □ All portions of the house not already set aside for the widow, with associated privileges of access
- ☐ Five acres, 2 roods and 35 rods being the east part of "the rye close"
- □ Three acres and 2 rods in the south part of the Great Swamp
- ☐ Two acres, 2 rods and 15 perches in "the further close"

On 27 January 1827, after widow Deborah Smith's death, the following additional parcels were set out to Abigail:

- □ The widow's portion of the house now the entire house belonged to Abigail and her children
- □ Three acres in the northeast part of the homestead property

It does not appear that Abigail Palmer made any land transactions during her lifetime, and she died without a will in 1838. Her estate was administered by her children James and Hannah and distributed on 24 April 1840 by Erastus C. Bishop and William H. Holly as ordered by the court. <sup>[50]</sup> Three of the children had agreed that their portions would be merged together – Mary (still single), Sally, wife of James Dusenberry, <sup>[51]</sup> and Roswell.

- To Mary, including Sally's and Roswell's portions, the east half of the dwelling house,
  - o plus 2 acres of land adjoining the house
  - o plus 3 acres and 1 rood of land in the rye close so called
- To Hannah (also still single), the west half of the dwelling house with some small measured amount of adjoining land

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> There is a tradition among the Texas branch of the family that Messenger Palmer deserted his family, changed his name, and left the Stamford/Greenwich area. While there may be some element of truth in this tradition we have not been able to confirm it with any reliable evidence. However, it was certainly he who was buried in Greenwich in 1832.

<sup>50</sup> Stamford Probate Records, 16: 38-9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> James and Sally Dusenberry of New York City sold all their rights to Mary Palmer of Stamford on 30 March 1839 for \$100.

- To James, 2 acres and 3 roods in the rye close so called
- To Joseph, 3 roods in the south part of the homestead
  - o plus 2 ½ acres of wood land
- To Finetta Baker of Texas, wife of Amaziah E. Baker, 3 ½ acres in the Great Meadow, so called

Mary had married Timothy Sands and moved to Racine County, Wisconsin by 1843, and on 18 January 1844 she and her husband sold their rights in the 2 acres near the farmhouse to Hannah Palmer for \$200. [52] Five years later, on 8 March 1849, Timothy and Mary Sands of Raymond, Racine County, Wisconsin sold their 3+ acre parcel in the rye close to Jonathan Hoyt and Hanford Reynolds of Stamford for \$100. [53]

#### Census Information

In 1800 – the year after Messenger and Abigail were married – they were enumerated in Greenwich, [54] living next to the families of Asa(h)el, Abel and Seth Palmer and certainly occupying the homestead of his parents. No children had yet been born and one additional male in the 10-16 age category was living there – undoubtedly Messenger's younger brother Asa, age 15, who had chosen his older brother to be his guardian.

In 1810 the family had (recently) moved to Stamford and was enumerated there with a total of 8 persons: Messenger and his wife Abigail both age 26-45, plus 2 male children and 4 female children all under the age of 10 years.<sup>[55]</sup>

As already noted, Messenger and Abigail had separated by 1820 and Messenger was not listed anywhere (in any State) as a head of family. He may have been living somewhere in the Greenwich area, possibly with a relative's family or with friends, but no records have been found that suggest a more exact residence. Abigail was enumerated as a "widow" with young family, <sup>[57]</sup> living in Stamford next to the widow Deborah Smith (her mother) and additional young children. It is presumed that some of Abigail's children were living in each household but impossible to say which ones.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Stamford Land Records, 26: 607.

<sup>53</sup> Stamford Land Records, 28: 266-7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> 1800 census of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., NARA microfilm M32: 1, sh. 798 (printed), HeritageQuest nline image used.

<sup>55 1810</sup> census of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., NARA microfilm M252: 1, sh. 325 (printed), HeritageQuest online image used.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> It was a different Messenger Palmer that was listed with a family in Galway, Saratoga County, New York in 1820. That Messenger Palmer was related to our subject as a a first cousin once removed, born before 1775 (age 45+ in the census) and already in Galway 10 years earlier at the time of the 1810 census while our subject Messenger Palmer was certainly in Stamford. Also see Palmer Families in America (note 1), 106-7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Use of the term "widow" is not uncommon in cases of separation or desertion. See, for example, J. A. Simpson and E. S. C. Weiner, *The Oxford English Dictionary*, second edition (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1989), 20: 319, definition 1.d.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> 1820 census of Stamford, Fairfield Co., Conn., NARA microfilm M33: 1, sh. 134 (printed), HeritageQuest online image used.

There is also no mention of this Messenger Palmer as a head of family in the 1830 census. He may again have been living with relatives or friends at some unknown location. Abigail was listed again as a widow, with a young family corresponding to the listing given in the following genealogical summary.

#### The Texas Connection

Many of the children in this family migrated away from Stamford, including two of them who were early settlers on the Texas frontier (Texas did not become a state until 1845 and had a complicated political history before that time.) As might be expected, those branches of the family had an extremely eventful family history. Many of them have been very active in sharing and preserving family history information, and the descendants of Finetta M. (Palmer) Baker have been especially active in this regard. These descendants are fortunate in having a large amount of surviving correspondence between family members, dating back to the days of the first early migrations in the 1830's. [59] It has been through these letters that many of the relationships between family members have been determined and illuminated with biographical information and detail.

Especially in the early years, immediate family members were naturally familiar to some degree with the separation or desertion that had occurred in Stamford in the mid-1810's. At some point (probably almost a century later) a mistaken version of this important family history event was introduced among the Texas descendants. This version identified Abigail Smith's husband as Martin Parmer (1778-1850), born in Charlotte County, Virginia and died in Jasper County, Texas, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence in 1836, a one-time chief justice of Jasper County, and an all-around colorful character. This identity was repeated often enough that it gradually took on a life of its own, even to the point where an entry was added into a family Bible to that effect. [60]

Regardless of the various levels and versions of stories about Martin Parmer's relationship to this family, they may all be dismissed as fiction, since there can be no question that Messenger Palmer of Greenwich and Stamford, Connecticut was the husband of Abigail Smith and the father of all of her children, living with her before, during and after the time that the children were born in Connecticut between 1800 and 1816. Martin Parmer's biographies have no mention of any connection with Connecticut, and moreover report that he was born in Virginia, living in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Unless noted otherwise, the original letters are presently at the San Augustine Public Library along with other papers collected by the family. They had previously been archived at the University of Houston Library in a collection known as the "A. E. Baker Family Papers 1836 – 1950," donated to the University by Mr. and Mrs. Henry David in 1969. Photographic images and transcriptions used for this article are in the possession of Lois (Gee) Lacy of Watauga, Texas with derivative copies provided to the writer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Baker family Bible in the possession of William Baker Slack of Teague, Texas, son of William M. Slack and Matilda Elizabeth Baker (1882-1964), known as "Aunt Lizzie" by others in the family. Copies of the actual pages are in the possession of Lois (Gee) Lacy who has transcribed them and reports that there is no title page with the original pages so that the date of the Bible cannot be determined. It appears to have been the family Bible of Charles E. Baker and his second wife Mary C. Whitton who were married in 1875 in San Augustine. Earlier dates that appear in the Bible appear to have been recollections rather than contemporary recordings. Aunt Lizzie was the one who was interested in her family history as a child and who was originally given this information (about Martin Parmer) by her father Charles Eugene Baker, perhaps about 1914.

Kentucky, Tennessee and/or Missouri, and married to Sarah Hardwick and having 10 children with her during this same time period. [61] Additional confirmation comes indirectly from the children themselves in the census of 1880 - the first census that asked for the places of birth of each person's mother and father. The 4 children in this family who were still alive and enumerated in 1880 (Finetta in Texas, Mary and Hannah in Wisconsin, and Roswell in Massachusetts) all reported that both of their parents were born in Connecticut.

#### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY[62]

1. MESSENGER<sup>6</sup> PALMER (John Wood<sup>5</sup>, Messenger<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Ephraim<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)<sup>[63]</sup> was born in Greenwich, Connecticut 11 April 1777<sup>[64]</sup> and died there 20 May 1832 age 55 years. He was buried near many of his relatives in the Old Sound Beach Cemetery on Tomac Avenue in Greenwich. [65] He and his namesake grandfather were given the name of Messenger in honor of Andrew Messenger of Jamaica, Long Island, New York, an earlier ancestor whose daughter Sarah had married Ephraim<sup>2</sup> Palmer about 1668. [66]

He married ABIGAIL<sup>6</sup> SMITH 21 March 1799 at Stamford. She was the daughter of Captain Amos<sup>5</sup> Smith (Amos<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Deborah Knapp who were married 17 Oct 1765 at Stamford. [69] Abigail was born 22 Oct 1775[70] at Stamford and baptized there 26 Nov 1775. [71] She died at Stamford 30 Dec 1838 age "62" years and was buried next to her parents in the Josiah Smith Cemetery near her Smith family home in Stamford. [72]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> See, for example, Walter Prescott Webb et. al., "Parmer, Martin," in, The Handbook of Texas, two volumes (Austin: The Texas State Historical Association, 1952), 2: 340. Also an online treatment by Daria Bracken, "Who Was Martin Parmer," Friona Star Online Edition, http://www.frionaonline.com/martinparmer.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> This summary incorporates a substantial amount of meticulous research, preservation of family history materials and careful interpretation by Lois (Gee) Lacy, whose assistance and contributions have been greatly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Lineage is from Palmer Families of America (note 1), considered reliable and not verified further for this article.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Greenwich Vital Records, 1: 137, Barbour Collection used.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> All from Charles R. Hale Collection of Connecticut Gravestone Inscriptions, Connecticut State Library (CSL), Greenwich page 314, transcribed in 1934. Gravestones listed nearby include those for his parents, his grandfather Messenger Palmer and wife Hannah, and uncle Jeremiah Palmer and wife Mary.

<sup>66</sup> Helen S. Ullmann, "The Three Messengers: Henry, Andrew, and Edward: Clearing the Decks," The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 152(Jul 1998): 353-72, at 363. The possible English origin of this Messenger family is discussed at length in this excellent article.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Stamford First Congregational Church Records, 3: 186, CSL Index used.

<sup>68</sup> Lineage is from Robert Louer, "The Smith Families of Stamford, Connecticut," Connecticut Ancestry, 45(2003), 128-30, considered reliable and not verified further for this article.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Stamford Vital Records, 1:202, Barbour Collection used, which gives the year as 1777. However, that must be incorrect since she was baptized in 1775.

<sup>71</sup> Stamford First Congregational Church Records, 3: 84, CSL Index used.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> All from Hale Collection (note 65), Stamford page 4, inscriptions transcribed in 1934. Some references call this simply "Old Cemetery" but the local people call it the Josiah Smith Cemetery in memory of Lt. Josiah Smith, a Revolutionary War veteran buried there in 1830.

Children of Messenger and Abigail (Smith) Palmer, places of birth uncertain but probably Greenwich before 1810 and Stamford afterward: [73]

- 2. i. HANNAH<sup>7</sup> PALMER, b. say 1802, unm.
- 3. ii. SARAH MORTON (or SALLY) PALMER, b. 25 Jan 1804, m. JAMES DUSENBERRY.
  - iii. son, prob. JASPER PALMER, b. say ca. 1805, d. 1816.
- 4. iv. MARY PALMER, b. say 1807, m. TIMOTHY SANDS
- 5. v. FINETTA M. PALMER, b. 11 Sep 1809, m. AMAZIAH EUGENE BAKER.
- 6. vi. Joseph Ferris Palmer, b. ca. 1812, m. Caroline Davis.
  - vii. JAMES P. PALMER, b. ca. 1814, d. 3 Aug 1877 at Stamford, Conn., age "63."<sup>[74]</sup> He administered his mother's estate along with his sister Hannah. He was apparently unmarried and without children since his will dated 14 Jul 1877 and probated 10 Aug 1877 left everything to his brother Roswell G. Palmer of Palmer's Depot, Mass. or to Roswell's children if Roswell had died before James.<sup>[75]</sup>
- 7. viii. Roswell G. Palmer, b. say 1816, m. Jane \_\_\_\_.

2. HANNAH<sup>7</sup> PALMER was born probably at Greenwich before the time of the 1810 census, <sup>[76]</sup> possibly as early as 1802, even though all of the censuses that list her by name (1850 and later) give younger ages than would result from that date. The 1850 census, for example, implies a birth year of 1812. <sup>[77]</sup> Since she was selected as co-adminstrator with James of her mother's estate in 1838 she was probably the oldest female child. She was still single at the time her mother died and for many years afterward, and so she could not have been the Hannah E. Palmer who married William Travis at the Stamford Congregational Church on 28 March 1830 with the Rev. Daniel Smith officiating. <sup>[78]</sup>

Hannah Palmer and James P. Palmer administered their mother's estate, and she wrote about the final details in a letter to her brother in Texas dated at New York 23 October 1839.<sup>[79]</sup> She

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> Palmer Families in America (note 1), 92-3 lists 6 of the 7 surviving children (overlooking Hannah even though the author had listed her as one of her mother's heirs) but in a completely different birth order, not knowing many of the approximate birth dates that have been found for this article. Most of the birth dates are simply estimates and the ages given in the censuses are unusually inconsistent. The birth order and dates are still very uncertain. The 1810 census (already noted above) suggests that many of these estimated birth dates are too late since that census listed 2 male and 4 female children all under 10 years.

<sup>74</sup> Stamford Vital Records, 4: 378.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Will of James P. Palmer of Stamford, Stamford Probate Records, 25: 691-2. James' inventory value, including 4 acres of land that had to be sold to cover debts and estate costs, was insufficient to pay his creditors and there was nothing left for Roswell (Stamford Probate Records, 26: 384-6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Based on the fact that the 1810 census (already mentioned above) counted a total of 4 female children 0-10 years of age in the family.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Her age was given as 38 years in the 1850 census of Bedford, Westchester County, New York (NARA microfilm M432: 614, sh. 107).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Stamford Congregational Church Records, 3: 194, CSL Index used; and Stamford Vital Records, 2: 209, Barbour Collection used..

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Letter from Sister Hannah Palmer to Dear Brother (Joseph F. Palmer) dated 23 Oct 1839.

was apparently a trained dressmaker and milliner. Her brother James wrote in a letter of 1841 that, "Hannah has commenced dressmaking and Millenary like at home." Her career included time spent in Bedford, New York, across the state line from North Stamford, where she was enumerated in the 1850 census as being age 38 and living with the family of James Miller age 44 and his wife Eleanor Miller age 37 and their family. She consolidated the title to her mother's house by purchase from her siblings. She was back in Stamford by 6 August 1855 when James P. Palmer wrote to his dear sister in Texas that he had seen Hannah recently in Stamford (actually in the Roxbury section) and that "she had moved down from Bed[ford] to stay there for a while." In the same letter, James told Finetta that Hannah had told him she was considering going to Mary Sands' in Wisconsin. In 1860 she was enumerated as a "Mill[i]ner," age 47 and living in Stamford with the family of John R. Lockwood and his wife Amanda M., both age 33 years and three children, plus one Sally Finch, age 73 years. [82]

Hannah appears to have sold her property in Stamford in the 1865-1866 time period. On 19 January 1865 she sold a little over 2 acres of woodland in Stamford bounded on the north and east by Amos Smith<sup>[83]</sup> to William A. Studwell for \$100.<sup>[84]</sup> Then on 15 March 1866 she sold 4 acres more or less with the buildings thereon to John Wright of the City of New York for \$1,400,<sup>[85]</sup> and the boundaries of the property agreed with the description of her mother's homestead. This latter deed specified that the grantee would be given possession on 1 April 1866. She must have remained in the Stamford area for a while since her cousin Hannah Ford of Greenwich mentioned in a letter to Finetta Baker on 18 October 1868 that "your sister Hannah" had visited some mutual friends recently. [86]

Since no further records are found for Hannah in the Stamford Area and since no death or gravestone records for her are found there it appears from various indirect evidence that she went to Wisconsin at about this time to be near her sister Mary and her family there as she had considered doing a decade earlier. In January 1869 her brother Roswell wrote in a letter to Finetta that, "I have not seen Hannah or Mary for 28 years but intend to go and see them this spring" (emphasis added). [87] This statement implied that Mary and Hannah were living in the same general location by that time and it is certain that Mary was in Racine County, Wisconsin. Lois Gee Lacy has found a Hannah Palmer, born in Connecticut, listed in the 1870 [88] and 1880 [89] censuses of Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin. On 16 June 1881 Mary Sands wrote from Wisconsin to her brother-in-law A. E. Baker (after Finetta's death) that, "sister is here [and] sends love to you all." That sister could only be Hannah Palmer. She may also be the Hannah

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> Letter from James P. Palmer to dear sister (Finetta Baker) dated 26 March 1841 at Stamford.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> Letter from James P. Palmer to dear sister (Finetta Baker) in San Augustine dated 6 Aug 1855.

<sup>82 1860</sup> census of Stamford, Fairfield County, Conn., NARA microfilm M653: 76, sh. 716.

<sup>83</sup> Clearly a later Amos Smith than Abigail's father who had died in 1819.

<sup>84</sup> Stamford Land Records, 41: 520.

<sup>85</sup> Stamford Land Records, 42: 56.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> Letter from Hannah Ford to Dear Cousin (Finetta Baker) dated 18 Oct 1868 at Greenwich.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> Letter from R. G Palmer to Dear Nephew (probably Charles E. Baker) dated 26 Jan 1869 at Springfield, Mass.
 <sup>88</sup> 1870 census of Racine City and County, Wisc., NARA microfilm M593: 1733, sh 351. Her age was given as
 "50" but the birthplace was certainly Conn. (not Penn. as given in some indexes.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> 1880 census of Racine City and County, Wisc., NARA microfilm T9: 1443, E.D. 159, sh. 3, giving her age now as ""60" years, and the birthplaces of herself and both parents as Connecticut.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Letter from "your sister" Mary Sands to Dear Brother Baker dated 16 June 1881 at Raymond, Wisconsin.

Palmer who died in Racine County on 19 March 1892, [91] although that identity remains to be proven with additional information.

3. SARAH MORTON<sup>7</sup> (also known as SALLY) PALMER was born 25 January 1804, probably at Greenwich, and died there on 2 January 1840, [92] possibly in childbirth. She married probably by 1835 JAMES DUSENBERRY, born 23 December 1806 and died 19 December 1855. After Sally's death James Dusenberry apparently moved to New York City with his two children and may have remarried there. As the children grew they kept in touch with their other relatives and cousins, many of whom they had never met except by mail correspondence.

Children of James and Sarah M. (Palmer) Dusenberry, all buried at the Anderson Cemetery in Greenwich, Connecticut:

- i. James Dusenberry, b. 13 Nov 1836, d. 16 Apr 1880, m. Cornella J.
  \_\_\_\_\_, b. 14 May 1840, d. 17 Dec 1920. He wrote to his "Dear Cousin"
  (either Elizabeth A. or Charles E. Baker) in Texas from Glenville,
  Connecticut in 1854 where he and his sister Mary were apparently
  attending a boarding school. [93] He also mentioned having been to a school
  in Port Chester, New York
- ii. MARY ELIZABETH DUSENBERRY, b. 1836 and therefore apparently twin with James Jr., d. 1908, m. MORTIMER B. WILLSON, b. 1839, d. 1881.
- iii. Cornelius A. Dusenberry, b. 1 Dec 1838, d. 17 Sep 1849.
- 4. MARY PALMER was born say about 1807 and died in 1883 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She married 23 February 1843 in Racine County, Wisconsin, <sup>[94]</sup> as his second wife, TIMOTHY SANDS, born about 1808 in Maine.

As a single woman, Mary taught school in the Roxbury School District of Stamford and in other locations. In a letter to her Dear Sister (Finetta) dated 6 February 1837 she talked briefly about possibly teaching school in Texas. <sup>[95]</sup> In a letter of 26 March 1841 her brother James wrote to their sister Finetta in Texas that "Mary [has] gone to Illinois to Benjamin Hoits [Hoyt's] to teach school there." <sup>[96]</sup> Benjamin Franklin Hoyt was born in Stamford 27 Oct 1816, son of Benjamin Hoyt and his wife Arna Smith, <sup>[97]</sup> who was in turn a daughter of Josiah Smith Jr. of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Wisconsin Deaths, 1820-1907, database online at www.ancestry.com, citing original 2: 323. No additional details are given in this online index.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Dates from her gravestone at the Anderson Cemetery on Long Ridge in North Stamford (Hale Collection [note 65], Stamford, 163.) All dates for her family in this section are from this gravestone listing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> Letter from Cousin James Dusenberry to Dear Cousin (either Elizabeth or Charles) dated 14 July 1854 at Glenville, Connecticut.

<sup>94</sup> Wisconsin Marriages, pre-1907, database at Ancestry.com, citing Racine County volume 1, page 20.

<sup>95</sup> Letter from Mary Palmer to dear Sister (Finetta Baker) dated 6 Feb 1837.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> Letter from James P. Palmer in Stamford to his dear Sister (Finetta Baker) in Texas dated 26 March 1841.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> 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), 402, 469. It is not clear which of the two Benjamin Hoyt's was the schoolteacher that James Palmer mentioned in his letter.

Stamford and therefore a first cousin of Mary's mother, Abigail (Smith) Palmer. <sup>[98]</sup> The Hoyt Genealogy lists 3 wives for Benjamin Franklin Hoyt, with his first marriage to Sarah Lamb said to have been on 5 May 1845, his second to "M. E. Ferris" on 5 April 1855, and his third to "R. S. Longbug" on 18 December 1867. <sup>[99]</sup> His second wife was Mary Ferris, Mary Palmer's cousin.

Timothy Sands had purchased land in Raymond, Racine County, Wisconsin at the time the Wisconsin Territory was organized (from land previously in the Michigan Territory) in 1836.<sup>[100]</sup> The name of his first wife and mother of his first 4 children is unknown. He was a farmer in Racine County with a substantial real estate valuation of \$3,500 listed in the 1850 census.

Presumed children of Timothy Sands and an unknown first wife:[101]

- i. ALONZO SANDS, b. abt. 1833 in New York (age 17 in 1850)
- ii. CHARLES SANDS, b. abt. 1836 in New York (age 14 in 1850)
- iii. Aramında Sands, b. abt. 1839 in Wisconsin (age 11 in 1850)
- iv. JOHN D. SANDS, b. abt. 1840 in Wisconsin (age 10 in 1850)

Children of Timothy and Mary (Palmer) Sands, born in Wisconsin. [102]

- v. SARAH J. SANDS, twin with Mary, b. abt. 1845 in Wisconsin (age 5 in 1850), m. in Racine County 1 Sep 1874 JOHN D. CROISSANT, [103] b. 5 May 1856 in Jefferson Co., New York. [104] He had become a postal clerk before 1880 when he and his wife and son were living in Washington, DC at census time. [105] In 1890 she and her sister (Sarah J. Croissant and Mary E.S. Davis) were both listed in the City Directory as living at 518 9th Ave. NW in Washington, DC, with the occupation of "dining." Sarah and John Croissant had one child, DeWitt Clinton Croissant, b. 23 Aug 1876 in Evanston, Cook Co., Illinois. [106]
- vi. MARY E. SANDS, twin with Sarah, b. abt. 1845 in Wisconsin (age 5 in 1850), m. 1 Nov 1865 DAVID O. DAVIS, [107] b. Pennsylvania, d. bef. 1870 when Mary and her child were living with Mary's parents. They had one child, Charles S. Davis b. 1867 in Wisconsin.

<sup>98</sup> Louer, "Smith Families" (note 68), 45: 130-1.

<sup>99</sup> Hoyt Genealogy (note 97), 469.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>100</sup> J. H. Beers, Commemorative Biographical Record of Prominent and Representative Men of Racine and Kenosha Counties, Wisconsin (J.H. Beers & Co., 1906), 494.

