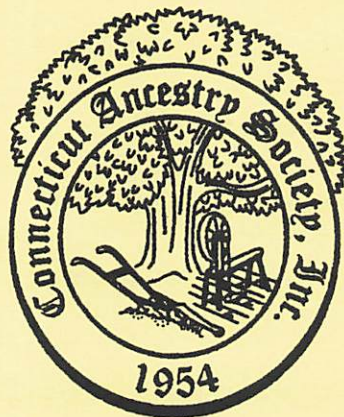


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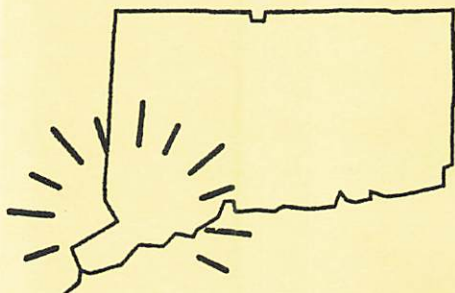
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President's Message

Hello fellow members,

We start another year together as part of Connecticut Ancestry Society. With this issue, our journal begins another exciting year of bringing you articles on source material, family genealogies, and techniques. We will endeavor to hold programs in the local area to further aid your research. We will continue to explore unique resources available in the repositories of southwestern Connecticut.

But, it is "we". This is "our" society. "Our" volunteer board needs *your* help.

We need to return our membership numbers back to the peak numbers of the 1970s and 1980s. With the dollars that each membership represents, we can continue to produce our journal, invite speakers to local venues, and support the local historical societies and libraries. I would ask each of you to become a recruiter for "our" society. Our service to the public makes us a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and we would welcome your including us in your charitable plans.

We could also use some of *your* time. There are "open" positions on our volunteer Board. Consider writing an article for the journal. Perhaps transcribe some records for inclusion in the journal. We are also looking to expand another facet of "our" society's good works and are looking for volunteers. This issue demonstrates one such effort as volunteers have methodically recorded additional gravestone information from Irish immigrants ignored by the Hale Collection. That project will be continuing throughout this year, but we have other such projects in the works. Please contact me or our editor if you would like to help with a project, a transcription, an article, or with the Board.

As expressed at our annual meeting in May at the Stamford Historical Society, I am always amazed and very privileged to be a part of this society and to work with the other members of the Board. Our Board deserves a wealth of thanks from all of us, but is a pleasure to meet with every couple of months. Come join in the fun and be an active part of "our" future.

Rob (Robert A. Locke, Jr.), President

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are in the works. Keep checking our website
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GENEALOGY CLUB of NEWTOWN – www.rootsweb.com/~ctgcnc/

September 9 – Getting the most out of Heritage Quest and Ancestry, Toni McKeen.

October 14 – 21st Century Core Genealogical Resources, Tom Kemp.

November 12 – Searching for Sidney W. Ford at the Connecticut State Library, Jim Sanders.

Editorial Notes

With this issue, *Connecticut Ancestry* begins its fifty-second year of publishing information on the families who have lived in our southwest corner of Connecticut or in nearby areas. And we continue this tradition of a wide variety of genealogical offerings—articles on area families, often meticulously researched, transcriptions of records, often ancient and obscure, and lists of early residents from old documents and (in the current issue) from old tombstones.

First in this issue, Paul Finch reports an apparent error by the clerk who recorded the children of Samuel Blatchley in early Stamford. And this will be followed by more articles on this Blatchley family. Then Helen Ullmann adds to her several articles on the Mills family published in earlier journals, reporting the probable parentage of Stamford settler John Mills. Taking clues from a group of 18th century letters at Darien Historical Society, Robert Smith has identified two Taylor women, aunt and niece, and a family connection between Norwalk and Eastham on Cape Cod. Robert Smith also has amended the Hale Collection record for the Raymond Cemetery in Norwalk, making additions and corrections on these families from a variety of sources.

Continuing our reporting of Irish origins from tombstone inscriptions, Mary Maki and I have read the deteriorating stones in two Danbury cemeteries, and Carol Barnes has read the stones from St. Mary's Cemetery, Norwalk, and St. Mary's Cemetery, Greenwich. See the note on our last page for a list of cemeteries which still need volunteer transcribers.

Finally, in one more article on the settlers of the Oblong, Paul Finch has discovered and I have helped to transcribe a series of petitions from residents (in 1731) on both sides of the redrawn border between Sharon, CT, and Amenia, NY.

Harlan R. Jessup

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

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Did Samuel Blatchley of Stamford, Connecticut, Marry Twice?

Paul R. Finch^[1]

Part 1

The Blatchley^[2] 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.^[3] He was an octogenarian when he died in Stamford on 15 October 1756.^[4] He married Abigail Finch, daughter of Abraham Finch of Stamford.^[5]

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 misrepresented in all of the published material.

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 ____?^[6] 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.^[7]

¹Paul R. Finch, a genealogical researcher with forty years of experience in researching the Finch family of Stamford, lives in Palm Bay, Florida. He is now president of the re-organized Finch Family Association. His interest in this branch of the Blatchley family arose from the connection with Abigail Finch, daughter of Abraham Finch of Stamford, who married the subject Samuel Blatchley. Mr. Finch can be reached at pfinch1@cfl.rr.com. He expresses thanks to Harlan R. Jessup and Fred C. Hart, FASG, for their helpful suggestions for this article.

²As 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.

³Alvan 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.

⁴Stamford 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.

⁵Stamford Town Records, 1:104 [124]: "Samuell Blachley & Abigaill Finch, married y^e 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).

⁶No such marriage record exists.

⁷Elijah 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 mention Samuel Blatchley's son, Joseph.

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^[11] and Paul W. Prindle^[12] 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 are records of two children of a Samuel and a "Sarah" Blatchley, viz., Mary Blatchley, born 24 August 1710^[13] and another daughter, unnamed, born on 9 December 1712.^[14] Thus, because of these two entries, 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 an alternate name).

⁸Ralph D. Smyth, "Thomas Blatchley, or Blachley, and His Descendants" *Register* 58 (Oct., 1904): 358.

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

¹⁰Kenneth H. Gilmore, "What is Anna Blatchley's Ancestry?" *Connecticut Ancestry* 44:1 (Aug., 2001): 1-11.

¹¹Donald Lines Jacobus, *Additions and Corrections to the History and Genealogy of Families of Old Fairfield* (Supplement to *The American Genealogist*, October, 1943), 11.

¹²Paul W. Prindle, *Ancestry of Elizabeth Barrett Gillespie* (New Orleans: Polyantros, 1976), 142.

¹³Stamford Town Records, 1:137 [180]: "Mary Blachly, daughter, Sam^{ll} & Sarah Blachly, born Agust 24 1710."

¹⁴Stamford Town Records, 1:136 [178]: "A daughter to Sam^{ll} & Sarah Blachly, born Decemb^r 9th 1712."

¹⁵Stamford Town Records, 1:133 [172]: "Birth, Martha Blachly, daughter to Samuel & Abigail Blachly, born in Stamford, December y^e 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?

¹⁶Stamford Town Records, 1:137 [180]: "Death, Sam^{ll} & 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]).

¹⁷One 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 Stäford 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^[18] and again on 20 February 1730, witnesses to the will of Benjamin Belding.^[19] 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.^[20] 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 Blatchleys 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 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?^[23] There is no good answer. But the fact remains that the evidence presented here shows 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.^[24]

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.

¹⁸Stamford 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.

¹⁹Stamford Probate Records, 1:158 (cited from S. P. Mead, *Stamford Probate Records*, 1:7).

²⁰Stamford 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).

²¹It is interesting that now this phantom Sarah Blatchley is even given a maiden name, directly out of nowhere.

²²See online at http://www.stupakgen.net/Genealogy/Beahm/07808_blat.htm.

²³For 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?

²⁴One 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).

A Further Note on John¹ Mills of Stamford

Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG

In 2004 the article "John¹ Mills of Stamford, Connecticut, and Some of His Descendants,"^[1] disposed of several common theories of his origins but left open the possibility that he had been earlier in Boston, Massachusetts. It now looks even more likely that he was in Boston for a short time because the Mills DNA study via Family Tree DNA suggests that he may well be a son of Robert¹ and Dorothy () Mills of York, Maine.

In preparing an article on some descendants of Robert of York,^[2] this author found that several aspects of her research support this theory:

1. The DNA of John Selwyn Mills matches that of at least two known descendants of John¹ Mills of Stamford.^[3] John Selwyn Mills is a descendant of John and Hannah (Starr) (Childs) Mills of Groton, Connecticut who is in turn a descendant of Robert of York.
2. The *Connecticut Ancestry* article suggests that John³ Mills, son of John² and Mary (Fountain) Mills, may have been "the John Mills who married Hannah Starr and had children baptized at Groton, Conn., 1731/2–1749."^[4] However, as discussed in the *Maine Genealogist* article, this man was born at Lynn, Massachusetts, on 10 October 1701, the son of James³ and Neomy (Hinkson) Mills. James³ was in turn the son of James² and Martha (Alley) Mills of Lynn. And James² Mills is the only securely identified one of the "four small children" left by Robert¹ Mills of York, Maine. On 18 October 1647 Dorothy, Robert's widow, now married to John Harker, appeared in court claiming that Sir Fernando Gorges owed her £4 and referring to the children. Land records cited in the article link James² to his father, and John⁴ Mills of Groton to his father, James³, who had died at Falmouth [now Portland], Maine.
3. Another one of those four small children could have been the John Mills, "disobedient apprentice" of Mrs. Ann Godfrey, a York resident. He was presented in court on 4 July 1659 and 27 March 1661.^[5] No other Mills family was found in early York.
4. John¹ and Mary () Mills of Stamford named a son Robert.^[6]
5. John and Mary () Mills of Boston named a son James,^[7] probably for John's brother.

Although no direct evidence has been found, it seems very likely that John¹ Mills of Stamford was the son of Robert¹ Mills of York, probably born in the early 1640s. He probably apprenticed as a shipbuilder, moved to Boston, and then sailed on to Stamford.

¹ Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, "John¹ Mills of Stamford, Connecticut, and Some of His Descendants," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 47 (2004):159-68; 48 (2005-06):1-5, 59-64, 163-169; 49 (2006-07):20-26, 67-72, 101-06.

² Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, "Some Descendants of Robert¹ Mills of York, Maine," *The Maine Genealogist* 30 (2008):147-58.

³ http://freepages.family.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~crrking/mills/mills_dnar.htm. See under group 100: Kit 5301 is that for John Selwyn Mills. Kits 15692 and 51048 represent known descendants of John Mills, shipwright of Stamford, Conn. All three match on all 37 markers tested except for one mutation in the John Selwyn Mills line. For the known descendants see Ullmann, "John¹ Mills of Stamford," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 47:159-68; 48:1-2, 169, which cites Rodney H. Mills, Jr., "An Unfinished Genealogical Project, Identifying the Father of Edward Mills," and "Follow-up to the Search for Edward Mills' Father," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 34 (1992):115-15, 161-62.

⁴ Ullmann, "John¹ Mills of Stamford," *Connecticut Ancestry* 47:167.

⁵ Ullmann, "Robert¹ Mills of York," *Maine Genealogist*, 30:147-48.

⁶ Ullmann, "John¹ Mills of Stamford," *Connecticut Ancestry* 47:164.

⁷ Ullmann, "John¹ Mills of Stamford," *Connecticut Ancestry* 47:164.

**Ancestry of Abigail Taylor,
Wife of Gershom Raymond of Darien, Connecticut**

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Sometime in the summer of 1998 I posted a query on Connecticut RootsWeb *GenConnecticut-L* inquiring about the parents of Abigail Taylor who married Gershom Raymond on 12 April 1749. I received only one unhelpful reply that August which I retained for some inexplicable reason. Ten and a half years later I received this email:

Bob,

Hope you're still at your 1998 email address!

I suspect that Abigail Taylor who married Gershom Raymond was the daughter of John Taylor and Abigail Hopkins of Eastham, MA.

It's unclear how a woman from Cape Cod would end up in Norwalk, but I have two letters written in 1786 and 1788 from a Rebecca Taylor of Eastham to her cousin Catharine Raymond of Norwalk that suggest this connection.

If you'd like, I can email you my transcriptions of the letters and my 'theory' about Abigail.

Best wishes,

Dana Lynch

To say I was surprised would be inaccurate. My reaction was more like HUH! Then, when I realized what I had received, I sent an email to a genealogy buddy that said, "Never, never, never give up."

Dana and I had another brief exchange of emails, and soon the letters arrived as scanned images of the originals along with transcribed copies. The transcriptions below are faithful to the original orthography, often quaint to modern readers, only adding the punctuation which is almost entirely missing in the originals.

Before we get to these, a word about the original letters. Dana mentioned that copies were sent to Marian M. Castell, the Darien Town Historian who now lives in the house Gershom Jr. built for his sisters Caty and Anna. The original letters are among a group of about twenty addressed to Cate or Caty Raymond and dated 1779 to 1788. They are now at the Darien Historical Society among currently uncatalogued materials generally identified as the Raymond Collection.

To Mrs. Catharine Raymond at Norwalk

Eastham, September th 5, 1786

Dear Cousen

I gladly Embrace this oportunity to let you know that I ate this time Injoy my helth and hope thes lines will Find you in the same injoyment. we gladly Received the short

visit our Cousin Gershom Raymond was pleasd to make us. Pray come and see us yourself the next opportunity.

Please to give my love to uncel Raymond and aunt and to all my Cousins. it has Been a grate while sens I Received a line from you. Pray write to me the First oportunity. it is a great satisfaction to hear from you and it would be much greater to see you and to wait upon you at our house. we live at a greate Distance and our faces are yet unknown to Each other, But I hope we shant always be so unhappy.

my Sister Abigail and her Husband desire to be rememberd to you all.

So I remain your loving Cousin and well wisher til Death.

Rebecca Taylor

To Mrs. Caty Raymond

Eastham july the 13 1788

Dear Couzen

I embrace this oportunity with Delight and Satisfaction to let you know that I had not for got you.

I should have thought myself very happy to have had a line from you, for more than one long year has past Since I had. give my love to my Honoured uncle and aunt and all my Couzins.

I was very sorry to hear of aunts misfortune, But I hope the use of that lymn will be Restored to her. I hope these few lines will find you all enjoying as Coumfortable a measure of Health as they leave me in at present.

So being in hast I remaine you Loveing Couzin and well wisher till Death

Rebecca Taylor

Rebecca Sears and Caty Sears Desires to Elezebeth Raymond and all their Couzins.

Both the Sears girls and Rebecca Taylor are found on Cape Cod in the South Parish of Eastham which became the town of Orleans in 1797.

In these letters Rebecca consistently refers to cousins, and this is not an honorific in this case but represents correspondence between biological cousins as described below.

- The author of these letters is **Rebecca Taylor**, born 9 Feb 1743, daughter of John and Phebe (Higgins) Taylor.¹ She joined Eastham's South Parish Church on 15 Sep. 1782.²

¹ Births to John and Phebe Taylor of Rebekah, Jonathan, and twins Abigal and Phebe are recorded in Eastham and Orleans Vital Records vol. 6, p. 33, as transcribed in *The Mayflower Descendant*, vol. XXXII, 1934. Also see Austin, John D., *Mayflower Descendants through Five Generations*, Vol. 6, Stephen Hopkins, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1992, #465 (Hereafter *Hopkins Genealogy*).

Hopkins Genealogy has her alive in 1791,³ but she is not on the record of members in 1808, nor have we found a death record. There is no record of her marriage.

- Caty Raymond is almost certainly **Catherine Raymond**, b. 1 Jul 1752, d. 20 Dec 1831,⁴ daughter of Gershom and Abigail (Taylor) Raymond. She is buried in the Raymond Cemetery in Rowayton, CT.⁵ Though never married, she had one child, **Wille Halmia Raymond** in 1781.^{6,7}

These appear to be the correspondents, and the examination of the other individuals mentioned in the letters proves a good circumstantial case.

- The next person mentioned was, “Cousin Gershom Raymond.” This must be **Gershom Raymond** (junior), b. 13 Nov 1762 and d. 23 Apr 1813,⁸ son of Gershom and Abigail (Taylor) Raymond and brother of Caty. He also is buried in the Raymond Cemetery.⁹
- Next Rebecca sends her regards to Uncle Raymond and Aunt. These must be **Gershom Raymond** and **Abigail (Taylor) Raymond**. He was born 18 Jan 1724/25 and died 18 May 1806.¹⁰ She was born 6 Oct 1726¹¹ and died 7 Sep 1803.¹² They are buried in the Raymond Cemetery.¹³ They were married 12 or 13 April 1749¹⁴ in Darien.

In a modern salutation we would expect something like “Uncle Gershom and Aunt Abigail,” but Rebecca’s 18th century form of address signals Raymond as the family name. Her mention of her sister Abigail supports our construct of the family.

But how did Abigail Taylor from Eastham come to marry a man from Norwalk? The visit by cousin Gershom gives some hint. I wonder if the Raymond Family had some sort of trading business sailing from Norwalk/Darien to points east. Also note that the marriage of Gershom and Abigail was in Connecticut rather than Massachusetts.

- “Sister Abigail” is **Abigail (Taylor) Young** b. 6 May 1746,¹⁵ d. 15 Jun. 1798,¹⁶ daughter of John and Phebe (Higgins) Taylor.¹⁷ Married as his second wife, 3 Apr 1770,¹⁸

² Recorded as, “Rebecca Taylor” in the admittance records. This church is now known as the Federated Church and is located in Orleans, MA. I was able to borrow the records of the church dated 1772 to 1826. I had these for several months and recorded all of the information they contained.

³ *Hopkins Genealogy* #465.

⁴ Samuel Edward Raymond and Louvera Horn Raymond, *Raymond Genealogy, Descendants of Richard Raymond*, Vol. 1, 1969, Seattle, WA; p. 99. (Hereafter *Raymond Genealogy*).

⁵ Hale Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions, Raymond Cemetery, Norwalk, p. 443.

⁶ Personal communication with Dana Lynch.

⁷ Note that Rebecca’s letter to Caty was addressed to Mrs. Caty Raymond, and both of these were written after Wille Halmia was born, but there is no mention of the child.

⁸ *Raymond Genealogy*. p. 99.

⁹ Hale Collection, Raymond Cemetery, p. 441.

¹⁰ *Raymond Genealogy*, p. 48.

¹¹ *Hopkins Genealogy* #122.

¹² *Raymond Genealogy*, p. 99.

¹³ Hale Collection -- Raymond Cemetery, p. 442.

¹⁴ Hall, Edwin, *Ancient Historical Records of Norwalk, Connecticut*, New York: Invision, Phinney, Blakeman and Co., 1865, p. 24. Other sources give the date as 13 April.

¹⁵ *Hopkins Genealogy* #465iii.

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Nehemiah Young, b. 19 Sep 1739,¹⁹ d. 9 Oct 1788,²⁰ son of David and Hannah (Twining) Young.²¹ Abigail joined the South Parish Church in July 1790.²²

In next letter we find three new individuals mentioned: Caty and Rebecca Sears and Elizabeth Raymond. Let me discuss the last first.

- **Elizabeth Raymond** must be the daughter of Paul and Elizabeth (Reed) Raymond²³ and the granddaughter of Gershom and Abigail (Taylor) Raymond.²⁴ She was born 18 Apr 1777.²⁵

The mention of Rebecca Sears and Caty Sears in the second letter confirms the family relationships. Abigail Taylor, daughter of John and Abigail (Hopkins) Taylor, is indeed the same person who married Gershom Raymond.

- Phebe Taylor, the twin of Abigail, was b. 6 May 1746.²⁶ She married first on 8 Apr 1773 David Sears,²⁷ bp. 27 Apr 1746, son of John and Grace (Paddock) Sears.²⁸ He had first married, on 27 Oct 1765, Katherine Sillew,²⁹ who died before April 1773.³⁰ These marriages produced two children: Catherine Sears and Rebecca Sears. Rebecca and Katherine Sears were both baptized in September 1782, but there are no confirmed birth dates for either. It is possible that Caty Sears is the product of his first marriage and Rebecca the product of his second. We do know that these children came with Phebe when she was remarried to Jonathan Bascom, minister of the South Parish Church in Eastham, before she joined that church on 15 Sep 1782.³¹ The two girls were baptized there on 29 Sep 1782.³² Caty, still single, was a church member in 1809, but removed later. Rebecca may have married, on 12 Oct 1797, Robert Wheeler of Camden, ME.³³

¹⁶ Recorded as "Widow A. Young." Clarence Almon Torrey, *John Young of Eastham, Mass., and Some of His Descendants*, Boston, 1923; ms. at New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, p. 55 (hereafter *John Young*); *Hopkins Genealogy* #492.

¹⁷ *Hopkins Genealogy* #465iii.

¹⁸ Eastham/Orleans Vital Records p. 170. (He married first Kezia Doane.)

¹⁹ *Hopkins Genealogy* #320iv.

²⁰ *John Young* p. 55; note that he died just a few months after the second letter was written.

²¹ *Hopkins Genealogy* #320iv.

²² She joined as widow uniting her with her two sisters, Eunice (Arey), the wife of her brother Benjamin, and her stepmother. They would be joined a few years later by her brother John's wife Anna (Hopkins) Taylor.

²³ *Raymond Genealogy*, p. 99; Vol. II, p. 1.

²⁴ *Raymond Genealogy*, p. 48.

²⁵ *Raymond Genealogy*, Vol. II p. 1.

²⁶ *Hopkins Genealogy* #465 iv.

²⁷ Both Eastham and Harwich Vital Records, Harwich VR p. 492, *Hopkins Genealogy* #465 iv.

²⁸ Sears Gen. #279.

²⁹ Sears, L. Ray III, *Sears Genealogical Catalog*, Duncan, OK, 1992. There is some confusion concerning her name, date of birth, parents, etc. Some say she was born in 1743, daughter of Phillip Sillew, but no documentation was found.

³⁰ The date of David's marriage to Phebe.

³¹ Church records, recorded as "Mrs. Bascom."

³² Baptismal records of the Federated Church.

³³ Primary record not found.

The family can be summarized as follows:

- 1 John Taylor (1680 - 1760)
 - + Abigail Hopkins (1686 - 1747)
- 2 John Taylor (1717 - 1802)
 - + Phebe Higgins (1723 - 1755)
 - 3 Rebecca Taylor (1743 - 1791) **Rebecca Taylor**
 - 3 Abigail Taylor (1746 - 1798) **Sister Abigail**
 - + Nehemiah Young (1739 - 1788) **Husband**
 - 3 Phebe Taylor (1746 - 1784)
 - +(1) David Sears (1746 - 1782)
 - 4 Rebecca Sears (1775 -) **Rebecca Sears. m. Robert Wheeler.**
 - 4 Katherine Sears (<1782 -) **Caty Sears**
 - +(2) Jonathan Bascom
- 2 Abigail Taylor (1726 - 1803) **Aunt**
 - + Gershom Raymond (1725 - 1806) **Uncle Raymond**
 - 3 Paul Raymond (1750 - 1828)
 - + Elizabeth Reed (1753 - 1826)
 - 4 Elizabeth Raymond (1777 -) **Elizabeth Raymond**
- 3 Catherine Raymond (1752 - 1831) **Caty Raymond.**
 - 4 Wille Helmina Raymond (1781 - 1862), m. Nicholas Vincent.
- 3 Gershom Raymond (1762 - 1813) **Cousin Gershom Raymond**

As an interesting sidelight to the tortuous pathways of genealogy, Abigail's brother, John Taylor, is my 5th Great Grandfather on my Mother's side, while Abigail now turns out to be my 5th Great Grandmother on my Father's side. My wife comments, "Is it any wonder I am as strange as I am?"