<sup>101</sup> Reconstructed from census records of 1850, 1860 and 1870. Later census records indicate that their mother was born in Maryland

was born in Maryland.

102 A letter from Mary Sands to her sister Finetta Baker in Texas dated October 1852 mentions "I have two sweet little girls – you would love them," not mentioning the older children in the family who were not her biological children (Letter from Mary Sands in Raymond, Wisconsin to dear sister [Finetta Baker] dated October 1852). In another letter the same month to her niece in Texas she wrote that, "they look very unlike each other, that is for twins" (Letter from Mary Sands in Raymond, Wisconsin to "Dear Elizabeth" dated October 1852.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> Racine County, Wisconsin Marriages, Ancestry.com database used.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> Passport issued 24 Jan 1890, Passport Applications 1795-1905, online at Ancestry.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> 1880 Census of Washington, DC, NARA T9: 122, ED 95, Ancestry.com image 0238.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> Passport issued 23 Jul 1903, Passport Applications 1795-1905, online at Ancestry.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>107</sup> Online database, Wisconsin marriages pre-1907, at Ancestry.com.

5. FINETTA M.<sup>7</sup> PALMER<sup>[108]</sup> was born 11 Sep 1809 in Stamford or Greenwich and died 10 April 1881 in San Augustine, San Augustine County, Texas, where she is buried in the San Augustine City Cemetery. She married 24 Nov 1831 at Stamford<sup>[110]</sup> as his second wife, AMAZIAH EUGENE BAKER, son of Thomas Baker and Eleanor Secord, born 25 Apr 1803 in Westchester County, New York, died 26 Dec 1892 in Chireno, Texas, and was buried in the San Augustine City Cemetery. A. E. Baker had previously married (1) in 1826 Permelia Treadwell, who died 17 March 1831.

Amaziah E. Baker, 31 years of age, made a written application for Texas land dated 1 Nov 1834 at Brazoria, at which time he claimed to have arrived in Texas in July 1834. [113] One family tradition is that the two living children, namely Joseph T. Baker (son of Amaziah and Permelia) and Elizabeth A. (dau. of Amaziah and Finetta), traveled to Texas with Amaziah and Finetta in 1833. Another tradition is that the children did not go to Texas until 1837 when their mother went back to Connecticut for them.

The 1850 census found the family together in San Augustine with data as follows: A. E. Baker, 47, farmer, born in New York; Fanetta Baker, 40, born in Connecticut; Elizabeth Baker, 18, born in Connecticut; Charles Baker, 9, born in Texas, Joseph T. Baker, 23, cabinet maker, born New York (son from first marriage), and Joseph F. Palmer (Finetta's brother), 38, also a cabinet maker, born in Connecticut.<sup>[114]</sup>

Amaziah E. Baker served as Postmaster of San Augustine from 12 July 1866 until replaced by Bogard D. Crocket on 6 January 1880. [115] The 1880 census, later that year, gave his occupation as "mayor." [116] According to a newspaper article in 1995, "Baker spent fifty-six

Some family members claim that her middle name was Mills, although it has not been found spelled out in any original records. Her mother Abigail (Smith) Palmer had a sister Hannah who married Nathaniel Mills at Stamford 26 Nov 1789, and their first child (Abigail's niece) was born 10 Nov 1791 and given the very unique name of Finetta. Young Finetta Mills died in 1805 at age 14 and it is reasonable to propose that Finetta M. Palmer was named in her memory a few years later. Other family members have proposed the middle name of Matilda, and still other names are, of course, possible.

\_\_\_\_, Caucasian Cemeteries of San Augustine County, Texas, volume 3 of the series, O through Z (San Augustine Public Library, 1991), 3: 115. This transcription gives the date of death incorrectly as 1891.

Stamford First Congregational Church Records, 3: 195, Connecticut State Library Index used, 120. Also Stamford Vital Records, 2: 235, Barbour Collection used, Stamford, 142.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> Stamford Vital Records, 2: 235, Barbour Collection used.

Dates from gravestone at San Augustine County Cemeteries (note 109), 115.

Villamae Williams, Ed., Stephen F. Austin's Register of Families (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1984), 88, citing original 2: 7. Family tradition is that Amaziah and Finetta actually arrived in San Filipe de Austin on Christmas Eve in 1933 and traveled around for several months before returning to settle down in San Filipe where Amaziah opened his own store. This could account for the July 1834 date recorded in the Stephen Austin Register.

<sup>114 1850</sup> census of San Augustine, San Augustine Co., Texas, NARA microfilm M432: 914, sh. 351, Ancestry Library Edition used online.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> Jim Wheat, "Postmasters & Post Offices of San Augustine County, Texas 1846 – 1930," online at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txpost/sanaugustine.html.

<sup>116 1880</sup> census of San Augustine, San Augustine Co., Texas, NARA microfilm T9: 1325, sh. 255, E.D. 80, sh. 8, HeritageQuest online image used.

years of his life in San Augustine. During that time he was a merchant, a postmaster, a justice of the peace, a district court clerk and a county treasurer. [117]

#### Children of Amaziah Eugene Baker and Permelia Treadwell:

- i. Joseph T. Baker, b. abt. 1827 in New York City, d. in Confederate service with the rank of lieutenant at the battle of Saline in Arkansas on 30 April 1864. After his mother's death he was cared for in Connecticut by Finetta's relatives. He joined the family in Texas in 1837 along with his half sister, Elizabeth. Joseph T. Baker was drafted in the Confederate Army on 12 May 1863 as a private soldier in Company E of the 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Texas Infantry.
- ii. ALONZO BAKER, b. abt. 1829 and died 14 months later in 1830.

#### Children of Amaziah Eugene Baker and Finetta M. Palmer:

- iii. ELIZABETH ANTOINETTE BAKER, b. 25 Aug 1833 in Connecticut or New York, 199 d. 16 Dec 1901 at San Augustine, bur. San Augustine City Cemetery, 120 m. 16 Jan 1878 WILLIAM PHILLIPS. 121 No known children.
- iv. Charles Eugene Baker, ancestor of the Texas Baker clan today, b. 1 Aug 1840 in San Augustine, [122] d. 19 Jan 1917 in Chireno, bur. San Augustine City Cemetery, m. (1) 7 May 1865 KATE K. HOGAN and div. in 1874, m. (2) 4 Nov 1875 at San Augustine, Mary Comal Whitton, b. 7 Dec 1847 in Cowetta Co., Georgia, [123] d. 12 Oct 1927 in Chireno, bur. San Augustine City Cemetery. [124] He served two enlistments in the Confederate cause during the Civil War: first, from 13 Jun 1861 to 23 Aug 1861 when he was discharged with a disability having broken both forearms in an accident; and second, from 26 Jan 1863 until the end of the War on 9 Apr 1865. He received a Confederate Pension for his service. [125] Charles E. Baker and Kate Hogan had one child, Charles Frank Baker, b. 29 Jul 1866, d. 1928 in Rio Vista, TX, m. Willie B. (Elizabeth) Powell 29

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>117</sup> San Augustine Tribune (article by Harry Noble Jr.), 28 Dec 1995, 8.

All information in this paragraph is from the Joseph T. Baker biographical sketch in Duke Ancestors and Descendants (note 2), n.p. Joseph's middle name is thought to have been Treadwell, but only an initial appears in the available documents.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> As already noted the 1850 and 1860 censuses both gave her birthplace as Connecticut and the 1870, 1880 and 1900 censuses all say New York. No evidence has been found to resolve this discrepancy.

<sup>120</sup> Dates of birth and death are from gravestone, San Augustine County Cemeteries (note 109), 155.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> Texas Marriages, 1851-1900, part of the Texas Marriage Collection, 1814-1909 and 1966-2002, online at www.Ancestry.com.

<sup>122</sup> C. E. Baker family Bible, presently in possession of William Baker Slack of Teague, Texas, transcription by Lois Lacy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>123</sup> C. E. Baker family Bible (note 122).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>124</sup> Dates from gravestone, San Augustine County Cemeteries (note 109), 115.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>125</sup> Pension application numbers #31916 (soldier) and \$33780 (wife/widow), Confederate Pensions Index, Texas State Library, Archives and Manuscripts Department, online index used at www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/pensions.

Jul 1894. [126] Charles E. Baker and Mary Comal Whitton had 5 children: [127]

- 1. Lydia Finetta Baker (1878-1967) who m. James William Duke,
- 2. Amaziah Eugene Baker II (1879-1969) who m. Emma Eugenia Covington,
- 3. Matilda Elizabeth Baker (1882-1964) Otherwise known as "Aunt Lizzie," who m. William Marion Slack,
- 4. Mary Ninah Baker (1884-1959) who m. Noel Pascal Holt,
- 5. Charlcie Baker (1885-1982) who m. Isaac Randal Cox, and
- 6. *Nancy Itassie Baker* (1889-1890).
- 6. Joseph Ferris<sup>7</sup> Palmer was born about 1812 and died \_\_ September 1868 at Carthage, Panola Co., Texas. [128] He married 26 Nov 1844 at San Augustine, Texas Caroline Davis, [129] born about 1822 and died of complications of childbirth about 1846. [130] They had only the one child:
  - i. JOSEPH SAMUEL<sup>8</sup> PALMER who died young at age 2 years, ca. 1848.<sup>[131]</sup>
- 7. ROSWELL GRANDISON<sup>7</sup> PALMER was born say about 1815<sup>[132]</sup> and died at the Almshouse in Springfield, Massachusetts, on 20 July 1888, age "79" years.<sup>[133]</sup> He was known as Grandison by at least one sibling because in a letter dated 2 August 1839 his sister Mary, referring to the distribution of her mother's property, said that "I have bought Sally's & Grandison's [portions]."<sup>[134]</sup>

His wife's name was JANE \_\_\_\_ (perhaps FOWLER), born say about 1822-1824. [135] Her origin is still unknown but she was listed in 1850 as having been born in "L.I." and in 1860 as born in "N.Y." and therefore probably born somewhere on Long Island, New York.

<sup>126</sup> All from Charles Eugene Baker biographical sketch, Duke Ancestors and Descendants (note 2), n.p.

<sup>127</sup> Condensed from Duke Ancestors and Descendants (note 2), n.p.

<sup>128</sup> From "Martin Palmer" [sic] family group sheet, Duke Ancestors and Descendants (note 2), n.p.

<sup>129</sup> Texas County Court Records, FHL film #1003680, part of Texas Marriage Collection (note 120).

<sup>130</sup> Samuel S. Davis and Nancy Hughes family tree at www.ancestry.com. An old transcription of a monument in the Davis-Sexton Cemetery in San Augustine County, no longer standing, gave her date of death as 31 July 1842 and her age at 25 years and 2 months (San Augustine County Cemeteries [note 108]), 1: 256-7). Certainly she did not die in 1842 if her son was born after that time, and this transcription is probably incorrect.

<sup>131</sup> Duke Ancestors and Descendants (note 2), n.p.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> His age is given quite differently on various records, and his birth date has therefore been difficult to estimate. The probably least reliable date of 79 years was given on his death record, suggesting a birth year of 1809. He could not have been born before 1810 however, because there is no room for an additional male child in household in that year's census. His age was given as 30 in the 1850 census, suggesting a birth year of 1820, and as 47 in the 1860 census suggesting a birth year of 1813. In 1870 he was listed as age 55 and in 1880 as 66. We think he might have been the youngest son and have picked 1815 as our best birth date estimate.

<sup>133</sup> Springfield, Massachusetts Vital Records, NEHGS online database at www.newenglandancestors.org, citing original 31: 439

<sup>134</sup> Letter from Mary Palmer to Dear Brother (Joseph F. Palmer) dated 2 Aug 1839.

<sup>135</sup> Census ages are inconsistent for her, too, but they give a range of from 1822-1827, and the age of her first child suggests that she was probably born at least by 1824.

In a family letter of 1841 his brother James P. Palmer reported that, "Brother R. G. Palmer is in New York he has opened a carriage shop there and is doing good bi [by] himself there." [136]

By the time of the 1850 census R. G. Palmer, carriage maker, and his family were resident in South Hadley, Hampshire County, Massachusetts.<sup>[137]</sup> By 1860 they were enumerated in the town of Monson, Massachusetts and using the Palmer Post Office.<sup>[138]</sup> Roswell was still a carriage maker and his sons Charles and George were listed as a farm laborer and a worker in a printing office respectively. Palmer, northeast of Springfield, was a boomtown during this period. (The name of the town has no connection with our Palmer family of interest.) It had become the crossroads for three major railroads and the junction area was known as Palmer Depot.

Roswell Palmer, age 55, now a carpenter, and his wife Jane, age 43, were living in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1870. One Mary Fowler, age 73, was also living in the household, and she was very likely Jane's mother since one of the children also carried the Fowler middle name. Although his brother James, who died in Connecticut in 1877, left "everything" to his brother Roswell of Palmer's Corners, Massachusetts, the estate was insufficient to be of any benefit to Roswell. By 1880 Roswell was a pauper living in the Springfield Almshouse with his age given as 66 years. He died there in the Almshouse in 1888.

Children of Roswell and Jane (\_\_\_\_) Palmer, reconstructed from a family letter<sup>[140]</sup> and census records, all born in Massachusetts:<sup>[141]</sup>

- i. CHARLES GRANDISON<sup>8</sup> PALMER, b. abt. 1843 (age 12 in 1855 letter, age 8 in 1850 census).
- ii. GEORGE ALBERT PALMER, b. abt. 1844 (age 10 in 1855 letter, age 6 in 1850 census).
- iii. EDWARD FOWLER PALMER, b. abt. 1850 (age 5 in 1855 letter, age 10 in 1860 census).

<sup>136</sup> Letter from James P. Palmer in Stamford to dear sister (Finetta Baker) in Texas dated 26 March 1841.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>137</sup> 1850 census of South Hadley, Hampshire Count, Massachusetts, NARA microfilm M432: 321, sh. 324, Ancestry Library Edition used online.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>138</sup> 1860 census of Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, NARA microfilm M653: 504, sh. 936, Ancestry Library Edition used online.

<sup>139 1870</sup> census of Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, NARA microfilm M593: 618, sh 9b, HeritageQuest image used online.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> Letter from R. G. Palmer to Dear Nephew in Texas (probably Charles E. Baker) dated 9 Sep 1855 from Palmer's Depot [Mass.]. Young Charles Baker (age 15 at the time) must have written to his uncle in Massachusetts, and this letter was the reply. The letter gave the full names and present ages of all three children.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>141</sup> 1850 census of South Hadley, Hampden County, Massachusetts, NARA microfilm M432: 231, sh. 324, HeritageOuest image used online.

## The Old Burial Ground at Westport from the 1886 Notebook of Rev. James Edward Coley

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In 1886 the Rev. James Edward Coley compiled a notebook on what he called the "Old Grave Yard, corner of King & River Streets." Not only did he transcribe the inscriptions from what is now known as the Old Burial Ground or Kings Highway Cemetery, but he also sketched many of the headstones and made biographical entries on many of the families.

James Edward Coley was born in Westport on 11 Oct 1832. He was ordained deacon on 26 May 1858 in Middletown and ordained priest in the Episcopal Church on 10 May 1859 in New London. He served as rector at St. James, Westville (New Haven); St. Peter's, Monroe; Grace Church, Hamden; and as priest-in-charge at St. Matthew's, Wilton. He died 31 Mar 1915 and is buried in Willow Brook Cemetery, Westport.

James Coley's grandson, Horace W. Staples, wrote this account of the Westport relationship:

My grandfather was rector of St. Peter's Church, Monroe, CT from 1862 to 1877, leaving Monroe to open a private school in Westport. This was a day school but I believe he had a few boarders. His reason for opening the school was that his Uncle Platt (who had raised him after his mother had died when he was 2 years old) had a slight stroke. He built a wing on the old house for a schoolroom. In his diary, he made the following entry: "Sept. 10, 1877; Commenced school with 21 scholars." During the years he was teaching, he was 'supplying' at St. Matthew's Church, Wilton a few miles north of Westport as priest-in-charge. He also filled in when other clergy were absent or unable to officiate. He continued his school until about 1890, when his wife (my grandmother) became ill and died the following year. My grandfather was never rector of Christ Church, Westport, but often supplied for other clergymen and also when friends asked him to officiate.

No comparison has been made with the in the Hale Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions compiled in 1934, but there are doubtless a few differences. Besides the "biographical sketches" provided by Rev. Coley, his notebook includes lists of interments in seven large family tombs, entirely omitted from the Hale Collection. Peter Jennings of Westport makes the following comments on just one of these tombs:<sup>2</sup>

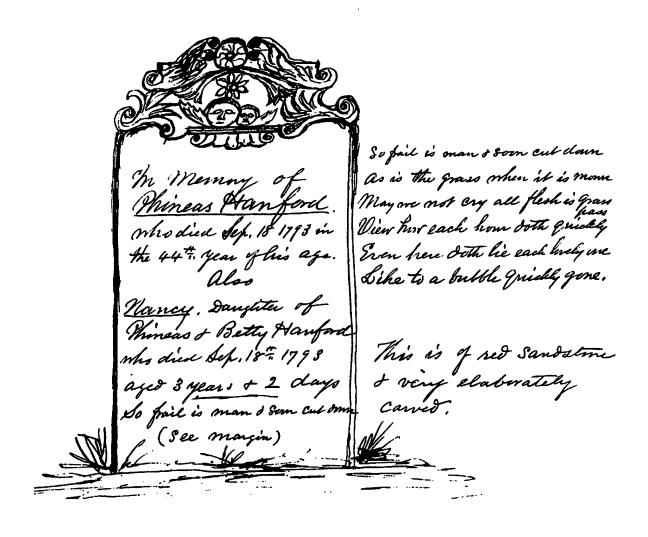
The mystery I spent most time on was that of Tomb No. 5, the Col. Marvin tomb. This has a rather small opening, and while still visible must be long and/or deep inside. Fifty-three people are recorded in this tomb. I was able to confirm that four are listed as interred in as many other cemeteries in Westport, and of these, three died during the winter so were likely stored temporarily in the tomb. Hale does not mention the remaining 49 buried at this site,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The notebook is in the possession of his great, great grandson Taylor Huntington Conard who has provided a copy of the original. The Westport Historical Society also has a photocopy, a transcription, and an index for this notebook. In addition to the transcription and photocopies of the original record, Mr. Conard has provided the summary of the career of Rev. Coley and the account from Horace W. Staples which follow here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Peter Jennings is the author of Buried in our Past: a Historical Presentation of Westport's Burial Grounds (Westport Historical Society, 2005).

or any other in Westport. While this might be expected as Hale only counted headstones, their omission only serves to confirm that they still rest in this tomb. Could it be that Tomb No. 5 is large enough to accommodate 49 coffins? wow! I'm not in favor of disturbing the dead, but it would be fascinating to open the tomb to confirm.

In addition to the inscriptions, family group data, and a list of burials without headstones, the Rev. Coley's notebook has a number of sketches of individual tombstones including this one for Phineas Hanford and his young daughter Nancy:



#### The transcription of Rev. Coley's notebook begins as follows:

Inscriptions on the Head Stones in the Old Grave Yard, corner of King and River Streets, Westport, CT; with a biographical sketch of each person known, also the names of the interred in the several tombs. By Rev. James Edward Coley, 1886.

Beginning in the back part of the graveyard, the extreme west end, there is a row of graves, the oldest in the yard. Beginning at the northwest corner.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES of some of the persons buried in the old grave yard on King Street, numbered according to the headstones marked on the pages above.<sup>3</sup>

- 1. Red sandstone with the inscription: "Here lies ye Body of Mrs. Sarah ye Wife of Mr. Lieut. Noah Taylor Who died May ye 9th, 1744. Aged 39 years."
- 2. Old blue slate with the inscription: "In Memory of Elizabeth the Wife of Lieut. Noah Taylor, who died August ye 29th A.D. 1766 in the 56th year of her age."
- 3. Old slate with the inscription: "Here lieth the Body of Lieut. Noah Taylor. He died Feb. ye 15th 1768 in the 69th Year of his Age. And his daughter Sarah died June 25th 1744 in the 13th year of her age."
  - Noah Taylor had two wives, Sarah & Elizabeth. By Elizabeth he had a daughter, Leah, born Aug. 26, 1749 who married Carter Hickox. Noah Taylor was the son of Lieut. John Taylor (5); and brother to Captain John Taylor (7).
- 4. Old blue slate with the inscription: "In Memory of Noah, son of Lieut. Noah Taylor & Sarah his wife who died August 25th 1749 in ye 21st year of his age."
- 5. Red sandstone, double with beveled edges, with inscriptions: "Here Lyeth ye Body of Mr. Lieut. John Taylor who died November ye 18th 1744, Aged 77 years."
- And, "Here Lyeth the Body of Mrs. Wait ye wife of Lieut. John Taylor who died January 29th 1721/2, aged 51 years."
- 6. Much defaced grave with the inscription: "In Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, wife to Mr. Asher Taylor, who died May 30th 1765, aged 22 years."
- 7. Red sandstone, double with beveled edges, with inscriptions: "In Memory of Capt. John Taylor, who died 3rd May A.D. 1774, aged near 79 Years."
- And, "In Memory of Mrs. Hannah Taylor wife of Capt. John Taylor who died May 2nd 1774 aged 75 years."

Across bottom of both inscriptions:
At once in Marriage we were joyned,
At once our vital breath resigned
At once in Death we were confined.

- 8. Common stone, very much warn, and leaning against the west stone wall. The underscored dates given are doubtful and the place of the grave unknown. Inscribed: "Eli Taylor's wife Eunice died September 10 A.D. <u>1757</u> aged <u>21</u> years (or 27). Eli & Eunice Taylor's son died August <u>1779</u> aged 27 years."
- 9. Common stone inscribed: "Here lies the body of Mrs. Mary Taylor, wife to Mr. Asher Taylor, who died September 18th A.D. 1780 in the 35th year of her age."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> These "biographical sketches" are found after the headstone transcriptions in Rev. Coley's notebook. Here, in *italics*, they are interlined with the stones to which they relate. Other notes in parentheses, often with his initials, J.E.C., are in the original order.

Asher Taylor was the son of Captain John Taylor; and after his wife's death, I think he removed to New Hampshire near his brother Nathaniel. (J.E.C.)

In the second row, by themselves, are two white marble and one slate stones.

10. White marble stone inscribed: "In Memory of Molly wife of Barnabus Marvin who died April 3rd 1771 in the 29th year of her age."

Molly was the first wife of Barnabus Marvin. She was the daughter of Nathan Adams & Mary Burr.

11. White marble stone inscribed: "In Memory of Mary wife of Nathan Adams who died March 15, 1806. Aged 84."

Mary Burr was the wife of Nathan Adams.

12. Old slate inscribed: "In Memory of Mr. Nathan Adams who died August 17, 1782, Aged 61 years 7 mos. & 8 days."

Look on me as you pass by As you are now so once was I, As I am now so you will be, Prepare for Death & follow me.

Nathan Adams was the son of Nathan Adams, Jr. and Rebecca Clapham.

- 13. Old slate, small and crumbling, inscribed: "Here lies ye Body of Asahel Raymond, son to Asahel Raymond, who died February 18 1757, aged 5 months."
- 14. Deep, coarse sandstone inscribed: "Here lies ye Body of Mary ye wife of Asahel Raymond who died August ye 8 1750 in ye 41st year of her age."
  - In "Hall's Norwalk," the marriage of an older person by the name of Asahel Raymond is married to Mary Veal, April 22, 1784, and he was probably an ancestor of these.
- 15. Large, coarse common stone, some distance from the Taylor family graves, inscribed: "In Memory of Mr. Josiah Taylor who died February 11th 1781, aged 79 years."

Mr. Josiah Taylor was the son of Lieut. John Taylor and was born Oct. 17, 1701.

16. Stone inscribed: "Wife of Mr. Josiah Taylor, died October 11, 1783."

All the tablets which are not otherwise marked are made of common, white marble. I have taken them in lines across the yard from north to south as much as possible considering the irregularity of the lines. Numberless graves have no headstone.