Identifying Eunice Taylor, Second Wife of Isaac Richards of Norwalk, Connecticut

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Once again those of us who struggle through the often rock-strewn fields of Connecticut family history owe a debt of gratitude to Dana Lynch. He has found a gem in the letters sent to Cate Raymond and retained by his family for well over two hundred years. Twice before I have written articles based on letters passed on to me by Dana. This article owes more to Dana than to this letter written in December 1786, for he has connected the dots and supplied many of the references. Here is the letter transcribed with original orthography but with punctuation added:

To Mrs. Cate Raymond

Dear Cosen

I rceivd your letter dated the 16th of this month in which you informd me that you all enjoyed a good state of health which I was glad to hear. you also informd me that the master of the old brass kettle had alterd his mind which I was glad for. I could not wish hanna so much harm.

I at present enjoy a good stat of healt and hope that these lines may find you enjoying the same Blessing. please to give my compliments to uncle and aunt and all inquiring frinds. when I shall come down I do not know but I purpose to come as soon as I can leave home. I have nomore to ad at this time. I have got a sweate little babe. Ciss alle for me

I remain loving your Cosen,

Eunice Ritchards

Cate Raymond

Norwalk Dec^r 18 1786

The handwriting in the letter is clear, but the spelling and capitalization appear quaint to the modern eye. Perhaps the most curious spelling oddity is that the newly married Eunice does appears to misspell her new surname. In several deeds of Isaac's deeds of this period and in the vital record of the family the name is always spelled "Richards."

Though it must be in intriguing story, we can scarcely speculate on the context of the cryptic reference to "the master of the old brass kettle."

The vital record of the Isaac Richards family is found in a Norwalk deed book, listed as follows:¹

<i>Isaac Richards was Married to Hannah Benedict</i>	<i>Octob^r 14th 1779</i>
<i>Hannah B. Richards Daughter of Isaac & Hannah</i>	<i>born July 18th 1780</i>
<i>Isaac Richards Son of s^d Isaac and Hannah</i>	<i>born Octob^r 25th 1782</i>
<i>Waters Richards Son of s^d Isaac & Hannah</i>	<i>born Feb^{ry} 8th 1786</i>
<i>the s^d Hannah wife to s^d Isaac Died Feb^{ry} 28th 1786</i>	
<i>The s^d Isaac Richards Married to Eunice Taylor his 2nd wife</i>	<i>Dec^r 7th 1786</i>

My correspondent Dana Lynch and I agree that the Eunice writing to her cousin Cate must be the Eunice Taylor married to Isaac Richards. The evidence to support this is quite compelling.

1. Cate did have a cousin named Eunice Taylor, and this truncated descendant chart shows the relationship.²

1 John Taylor, b. Eastham, MA, 6 Mar 1680, m. Eastham, 3 Sep 1713, d. Eastham, bef. 5 Aug 1760.

+ Abigail Hopkins, b. Eastham, 9 Mar 1686, d. Eastham, aft. 3 Feb 1747.

2 John Taylor, b. Eastham, 17 Apr 1717, m. Eastham, 22 Apr 1756, d. Wellfleet, MA, 19 May 1802.

+ Susanna Higgins, b. Eastham, 3 Feb 1726.

3 Eunice Taylor, b. Eastham, 11 Jun 1767, m. Norwalk, 7 Dec 1786, Isaac Richards.

2 Abigail Taylor, b. Eastham, 6 Oct 1726, m. (registered Norwalk), 12 Apr 1749, d. 7 Sep 1803 in Norwalk.

+ Gershom Raymond, b. Norwalk, 18 Jan 1724/25, d. Norwalk, 18 May 1806.

3 Catherine Raymond, b. Norwalk, 1 Jul 1752, d. prob. in Rowayton, CT, 20 Dec 1831, unmarried.

2. The Genealogical Register of the Descendants of Several Ancient Puritans gives the birth date of Eunice Taylor, Isaac Richards' second wife, as June 11, 1767, the same as above.³
3. Eunice mentions "hanna," which apparently refers to Isaac's first child Hannah B. Richards, b. 18 Jul 1780. She does not, of course, refer to Isaac's first wife, Hannah (Benedict) Richards.
4. Eunice writes "Please give my compliments to uncle and aunt." Her uncle and aunt would be Gershom and Abigail (Taylor) Raymond.
5. Eunice had received a letter from Cate on December 16th. It would seem to be in order for Cate to write to Eunice a few days after her wedding and for Eunice to respond two days later.

¹ Norwalk Land Records vol. 18(reversed), p. 17.

² Dates from John D. Austin, *Mayflower Descendants Through Five Generations*, Vol. 6, Stephen Hopkins, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2001, and Samuel Edward Raymond and Louvera Horn Raymond. *Genealogy, Descendants of Richard Raymond*. Seattle, WA 1969.

³ Abner Morse, *The Genealogical Register of the Descendants of Several Ancient Puritans*, Volume III, H. W. Dutton and Son, Boston, 1861.

6. Eunice was married to Isaac Richards on 7 Dec 1786. This letter, written eleven days later, mentions that she has a sweet little babe, surely Waters Richards, born to Isaac and Hannah Richards on 8 Feb 1786, about two weeks before his mother's death and ten months before Isaac's remarriage to Eunice.

We have also had enough with data and proofs; it is time to flesh out some of this information. The Taylor Family on Cape Cod and the Raymond Family in Norwalk were involved from before 12 Apr 1749 when Gershom Raymond and Abigail Taylor were wed, through the wedding of Eunice Taylor and Isaac Richards on 7 Dec 1786, and continuing past Rebecca Taylor's letter to Cate Raymond on 13 July 1788. The families know one another for almost forty years and very probably much longer.

These families lived through turbulent and momentous times and evidently retained their bonds of kinship. The puzzle is what first brought them together. We know that Joshua Sears⁴ came to Norwalk from Brewster on Cape Cod between 1728 and 1750. His son, Nathaniel⁵ married Ruth Raymond,⁶ daughter of Samuel⁷ and Mary (Gitto or Kitto) Raymond. It is conceivable that the Sears and Taylor families knew one another. They did not, however, attend the same church on Cape Cod.

In so far as the Raymond family is concerned, Ruth Raymond was the second cousin of Gershom. Did Gershom know Nathaniel? And even if he did, how does that relate to Cape Cod. I do not believe the Sears-Raymond marriage would sufficiently explain a connection between the families. It seems more likely that the Raymond family was engaged in a seafaring activity of some sort. There were later connections with shipbuilding in the related families of Johnson, Thomes, and Vincent.

If any reader has information to share about commerce between the Norwalk area and Cape Cod, it would be more than welcome.

⁴ Born Harwich, MA, 3 May 1697; d. Norwalk, 21 Jul 1754.

⁵ Born Harwich, MA, 20 Mar 1726; d. Norwalk, 19 Dec 1752.

⁶ Born ca 1732.

⁷ Born Norwalk, 7 May 1697; d. Norwalk, 15 May 1763.

Burials in Raymond Cemetery, Norwalk, Connecticut

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I last visited the Raymond Cemetery some years ago, driving there with Carol, my wife, on a warm day in July. It is a beautiful spot on a bend in the road near the water. I located the graves of some of my Raymond and Johnson kin and was surprised to find the stone for my Uncle Jesse Smith. We took some photos and left happy with my new found data.

Now, just fifteen years later, I can find on-line not only the records of Connecticut's Hale Collection of Headstone inscriptions, copied in the thirties, but also inscriptions from later stones plus photographs of all the tombstones gathered in 2007.¹ What a marvelous world!

Raymond Cemetery Records Town of Norwalk Fairfield County, Connecticut	
Listed Inscription²	Additions and Corrections
ANDRES, Cynthia, born 1779, died 1858	Cynthia (Mead) Andrews widow of John Olmsted, Ebenezer Hawley, and Jeremiah Andrews. ³
SMITH, Abel, born 1792, died 1849	Abel Smith, b. 1792 – 1795; d. 14 Apr. 1849. ⁴
SMITH, Della, wife of Abel, born 1796, died 1880	Delia (Olmsted) Smith ⁵ b. 1796/97; d. 16 Jan 1880; m. 19 Oct 1816.
SMITH, Edward H.	Edward H. Smith ⁶ son of Abel and Delia; b. 28 Jun. 1834, m. 20 Jun 1861, Rosanna Clock. ⁷

¹ The photographs and copies of inscriptions are found on-line at: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&GSsr=521&GSmid=46853885&GRid=19841573&CRid=103599&>.

² Records from the Charles R. Hale Collection at the Connecticut State Library were personally collected for this cemetery by Charles R. Hale on 18 May 1932. They are found online at: <http://hale-collection.com/414-12-fairfield-norwalk-raymond.htm>. Additional records at findagrave.com, not found in Hale, are listed in *italics*.

³ Probably born Auburn, Cayuga, New York. See Henry King Olmsted and George Kemp Ward, *Genealogy of the Olmsted Family in America*, New York: A. T. DeLaMare, 1912, p. 250, (Hereafter Olmsted).

⁴ Olmsted, p. 314; son of Samuel and Esther (Perry) Smith.

⁵ Olmsted pp. 250 & 314. She is called of Five Mile River. They were married in Salem, NY.

⁶ Olmsted p. 314. He was born in Norwalk.

⁷ Found in Norwalk in the 1910 Census.

SMITH, Rosanna C.	Rosanna (Clock) Smith wife of above; b. 30 Jan. 1833/4; daughter of William and Sally (Mather) Clock. ⁸
SMITH, Jane E., born 1830, died 1851.	Jane E. Smith, b. 12 May 1830, daughter of Abel and Delia. ⁹
SMITH, John O., born 1818, died 1899.	John O. Smith, b. 31 Jul 1817, son of Abel and Delia. ¹⁰
SMITH, Martha, wife of John O., born 1842, died 1864	
SMITH, William P., born 1820, died 1842.	William P. Smith, b. 7 Oct 1820 son of Abel and Delia, d. 17 Oct 1842. ¹¹
VINCENT, Nicholas, died June 7, 1845, age 77 yrs. ¹²	Nicholas Vincent, b. Westerly, RI, 22 Jan 1768, ¹³ son of William ¹⁴ and Zerviah ¹⁵ (Rudd) Vincent.
VINCENT, Wille Halmina, wife of Nicholas, born 1781, died 1862.	Wille Halmina (Raymond) Vincent, b. in New York, 20 Dec 1781; ¹⁶ d. Sep 1862.
VINCENT, Louisiana, daughter of Nicholas & Willie H., died Mar. 13, 1838, age 34 yrs.	Lousianna Vincent, b. 13 Jan. 1804.

⁸ Stamford Connecticut Families website <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=gen1775&id=I17239> again not primary information but the website reference is Note: Darien Town Records - Volume 2. Page: 10-Marriages-1830.

⁹ Olmsted 314, born in Norwalk.

¹⁰ Olmsted 314, He is found in the 1850 census as John A. In the 1860 Census he is still at home now John O., with Delia and Edward H., unmarried. He must have married Martha 1860-1864, then married Henrietta to whom he was married in 1870.

¹¹ Olmsted 314.

¹² Birth and death dates for the Vincent and Thomes Families are from Dana Lynch found on copies of records retained by his family.

¹³ Westerly VR Vol. 3, p. 62; William Richard Cutter, *New England families, Genealogical and Memorial*, Lewis Historical Pub. Co., 1914.

¹⁴ Born Westerly, RI, 31 Mar 1729; m. 22 Jun 1758; d. Westerly, 19 Jul 1807.

¹⁵ Born Norwich, CT, 14 Sep. 1736; d. Westerly, RI, 10 Aug 1800.

¹⁶ Personal communication from Dana Hoyt Lynch a direct descendant of Wille Halmina. Dana sent me copies of a series of letters addressed to Caty Raymond. "Catharine Raymond was a daughter of Gershom Raymond and Abigail Taylor. She never married, but had a daughter Wille Halmina Raymond in 1781. One source says Wille Halmina was born in New York, British-held at the time. Wille Halmina Raymond married a ship carpenter Nicholas Vincent around 1802, and they lived in NYC mostly until about the 1840s when they moved back to Norwalk, CT. One of their many children, Catharine Raymond Vincent, married a ship builder, John Thomes (not Thomas) and they had three children. One child, Phebe Thomes married William Hoyt of Darien, CT. One of their four children must have left the letters to my grandmother, Zada Dean (born 1885)." Nicholas Vincent and Wille Halmina Raymond were married 11 Apr 1801.

THOMES, Catharine R., wife of John, daughter of Nicholas & Wille H. Vincent, died Jan. 3, 1840, age 39 yrs. ¹⁷	Catherine Raymond (Vincent) Thomes, b. 16 Jul 1808.
<i>THOMES, Infant son Birth: Oct. 5, 1828 Death: Oct. 12, 1828.</i>	Infant son of John and Catherine. ¹⁸
THOMES, John, born Dec. 1, 1799, died Nov. 28, 1851.	John Thomes son of Samuel and Phebe (Fickett) Thomes. ¹⁹
THOMES, Ephraim, died Feb. 2, 1848, age 32 yrs.	Ephraim Thomes son of Samuel and Phebe (Fickett) Thomes.
THOMES, Josephine, daughter of Augustus & Ann, died June 18, 1848, age 2 yrs. 6 mos.	Josephine Thomes granddaughter of Samuel and Phebe (Fickett) Thomes.
VINCENT, Edward R., born 1811, died 1854.	Edward Raymond Vincent son of Nicholas and Wille Halmina, b. 18 Mar 1811, d. 8 Nov 1859.
VINCENT, Andrew, son of Nicholas & Willie H., died Nov. 19, 1837, age 22 yrs.	Andrew Jackson Vincent, b. 16 Feb 1815.
VINCENT, Ann Z., daughter of Nicholas & Willie H., died Sept. 23, 1838, age 19 yrs.	Ann Zervia Vincent, b. 16 Oct 1818.
VINCENT, Joseph R., born 1822, died 1869.	Joseph Reynolds Vincent son of Nicholas and Wille Halmina, b. 13 Jan 1822.
VINCENT, Willie H., daughter of Nicholas & Willie H., died Nov. 26, 1838, age 15 yrs.	Wille Halmina Vincent, b. 13 Nov 1823; d. 25 Nov 1838.
VINCENT, John R., born 1826, died 1893.	John Rudd Vincent, b. 7 Oct 1826; d. 17 Mar 1893. ²⁰
VINCENT, Mary A., wife of John R., born 1833, died 1923.	Mary Ann (Raymond) Vincent daughter of Stephen and Harriet (Smith) Raymond, b. Sep 1833.

¹⁷ The Hale Collection transcribes the surname as "Thomas," but photos from the website and other records clearly list the name as "Thomes."

¹⁸ Included on his mother's headstone but omitted in Hale Collection.

¹⁹ Communication from Dana Lynch: "Samuel Thomes, b: 1774 Libby's Corner, Portland, Maine, d: 18 Jul 1845 New York, New York; +Phebe Fickett, b: 1778 Stroudwater, Portland, Maine, d: 23 Aug 1820, Stroudwater, Portland, Maine."

²⁰ The last child of Nicholas and Willie.

RAYMOND, George S., born 1852, died 1904.	George S. Raymond b. 8 Nov. 1852, d. 4 Jun. 1904, Darien, CT. ²¹
VINCENT, J. Edward, born July 14, 1863. (Living at date of Hale Collection).	Edward J. Vincent, d. 11 Jan. 1958. ²²
VINCENT, M. Louise Bell, wife of J. Edward, born May 6, 1861, died May 23, 1918.	Louise Miller Bell daughter of Andrew Jackson and Maria Louisa (Miller) Bell.
BELL, Maria L. Miller, wife of Andrew J., died Apr. 8, 1914, born Mar. 4, 1828.	Maria Louisa Miller, Stamford, CT m. ²³ Andrew Jackson Bell ²⁴ 30 Jan. 1848 ²⁵ Mother of Mary Louise (Bell) Vincent.
WILSON, May E., wife of Sidney F., born Oct. 9, 1880. (Living at date of Hale Collection). <i>May C. Griswold wife of Sydney F. Wilson, Oct. 9, 1880, Feb. 2, 1964.</i>	May C. (Griswold) Vincent. ²⁶ New stone.
GRISWOLD, Russell G., born Oct. 2, 1882, died Oct. 16, 1930.	
<i>Harry E GRISWOLD, June 3, 1886, July 23, 1933.</i>	
PENNOYER, Harvey, died Feb. 14, 1865, age 68 yrs.	Harvey Pennoyer, b. 1796/97
PENNOYER, Mary Ann, wife of Harvey, died Nov. 20, 1865, age 59 yrs.	Mary Ann (Raymond) Pennoyer, b. Apr. 1806 ²⁷
PENNOYER, William H., died Nov. 19, 1846, age 3 yrs. son of H. & M. A.	William H. Pennoyer, b. 1843
PENNOYER, Willis H., son of H. & M. A., died June 17, 1856, age 9 yrs.	Willis H. Pennoyer, b. 1847

²¹ Probably the son of Mary (Raymond) Vincent and her first husband Gould Raymond.

²² From Gravestone.

²³ Marriage Records of 1st Congregational Church, Stamford, CT.

²⁴ b. 05 APR 1823 Rowayton, CT; d. 21 APR 1907, Stamford, CT, son of Holly and Abigail (Scofield) Bell

²⁵ http://www.ctgenweb.org/county/cofairfield/pages/stamford/l-m_barbour.htm

Barbour Index.

²⁶ May (Griswold) Wilson and Russell and Harry Griswold are children of Frank D. and Mary Louise (Bell) Griswold; stepchildren of John Edward Vincent.

²⁷ Daughter of Elias and Deborah (Peck) Raymond.

PENNOYER, Caroline E., wife of Elias R., died Mar. 28, 1861, age 26 yrs.	Caroline E. () Pennoyer ²⁸ , b. 1835.
CLARK, Deborah Ann, wife of Henry, daughter of Raymond & Julia A. Johnson, died Nov. 2, 1855, age 25 yrs.	Deborah Ann (Johnson) Clark, b. ca 1830.
<i>CLARK, Mary Raymond, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Raymond, b. 11 Apr. 1791, d. 22 Feb. 1856</i>	Mary Clark Raymond. ²⁹
CLEVELAND, Arthur R., died Mar. 26, 1862, age 19 yrs.	Arthur R. Cleveland, Ae. 14 Yrs, ? Mo. & 23 D's. ³⁰
COX, Andrew T., died July 22, 1849, age 33 yrs.	Andrew T. Cox, b. ca. 1816.
<i>GODFREY, Robert, b. 1788 d. 1883.³¹</i>	
<i>GODFREY, Mary Ann Cox, b. 1799, d. 1868.</i>	Mary Ann (Cox) Godfrey, wife of Robert
SEELEY, Rufus, born Sept. 21, 1786, died Mar. 31, 1822.	Rufus Seeley, husband of Nancy Raymond. ³²
CRAW, Mrs. Nancy, died Aug. 16, 1853, born Oct. 9, 1787.	Nancy (Raymond) (Seeley) Craw, probably stepmother of LeGrand. ³³
CRAW, LeGrand, born Apr. 4, 1810, died Apr. 19, 1881.	Age 44 in 1850 census, next door to Delia Smith.
CRAW, Mary Tryon, wife of LeGrand, born Aug. 28, 1811, died Sept. 23, 1889.	Mary (Tryon) Craw, daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Weeks) Tryon.
CRAW, Josephine Chapin, wife of William J., born 1846, died 1926.	Josephine (Chapin) Craw, b. 12 Jun 1846. ³⁴

²⁸ There is information about Elias as a substantial citizen of Norwalk, but very little about his family of origin or his own family. Elias born in 1821 cannot be a son of Harvey.

²⁹ Last name Raymond, not Clark. Most sources have her born 1794.

³⁰ From findagrave.com. This may be the child of William H. Cleveland and Angelina Raymond. If so, 19 yrs would have him born prior to their marriage in 1843.

³¹ Gravestone <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSsr=361&GSmid=46853885&GRid=19841404&>

³² Daughter of Paul and Elizabeth (Reed) Raymond.

³³ They are found living together in 1850 census she age 62.

³⁴ Daughter of Benajah and Catherine (Ten Broeck) Chapin.

JOHNSON, Abigail, widow of Henry, died June 20, 1855, age 72 yrs.	Abigail (Raymond) Johnson ³⁵ b. 31 May 1783.
JOHNSON, Henry, died Aug. 28, 1852, age 84 yrs.	Henry Johnson ³⁶ . 25 Aug. 1768. ³⁷
JOHNSON, Bessey, daughter of Henry & Abigail, died Sept. 23, 1827, age 18 yrs.	Bessey Johnson b. ca. 1809.
<i>JOHNSON, Charles E., Birth: 1859 Death: 1938.</i>	Charles E. Johnson, b. 6 Dec. 1859, son of Raymond and Olive Frances (Bouton) Johnson.
<i>JOHNSON, Fannie Bell, Birth: 1870 Death: 1893.</i>	Fannie Belle (____) Johnson, first wife of Charles E. Johnson.
<i>JOHNSON, Mamie Belle Birth: 1889 Death: 1893.</i>	Probably the daughter of Charles E. and Fannie Belle (____) Johnson.
<i>JOHNSON, Ida V. Birth: 1870 Death: 1929.³⁸</i>	Ida V. (Bechtold) (Holtzman) Johnson, ³⁹ second wife Charles E. Johnson.
<i>BECHTOLD, Harriet B. Birth: 1848 Death: 1929.</i>	Mother-in-Law of Charles E. Johnson.
<i>BECHTOLD, John H. Birth: 1848 Death: Dec. 24, 1939. Age 91.</i>	Father-in-Law of Charles E. Johnson <i>Civil War Co. D 29th Ohio Vol. Inf.⁴⁰</i>
JOHNSON, Deborah, daughter of Raymond & Olive E., died Feb. 3, 1856, age 1 yr.	Deborah Johnson, b. 21 Dec 1854. ⁴¹
<i>JOHNSON, Ernie W., Birth: 1896 Death: 1981.</i>	Ernie W. Johnson b. 22 Feb. 1896, d. Feb. 1981. ⁴²
<i>JOHNSON, Elsie L., Birth: 1901 Death: 1982.</i>	Elsie L. Wilson Johnson b. 26 Jul 1901, d. Nov. 1982. ⁴³

³⁵ Daughter of Paul and Elizabeth (Reed) Raymond.

³⁶ Son of Henry and Amy (Peck) Johnson.

³⁷ Calculated from gravestone Ae. 84 y'rs & 3 d's.

³⁸ Not in Hale Collection.

³⁹ Born May 1870 South Lebanon, Lebanon, Pennsylvania; daughter of John H. and Harriet Bechtold.

⁴⁰ <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rebeccafalin/military/29th/CoD.pdf>. Jan 16, 1864, age 18, would make birth year 1846.

⁴¹ Calculated from gravestone, Ae 1 Yr., 1 Mo., & 12 D's.

⁴² Son of Charles E. and Ida V. Johnson.

⁴³ Wife of Ernie W. Johnson.

<i>MCINTYRE, Muriel Johnson, Birth: Aug. 23, 1930 Death: Apr. 22, 2007.</i>	Daughter of Ernie W. and Elsie L. (Wilson) Johnson.
<i>JOHNSON, Freddie R., Birth: 1894 Death: 1895.</i>	Newer stone. Probably the son of Charles E. and Ida V. Johnson.
JOHNSON, George R., son of Raymond & Olive E., died Sept. 15, 1860, age 3 yrs.	George R. Johnson, b. 10 Jun. 1857. ⁴⁴
JOHNSON, Jonathan, died July 12, 1849, age 72 yrs. 1 mo. 6 days.	Jonathan Johnson b. 06 Jun 1747. ⁴⁵
JOHNSON, Raymond, died Mar. 4, 1886, age 81 yrs. 5 mos. 19 days.	Raymond Johnson ⁴⁶ , b. 15 Sep 1804.
JOHNSON, Julia A., wife of Raymond, born Nov. 21, 1806, died June 4, 1896.	Julia Ann (Raymond) Johnson, daughter of Gershom and Mary (Whiting) Raymond.
JOHNSON, Raymond, born 1832, died 1916.	Raymond Johnson, b. 24 Jul 1834, d. 31 Dec 1916. ⁴⁷
JOHNSON, Olive F. Bouton, wife of Raymond, born 1834, died 1918	Olive Frances (Bouton) Johnson, b. 18 Jan 1834, d. 03 Feb 1918. ⁴⁸
RAYMOND, Abigail, wife of Gershom, died Sept. 7, 1803, age 76 yrs.	Abigail (Taylor) Raymond b. 6 Oct. 1726. ⁴⁹
RAYMOND, Anna, died June 1, 1837.	Anna Raymond, b. 02 Sep 1760. ⁵⁰
RAYMOND, Catharine, died Dec. 20, 1831, age 79 yrs.	Catharine Raymond b. 01 Jul 1752. ⁵¹
RAYMOND, William H., born 1844, died 1920.	William H. Raymond, b. 21 Oct. 1844, d. 5 Jun. 1920. ⁵²

⁴⁴ From gravestone, Ae 3 Y'rs, 3 Mo. & 5 D's.

⁴⁵ Not 1849 as shown in Hale Collection. Son of Henry and Amy (Peck) Johnson. Date of birth calculated from Gravestone

⁴⁶ Son of Henry and Abigail (Raymond) Johnson.

⁴⁷ Son of Raymond and Julia Ann (Raymond) Johnson; birth and death dates from Death Certificate.

⁴⁸ Daughter of John W. and Betsey A. (Smith) Bouton; birth and death dates from Death Certificate.

⁴⁹ MFTFG, Vol. 6, Stephen Hopkins Daughter of John and Abigail (Hopkins) Taylor.

⁵⁰ The Genealogy Register of Norwalk -- daughter of Gershom and Abigail (Taylor) Raymond, m. 19 Jan 1786 Hopkins Byxbee.

⁵¹ Raymond Genealogy daughter of Gershom and Abigail (Taylor) Raymond.

⁵² Son of Charles W. and Susannah Louisa (Cook) Raymond.

RAYMOND, Elizabeth H., born 1852.	Elizabeth H. (Marshall) Raymond, b. Jan. 1852, d. 1931. ⁵³
RAYMOND, Marshall D., son of William H. & Elizabeth, born 1883, died 1844.	
RAYMOND, Harvey T., son of William H. & Elizabeth, born 1887, died 1887.	
RAYMOND, Edward, died Mar. 11, 1813, age 58 yrs.	Edward Raymond, b. 20 Feb 1756. ⁵⁴
RAYMOND, Deborah, wife of Edward, died Sept. 24, 1832, age 77 yrs.	Deborah (Whiting) Raymond b. 9 Jul. 1762, d. 24 Sep. 1839. ⁵⁵
RAYMOND, Elias, died Apr. 16, 1843, age 64 yrs.	Elias Raymond b. Jun. 16 1779. ⁵⁶
RAYMOND, Deborah, died June 6, 1855, age 75 yrs.	Deborah (Peck) Raymond b. 13 Jul. 1779. ⁵⁷
RAYMOND, Elias B., son of Elias & Deborah, died Feb. 3, 1815, age 2 yrs.	
<i>RAYMOND, Frederick, Died: Sep. 18, 1947.</i>	Frederick Lewis Raymond, b. 16 Mar 1896. ⁵⁸
RAYMOND, Anson, son of Gershom & Mary, died Oct. 30, 1799, age 6 yrs.	Anson Raymond b. 11 Apr 1794.
RAYMOND, Paul, died Jan. 22, 1828, age 77 yrs. Revolutionary War.	Paul Raymond b. 28 Jun 1750. ⁵⁹
RAYMOND, Elizabeth, wife of Paul, died Nov. 2, 1826, age 73 yrs.	Elizabeth (Reed) Raymond b. 7 Jun 1753. ⁶⁰

⁵³ She was from Canada her parents from England

⁵⁴ Son of Gershom and Abigail (Taylor) Raymond

⁵⁵ There are three dates of death. Hale has 1832, find a grave 1834 & Raymond Gen. Daughter of Charles and Mary (Kellogg) Whiting

⁵⁶ Son of Paul and Elizabeth (Reed) Raymond. Birth date calculated from gravestone 64yrs 3 mos

⁵⁷ Daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Lockwood) Peck; wife of Elias Raymond

⁵⁸ Son of Lewis E. and Annie L. (Waring) Raymond

⁵⁹ Son of Gershom and Abigail (Taylor) Raymond

⁶⁰ Daughter of Nathan and Mary (Peck) Reed

RAYMOND, Mary Clark, daughter of Paul & Elizabeth, died Feb. 22, 1856, born Apr. 11, 1794.	Mary Clark Raymond. ⁶¹
RAYMOND, John, son of Paul & Elizabeth, died Aug. 6, 1782, age 2 yrs	John Raymond b. 15 Jun 1781.
<i>RAYMOND, John T., Died: Oct. 8, 1793, in the second year of his age. (missed in Hale Collection).</i>	John Taylor Raymond, b. 7 Dec 1791. ⁶²
RAYMOND, George W., born May 24, 1816, died Dec. 5, 1895.	George Whiting Raymond ⁶³ husband of Josephine Frances Reed.
RAYMOND, Gershom, died Apr. 23, 1813, in the 51 st year of his age. ⁶⁴	Gershom Raymond, ⁶⁵ b. ca 1763.
RAYMOND, Gershom, died May 18, 1806, age 81 yrs. Revolutionary War.	Gershom Raymond, b. 1725.
RAYMOND, Gershom, died Nov. 16, 1829, age 58 yrs.	Gershom Raymond, b. 1771.
RAYMOND, Mary, wife of Gershom, died Feb. 22, 1836, age 68 yrs.	Mary (Whiting) Raymond, b. 17 Apr 1768. ⁶⁶
RAYMOND, Gould S., died Jan. 10, 1854, age 22 yrs.	Gould S. Raymond, ⁶⁷ b. ca. 1832 son of Sylvanus S. and Sarah A. (Lockwood) Raymond.

⁶¹ See also under Clark

⁶² Son of Paul and Elizabeth (Reed) Raymond

⁶³ Son of Gershom and Delia (Raymond) Raymond

⁶⁴ Misread on the findagrave site as age 30.

⁶⁵ It is difficult to make sense of the three men named Gershom Raymond. In *Genealogies of the Raymond families of New England, 1630-1 to 1886*, By Samuel Raymond Published by Press of J.J. Little & co., 1886 there are but four Gershom Raymond men mentioned:

Gershom #27, b. 18 Jan. 1825; m. Abigail Taylor

Gershom #76, son of #27, b. 16 Nov. 1762; m. Mary Whiting

Gershom #199 son of #76, b. 29 Jan. 1791; m. Delia Raymond

Gershom #374, son of #199, b. 5 Jul. 1827; m. Susan Wilcox

It is obvious that the middle Gershom above is the Gershom who married Abigail Taylor. The gravestone for Mary (Whiting) Raymond, note 126 below, is the same shape as the stone for Gershom d. 1813. It is a slim reed to use to base a conclusion, but I will accept that this is Gershom #76. one other factor is that his last child was born in 1810. The stone should read (and perhaps does) in his 51st year rather than 31st year. Moving on to the third Gershom who died in 1829; there is no picture of his grave. But his last child though was born in 1827, and I therefore conclude with the same reservations that this is Gershom #199 and the gravestone should read in his 39th year.

⁶⁶ Daughter of Charles and Mary (Kellogg) Whiting.

⁶⁷ Married 1851/52, Mary A. Raymond widow of John Rudd Vincent.

RAYMOND, Whiten, son of Gershom & Mary, died Dec. 10, 1793, age 4 yrs.	George Whiting Raymond, b. 25 Feb 1789.
RAYMOND, Julia, daughter of Gershom & Della, died Nov. 7, 1840, age 19 yrs.	Julia Raymond, b. 21 May 1821 daughter of Gershom and Delia (Raymond) Raymond.
REED, Benjamin S., died Oct. 4, 1864, age 54 yrs.	Benjamin S. Reed, b. ca 1810. ⁶⁸
REED, Mary E., wife of Benjamin S. and daughter of Henry & Abigail Johnson, died Jan. 23, 1852, age 31 yrs.	Mary E. (Johnson) Reed, b. 25 Jul 1819. ⁶⁹
REED, Angeline, daughter of Benjamin S. & Mary E., born Dec. 31, 1837, died Aug. 15, 1853.	
ROBINSON, Lottie, wife of Thomas, died Sept. 9, 1826, age 35 yrs.	Charlotte [Lottie] (Raymond) Robinson, b. 18 Sep. 1790. ⁷⁰
ROBINSON, Thomas, died Dec. 28, 1840, age 52 yrs.	Thomas Robinson, ca 1788.
<i>Scott, John, Birth: Dec. 31, 1817 Death: Feb. 28, 1893.</i>	John Scott, b. Selkirk, Scotland.
<i>Scott, Angeline Raymond, Birth: Apr. 30, 1823 Death: Aug. 29, 1903.</i>	Angelina Raymond, daughter of Gershom and Delia (Raymond) Raymond.
WEEKS, Della R., wife of Rev. G. E., born Aug. 3, 1858, died Feb. 27, 1889.	Delia R. (Scott) Weeks, daughter of John and Angelina (Raymond) Scott.
SMITH, Julia F., wife of George M. Smith, daughter of Raymond & Olive F. Johnson, died Jan. 27, 1900, age 35 yrs.	Julia Frances (Johnson) Smith, b. 11 Sep. 1864.
SMITH, Jessie E., born 1893, died 1912	Jesse Eugene Smith, b. 29 Jan 1893. ⁷¹
<i>TALLMADGE, Hiram, Death: 1858 (next to the Smith Monument).⁷²</i>	

⁶⁸ His antecedents remain unknown.

⁶⁹ For gravestone see <http://www.flickr.com/photos/cemeteryrodeo/3457710798/>. Birth date shown not age at death.

⁷⁰ Daughter of Edward and Deborah (Whiting) Raymond.

⁷¹ Son of George M. and Julia Frances (Johnson) Smith.

⁷² <http://www.flickr.com/photos/cemeteryrodeo/3396935020/> The Hale Collection lists this stone in the Stevens Cemetery in the Tallmadge Hill section of Darien from whence it was apparently removed after about 1934. Hiram

<i>THATCHER, Harry S., Birth: 1872 Death: 1957.</i>	
<i>WILSON, Sydney F., Birth Dec. 2, 1878 Death: Apr. 13, 1939.</i>	Sydney F. Wilson. ⁷³
<i>WILSON, Sydney H., Birth: Apr. 3, 1907 Death: Aug. 17, 1965.</i>	Sydney H. Wilson. ⁷⁴
<i>WILSON, Lillian Corke, Birth: Apr. 15, 1912 Death: Apr. 5, 2003.</i>	Lillian (Corke) Wilson. ⁷⁵
<i>LAWRENCE, Evelyn M. Wilson, June 15, 1914. (No death date).</i>	Evelyn M. (Wilson) Lawrence, ⁷⁶ d. 07 Apr 2003. ⁷⁷
<i>LAWRENCE, William K., Birth: Oct. 28, 1918, Death: Mar. 16, 1983.</i>	William K. Lawrence. ⁷⁸
<i>HILGERT, Muriel Wilson, Birth: Dec. 3, 1912 Death: Feb. 1, 2000.</i>	Muriel L Wilson. ⁷⁹

Tallmadge, born 1799, died Sept. 29, 1858, in New Canaan. In the 1850 census he is listed as a shoemaker. His stone is out of place. Way out of place. Well, only about 5 or 6 miles maybe.

¹⁵Martha Burnside (Thomas Burnside², Margaret ?¹) was born 27 Jul 1796 in Milford, NY, and died 2 Feb 1884. She married in 1822 Hiram Tallmadge, born Columbia Co., NY, 11 Jan 1800, and died Maryland, NY, 8 Apr 1867.

⁷³ May E. Griswold, his wife, is shown above with the Vincent Family.

⁷⁴ Son of Sydney F. and May (Griswold) Wilson.

⁷⁵ Wife of Sydney H. Wilson.

⁷⁶ Daughter of Sydney F. and May (Griswold) Wilson.

⁷⁷ SS Death Index.

⁷⁸ Son of Wm. and Blanche M. Lawrence of Stratford – 1920 Census.

⁷⁹ Daughter of Sydney F. and May (Griswold) Wilson.

**Irish Place Names on Tombstones in Old (and New) St. Peter Cemetery
Danbury, CT**

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A well-kept lawn welcomed us as we began our search for Irish tombstones, especially those stones from the later 1800s or early 1900s which named the native town, parish and/or county of the deceased.¹



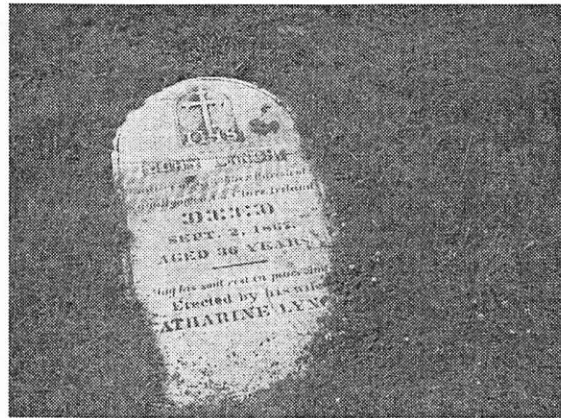
St. Peter Cemetery, Sheridan Street, Danbury, CT

Most of the stones were on the ground and covered with a layer of soil and grass. To locate the tombstones we walked each row and carefully searched for any clue of a buried marker. A number of stones were located at the back of the cemetery. We are uncertain if that was the original burial site or if the stones had been placed there at a later date.²

After the back section of the cemetery was documented, we continued our search in the larger expanse of mowed lawn towards the front.

¹ We found three stones of natives of Germany and included that information in the database.

² Unfortunately, burial records for this cemetery have been lost.



Stones found over the top of the hill

The process:

Working with old grave stones is a delicate process and the utmost care must be taken to do them no harm. Since the stones in this cemetery were either all or partially covered with varying depths of sod, we carefully removed the top layer with a flat edged shovel. After the top layer was put aside, the remaining soil was brushed off with a soft dry brush. To remove the final layer of soil, we used water-filled squirt bottles accompanied by a smaller soft bristled vegetable brush. A public water supply at the new condo development across the street proved to be invaluable for our work.

Conditions of the stones varied greatly. Some were as clear as the day they were made; others had faded over the years and towns and parishes were only partially visible. We also found that spelling of towns and parishes varied. For those stones that were eroded, we used the technique of carefully working some soil back into the letters for contrast.

Before the work began we contacted the grounds keeping department of Catholic Cemeteries in Danbury to alert them of the project and to obtain their approval. We assured them we would leave the cemetery as we found it. As it turned out, we feel we left the cemetery in even better shape.

Comparison to Hale Collection Records:

Connecticut's Hale Collection, taken in 1934 as a WPA project, includes names and dates (but not other inscriptions including epitaphs or places of origin) for all then-legible headstones. Some 575 stones are listed for this cemetery. Of these, we found only about 150 still standing or lying covered more or less with sod. And of those found, we have listed just 63 with legible places of origin.

A surprising number of the stones found are *not* included in the Hale Collection, which, for most cemeteries, is remarkably complete for stones legible in 1934. Those missing from Hale include:

Courtney, Mary, wife of Patrick Courtney

Finnell, Margaret, wife of Thomas Finnell

Owens, John Griffin, Corporal COC 23rd, died 30 Mar 1908 (not in our database)

Mannion, Maria, wife of John Mannion

McGee, Ann, daughter of Peter and Ann Rooney

McGee, Francis, son of Ann

Rooney, Catherine, daughter of Peter and Ann

Rooney, Patrick, son of Peter and Ann

Additional notes found on the stones:

Barrett, James. Stone was erected by his wife Jane Barrett.

Carley, Thomas. Died in Brookfield, CT.

Colcan, Matthew. Possibly Colgan.

Courtney, Mary. Several women's stones listed maiden name, then wife of. This stone had no maiden surname, just Mary, wife of Patrick Courtney.

Finnell, Margaret. Also no maiden name. Stone also stated: and also their son,
14 May 1878 age 1 yr, 3 mo.

Keating, Margaret. Erected by her son Patrick.

Mannion, Patrick. Erected by his wife Bridget.

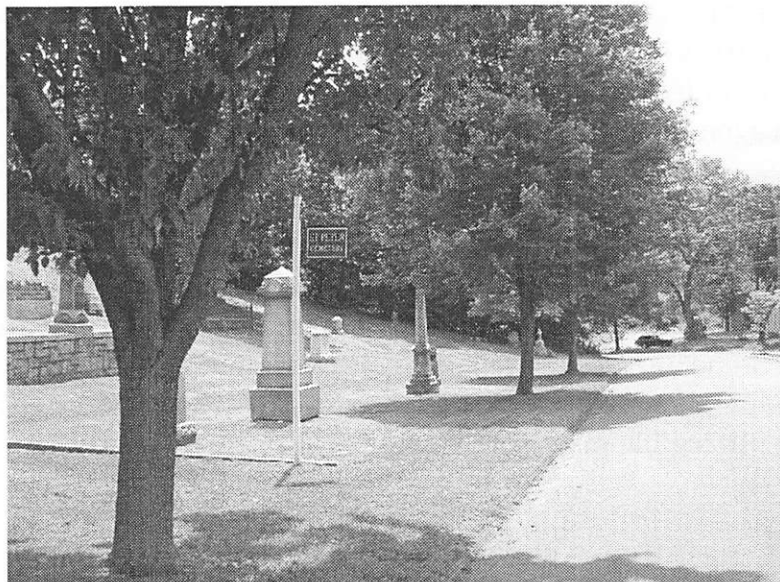
Mannion, Patrick. The stone actually reads Paterick.

McDonald, James. This stone was broken at the area where the county/parish
was listed.

Mulligan, M. Erected by her sister.

Pelly, Thomas. Top of stone had a lamb and cross inset same as Skhill.

Skhill, Margaret. Top of stone had lamb and cross inset same as Pelly.



New St. Peter Cemetery

At the turn of the 20th century the old cemetery was rapidly filling, and new ethnic groups such as the Lebanese and Portuguese began arriving in the Danbury area. The New St. Peter Cemetery was begun in the western part of Danbury. This cemetery is now very large and continues to expand. It appears to have been continuously maintained, and has not suffered the vandalism and other deterioration so apparent at the older cemetery.

We searched the older part of this cemetery and found just ten stones naming fourteen individuals which gave places of origin in Ireland (and one in France). Two or three of the stones record deaths probably preceding the establishment of this "new" cemetery, and they likely were moved from the "old" cemetery. It is not known if the bodies were removed with the stones.

The list from this cemetery follows the listing from the old St. Peter Cemetery.

St. Mary's Cemetery, Bethel

This newer Catholic Cemetery was also examined as part of our project to identify places of origin from the Irish tombstones. Burials here apparently began about 1920, but no stones were found which gave the place of birth of the decedant.