- 17. "In Memory of Peter Partrick who died June 15th 1839, aged 61 years."
- 18. "In Memory of George Seeley who died October 12th 1840, aged 37 years 11 mos., 15 days." George Seeley was the husband of Marietta, daughter of Uriah Taylor.
- 19. "Caroline, wife of Jacob Fisher, died November 19 1852, aged 25 years, 8 mos., 15 days."
- "In Memory of Sarah, wife of Michael V. Russell who died January 3, 1846, aged 71 yrs., 9
  mos."

#### Reader, beneath this mound his sacred dust, Which only waits the rising of the just.

- 21. "In Memory of Michael V. Russell who died June 6, 1863 aged 86 yrs., 8 mos., 12 days."

  "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors & their works do follow them."
- 22. "In Memory of Georgiannah, daughter of John B. and Catherine Fish, who died July 1, 1841, aged 1 yr., 29 days."

As the sweet rosebud of the morn That blooms but to decay, So lovely babe you blessed awhile Then gently passed away.

23. "William son of James & Susan Welsh was drowned January 21, 1845 aged 10 yrs., 4 mos., 2 days."

When blooming youth is snatched away
By deaths resistless hand,
Our hearts the mornful tribute pray,
Which sorrow must demand.

- 24. "In memory of Joseph, son of William & Mary Davis who died May 3rd 1838, aged 19 years."
- 25. "In memory of David J. son of William Davis and Eliza Davis, who died June 26th 1838, aged 1 yr., 1 mo., 17 days."
- 26. "In memory of Daniel Taylor, who died April 14th 1839, aged 57 y., 8 m., 28 d."

  Daniel Taylor was the tenth child of Levi Taylor & Patty Seymour, and the grandson of Josiah Taylor. Daniel was born July 17, 1781.
- 27. "In memory of William McKimmie who died July 1, 1841, aged 70 y. Also James, son of Jas. & Elizabeth McKimmie, died July 4, 1839, aged 26 y."
- 28. "Lot B. son of John & Jane Allen died September 25, 1849 aged 1 y. 1 m. 17 d."
  "Suffer little children to come unto Me & forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."
- 29. "Charles F. & Angeline, Infant children of Sylvester & Angeline Stevens" (no age given, no date)
- 30. "In Memory of Uriah Gray who died March 9, 1832 in the 38 year of his age."
- 31. "In memory of Capt. John B. Bennett who died Sept. 3, 1852 aged 52y. 12 d."

  (He was the son of Capt. Isaac Bennett J.E.C.)

Captain John B. Bennett was the son of Capt. Isaac & Lydia Bennett and the grandson of Deliverance & Mary Bennett. He was the father of Mrs. Cynthia Bennett Wilson, and also

Mrs. Mary Ferris (both deceased), and also the father of Sarah, 2nd wife of John Gault. Sally Bennett was the daughter of Peter Partrick.

32. "In memory of Sally wife of John B. Bennett, who died Feb. 26, 1836 aged 27 y. 6 m."

Sleep on dear friend and take thy rest God called thee home, He thought it best.

- 33. "Edward son of John B. & Sally Bennett died Sep. 18th 1836 aged 7 m. 15 days."
- 34. "In memory of Melison relict of Peter Adams, who died May 11th 1831 aged 68 years"

Wrapt in the shades of death No more thy friendly face I see, Empty, Ah empty every place Once filled so well by thee.

(Melison Adams was the sister of Taylor Hurlbutt. Her husband Peter Adams was buried in another part of the yard. He died first and the place left for his wife was filled by a stranger who died before her, as the custom was to bury in rows. She was also the sister of John Hurlbutt - J.E.C.)

Melison, relict of Peter Adams, was the daughter of Gideon Hurlbutt, Jr. and the sister of James, John, Gideon 3rd, and Taylor Hurlbut. She lived in the old house north of John W. Hulrbutt's and died there.

- 35. "In memory of Ann wife of John Hurlbutt, who died Sep. 23rd 1835 aged 69y. 6m. 14d."

  Ann wife of John Hurlbutt was the daughter of Nathan Adams and Mary Burr.
- 36. "In memory of John Hurlbutt, who died Feb. 5, 1848 in the 80th year of his age."

  (John Hurlbutt was brother of Taylor Hurlbutt J.E.C.)

John Hurlbutt was the son of Gideon Hurlbutt, Jr. and Hannah Taylor daughter of Capt. John. He was the father of William Hurlbutt, Mrs. Sally Brower, Mrs. Harriet Lloyd of Sharon, and Mrs. Rebecca Taylor of Westport.

- 37. "In memory of Lewis, son of Lewis and Susan Grumman who died Nov. 30, 183- age 35 y. 8 m."
- 38. "In memory of Catherine, wife of Hiram Hoyt who died Dec. 5th 1839 aged 27 y. 8 m. 18 d."

  Catherine, wife of Hiram Hoyt, was the daughter of Daniel Warren.
- 39. "In Memory of Abigail, wife of Seth Taylor, Esq. who died July 26th 1829 in her 51st year."

  Abigail, wife of Seth Taylor, was the sister of Daniel Warren.
- 40. In memory of Seth Taylor, Esq. who departed this life May 21, 1837 in the 67th year of his age."

Seth Taylor was the son of Seth and Martha Gaylord of Wilton. His 3rd wife is now living. (Rebecca Hurlbutt) and will be 90 in July [1886].

- 41. In memory of Almira, wife of Seth Taylor, Esq., who died May 21st 1831 in hte 18th year of her age." (Could be 48th year J.E.C.)
  - Almira Taylor, wife of Seth Taylor, was the daughter of Levi Taylor, the youngest of 11 children.
- 42. White marble stone inscribed: "In memory of Almira, wife of Ephraim C. Warren, who died Oct. 2nd 1831 age 22 years."
- 43. Small white marble stone inscribed: "In memory of William Roswell, son of Seth and Abigail Taylor, who died Oct. 9th 1813 aged 14 m. 11 d."
- 44. "In memory of Rufus Gaylord Taylor, son of Seth & Abigail Taylor, who died Feb. 8th 1827 in the 21st year of his age. He was a member of the senior class, Yale College "
- 45. Old coarse marble stone engraved: "In memory of Mr. Seth Taylor who Departed this life August 8th A.D. 1785 in the 51st year of his age."

My living wife & children too Believe in Christ who Died For there's enough support in him For greatest Sinners vile

(This was Seth Taylor, Sr. & grandfather of John Warren Taylor - J.E.C.)

Mr. Seth Taylor was the son of Capt. John Taylor and Hannah Stuart daughter of Lieut. James Stuart of Norwalk.

46. White marble stone with the engraving: "In memory of Martha, Relict of Seth Taylor, who died April 8th 1818 in the 70th year of her age."

Martha, wife of Mr. Seth Taylor, was the daughter of the Rev. William Gaylord of Wilton, CT.

47. "In memory of James Taylor who died Nov. 29th 1821 aged 37 years."

James Taylor was the youngest child of Seth Taylor and Martha Gaylord - the youngest of 9 children born Jan. 28, 1784.

48. Small white marble stone engraved: "In memory of Sally Taylor who died March 16th 1845 aged 63 years."

Sally Taylor, daughter of Seth & Martha, born Sept. 1, 1788.

49. White marble stone engraved: "In memory of Ebenezer M. son of Samuel & Sarah Disbrow who died Feb. 2nd 1843 aged 26 y."

Ebenezer Disbrow was the uncle of Mr. A. S. Hurlbutt of Westport.

50. White marble stone engraved: "In memory of Samuel Disbrow, died Feb. 9th 1851 aged 72 y. 6 mos."

Samuel Disbrow & his wife Sarah were the grandparents of Mr. A.S. Hurlbutt.

- 51. White marble stone engraved: "Sarah, wife of Sam'l Disbrow, died Jan'y 28th 1863, aged 79 y. 11 m. 4 d."
- 52. Small stone engraved: "Matilda, daughter of James & Mary H. Gilbert, died July 30, 1835 aged 4 m. 12 d. Suffer little children to come unto me."
- 53. Small White Stone engraved: "George, son of James & Mary H. Gilbert, was drowned May 16<sup>th</sup> 1836, aged 4 y. 3 m. 22 d."

"Be still and know that I am God."

- 54. White marble stone engraved: "Eliza Hanford died Oct. 11th 1870 aged 74 years."

  Eliza, Phebe (55.), and Sally (56.) Hanford were daughters of Stephen and Phebe Hanford. Sally was the oldest.
- 55. White marble stone engraved: "Phebe Hanford died Mar. 17th 1868 aged 79 years."
- 56. White marble stone engraved: "Sally Hanford died Mar. 25th 1866 aged 82 years."
- 57. Old red sandstone with the engraving: "In memory of Comstock Hanford, son of Phineas and Betty Hanford, who died Sep. 22nd 1793 in the 15th year of his age."
- 58. "In memory of Elizabeth wife of Thomas Keiler, who died Jan'y 30, 1840 in the 85 year of her age."
- 59. An elaborately carved red sandstone marker engraved: "In memory of Phineas Hanford who died Sep. 18, 1793 in the 44th year of his age. Also Nancy, daughter of Phineas & Betty Hanford, who died Sep. 18th 1793 aged 3 years & 2 days."

So frail is man & soon cut down
As is the grass when it is morn
May we not cry all flesh is grass
View how each hour doth quickly pass
Even here doth lie each lively one
Like to a bubble quickly gone.

Phineas Hanford, son of Capt. Phineas and Hannah Hanford, married Betty Adams in Sept. 1775. Their children were Nathan, Jabez, Betsy, Esther & Nancy.

- 60. White marble stone inscribed: "In memory of Mary Sherwood who died July 3rd 1816 in the 100th year of her age."
- 61. Very thick white marble stone with carved head and wings raised high above surface of the stone. It is engraved: "Here are Deposited the Remains of Capt. Phineas Hanford who died August 17, 1787 in the 74 year of his age."

Behold and see all that pass by As you are now so once was I As I am now so you will be Prepare for death & follow me.

Capt. Phineas Hanford, one of the committee to concur with the doings of the Continental Congress, held in Norwalk Dec. 5th 1774.

- 62. "In memory of Hannah, wife of Capt. Phineas Hanford, who departed this life Oct. 29, 1801 in the 87 year of her age."
- 63. Small, thick, white stone engraved: "Nathan, son of Capt. Phineas & Mrs. Hannah Hanford, died Aug. 9th 1797 aged 21 y."
- 64. "In Memory of Stephen Hanford who died Nov. 20th 1838 in the 91 year of his age." Stephen Hanford was the son of Capt. Phineas and brother of Phineas & Nathan.
- 65. "In memory of Phebe, wife of Stephen Hanford, who died April 29th 1824 aged 70 years." *Phebe, his wife, was Phebe Fitch.*
- 66. "In memory of Hannah wife of Abijah Hanford who died Dec. 24, 1805 aged 39 y." Hannah, wife of Abijah Hanford, was Hannah Warren.
- 67. This stone lies flat on the ground half covered with moss: "In memory of Abijah Hanford who died Feb. 7, 1823 in his 49th year."

  Abijah Hanford was the son of Stephen Hanford.
- 68. "In memory of Elizabeth Mary daughter of Abijah & Hannah Hanford who died Feb. 1, 1815 aged 8 months."
- 69. "In memory of Stephen, son of Abijah & Hannah Hanford, who died March 11, 1809 aged 9 y. 5 m. 15 d."
- 70. "Silas, son of William & Julia Ann Hanford, died June 6, 1838 aged 9 years 7 m. 21 d."

O'er paths alone by angels trod Thy spirit roams, Thy home the paradise of God

71. "Stephen, son of William & Julia Ann Hanford, died May 16, 1838 aged 7 y. 6 m. 18 d."

O'er paths alone by angels trod Thy spirit roams, Thy home the paradise of God

72. "In Memory of William Hanford who died Mar. 15, 1851 aged 48 years."

Wrapt in the shades of death No more thy friendly face I see Empty, Ah empty every place Once filled so well by thee

(William Hanford was the son of Abijah & Hannah Hanford - J.E.C.)

William Hanford was the son of Abijah and Hannah Warren.

- 73. "Julia Ann Hanford, wife of William Hanford" buried by his side. (She died July 18, 1886 in Champagne, IL, and was buried July 21, 1886. I committed the body to the ground. No stone at date of writing. J.E.C.)
- 74. Red sandstone marker inscribed: "In Memory of William Peck, Born Aug. 24, 1741 Died Dec. 23rd 1800"

#### The sweet remembrance of the just, Shall flourish when they sleep in the dust.

- 75. "Hannah, wife of Aaron Adams, died Oct. 28th 1869, aged 88 years."

  Hannah Adams was the second wife of Aaron Adams. Her maiden name was Morehouse.
- 76. "In Memeory of Betsey, daughter of Aaron & Rhoda Adams, who departed this life June 28, 1821 in the 25 year of her age."
- 77. "In Memory of Aaron Adams, who died Feb. 21, 1836, age 77 years."

  Aaron Adams was the son of Nathan & Mary Adams. He first married Rhoda Hanford by whom he had 7 children; and 2nd married Hannah Morehouse by whom he had 5.
- 78. White stone engraved: "In Memory of Rhoda A., wife of Aaron Adams, who died Feb. 22, 1802 in the 39th year of her age."
- 79. White marble stone engraved: In Memory of Lucinda, wife of Sam'l Jackson, who died Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1815 age 26 years."
- 80. "In Memory of Sarah wife of Obadiah Wright who died April 29th 1813, AE. 66" (Her maiden name was Sarah Adams, dau. of Nathan Adams. J.E.C.)
- 81. "In Memory of Obadiah Wright who died Nov. 27th 1815 A.E. 76"
- 82. Red sandstone engraved: "In Memory of Dennis Wright who died Aug. 9, 1798 in the 88 year of his age."
- 83. Red sandstone inscribed: "In Memory of Susannah, wife of Dennis Wright, who died June 4th 1806 A.E. 87."
- 84. Red sandstone inscribed: "In Memory of Dennis Wright, 2nd who died Jan. 22nd 1810, A.E. 51"
- 85. Marble stone engraved: "In Memory of Mary Wright who died June 18th 1852, A.E. 49 y. 3 m. 22 d."

(She was the dau. of Obadiah & Sarah Wright. - J.E.C.)

86." "In Memory of Obadiah Wright Jr who died April 18th 1850 aged 81 years 7 days."

(He was the son of Obadiah & Sarah Wright. - J.E.C.)

- 87. "In Memory of Obadiah, son of Obadiah & Betsy Wright, who died Nov. 5th 1828 aged 29 years 9 months."
- 88. "In Memory of Betsey Wright, wife of Obadiah Wright, who died Dec. 20th 1822 aged 57 y. 5 m."
  - Betsey Wright Sarah, wife of Obadiah Wright 2nd 1st, was Betsey Sarah Adams, dau. of Nathan Adams. [Reference to Sarah, rather than Betsey inserted in a later hand]
- 89. Marble headstone engraved: "In Memory of Gamaliel Taylor who died Oct. 16th 1815, A.E. 79. Lieut. in Revolution.

- In Memory of Abigail, wife of Gamaliel Taylor, who died Feb. 14, 1803 aged 65 y." Gamaliel Taylor was the son of Nathan Adams & Mary Burr.
- 90. In Memory of Michael Dean who died May 11th 1840 aged 77 years."
- 91. "Jeremiah, son of Zalmon & Sally Adams, died April 10th 1841 aged 16 y. 11 m. 15 d."
- 92. "In Memory of Sally, wife of Zalmon Adams, who died Dec 26th 1829, A.E. 26."
- 93. "In Memory of Daniel Adams who died March 23rd 1813 in the 53rd year of his age"

  Daniel Adams was the son of Nathan Adams and Mary Burr.
- 94. Marble stone inscribed: "Mr. Peter Adams died Oct. 5th 1806. A.E. 64" (This stone has fallen J.E.C.)
  - Mr. Peter Adams was the son of Nathan Adams & Mary Burr.
- 95. "In Memory of Mary Bryant who died May 18th 1827 aged 60- "
- 96. "In Memory of Mabel, wife of Barnabas Marvin, who died June 7th 1833 aged 76 y"

  Mabel was the second wife of Barnabas Marvin. Her name was Mabel Little. She was married to Barnabas in Jan. 16, 1773 and had three children: Sally, Betsey & Samuel.
- 97. "In Memory of Barnabas Marvin who died June 19th 1810 in the 72nd year of his age." (See #10. for his first wife Molly. J.E.C.)
  - Barnabas Marvin was the son of Matthew Marvin & Elizabeth Clarke. He first married Molly Adams [born] (March 21, 1734) & had by her 4 children; Barnabas, Molly, Nathan & Rebecca. His second wife was Mabel (see note 96 above.) He was born Dec. 25, 1739. His son, Barnabas, was born Dec. 4, 1764; married Hannah Richards on April 27, 1797; and died Sept. 7, 1848, aged 84.
- 98. "In Memory of Edmund, son of Thomas H. Taylor, who died May 30th 1816 in his 13th year."
- 99. "In Memory of Henry, son of Thomas H. Taylor, who died June 27th 1820 in the 21st year of his age."
- 100. "Thomas B. Bennett died Feb. 17, 1862. A.E. 73 y. 7 m."
- 101. "Polly Bennett, wife of Thomas B. Bennett, died Feb 11th 1879. A.E. 84 y. 10 m."
- 102. "Peggy Melling died June 22, 1849. A.E. 85"
- 103. "In Memory of Zalmon Adams who died Oct. 10th 1845. A.E. 47 y. 2 m. 5 d."

Wrapt in the shades of death, No more thy friendly face I see Empty, Ah Empty every place, Once filled so well by thee.

Zalmon Adams was the son of Aaron and Rhoda Adams.

104. "In Memory of Ann, wife of James Hurlbutt, who died March 25, 1819 in the 59th y. of her age."

Ann, wife of James Hurlbutt, was the dau. of Thatcher Hayes of Lewisboro, NY. She was his 2nd wife. James Hurlbutt was buried in Albany, NY. He was the son of Gideon & Hannah. She was the great grandmother of Mr. A.S. Hurlbutt.

105. "Isaac Hurlbutt died March 25th 1831. A.E. 49 y. 2 m. 7 d. and his wife Freelove Hurlbutt died July 26th 1871. A.E. 89 y. 4 m. 15 d."

(Isaac was the son of James Hurlbutt, & Freelove was the dau. of Daniel Nash, Sr. & sister of Daniel, Dennis and George Nash. - J.E.C.)

Isaac Hurlbutt was the son of James & Ann Hurlbutt.

Freelove, wife of Isaac, was the daughter of Daniel Nash, Sr. & Freelove Wright.

- 106. "In Memory of Eliza Bradley, wife of Jesse Bradley, who died Nov. 3rd 1845 A.E. 40 y. 7 m. 5 d."
- 107. "In Memory of Nelson Adams who died Nov. 30th 1830. A.E. 25 y." Nelson Adams was the son of Aaron & Hannah Adams.
- 108. "In Memory of Nelson, son of Nelson & Eliza Adam, who died March 30, 1835 aged 4 y. 2 m."
- 109. "Jennette died Jan. 28, 1843 aged 3 y. 26 d. Esther died May 4, 1844 aged 2 y. 9 m. 3 d. daughters of Coley and Malvina Bartram."
- 110. "Henry B., son of Isaac & Sally Adams, died June 4th 1831 aged 14 y. 7 d."
- 111. "Eleanor Donaldson died Aug. 26, 1850 aged 19 y. 1 m. 6 d."

Weeping with a parent's love Mother, Father look above, In the Holy angel's hand See your child in glory stand.

- 112. "In memory of Eleanor Morehouse who died July 5th 1849. A.E. 80 years."
- 113. "In memory of Solomon Morehouse who died Oct. 12th 1842 aged 81 years."
- 114. "Henry Wheeler, son of Frederick and Elizabeth Morehouse, died Sept. 5th 1842 aged 1 year 1 day."
- 115. "George, son of Russell & Amanda Bavens([?] J.E.C.) died Jan. 17th 1833 aged 2 y. 5 m. 7 d."
- 116. "In memory of Samuel L., son of John & Anna L. Carver, who died June 2nd 1830 A.E. 4 y. 3 m."

My dear and only child has gone to rest
I hope he lives with Jesus Christ.
Sleep on dear child & take thy rest,
God called thee home, He thought it best.

- 117. "Thomas F. Rockwell died Nov. 22, 1858 A.E. 39 y. 1 m. 9 d."
- 118. "In memory of Charlotte, wife of Thomas F. Rockwell, who died June 28, 1847 aged 23 y. 10 m. 4 d."

(Charlotte Rockwell was the daughter of John Baker. - J.E.C.)

Charlotte Rockwell was the daughter of John Baker.

- 119. "In memory of Polly, wife of John Baker, who died Jan. 31, 1841 A.E. 45 y. 1 m. 13 d."
- 120. "In memory of Mary F., daughter of John & Polly Baker, who died June 15th 1834 A.E. 1 year 9 mos."
- 121. "In memory of Samuel, son of John & Polly Baker, who died Feb, 16th 1830 aged 1 year 5 mos. 16 days."
- 122. "Julia Wallace, eldest daughter of Rev. F. and Caroline Hitchcock, who died Feb. 10th 1841 aged 3 years 4 mos."

Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade
Death kindly came with friendly care,
The poening bud to heaven conveyed,
And bade it bloom forever there.

(Mr. Hitchcock was the minister of the Universalist Society which was formerly in Westport. - J.E.C.)

- 123. "George A., son of C and H. Wheeler, died Dec 3rd 1852 aged 11 months."
- 124. "In memory of Cornelius H., son of Cornelius and Henrietta Wheeler, who was born March 1, 1841 and died in New York, July 24, 1843 aged 2 y. 4 m. 24 d."

This lively end so young and fair Called hence by early doom
Just came to gain the love of all
Then sinks into the tomb.

(George A. & Cornelius H. Wheeler) Grandchildren of Isaac & Freelove Hurlbutt.

125. "Edwin Hurlbutt died Aug. 7th 1842 A.E. 36 y. 10 m. 5 d.

Alethea his wife, died May 19th 1875 A.E. 71 y. 2 m. 3 d."

They rest from their labors.

Edwin Hurlbutt & Charles J. Hurlbutt (126.) were sons of Isaac and Freelove Hurlbutt. Alethea Hurlbutt was the daughter of Capt. Joseph Bennett.

126. "Charles G. Hurlbutt Born Sep. 22, 1814. Died Oct. 22, 1868."

(Both the above [Edwin & Charles] sons of Isaac & Freelove Hurlbutt - J.E.C.)

127. "In memory of Samuel J., son of Philo and Julianna Smith, who died Nov. 12, 1838 A.E. 5 years 7 mos."

- 128. "In memory of George B., son of William & Abigail Elwood, who died July 13th, 1838 aged 10 y. 2 m. 4 d."
- 129. "Julia Ann, daughter of Abel & Abigail Brotherton, who died Sep. 7th 1833 aged 1 year 6 mos "

These are all the headstones now to be found in this graveyard at the date of this writing (Oct. 1886). There are numberless graves there without headstones, and some of the graves contain the remains of members of good families, who neglected, or had not the means, to procure headstones.

A grave not far from that of Ann, wife of James Hurlbutt, contains the remains of their daughter Mileson Hurlbutt who was born Jan, 3rd 1798 and died April 30th 1841.

Charlotte Hurlbutt was also buried there, a daughter of James & Ann Hurlbutt, born Feb. 13, 1791, diedMay 24th 1831.

Ann Hurlbutt (called Nancy), another daughter of James & Ann, was born Feb. 25th 1793 and died Janr'y 23rd 1837 and was buried in the tomb belonging to Taylor Hurlbutt (her uncle) and Daniel Platt.

James Hurlbutt, husband of Ann and father of the above and brother of Taylor Hurlbutt, was buried in Albany, NY, and no gravestone to his memory can be found.