Place Names from Headstones in Old St. Peter Cemetery, Danbury, CT

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Inscription</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>Native Of</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>County</u>
Barrett	James		1 September 1889, age 56	Clouneena		Clare
Barrith	Mary G.	Wife of James Barrith	11 December 1866, age 33			Longford
Beckerle	Louis V.		17 September 1877, age 61	Rhine Bayeau, Germany		
Bolan	Anthony			Kilbaha	Killballyowen	Clare
Bradley	John		5 July 1860, age 33	Kilbaha	Killballyowen	Clare
Burke	Mary	Wife of Patrick Burke, Sr.	10 March 1867, age 49			Galway
Burke	Patrick	Born 1815	1896			Galway
Carley	Thomas		17 March 1876, age 65	Killegan		Westmeath
Carmody	John		17 July 1861, age 42			Clare
Carroll	John		18 June 1864, age 20		Old Castle	Meath
Carroll	Margaret		28 December 1876, age 32	Coherconish		Limerick
Clark	Catherine	Wife of Patrick Burke	22 June 1881, age 65			Mayo
Colcan	Matthew		28 February 1868, age 75			Westmeath
Collins	Bridget		12 September 1873, age 65		Killballyowen	Clare
Costoloe	Anner	Dau. of Owen & Mary	30 November 1869, age 26	Couleen	Killballyowen	Clare
Courtney	Mary	Wife of Patrick Courtney	8 Jan 1869, age 12 yrs			Down
Creagh	Julia		18 October 1875, age 35		Kilbaha	Clare
Culhane	Thomas		20 December 1876, age 19		Ballyowen	Clare
Cunningham	Gaven		31 December 1871, age 61	Ireland		
Cunningham	Mary	Wife of Gaven	12 May 1872, age 65	Ireland		
Deegan	James		2 October 1858, age 35			Wicklow
Dillon	Patrick		17 October 1884, age 52	Mulligan		Westmeath
Dolan	Edward	and Margaret, his wife	21 November 1899, age 58		Carrigaholt	Clare

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Inscription</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>Native Of</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>County</u>
Doran	Mary Donely	Wife of Miles	26 May 1855, age 57	Ireland		
Doran	Miles		1861; age 22			Leitrim
Fagan	Mary	Wife of Philip	21 November 1865, age 53	Crosserlough		Cavan
Fannell	Margaret		26 June 1869, age 21		Killnel...owen	Clare
Farrell	John	Born 14 October 1793	27 December 1850			Leitrim
Finnell	Margaret	Wife of Thomas Finnell	7 April 1882, age 29	Kilbaha	Killballyowen	Clare
Gilmartin	Lackey		20 August 1873, age 55			Sligo
Griffins	Catherine		15 September 1863, age 28		Rehey	Clare
Keating	Margaret		11 March 1870, age 60	Rhienvella	Killballyowen	Clare
Kelly	Jane	Wife of Bernard Graham	2 September 1914, age 60	Kellytown		Louth
Lyman	Bridget		17 December 1899, age 57			West Meath
Lynch	John		11 December 1882, age 36	Kilbaha	Killballyowen	Clare
Lynch	John		2 September 1867, age 36	Kilcloher	Killballyowen	Clare
Lynch	Patrick		16 July 1860, age 36		Crosenlough	
Mannion	Maria	Wife of John Manion	12 June 1862, age 31	Ballhaw...		
Mannion	Patrick		1868, age 29	Ballyhaunis		
Mannion	Patrick		6 February 1862, age 71	Ballyhaunis		Mayo
McDonald	Catherine	Wife of Michael	6 May 1885, age 63			Leitrim
McDonald	James		9 June 1883, age 64	Ireland		
McDonald	Michael		7 March 1871, age 53			West Meath
McGee	Ann	Dau Peter & Ann Rooney	24 Feb 1862 age 24 yr 9 mo	Carrickmacross		Monaghan
McGowan	Rodger		13 June 1868, age 70			Leitrim
McInerheny	Catherine	Wife of Marcus Griffin	15 April 1864	Kilcloher	Killballyowen	Clare
McMahon	Mary Ringrose	Wife of Michael	20 January 1860, age 47	Ennis		Clare
McMahon	Michael	2nd CT H Arty. Civil War	28 May 1876, age 61	Ennis		Clare

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Inscription</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>Native Of</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>County</u>
Mulligan	M. and infant child	Wife and son of Thomas Horan	15 August 1860, age 31			Leitrum
Murray	Mary Mullaniff	Wife of Thomas Carley	23 March 1858, age 25	Tully	Killasnet	Leitrum
O'Farrell	John		16 July 1860, age 48			Wicklow
Pelly	Thomas	Born 18 December 1845	18 December 1864, age 19		Killimor	Galway
Ratchford	Bridget	Dau Thomas & Mary	28 September 1874, age 38	Gertbahue		Tipperary
Rooney	Catherine	Dau Peter and Ann	27 March 1869, age 35	Carrickmacross		Monaghan
Rooney	Catherine	Dau of Peter and Ann	27 March 1869, age 35	Carrickmacross		Monaghan
Rooney	John Griffin	Son Peter and Ann	6 March 1861, age 20	Carrickmacross		Monaghan
Rooney	Patrick	Son of Peter and Ann Rooney	12 December 1863, age 22	Carrickmacross		Monaghan
Ryan	James B.		27 Feb. 1861, age 22	Germany		
Shalvoy	Bridget	Wife of James Shalvoy	21 February 1861, age 72			Meath
Skhill	Margaret	Wife of Timothy	20 March 1865, age 80		Killimor	Galway
Sweeney	Hannah	Wife of Owen; mother of William	30 April 1874, age 45			Cork
Walsh	John	Son of James and Mary	14 February 1860, age 19		Ballymac...	Galway
Young	Margaret	Wife of Frank Lawrence, b. 6 Dec 1830	27 April 1863	Germany		

Place Names from Headstones in New St. Peter Cemetery, Danbury, CT

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Inscription</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>Native Of</u>	<u>County</u>
Brennan	Winifred	Wife of James Brennan	21 Jul 1894, age 48	Bunnacramagh	Sligo
Coffey	Bridget	Wife of Jeremiah D. O'Connor	1870-1917	Boherbee	Cork
Connor	Charles		7 Nov 1902, age 63		Longford
DeLattre	Theodore		27 Mar 1886, age 42	Boulogne	France
Hederman	Martin	Erected by his wife Bridget Collins	7 Jan 1934, age 40	Carrigahot	Clare
McCarthy	Thomas		12 Feb 1875, age 82	Cloghaunsavan	Clare
McDermott	John		12 May 1891, age 55		Galway
McMahon	Bridget	Wife of Patrick McMahon	27 Aug 1893, age 66		Galway
O'Connell	Mary	Wife of Patrick Moffitt*	12 Oct 1869, born 1817		Sligo
O'Connor	Jeremiah D.		1864-1910	Kenmare	Kerry
O'Sullivan	Edward J.		no dates	Glan	Galway
Osbourne	Catherine	Wife of Edward J. O'Sullivan	no dates	Tierhogar	Queens (now Co. Laois)
Reilley	Margaret	Wife of Charles Connor	5 Jun 1896, age 58		Cavan
Traverse	Mary	Wife of John McDermott	15 Nov 1912, age 82		Leitrim

* Note: This stone (and interment?) likely moved from Old St. Peter Cemetery.

**Irish Place Names from St. Mary's Cemetery, Norwalk,
and St. Mary's Cemetery, Greenwich, CT**

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Saint Mary's Cemetery, Broad Street, Norwalk

Set in on rolling terrain in an urban area surrounded by businesses, homes and, unfortunately, railroad tracks, this cemetery is well maintained with some of the older stones replaced by newer stones. Other older stones have deteriorated and are now difficult or impossible to read in whole or in part.

This cemetery, now full, belongs to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church on West Avenue, Norwalk. The church was started in 1848, and the oldest stone on the accompanying list is dated 1853.

Of the stones listed, those for James Field, Bridget Hand and Maria Daley, and Thomas H. McGrath and his wife Bridget Ryan are omitted from the Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions. The stone for Ellen (Gafney) Clough is listed, but she is not indexed under her maiden name as is standard for the Hale Collection.

There is a common office on Richards Avenue, Norwalk, for St. Mary's and for the newer St. John's Cemetery. The phone number is 203-838-4271.

Saint Mary's Cemetery, North Street, Greenwich

Opened in 1919, St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenwich is owned by St. Mary's the Apostle Church on Greenwich Avenue. Very well maintained, it sits on a hill in a sparsely settled residential area of North Greenwich.

Interments in the Old Catholic Cemetery at the corner of William and Church Streets in downtown Greenwich were removed to this "New Catholic" or St. Mary's Cemetery between 1919 and 1934, and a number of stones list death dates prior to 1919. Some of the older stones lie flat on the ground and are partly grown over.

Of the stones listed, those for John and Ann Daly and for Elizabeth Gibson were somehow omitted from the 1934 Hale Collection. This also excludes the grave of Herbert Scott-Baine who died in 1954.

The cemetery office number is 203-869-4828. The address is listed as 35 Parsonage Road, however, that is through Putnam Cemetery. There are also entrances on North Street directly into St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Cemetery, Norwalk, Connecticut

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Born In</u>	<u>Also on Stone</u>
BUTLER	John		Nov 15 1878	35	Doulans, Donouchmoure, Co Cork	
BYRNE	John		Nov 5 1890	40	Stonepark, (Ballymote), Co Sligo	
BYRNE	Bridget					wife of Farrell Gilhuly
CAHILL	Jeremiah		Feb 27 1881	86	Kilteely, Co Limerick	Bridget - wife d. 1881 age 65
CALLAHAN	Ann		Mar 29 1811	80	Co Cavan	Charles Callahan - husband
CARROLL	Michael J.	May 5 1865	Jul 22 1911		Co Limerick	Mary Hicklay - wife 1874 - 1951
CLOUGH	Stephen	1866	1927		Brownsford, Tollicker, Co Killenny	Ellen Eagan – wife
CONLON	Katherine				Co Louth	Thomas Connors – husband Thomas Connors - son b. Aug 28 1871 d. Aug 1 1875 Kate Connors - dau b. Apr 1 1876 d. Oct 1 1877 Michael Connors d. Jan 19 1907 age 37 Harold Lyon d. Apr 5 1908 age 7 weeks
CONNORS	Thomas	Jan 3 1844	Jan 18 1927	77		Katherine Conlon - wife
DARCY	Mary		Aug 29 1870	40	Mulhill, Co Galway	Matt Nester - husband
DUGGAN	Ellen		Dec 29 1878	65	Dunamore, Co Cork	Cornelius Duggan - husband

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DUNN	Mary		Nov 28 1898	45	Aughrim, Co Roscommon	dau. of Luke and Catherine Dunn Annie Clark 1857 – 1927 Michael J. Clark 1888 – 1928 John J. Clark 1881 – 1942 Mary A. Calrk 1883-1966
EAGAN	Ellen	1867	1903		Brownsford, Tollicker, Co Killenny	Stephen Clough - husband
ENRIGHT	Mary		Mar 15 1881	60	Ballybunion, Co Kerry	William Driscoll – husband Timothy Driscoll - son 1858-1934 Helen L. Driscoll - Timothy's wife 1861-1934 Mary Driscoll - dau b. Mar 25 1858 d. Dec 24 1926 John J. Farrelly - Mary's husband b. Feb 2 1855 d. Feb 4 1926 Jeremiah Driscoll - son 1866-1927 Mary Doyle - Jeremiah's wife d. 1922
FIELD	James		Sep 3 1887	20	Ballineen, Co Cork	David Field son of James and Margaret M. Field Jul 15 1870 age 3 mo 11 days
FINNIGAN	Mary	Jan 28 1852			Kylenrovoe, Co Mayo	dau of Dennis and Nora Finnigan Inscription barely legible. Compared with Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions
FLYNN	Mary A.		Apr 18 1895	75	Millone, Kings Co	Micahel McGrath - husband
GAFNEY	Ellen	1863	1925			wife of Stephen Clough
GRIFFIN	Bridget		Dec 24 1892	23 yr 3 mo	Co Mayo	John Griffin - father
HAND	Bridget		Jul 28 1892	63	Ireland	Maria Daley d. Oct 15 1893 age 57 same stone, no indication of relationship
HASSET	Ellen		Mar 4 1853	65	Killuni, Co Limerick	
HAYES	John		Feb 20 1887	50	Co Limerick	

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HENNESSY	Mary (Mrs.)		Aug 6 1872	70	Corbally, Co Limerick	Catherine Donoher d. Aug 20 1894 age 75 Timothy Hartnett d. May 8 1890 age 65 same stone, no indication of relationship
LUCY	Ann		Sep 29 1877	78	Glengarriff, Co Cork	Michael Lucy - husband
LUCY	Ellen		Apr 8, 1880	35	Dunamore, Co Cork	Edward Lucy - husband d. Sep 1 1913
MADDEN	Thomas		Mar 1869	35	Co Tipperary	Bridget Madden - wife d. May 10 1889
MAHONEY	Thomas		Nov 25 1907	31	Mitchelstown, Co Cork	Nora B. Maher - wife d. Aug 30 1957 Agnes M. Bens Alice V. Mahoney - wife of Harold J. Kenna 1903-1941 John F. Halloran Nov 27 1900 - Mar 1 1963 Thomas T. Bens Nov 27 1909 - Sep 14, 1978
McCARTAN	Agnes	1850	1921		Co Antrim	wife of W. S. Bates
McCARTAN	Ann	1840	1910		Co Antrim	wife of James O'Donnell
McDONNELL	Bridget	1858	1932		Co Cavan	John C. Murphy - husband
McGRATH	Thomas H.	1851	1910		Ballygrenagh	Bridget Ryan - wife
McGRATH	Michael		Dec 25 1874	56	Millone, Kings Co	Mary A. Flynn - wife
McLAUGHLIN	Peter	Jan 10 1812	Mar 19 1879		Co Leitrim	Ellen McLaughlin - wife d. Jan 14 1907 age 81 William E. 1854-1894 Francis S. 1859-1872
MOKLEY	Michael		May 10 1884	65	Glanworth, Co Cork	Hanorah Mokley - wife Jul 9 1896 age 64 dau. Kate A. Mokley d. Sep 25 1884 age 20 yrs 1 mo 14 days Tannie Mokley - wife of William Chase Oct 5 1872 - Jul 27 1895 Nellie dau of Michael and Margaret Mokley d. Apr

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MULCAHY	Patrick		Aug 10 1892	50	Co Cork	26 1878 age 23 yrs 10 mo 25 days Hanorah - Jul 23 1868 age 11 months Margaret - Dec 3 1881 age 14 yrs 3 mo 7 days Catherine Finnegan - wife d. Apr 5 1898 age 51 Nora - dau. d. Aug 13 1874 age 2 yrs 8 mos 10 days
MULVIHILL	James		May 13 1898	54	Co Clare	Johanna Haley – wife Michael J. – son d. Dec 22 1884 age 22 Mary Haley – dau. d. Sep 26 1894 age 56
MURPHY	John G.	1857	1915		Co Westmeath	Bridget McDonnell - wife
PRUNTY	Elizabeth		Jun 27 1909	58	Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh	
REYNOLDS	Julia		Jul 10 1884	59	Termonfeekin, Co Louth	Peter McEntire - husband d. Aug 30 1903 age 77
RYAN	Bridget	1854	1946		Tipperary	Thomas H. McGrath - husband
SHEEHAN	Hannah	May 27 1839	Mar 30 1887		Co Tipperary	Thomas Sheehan - husband
SHEEHAN	Thomas	Jul 15 1841	Sep 6 1878		Co Tipperary	Hannah Sheehan - wife
SHEEHAN	James		Nov 21 1899	54	Co Tipperary	Sarah C. Dowd - wife d Feb 22 1917 age 83 John 1863-1870 John J. Sheehan 1900-1972 Michael H. 1871-1953 Margaret M. 1874-1944 Thomas F. 1878-1908 Edward F. 1862-1927 Catherine 1867-1953

St. Mary's Cemetery, Greenwich, Connecticut

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ARNOLD	Patrick		Feb 5, 1908	84	Tara Hill, Co. Meath	Robert C. Arnold, d. July 5, 1903 Aged 44 years John H. Arnold, d. Dec 7, 1903 Aged 49 years Margaret A. Arnold, Wife of C. Carmichael, 1871-1918
BOAGGY	Delia		Feb 20, 1925	85	Ireland	
BODY	Mary	1842	1909		Co. Meath	Wife of George Body George Body , d. Dec 30 1919 Aged 75
BOHAN	Michael	1877	1921		Tooman?, Co. Leitrim	
BROWN	Rose		May 22, 1910	79	Dundalk, Co. Louth	
DALY	John Sr.	May 30, 1809	Sep 29, 1886		Kings Co.	Ann Daly, Wife of John Daly Sr., b. Apr 1808, d. Feb 1878 Patrick T. Mongon, b. Mar 15, 1842, d. May 31, 1910 Delia Mongon, Wife of Patrick T. Mongon, b. Nov 1, 1848, d. Feb 18, 1888
DUNN	Mary		Sep 26, 1866	21	Dublin	Wife of John Murphy
FINNEGAN	Philip	Mar 27, 1855	Jan 3, 1916			Sarah M. Finnegan, Wife of Philip Finnegan, b. Nov 8, 1852, d. Sep 8, 1908

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FLANNAGAN	Ellen				Killee, Co. Waterford	Erected by John Flannagan in memory of his mother
GIBSON	Elizabeth		Jan 28, 1882	15 yr 6 mo 22 dy	Co. Westmeath	
GUNN	Jane		Feb 18, 1884	38		Wife of Peter Tominy
KEEFE	Dennis		Mar 15, 1891	68	Co. Cork	
KING	Simon		Apr 27, 1867	68 yr 5 mo	Lahar, Co. Cavan	
LEAHY	Patrick	Mar 17, 1843	Dec 27, 1898			
MAGUIRE	Catherine		Dec 27, 1889	68	Co. Monaghan	
McCOY	Michael	1850	1922			Joanna Driscoll McCoy, 1852-1933, wife of Michael McCoy Mary L. Garvey, 1884 - 1914
MURPHY	Sarah	1907	1932		Port Glasgow, Scotland	
MURPHY	William M.		Nov 23, 1864	63	Balmnohine?, Co. Carlow	Mary Dunn and Kate Murphy
MURPHY	Kate		July 18, 1881	35	Rathcooney?, Co. Cork	Wife of David Brown
SCOTT-BAINE	Herbert	Mar 11, 1891	Apr 14, 1954		Shoreham, England	"Pioneer of the Sea and of the Air"

**Oblong Society Petitioners of 1757:
Church at Amenia Union, near Sharon, CT
Paul R. Finch and Harlan R. Jessup**

In 1731 the narrow strip of land known as the Oblong was opened for settlement, having been ceded by Connecticut to the Province of New York. By about 1754 a group of these settlers built the "Round Top Meeting House" with a four-sided roof and an ornamental cupola. This was just twenty yards west of the town line of Sharon, Connecticut, in the area that later was joined to the town of Amenia, New York.¹ They hoped that their neighbors in the southwest corner of Sharon would join with them in the support of their minister. But this would require that the Connecticut members be relieved of supporting the church in the center of Sharon, some four miles to the north.

The approval of Connecticut's general assembly was required for such an arrangement, and a series of petitions to that end, beginning in 1754, name concerned heads of household both in New York and in Connecticut.² To counter these petitions, John Williams, Esq., the town clerk of Sharon, was sent a copy of the last petition and summoned, with other residents of that town, to appear before the General Assembly in New Haven. A crude map of Sharon showing both churches (and with the hills colored green) accompanied the petition. For whatever reason the General Assembly denied the petition in October 1757, simply endorsing it "Negatived the prayer of this Memorial."

The denial of their petition was surely a disappointment to the petitioners and to their supporters in the Oblong. But somehow in spite of this denial, the church was able to call the Rev. Ebenezer Knibloe as pastor on 11 Dec 1759, and services were continued at least until the late 19th century. The church building no longer stands, but two nearby cemeteries, one in New York and one in Connecticut, have monuments to many of the founding families including that of the Rev. Knibloe (in Connecticut). The oldest grave (in New York) is that of Ann B. Winegar, wife of "Uldrick," who died 7 October 1735, age 38.³

The several lists of petitioners' names can be valuable to today's historians and genealogists. This article, supplementing our series of articles on the early settlement of the Oblong, transcribes each petition in full with their quaint wording and irregular spelling. It includes the names of all the petitioners, both from New York and from Connecticut.

Sharon Petitioners of 13 Dec 1754

To the Town of Sharon at their Town Meeting in Sharon on the 13th Day of Decem^r 1754 the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Lower End of s^d Town sheweth that the Distance we live att

¹ Newton Reed, *Early History of Amenia*, Amenia, NY, 1875, pp. 39-44.

² The petitions are bound in Connecticut Archives Volume 10, Ecclesiastical Affairs, item numbers 182 through 187 (microfilm reel 31).

³ Lawrence VanAlstyne, *Burying Grounds of Sharon, Connecticut, Amenia and North East, New York*, Amenia, NY, 1903.

from the Meeting house in Sharon Render our attendance upon the Publick worship in the Middle of the Town Extremely Difficult Most Seasons of the year our Children can Seldom or never be Convey^d to Meeting by which means heads of family are oftener obliged to be absent from the Publick worship to take Care of those who cannot Safely be left at home alone and having Born with cheerfulness our Proportions of Charges in the most Chargeable and Difficult times the town has seen as to the weight of Expences would now when we are not so Much needed as heretofore we have been Earnestly Pray tht we may for a season viz. so Long as the Town sees fit, be freed from rates for Maintaining the Gospel in the Middle of the Town and be thereby the better Enabled to Contribute for the Support of Preaching where we now attend and Eased of the Burthen we Labour under while obliged to attend on the Lords Day with the Rest of the Town & Pray that the South Part of the Town as far north as Robert Stedman[,] Obediah & Pelatiah Chapman & Daniel Raymond[,] Joseph and John Holly Inclusive may be freed as above & in Testimony of this our Earnest Request Set to our hands by Signing

John Hollister
Moses Atherton
Benjamin Brooks
Sam^l Doty
Tim^o Brockway
Daniel Raymond
Josiah Hollister
David Elmer
Isaac Hamlin
Wolston Brockway

Azariah Griswold
Sam^l Smith
Peletiah Chapman
Jonathan Davis
Ezra Davis
Matthias Chapman
Samuel Hollister Jun^r
Uldrick Winegar
Abner Goodrich

Sharon Petitioners of 24 Jun 1757

*To: the Selectmen of the town of Sharon
Gintelmen[:] we the subscribers Being Inhabitants of the southerly part of the town of Sharon Desier you forth with to warn a town meeting to s[ee] if the town will take sum proper Method In order to set us off or Releas us from our min^s Rates so that we may have the Liberty to have the Gospell preached amongst us or Joyn with the Inhabitents in york Gov^t*

Isaac Hamlin
Josiah Hollister
John Hollister
Josiah Strong Jun^r
Azariah Griswold

Woolston Brockway
Timmothy Brockway
Ephraim Griswold
Sam^l Doty
John Lovell

Sharon Petitioners of 1 Oct 1757

To the Honorable General Assembly to be Holding at Newhaven on the Seond Thursday of Otober instant[:] Honorable gentlemen where as we the subscribers inhabitence of the Town of Sharon and liveing near the South West Corner of s^d Town and being very Remote from the

meeting house in s^d Town and Place of Publick Worship and Having meny of us Larg families and being Disi[ro]us to atend on on said worship wich we cant without much Dificulty – and finden where as their is a number of fammilys Inhabi[ta]nts in the Province of Newyork that have bu[i]lt a meting house near to the Town Line of s^d Sharon and have for sum time Past with the asistents of us the Subscribers hiered a min[i]ster to Pre[a]ch to them in s^d meting housed and where as the Inhabitence of y^e Province above s^d that will joyn are unable of them Selves to Suport the Gospel thirefore we your Humble memorerilis Pray that this Honorable asembly wold be Plesed to Discharg us from paying Minster Rat[e]s to the Town of Sharon So Long as we shall Joyn with the Inhabintes of y^e Province as above Menshned or Duering the Plesur of this Honorable asembly and all So pray that we may be Impowerd to make and Colect our Rat[e]s to be Disposed for the Suport of the Gospel as above s^d as you in your Wisdem Shall think Best. Honorable Gentlemen the Land we Live on is bounded as fowleth begining at the Southwest Corner of s^d Sharon and from thence to Run Northerly as the Town Line Runs about three mils and one half or So far as that an E[a]st Line Will Tak[e] to the North Side of Palatiah Chapmans home Lot and then E[a]st two mil[e]s and one half then South to the South Line of s^d Sharon[.] Honorable Gentlemen we your Hum^{bl} Memorerilis Stand Redy to Seew to your Honorable gintlemen the Resanablenis of our Desier on Every acco[u]nt and that the Town of Sharon are able to Suport the Go[s]pel without our Rat[e]s all wich is the Prayer of us your Hum^{bl} memorili[st]s who shall ever Pray
Sharon October y^e first Ano Dom 1757

Jonathan Davis
Timothy Brockway
Jesse Foord
John Lovell
Jonathan Pratt
Moses Atherton
Jonathan Davis Junr
Isaac Hamlin
Josiah Hollister
David Griswold

Jonathan Foord
Daniel Raymond
John Davis Junr
Josiah Strong Junr
Azariah Griswold
David Foord
Robert Stedman
Aaron Smith
Elijah[?] Strong

Oblong Petitioners of 30 May 1757

Whereas wee the subscribers the Inhabitents of Dutches County in ye provence of New york sum of us Living on patten lands & sum on that tract of land called oblong Near Sharon in Conecticut & wee Being sencible of the grate need & wante of the means of grace amongst us & that wee & our families might have a preached gospel & Be taught the way to Eternal Life and showing that it is our Indispensible duty to Administer to the support of a gospel ministry amongst us wee do therefore to Encourage some Regular Ortherdox presbeterain Minestor that wee may Git to settle with us or be over us in the Lord according to the Ecclesaistical Discipline or government of the Consociation of Litchfield County in Conecticut Bind our selves by promising to pay yearly such sum or sums of money as shall be affixed to the end of our names to the suport of a ortherdox minister that shall be called & chosen by the major part of the subscribers and those of our Bretheren & Neibours that shall Joyn with us that live in the Colony of conecticut said money wee the subscribers Do promes to

pay yearly to such a comttee Who shall be bound to pay the do Sum or sums of money to the sd Minestor yearly as is affixed to the End of our Names do sums being fixed in york money which wee Covenant and promes to pay yearly during our abbode or Living hear Where unto wee do set our hands, this 30th day of May AD 1757

Benj ^a Holleston	1-0-0	Samuel pain	1-0-0	Amos Turner	0-12-0
Joseph Blackmer	1-0-0	Noah Gillit	0-16-0	Sam ^{ll} Phillips	0-5-0
Tho ^s Willcocks	1-5-0	Simeon Rowlee	0-1-0	Asa Warterman	0-10-0
Millas Warshborn	1-0-0	Melataiah Lothrop	1-5-0	Aaron Atherton	0-10-0
John Adams Jun ^r	0-10-0	Eben ^r Knap	0-10-0	Sam ^{ll} Warterman	1-5-0
Eben ^r Perry	0-12-0	Tho ^s Wickham	0-10-0	Gurdain Holleston	0-10-0
Willard Blackmer	1-0-0	Mathias Kellsey	1-10-0	Sam ^{ll} Whitcom	0-5-0
Eben ^r Cadey	1-5-0	Elizebeth Chamberlin	0-5-0	Elles Doty	1-5-0
Moses Barlow	1-10-0	Simeon Kellsey	0-12-0	Abram Webster	0-10-0
Deborah Gillet	0-10-0	Phinehas Rowlee	0-15-0	Daniel Rowlee	0-16-0
John Adams	2-0-0	John Chamberlin	1-0-0	Simeon Dotey	0-10-0
		John Beebe	1-5-0	Zaccheus Willcocks	0-10-0
		Sam ^{ll} Gray	0-15-0	Benj ^a Holleston J ^r	1-0-0
				Ephrame pain	0-5-0
				Nathan Wheller	0-10-0
				Benj ^a finch	0-10-0

The fore going is a true Coppey of the originall Assignment, Taken of by Me Melth Lothrop.

Oblong Petitioners of 5 Oct 1757

To the Honorable General Assembly of the Coloney of Conniticut to be holding at Newhaven the 2^d Thursday of October Instant[:] Honorable Gentlemen We the Subscribers of Duches county in the Province of Newyork Lying Bordring on y^e Southern Part of Sharon and Being Destitute of the Gospel being set up amongst us and Deser[ous] of it and the Constitu[tion] of our goverments no ways helpful th[e]irin as is your goverment and where as we have of Late Made Sum begining, as Bu[i]lding a house for Publick Worship[,] and having hierd a Min[i]ster to Prech the Word to us and where as we are at Present but smal it maks our burdin grate Without Sum help and where as the Lo[w]er part of Sharen having joyned with us they being near to us and very Remote from the Place of Publik Worshup in thir one Town and where as they have sent in a Prayer to your honorable House for Sum Rel[i]ef as to th[e]ir hevey Burdian in Paying thir Minster Rates in thir one Town and at the Same Time Paying thir Proporshen for the Suport of the Gospel with us wich we think is a very grate hardship[.] Thirfore Honorable Gentlemen notwithstanding we are not under your Proticti[o]n yet we wold Humbly ask your tender Compashon in Regard to them and all so to our Selves that thir Prayer and Petishen may have exceptence and be answerd wich will be of grate joy to us for then thay will Joyn with us and with thir help we hope through the goodnis of god we Shall Injoy the grate Privilige of having the Gospel Set up amongst us that the Rising Generation may not be brought up in Egnerance wich is the Humble Request of yours who shall ever Pray

Dated in Duches County in the Province of Newyork October y^e 5th 1757

John Beebe
 Miles Washman
 Samuel Waterman
 Benjamin Hollister
 Melatiah Lothrop
 Eb[e]nezer Cady

Moses Barlow
 Matthias Kellsey
 Thomas Willcoks
 Samuel Gray
 Simeon Doty

We the subscribers in the behalf of all the s^d inhabitents in s^d new york government that joyn with us

Sheriff's Order of 4 Oct 1757

To the Sheriff of Litchfield County or his Deputy or Either of the Constables of Sharon in s^d County Greeting[.] In his Majesties name you are hereby Comanded to Summon John Williams Esq^r Principal Inhabitant of s^d Sharon to appear before the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut to be held at New Haven on the Second Thursday of Instant October that is to say that they appear on the Tuesday next after s^d Thursday to answer to the foregoing memorial and shew Reason if any they have why the Prayer therof Should not be Granted and you are to Leave a true and attested Copy of the foregoing memorial and of this Citation with the said John Williams Esq^r (who is Town Clerk of said Sharon) or at the Place of his usual abode at Least Twelve days befor Said Tuesday[.] Hereof Fail not and due return make[.] Dated at Hartford the fourth Day of October Anno Domini 1757

John Chester Assis^t

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111a CRABBE/PELLUM — Seeking the ancestry of Richard Crabbe and Deborah Pellum, married in Salem, Westchester County, NY, 3 Oct 1782.

Please respond (with copy to the editor) to: C. Raymond Burklin, Dallas, TX.
burklin@hal-pc.org

111b DIKEMAN/STURGES — Frederick Dikeman was b. Harlem, NY, and christened, Hackensack, NJ, on 17 Jun 1711. About 1735 he m. in Redding, CT, Ann _____, possibly daughter of Thaddeus Sturges. Seeking her birth date & place, marriage date, and death date & place. Also her actual maiden name.

Children of Frederick and Ann were:

1. Joseph Dykeman, b. 1737; d. Putnam, NY, 1822; m/1 Eunice Darling; m/2 Elizabeth Smith.
2. Thaddeus Dikeman, b. ca. 1739.
3. Mary Dikeman, chr. Redding, CT, 3 June 1744.
4. Ann Dikeman, chr. Redding, CT, 27 Nov. 1746.
5. Levi Dikeman, b. Redding, CT, 13 Apr. 1750; m. Redding, 9 Feb. 1774, Rebecca Lines; Levi, d. Wilton, CT, 2 May 1835. He served in the Revolutionary War and received a pension.

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Irish Cemeteries Project

As noted in the previous issue of this journal, we have undertaken a project to publish the birthplaces of 18th century Irish immigrants as recorded on their Fairfield County tombstones. Those from St. Rose Cemetery, Newtown, were published in November 2005, and the current issue includes those of Old and New St. Peter, Danbury, St. Mary, Norwalk, and St. Mary, Greenwich, and notes that there are no early Irish in St. Mary, Bethel.

Volunteers are needed to read headstones in the remaining early Catholic cemeteries in Fairfield County, viz:

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C- S. P. Mead, *Abstract of Probate Records for the District of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut*, 2 vols. 1919-1924, Part 1: 1729-1802, 425 pages, indexed, Part 2: 1803-1848, 503 pages, indexed. Includes Stamford, Greenwich and Darien for full period; Ridgefield for 1729-1746; part of New Canaan, 1729-1802.

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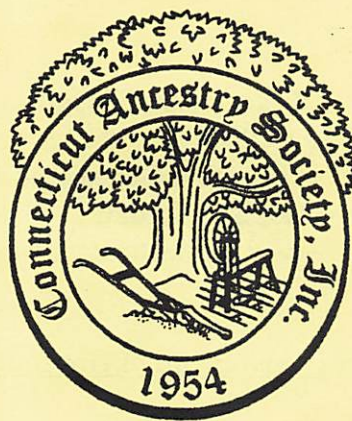
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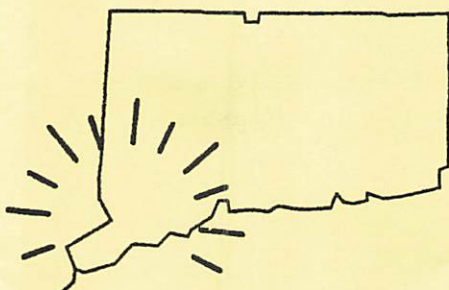
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This issue of your Journal begins with an article by Paul Finch on his ancestor Samuel Blatchley of Stamford. It not only confirms the family relationships but provides a wealth of detail on Samuel's life, demonstrating how much can be gleaned on this family (and maybe on your own family?) from town meeting minutes, deeds, probate records, and other public documents. The next issue will continue this family for two more generations.

Next, Robert Smith continues his series derived from an 18th century letter collection at the Darien Historical Society. This article from a young Royalist has suggested our scheme to focus on the Royalist families of southwestern Connecticut in the journal year which begins in August 2010.

If you have additions or corrections to any of our articles, please do not hesitate to let us know. Prompted by such responses from two readers to a 2006 article in our Journal, I have added some pieces of the family line of Timothy⁴ Canfield of South Salem, NY. Also, from Newtown's Cyrenius H. Booth Library, I have outlined what is available in the genealogy manuscript collection and have offered some interesting and often amusing summaries of original documents in that collection.

And in our continuing Irish cemeteries project Nora Galvin, Susan Catalano, and I have captured the places of origin from the gravestones of four more Catholic cemeteries, and Nora has provided a statistical summary of those places, graphically demonstrating the clustering so often noted in immigration patterns. Finally, we offer reviews to not one, but *two* books by our member and frequent contributor, Helen Ullmann, who is both a Certified Genealogist and a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists.

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Samuel Blatchley of Stamford, d. 14 October 1756

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Part 2

This article is a sequel to Part 1 wherein it was established that Samuel Blatchley of Stamford did not marry twice, as has been supposed in earlier write-ups on him.^[1] In this follow-up article we summarize the family of Samuel Blatchley of Stamford down to his second generation. In part 3 of this article, we will bring his descendants down to his fourth generation.

Samuel Blatchley was a prominent business man, a blacksmith by trade in Stamford, Connecticut, in the first half of the 1700's, who lived to be an octogenarian. He was also a proprietor of an Inn called the "Ordinary" which was set up by the town of Stamford to entertain strangers.^[2] He also had a grist mill, was on the town school board, was a constable, a surveyor, fence viewer, tax collector, and a very prominent property owner in Stamford. He even received a commendation from the Reverend John Davenport for his industrious effort in soliciting funds for his ministry in Stamford. In 1714 he was elevated to the position of "Townsmen" and thereafter was referred to as "Mr. Samuel Blachley."

Samuel Blatchley had two sons, Samuel, Jr., and Joseph. They also began to follow in their father's footsteps in being involved with the town of Stamford's business. By the year of 1742, the Blatchley family was one of Stamford's leading families. But by year's end Samuel Blatchley, Sr., lost his eldest son, Samuel Blatchley, Jr., at the age of 42, who left no issue. Then, in 1750, he lost his only other son, Joseph Blatchley, who died at the age of 43, but did leave a son, Joseph Blatchley, Jr., who was 17 years old at the time of his grandfather's death. It is through this line that Samuel Blatchley's family name was passed on.

After the death of Samuel Blatchley, Sr., in 1756, Joseph Blatchley, Jr., was the primary heir of his grandfather's estate, which he would receive when he turned the age of 21. The remainder of the estate passed on to Samuel's daughter Abigail's three sons, John, Jeremiah, and Samuel Andrews.

With this overview, we can now document what we know of Samuel Blatchley's family down to the fourth generation.

1. SAMUEL¹ BLATCHLEY (Aaron^A, Thomas^B)^[3] was the son of Aaron and Mary (Dodd) Blatchley, and was born in Guilford, Connecticut, about the year of 1671.^[4] He died in Stamford,

¹ Elijah B. Huntington believed that Samuel Blatchley married first Abigail Finch and secondly a Sarah ____ (*History of Stamford, 1641-1868, including Darien until 1820* [Stamford, Conn.: privately published, 1868; repr. Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1992], 178-9). Part 1 of this article addressed this problem with the resolution that Samuel Blatchley did not have a second marriage to a woman named Sarah ____, and that his marriage to Abigail Finch was his only marriage.

² It is interesting that E. B. Huntington made no mention of this so-called "Ordinary," which would seem to be a rather important historical feature in the Stamford History.

³ Samuel Blatchley's ancestry can be found in Alvan Talcott, *Families of Early Guilford* (Blatimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1984), 106.

⁴ Ralph D. Smyth, "Thomas Blatchley, or Blachley, and His Descendants" *Register* 58 (Oct., 1904): 358.

Connecticut, 14 October 1756.^[5] He married in Stamford, Connecticut, **ABIGAIL FINCH** 6 April 1699,^[6] daughter (and only child) of Abraham² (*John*¹) and (____) Finch.^[7]

She was born in Stamford probably around the year so 1674, but her date of death is unknown. She died sometime after 1 January 1747 since she was alive as of 8 August 1746 when Samuel and Abigail Blachly, his wife, sold property to Abraham Davenport.^[8] Then on 31 December 1746, she, along with her husband, Samuel, and her deceased son Samuel's wife, Hannah (Bates) (Blatchley), widow, wife of Abraham Hait, were members in good standing at the First Congregational Church of Stamford.^[9]

Samuel Blatchley, a single man, moved from Guilford sometime around 1695, when he was about 24 years of age. Since he was a blacksmith by trade, he may have been solicited to come to Stamford (which was common in those days), or he may have decided to move to an area where business opportunities were less competitive than Guilford.

The earliest account attesting that Samuel Blatchley was living in Stamford is a land transaction dated 16 August 1695, wherein Abraham Finch, Jr.,^[10] for 44 pounds sold two parcels of land to "Samuell Blachly of s^d Stamford Blacksmith, . . . the one being of my father finches homelot."^[11]

Thereafter, Samuel Blatchley is mentioned frequently in the Land and Town Records of Stamford, which help establish the facts that were generalized above. These facts should be of importance to anyone doing research on Samuel Blatchley of Stamford, Connecticut, and his immediate family.

⁵ Stamford Vital Records, 1:119 [21]: "Samuel [Blatchley], d. Oct. 14. 1756." (Citations of the Stamford Vital Records are taken from the Barbour Collection, Connecticut State Library, 1925, as shown in *Connecticut Ancestry Society* Microfilm #16, part B. Numbers in parentheses correspond to the page number of the Barbour Collection. Quotations are as shown in the Barbour Collection).

⁶ Stamford Town Records, 1:104 [124]. "Samuell Blachley & Abigail Finch, married th^e 6 of Aprill 1699." (Citations of the Stamford Town Records are taken from the 1882 transcribed version as shown in *Connecticut Ancestry Society* Microfilm #16, part A. Numbers in parentheses correspond to the page numbers of the 1882 transcribed version).

Notice that this record states that this unnamed widow of Blatchley was the now wife of Abraham Hait, yet, curiously, the marriage of Hannah Blatchley and Abraham Hait did not actually occur until two years later on 3 June 1748 (Stamford Vital Records, 1:90).

⁷ Donald Lines Jacobus, *Additions and Corrections to History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield, Supplement to the American Genealogist, October, 1943* (Fairfield, Conn.: Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1943), 11: "FINCH. John (I:201) had also a son Abraham, who d. at Stamford in 1708. Abraham was certainly father of Abigail who m. 6 Apr. 1699, Samuel Blachley. . ."

⁸ Stamford Land Records, E:123, FHL microfilm 0,005,571. (Stamford Land Records herein cited are taken from the Family History Library microfilm series as cited above).

⁹ Spencer P. Mead, *Abstracts of Stamford, Connecticut Church Records* (Greenwich, Conn.: n.p., 1924), 4, as shown in Connecticut Ancestry Society Microfilm #35, part A.

¹⁰ This Abraham³ Finch, Jr., (*Isaac*², *John*¹) is not Samuel Blatchley's father-in-law Abraham² Finch (*John*¹), but rather the son of his father-in-law's brother, Isaac² Finch (*John*¹). See Donald Lines Jacobus, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield* (Fairfield, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Co., 1930. Repr., Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976, 1993), 204-5.

¹¹ Stamford Land Records, A:250. FHL microfilm 0,005,571. We thus see from this that the original home lot of Isaac² Finch, son of Stamford planter John¹ Finch, was passed onto Samuel Blatchley per this sale.

On 3 January 1695/6, Thomas Newman sold to Samuel Blatchley 1½ acres of meadow.^[12] On 25 April 1696 Samuel Dean sold property to Samuel Blatchley ½ acres parceled out from Dean's lot. On 9 August 1697, the town of Stamford appointed Samuel Blatchley and Samuel Hait, Jr.,^[13] to take the invoice of the town and with Lieutenant [Francis] Bell to fit it for the court next October.^[14] On 24 January 1697/8 the town of Stamford chose Increase Holly and Samuel Blatchley as fence viewers for the East Field and Rocky Neck.^[15]

On 1 February 1699/1700 Abraham Finch, Jr., again sold five acres of upland in the area of Stamford known as Shippan^[16] to Samuel Blatchley.^[17] Three years later, on 4 February 1702/3, Samuel Blatchley disposed of this property to Elisha Holly.^[18] On 16 December 1702 Abraham Finch, Sr., sold land near New Field "unto my son in law Samuell Blachly."^[19]

On 16 December 1703 Samuel Blatchley, along with John Slason, were chosen to be constables for the town of Stamford.^[20] On 27 March 1704 the Town of Stamford chose Mrs. Weed and "Samuell Blackly" to keep an "ordinary," a type of inn or hotel, for entertaining strangers.^[21]

On 19 April 1704 Abraham Finch, Jr., and Isaac Finch, Jr., for a sum of £20, sold property to Samuel Blatchley.^[22] On 29 April 1706 Samuel Blatchley sold a parcel of land to Abraham Finch, Sr., for a sum of 9 pounds.^[23] On 29 December 1707 Samuel Blatchley and John Bates, Jr.,^[24] are chosen surveyors for the northern part of the town of Stamford.^[25]

The records thereafter show that Samuel Blatchley was involved with the local school board, because on the 27 February 1707/8: "The towne by voate doe choose Serg^t Sam^{ll} Webb, Serg^t Jonath Bell & Sam^{ll} Blachly a comitty for the scoole *th^e* yeare ensueing."^[26] A year later, on 21 December 1708, this same committee was re-elected to this school board.^[27] The next day, on 22 December 1708, the town of Stamford again chose Samuel Blatchley, along with John Bates, Jr., as surveyors for the north part of the town.^[28]

¹² Stamford Land Records, A:253. FHL microfilm 0,005,571.

¹³ Samuel Hait [Hoyt], Jr., was Samuel Blatchley's son-in-law who married his daughter Martha, as will be delineated below.

¹⁴ Stamford Town Records, 2:80 [343].

¹⁵ Stamford Town Records, 2:85 [349-50].

¹⁶ For a concise history of Shippan Point in Stamford, see online at: <http://www.stamfordhistory.org/shippanhist.htm>.

¹⁷ Stamford Land Records, A:337. FHL microfilm 0,005,571. This transaction occurred eight months after his marriage and a month before the birth of his first born child, Samuel Blatchley, Jr.

¹⁸ Stamford Land Records, A:449. FHL microfilm 0,005,571.

¹⁹ Stamford Land Records, A:395. FHL microfilm 0,005,571. Note that this record is further confirmation that Samuel Blatchley married the daughter of Abraham² Finch, son of John¹ Finch who died in Stamford, 7 Sept. 1657.

²⁰ Stamford Town Records, 2:93 [366].

²¹ Stamford Town Records, 2:95 [369]. See comment in footnote 2.

²² Stamford Land Records, A:412. FHL microfilm 0,005,571.

²³ Stamford Land Records, A:470. FHL microfilm 0,005,571.

²⁴ John Bates³, Jr., (*John², Robert¹*) was the father-in-law of Samuel Blatchley's son, Samuel Blatchley, Jr., who married John Bates, Jr.'s daughter, Hannah Bates, as delineated below.

²⁵ Stamford Town Records, 2:102 [383].

²⁶ Stamford Town Records, 2:102 [384].

²⁷ Stamford Town Records, 2:104 [388].

²⁸ Stamford Town Records, 2:102 [384].

On 4 March 1707/8 Samuel Blatchley bought property from Eleazar Slason.^[29]

On 27 December 1709, after five years as proprietor of the Stamford Inn (referred to in the records as the "Ordinary"), Samuel Blatchley, decided to end his involvement with this enterprise:

Whereas Samuell Blachly hath signified to the townsmen his desire of being dismist from Keeping the ordinary, the town at his request do by vote grant him s^d Blachly a release therfrom and have in his room made choice of Benjamin Ferris to Keep the ordinary for entertainment of strangers.^[30]

Also, on this same date, Samuel Blatchley was again re-elected to the school board.^[31] On 6 February 1710/11 "John Waterbury, son to David Waterbury," sold to Samuel Blatchley.^[32] On 30 March 1710/11, Cornelius Jones sold property to Samuel Blatchley.^[33] From this point on, the Stamford Land Records are curiously silent about Samuel Blatchley for the next 16 years.^[34] However, he is thereafter mentioned frequently in these records.

At a town meeting held on 27 December 1711 Samuel Blatchley and Jonas Weed were chosen surveyors for the East Field.^[35] On 31 December 1711 Samuel Blatchley and John Hoyt were selected to be tax collectors to gather the minister's rate for the year of 1711.^[36] The minister in question was none other than the Reverend Mr. John Davenport. A year later, Reverend Davenport praised the efforts of Blatchley and Hoyt:

Be it known unto all that I John Davenport minister of the Ghospel in Stamford have acquitted & do by these presents fully & intirely acquit & discharge and exonerate Samuel Blachly and John Hait both of Stamford afores^d collectors of the rate made for me for the year beginning March 1st 1710/11, and ending March 1st 1711/12.^[37]

At a town meeting on 9 December 1713 Samuel Blatchley and Samuel Weed are chosen viewers for Rocky Neck,^[38] as well as chosen surveyors for the east side of the Northfield and northward up to the "Dismal Swamp."^[39] Also in 1713, the 18 year old John Ambler, son of Abraham Ambler, chose Samuel Blatchley of Stamford for guardian.^[40]

At a town meeting held on 16 December 1714, Samuel Blatchley was elevated to the position of "townsman," along with Captain Joseph Bishop, John Slason, Sr., John Hait, and Samuel Weed.^[41]

²⁹ Stamford Land Records, B:69. FHL microfilm 0,005,571.

³⁰ Stamford Town Records, 2:106 [391].

³¹ Stamford Town Records, 2:107 [392].

³² Stamford Land Records, B:70. FHL microfilm 0,005,571.

³³ Stamford Land Records, B:69. FHL microfilm 0,005,571.

³⁴ At this time in Stamford history (ca. 1710), town meetings were generally held yearly in the month of December. These Stamford Town Records, recorded book 2, were generally held to decide on who was going to be constables, surveyors, fence viewers, etc. Samuel Blatchley appears prominently in such meetings.

³⁵ Stamford Town Records, 2:111 [398].

³⁶ Stamford Town Records, 2:111 [399].

³⁷ Stamford Town Records, 2:117 [406].