On the south side of the old graveyard from which the preceding inscriptions have been taken there are seven tombs. Beginning at the southwest corner, they range in the following order:

- 1. The family tomb of Dennis Nash
- 2. David M. Marvin, A. B. Taylor & William Nash
- 3. That of George Nash
- 4. Taylor Hulrbutt & Daniel Platt
- 5. The Colonel Marvin Vault
- 6. The tomb of Ahijah Taylor
- 7. Edwin Wheeler
- 1. In the tomb of Dennis Nash were buried the following persons:

Dennis Nash & Sarah, his wife.

Charles Nash & Delia Hoadly, his wife.

Isaac Adams & his wife, Sally, daughter of Dennis Nash.

Richard S. Pennoyer, infant child of Frederick H. Nash.\*\*

Phoebe Knapp, aged 89, died Feb. 1842

Frederick H. Nash.

Rebecca (Nichols) wife of Frederick H. Nash.

\*\*Richard S. Pennoyer's remains were afterwards removed to Willow Brook Cemetery. Mrs. Pennoyer (nee Julia Adams) was also buried near him in June 1909. [Note added to later revision of this list]

2. In the tomb of Marvin, Taylor & Nash were buried:

Joseph Marvin & his wife, Clarissa Meeker.

David M. Marvin & his wife, Mary Taylor.

Harriet F. Nash, first wife of William H. Marvin.

David Burr, child of David M. Marvin.

Infant child of William H. Marvin.

Emily Perry, second wife of William H. Marvin.

Seth David Marvin, son of David & Marv.

William Henry Marvin, son of David & Mary.

John Taylor & his wife Esther Bennett.

Evelina Taylor & John Henry Taylor, sons of Alva Burr Taylor & Prudence Topping. Noah Nash & his wife. Keiler Nash, Clark Nash, Sally Nash, first wife of William Nash, & William Nash.

## 3. In the tomb of George Nash were buried:

George Nash & his wife.

Henry Nash & his wife,

Amelia, daughter of Henry Nash.

Child of George Nash, 2nd.

Deborah Partrick.

George H. Nash & his wife.

# 4. In the tomb of Taylor Hurlbutt & Daniel Platt, built 1831, are interred:

Taylor Hurlbutt & his wife, Betty Bennett.

Alethea, first wife of Samuel M. Coley & an infant daughter.

Charles Hurlbutt.

Platt Pearsall and his wife, Mary Hurlbutt.

Ann or Nancy, daughter of James Hurlbutt (See biographical notices).

Daniel Platt & his wife, Elizabeth.

Seth Sears & his wife, Polly Platt Townsend.

Charles Townsend & his daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

(This tomb I caused to be opened on May 5th 1887, and all of the coffins were boxed and put in good shape by my son Frank and Aaron Welsh, who was hired by Mrs. Dickenson. Charles Hurlbutt & I marked all the boxes with name and age, and they are now in condition to be removed, if necessary, to Willow Brook cemetery. Charles Elwood opened the vault. - J.E.C.)

#### 5. In the tomb called the Colonel Marvin tomb:

Ozias Marvin (Col.)

Sarah (Lockwood) wife of Ozias Marvin

Dr. Charles Marvin

Silas Marvin

Lucy S., wife of Silas Marvin

Samuel Burwell

Sarah Maria, wife of Sam'l Burwell

Maria Hanford, widow of Taylor Hanford

Samuel Lord, Senior

Susan M. Lord, wife of David Lord, buried May 8, 1876.

Samuel Lord, Junior

David Lord

Louisa (15), Mary (4), Samuel & Susan, children of David & Susan Lord

William Lord

Mary Lord

Joseph Sherwood Bennett

Laura Bennett, his wife

Frederick, son of above, aged 5 years

William Bennett

Elizabeth Bennett, his wife

Samuel B. Bennett

Betsy B. Bennett

Ozias M. Bennett

Dinah, colored servant to O. M. Bennett

Capt. David Judah, born 1755.

Charity, wife of David Judah

Rev. Henry Judah

Wife of Rev. Henry Judah

Mrs. Keyser, sister [of] Rev. Henry Judah

Lewis Raymond

1<sup>st</sup> wife of Lewis Raymond (Allen)

2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Lewis Raymond (Patty Judah - sister of Rev. Henry Judah)

Children, Robert Raymond & two others.

David Judah & Esther Taylor his wife

Horace Raymond

Francis L. Raymond

Colonel Henry Judah

Sam'l B. Judah

Chas. Judah

Esther Judah, dau.

David Judah, Jr., son

Sally Judah, dau.

Elizabeth Judah, dau.

John Keyser, Jr. and wife Elizabeth Judah

Elizabeth Keyser, daughter

Gen'l Henry D. Judah (son of Rev. Henry Judah)

(I think also Barnabus Marvin 2nd, son of Barnabus who is buried at #97 in the back part of the yard – no. 97)

6. In the tomb of Abijah Taylor are buried:

Dan Taylor & his wife Sally (?) Adams

Two daughters, Harriet & Rhoda Ann.

David Taylor & his wife and 2 sons, Thomas Hart & Franklin and a grandson, William.

Two sons of Hart Taylor, Edmund & Harry.

Gilbert Taylor & his wife, and brother, Dr. Charles Taylor.

7. In the tomb of Edwin Wheeler:

Edwin Wheeler & his wife

Celestia Ulrich, daughter of Edwin Wheeler

# Abstracts of Land Records: Salem, New York, 1731–1800

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Abstracted from the typed transcription and compared to the original of the first land records volume now found in the Lewisboro Town Clerk's vault. Page numbers are those of the transcribed version.

Date: 10 Mar 1731/2

Attested: 20 Mar 1738

LR:9

Grantor: Thomas Hawley et al

Grantee: Jonah Keeler

Consideration: Layout of land with quitrent of 2sh, 6d per 100 acres

Description: [acreage not stated] bounded S by undivided land, W by James Brown, N by Joseph Keeler and Daniel Sherwood, E by Thomas Smith and Ensign Benedict, the said Keeler being in lawful possession thereof

Witnesses: Recompense Thomas, John Rockwell

Date: 28 Nov 1749

Recorded: 12 Oct 1764

LR:10

Grantor: Jonah Keeler of Ridgefield Grantee: my son Jonah Keeler of Salem

Consideration: paternal love and fatherly affection

Description: a tract in Salem known as Cave Ridge beginning at NW corner of lot leased to James Benedict bounded S by land undivided when I became possessed of it, W by land that was James Brown's, N by land leased to Joseph Keeler and by heirs of Thomas Smith [torn].

Witnesses: Matthew Seamore, Samuel Olmsted

Date: 3 Jul 1769

Recorded: 4 Jul 1769

LR:11

Grantor: Abner Hayt of Salem and Phebe Hayt Grantee: Thomas Butson of Pound Ridge

Consideration: £216

Description: 130 acres beginning at NW corner of farm of heirs of Benajah Barley, W by land

Isaac Hayes bourth of Colonel Willet thence S and E

Witnesses: Benajah Hayt, Abram Hayt

Date: 30 Jun 1773

Recorded: 23 Jul 1773

LR:12

Grantor: Uriah Crawford of Newtown, CT Grantee: Sands Raymond of Norwalk

Consideration: £305

Description: 100 acres beginning at the colony line and running W by Thomas Hayse [Hayes]

and Isaac Hayse and S with parallel lines until it makes 100 acres

Witnesses: Banjamin Chapman, George Thomas Butson

LR:16

Date: 19 May 1773 Recorded: 23 Jul 1773 LR:13

Grantor: Abraham Northrup of Salem Grantee: Caleb Hayt of Norwalk

Consideration: £420

Description: 75 acres being the farm where I live, bounded N by Lot Keeler and Nathan Olmsted, W by hwy. and Nathan Olmsted, Jun<sup>r</sup>, S by Nathan Olmsted and Isaac Northrup, and heirs of Matthew Saymore, E by hwy., with buildings thereon, reserving a highway running N and S and staked out a little W of my dwelling house

Witnesses: Benjamin Isaacs, Benjamin Chapman

Date: 28 Aug 1770 Recorded: 19 Jun 1771 LR:14

Grantor: Thomas Rockwell of Ridgefield Grantee: Henry Slason of Ridgefield

Consideration: £3

Description: 107 rods bounded N by Thomas Rockwell, E by said Slason, S by hwy., and W by

said Rockwell

Witnesses: Nathan Rockwell, James Rockwell

Date: 1 Feb 1773 Recorded: 14 Nov 1774 LR:15

Grantor: Ebenezer Northrup, son of Nathan Northrup, dec'd, of Salem

Grantee: John Bouton of Salem

Consideration: £2

Description: quitclaim 22 acres now the property of John Bouton bounded N by hwy. and Dr. Benjamin Miller, E by parsonage land, SW by Dr. Elisha Miller, W by John Bouton,

Recorded: 15 Nov 1774

Ebenezer Grummon, and Nathan Rockwell

Witnesses: John Bouton, Matthew Bouton

Grantor: John Osborn of Salem Grantee: Amos Benedict of Salem

Consideration: £130

Date: 15 Dec 1768

Description: 52 acres near the Long Pond Witnesses: James Brown, Samuel Brown

Date: 2 April 1780 Recorded: 6 Apr 1780 LR:17

Grantor: John Whitney of Salem and Thankful Whitney

Grantee: Samuel Hayton of Norwalk

Consideration: £300

Description: 52 acres, 3 roods, and 21 rods bounded N by Ebenezer Wood, E by said Wood and

by Paul Keeler, S by said Keeler, W and S by Benjamin Rockwell, W by hwy.

Witnesses: Jonathan G. Graham, Caleb Hobby

Date: 2 Apr 1770 Recorded: 17 Apr 1770 LR:18

Grantor: Eliezer Bouton of Norwalk and John Bouton of Pound Ridge Grantee: Samuel Bouton, son of Samuel Bouton formerly of Salem

Consideration: 5 shillings

Description: quitclaim rights to 20 acres bounded N and E by Josiah Gilbert, S by hwy., and W

by Ezra Bouton and Josiah Gilbert

Witnesses: Joseph Coley

Date: 9 Apr 1783 Recorded: 10 Apr 1783 LR:19

Grantor: William Dolton and Betty Dolton of Salem

Grantee: Matthew Smith Consideration: £130

Description: 9 acres, 1 rood, we rods with a house bounded E by hwy., S by hwy., W by Nathan Olmsted, N by Benjamin Chapman; also 2½ acres S across the hwy. bounded N by hwy., W

by hwy., S by Nathan Olmsted, and E by Caleb Hays

Witnesses: Abraham Hayse, Ebenezer Lockwood

Date: 24 Apr 1783 Recorded: 28 May 1783 LR:20

Grantor: Jacob Rockwell and wife Mary of Salem

Grantee: Seymore Fitch of Norwalk

Consideration: £100

Description: 7 acres beginning at Stephen Smith's southeast corner west of road from Cortlands Manor to Pound Ridge then west to Abraham Mead's land then south to Nathan Rockwell's land.

Witnesses: John Loder, Nathan Rockwell

Date: 24 Apr 1783 Recorded: 20 May 1783 LR:21

Grantor: Job Rockwell and wife Mary of Westchester County

Grantee: Seymore Fitch of Norwalk

Consideration: £500

Description: Two parcels, 15 acres with house, shop, and barn and fruit trees bounded E by heirs of Thomas Rockwell, N by Stephen Smith, W & S by hwy, and 77 acres lying S & W of the house, bounded in part by Nathan Osborn and Ebenezer Wood and Nathan Rockwell.

Witnesses: John Loder, Nathan Rockwell

Date: 8 May 1782 Recorded: 28 May 1782 LR:22

Grantor: Eli Rundle of Salem

Grantee: Sylvanous Ferris of Greenwich

Consideration: £900

Description: 175 acres on each side of the road from Canaan Parish to Ridgefield bounded N by Thomas Hayes, W by Nathaniel Hayes, S by Jesse Seymore, E by Sands Raymond, by the road, and by Gershom Selleck

Witnesses: Philip Pell, Benjamin Chapman

Date: 23 Aug 1774 Recorded: 15 Nov 1774 LR:23

Grantor: Josiah Gilbert of Salem Grantee: my son Abijah Gilbert

Consideration: £96 and for love, good will, and affection

Description: Several parcels: 53 acres, 1 rood, bounded S by hwy., E by my own land and land conveyed to son Jacob, N by Amos Benedict, and W by son Jacob; 12 acres and 1 rood

bounded N by hwy., S by Lieut. Stebbins, E & W by the fence and my own land; 25 acres and 3½ roods bounded N by Gould Bouton, W by Cortlandt Manor, S by my son Ephraim, and W by hwy.; and 11½ acres bounded S by Lieut. Stebbins, E by Sam<sup>11</sup> Bouton, N by land of my son Jacob.

Witnesses: David Northrup, Nehemiah Stebbins, Junr.

Date: 28 Feb 1743/4 Recorded: 12 Mar 1784 LR:24

Grantor: Thomas Rockwell of Ridgefield

Grantee: Peter Burr of Brookfield in Cortlandt Manor

Consideration: not stated

Description: Quitclaim rights to land obtained from the Pattentees bounded N by Benj<sup>m</sup> Stebbins, W by Sam<sup>ll</sup> Smith, S by my own land, E by Benjamin Burt, and on Milford Samuel Smith's

SE corner.

Witnesses: Jabez Rockwell, Stephen Smith

Date: 3 Mar 1738/9 Recorded: 28 May 1784 LR:25

Grantor: Jabez Rockwell of Ridgefield Grantee: Peter Burr of Ridgefield Consideration: a valuable sum

Description: all my interest in lands in the Oblong or Equivalent Lands in New York.

Witnesses: Timothy Keeler, Ambrose Olmsted

Date: 16 May 1740 Recorded: 24 Mar 1784 LR:26

Grantor: Elijah Hauley of Ridgefield Grantee: Peter Burr of Ridgefield

Consideration: £725

Description: all my interest in lands in the Oblong or Equivalent Lands in New York

Witnesses: Ezekiel Hauley, Joseph Hauley

Date: 23 Aug 1774 Recorded: 15 Nov 1774 LR:27

Grantor: Josiah Gilbert of Salem

Grantee: my son Jacob Gilbert of the same place

Consideration: £7

Description: several parcels containing 80 acres and 1 rood: ½ acre near the old house by the spring; 10 acres, 3 roods, and 29 rods bounded S & E by my land and Abijah Gilbert, W by Abijah and the sider [sic] mill; 46 acres, 1 rood, and 37 rods bounded W by Samuel Bouton, S by hwy. and Abijah, E by Abijah, N by Amos Benedict; 20 acres and 3 roods bounded N by Gould Bouton, W by hwy. and Abijah, S by Ezra Bouton and Samuel Bouton; 2 acres, 1 rood and 11 rods bounded in part by Amos Benedict.

Witnesses: Nehemiah Stebbens, Jr., David Northrup

Date: 17 Apr 1780 Recorded: 12 Mar 1784 LR:28

Grantor: John Chapman of Salem Grantee: Matthew Smith of Salem

Consideration: £100

Description: 3½ acres bounded W by David Canfield, S by Canfield and hwy., E by hwy., N by

Nathan Olmsted

Witnesses: Benjm<sup>n</sup> Chapman, Hez<sup>a</sup> Olmsted

Date: 6 May 1776 Recorded: 12 Mar 1784 LR:29

Grantor: John Whitney of Salem Grantee: Matthew Smith of Norwalk

Consideration: £214/9

Description: 63 acres bounded S by Caleb Hait, W by road and by Benjamin Chapman and

Timothy Keeler, N & E by the road.

Witnesses: Benjamin Chapman, Josiah Brown

Date: 2 Nov 1782 Recorded: 14 Jan 1785 Original volume, p. 42

Note: Page missing from transcription. See original volume p. 42-3.

Grantor: Gershom Selleck of Salem Grantee: Hezekiah Weed of Stamford

Consideration: £1400

Description: 153 acres in Lower Salem with allowance for highways, bounded N by Caleb Hoyt and Thomas & Mathew Semour, E by colony line, S by Sands Raymond, and W by farm formerly belong to Thomas Hayes and Isaac Northrup.

Witnesses: Frederick Selleck, Charlotte Selleck

Date: 1 Aug 1786 Recorded: 1 Aug 1786 LR:30

Grantor: Samuel Selleck of Lower Salem

Grantee: Elnathan Lockwood late of Greenwich but now of Lower Salem

Consideration: £103/7

Description: Two tracts each containing 15 acres: first with dwelling house beginning at SE corner of Isaac Northrup's home lot then E, S, W, and N to beginning; second on W side of hwy. bounded E by hwy., S by Salvanous [sic] Ferris which he purchased of Nathaniel Hayes, W by Salvanous Feris, and N by land formerly of Thomas Hayse but now of Isaac Northrup, containing 10 acres and 14 rods.

Witnesses: Hamen Ball, James McDonald

Date: 22 Apr 1785 Recorded: 3 Sep 1786 LR:31

Grantor: Charles Cullen of Fredricksbourgh, Dutchess Co.

Grantee: Samuel Sillick of Lower Salem

Consideration: £103/7

Description: Two tracts: first beginning SE corner of Isaac Northrup's home lot then E, S, W, and N to beginning [same tract as in previous deed]; and 10 acres and 15 rods, bounded E by hwy., S by Allen Hayes, W by Nathaniel Hayse, and N by Thomas Hayse.

Witnesses: Joshua Gregory, Elijah Townsend

Date: 15 Nov 1774 Recorded: 15 Nov 1774 LR:32

Grantor: Job Smith of Ridgefield

Grantee: my sister Phebe Jones of Ridgefield Consideration: quitclaim for good causes

Description: 46 acres in Salem bounded N by the Long Pond, W by Amos Benedict and by hwy.,

S by my other land, and E by David Pardee

Witnesses: Abijah Gilbert, David Pardee

Date: 10 Mar 1731/2

Recorded: 12 Mar 1742/3

LR:33

Grantor: Thomas Hawley et al

Grantee: Samuel Smith, formerly of Milford

Consideration: division of land

Description: 228 acres bounded W by twenty mile line, S by Mr Ressiguie, E by Mr Hawley and

Stebbing, and N by Thomas Hyatt.

Witnesses: Recompense Thomas, John Rockwell

Date: 1 Jun 1788

Recorded: 13 Feb 1789

LR:34

Grantor: Thomas Thomas, Esq., sheriff, recovering debts of Daniel Beers

Grantee: Sands Raymond of Scarsdale

Consideration: recovery of debt of £206 and damages of £68/7/4 by writ of Testatum Fiere Facias of the Supreme Court of Indicature for the State of New York

Description: 116 acres in town of [blank] bounded W by Silvanus Ferris and Jesse Seymour, S by Eliakim Nash crossing road from Ridgefield to Pilfershiere [sic], E by Connecticut line, N by Gershom Sellick, crossing road, then by Silvanus Ferris.

Witnesses: Anny Oakley, Edward Thomas

Date: 28 Feb 1791

Recorded: 18 Jun 1792

LR:35

Grantor: Daniel Beers of Salem and wife Abiga[i]l

Grantee: Edmond Beers of Salem

Consideration: £35

Description: 25 acres with dwelling house at Becks hill bounded E by hwy., N by Elexanders [sic] farm, W by twenty mile line, S by Jesse Hays.

Witnesses: John Hawley, Daniel Beers Junr.

Date: 12 Apr 1791

Recorded: 24 Jan 1793

LR:36

Grantor: Abigail Hauley of Salem, widow and executor of John Hawley late of Salem and John Hawley, son and heir of John Hawley

Grantee: Jabish Canfield of Salem

Consideration: £50

Description: undivided half of 100 acres with allowance for highways in southerly part of Salem, bounded W by Jesse Hoyt and Rice Hoyt and Samuel Comstock, S by Abijah Comstock, James Dan, Enoch Dan, and heirs of Abel Hoyt, E by Eliphalet Lockwood and Hezekiah Sanford, N by said Sanford and Lockwood and by Jesse Hoyt.

Witnesses: Eben Lockwood, Joseph Munrow, Junr.

Date: 12 Apr 1791

Recorded: 12 Apr 1791

LR:37

Grantor: John and Joanna Resco of Salem

Grantee: Jabish Canfield of Salem

Consideration: £50

Description: undivided half of 100 acres in southerly part of Salem, bounded W by Jesse Hoyt, Rice Hoyt, and Samuel Comstock, S by Abijah Comstock, James Dann, Enoch Dann, and heirs of Abel Hoyt, E by Eliphalet Lockwood and Hezekiah Sanford, N by said Lockwood and Sanford and by Jesse Hoyt.

Witnesses: Eben Lockwood, Joseph man Row [sic, Manrow?] Junr.

Date: 26 Jan 1793 Recorded: 26 Jan 1793 LR:38

Grantor: Asa Northrop of Hillsdale, Columbia Co., NY

Grantee: Moses Bouton of Salem

Consideration: £64

Description: 4 acres in Salem bounded N by hwy., E by David Northrop, S by Solomon Mead, W by John Northrop; and 4 acres beginning at John Suard's SW corner, bounded S by hwy., W by Isaac Hull, N by Hull. E by John Suard.

Witnesses: Abijah Gilbert, Josiah Hayes

Date: 2 Mar 1797 Recorded: 22 Mar 1797 LR:39

Grantor: Timothy and Huldah Olmsted of Salem

Grantee: Hezekiah Hoyt of Salem

Consideration: £14

Description: 2½ acres bounded N & W by hwy., S by Nathan Olmsted, and E by Caleb Hoyt.

Witnesses: Sally Olmsted, Nathan Rockwell

Date: 2 Feb 1797 Recorded: 14 Feb 1797 LR:40

Grantor: Aaron and Anne Gregory of Salem Grantee: Ruben Holms of Greenwich

Consideration: £180

Description: 12 acres with dwelling house, part of farm No. One, bounded E by hwy., N by Nathaniel Wicks, W by Jonathan Reynolds, and S by Jonathan Reynolds; and 4 2/3 acres of timber land part of lot No. Eleven on N side of Long Pond, bounded E by Jonathan Reynolds, N by John and Daniel Delivan, and W by Charles Mead.

Witnesses: Silvaneos Marshall, Enoch Mead

Date: 28 Oct 1799 Recorded: 26 Mar 1800 LR:41

Grantor: Job and Elisabeth Smith of Salem

Grantee: Thomas and Jere [sic] Northrop of Salem

Consideration: £700

Description: a messuage of 106 acres bounded N by Daniel Jones, E by David Pardee and Joshua

Pardee, S by Daniel Jones, Jacob Hoyt, and Abijah Gilbert, and W by hwy.

Witnesses: Abijah Gilbert, Mary E. Smith

# **Insane at Bridgeport Alms House, 1892**

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Research at the Connecticut State Archives has brought to light a collection of documents pertaining to Connecticut town alms houses in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The state had apparently requested towns to report the amount of money spent on inhabitants of alms houses in each town and on inhabitants who were housed in facilities in other locations. Twenty-one of these responses from various years 1883-1902 are found in this group of papers. Most of the documents reported, as requested, only the expenditures for such charity cases. However, Bridgeport returned a list of people who were housed in the town alms house. (One other town listed residents: Bridgewater in Litchfield County; Bridgewater did this for several years.)

In the case of Bridgeport the list gives the names and ages of 26 people who were housed in an institution in 1892 due to being deemed insane. Nine of the people have the notation "was in Middletown" which I take to mean they had spent time in the facility now known as Connecticut Valley Hospital. One person was still living in Middletown when the report was made. The remaining 16 had apparently been housed at the alms house on Asylum Street in Bridgeport.<sup>1</sup>

The list was hand-written on a ruled legal-sized sheet of paper that had a large space for a header and a red vertical line which created a margin of about one inch on the left side of the sheet. It had at one time been folded to 1/8 size by bringing the bottom of the sheet to the top (folding in half), then repeating that action (folding to ¼ size), then folding in half again in the opposite direction. This was obvious from the fold creases on the sheet. Apparently the document had been folded in the ¼ size and stored that way for some time because on the reverse one face of this fold was dirty and the others were clean. Looking at the back of the unfolded sheet and turning it sideways (a rectangle with the length going left to right), the four quarters of the fold were obvious. In the left-hand quarter was the notation "10 [illegible word, something like "cents"]. In the second quarter, as a label for the document, were the words "1892" "Insane in" Bridgeport" "Alms House" with each separate phrase being on a separate line.