³⁸ Stamford Town Records, 2:120 [411].

³⁹ Stamford Town Records, 2:120 [412].

⁴⁰ D. L. Jacobus, *Families of Fairfield*, 1:17. This record was not found by the present author.

⁴¹ Stamford Town Records, 2:121 [414]. See also E. B. Huntington, *History of Stamford*, 470, for a complete list of Stamford "Townsmen."

After this point in time Samuel Blatchley was consistently referred to in the Stamford Town Records as Mr. Samuel Blatchley. At this same town meeting Samuel Blatchley and Samuel Weed were chosen viewers of Rocky Neck.^[42] Again, at this meeting Samuel Blatchley, Captain [Joseph] Bishop, and John Bates, Sr., were appointed a committee for perfecting the running the highway down Noroton Neck to Scofield's Mill.^[43] But most importantly, at this meeting, the town of Stamford decided to build a grist mill with the responsibility for this effort falling upon Samuel Blatchley and Benjamin Hait, Jr.:

It[em]. P[er]. vote the town do grant unto Sam^l Blachly & Benjamin Hait, Jun^r th^e liberty, use & benefit of the streame to sett up or build a grist mill thereon, some whear above the north field, provided it be done within three years from this present date, or otherwise the town have liberty to call back again this their grant, and all so they are to grind for the sixteenth part of each bushel and to grind for th^e town people th^e liberty of th^e same stream to sett other mills theron besides th^e gristmill.^[44]

On 21 December 1714 there arose a dispute between the Town of Stamford and the Town of Norwalk concerning lands on each border, and to settle this dispute the Town of Stamford established a committee comprising of "M^r. Samuel Blachly, M^r. Jonathan Bates, M^r. John Bell, with th^e help of th^e Reverend M^r. Davenport."^[45]

On 17 March 1714/15 "M^r. Samuel Blachly" was among a committee to audit and clear accounts pending with the treasurer of the town."^[46]

At the 27 December 1715 town meeting, Samuel Blatchley was chosen selectmen, and a surveyor of highways in the town plat and northward.^[47] Also at this meeting, townsmen M^r. Samuel Blatchley was called upon to witness a stone fence dividing Mr. Davenport's pasture at Rocky Neck and the highway on the north side of that pasture.^[48]

On 21 August 1716, letters of administration on the estate of Nathaniel Pon, late of Stamford, were granted to Jonathan Slawson and Samuel Blatchley of Stamford.^[49]

At the 27 December 1716 annual town meeting, Samuel Blatchley is chosen a viewer for the East Field and Rocky Neck.^[50]

At the 25 December 1717 annual town meeting, Samuel Blatchley was among those chosen again to be townsmen for the town affairs for the year ensuing.^[51] At this same meeting he was also chosen to be a viewer of Rocky Neck.^[52] Also at this meeting, Samuel Blatchley was among

⁴² Stamford Town Records, 2:122 [415].

⁴³ Stamford Town Records, 2:122 [416].

⁴⁴ Stamford Town Records, 2:122 [415-6].

⁴⁵ Stamford Town Records, 2:123 [417-8].

⁴⁶ Stamford Town Records, 2:124 [419].

⁴⁷ Stamford Town Records, 2:125 [421].

⁴⁸ Stamford Town Records, 2:127 [424].

⁴⁹ Fairfield Probate Records, 6:51 (cited from Spencer P. Mead, *Abstract of Probate Records of Fairfield, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, 1648-1750* [Greenwich, Conn.: typescript, 1929, repr. Salem, Mass.: Higginson Book Co., n.d.], 275.

⁵⁰ Stamford Town Records, 2:128 [426].

⁵¹ Stamford Town Records, 2:129 [428].

⁵² Stamford Town Records, 2:130 [429].

those chosen to inspect the country road westward to the Greenwich line, to stake it out, and set up boundaries.^[53]

At the 9 December 1718 annual town meeting, Mr. Samuel Blatchley is again chosen as a selectman.^[54]

At the 8 December 1719 annual meeting Samuel Blatchley is chosen fence viewer for Rocky Neck, and Samuel Blatchley, Jr., is mentioned for the first time in the records as being chosen pounder for the East Field.^[55]

At a meeting a week later, on 15 December 1719, Samuel Blatchley is chosen a surveyor for the town.^[56] At this same meeting, Mr. Samuel Blatchley enters his protest against setting bounds for persons in the so-called "sequestered lands."^[57]

At the next annual meeting of the Town of Stamford, occurring on 13 December 1720, Samuel Blatchley, Sr., is chosen a viewer for Rocky Neck, and his son, Samuel Blatchley, Jr., is chosen as pounder for Rocky Neck.^[58]

On 9 April 1722, "by vote *th^e* town do deny and forbid Samuel Blachly to fence or barr up *th^e* highway *thⁱ* runs on *th^e* east side of Strawberi Hill between s^d Blachly's close & John Crissey's close."^[59]

At the 8 December 1722 annual town meeting, Samuel Blatchley was chosen surveyor.^[60] At the 18 December 1722 meeting, Mr. Samuel Blatchley is again chosen to collect the rate to support Mr. Reverend Davenport, for a fee of 30 shillings.^[61] Also at this same meeting it was decided:

P. vote, *th^e* town grants liberty to Jonathan Jagger to set up a slater hous on *th^e* south side of *th^e* old Meeting house of two rods square partly upon *th^e* land and partly upon *th^e* water, Left. Jonathan Bell and M^r. Samuel Balchly are chosen a committee to stake out s^d land.^[62]

At this same meeting "*th^e* town do agree that there shall not be any bulls paid for in a town way, but only such as shall be allowed by M^r. Samuel Blachly and Jonas Weed and John Scofield."^[63] At the next annual meeting occurring on 11 December 1723, Mr. Samuel Blatchley and Samuel Weed are chosen viewers for Rocky Neck.^[64]

The Stamford Town Records are silent about Samuel Blatchley for the next three years, and then at the annual town meeting on 20 December 1726, Mr. Samuel Blatchley was among those who again were chosen to be on the school board.^[65]

Next month, on 23 January 1726/7, Samuel Blatchley, and his wife Abigail, sold to their son Samuel Blatchley, Jr., a home lot.^[66]

⁵³ Stamford Town Records, 2:131 [432].

⁵⁴ Stamford Town Records, 2:132 [433].

⁵⁵ Stamford Town Records, 2:134 [437].

⁵⁶ Stamford Town Records, 2:134 [438].

⁵⁷ Stamford Town Records, 2:135 [439].

⁵⁸ Stamford Town Records, 2:136 [442].

⁵⁹ Stamford Town Records, 2:139 [450].

⁶⁰ Stamford Town Records, 2:140 [450].

⁶¹ Stamford Town Records, 2:141 [453].

⁶² Stamford Town Records, 2:142 [453].

⁶³ Stamford Town Records, 2:142 [453].

⁶⁴ Stamford Town Records, 2:143 [455].

⁶⁵ Stamford Town Records, 2:150 [465].

At the annual town meeting on 10 December 1728, Mr. Samuel Blatchley and David Holly were chosen viewers for Rocky Neck.^[67] At this same meeting, Samuel Blatchley, Jr., is selected to be a “lister.”^[68] Also, at this same meeting, Samuel Blatchley’s son, Joseph Blatchley, is mentioned for the first time, being chosen “pounder” for the East Field.

At the next annual town meeting of 10 December 1728, Samuel Blatchley, Jr., is selected as a “lister.”^[69]

At a special town meeting occurring on 11 February 1728/9, Samuel Blatchley is among those who voted for Rev. Mr. Davenport’s annual salary.^[70] Also, at this meeting, Mr. Samuel Blatchley was again chosen viewer for Rocky Neck.^[71] This meeting also shows that Joseph Blatchley was chosen pounder for Rocky Neck. At the 9 December 1729 town meeting, Mr. Blatchley and Lt. Jonathan Bell were chosen to lay out a piece of land for James Slason.^[72] At the 8 December 1730 annual meeting, Mr. Blatchley is among those chosen “tiething men.”^[73]

At the 13 December 1733 annual town meeting, Mr. Samuel Blatchley is chosen viewer for Rocky Neck, Samuel Blatchley, Jr., is chosen pounder for Rocky Neck, and Joseph “Blackly” is chosen pounder for the East Field.^[74]

At this point in time Samuel Blatchley, Sr., who is now around 60 years of age, drops out of the Stamford Town Records, and we can presume that he has basically retired from active town service.

On 7 July 1741, both Samuel and his wife, Abigail Blatchley, were witnesses to the probated will of Benjamin Belding.^[75]

In the Stamford Land Records, we next find that on 8 August 1746 Samuel and Abigail Blachly, his wife, sold property to Abraham Davenport.^[76]

On 28 February 1748/9, Abraham Hait & Hanah Hait his wife, for £188 states that “s^d right being a right of dower w^h . . . Belonging to the above Hanah as widow of Samuel Blachly Ju^r: Late of s^d Stamford deceased.”^[77]

On 24 March 1752, a town committee was formed which sought of Mr. Samuel Blatchley 11½ acres of land which was originally “old Mr. Abraham Finch’s Right in s^d year 1687.”^[78]

On 16 April 1753 Samuel Blatchley quit claims to Jonathan Maltbie and Jonathan Bates:

⁶⁶ Stamford Land Records, C:82. FHL microfilm 0,005,572.

⁶⁷ Stamford Town Records, 2:156 [471].

⁶⁸ Stamford Town Records, 2:156 [472].

⁶⁹ Stamford Town Records, 2:156 [472].

⁷⁰ Stamford Town Records, 2:158 [475].

⁷¹ Stamford Town Records, 2:159 [476].

⁷² Stamford Town Records, 2:160 [478].

⁷³ Stamford Town Records, 2:161 [479].

⁷⁴ Stamford Town Records, 2:168-9 [489].

⁷⁵ Stamford Probate Records, 1:158 [3].

⁷⁶ Stamford Land Records, E:123. FHL microfilm 0,005,573.

⁷⁷ Stamford Land Records, E:219. FHL microfilm 0,005,573. Abraham Hait [Hoyt] was the second of husband to Samuel Blatchley, Jr.’s, wife, Hannah [Bates] Blatchley, as delineated below.

⁷⁸ Stamford Land Records, F:2. FHL microfilm 0,005,573. The only transaction of Abraham Finch found for this year occurred on 22 September 1687 and is recorded in the Stamford Town Records, 2:65 [313] where “Abrā Finch bought th^c swamp thⁱ lyes on th^c east where Joshua Hoit gate stons, for 0. 15. 0.”

The Lott formerly Belonged to Abraham Finch Late of s^d Stamford deceased as is Laying out note on Record dated April th^o 6th 1738 and came to my wife now deceased she being the only child of the s^d Abraham . . . ^[79]

On 21 July 1753 Samuel Blatchley and Joseph Bishop agree to divide their adjoining lands with a fence between them on Shiphan Hill, below the Rock Spring.^[80] This is the last transaction found in the Stamford Land Records for Mr. Samuel Blatchley, Sr. Three years later said Samuel Blatchley, Sr., at the age of around 85, passed away on 14 October 1756.^[81]

Samuel Blatchley's will was dated 13 July 1756, and was probated on 9 November 1756.^[82] The octogenarian Samuel Blatchley outlived his wife and four of his children, viz. Samuel Jr., Joseph, Sarah, and an unnamed daughter who died young, none of whom are mentioned in his will. Much of his primary real estate was passed onto his grandsons, Joseph Blatchley, Jr., and the three sons of his daughter Abigail (Blatchley) Andrews: John, Jeremiah, and Samuel Andrews. This will holds the key to establishing much of Samuel Blatchley's family. The pertinent features are as follows:

Imprimus. I give & bequeath unto my loving daughter Abigail the wife of David Hait of my Estate to the value of ten pounds lawful money to be unto her or her heirs for ever.

Item. My will is that my mansion house, barn, home lot and all my land and meadow adjoining and smith shop and also all my land and meadow in the east Field and also about ten or twelve acres of land at the south west corner of my land on Strabrey Hill ... shall be & remain in the care of my Exec^r hereafter named until my grandson Joseph Blachly shall arrive at the age of twenty one years for the benefit of my grand daughter Sarah Blachly ... and also my smith tools...

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Loving grandsons viz^t: John, Jeremy and Samuel Andres about four or five acres of meadow in s^d Stamford ... in the following proportion viz^t: one half of s^d meadow to s^d John Andres and the other half to s^d Jeremiah & Samuel ... I also give & bequeath unto my s^d grandsons John, Jeremiah and Samuel Andres of my estate to the value of ten pounds lawful money to be equally divided between them ...

Item. I give & bequeath unto my loving grandson Joseph Webb of my Estate to the value of ten pounds lawful money to be unto him or his heirs forever...

Item. I give an bequath unto my loving daughter Mary the wife of Leut. Samuel Hait one part of s^d fore equal parts ... [and] that she shall have my Lot of land on Cows' Delight adjoining to the Country road, and on Noroton Hill ... & that it shall be appraised without any regard to the fence which my son in law, the s^d Samuel Hait hath erected round s^d land.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter Martha Hait th^e widow of Samuel hait 3rd deceased one part of s^d fore equal parts of s^d remainder. . .

Item. I give & bequath unto my Loving grandsons John, Jeremiah and Samuel Andres one part of s^d five equal parts of s^d remainder of my Estate to be unto them &^e equal proportion & to their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly, I do hereby disannul and revoke all & every other will and testament by me, etc.

⁷⁹ Stamford Land Records, F:171. FHL microfilm 0,005,573.

⁸⁰ Stamford Land Records, F:15. FHL microfilm 0,005,573.

⁸¹ Stamford Vital Records, 1:119 [21]: "Samuel [Blatchley], d. Oct. 14. 1756."

⁸² Stamford Probate Records, 5:174-6. FHL microfilm 0,005,563.

The inventory of the estate of Samuel Blatchley was taken 20 December 1756 by John Holly and Charles Webb, and filed 21 December 1756 and distribution was ordered according to his will.^[83]

Children of Samuel¹ and Abigail (Finch) Blatchley, all born in Stamford, Connecticut:

2. i. SAMUEL² BLATCHLEY, JR., m. 16 January 1726/27, HANNAH BATES.
- ii. SARAH BLATCHLEY, b. 7 Nov. 1702;^[84] d. 26 June 1733,^[85] m. 23 Aug. 1726 JOSEPH⁴ WEBB, 3rd,^[86] son of Joseph³ (*Joseph², Richard¹*) and Mary (Hoyt) Webb,^[87] b. 26 Jan. 1700/1;^[88] d. after 1759. Joseph Webb is said to have remarried an ELIZABETH STARR of Danbury.^[89] Child of Joseph and Sarah² (Blatchley) Webb:
 1. *Joseph³ Webb*, 4th, b. 8 Dec. 1727;^[90] m. 28 July 1767 *Mary Husted*, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Ferris) Husted,^[91] b. 26 Jan. 1745/6.^[92]
3. iii. ABIGAIL BLATCHLEY, m. (1) JOHN ANDREWS; m. (2) DAVID HOYT.
4. iv. JOSEPH BLATCHLEY, m. ABIGAIL HOYT.
5. v. MARY BLATCHLEY, m. SAMUEL HOYT.
- vi. UNNAMED DAUGHTER, b. 9 Dec. 1712;^[93] d. 26 Sept. 171[3?].^[94]
6. vii. MARTHA BLATCHLEY, m. SAMUEL HOYT.

(to be continued)

⁸³ Stamford Probate Records, 5:176-7. FHL microfilm 0,005,563.

⁸⁴ Stamford Town Records, 1:104 [124]: "Sarah daughter to Sam^{ll} Blachle, born th^c 7th of November 1702."

⁸⁵ Stamford Vital Records, 1:23 [227]: "Sarah [Webb], w. Joseph, d. 26 June 1733."

⁸⁶ Stamford Vital Records, 1:23 [224]: "Joseph, m. Sarah Blackly, Aug. 23, 1726."

⁸⁷ The marriage of Joseph Webb and Mary Hoyt is recorded in Stamford Town Records, 1:104 [124]: "Joseph Webb & Mary Hait, married th^c 23 February 1698." For further information on this family, see Paul W. Prindle, *Gillespie Ancestry*, 514-17.

⁸⁸ Stamford Town Records, 1:104 [124]: "Joseph, son to Joseph Webb, born th^c 26 of Jenuary, 1700/1."

⁸⁹ Paul W. Prindle (*Gillespie Genealogy*, 517) is one of those who believed that the subject Joseph Webb had supposedly married secondly an Elizabeth Starr of Danbury, Connecticut, stating the following: "Sarah [Blatchley Webb] died 26 June 1733 (1:23). Her widower appears to have been the Joseph Webb who on 3 February 1735/6 married Elizabeth Star (1:32). This marriage was also unaccountably recorded in Stamford Land Records, C:479: 'Joseph Webb and Elizabeth Star of Danbury ware married th^c 3 Day of February 1735/6.'" On the other hand, Donald Lines Jacobus (*Families of Old Fairfield*, 1:650-1) assigned this marriage differently to another Joseph Webb (b. 21 Sept. 1693), who was the son of the Reverend Joseph Webb of New Haven. This contradiction can not be resolved here, but certainly should be considered for further investigation.

⁹⁰ Stamford Vital Records, 1:9, [224]: "Webb, Joseph, s. Joseph & Sarah, b. Dec. 8, 1727."

⁹¹ Stamford Vital Records, 1:161 [224]: "Webb, Joseph, Jr. m. Mary Heusted, July 28, 1767, by Rev. Mr. Wells." However, the online website *Stamford, CT Families (1641-1935)* states that Joseph Webb 4th married a Mehitable Nott (See online <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=gen1775&id=I04234>).

⁹² Stamford Vital Records, 1:68 [97]: "Husted, Mary, d. Joseph & Deborah, b. Jan. 26 1745/6."

⁹³ Stamford Town Records, 1:136 [178]: "A daughter to Sam^{ll} & Sarah Blachly, born Decemb^r 9th 1712." Despite this record stating that the mother's name was for some reason Sarah, this researcher feels that the mother's name was actually Abigail, as detailed in part 1 of this article.

⁹⁴ Stamford Town Records, 1:137 [180]: "Death, Sam^{ll} & Abigail Blachly had a child, dyed September 26. []" Adjacent records would indicate that the missing date is anywhere from 1710 to 1715.

**Walter Bates, a Young Royalist, to Catherine Raymond of Norwalk,
Winter of 1779**

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It was the worst winter that most could remember. General Washington settled in to a second winter on six hundred acres of woodland in Morristown, New Jersey. The first of December was the start; it would be a cruel time for his troops. On the 26th General Clinton decided to leave the cold of New York and sailed with 8000 men to begin the siege of Charleston. War-weary civilians both here and abroad suffered not only from the cold and snow, but from the economic woes called forth by war.

On the 13th day of this bitter December Walter Bates¹ wrote from Salisbury, CT, addressing his letter as follows:

Salisbury December^{ye} 13 1779

Miss Cate Raymond at Norwalk

Catherine, also known as Cate or Caty Raymond,² was the unwed daughter of Gershom and Abigail Taylor Raymond.³ The letter proceeds:

Kind Madam⁴

*I now take my Pen in hand to put you in mind of the Visit we were to make to Shiphand⁵
Last fall But instead of that we are allmost a hundred miles apart But yet I may hope that we
may meet agayn I hope you have performed your visit and hope that you have not forgot But
will pleasure me with a Line or two from you at the first opertunity*

It must have been a cruel winter for him, not only physically but also emotionally, for Walter had likely exiled himself because of his Royalist leanings. And there is wistfulness in words appropriate for a young man who wishes he were with this young woman. It may not have been a typical romantic liaison, for at that time Caty was twenty-seven and he but nineteen. But this apparently innocuous letter is the only clue to their relationship.

Returning to what we know, we see that Walter planned to be with Caty two or three months prior, to visit Shippan,⁶ but now he was almost a hundred miles away.⁷ Perhaps Caty went on to make the visit, but it is evident Walter has not heard from her. I also wonder who Caty planned to visit. Rosemary H. Burns in "A Concise History of Shippan," states, "Early owners of Shippan included the Amblers, Browns, Beldings, Hoyts, Jagers, Pettits, Waterburys

¹ Born 14 Mar 1760, Stamford, CT; d. 11 or 17 Feb 1842, Kingston, Kings Co, New Brunswick, age 82 yrs; buried Trinity Church Yard, Kingston, s/o John and Sarah (Bostwick) Bates.

² Born 1 Jul 1752 in Norwalk, CT; d. 20 Dec 1831 buried Raymond Cemetery, Norwalk, CT

³ See my article "Ancestry of Abigail Taylor, Wife of Gershom Raymond of Darien, Connecticut," *Connecticut Ancestry* 52(August 2009):5-9.

⁴ The letter, in a clearly legible hand, has sometimes unique spelling, capitalization, and lack of punctuation typical of the period and which are retained here, though they may appear quaint or odd to the modern reader. It is found with other letters in the "Raymond Collection" at the Darien Historical Society, not catalogued at publication date.

⁵ Shippan Point, a portion of Stamford, CT, that extends south into Long Island Sound

⁶ About ten miles or so from Norwalk

⁷ On today's roads it is about 75 miles and a two-hour drive.

and Weeds on the Point, while the Scofields and Newmans owned the land north of the Point in the area known as Wescotts.”⁸ From that group she must have had plenty of friends she wanted to visit.

We can speculate here on what brought the correspondents to be apart. “The Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online” a project launched by the University of Toronto has this to say about Walter’s early years:⁹

His three elder brothers had become involved on the Tory side of the American War of Independence, and at the age of 15 Bates was captured by rebel sympathizers, examined before a committee, subjected to indignities, and threatened with death if he did not reveal the whereabouts of one of his brothers and other leading Tories suspected of being concealed in the neighborhood. Eventually freed, he absented himself from the community for two years. He returned to find his father dying of smallpox but was obliged within three days to take refuge with the British garrison in New York.

This is a summary of the account written by Walter Bates himself in which he says “I had just entered my sixteenth year.”¹⁰ And the letter to Cate Raymond was written while he was “obliged to seek refuge in the mountains and forests” of Salisbury in the northwest corner of Connecticut.

We do know that Walter had three elder brothers, all born in Stamford: John, Henry and William.¹¹ He also had an older sister, Lucretia Bates,¹² who married Thomas Gilbert, Jr.¹³ a known loyalist. From a letter she wrote to Caty we know that Lucretia was still single in 1780.

Were the four brothers Tories? William most certainly was for he served under Cornwallis at Yorktown and died in Canada.¹⁴ John left Connecticut and died in Huntington, Long Island, very likely prompted by Loyalist leanings, and I can find little about Henry. From Walter’s account they were certainly suspected of Tory inclinations. Though their father was sick in 1781, John Bates did not die until 1800.