The list has a notation made in the left column of the numbers of men and women on. The notation is signed "T. Logan, c." The 1895 Bridgeport City Directory lists four members of the Logan family as employees at the Town Farm or the Alms House on Asylum Street. The family lived on the grounds. Thomas Logan is listed as the assistant superintendent.<sup>2</sup> Transcription of document:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Insane at Bridgeport Alms House, 1892." Ct. Board of Charities Records, 1883-1902. Manuscript Collection, Call Number 362.5 C762 Main Vault, Connecticut State Archives, Hartford.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Price and Lee Company, Publishers. *Bridgeport City Directory for 1895*. Bridgeport, Connecticut:1895; p.226; "Connecticut City Directories" database, ancestry.com (<u>www.ancestry.com</u>). Accessed 13 November 2008.

	Insane at Bridgeport Alms House					
		was				
21 males	John Sullivan	42 years	in	Middletown		
5 females	James Bryham	26 "				
insane	Michael Oneil	67				
Jan 18. 1892	Alexander Rupert	41				
T Logan, c.	Patrick Dunn	63		<del></del>		
	John Shanum [sp?]	38				
	Louis Delack	48				
	William Seamore	40				
	John Zimmerman	59				
	Charles Fox	26	11	ti		
	John Bliss	51	11	11		
	John McGurtlane	53	11	*1		
	Daniel Judson	63				
	James Quinlan	22				
	Michael Brennan	44				
	John Duckles	65	11	11		
	William Monahan	31		tt		
	Edward Hubble	52				
	Robert Moriarity	28				
	George Sandsborn	71				
	John Drury	24				
	Mary Daily	57	11	11		
	Fannie Foley	45	11	11		
	Pauline Roll	61	N	Middletown		
	Annie Lavey	48				
	Rosetta Downs	78				

# John<sup>2</sup> OUTMAN of Stratford, Connecticut

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A description of the Dutch ancestry of Femmetje Kock, wife of New York immigrant Johannes Outman, appeared in the last issue of this journal. The article ended with the children of this couple, including their son John who settled in Stratford, Connecticut. Two typescript genealogies and a website of the family provide many details on the descendants of John<sup>2</sup> Outman, but none of these documents the sources, and all have errors in describing the family of this Stratford settler. This article corrects the description and identifies the sources for the Stratford family. As a starting point for further research, summaries of the third generation and their children are included, largely from the typescripted genealogies and website.

Johannes and Femmetje (Kock) Outman came to New York about 1686 with three children baptized in Amsterdam. They had four more children in New York, including John, baptized as Johannes on 26 July 1691. John married, first, about 1714, Isabella Williams. They apparently had no children, and John petitioned for divorce from her in January 1718/9. He had removed to Stratford by this date, and three children were born there to him and Elizabeth Jeans/Janes before he married her on 31 December 1725.

# Family Summary, Second Generation

1. JOHN<sup>2</sup> OUTMAN (Johannes<sup>1</sup>), baptized (as Johannes) New York Dutch Reformed Church, 26 July 1691 (witnesses: Abraham Van de Water, Catherina Rug);<sup>3</sup> died before 11 Mar 1754 (probate of will), probably in the Ripton Parish of Stratford;<sup>4</sup> married (1) ca. 1714 ISABELLA WILLIAMS, daughter of Captain James Williams. He married (2) Christ Church, Stratford, 31 Dec 1725, ELIZABETH JANES, born 5 Nov 1695, daughter of William and Sarah (Clark) Janes.<sup>5</sup>

On 24 Jan 1718/9 John Outman, "formerly of New York now of Stratford" petitioned for divorce from Isabella, stating that they had been married about five years and that she had been guilty of willful desertion for "above the space of three years." The petition was signed in Greenwich [Connecticut]. The will of Capt. James Williams of New York, dated 11 Apr 1719, leaves to "my daughter Isabelle, wife of John Outman, 20 shillings in bar of all claims to my estate

<sup>1</sup> Otto Schutte and Henry B. Hoff, "The Dutch Ancestry of the Outman/Oatman Family of Stratford, Connecticut," Connecticut Ancestry, vol. 51 (November 2008), pp. 79-86.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> W. E. Osborn and Ralph I. Oatman, Some of the Descendants of Johannes Outman ... and his wife Femmetje Kock..., 1935, a well-researched summary of the family; and Barbara D. Hawthorne, The Oatmans/Outmans, Hanover, NH, 1980, which provides much interesting personal detail on her search for the family. Also see the website ca.geocities.com/chuckoatman@rogers.com/oatman.html.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Baptisms from 1639 to 1730 [note 17], 204.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Fairfield District Probate Estate Papers #4793 (FHL film #1018772).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Christ Church Stratford Records 1:38 (FHL Film #5799).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Fairfield County Superior Court Divorces, Terms 1720-1729 (FHL film #1673219).

as sole heir and daughter," thus indicating *his* displeasure with her behavior. No further record of Isabella has been found. Further, the court record granting the divorce cannot now be found, and we do not know the date of the final decree.

All this may have delayed John's marriage to Elizabeth. It is certain that their first three children were baptized in Christ Church, Stratford, before the date of that marriage. This, the first Anglican church in Connecticut, was organized in 1717 and hired their first full-time minister, the Rev. George Pigot, in 1722. On 27 May 1722 he baptized the first group of children totaling a score or more. Among these were John and Elizabeth together, and later that year George. In the two records for these three baptisms the place for the name of the father was at first left blank, and the mother's name was given as Elizabeth Jeans (or Janes). Later, with different ink, the father's name, John, was written in the blank space, the surname Jeans was crossed out, and "Outman" was inserted. The marriage of John Outman and Elizabeth Jeanes is recorded on 31 Dec 1725, and the remaining baptism records list both parents. The records of the first three baptisms do not seem to imply that the births were illegitimate, and perhaps the Rev. Pigot was merely postponing the entry of the father's name until it was certain that the divorce had been granted.

There is no entry for the baptism of the fifth child, William, and other genealogies give his birth either in 1728 or 1736. For the last three baptisms the place of baptism or residence is indicated as Ripton in marginal notes. This was the northern parish of Stratford, later incorporated as the town of Huntington and now renamed Shelton.

John Outman purchased his first land in Stratford for £23, "5 acres of meadow north of the Beaver Damm," from Samuel and Eunice Beardslee of Ripton on 26 Oct 1731. On 14 May 1734 the proprietors committee made a layout to him of 15½ acres in the sixth division at Town Hill. He made another purchase from Joseph Goodwind and another parcel was laid out to him, both in 1740.8 On 16 Nov 1736 John and Elizabeth Outman of Ripton Parish sold to Zachariah Tomlinson for £7 the fifth part of a tract laid out to William Jeans containing about 5 acres at Ship Yard Brook, and on 7 Jul 1739 they sold to Samuel DeForest for £12 on half of a 14 acre parcel. In contrast with many women in that period Elizabeth signed her full name to both these deeds, rather than by mark.9

On 19 Feb 1739/40 Joseph Gorham of Stratford was ordered to pay to John Outman a debt of £18/11/6 plus costs of the suit, and on 20 Mar 1740 John Outman signed his receipt for this amount from the constable, Ebenezer Blackman. 10

John Outman's will, produced with highly decorative calligraphy in the opening phrases, was signed on 5 Aug 1753 and proven on 11 Mar 1754. In it he leaves the use and improvement of both real and personal estate to his wife Elizabeth during her natural life, after which it is to be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Abstracts of Wills, Liber 9, p. 385, from Collections of the New York Historical Society, vol. XXVI, 1893, p. 268.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Stratford Land Records 7:49; 6:363; 7:455; 7:500.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Stratford Land Records 7:122,391.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Connecticut Archives, Fairfield County Superior Court Executions, Record Group 3, Box 5.

equally divided among his six [surviving] children: George Outman, William Outman, Phebe Turril wife of Phineas Turril in the County of New Haven, Sarah Clark wife of George Clark in the County of New Haven, Ann Outman, and Deborah Outman. The considerable portion already received by Phebe and Sarah was to be accounted as part of their remaining portion. Since deceased daughter Elizabeth had received "considerable of my estate" in her lifetime, her two daughters Judiah [Judith?] and Elizabeth Hurd, were given five shillings apiece. Wife Elizabeth was named executor and was given full power to sell any of his housings or land in the Province of New York. The will was witnessed by Joseph Wood, Abijah Hide, and Joseph Blackleach. His inventory, taken on 10 Jun 1754, is not totaled and shows no real estate. It includes several Bibles, both English and Dutch, an English & Dutch dictionary, and £646-03-2 in notes in New York money. 11

Children, named in John Outman's will:12

- 2 i. John<sup>3</sup>, bp. 27 May 1722, m. Elizabeth (Smith) Bennett.
- 3 ii. Elizabeth, bp. 27 May 1722, m. Enos Hurd.
- 4 iii. George, bp. 16 Sep 1722, m. Ruth Wooster.
- 5 iv. Phebe, bp. 25 Dec 1726, m(1) Phineas Terrill, m(2) Andrew Baldwin.
- 6 v. William, b. say 1728, m. Phebe Elmore
  - vi. Anne, bp. 4 Apr 1731.
- 7 vii. Sarah, b. 17 Aug, bp. 29 Oct 1732, m. George Clark.
  - viii. Deborah, bp. 26 Dec 1739, m. 31 Jan 1760, Timothy Paine.

#### **Third Generation**

- 2. John<sup>3</sup> Outman, bp. Stratford, 27 May 1722, d. Stratford, bef 10 Oct 1753, m. at Christ Church, Stratford, 20 August 1747, <sup>13</sup> ELIZABETH (SMITH) BENNET, dau. of William Smith, as shown by his will dated 24 January 1748/9, mentioning his daughter Elizabeth as the wife of John Outman Jr. <sup>14</sup> She was the widow of William Bennet and mother of his two children, Nehemiah and Femina Bennet. <sup>15</sup> On 10 Oct 1753, Elizabeth, widow of John Outman Jr., was bonded executrix with his brother George Outman as surety. The estate inventory, dated 16 Oct 1749, totals £143-8-6 and does not include any real estate. <sup>16</sup> No children.
- 3. ELISABETH<sup>3</sup> OUTMAN, bp. Stratford, 27 May 1722, d. prob. Roxbury, CT, 24 Apr 1747, 17 and certainly before her father's will was written on 15 Aug 1753, 18 m. ca 1740, ENOS HURD, b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Fairfield District Probate Estate Papers #4798.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Baptisms in Christ Church Stratford Records 1:1,2,5,8,9,12 (FHL Film #5799) with places for the last three noted as Ripton.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Christ Church Stratford Records 1:39 (FHL Film #5799).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Fairfield District Probate, 10:7, and Estate Papers #5991 (FHL film #1018784); Donald Lines Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, 3 vols. in 4 (New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1930–32; reprint Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976), 1:574.

<sup>15</sup> ca.geocities.com/chuckoatman@rogers.com/oatman.html.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Fairfield District Probate Estate Papers #4797.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Roxbury Congregational Church Record which lists only "Enos Hurd's wife" with a date of 24 Apr in the year which begins 1 Jan 1746. It is likely that the clergyman intended that year as 1746/7, but there is no entry for a new

Stratford, 12 Mar 1713, son of John and Abigail (Wallis) Hurd, <sup>19</sup> d. Stratford, bef 7 Aug 1801 when John Jones was bonded administrator of his estate. His personal inventory totaled \$19.75, and four acres of land were sold for \$64.00. No heirs are named in the estate record. <sup>20</sup>

Enos Hurd was a party to several Stratford deeds dated 1740 to 1743. On 5 Nov 1742, still a resident of Stratford, he purchased from David Foot seven parcels including a dwelling house in the parish of Roxbury in Woodbury for a total of £540. But on 22 Feb 1745, he sold all these tracts to Abner Wakelee of Stratford for £585.<sup>21</sup> He was "of Stratford" again on 2 Apr 1748, following the death of his wife, when he sold Ebenezer Hurd 2½ acres of salt meadow there.<sup>22</sup> No records have been found for him between this date and the date of his probate record.

Children, named in the will of John Outman (Sr.):23

- i. Juda/Judiah Hurd, b. 12 Feb 1742/3.
- ii. Elizabeth Hurd, b. 30 Jan1746/7. She is possibly the Elizabeth Hurd of Newbury who married Jonathan Bradley of New Haven on 6 Mar 1765 by the Rev. Thomas Brooks.<sup>24</sup>

4. GEORGE<sup>3</sup> OUTMAN, bp. Stratford, 16 Sep 1722, d. Arlington, VT, 17 Jul 1793, m. ca 1745 RUTH WOOSTER, b. ca 1725, d. Arlington, 16 Mar 1814, æ 69.<sup>25</sup> George Outman of Ripton was admitted to communion in Christ Church (Anglican) of Stratford on 12 Jul 1747.<sup>26</sup> George Outman was party to several deeds in Stratford. On 3 Nov 1747, in exchange for 15½ acres "made over to me by a deed bearing equal date with this one" (a parcel laid out on 14 May 1734), he sold his "honored father" one half of a grist mill with a dam, privileges and appurtenances at the south end of Oronoque Plain, together with a house he purchased of Benajah \_\_?\_\_ and half a house which he had purchased of his father on the highway near the mill.<sup>27</sup> In George's last Stratford deed, dated 6 May 1767, he sold ½ acre in Ripton to Elisha Mills for £7/10. Apparently soon after this he removed with his family to Arlington. VT. In Vermont records and later, the name is generally spelled Oatman. Children:<sup>28</sup>

year beginning in March for this old style calendar. It is possible but less likely that the daughter Elizabeth's birth could have been a year earlier.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> A grave in Stratford's Episcopal Cemetery, marked Elizabeth Hurd but with no dates, may be for this Elizabeth whose family were members of the Anglican Church in Stratford.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Stratford Land Records 2:485.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Stratford Probate Estate Papers #1073.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Woodbury Land Records 6:246; 7:128.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Stratford Land Records 9:315.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Birthdates recorded in Stratord Land Records 5:39.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> New Haven Vital Records 2:165. Thomas Brooks was the pastor at Newbury, a parish formed from portions of New Milford, Newtown, and Danbury, later the town of Brookfield.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Death dates from headstones in St. James Cemetery, Arlington, VT, as reported by the website ca.geocities.com/chuckoatman@rogers.com/oatman.html.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Christ Church Stratford Records 1:31. In marginal notes here and for the baptisms of three of his children the pastor George Pigot, gives the place as Ripton, the Stratford parish which later became the town of Huntington.

<sup>27</sup> Stratford Land Records 10:278.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Baptism from Christ Church Stratford Records 1:31, other data from the website ca.geocities.com/chuckoatman@rogers.com/oatman.html.

- i. Daniel, b. Stratford, 11 May, 29 bp. Ripton, 12 Jul 1747, m. Mary Spencer
- ii. Samuel, b. 1748, m(1) Hannah Wooster, m(2) Susanna
- iii. John, bp. Ripton, 24 Feb 1750, probably died young, perhaps in Arlington, VT.
- iv. Ruth, bp. Ripton, 12 Aug 1753.
- v. Benjamin, b. 1755, m. Bethia Smith.
- vi. Freelove, b. ca 1755, m. (as his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife) Isaac Andrus.
- vii. George, b. 1757, m(1) Ann Terrill, his first cousin, m(2) Anna Turner.
- viii. Isaac, b. 17 Sep 1761, m. Anna Brainerd.
- ix. Desire, b. 1762, m. \_\_\_\_ Graves.
- x. Sarah, b. 26 Feb 1764, m. George Hill Clark.
- xi. Phebe, b. 2 Apr 1766, m. Gideon Orton.
- 5. PHEBE<sup>3</sup> OUTMAN, bp. Stratford, 25 Dec 1726, d. Woodbridge, CT, 15 Jan 1803, æ 76, m(1) Milford, 7 Jul 1747,<sup>30</sup> PHINEAS TERRILL, bp. Milford, 5 Jun 1726,<sup>31</sup> son of Samuel and Mary (Smith) Terrell, d. Woodbridge, 13 Oct 1791, æ 66, both bur. North West Cemetery, Woodbridge,<sup>32</sup> m(2) ANDREW BALDWIN. Children by (1):<sup>33</sup>
  - i. Phineas Terrill, b. Milford, 15 May 1748, m(1) Mary Johnson, m(2) Ruth (Hawkins) Wooster.
  - ii. Phebe Terrill, b. 21 Nov 1751, m. Jacob Parks.
  - iii. Anne Terrill, b. ca 1756, m. George Oatman, her first cousin.
  - iv. Eliakim Terrill, b. Bethany, CT, 10 Feb 1760, m. Elizabeth Twitchell.
  - v. Susanna Terrill, b. ca 1762, m. Abel Smith.
  - vi. John Terrill, b. ca 1764, m. Polly Curtis.
- 6. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> OUTMAN, b. say 1731, m. in Trumbull, 26 May 1756, PHEBE ELMORE, <sup>34</sup> b. 22 Nov 1739, bp. Trumbull, 6 May 1740, daughter of Amos and Abigail Elmore (or Elmer). <sup>35</sup> On 13 Jan 1747/8, probably aged only 16 or 17, William Outman witnessed the Stratford deed from his brother George to their father John. <sup>36</sup> No further records have been found.
- 7. SARAH<sup>3</sup> OUTMAN, bp. Stratford, 29 Oct 1732, d. 21 Dec 1805, m. ca 1751, GEORGE CLARK, b. 4 May 1727, son of George and Abigail (Law) Clark, d. 9 Mar 1799, both buried in North West Cemetery, Woodbridge, CT.<sup>38</sup> Children, surnamed Clark:<sup>39</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Christ Church Stratford Records 1:19, 22, 24...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Milford Vital Records 1:125.

<sup>31</sup> Milford Congregational Church Records 1:51.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Woodbridge, p. 51, which lists "Phebe Balding, wife of Andrew, formerly wife of Phineas Terrel."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Birth of the first child (only) in Milford Vital Records 1:126. Other data from the website ca.geocities.com/chuckoatman@rogers.com/oatman.html, and from Bruce W. Tyrrell, Ed., Roger and Abigail (Ufford) Terrill and Some Descendants, Beaconsfield, Quebec, 1995.

<sup>34</sup> Trumbull Congregational Church Records 1:124

<sup>35</sup> Trumbull Congregational Church Records 1:31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Stratford Land Records 10:278.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Milford Vital Records 1:134.

<sup>38</sup> Hale Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, Woodbridge, p. 49.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Birthdates from ca.geocities.com/chuckoatman@rogers.com/4.html. Other dates from Connecticut State Library Church Record Collection for Amity Parish, now the town of Woodbridge, citing *Connecticut Magazine*, vol. 10:728, 731, and vol. 11:334.

- i. George Clark, b. 13 Jun 1752, bp. Amity, m. Lydia Osborn.
- ii. Richard Clark, b. 13 Nov 1753, m. 25 Sep 1775, Jemima Pease.
- iii. Michael Clark, b. 14 Feb 1755, m. 29 May 1776, Patience Harger of Derby.
- iv. Sarah Clark, b. 7 Aug 1756, m(1) 25 Feb 1778, James Riggs of Derby, m(2) \_\_\_\_\_
- v. Elijah Clark, b. 28 Nov 1758, m(1) 3 Apr 1783, Anna Hine, m(2) Betsey Murry.
- vi. Abigail Clark, b. 11 Jul 1760, m. 16 Sep 1784, Allen Sperry.
- vii. Andrew Clark, b. 6 Jun 1762, m(1) Rebecca Jones, m(2) Vasta Starlon.
- viii. Elizabeth Clark, b. 19 Jun 1766, m. Apr 1787, Henry Peck.
- ix. Anna Clark, b. 17 Dec 1767, d. Woodbridge, 9 Jul 1788, m. Eli Baldwin.
- x. Deborah Clark, b. 26 Jun 1770, m. Philo Harger.
- xi. Phebe Clark, b. 28 Mar 1772, m. John Curtis.
- xii. Elias Clark, b. 7 Sep 1774, m. Huldah Burr.

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Grace, b. 6 Apr. 1735

John, chr. 1744

Joseph, chr. 1738

Ruanna, chr. 1748

Mary, chr. 1741

Eunice, chr. 9 Dec. 1753

My line is through Ruanna, who m. 21 Oct 1769, Newtown, James Shepard. She d. Newtown, 5 May 1794. Looking for the birth date and place for George MERRITT and his parents, when and where he married Kezia MOREHOUSE, and the death date and place for Kezia.

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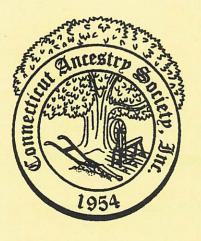
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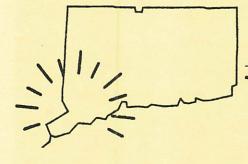
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#### **Editorial Notes**

A hundred years ago and more, newspapers printed only brief death notices for all but the most prominent citizens. But in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century they began printing obituaries with sometimes invaluable information about the family. Though there are still several missing links, Pat Haslam has shown in our first article how she used the obituary of Civil War veteran William P. Patrick to make many connections with this ancestral family.

In the second article, we continue our series on the "Oblong" of the NY-CT boundary area with a list of the owners in 1761 of each the 80 lots extending to the northern border of Connecticut. Next, Nora Galvin provides a list of the Irish burials in Bridgeport cemeteries in 1862, though their deaths are mostly omitted from town records. And then we continue our listing of articles in other journals about families from our area of interest.

The every-name index for this volume includes something like 2300 names, reflecting the rich content of our journal. We continue to need your help in contributing articles about families from our area, and we now have a special appeal for those who live in nearby. Might you be able to help transcribe tombstones in the older Catholic cemeteries? See page 200, our last page, for the details of this ongoing project.

Harlan R. Jessup

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# Dissecting and Extending the Obituary of William P. Patrick of Stamford (1846-1933), Civil War Veteran

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Obituaries are a fairly recent biographical resume of the life of a person lately deceased. For that invention loved ones and genealogists are grateful. Before that, only prominent people were remembered in this fashion, and preceding these there were merely notices of death, and various forms of probate notices by the court. Other announcements of a person's passing were often found in the town correspondents' columns in local newspapers.

After more than 42 years of investigating my paternal grandmother's Patrick/Partrick family back to Norwalk, CT by 1722, and the descendants of our alleged ancestor, Capt. Daniel Patrick of the 1630 Winthrop Fleet, I was unable to make the connection between the missing generations. I was very excited to receive an email from Mary Sabol Nardone in 2000 inquiring about her great-grandfather, William P. Patrick whose obituary claimed ancestry back to the first owners of land in the Old Greenwich/ Sound Beach portion of the town of Greenwich. My own handed-down written genealogy claimed the same ownership in Greenwich! Mary found me online at the Patrick Family Genealogy Forum, Genealogy.com. Perhaps, if I could follow the leads in the obituary I could find the path through the intervening generations back to Daniel Patrick. This paper will relate my findings as to the attempt to solve our joint family history problem, and will also serve as a guide to analyzing obituaries in general as to their [factual] believability.

#### The Obituary

The obituary of William P. Patrick, which includes his photograph in G.A.R uniform, is excerpted here:<sup>2</sup>

G.A.R. VETERAN, WM. P. PATRICK, 93, PASSES AWAY Commander of W. T. Minor Post Dies-Glenbrook Man Now Only Survivor.