Walter sailed from Huntington Bay, NY, 16 April 1783 aboard the ship *Union*, arriving in St. Johns, NB, 11 May 1783.¹⁵ Details of his capture, questioning, and release plus his transport to Canada and his long life there are described in the booklet account noted above. His letter continues:

⁸ From the brochure: Marion Castle: History Preserved; An Exhibit at the Stamford Historical Society April 28 – September 28, 1985

⁹ http://www.biographi.ca/009004-119.01-e.php?&id_nbr=3234&&PHPSESSID=ddug124gcp4olku1ois09r7170

¹⁰ Walter Bates, *Kingston and The Loyalists of the "Spring Fleet" of A.D. 1783, With Reminiscences of the Early Days in Connecticut*, Saint John, New Brunswick: Barnes & Co., 1889. Editor’s note: This little booklet includes a table of 55 Loyalist families who sailed in 1783, many of them from southwestern Connecticut.

¹¹ First born 26 Mar 1753, d. Huntington, Long Island, 19 Sep 1781; second born 22 Mar 1756, date of death unknown, third born 1 May 1758, d. Nelson, Upper Canada, aft 1817.

¹² Born Stamford, 2 Oct 1754, d. probably in Gagetown, New Brunswick, 1835–36.

¹³ Born say 1745-1755; d. Gagetown, New Brunswick, aft 1783.

¹⁴ William Bates came to Upper Canada as a United Empire Loyalist and obtained land in Township of Saltfleet in County of Lincoln in 1798 (now in Stoney Creek, Ont.). His two brothers, John and Walter, also settled in Saltfleet, each having obtained 200 acres of land as sons of a United Empire Loyalist.

http://www.archive.org/stream/correspondenceof00hobauoft/correspondenceof00hobauoft_djvu.txt

¹⁵ <http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/passengerlists/union1783.htm>

I have Nothing to write of importance only to Let you know that I Live Now at M Reed's with Joel which I find to be a verry worthy gentleman he Lives a hero I little expected to find him in so Good a Situation he has the Pleasantest Place in Sallisbury and the Best farm and Bares as good a caracter as any young man in Sallisbury

Mr. Reed and Joel must be Elias Reed¹⁶ and his son Joel.¹⁷ I cannot help but wonder about Joel. Why did Walter refer to him as a hero; where did he go?

The use of words to describe others is always chancy. At this time we have the Patriots, whom we define as fighting against the English oppressors, but known to the other side as Rebels. Then we have the Loyalists, loyal to England whom we also called Tories, implying strong monarchist leanings. Every label either denigrates or glorifies. It all depends on who is doing the judging.

My son was a child during the Viet Nam War. I was a child during WWII. My father was a young man exempted from service in WWI. My grandfather was born during the Civil War. His grandfather was a child during the War of 1812 and his father a child during the Revolution. I do not know his father who was probably an adult during the revolution, but he may have been one of those maligned, not because of his beliefs, but more for his lack of strong conviction. In all those generations I am the only one who bore arms, and I was drafted to do so. I was glad to be called, not because I had strong feelings about the Koreans either North or South, but it was a great way to get away from home.

That is my point—only some have feelings so strong they join the “cause.” The rest of us get caught up on the fringes. I have discussed my family above through my third great grandfather, whose name was Nathan. When we search for his birth records or the name of his father, we find no record. This man, Nathan’s father probably born 1725-1745, was of an age to be active and concerned about the political turmoil of the Revolution. Were he an active Loyalist or respected by the rebel cause, there should be records. There is evidence to indicate that they attended the Anglican Church. I know Nathan’s son Jesse was born on Long Island. Since the records seem to be missing, he may have belonged to the Church of England and with the ties to Long Island; I suspect, the family may have been threatened and records either not written or destroyed. In that way families like mine may fade in another type of fog of war.

Once again Walter writes:

I Shall Expect to come Down Next Spring if Nothing hapens Just for a Visit and I expect to have Company for Joel Reed and James Landon talks of rideing Down with me to See their friends and then if you have Not made your visit I shall Be happy to wait on you

James Landon¹⁸ was the son of James and Sarah (Bishop) Landon. Elias Reed (born 1810) and James Landon Sr. were contemporaries of Walter’s father, John Bates. Joel and James Jr. however were quite a bit older than Walter. Elias and the Landons lived and died in Litchfield County.

¹⁶ Born 10 Mar 1711 in Norwalk, d. 1791 in Salisbury, CT. He married on 13 Mar 1740 Mary Todd.

¹⁷ I can find very little information on Joel. I estimate he was born between 1741 and 1760; it is likely though to be nearer to 1741 for he was named one of the grantees of Cornwall, VT, in 1761.

¹⁸ Born 23 May 1734 in Guilford, CT. He m. 18 Nov 1756, Mary T. Reed daughter of Elias and Mary (Todd) Reed. He d. 1798, Litchfield, CT

One wonders if Walter came down to visit that spring. For one thing it would have been a busy time for a farmer to go traipsing about, but perhaps he meant early spring. I doubt there was much traveling that winter. There is an interesting sidelight here that is worth a mention. Caty Raymond bore a child out of wedlock in 1781.¹⁹ The child was born in New York, held at that time by the British. She named the baby Wille Halmina; the father is not known. Ah! There is so much opportunity for speculation. Did Walter pay a visit in the spring of 1781 as well? Might Wilhelmina's father be a Dutch New Yorker, or might there be a Hessian involved? Caty's father Gershom Raymond was a member of the Norwalk Committee of Safety and saw service for the Patriots early in the war. What drove Caty to have her child behind the enemy lines? We probably will never know.

I am glad for your Sake to see that your Couzen Elias reed is Like to get so worthy a Laydy as I find M^s Polly to Be

Mistress Polly is apparently Mary Todd,²⁰ daughter of Daniel and Desire²¹ (Tuttle) Todd and now the 58-year-old wife of Elias Reed, Polly being a common nickname for Mary. Their son, Elias Reed, Jr., had married Ruth Coit of Sheffield, MA, on 23 July 1772.²² Is this Elias, Jr., Caty's cousin, and is his wife Ruth "so worthy a lady" as Mistress Polly? In digging around the family tree I cannot come up with a cousinish connection. I wonder if this was an honorific in the same manner that my Aunt Sophia was not a relative but my mother's maid-of-honor.

Walter ends his letter as follows:

I want to See you and my friends I have Left behind But I find myself So happy here that at Presant I think I Shall be Like to Settle here till the times is altered and So No more now only I remain your well wisher

Walter Bates

Here he alludes to the events that caused him to remove to Salisbury. One then must wonder what it was that caused him a short time later to go to Long Island and then to Canada. Was he harassed in Salisbury? Did he return and was then confronted in Fairfield County? Only one thing we know for certain, in the midst of this cruel winter of 1779 he planned to stay until "times is altered," but he did not. And by this change his life as a farmer in upstate Connecticut was altered forever.

Then Walter appends a postscript.

I hope these may find your in helth as they Leve me at present &c.

Please to give my Compliments to all friends and espetially to Sister Nancy and Brother Selleck and his wife

In his last statement Walter gives us three new folks to consider. The first is Sister Nancy, or Anna Raymond, Nancy being a common nickname for Anna. After the death of Anna's

¹⁹ Wille Halmina Raymond, Born New York City, 20 Dec 1781, d. 25 Oct 1862. Dana Lynch provided the dates from records that have been retained in his family.

²⁰ Born 7 Mar 1721

²¹ Daniel b. 14 Mar 1686, m. 20 Apr 1721, d. 29 Jul 1724; Desire b. bef. 11 Jul 1697, d. ca 1745. She m. 2nd 26 Aug 1730. John Reed, Elias' brother, b. 7 Aug 1701, d. ca 1786.

²² Salisbury Vital Records 2:45.

husband Hopkins Byxbee²³ she lived with Caty in Darien. Brother Selleck and his wife are Nathaniel and Azubah²⁴ (Raymond) Selleck. Azubah was another of Caty's Sisters.

It is said that history is written by the winners. I offer this little piece of history as an American descendant of the winners of the Revolution. I know of no kin that directly fought for the losers unless you count cousins seven or eight times removed. The letter that sparked this was written by a supposed loser, yet he went on to lead a substantial and fairly prosperous life in New Brunswick.

It seems to me the real losers are those of us who want to know about what happened then to the people who were neither fervent loyalists nor rebels. The prejudices expressed by the "real" winners and losers have caused them to fade into obscurity and leave us hungry in the cruel winter of the present.

Editor's note: The pamphlet account of Walter Bates's adventures deserves more attention by those interested in the history and genealogy of southwestern Connecticut. His list of the passengers on the ship to New Brunswick is just one of many points of interest. And this prompts a plan to focus on "Tories of Southwestern Connecticut" as a theme for the 2010-2011 publication year of *Connecticut Ancestry*.

²³ Anna b. Norwalk, 2 Sep 1760, d. 1 Jun 1836 and buried in the Raymond Cemetery, Rowayton, CT. Hopkins b. Norwalk, 1 Feb 1766, son of John and Elizabeth (Warren) Byxbee, d. Norwalk, May 1817.

²⁴ Nathaniel b. probably Norwalk, ca 1754, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Selleck) Selleck, d. Sep 1828. Azubah b. Norwalk, 25 Mar 1758, d. 1 Dec 1831.

**Timothy⁴ CANFIELD of South Salem, NY:
Fragments of a Family Line**

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An article in this journal in 2006 outlined the family of Samuel² Canfield of Norwalk and of his son Ebenezer.^[1] In that article Timothy⁴ Canfield, son of Ebenezer, is shown with a wife Kezia (maiden name unknown) and with eight children. An astute reader has pointed out that Kezia (or more properly Keziah) has been identified as the daughter of John³ and Abigail (Hait) Ferris^[2] and, further, that Timothy Canfield most likely had three children by an earlier wife.

This article now outlines what is known and/or conjectured about the family of Timothy, including descendants of Josiah, one of his presumed children by an unknown first wife. Much of the data on this family was provided by an interested member of our Connecticut Ancestry Society.^[3] Further research is invited which may confirm (or disprove) the relationships as summarized here.

First, and most clearly, Keziah is proven as the daughter of John³ Ferris by the will of her sister Deborah Ferris of Norwalk, dated 14 Mar and proven 24 Apr 1755.^[4] Among bequests to several "sisters and cousins" she lists Keziah, wife of Timothy Canfield.

Next, a published addendum to the 1897 Canfield genealogy, without citing sources, says that "There is evidence that some Timothy Canfield was the father of Joseph, David & Josiah Canfield."^[5] We have not been able to find that evidence, but we do include here the children of Josiah, one of those sons. Also, from the Canfield addendum, we list the children of Silas, one of the sons of Timothy by Keziah.

Fourth Generation

1. Timothy⁴ Canfield (*Ebenezer³, Samuel², Matthew¹*), born 16 Sep 1701,^[6] living in 1748 in South Salem, Westchester County, NY, married, first, _____, married, second, Ridgefield, CT, 19 November 1729, **Keziah Ferris**,^[7] daughter of John and Abigail (Haight/Hait) Ferris.^[8] In

¹ Robert W. Hull and Harlan R. Jessup, "Samuel² Canfield (d. 1690) and his son Ebenezer³ Canfield (d. 1715) of Norwalk," *Connecticut Ancestry*, 49(November 2006):73-82.

² Harriet Scofield, "Children of John³ and Abigail (Hait) Ferris," *The American Genealogist*, XXVI(1950):126-128.

³ Patricia Reed has supplied much of the otherwise unsourced information below, citing in part the "Frederick A. Canfield Notebooks," Canfield Family Association, Gene Martinson, ed., 1989.

⁴ Fairfield Probate Court Record 5:338-9.

⁵ *Descendants of Thomas Canfield and Matthew Canfield: Companion to "A History of Thomas Canfield and Matthew Canfield..."*, Canfield Family Association, 2006.

⁶ "Timothy, age 14, born 16 September last" appended to estate inventory of Ebenezer Canfield, dated 20 Jan 1715[6], in Fairfield Probate Court Records 5:338-9, which gives birthdates for all his children. Our 2006 article on the family erroneously interpreted the birth year as 1699, miscalculating the birth date from the Julian calendar. The birth date for Timothy's brother Ebenezer was also miscalculated and is correctly 16 Sep 1699, rather than 1698.

⁷ Ridgefield Land Records, 1:228, which does not give Kezia's maiden name. Her parentage is proved by the will of her sister, Deborah Ferris, dated at Norwalk on 14 Mar 1755 which makes bequests to several "sisters and cousins" including Keziah, wife of Timothy Canfield [Fairfield Probate Estate Papers #2187].

1752, Keziah and daughter Phebe joined the Church of Christ in Salem as "Kezia, the wife of Timothy Canfield, and Phebe, her daughter."^[9] Presumed children by (1), born probably 1724-1728.^[10]

- i. Joseph
- ii. David
- 2 iii. Josiah, m. Elizabeth Gregory.

Children by (2), births recorded in Ridgefield:^[11]

- iv. Mary, born 25 October 1730.
- v. Phebe, born 31 December 1731, married Elisha Sherman in South Salem on 9 October 1754.^[12] Children, baptized in Salem:^[13]
 - (1) Mary Sherman, bp. 27 Jul 1755.
 - (2) Ebenezer Sherman, bp. 10 April 1757.
 - (3) Phebe Sherman, bp. Dec 1758, "on Phebe's account."
 - (4) Sarah Sherman, bp. 15 Dec 1771, "on Elisha's wife's account."
- vi. Ebenezer, born 4 November 1733.
- vii. Timothy, born 2 September 1736. Children: Amon and Samuel. Ulster County, NY
- viii. Elijah, born 4 April 1739, m. Abigail Phearis/Faris.^[14]
- 3 ix. Silas, born 24 April 1741, m. Judith Graham
- x. Thaddeus, born 22 April 1744. Son: William.
- xi. C[h]loe, born 20 December 1748

Fifth Generation

2. **Josiah⁵ Canfield** (*Timothy⁴, Ebenezer³, Samuel², Matthew¹*), b. perh. Ridgefield, CT, d. Schenectady, NY, 10 Oct 1760, m. prob. Danbury, CT, ca 1741, **Elizabeth Gregory**. Elizabeth is a presumed descendant of Judah Gregory, one of the settlers of Danbury in 1685. The loss of Danbury records in the fire set by the British raid of 1777 precludes confirmation of her lineage and leaves us with no record of their children's births. Children, presumed b. Danbury:

- i. Elizabeth, b. ca 1741.
- ii. Jonathan, b. 6 Aug 1742, d. Mayfield, Fulton, NY, 1 Jan 1829, m. Salisbury, CT, 22 Dec 1764,^[15] Sarah Woodworth, b. Salisbury, CT, 2 Aug 1743, dau. of Caleb and Jane (Munger) Woodworth,^[16] d. Mayfield, NY, 9 May 1826. Both bur. Riceville Cem., Mayfield. Children, first two b. Salisbury, CT, last eight, b. Mayfield, NY:

⁸ John Ferris and Abigail Hought of Norwalk were married 13 Dec 1695 by Capt. Umstead, Commissioner, Greenwich Land Records 1:447. No record found for the births of their children.

⁹ "Records of the Church of Christ in Salem, Westchester County, NY", *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 31(April 1900):83. [Hereafter *Record*].

¹⁰ See footnote 5 above.

¹¹ Ridgefield Land Records, 1:211, 211, 219, 221, 224, 225, 238, 210, respectively.

¹² *Record*, 31:85.

¹³ *Record*, 32:16.

¹⁴ *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. 37 (July 1906), p. 175.

¹⁵ Salisbury Vital Records 2:44.

¹⁶ Salisbury Land Records 1:353.

- (1) Jonathan, b. 6 Nov 1765,^[17] m. Mercy Holly.
 - (2) Ezekiel, b. 18 Mar 1767,^[18] m. Alice Stow.
 - (3) Samuel, b. 20 Apr 1770, m. Sarah Lanphear.
 - (4) Selah, b. 25 Feb 1773.
 - (5) Clement, b. 24 Apr 1775.
 - (6) Caleb, b. 19 Apr 1777, m. Margaret VanDeusen.
 - (7) Persis, b. ca 1780.
 - (8) Sarah/Sally, b. 8 May 1781, m. Joseph Janes.
 - (9) Josiah, b. 25 Apr 1785, m. Mary Moffitt.
 - (10) Freelove, b. 10 Dec 1787.
- iii. Phebe, b. ca 1744.
 - iv. Samuel, b. 12 Mar 1745, d. Middlefield, Otsego Co., NY, 19 Nov 1815, m. Mary Waller, b. Amenia, NY, ca 1755. Children, b. Danbury, CT:
 - (1) Mercy, b. 29 Jan 1775.
 - (2) Achsah, b. 17 Apr 1779.
 - (3) David, b. 6 Mar 1781.
 - (4) Samuel, b. 25 Feb 1783.
 - (5) Roswell, b. 1784.
 - (6) Ezra, b. 1786.
 - (7) Asher, b. 23 Nov 1788, m. Rhoda Whipple.
 - (8) Olive, b. 15 Aug 1791.
 - (9) Charlotte, b. ca 1793.
 - v. Ichabod, b. ca 1746.
 - vi. Jabez, b. ca 1748.
 - vii. Josiah, b. ca 1750.

3. Silas⁵ Canfield (*Timothy⁴, Ebenezer³, Samuel², Matthew¹*), b. Ridgefield, 24 Apr 1741, d. bef 1823, m. **Judith Graham**. In the 1790 Federal Census of Manchester, Bennington Co., VT, (actually enumerated in 1791), Silas is found with one adult male, five males under age 16, and four females. Children:^[19]

- i. Hezekiah Graham, b. Vermont, 20 Sep 1781, d. 13 May 1863, m. Luzerne Co., PA, 26 Aug 1802, Polly Rowley. Nine children.
- ii. John, no further information.
- iii. Hiram Elisha, b. 1783, d. Schuyler Co., NY, 13 Apr 1849, m. Rhoda Olds. Eight children.
- iv. Philander, no further information.
- v. Zenas, d. 1849, m. Mary Austin. Ten children.
- vi. ?David?
- vii. Silas, d. ca Jun 1818, m. Bangall, Dutchess Co., NY, 11 Aug 1798, Susannah Michel. Five children.
- viii. Ira, lived St. Joseph Co., MO. Eight children.
- ix. Thaddeus, b. Bennington Co., VT, 1787, d. Schuyler Co., NY, 18 Sep 1870, m. 1813, Chloe Wilson. Eight children.
- x. ?Betsey?, m. _____ Rice.
- xi. Orsemus, b. 20 Jun 1800, d. Jun 1863, m(1) Mary Kent, m(2) Caroline Baker. Seven children by his two wives. Lived Grant Co., KY.

¹⁷ Salisbury Vital Records 2:21.

¹⁸ Salisbury Vital Records 2:28.

¹⁹ *Descendants of Thomas Canfield and Matthew Camfield: Companion to "A History of Thomas Canfield and Matthew Camfield..."*, Canfield Family Association, 2006, pp. 107-110.

Manuscript Collection, C. H. Booth Library, Newtown
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The Julia E. C. Brush Genealogical Collection at Newtown's Cyrenius H. Booth Library includes a manuscript collection, mostly related to Newtown and nearby towns. Though a few items in this collection date from the early 18th century and some as late as the early 20th century, the largest amount of material is from a period of about 1790 to 1850. Many of these documents were once held by the town clerk, while others were in private hands.

Some of the documents, such as deeds, are clearly related to local families and are filed by family surname. Others, with a wide variety of names, are filed by topic, and an every-name index has recently been created for this topical file. The index is posted on the library's website at: chboothlibrary.org/GenFileIndex.php.

Topics in this file include:

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| 21. Literary Efforts and Copy Books | 42. Town Taxes |
| | 43. Wars. |

Examples of some of the more interesting documents in the collection (chronological order):

File #16 – Formation of the Town of Newtown: Contemporary handwritten copy of a proclamation “At a Generall Assembly holden at Newhaven, October 11th 1711. Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony, holden at Hartford in May last past, upon the Petition o the inhabitants of Newtown, did appoint Cap^t John Hawly and M^r Benjamin Sherman of Stratford, and M^r John Platt of Said Newtown, to be a Committe to Lay out Such Divisions of Land within the Said Newtown (with the advice of M^r James Beebee and M^r Thomas Taylor of Danbury) ...”

File #39 – Town of Newtown Expenses: Certificate dated November 6, 1769, from selectmen Dan^l Baldwin, Abner Hard, Abel Booth, Amos Northrup, and Ebn^r Ford that they “have apointed Ebenzr Bristoll of s^d Newtown to inspect and oversee the affairs of Fitch Kimberly of s^d town ... for the space of twelve months from the Date of this Instrument.”

File #13 – Early Business: “Advertisement – The subscriber respectfully informs the Public that he has set up, and carries on, at his Shop a few rods North of the Meeting House in Newtown, the Gold-Smith’s & Jewellers business in their various branches, where in particular he makes & sells Gold-Beads, Jewels, Buttons, solid plated, plain, stampd and carved Buckels, of all sizes, figures, & descriptions” A hand-written, one page advertising sheet dated August 1, 1791.

File #9 – Churches, Trinity: Subscription list dated 23 April 1789 for amounts from 1 shilling to £1/10/0 to be paid to Jn^o Beach, Esq^f, or to the Rev’d Philo Perry to support the Rt. Rev’d Bishop Seabury, naming some forty-six heads of household of adherents to the Anglican church. Note that regular lists of parishioners and of baptisms, marriages, and burials are not extant for this church until about 1819.

File #19 – Indentures: On 5 June 1793, Joseph Peck, Jun^f, son of Joseph Peck of Newtown bound himself apprentice to Lazarus Prindle of Newtown to learn his “art, trade, or mistery” which is not further defined. The term of apprenticeship is two years, during which Joseph “shall not absent himself day nor night from his s^d Master’s business or Service ... nor haunt ale houses, taverns, or playhouses, but in all things behave himself ...”

File #26 – Native Americans: Dated at Danbury, 17 August 1799. “To the Sheriff of Fairfield County or his Deputy, Greeting: Whereas John Waumun of Newtown in said County, an Indian man, was brought before the Sup^f Court, holden at Danbury within & for said County of Fairfield, on the 2^d Tuesday of August 1799, on a prosecution for attempting to Commit a Rape & was found Guilty of that Crime ... and sentenced to suffer Imprisonment in Newgate Prison & there to [be] kept at hard Labour the full twrm of six years Command that you take the said John Waumun from the Gaol where he is now confined & him transport & Convey to the Master or keeper of Newgate Prison in the Town of Granby ...”

File #33 – Social Conventions: On 29 November 1802, Jotham Beers Sherman, Daniel Burchard, Eli Hard, Abram Botsford, and Andrew Peck confessed to David Baldwin, J. P.,

that on the 16th of April they did "at the dwelling house of Israel C. Botsford ... play at Cards contrary to a certain statute of this State entitled 'an act against Gaming.'"

File #33 – Social Conventions: On 9 September 1805, Cyrus Prindle, grand juror, complains to David Baldwin, Esq^r, that on the first of September, "being the Sabbath or Lord's day, between the rising and setting of the sun on s^d day," Levi Booth, Joseph Booth, and John Judson, Jun^r, all minors between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one, "did meet together in a Company in said Newtown, and did go to Ousatonick river, and did then and there in said Newtown strip themselves naked and go into the waters of said river ... and did then and there sport, play, and recreate themselves in the waters of said river..."