Commander William P. Patrick of the William T. Minor Post, G.A.R., next to the last Civil War veteran in Stamford, died at midnight last night at his home at 35 Burwood Avenue. He was 93 years old. This leaves George Scofield, of Glenbrook, as the only surviving Civil War veteran here.

Though he had been in failing health for some time, Commander Patrick took his usual place in the annual Memorial Day parade, and only three weeks ago went on an extended motor trip. He had a large vegetable garden and showed his usual interest in public affairs. He had been confined to his bed only a week.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> P.L. Haslam, "Capt. Daniel Patrick of the 1630 Winthrop Fleet and Some of his Descendants," NEHGS Register, Oct 1999

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Stamford Advocate, 15 Jul 1933.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at his late home...with the G.A.R. ritual. The Sons of Union Veterans will act as pallbearers. The American Legion will look after the arrangements for ... the interment in the family plot in Old Greenwich.

Commander Patrick was an oyster man in civil life, working with the Fords of Old Greenwich for many years. He was once deputy sheriff for the county.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and three children, Joseph, of Old Greenwich; Charles, of Philadelphia; and Mrs. Edward Conklin, of Manhasset, L.I., also seven stepchildren, Mrs. Percy Radford, of Locust, N.J.; James B. Anderson and Robert Anderson, of Cos Cob; Charles Anderson, of Stamford; and Lieut., Joseph Anderson, Lieut. Amos Anderson, and Mrs. Leroy Kemp of Darien.

Commander Patrick's family at one time owned most of Greenwich and Old Greenwich. His great-grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War and his grandfather in the War of 1812. His family came from Wales in the Sixteenth Century. His uncle, Capt. Daniel Patrick, drove the Indians out of Cos Cob.

On May 5, 1931, Commander Patrick was honored by the various organizations of Stamford on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his membership in the G.A.R. Post. He was presented with a gold piece and many speeches were made in his praise. He took part in many patriotic entertainments, and is vividly remembered for his stirring tribute to the flag given at the State convention of the Sons of Union Veterans held here last year. ...

Commander Patrick was born in Yonkers, N.Y. He enlisted from White Plains on Jan. 8, 1864, and was mustered into the United States service as a private in Company C., 49th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, to serve three years during the war. He was honorably discharged at Buffalo, N.Y., June 27, 1865.

The 49th Regiment which was commanded by Col. E. D. Holt, served on the Third Brigade, Second Division, Sixth Corps, Army of the Potomac, and engaged in the following important battles: Wilderness, Va., May 5, 7, 1865; Spottsylvania, May 8-21; Landrons Farm, May 10; Salient, May 12; North Anna, May 22, 26; Cold Harbor, June 1, 12; before Petersburg, Va., June 18; Petersburg assault, June 18, 19; Weldon, June 21, 23; Fort Stevens, July 12, 13; Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 21; Opequan, Va., Sept. 19; Fisher's Hill, Sept. 22; Cedar Creek, Oct. 19; Petersburg works, March 25, 1865; fall of Petersburg, April 2; Sailors' Creek, April 6; Appomattox, April 9. ...

Commander Patrick received a sunstroke on July 12, 1864, and was sent to Camp Distribution, remaining a short while, then rejoining his regiment.

#### Certificate of Death

The first order of business to confirm the age and death place for William P. Patrick [hereafter WPP], and any other information it could provide, was to send for his death record at the City and Town Clerk at Stamford, CT. Information on death certificate #338, Connecticut State Department of Health states his late address was 35 Burwood Ave, in Stamford, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. He was married, born 11 Dec 1840 at Yonkers, NY and that he was age 92 years, 7 months, and 3 days at the time of his death. His widow was third wife Elizabeth, maiden name McGonigle, who was also the informant. The names of his parents are Thomas Patrick born Poughkeepsie, NY, and Mary Wood, birthplace "U.S.A." He was an oysterman, having worked at this occupation for 45 years. Typed in at the bottom of the certificate, with no space allowance for a question of this kind, was that WPP was a "veteran of the Civil War." His obituary states WPP was one of only two surviving local Civil War veterans at that time.

The medical portion of the certificate states that principal cause of death was cerebral hemorrhage suffered five days previously. Burial was at Sound Beach Cemetery, on the property of the First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich. This burying ground was adjacent to the First Society of the Congregational Church from the beginnings of the church in 1665. The secretary at the First Congregational Church provided my sister, Mary Liddle Baker, with the plot plan of the cemetery and the lot number, where she took snapshots of the Patrick gravestones in Lot #153: Col. William P. Patrick and his first wife, Emily Hoyt (1843-1884) on one stone, and Louise Betts (1837-1925) on another stone. The card index records Joseph A. Patrick (1873-1957) oldest son of William P. and Emily J. [Hoyt]; Stephen Patrick, half-brother of WPP, who died 3 April 1933 at age 71, three months preceding WPP; and Lena Dalton Patrick (1877-1938), second wife of Joseph A. Patrick, buried in the same lot, but without gravestones. Hoyt step-children of WPP by second wife Louise are also buried there without markers.

It is important to note that the year of his birth was 1846, instead of 1840 as relayed by his descendant Mary Nardone. Indeed, the 1850 Federal census for Yonkers, p. 231A, dwelling #351, family #493, lists Thomas Patrick, age 38, farmer, born NY. His [second] wife is Ann M. [Ann Margaret], age 20, born NY, and one child William H., age 3, born NY. This is William P. born about 1846-1847. Mary Wood, first wife of Thomas and mother of William, must have died shortly after William was born. (The mother of WPP is named "Susan Woods" in family papers.) The 1860 Federal census, Yonkers, NY, p. 256, dwelling #1575, family #1743, when he was age 14 and his parents both age 30 years, an error for the age of Thomas. Doing the math for the age of William P, on his death certificate would deduce the year of his birth as 1840. However, his Civil War Pension papers, National Archives certificate #844,200 includes WPP's own testimony that he can't obtain a record of his birth from Yonkers, NY, but that he believes his birth date to be 11 Dec 1846. That date agrees with the censuses. It is unknown who provided the information for the WPP obituary.

#### Civil War Record

The second most important documentation needed to support allegations in this obituary was to send for all military records. Pension papers at the National Archives for WPP contain information as to his military service, physical disabilities, and valuable vital data. WPP was mustered into the New York Infantry 49th Regiment of Volunteers at White Plains, NY on 8 January 1864 at age 18. This regiment served in several Virginia battles in the latter year and a half of the war during the years WPP participated. Among these battles were the Battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Siege of Petersburg, and Cedar Creek. No battles were mentioned in his pension papers, except to say that WPP took a gunshot wound in the hip received at Cold Harbor, VA, June 1864. And on July 12 he was treated at Camp Distribution at Washington, D.C. when he received a sunstroke. "The wound in the hip troubles me very much and disables me from labor. I cannot endure the hot sun..."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> From WPP's Connecticut death cert. #338.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Invalid Pension #450,286; 844,200.

William P. Patrick was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a fraternal organization, which was founded in 1881 based on the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. The SUVCW became associated with the GAR in 1888. He was commander of the William T. Minor Post, GAR #85, Department of Connecticut, located at Stamford. Membership in the American Legion could not be verified. He was called "Col." on his gravestone, but should it have been inscribed instead as "Commander" (of his G.A. R. Post)?" The G.A.R. star symbol is engraved into his stone in Lot #153, First Congregational Church yard, on Sound Beach Ave., Old Greenwich, CT.

# Allegations of military service by ancestors

WPP's grandfather was said in the obituary as having served in War 1812, and his great-grandfather in the Revolutionary War. We have record proof that the father of WPP was Thomas Patrick, but after a great deal of research cannot find the father of Thomas to follow up on military service in these earlier wars by those ancestors. Or could those persons have been a maternal grandfather and great-grandfather instead? Interestingly, WPP was not found in the 1890 Veterans Census.

# **Deputy Sheriff claim**

No evidence supports the claim about having been a deputy sheriff for Fairfield County after a search by Frederick C. Hart, C.G. in the "Blue Books" at the Connecticut State Library starting 1870, then within approximate five year increments up to 1930. William may have served during in-between years, or for a very short time, Mr. Hart suggests.

# Occupation

The certificate of death indicates that WPP had been an oysterman for 45 years and had worked for the Ford family of Old Greenwich. The oyster industry started in the Greenwich area about 1850 and grew to a thriving business between 1881 and 1890 when the planting of oyster beds was a new concept. After about 1890 the industry began to decline. During these years Greenwich itself was in a stage of rapid second-home development. The only Fords found in Greenwich or Stamford for the time period in census records for the years 1880, 1900 and 1910, were Charles W. Ford and his brother Adolphus, who were oystermen/boatmen in Greenwich, sons of Oliver Ford.

#### **Survivors**

Elizabeth (McGonigle) (Anderson), third wife of William P. Patrick, is not buried in the family plot #153 at the First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich, with her husband and his first and second wives. No death date or place is known for Elizabeth.

Joseph Alfred Patrick was born in Greenwich 16 Sept 1873, son of William P. and Emily Jane (Hoyt) Patrick. He married first Anna Ernestine Hutching on 15 July 1896 in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> S. P. Mead, Ye Historie of Ye Town of Greenwich, 1911, p. 355-356.

Greenwich when he was age 22, then of Sound Beach (Old Greenwich) working in the trucking business. She was born in 1876 and died 28 Jan 1906. Joseph was 32 years old when he quickly married second Lena Dalton 8 Sept 1906 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford. Lena/Helena was born in Tipperary, Ireland 6 Nov 1877. Both are buried in the Patrick family plot at the First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich, with no gravestone. Lena was interred 17 Jan 1938 and Joseph interred 7 June 1957 at the age of 83.

Joseph appears in the 1900 Federal census at Greenwich, age 26, as a *single* person. Why is his first wife Anna (Hutchings) not listed with him, unless they were divorced? In the 1910 Greenwich census he is listed with his wife, Lena. A World War I Draft Registration Card 1917-1918, serial #1862 order #2829, may be found online for Joseph Alfred Patrick, residing on Webb Ave., Sound Beach, when he is aged 45 years. His occupation is a delivery man for Morgan Brothers, on Potomac Ave., Sound Beach. His nearest relative was his wife, Helena Patrick. Joseph's occupation changes by 1925 when he was a painter still residing on Webb Ave., An elderly friend of Mary Baker remembers (in March 2009) visiting as a child with neighbor Isabelle Patrick, an adopted daughter of Joseph A. and Lena Patrick at Webb Ave., Old Greenwich.

Charles William Patrick born 25 May 1879 in Greenwich<sup>8</sup> is the great -grandfather of my correspondent, Mary Sabol Nardone of Hatfield, PA. The birth record states "Episc." He died after 1933,<sup>9</sup> place unknown. Charles married 1898 at Stamford, CT Mary Ann Conroy, daughter of Matthew Conroy and Bridget Ford. Their children were William born 1900 in CT; Catherine Hazel born 1904 in CT and died 19 Feb 1980, Cheltenham, PA; Charles born 1908, CT; Margaret Jessie born 1914, Germantown, PA, alive 2009 age 95; Mary Louise born Stamford, CT; Bridget Agnes born Bridgeport, CT; and Matthew born 1909.

Mary Ann Conroy Patrick was living with her daughter Catherine O'Connell and family in the 1930 Federal census for Cheltenham, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. She is mother-in-law of James J. O'Connell, but her husband Charles W. Patrick is not living in the household. Mary is listed as "married," aged 57 years, and naturalized, with her sons William and Charles in the same household. Charles William is said to have abandoned the family at some point, so perhaps he had already disappeared by 1930. The 1920 census reflects the family together in Philadelphia, PA, Ward 22. Mary Ann died 3 Dec1965 at Cheltenham.

Catherine Hazel Patrick married 1928 in Cheltenham, James Joseph O'Connell. One of their two children was Eileen who married Robert Sabol, parents of Mary (Sabol) Nardone.

Olivia Jane (obituary states "Mae") Patrick was born 1 August 1880 at Greenwich, 10 daughter of William P. and Emily (Hoyt) Patrick. Her birth record in the town clerk's office includes their religion as "Episc." The obituary erroneously lists her husband as "Edward" Conklin. His given name was Roger Alfred. They resided at Manhasset, Roslyn, L.I., NY, in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Joseph's birth, both his marriages, and the death of first wife, Anna, in Greenwich Vital Records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Sound Beach and Riverside City Directory, 1925.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Greenwich Vital Records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Obituary of WPP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Greenwich Vital Records.

1933, and after their deaths were buried there at Roslyn Cemetery. Her husband and a daughter predeceased her. She left her son Theron, with whom she had made her home, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A more recent personal story should be related: In 1990 a series of events were planned by the town of Greenwich to celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of that town. An article in *Greenwich Time* asked for descendants of town founders to come forward to participate in the parade and other observances. I wrote to one of the committee chairs, Mrs. Raymond Owen, a descendant of Angel Heusted, who said that she knew a descendant of Capt. Daniel Patrick, but she would not divulge the person's name to protect her privacy, and that this person was in a nursing home. Perhaps Mrs. Owen had not learned of the passing of Olivia Conklin.

I was very disappointed not to be able to find a descendant who could prove a lineage directly back to Capt. Daniel Patrick. Mrs. Owen said that my sister and I could not qualify as we needed record proof to connect to Daniel Patrick. One or two connecting generations were needed which I could not find. I believe I have since found this descendant to be Olivia Patrick Conklin. Olivia, youngest child of William P. and Emily Patrick, died 21 May 1980 at the Good Shepard Home, Ashland, Ohio. She was 99 yrs old, a widow, living with or near her son, Theron R. Conklin. The Ohio Death Certificate lists the names of her parents. Mrs. Conklin was said to have been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which cannot be confirmed with membership records, but she was found online as a member of Daughters of America, a patriotic secret society founded in 1891. Mrs. Conklin was a charter member of Nelson A. Miles Chapter 95, Daughters of America, and the Rebekahs. 11

Seven step-children were named as survivors of WPP by his third wife, Elizabeth: Mrs. Percy Radford of Locust, N.J.; James B. Anderson of Cos Cob, CT; Robert Anderson of Cos Cob; Charles Anderson of Stamford, CT; Lt. Joseph Anderson, Lt. Amos Anderson, and Mrs. Leroy Kemp all of Darien, CT. No investigation of these names has been undertaken. Not named as survivors were the step-children by his second wife Louise (Betts) (Palmer): Ezra Betts Hoyt (1857-1910+) and his wife Cecelia, and Alice (Palmer?) Adams (1899-1956), who are buried in Lot 153 in the church yard of the First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich with no grave markers.

#### Half-brothers and sister of William

Thomas Patrick married second Ann Margaret Majory/Magory in 1849, or before the taking of the census, as the 1850 census at Yonkers, Westchester County, NY, 12 states they were "married within the year," place unknown, but probably Yonkers. William H. (sic) is the only child listed, age 3, born in New York.

By the 1860 census at Yonkers, Lewis C. born c. 1851 and Antonette born 1854 are listed. The family cannot be found in the 1870 Federal census, in indexes or checking Yonkers,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Obituary, Ashland , OH newspaper, not named, 22 May 1980 issue.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Page 231A- dwelling 351/ family #493.

NY, and Greenwich, CT, page-by-page. Their son Stephen was born May 1861 at Yonkers. Brief biographies of these three half-siblings follow:

Lewis C. Patrick: Born 1851 in Yonkers, Westchester County, NY, or New York City with no record of birth or baptism found to date. He married Charlotte C. Taylor 15 Oct 1873 at Manhattan, New York, NY, or Ft. Lee, Bergen County, NJ. They had Mary Lavinia Patrick born 9 Apr 1878, Sadie Weed Patrick born 10 Feb 1881, said to be the fourth child, and Arthur Holly Patrick b. 28 Feb 1883, said to be the fifth child. Lewis and his wife are living in Greenwich in 1880 with son Lester, age 6, daughters Laura, age 4, and Mary L., age 2. Lewis is a carpenter. It is unknown where and when they died. Lewis is not listed in the obituary of WPP as a survivor. It is interesting to note the use of "Weed" and "Holly" as middle names for two of Lewis' children, both surnames prominent in Greenwich.

The last known records concerning Lewis Patrick are in Greenwich Town Hall in "Legal Abatements and Military Enrollment, 1862-1883" where he is listed in the "Enrollments of 1879, 1880, 1882, and 1883."

Antonette Patrick born c. 1854 Yonkers, Westchester Co., NY. The only record to date for Antonette is the 1860 census of Yonkers, age 6, in the family of Thomas Patrick and his second wife, Ann Margaret, along with her half-brother William, born 1846, and her brother, Lewis C. (1851-1883+). A check in St. John's Episcopal Church records, Yonkers shows no vital data for any Patrick or Kirkpatrick. WPP refers in one of his Civil War pension papers dated 26 Dec 1909 as having written to his sister about confirming his birth date and as of that date had not had a reply from her.

Stephen M. Patrick, the youngest of the half-siblings, was born in 1861 in Yonkers, NY. 15 He died in Greenwich on 2 Apr 1933, about three months before the death of WPP on 14 July 1933, and is buried in the family plot #153 in the church yard of the First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich, with no grave marker. His parents, as given in the death records of Greenwich, are Thomas and second wife Anna Patrick, both born in Yonkers, NY. The informant was William McKinley, of Cos Cob, who was apparently not related. The 1900 Federal census for Stamford, District 107, dwelling #115, family #133 for Stephen and wife Catherine states they had been married for ten years. There is no record in the cemetery of burial of (his first wife) Catherine (Stubbs). Their children were John, born June 1891, age 8, born CT and James born March 1896, age 6. John may be the same John J. Patrick registered on World War I Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918. 16 James could be the same "Jas. E. Patrick" whose registration card for World War I, states birth date as 19 March 1894, born CT. In his obituary Stephen's (second) wife, Julia had passed away 20 years previously. His only survivor was his (half) brother, WPP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Greenwich Births Vol. 2:122.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Box 23A.4.

<sup>15</sup> Obituary Greenwich Press, 6 April 1933, p. 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Ancestry.com Military Records online.

In the 1907 Stamford City Directory, p. 230, Stephen was a teamster with E.M. Goulden, with his home listed at 344 Washington Ave. Stephen and family are not found in the 1910 census index. Stephen was widowed in the 1920 census at Greenwich, age 56, living with his "brother" [sic-nephew] as head of household, Joseph A. Patrick, age 46, and his wife, Lena. Joseph A., born 16 Sept. 1873 is son of William P. Patrick and his first wife Emily J. (Hoyt).

# Hoyt-Patrick burials in family plot #153, First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich

This burying ground was formerly known as the Sound Beach Cemetery, on Sound Beach Ave. Old Greenwich. It has always been associated with the First Society which was organized in May 1665. The present stone building, the fifth such edifice for this congregation, was dedicated in 1895. The cemetery plot was sold 8 June 1894 with half purchased by Ezra B. Hoyt (1858-1910+) and half to William P. Patrick (1846-1933). The lot is "considered full," yet of 16 total grave positions, there are eight positions with no names entered on office index cards. The cemetery cards at the church secretary's office show these burials:

### Burials with grave numbers and grave stones:

- 7. Louise Patrick 1837-1925, second wife of Wm P Patrick)
- 8. William P Patrick and Emily J. Patrick (1848-1884), first wife of William on one stone. GAR symbol.

No grave number, but a stone simply: "Hoyt."

# Burials, locations unknown within the plot, with no grave stones:

Ezra B. Hoyt (born ca 1858; died after 1910 census). Cecelia Ann Hoyt, his wife.

Alice Adams, grave 7a, next to Louise Patrick, interred 7 Jan 1956. The Stephen Patrick (died 3 Apr 1933, age 71, half-brother of WPP). Joseph Patrick (interred 7 June 1957, son of Wm P. Patrick). Lena Dalton Patrick (died 17 Jan 1938, age 60, wife of Joseph).

#### Comments:

Emily J. (Hoyt) Patrick died 22 Aug 1884, before plot #153 was purchased by her husband and Ezra B. Hoyt on 8 June 1894, but she was included in the inscription on the monument at the time her husband died in 1933. Obviously the gravestone with both names inscribed was done after William P. Patrick died 14 July 1933 as the lettering is consistent. Perhaps Joseph, son of his first marriage who is buried here, or WPP's third wife, Elizabeth, took care of having the gravestone inscribed. Elizabeth (McGonigle) (Anderson) Patrick survived him, but is buried elsewhere, location unknown.

It is very likely that Thomas Patrick, father of WPP born 1804-1811, who died in 1898, is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Died 5 Jan. 1956, age 57, at St. Francis Hospital, Bronx, NY. Burial Transit Permit, Greenwich Town Clerk.

buried here also, with no gravestone. His New York death certificate states he was buried at "Sound Beach."

#### Father of William P. Patrick

Census records of 1850 and 1860 determine the parents of WPP as Thomas born about 1811 in Yonkers, although the pedigree chart of Mary Sabol Nardone claims his birthplace was Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY. Neither the 1870 censuses of New York (southeastern counties) nor of Connecticut (southwestern Fairfield County) include WPP or Thomas. The 1880 census for Greenwich, CT, shows both WPP and his father Thomas, who is then age 69, occupation "stone mason," living in Sound Beach (later Old Greenwich). After much digging, the death certificate was found in the Village of Port Chester, Westchester County, NY. He was born in "Westchester, New York." The death date was 14 January 1898, age 93 yrs. 6 months and 2 days. This would pinpoint his birth year as July 1804 instead of c. 1811 per the 1850 and 1860 Yonkers censuses. Disappointingly, the names of his parents and their birthplaces are "unknown" on the death certificate. He died at his home at 204 King St., Port Chester. Helpfully, the certificate states his place of burial as "Sound Beach." So it is very possible that Thomas could be buried in Lot #153 at the First Congregational Church yard, but there is no gravestone or office record of his being buried there with the other Patricks.

The only Patrick or Kirkpatrick of an age to have been the father of Thomas is an earlier Thomas in the 1820 census for Yonkers with two males under age 10 (includes Thomas born 1804-1811?), Thomas and his presumed wife aged between 26 and 45, and 4 females under age 10. The grandfather of WPP is said in the obituary to have served in the War of 1812. Rosters for New York show a Daniel Kirkpatrick whose widow was Rachel, a Thomas Kirkpatrick whose widow was Sarah (Birch), and a John Patrick, 18 but no places of residence are included.

# Discussion of Probable Ancestors of Thomas and his son, WPP

After spending many years tracking the descendants of Capt. Daniel Patrick (1600-1643/4), one finds that the old family name when he was fighting with the Prince of Orange troops in the Netherlands was Kirkpatrick, before 1630 when he married Annetje Van Beyeren at The Hague. When he migrated to the Massachusetts Bay Colony with Gov. Winthrop in 1630 and created records on this side of the ocean, he used the spelling Patrick, but his son Daniel used the two spellings interchangeably. Daniel is the only son for whom we can trace descendants. Therefore both spellings must be checked in each type of record.

We have determined that Thomas, father of WPP, was born between 1804 and 1811, probably in Yonkers, and aged 69 years in 1880 when his occupation was stone mason. However, the Civil War pension papers, Certificate # 844,200, Invalid #450,286, National Archives, includes a paper by WPP which claims he "was told" that his father died in 1898 age 94. This led to finding his death certificate in Port Chester, NY. There is no Thomas Patrick or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Respectively, National Archives #W.O. 38363 and W.C. 28287; W.O. 1280; and Bounty Land Warrant 42278-160-55.

Kirkpatrick in the 1830 or 1840 Westchester County, NY censuses, and no Patrick in 1840 in the column listing veterans of any war.

A "Thomas K-Patrick" [Kirk Patrick?] had an unnamed grandchild who died 13 Mar 1831 at Eastchester, Westchester County, not far from Yonkers. This could be Thomas born 1775-1794, probably closer to 1775. 19 A Thomas Patrick, age 41 years, residing at 5 Bleeker St., died Monday, 8 Feb. 1830. 20

But a strong theory of connection to descendants of Daniel<sup>2</sup> lies in these minutes and court records of the Town of Westchester:<sup>21</sup>

1793- Names of persons who live upon that road in Twp of Westchester of which David Ferris is master... Daniel Patrick, Daniel Patrick, Junr., James Patrick, Samuel Patrick, listed in sequence. Each paid 4 shillings as road tax. Also listed is Alexander Wood who paid 8 shillings who could be related to Mary/Susan Wood(s), first wife of Thomas Patrick (b. ca. 1804-1811, died 1880+)?

1798- "List of Persons be able to Work on Road to Throgs Neck under Christopher Dunn, overseer of highways. Page 128: **Thomas Patrick**, no. of days=2. In separate column: **Daniel Patrick**, 1 day..." Town of Westchester, Westchester County, NY.<sup>22</sup>

31 Jan 1799- General Sessions: True Bill. A-320(9)L [Folder 5]: James Kirkpatrick, Jr., John Kirkpatrick, Daniel Patrick Jr., James Patrick, Charles Baxter, and Isaac Williams are all named in a listing of defendants which describes the action of "assault with force of arms, did wound, beat, and ill-treat and cause great damage to Abraham Reynolds (of Greenwich, CT) and Samuel Finly [sic] (of North Salem, Westchester County). "All defendants are laborers and reside in the Town of Westchester.<sup>23</sup>

From these obscure records we have assembled several names both as Patrick and Kirkpatrick, from which to attach ancestors of WPP and his father Thomas. Perhaps Thomas in the record above is Thomas (born ca. 1775-1794] possible *father* of Thomas born ca. 1804-1811. Birth or christening records and ages of these men could certainly help define each man. The early census records are of minimal help, and few church records are available.

### Clues

Unplaced contemporary Patricks in lower Westchester County and the Greenwich Stamford, CT area include *Elisha* Patrrick in the 1860 Yonkers census. Elisha was born Nov 1829 in NY and as yet does not seem to connect.

<sup>19</sup> Eastchester Town History, Eastchester Historical Society, St. Paul's Church Records.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> "Deaths Taken from NY Evening Post 1824-1825 (NY)," Barber 1829-1831.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> FHL microfilm #0481427, a page-by-page search.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Formerly at Queens College Library, Flushing, NY.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Westchester County Court Records 1768-1912. Online database at Westchester County, NY Archives.

Another clue is *Daniel* Patrick, age 14, born in CT, in the 1880 Greenwich, CT, Federal census as a servant and farm laborer in the family of Elkanah H.M. Reynolds, a farmer. Both parents of Daniel were born in CT. Then in the Greenwich Town Records is a birth registered for a *George Thomas* Patrick, born there 9 May 1885, parents are Daniel and Ann M. Patrick. Are the two Daniels the same person? The middle name of George *Thomas* is significant. Who were the men in the area who were having children born about 1866? Neither Daniel nor George Thomas Patrick are found in subsequent census records, vital records, or online sources to date.

#### Conclusion

It cannot be determined who wrote the obituary and provided the photo and background information. That person was very familiar with the family history, especially the portion about ancestors of WPP having been among the founders of the town of Greenwich and military service. Family papers to follow the lineage back to Capt. Daniel Patrick with names, dates, and places would have been invaluable to support their story. No known living descendants hold these family papers.

The allegations and descriptions in the obituary of WPP have been thoroughly examined insofar as extant records allow. Except for the mis-naming "Edward" instead of Roger Alfred Conklin, and WPP's claimed service as deputy sheriff, most other provable biographical statements are true and factual presentations of value. The parents of WPP are established with primary data, but Revolutionary War and War of 1812 service by unnamed ancestors remains elusive.

What circumstances drew William P Patrick and his father to Greenwich before 1880? The booming building development taking place in Greenwich and employment opportunities the oyster industry? They knew they were descended from Capt. Daniel Patrick who was a founder of that town in July 1640, although no family papers of his descendants have been found other than those of Mary Sabol Nardone of Pennsylvania. It is also interesting to point out the irony of my sister, Mary Liddle Baker, and her husband buying property in Old Greenwich in 1965 before I discovered that we were said to be descended from Capt. Daniel Patrick. Mary Sabol Nardone's and our own supposed branches of the Capt. Daniel Patrick family seem to be distantly related and have come full circle back to Greenwich. However, we need record proof of the crucial one or two connecting generations.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Greenwich Birth Records, Vol. 3A, p. 29.

## Did Samuel Blatchley of Stamford, Connecticut, Marry Twice?

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#### Part 1

The Blatchley<sup>[2]</sup> Family of Stamford, during the early colonial period, is represented by a single branch from Guilford, Connecticut—that of Samuel Blatchley. Samuel Blatchley was born in Guilford about 1671, the son of Aaron and Mary (Dodd) Blatchley, and grandson of Thomas Blatchley.<sup>[3]</sup> He was an octogenarian when he died in Stamford on 15 October 1756.<sup>[4]</sup> He married Abigail Finch, daughter of Abraham Finch of Stamford.<sup>[5]</sup>

Very little about Samuel Blatchley's family has been written up in a definitive treatise. This article addresses one significant fact concerning him that the present writer feels has been misrep-

resented in all of the published material regarding him thus far.

The question that we present here is whether Samuel's first wife, Abigail (Finch) Blatchley, after giving birth to at least four children, died sometime around 1709, and then Samuel Blatchley remarried to sire more children by a second wife whose name was Sarah \_\_\_\_\_?<sup>[6]</sup> This is the scenario that is presented among the few published sources concerning him. The present researcher challenges this scenario and maintains that Samuel Blatchley did not have children by a second wife by the name of Sarah.

We begin by noting that it was Elijah B. Huntington who introduced the theory that Samuel Blatchley married twice by stating the following:

By his first wife, Abigail Finch, he had Samuel, Sarah, and Abigail; and by the second whose name was Sarah, a Mary, b. Aug. 24, 1710.<sup>[7]</sup>

<sup>4</sup>Stamford Vital Records, 1:119 [21], as abstracted from Connecticut Vital Records: Stamford Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1641-1852 (Hartford, Conn.: typescript, 1926), available on Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm, #16, part B. Numbers in brackets refer to the page number from this abstraction.

<sup>5</sup>Stamford Town Records, 1:104 [124]: "Samuell Blachley & Abigaill Finch, maried y<sup>e</sup> 6 of Aprill 1699." (Note that the records consulted here are taken from the 1882 transcribed version of the Stamford Town Meeting Records available from the Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm, #16, part A. Citations herein will follow the convention: X:Y [Z], where X is the original volume number, Y is the original page number, and Z is the 1882 transcription page number).

<sup>6</sup>No such marriage record exists.

<sup>7</sup>Elijah Baldwin 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, Conn.: privately published, 1868. Repr.: Maine: Picton Press, 1992), 179. Yet, on page 157, Rev. Huntington made no mention of a second wife Sarah and a daughter, Mary, where he again wrote: "Blatchley, Samuel and Abigail Finch, m. April 6, 1699. Their children were: Samuel, b. March 8, 1699-1700 — Sarah, Nov. 7, 1702 — and Abigail, Sept. 23, 1705." Also, note that Huntington failed to make any mention here of Samuel Blatchley's son, Joseph.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>As usual with colonial families, such as Hoyt vs. Hait, the subject family has been spelled differently in the early records. This article will use the spelling of "Blatchley" throughout, unless directly quoting from an original record or article.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Alvan Talcott, Families of Early Guilford (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1984), 106. This work does not trace the descendents of subject Samuel Blatchley, presumably since, by his moving to Stamford, he therefore was no longer considered a family of Guilford.

Following Huntington's lead, this representation of Samuel Blatchley having two wives was next perpetuated in 1904 by Ralph D. Smyth, [8] then again in 1991 by Edith M. Wicks and Jeanne Majdalany, [9] and most recently in 2001 by Kenneth H. Gilmore. [10]

It is now time to present a case for a different scenario. First of all, it is important to note that two of the foremost Stamford genealogical experts, Donald Lines Jacobus<sup>[11]</sup> and Paul W. Prindle<sup>[12]</sup> stated that Samuel Blatchley was married to Abigail Finch, but neither of them made any mention of a second wife. Secondly, the marriage of Samuel Blatchley to Abigail Finch in Stamford on 6 April 1699 is a recorded fact, and no record of a second marriage has been found.

The reason that some believe that the subject Samuel Blatchley married secondly is due to the fact that in the Stamford Town Records there exists recorded births of two children of a Samuel and a "Sarah" Blatchley, viz., Mary Blatchley, born 24 August 1710<sup>[13]</sup> and another daughter, who is unnamed, born on 9 December 1712.<sup>[14]</sup> Thus, it is because of these two entries that it would appear that Samuel Blatchley, who was formerly married to Abigail Finch, now, apparently, had a new wife by the name of Sarah.

Unfortunately for this view is the heretofore unmentioned fact that after the births of these two daughters of Samuel and "Sarah" Blatchley, there exists a birth record of Samuel and "Abigail" Blatchley, where again they became the parents of a subsequent daughter by the name of Martha Blatchley, born 13 December 1717. [15] In addition, these records refer to another unnamed daughter of Samuel and Abigail Blatchley, who died on 26 September [17\_\_]. [16]

Thus, we are now faced with records that seemingly are in conflict. Our options appear to be:

1) Martha's date of birth has been inaccurately transcribed; [17] 2) There was another Samuel Blatchley at this same time in Stamford married to a "Sarah"; 3) Samuel Blatchley married Sarah prior to his marriage with Abigail Finch; 4) The clerk entered the name Sarah (twice!) for Abigail (either by error or by way of a alternate name).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Ralph D. Smyth, "Thomas Blatchley, or Blachley, and His Descendants" Register 58 (Oct., 1904): 358.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Edith M. Wicks and Jeanne Majdalany, *The Early Settlement of Stamford, Connecticut* (1990; repr. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1991), 151, which references Smyth's article.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>Kenneth H. Gilmore, "What is Anna Blatchley's Ancestry?" Connecticut Ancestry 44:1 (Aug., 2001): 1-11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>Donald Lines Jacobus, Additions and Corrections to the History and Genealogy of Families of Old Fairfield (Supplement to The American Genealogist, October, 1943), 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>Paul W. Prindle, Ancestry of Elizabeth Barrett Gillespie (New Orleans: Polyantros, 1976), 142.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>Stamford Town Records, 1:137 [180]: "Mary Blachly, daughter, Sam<sup>ll</sup> & Sarah Blachly, born Agust 24 1710."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>Stamford Town Records, 1:136 [178]: "A daughter to Samll & Sarah Blachly, born Decemb<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1712."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>Stamford Town Records, 1:133 [172]: "Birth, Martha Blachly, daughter to Samuel & Abigail Blachly, born in Stamford, December y<sup>e</sup> 13 1717." It is puzzling to note here why E. B. Huntington (op. cit.), nor Ralph D. Smyth (op. cit.) both never made any mention of this additional daughter, Martha. Such a curious omission is so striking that it is either due to blatant carelessness or dare we say, a selective omission of the facts?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>Stamford Town Records, 1:137 [180]: "Death, Sam<sup>ll</sup> & Abigail Blachly had a child, dyed September 26. [17\_]." The author believes that this unnamed daughter is the same unnamed daughter who was born to Samuel and "Sarah" Blatchley on 9 December 1712 (STR 1:136 [178]).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>One could argue that the date of 1717 should have been transcribed as 1711. This date would certainly have the advantage of putting Martha's year of birth right in between Mary's and the other unnamed daughter, and would therefore allow for a subsequent marriage. Although the present writer has not seen the actual date in the original records for himself, we must be satisfied that this is the correct date because Donald Lines Jacobus, who did see the original record, agrees with this transcription: "Blachly, Martha da. Samuel & Abigail b. in Stāford 13 Dec. 1717" (Donald Lines Jacobus, "Stamford [Conn.] Town Records" *The American Genealogist* 11:2 [Oct., 1934]: 98). Also, all adjoining entries on this page are dated between the years of 1714 - 1718, which would make a date of 1711 glaringly out of place. Thus, until this record can be verified in the original, this option can be dismissed.

The basic facts are these: Samuel and Abigail Blatchley had a daughter, Martha, in 1717. Twelve years latter, on 20 January 1729, they were both witnesses to the will of Reverend John Davenport<sup>[18]</sup> and again on 20 February 1730, witnesses to the will of Benjamin Belding.<sup>[19]</sup> Indeed, the Stamford Land Records only refer to an "Abigail" as the wife of Samuel Blatchley for a period of over fifty years, from 1702 to 1753.<sup>[20]</sup> This is evidence that cannot be overturned.

As to option 2, was there another Samuel Blatchley living in Stamford at this time, married to a "Sarah?" Such a proposal would have to be backed up with evidence for such an individual, for which there is none. He had no birth record, no death record, no probate record, neither did he have a marriage record to this supposed wife, Sarah. Indeed, such a duplicate Samuel Blatchley would have no known relationship to any of the other Blatchley's in Stamford (or, for that matter, in Guilford, Connecticut). Thus, the existence of this second (and phantom) Samuel Blatchley, who supposedly fathered two daughters right around the same time as the subject Samuel and Abigail (Finch) Blatchley are having children, fails any test of factual evidence in order to be legitimately sustained.

As to option 3, it is believed by some that Samuel married first, sometime around 1695, "Sarah Finch" [21] who died sometime before Samuel's marriage to Abigail Finch in 1699. [22] But this option can be rejected out of hand because it ignores the fact that the daughter Mary (whom this website says was born in the late 1690's) was in fact born on born 24 August 1710, as stated above. It is as if people remove obstacles to their theories by making up their own facts.

We thus are left with option 4, a clerical error of some sort. Why did the Stamford Town Records refer to Samuel Blatchley's wife as Sarah on two occasions rather than Abigail? Could it be a nickname?<sup>[23]</sup> There is no good answer. But the fact remains that the evidence presented here shows us that Samuel Blatchley only had one wife throughout his entire life and all the children in the Stamford records must of necessity be those of his wife Abigail (Finch) Blatchley.<sup>[24]</sup>

With the foregoing facts having been established, we are now prepared to move forward and develop Samuel Blatchley's descendants as follows in part 2 which will be presented in the next issue of this journal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>Stamford Probate Records, 1:10, as abstracted by Spencer P. Mead, Abstract of Probate Records for the district of Stamford, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, 1729-1802 (Greenwich, Conn.: n.p., 1924), 1:3, per Connecticut Ancestry Society microfilm, #16, part C, 1:7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>Stamford Probate Records, 1:158 (cited from S. P. Mead, Stamford Probate Records, 1:7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>Stamford Land Records, A:395 [1702] states that Samuel Blatchley was the son-in-law of Abraham Finch; C:82 [1726/7] refers to Abigail, his wife; E:123 [1753] refers to Abigail, his wife, the only daughter of Abraham Finch (abstracted by Edith M. Wicks, "Genealogical References in Stamford Land Records, Vols. A through G 1666-1767" Connecticut Ancestry 19:1 [Sept., 1976]: 16).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>It is interesting that now this phantom Sarah Blatchley is even given a maiden name, directly out of nowhere.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>see online at http://www.stupakgen.net/Genealogy/Beahm/07808\_blat.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup>For instance, how many times have we seen statements like "Mary, also known as Polly," or "Sarah, also known as Sally," or "Margaret, also known as Peggy?" This being said, are we prepared to say "Abigail, also known as Sarah?" Or should we just chalk it up to clerical error, even though the likelihood of that occurring twice maybe indeed a stretch?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>One final point needs to be addressed. There exists a death record of a Sarah Blatchley on 22 November 1759 (Stamford Vital Records, 1:134). This is not a wife of Samuel Blatchley since he mentioned no wife in his will of 13 July 1756, neither Abigail nor Sarah. His wife Abigail must have died sometime between the 1753 land record and this 1756 date. This Sarah Blatchley is identified by this author as the unmarried daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Hoyt) Blatchley whose estate was administered by her brother, Joseph Blatchley, Jr., on 31 December 1759 (Stamford Probate Records, 2:229 and 5:144).

### Assessment List for New York's Oblong Lots, 1761: Lands Ceded from Connecticut in 1731

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In exchange for Greenwich and Stamford which were within twenty miles of the Hudson River, a strip about 1¾ miles wide and running north and south the whole western border of Connecticut, was ceded to New York in 1731. In addition to some lands granted directly to Ridgefield settlers and other lands deemed too rugged for settlement, most of the land was divided into eighty 500-acre lots, each nearly square and running in pairs up the western border of Connecticut. The original proprietors of these lots represented the landed gentry of New York, many of them holding several lots.

Owners of the Oblong lots were liable for payment of quitrents to the crown authorities at the rate of 2 shillings and 6 pence per 100 acres per year which, with added collectors' fees, totaled 2 shillings and 11 pence. By 1760 most of the eighty lots had been subdivided or had changed hands, and many of the current owners were delinquent in their payments. Notices were published in the *New-York Gazette* in March and April 1761, and on 17 January 1761 the assessors gave their list of owners to the collector, Abraham Wing, requiring him to collect the sums due as indicated.

This original list of 1761 is in the possession of the Historical Society of Quaker Hill and Pawling.<sup>1</sup> The abstract published here shows the then current owners of lots and subdivisions with the land area specified in acres, roods, and perches. It omits the quitrent sums credited or payable as shown on the original. Since 1731 all lots had changed ownership except the several lots owned by George Clarke's heirs, Lots 17 and 20 by James Alexander's heirs, and Lots 19 and 53 by Joshua Barnes and Henry Cuyler, respectively.

Below is a summary of which lots were eventually incorporated into New York towns. Except for lots 1 to 4 in the town of Salem which was created from Oblong lands in 1747 and later became Lewisboro and North Salem, most of the Oblong lots were not incorporated into the adjoining towns until 1795 and do not appear on tax rolls until after that date.

Lot Nos.	Towns
1 – 4	North Salem, Westchester County
<b>5</b> – <b>12</b>	Southeast, Putnam County
13 - 22	Patterson, Putnam County
23 - 24	Patterson and Pawling
25 - 34	Pawling, Dutchess County
35 – 36	Pawling and Dover
37 – 44	Dover, Dutchess County
45 - 60	Amenia, Dutchess County
61 - 80	Northeast, Dutchess County

(Though incorporated into the town of Northeast, lots 77 through 80 are adjacent to Ancram, Columbia County.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Accession no. MP-10/pg 40; Box 31.

The names of the original proprietors in 1731 of each of the eighty lots are found on a contemporary map at the New York Historical Society, many of them holding several lots each. These names are summarized in the table below:

## **Patentees of the Oblong Lots**

1 Henry Cuyler	28 Cadwallader Colden	54 John Rall
2 Wm. Burnette & children	29 Nathan Birdsel &	55 Elias Clap
3 Arch. Kennedy	James Brown	56 Cadwallader Colden
4 George Clarke	30 Uriah Root	57 David Townsend
5 Samuel Field	31 James Brown & Co.	58 George Clarke
6 David Townsend	32 George Clarke	59 James Brown & Co.
7 J. Alexander	33 Arch. Kennedy	60 Cadwallader Colden
8 George Clarke	34 James Brown	61 Cornelius Flamen
9 Samuel Baker	35 George Clarke	62 Benjamin Birdsel
10 Richard Bradley	36 John Thomas	63 John Thomas
11 William Smith	37 William Smith	64 J. Alexander
12 Cadwallader Colden	38 James Brown	65 George Clarke
13 Uriah Roots	39 Cadwallader Colden	66 V. Matthews
14 J. Alexander	40 William Smith	67 William Smith
15 J. Alexander	41 William Smith	68 William Smith
16 Jacob Stavelon	42 J. Alexander	69 George Clarke
17 Arch. Kennedy	43 V. Matthews	70 George Clarke
18 George Clarke	44 George Clarke	71 John Rall
19 Joshua Barnes	45 Cadwallader Colden	72 George Clarke
20 Adam Ireland	46 Wm. Burnette & children	73 Arch. Kennedy
21 J. Alexander	47 Elias Clap	74 George Willett
22 Samuel Baker	48 John Barnes	75 George Clarke
23 Jacob Havelon	49 Samuel Field	76 James Brown & Co.
[Haviland]	50 Adam Ireland	77 Richard Bradley
24 Cadwallader Colden	51 Uriah Root	78 Richard Birdsel &
25 Benjamin Birdsel	52 George Willett	James Brown
26 James Brown & Co.	53 Henry Cuyler	79 Cadwallader Colden
27 James Brown & Co.		80 Uriah Root

Tax Roll of Oblong Lots in 1761 — Abstract of the original manuscript held by the Historical Society of Quaker Hill and Pawling.

A regular & exact Assessment of the Oblong Lands from Lot  $N^{\circ}$  1 to  $N^{\circ}$  44 Containing Twenty Two Thousand Acres: in order to raise his Majesties Quit Rent [and later in the document] An Assessment from Lot  $N^{\circ}$  45 to Lot  $N^{\circ}$  80 Containing 18250 Acres.

Lot#	Owners, Freeholders & Propr Names	<u>Acres</u>	Roods	<b>Perches</b>
1	Benjamin Close	245	0	0
	Ezra Rundle	100	0	0.
	Petit Baxter	154	0	0
2	John Wallis (Wallace)	236	0	0
	James Wallis (Wallace)	265	0	0
3	Joseph Field	500	0	0
	David Palmer	250	0	0
4,8,18,32,35,	Estate of Governour	6000	0	0
44,58,65, 69,	George Clarke late Dec <sup>d</sup>			
70,72, & 75				
5	Samuel Field	250	0	0
6	Elihu Toundsend (Townsend)	250	0	0
	Rob <sup>t</sup> Toundsend (Townsend)	250	0	0
7	Zachariah Paddock	250	0	0
	John Field	150	0	0
	Thomas Baldwin	100	0	0
9	Nathan Green	122	0	0
	John Anderson	247	0	0
	Edward Grey	3	0	0
	John Ryder	65	2	0
	Simeon Ryder	62	2	0
10	Bethuel Barnum	500	0	0
11	Jehial Stevens	12	0	0
	Matthias Burges	288	0	0
	Elisha Kent	170	0	0
	Moss Kent	30	0	0
12	Prince Hopkins	80	0	0
	Joshua Barnum	250	0 .	0
	Lydia Stevens, Widow	72	2	0
	William Porter	48	0	0
	John Porter	55	3	0
	Joshua Porter	55	3	0
13	Nathan Crosbe	55	0	0
	Joseph Foster	55	0	0
	Tho <sup>s</sup> Foster	110	0	0
	Ephraim Smith	73	0	0
	Nathaniel Foster	145	0	0 .

Lot#	Owners, Freeholders & Propr Names	<u>Acres</u>	Roods	<u>Perches</u>
14	Nathan Birdsell Jn <sup>r</sup>	500	0	0
	and George Hobborn			
15	Nathan Birdsell Sen <sup>r</sup>	500	0	0
16	The heirs of Benj <sup>m</sup> Haviland	430	0	0
	Mary Haviland, Widow	70	0	0
17 & 20	The Heirs of James Alexander,	1000	0	0
	Esq., Deceased			
19	Joshua Barns	500	0	0
21	Nathaniel Stevenson	375	0	0
	Stephen Hoag	125	0	0
22	Jonathan Hoag, Nathan Birdsell &	500	0	0
	John Ogden's Heirs Undivided			
23	Jacob Heaviland [Haviland]	250	0	0
	Isaac Heaviland	200	0	0
	Phinehas Peck	50	0	0
23	David Hoag	311	0	26
	Joseph Hoag	333	1	14
24	Reed Ferriss	201	0	0
	John Akin	180	0	36
	Prince Howland	60	3	15
	W <sup>m</sup> Hunt	15	0	0
	Edward Wing	24	0	0
	W <sup>m</sup> Hammon[d]	20	0	0
	Sam <sup>II</sup> Hunt	1	2	0
	Abraham Wing	194	1	0
	Ebenezer Peaslee	146	1	0
26	Joseph Irish	81	2	10
	John Hoag Sen <sup>r</sup>	67	2	15
	John Hoag Jun <sup>r</sup>	31	1	20
	Anthony Tripp	233	1	28
	Jedidiah Wing	219	1	11
27	Jeremiah Briggs	172	0	0
	David Akin	212	3	8
	Israel Howland	95	2	34
28	Elisha Akin	148	2	27
	Zebulon Ferriss	73	3	25
29	Benja <sup>m</sup> Ferriss	117	0	26
	Henry Chase	119	0	17
	Peter Hobborn [sic]	107	1	26
	James Birdsell	123	3	36
	Josiah Akin	66	2	22
	Thomas Fish 85:3:18 [apparent	87	3	13
	correction added]			
	Preserved Fish [sic]	<del>50</del>	0	0
	Jonathan Akin	53	3	35

<u>Lot #</u>	Owners, Freeholders & Prop Names  W <sup>m</sup> Busell	<u>Acres</u> 199	Roods 0	Perches 0
30	Quakers Meeting House	3	2	0
	Edward Briggs	50	0	0
	Timothy Dakin [sic]	48	0	12
31	Philip Allen	60	3	20
31	Elisha Allen	60	3	20
	Benja <sup>m</sup> Hicks	96	0	0
	Mary Allen	96	2	37
33	Abraham Thomas	138	0	15
33	John Wickham	62	3	34
	Phinehas Chase	63	1	13
	Edward Howard	138	0	15
	Ephraim Allen	45	Õ	0
	Murray Lester [appended to	255	2	19
	end of original list]	255	-	
34	Timothy Soule, Esq.	250	0	0
	Valentine Perry	175	0	0
	Alexander Steward	50	0	0
36	Tho <sup>s</sup> Taber	375	3	30
	James Akin	74	0	10
37	Benjamin Devil	250	0	0
	Joseph Jennins	250	0	0
38	John Hoag the Second	354	2	0
	Benjamin Hoag	48	2	0
	Abner Hoag [sic]	48	2	0
	Daniel Wing	48	2	0
39	Ebenezer Cole	158	0	0
	Manassah Martin	100	0	0
	Eccabod [Ichabod] West	95	0	0
	Zebulon Ross	400	0	0
	David Hays [sic]	75	0	0
40	Matthias Mash	183	0	0
	John Wing	136	0	0
	David Preston	57	0	0
	Isaac Grover	57	0	0
	Elijah Brownal	73	0	0
	Ephraim Mash	100	0	0
41	Wing Kelley	100	0	0
42	Gideon Draper	195	0	0
	The Heirs of John Mash	200	0	0
43	James Draper	113	1	13
	David Cummin	47	2	19
	Benja <sup>m</sup> Pierce	9	2	3
	Benja <sup>m</sup> Glover	99	2	3
	Jonathan Wheat	28	2	12

Lot#	Owners, Freeholders & Propr Names	<b>Acres</b>	Roods	<b>Perches</b>
45	Moses Barlow	150	0	0
	Ephraim Seeley	250	0	0
	Oldwick Winegar	103	3	34
46	Brown of Salem in New England	500	0	0
47 & 48	Henry Clapp	51	1	6
	Samuel Judson	396	2	20
	Thomas Woolcot	5	2	20
	Ezekiel Sacket	1	0	0
	W <sup>m</sup> Mitchel	2	3	38
	Simeon Kelsey	36	2	16
	Alexander McKay	14	1	14
	Daniel Castle	108	3	12
	Silas Doty	98	3	28
	Samuel Hitchcock	49	1	13
	James Reed	53	1	29
	Caleb Curtis	53	1	29
	Samuel Doty	103	3	21
	Jonathan Davis	144	3	0
49	Ashbill Goodrich	125	0	0
	Peter Cline	250	0	0
50	D <sup>r</sup> John Chamberlain	19	0	0
	John Lovewell	80	0	0
	John Beebe	250	0	0
	Penuel Bacon	1	0	0
	Isaac Delometter, Jun <sup>r</sup>	150	0	0
51	Jonathan Lorance	500	0	0
52	Conrad Winegar	100	0	0
	Samuel Snider	48	2	0
	Henry Winegar	219	0	0
	The Widow Winegar	32	2	0
	Nicholas Row	100	0	0
53	Henry Cuyler	500	0	0
54	Capt <sup>n</sup> Isaac Delometter	500	0	0
55	Samuel Standish	105	0	0
	Sam <sup>ll</sup> King	20	0	0
	Joseph Blackmore	121	0	0
	Miles Washborn	110	0	0
	Oliver Crocker	53	2	0
	John Adams Jun <sup>r</sup>	92	2	0
	Josiah Brown	15	0	0
56	John Delometter	233	0	0
	Benjamin Hollister	90	0	0
	Benja Hollister Jun <sup>r</sup>	80	0	0
	Capt <sup>n</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> Dunnum	80	0	0

Lot#	Owners, Freeholders & Propr Names	Acres	Roods	Perches
57	Doctor John Adams	79	0	0
	Elias Shavalier	310	2	0
	Isaac Lamb	103	0	0
	Josiah Brown	47	2	0
59	Joshua Pane	90	0	0
	Barnabas Pane	90	0	0
	Daniel Brown	103	2	0
	Ephraim Pane	30	0	0
	Nicholas Whitma[r]sh	168	2	0
	Elijah Phelps	170	0	0
	Anne Adams	20	0	0
	Robert Freeman	110	0	0
	James McKlare	50	0	0
60	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Smith	250	0	0
	John Penoyer	238	0	0
61	Elisha Gilbert	122	2	0
	Daniel Luce	33	1	0
	Daniel Smith	31	1	0
	Joshua Lion	125	0	0
62	Josiah Fuller	41	0	0
	Robert Johnson	100	0	0
	George Johnson	50	0	0
	Robert Johnson Jun <sup>r</sup>	50	0	0
	Elnathan Goodrich	30	0	0
	Eccabod [Ichabod] Rogers	29	0	0
63	Simeon Wright	60	0	0
	Nathan Wheeler	100	0	0
	John King	100	0	0
	Elijah & Eliphalet Wheeler	240	0	0
64	John Harvey	500	0	0
66	Abel Wood	65	2	14
	Stephen Johns	77	0	0
	Benjamin Johns Sen <sup>r</sup>	262	0	6
	Tho <sup>s</sup> Jones	95 500	0	38
67	George Jacob Sornberger	500	0	0
68	Azariah Smith	102	3	14
	Obed Harvey	142	3	0
	Increase Mungan	7	0	0
	Tho <sup>s</sup> Ballard	67	1	26
	Tho <sup>s</sup> Harvey	80	0	0
	James Allworth	100	0	0
71	Tho <sup>s</sup> Russell	153	2	11
	John Gustik	96 250	1	29
77	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Neelee	250 500	0 0	0 0
73	Ebenezer Hopkins	500	U	U

Lot#	Owners, Freeholders & Propr Names	<u>Acres</u>	Roods	<b>Perches</b>
74	Phineas Holcom	48	3	0
	Josiah Willohby	7	2	22
	Elisha Culver	100	0	0
	Caleb Smith	33	0	18
	Ja <sup>s</sup> Jo <sup>s</sup> & Amos Bird	170	0	0
	The Same James Bird	28	1	0
	Timothy Edwards	80	3	0
	Philip Spence	14	0	0
	W <sup>m</sup> Knickerbocker	5	0	0
	Richard Baldwin	12	2	0
76	Peter Caswell	500	0	0
77	Daniel Wright	53	0	0
	Jacob Wright	42	0	0
	Darius Mead	250	0	0
	Daniel Porter	155	0	0
78	Joseph Ketchum	250	0	0
	Ephraim Ketchum	250	0	0
<i>7</i> 9	Joseph Bird	166	2	67
	Elihu Ketchum	166	2	67
80	James Josiah Ross	200	0	0
	Ebenezer Alles	200	0	0
	John Alles	100	0	0
	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Marshall	100	0	0

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Nathanael Stevenson
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To Abraham Wing Collector

The foregoing Assessment is made up in New York Currency to the Eighth day of the Month Called June Old Style 1760 at the Rate of Two Shillings & Eleven Pence Per hundred Acres yearly with the Collectors Fees Ad[d]ed therto ... ... Given under our Hands and Seals this Seventeenth day of the Month Called January 1761.

Nathanael Stevenson
Zebulon Ferriss Assessors

#### Bridgeport Catholic Cemeteries Burial List for 1862: Most Deaths Not Found in the Vital Records

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The vital records book *Deaths*, 1855-1870 in McLevy Hall in Bridgeport contains dozens of pages of burial records on unnumbered pages beginning after the last death record in 1870 (p.108). These burial lists cover the years 1861-1877 and are grouped by year (for the most part) and by cemetery, having been submitted after each calendar year by a sexton, mortician or another responsible official. The cemeteries included are Pembroke Burial Ground, Bridgeport and Stratfield Burial Ground, Pequonnock Burial Ground, Catholic Cemeteries and Mountain Grove Cemetery. The later years in this series of records show burials in only the Catholic Cemeteries and Mountain Grove with the other burial grounds presumably full or out of fashion. In some years burials in Fairfield Catholic Cemeteries are included.

Lists headed with the words "Catholic Cemeteries" caught our eye because almost all of the names were recognized as Irish in origin. Knowing that poor immigrants rarely had money for erecting headstones, we thought these burial lists might provide information to today's researchers about where their relatives are buried. The names on the burial list for 1861, which shows burials only for the months October through December, are repeated exactly in the death records—the burial records and death records are identical. For 1862 the burial records seemed to have no matches in Bridgeport death records, but the death records are disorderly and disorganized. No burial list for Catholic Cemeteries was discovered for 1863. All of the people listed in 1864 are also listed in Bridgeport death records. A quick scan of entries in both burial and death records in subsequent years shows them to be more regular and organized than they were in 1862, so perhaps that year was an anomaly.

The list of persons buried in Catholic Cemeteries in 1862 was compared to three other resources: Bridgeport death records for the year, the Hale Collection of Tombstone Inscriptions, and the 1860 US Federal Census Population Schedule for Fairfield County.

Not surprisingly, comparison of the burial list of 1862 to headstone inscriptions published in the Hale Collection revealed that only 9 of the 96 people listed as buried in that year had headstones. All of the 9 headstones were in what is now called St. Augustine Cemetery (Arctic Street), indicating that Catholic burials in that year took place there rather than at the older St. James Cemetery.<sup>2</sup>

A discovery that did cause surprise, however, is that few of the names on the Catholic Cemeteries burial lists appeared in Bridgeport death records or in the US Census, either.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bridgeport, Connecticut, Vital Records, *Deaths, 1855-1970*, Vital Records Office, McLevy Hall, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

<sup>2</sup> A survey of headstones in every cemetery in Connecticut was done as a WPA project in 1934 and was published in 1937. This collection of tombstone inscriptions is a useful tool for locating the burial sites (if there was a headstone in place at that time). The St. Augustine Cemetery section is found on pp. 9-44, and the St. James Cemetery listings are on pp. 1-8. Hale, Charles, compiler. *Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*, vol. 11 (Bridgeport sec.), Hartford:1937, at Bridgeport Public Library <sup>3</sup> Bridgeport, Connecticut, Vital Records, *Index to Deaths, 1855-1870*. Fairfield County, Connecticut, 1860 US Federal Census population schedule. Digital images: www.ancestry.com. Accessed April, 2009. Original data: NARA microfilm series M653.

Burial Records vs. Death Records: The information in the burial lists is meager. It consists of names, dates (presumably dates of burial) and ages (usually broken down into years, months and days). Of the ninety-six people listed as buried in Catholic Cemeteries in 1862, only seven are found in the Bridgeport death records. This fact begs the question: Did Catholics living in nearby towns choose to use Catholic cemeteries in Bridgeport (perhaps due to the absence of such a facility in their own town)? Even if half of those buried had come from other towns (a high estimate, it seems to us), only 14% (7 of 48) of the Bridgeport residents would then be included in the Bridgeport death records. This seems like a very low number. Why there should be such a low recording rate is not known. No comparison was done of burials in other Bridgeport cemeteries that year to the Bridgeport death records. Such a study might reveal whether the failure to register deaths was universal or whether it was specific to people who buried their dead in Catholic cemeteries. It was noted however, that there were Irish names listed in the death records which did not show up on the burial list for Catholic Cemeteries.

Burial Records vs. 1860 US Census: In an attempt to identify people who had lived and died in a different town, a search was made in the 1860 US Census records for eastern Fairfield County. Very few of the names on the burials lists were located on the census. Nearly half of the 1862 burials—43 individuals—were infants or toddlers aged 2 years or younger who would not have been born at the time of the 1860 census. Of the remaining 53 people on the list only 25 are identified, even tentatively, in the census anywhere in Fairfield County. Seven of this group lived outside of Bridgeport. Again, there is no easy explanation for this undercount. In some cases it is possible that the sexton was incorrect in estimating the age of the deceased. To offset that potential for error when searching for individuals in the census, the ages were given  $\pm 5$  years, or sometimes  $\pm 10$  years. It is likely that some of these individuals would be found listed in the Bridgeport City Directory but this search was not done for the current study.

Another issue that might explain the lack of documentation of these people in vital and census records could be a misspelling of their names, or even an incorrect name listed in the burial records by the sexton. In the case of the Catholic Cemetery, however, the sexton was Thomas J. Synnott, the pastor of St. James parish. He was not only educated, which should predict the ability to correctly spell names, but he would also have presumably known the deceased individuals, many of whom were in his congregation since the second Catholic parish in Bridgeport had been founded only 5 years earlier. He might have made incorrect estimates of their ages, however.

In conclusion, considering the combined lack of other information about people on the list, it appears that the burial list for the Catholic Cemetery in 1862 provides information not only about the burial place of many individuals, but also reveals that they died in or near Bridgeport and gives their approximate death date in cases where no official death record is available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The census was searched at www.ancestry.com. Search terms included "Connecticut" for the state and "Fairfield" for the county and then the name of the deceased person. Due to considerable variation is spellings of many of these names, wild cards and variant spellings as well as given-name- or surname-only-plus-age searches were used in the hope of finding each individual.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> DiGiovanni, Stephen Michael, *The Catholic Church in Fairfield County, 1866-1961*. William Mulvey, Inc., New Canaan, Ct: 1987. p. 278: "1842—Connecticut's third Catholic church, St. James[,] is dedicated in Bridgeport..." [the first two were in Hartford and New Haven, pp. 277-278]; "1852--.... The Rev. Thomas J. Synnott named rector of St. James Church, Bridgeport."; "1857—.... St. Mary's Church is established in Bridgeport."; p. 279 "1869—New St. Augustine Church dedicated in Bridgeport to replace old St. James Church. Ancient Order of Hibernians organizes its first Connecticut division in Bridgeport."

The tables on the next pages list the 96 people reported as buried in Catholic Cemeteries in 1862 and includes references to them in the other records. The names, dates and ages are transcribed exactly as written in the burial records. The astute reader will note discrepancies between the burial records and some of the other records used for comparison. It is quite possible that these discrepancies indicate that the records describe different individuals.

Copies of this list as well as other 19<sup>th</sup> century burial lists for Catholic Cemeteries in Bridgeport will be deposited at the Historical Collections at the Bridgeport Public Library, the Gaelic-American Club of Fairfield and St. Augustine Parish. Should further study of burial records for subsequent years indicate that there are large numbers of people listed as buried who do not have death records in Bridgeport, the lists for those subsequent years will be published in this journal as well.

<u>Acknowledgement</u>: Thanks to members of the Genealogy Group at the Gaelic-American Club in Fairfield, Connecticut, for their help in proof-reading the transcriptions of the death records.

<u>Census notes</u>: Information recorded: town where enumerated; variation in spelling compared to burial name; relationship to another (inferred since relationships are not given in 1860); age on census; other information

Abbreviations: I/w=lived with (no relationship apparent); s/o=son of; d/o=daughter of; w/o=wife of; h/o=husband of

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a Fairfield (Gallaga) 1/w David-Maria Meeker 19
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- b Bridgeport h/o Mary 30
- c Bridgeport h/o Isabel 38
- d Bridgeport w/o Patrick 26
- e Bridgeport h/o Mary 30
- f Stratford h/o Catherine 30
- g Stratford s/o Peter-Mary 1
- h 1) Derby d/o Chris-Mary 16; 2) Huntington I/w Wm.-Maria Peard 17
- i Fairfield O'Neal I/w Edward, Martin, Bridget O'Neal 75
- i Easton s/o John-Hanna 4
- k Bridgeport d/o Michael-Elizabeth 2; same census page as Delia Hope, 4 y, who died 1861.
- l Bridgeport s/o John-Kate 2
- m Bridgeport I/w Thomas-Bridget Gaul 70
- n Bridgeport I/w Julia Clinton 32
- o Bridgeport Augusta A. Humphries d/o Mary Humphries 2
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- q Bridgeport I/w Hugh-Catherine O'Rourke 2 Bridgeport s/o Patrick-Mary O'Donnell 1
- r Bridgeport h/o Mary 63 household next to John Burns above
- s Bridgeport h/o Catherine 26
- t Bridgeport Wm. Gannon I/w Mary Murray, Ann Hackett 20
- u Bridgeport d/o Thomas-Mary 12
- v Too many to distinguish
- w Norwalk Elizabeth Hopkins w/o Charles 35
- x Bridgeport Rosa Burns I/w Charles-Eliza Penfield 17
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# Southwestern Connecticut Articles in Other Genealogical Journals

#### Harlan R. Jessup

It has been three years since we published a list of articles from other genealogical journals on our area of southwestern Connecticut and nearby New York. Such lists were first published in Volume 46, No. 4 (May 2004) and again in Volume 48, No. 4 (May 2006). Here we continue the list from five of those journals: The American Genealogist (TAG), The Genealogist, The Connecticut Nutmegger (Nutmegger), The New England Historical and Genealogical Register (NEHGR), and The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (NYGBR).

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TILER SHERWOOD	Leslie Mahler, "The Parentage of Alice Tiler, First Wife of Thomas <sup>1</sup> Sherwood of Wethersfield, Stamford, and Fairfield, Connecticut," TAG

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111a PALMER: In the February 2009 issue of Connecticut Ancestry the article by Frederick C. Hart., Jr., "Messenger and Abigail (Smith) Palmer of Stamford, Connecticut," lists their children as: Hannah, Sarah Morton, Jasper, Mary, Finetta M., Joseph Ferris, James P., and Roswell Grandison.

If it was the custom of the time to include the surname of an ancestor as the child's middle name, does anyone know of a connection between the Smith, Palmer, Morton, or Grandison families? Are there any suggestions as to what the "P" in James's name could stand for?

Please respond (with copy to the editor) to: Lois Gee Lacy, kerry\_mal@sbcglobal.net.

#### **Book Reviews**

A History of the Betsey Hunt House, Pound Ridge, New York, by Richard L. Major III. Published by Pound Ridge Historical Society, Routes 137 and 172, Pound Ridge, NY 10576; (mailing address: P.O. Box 51, Pound Ridge, NY 10576; tel. 914 764-4333); 2008. 142 pp. Illustrations. Hardbound. (\$35 plus \$5 shipping and handling.)

Richard Major has been carrying on a love affair for over 45 years. What's more, he has written his own tell-all exposé about it. The object of his affection? His home, the Betsey Hunt house in Pound Ridge, New York.

Major and his wife bought the house in 1962 and that is when the relationship began. No one in Pound Ridge could be ignorant of the fondness Major has for the house. He has scoured repositories in that town and as far away as New York City for mentions of his loved one and her families, looking at scraps (literally) of information found in the house for clues.

In this lovingly presented history Major has covered his topic from A (architecture) to Z (Zeman, a previous owner of the house). Major begins with a 4-page introduction which is a brief run through the history of Betsey Lockwood Hunt and her husband Alsop. Also in the introduction is some architectural history, which serves to place the house historically from that perspective, and a description of structural changes that took place in the buildings over two centuries.

The remainder of the book is a catalog of details that Major has learned about his beloved house and the people who inhabited it. Here we find old property maps; transcriptions of many documents including property records, probate records, U. S. census entries and tax lists; genealogies of the Hunt and Lockwood families as well as other owners Strang, Zeman and Major himself; and a detailed discussion of the architectural features of the house. Finally, there are many color photographs of the house, inside and out, and numerous scanned images of historical documents and items relevant to the history of the house and its families. Each of these adds to our understanding of the lives and times of former inhabitants. The lack of an index might frustrate readers who wish to review a detail previously read, but in general the book is clearly written and it is organized as set out in the detailed table of contents.

This is a jewel of a book which conveys the passion of the author as he uncovered each bit of information and pieced them all together in a warm patchwork story of an old building. It places the Betsey Hunt house and its occupants in historical perspective and serves as a model for house-history research. It is undoubtedly an important addition to the compendium of historical reference material for the town of Pound Ridge.

Nora Galvin

Hubbell by Choice: The Ancestry of Some Early Connecticut Women by Mary Ann Hubbell and Marjorie Hubbell Gibson (www.lulu.com: The Hubbell Family Historical Society, 2008. 369 pp hardbound \$48.00 or softcover, \$32.97 plus shipping). Available from www.lulu.com.

Normally I would rather spend a couple of hours in a dentist chair than write a book review. However, when our editor brought this book to a recent board meeting I became fascinated as I thumbed through it. Three things caught my attention as I browsed.

First, in the introduction I learned that the two authors had never met. They spent over 8 years communicating via email, overcoming computer differences, software issues, and other issues to complete *Hubbell by Choice*. By itself this is an amazing effort.

Secondly, the book is also very different in that it is not a genealogy or history of one specific family, but rather covers the women who married into the Hubbell family. Therefore, the appropriate title, *Hubbell by Choice*.

Finally, the book is self-published utilizing lulu.com to print the book and manage sales. It seems that many authors are now turning to these online publishing-on-demand sites to publish their works. It was interesting to see the high quality of the item produced.

As for the content, the first section of the book provides a historical background of life in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, discussing what daily life was like for women in this time period. Also discussed in this first section are laws of inheritance, marriage and divorce. The rest of the book is divided into thirty seven chapters.

The first thirty six chapters are a genealogical biography of one of the thirty six women who married into the first three generations of the Hubbell family. Each chapter discusses in detail the woman herself, her spouse, the known children of her Hubbell marriage, and two generations of her ancestry. The write-ups are well documented using both footnotes and sources. A useful master bibliography is presented at the end of the book. Each chapter also contains historical notes and a very interesting discussion of "points to ponder." The last chapter contains information on the five daughters of Richard Hubbell.

Families discussed in *Hubbell by Choice* include Beach, Bennett, Bradley, Burr, Clark, Curtis, Fairweather, Finch, Gaylord, Gold, Hall, Harris, Hawley, Higgins, Meigs, Middlebrook, Mix, Morehouse, Nichols, Odell, Parruck, Porter, Prudden, Sanford, Seeley, Sherwood, Silliman, Squire, Summers, Swilloway, Thompson, Titberton, Ufford, Wakelee, Wakeman, Welles, Wheeler, and others.

Richard F. Roof, Jr.

Editor's note: Just before we went to press it was learned that co-author Marjorie Hubbell Gibson had died in hospice care near her home in Haverill, MA. We are sure she must have been pleased with the completion of this work which we find so interesting.

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We could do a great service to the descendants of other Irish immigrants by publishing abstracts from the Catholic cemeteries in our area where the 19<sup>th</sup> century burials are almost exclusively for Irish men and women. Can you help by transcribing from a cemetery in your town or nearby? For the larger cemeteries, such as in Bridgeport and Norwalk, you may well want to recruit a partner for the effort.

If you can help with a cemetery (or two) sometime this summer or fall, please contact our editor, Harlan Jessup, at hjessup@charter.net or by phone at 203 270-7887. We need you!!

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