File #33 – Social Conventions: On 4 April 1807 Zechariah Ferris, J.P., complains to Ebenezer Beers, grand juror, that Curtis Tomlinson, John Tomlinson, and William Hale, all of Oxford, did on the 22nd of March profane the Sabbath ... by convening ... at a place called Ragged Corner ... and did travel to the house of Elisha Latin ... and did there and then behave Rudely and Indecently by Searching said Latin's dwelling house for a Raccoon and did spend a great part of s^d Sabbath in a Rude, Idle, and unlawful manner."

File #39 – Town of Newtown Expenses: Invoice dated Feb^{ry} 1818 from Jotham B. Sherman (likely the same one who confessed to playing cards in 1802) "For Clothing Adam S. Clark's Wife," several items of clothing totaling \$2.17, "For three Days Board," \$0.17, and "For Cleering M^{rs} Clark, the Wife of Adam S. Clark, From Lice which was a great task indeede," \$3.00; for a total of \$5.92.

File #39 – Town of Newtown Expenses: Invoice to the Town of Newtown from Thaddeus Bennet for "Boarding Nancy Bennet, a child of Gideon Bennet's from the 10th of April 1820 to the 6th of November 1820. thirty Weeks at 34 Cents p^f Week – \$10–20^{cts}"

File #1 – Account Books: Titled "SHEEP – COMPANY, Record – Book, FOR 1823, Sheep-owners meeting." Meeting minutes and accounts of sheep owners from 1823 through 1827. For the year 1823 some 81 owners are listed with 958 sheep in total.

File #22 – Military: Dated Newtown, May 2nd 1827, "I do hereby Certify that Eli Hawley in my opinion is labouring under a disease or ailment which will render him a fit subject to be exempted from doing military duty for the time being, /s/ R. Skidmore."

File #17 – Highways, Newtown: Dated 8 February 1828, "The Subscribers promise to pay Henry Dutton Esq^r the several sums affixd to our respective names for the purpose of flagging, gravelling, & paving a side walk on each side of the Newtown Town Street & across said Street ..." Signed by thirty-two heads of household, presumably residents of the Town Street (now Main Street).

File #32 – Religious Certificates: Original certificate of marriage dated 16 Sep 1856 between Mr. W^m Stilson of Newtown and Miss Martha Ward of Southbury by Sylvester Smith, Minister of the Gospel. Witnesses W^m T. Hill and Henrietta Smith.

Irish Place Names from St. Michael's Cemetery, Bridgeport and Stratford, CT

Nora Galvin & Harlan Jessup

St. Michael's Cemetery is, by far, the largest Catholic cemetery in Fairfield County. By the end of 1934 some 11,000 names were transcribed from its stones for the Hale Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions. This is more than any other cemetery in the state, and it represents only a fraction of burials which continue to the current date.

Though entirely within the town of Stratford, the cemetery abuts the eastern border of Bridgeport. Since the first interment in the 1880s it has been the burial ground for thousands of Roman Catholics, some natives of these two towns and others from more distant places. We found 45 stones bearing the names of townlands, parishes or counties in Ireland.

Curiously, among this group of Irish headstones, we found one whose birth was in far-off Australia, one from Liverpool, England, and three others born in Canada. Most of these appeared also to be originally of Irish descent. This group of five appears at the end of our list.

While some Irish gave the names of their home towns, Italians of the early twentieth century had a predilection for photos of the deceased on their headstones. Many of these images are damaged, but some are in remarkably good condition after almost 100 years of exposure. None of the gravestones with Italian surnames were found to list the birth places of the deceased. In addition to Irish and Italian names we found names from Eastern Europe in these older sections of the cemetery. None of these provided the place of origin of the deceased.

Organization of these records

We carefully inspected all tombstones in the six oldest sections of the cemetery. These are the four sections (1-4) that run east of the cemetery office (two near the office, and two more beyond the first ones) as well as the two sections (5 & 6) to the south of the first four. In addition we did a quicker survey of two other sections and found one or two more relevant markers, but the burials in these last sections were clearly more recent.

There are generally two types of marker systems in this cemetery. Some graves bear the old-style stone—a slab of marble or granite with one or two names inscribed. Many more graves are arranged in family plots with a large monument at the center. In some cases these monuments hold only a surname and there are low headstones or footstones to mark individual graves. In other plots the large monument is the only marker for the whole group buried there. A monument might have the family surname carved on it, followed by one or, usually, more names.

The list which follows is grouped by plot to preserve relationships. The names on each stone are enclosed with a border. The plots are arranged alphabetically by the family name or the first name on the stone. If there was a surname "title" on a stone, that surname is shown in a separate box at the beginning of the stone's list. Lists for each stone begin with names on the front of the stone. Names in brackets are inferred: the surname was not explicitly stated. For example, "Mary Smith, wife of Amos Jones" would be listed "[Jones] Mary Smith" with "Smith" as the maiden name. "Annie, daughter of Thomas Conley, wife of Frances Fallon" would be transcribed in our list as "[Fallon] Annie [Conley]" (surname, given name, maiden name).

Surname	Given Name	Maiden Name	Inscription	Death Date	Age	Native of		Other
						Town/Parish	County	
Barry	Thomas			05 May 1892		Drums harbo	Leitrim	b 17 May 1865
Barry	John			08 Mar 1897				b 08 Jun 1864
Flynn	Patrick			09 Apr 1927				
Flynn	Maria			18 Apr 1945				
Barry	James			11 Sep 1908				
Boyhan	William			11 Feb 1879	67 yrs		Meath	
[Boyhan]	Margaret		his wife	24 Dec 1883			Meath	
Boyhan	Mary			24 Nov 1901	AE46 yrs			
Monahan	Ann		wife of Garrett Monahan	12 Feb 1902	AE58 yrs			
Boyhan	Matthew			05 Jul 1891	AE29 yrs			
Brady	James F.			19 Feb 1891	57 yrs		Cavan	
[Brady]	Catherine		his wife	24 Dec 1903	69 yrs			
Brady	James T.			19 Mar 1916	46 yrs			
Brady	Catherine M.			21 May 1916	53 yrs			
Brady	Mary		Mother of James Brady	04 July 1881	78 yrs			
Brady	Joseph P.			05 Sept 1885	19 yrs			
Burns	John J.			23 July 1919			Carlow	b. 18 Sep 1881; [Woodmen of the World Marker]
Burns	Celia			11 Jul 1928				
Carroll	Andrew			10 Oct 1895	78 yrs		Westmeath	
Carroll	Margaret			17 Jul 1893	58 yrs	Listowel	Kerry	
Carroll	Eugene			09 May 1895	56 yrs			
[Carroll]	Ann		his wife	15 Jun 1891	63 yrs		Tyrone	
Goodale	Charles			16 Feb 1895	43 yrs			
Carroll	Mary			27 Dec 1889	20 yrs		Meath	
COATES								
[Coates]	Joseph, Sr.			23 Nov 1936				
[Coates]	Bridget	Keough	his wife	08 Apr 1937				
[Keough]	Mary		Children of James & Margaret					
[Keough]	Margaret		Keough.					
Keough	James			08 Jul 1880	53 yrs		Westmeath	
[Keough]	Margaret		his wife	09 Mar 1890	64 yrs		Westmeath	
Coates	Helena C.		1898-1964					
Coates	Henry I.		1894-1969					
Connelly	John			14 Aug 1902	30 yr			
Connelly	Patrick			09 June 1899	58 yrs			
Connelly	Ann		his wife	28 Mar 1909			Ireland	

Surname	Given Name	Maiden Name	Inscription	Death Date	Age	Native of		Other
						Town/Parish	County	
Eagan	Michael							No other information
[Eagan]	Catherine		his wife	04 Dec 1889	65 yrs	Bosnetstown, Kilfinnan	Limerick	
Falvey	Patrick		1857-1919	1919				
Falvey	Deia		his wife	01 May 1913	51 yrs		Westmeath	
Falvey	Martin		1886-1920	1920				
Falvey	John		1888-1946	1946				
Roland	James		1888-1930	1930				
Roland	John		1920-1941	1941				
Falvey	Patrick F.		1899-1971	1971				
Falvey	Laura I.		his wife	25 Sep 1962				b 21 Mar 1899
Finn	Mary			01 Jan 1908			Galway	b 27 May 1827
Finn	Thomas			04 Mar 1891			Clare	b 06 Jul 1826
GARRY								
Garry	Matthew			08 Feb 1907	A E 75 yrs			
Garry	Margaret	Garrigan	his wife	29 Nov 1888	A E 49 yrs			
Murphy	Matthew			03 Aug 1867	A E 40 yrs	Mountain Parish	Westmeath	
Ennis	Michael			06 Jan 1873	A E 30 yrs	Rattan	Westmeath	
Garry	Agnes C.							No further information
Gill	Michael			27 May 1889	63 yrs	Kilcken	West Meath	
[Gill]	Mary		his wife	11 May 1902	69 yrs			
Gill	Lawrence J.			20 Jun 1937	67 yrs			
Healy	James			11 Sep 1899	51 yrs		Limerick	
[Healy]	Bridget		his wife	14 Jul 1921	62 yrs			
Heavey	Patrick			02 Jan 1892	57 yrs			
[Heavey]	Mary C.		daughter of Patrick & Ann Heavey	11 Sep 1885	0y 2m			
Malbn	Simon			04 July 1919	79y 7m			
Heavey	Mary			15 Apr 1853	28 yr	Longwood	Mayth [sic]	
Heavey	Eiza			30 Dec 1891	61 yr	Longwood	Mayth [sic]	
Heavey	Ann			12 Aug 1912	70 yr			
Hickey	Thomas B.			25 Aug 1894	47 yrs		Limerick	
Hickey	Annie L.			01 Aug 1906	31 yrs			
Hickey	Willie			01 Aug 1888	20y 8m			

Surname	Given Name	Maiden Name	Inscription	Death Date	Age	Native of		Other
						Town/Parish	County	
Kane	Patrick			30 Aug 1868	42 yrs	Dublin		member of Co. D, 8th Connecticut Vols.
[Kane]	Catherine		his wife	23 Feb 1898	71 yrs	Dublin		
[Kane]	Michael		son of Patrick and Catherine Kane	04 July 1883	32 yrs			
[Kane]	Jane		Also to the memory of Jane, George & Ann, deceased infant children of Patrick & Catherine Kane, buried at St. Augustine Cemetery.					
[Kane]	George							
[Kane]	Ann							
Kane	Patrick		1848-1926					
Kane	Amy B.		1873-1934					
[Kane]	Patricia Louise		1901-1926					
[Kane]	Ruth Marion		1910-1934					
Kelley	Ann			29 Jul 1887	47 yrs	Welchtown	Louth	
Kelly [sic]	Julia			16 Jun 1911				
Drury	Mary			04 Jun 1903				
Drury	John			15 Nov 1916				
Drury	Thomas		1863-1933					
A mbrunn	Richard		1861-1951					
A mbrunn	Sarah		1861-1943					
Hamilton	Mabel		1881-1980					
[Rutherford]	Catherine	Kelley	wife of John Rutherford	29 Dec 1907	73 yrs			
Kelley	Patrick			01 May 1894	50 yrs			
Kelley	Patrick			21 Mar 1891	49 yrs	Kilmanna	Roscommon	
Kelley	Winifred		his wife	23 May 1904	58 yrs		Roscommon	
Donely	Mary Jane			10 Dec 1900	32 yrs			
Stafford	Wineford [sic]			27 June 1891	85 yrs			
Kelley	Margaret			12 Aug 1876	5y 6m			
Kelley	Sarah			25 Aug 1876	1y 9m			
Kelley	Sarah			14 May 1879	1 yr			
Kelly	Patrick			03 Jun 1895	58 yrs	Castletown	Roscommon	
[Kelly]	Elizabeth	Goodman	his wife	28 Feb 1924				
Goodman	Martin			03 Sep 1895	34 yrs	Bridgeport, Connecticut		
Kierman	Patrick			08 Nov 1875	45y 5m	Carberry	Kildare	
[Kierman]	Bridget	Griffin	his wife	20 Dec 1890	50 yrs			

Surname	Given Name	Maiden Name	Inscription	Death Date	Age	Native of		Other
						Town/Parish	County	
[Lyman] Howley	Bessie Ellen	Howley	wife of James Lyman 1882-1934	26 May 1897 1934	23 yrs	Achre	Sligo	
Lawlor	Michael						Kerry	
Lawlor	Mary		his wife				Kerry	
Lawlor	John			25 Nov 1912			Kerry	
Lawlor	Thomas							served in US Army & Navy
Lawlor	Ellen			10 Oct 1932				
McKenna	F.L.		1875-1938	1938				
[McKenna]	Michael P.		1865-1945	1945				
[McKenna]	Cara		his wife					
McKenna	John			25 May 1904				
McKenna	Margaret		his wife	19 May 1914				
Lyddy	Roger			04 Mar 1870	42 yrs		Clare	
[Lyddy]	Johanna		his wife	07 May 1890	60 yrs		Tipperary	
Lyddy	Thomas H.			02 Mar 1891	26y 9m 15d			
Lyddy	Margaret J.			12 June 1915				"SORGE" on base this side
Lyddy	Nellie			26 Mar 1927				
Lyddy	Edward			08 Apr 1859	1y 6m			
Lyddy	James H.			22 Aug 1884	26y 4m			
McCULLOUGH								
McCullough	James			11 Jun 1913	A E 89 yrs		Lough [sic]	
[McCullough]	Bridget	Reilly	his wife	13 Mar 1904	A E 80 yrs		Meath	
McCullough	James		son of James & Bridget McCullough	07 Nov 1882	A E 22 y 4 m			
McDONNELL								
[McDonnell]	Margaret J.		wife of Thomas McDonnell	08 Apr 1874	28 yrs			daughter of Charlotte and Charles Donegan, Esq., Black Rock Garden, Co. Galway
Mullins	Sherril S.		1939-1996	1996				
McHale	Richard			06 Aug 1887	33 yrs	Keebegues	Mayo	
McHale	Anthony			13 Jan 1889	A E 22 yrs			
[Molloy]	Bridget	McHale	wife of Michael Molloy	19 Aug 1893				
McHale	Mary			06 Mar 1923				
Molloy	Michael			24 Mar 1945				

Surname	Given Name	Maiden Name	Inscription	Death Date	Age	Native of		Other
						Town/Parish	County	
McLARNEY								
McLarney	John			19 Jan 1890	55 yrs		Westmeath	
[McLarney]	Ann		his wife	03 Sep 1896	67 yrs			
McLarney	Thomas			09 Feb 1900	42 yrs			
McLarney	John F.		1862-1937	1937				
[McLarney]	Mary		his wife 1862-1933	1933				
McLarney	John W.		WW U.S. Navy	15 Mar 1918	AE21			this stone is adjacent
McMenamy	Elen			03 Dec 1860	18 yrs		West Meath	
Curran	Annie			17 Oct 1895	16y 22d			
[Curran]	Mary		wife of John Curran	09 Jun 1907				b 15 Nov 1852
Morgan	Ann			02 June 1899			Tyrone	b 12 July 1817
[Murphy]	Kate M. A.	[Clancy]	Only daughter of Thomas & Catherine Clancy, Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland; beloved wife of Daniel Murphy, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Erected by her mother to the memory of her dear child.	22 Mar 1869	in her 26th year	Youghal	Cork	She had a pious Christian Soul, was an affectionate Daughter, a fond sister, a true friend and an un__?__ing Wife.
[Clancy]	Catherine		wife of Thomas Clancy	05 Aug 1875	AE76			see inscription above
Stewart	Elen			12 May 1880	AE28			
O'DONNELL								
O'Donnell	Dennis		1809-1892			Holyford	Tipperary	
[O'Donnell]	Anastasia	Dwyer	his wife 1818-1876			Holyford	Tipperary	
[O'Donnell]	Bridget		their daughter 1851-1942			Holyford	Tipperary	
O'Hara	Michael			29 Oct 1883	63 yrs	Mullingar	Westmeath	
[O'Hara]	Mary		his wife	28 Jan 1899	80 yrs			
O'Hara	Henry			26 June 1920	60 yrs			
[O'Hara]	Katherine		his wife 1862-1935	1935				
[O'Hara]	Elizabeth V.		daughter 1887-1959	1959				
Schultz	William C.		1885-1975	1975				
[Schultz]	Katherine	O'Hara	his wife 1885-1967	1967				
DeStefano	Elizabeth	Schultz	1923-1986	1986				
DeStefano	Valentino		1918-2003	2003				
[DeStefano]	Charles W.		son	21 Feb 2005				[b] 13 Oct 1951
[Gardner]	Mary	O'Hara	wife of Marshall Gardner	12 Sep 1882	36 yrs			
O'NEIL								
O'Neil	Thomas			05 Nov 1921	57 yrs		Kildare	
[O'Neil]	Theresa	Kelly	his wife	08 Oct 1904	26 yrs		Wicklow	
[O'Neil]	Theresa		their daughter	22 Sep 1904				

Surname	Given Name	Maiden Name	Inscription	Death Date	Age	Native of		Other
						Town/Parish	County	
Noonan	Martin			31 Jul 1886	60 yrs			
[Noonan]	Bridget	Kane	his wife	01 Apr 1893	76 yrs		Galway	
Noonan	Sbina [sic]			31 Dec 1886	35 yrs			
O'Kane	Michael		Erected in memory of Michael O'Kane 1880-1964	29 Sep 1893	54 yrs	Killyvalley, Garvagh	Londonderry	
O'Kane	Elen		1883-1979					
O'Kane	Mary		1892-1964					
O'Kane	John		wife of Patrick Kelly; 1843-1915					
[Kelly]	Susan	O'Kane	her son	1882-1917				
[Kelly]	James P.			19 Mar 1915				
Dunn	James		his wife	22 Feb 1911	60 yrs			
[Dunn]	Catherine							
O'Reilly	Farrell		his wife	27 Mar 1894	52 yrs		Cavan	
[O'Reilly]	Julia			25 July 1910	70 yrs			
O'Reilly	Catharine [sic]			18 Feb 1873	30 yrs			
O'Reilly	Bridget			25 May 1878	26 yrs			
[Reilly]	John F.		son of F. & B. Reilly [sic]	16 May 1878	8 mos			
Powell	William D.		In memory of my beloved husband William D. Powell, died Sept. 23, 1895 aged 41 yrs. Buried in Balingarry, Co. Limerick, Ireland	23 Sep 1895	41 yr			
Powell	Johnnie		In memory of my darling Johnnie Powell, died Aug 9 1892, aged 5 mo, 9 days, and peaceful on the mother's breast, her angel babe has sunk to rest.	09 Aug 1892	5m9d			
Hickey	Hanorah		In memory of my dear mother Hanorah Hickey died Apr 18, 1890, aged 64 years	18 Apr 1890	64 yrs			
[Geary]	Elen	Powell	wife of William Geary	04 Feb 1928	60 yrs			
Reagan	John			27 Jul 1892	70 yrs			* place of origin is written below Ann's inscription, but it's not clear if it refers to both of them or only to her
[Reagan]	Ann		his wife	24 Nov 1890	64 yrs	Crossmolina	Mayo *	
Rehill	John		his wife	27 Feb 1889	53 yrs		Cavan	
Rehill	Catherine			08 Mar 1918	63 yrs			
Rock	Daniel			16 Jul 1874	AE 42 yrs	Mullingar	Meath	
[Rock]	John H.		his son	19 Feb 1860	AE 3 yrs			

Surname	Given Name	Maiden Name	Inscription	Death Date	Age	Native of		Other
						Town/Parish	County	
St. Ledger	Patrick F.			01 Feb 1889	45 yrs	Castlebar	Mayo	
[St. Ledger]	Bridget		his wife	14 Jul 1908	65 yrs			
Ford	Thomas			23 May 1924				
[Ford]	Catharine [sic]		beloved wife of Thomas Ford	27 Dec 1891	37 yr			
[Ford]	Katie		their daughter	07 Sept 1881	2y 11m 5d			Lord have mercy on us.
Tracy	James			30 Oct 1903	87 yrs			
[Tracy]	Elizabeth		his wife	28 Mar 1890	72 yrs		Louth	
Tracy	John			17 Feb 1916	60 yrs			
[Tracy]	Katherine A.		his wife	20 Apr 1937				
WHALEN								
[Whalen]	Thomas William			16 Jul 1909		Portarlington		
Whalen	Bridget	Whaley		17 Aug 1918		Wood Down, Mullingar		

Countries other than Ireland:

Mercer	Anna		wife of Thomas Mercer	28 Jan 1908		"late of Liverpool, Eng."		[b] 08 May 1838 stone flat on ground covered with grass
Kearns	Edward H.			09 May 1891		Canada		b 02 Sep 1840; d Staten Island NY; erected by his wife Mary A. Kearns
ARNOLD NEAL								
Neal	James			17 Jan 1899		Sydney, Australia		b 02 Oct 1860
Neal	Theresa			18 Aug 1946				[b] 06 Feb 1860
Crawford	Louise A.		1911-1995					
Burns	John			24 Dec 1903				b 18 Mar 1844
Burns	Mary A.		Beloved wife of John Burns	21 Oct 1881		Yarmouth, N.S.		b 07 Oct 1852
[Burns]	Elen		their daughter	24 Feb 1877				b 25 Jan 1877
[Arsenauk]	Yvonne	Richard	wife of Abel Arsenauk	30 Mar 1942		b PE Island, Canada		

**Irish Place Names from Assumption Cemetery
Kings Highway, Westport, Connecticut**

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church is located in Westport along the banks of the Saugatuck River. The church began as a mission chapel in 1860.¹ The parish was established in 1876 by Father Patrick Keating and a group of Irish immigrants. It is the seventh oldest parish in the Diocese of Bridgeport.²

There are two cemeteries associated with Assumption Church. The one on Greens Farms Road, Westport, is a modern cemetery with stones flush with the ground. The stones in that cemetery were not examined. The Kings Highway cemetery (corner of Edge Hill Road) had a high concentration of stones with Irish place-name inscriptions.

This cemetery is adjacent to the Trinity and Christ Church Cemetery. The latter cemetery has a wrought-iron arch at the entrance and is fronted by a white picket fence along Kings Highway. The Assumption Cemetery is immediately to the east of the Trinity and Christ Church Cemetery. Assumption has no fence facing Kings Highway, and it is separated from the adjacent burial ground by a narrow strip of lawn containing no headstones.

Many of the stones in the several-acre Assumption Cemetery are seriously weather-worn, and quite a few have severe lichen infestations, so reading them was a challenge, especially on the cloudy, wet Saturday morning we chose to visit the burial ground. Nevertheless, we were successful in deciphering most of the inscriptions.

Our interpretations were supported (or corrected) by reference to two publications. As in previous parts of this project, our transcriptions were compared to those in Charles Hale's *Collection of Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions*. In Hale the graves in Assumption Cemetery are listed under the heading "Catholic & Christ Church Cemetery" (422-4&5). In addition, parish names were compared to those listed in Brian Mitchell's *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland*, 2nd ed. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2002). This was necessary because some of the stones were so badly eroded that it was otherwise not possible to be sure we had read them correctly. In several cases we were able to determine a parish name that was partially illegible on the tombstone. In others we were able to confirm we had transcribed the name correctly. Information added from Hale is indicated as "H:" in the notes column; information from Mitchell is noted as "M:"

In all there were 45 people whose place of origin was revealed, though five read "Ireland" only. There were no stones that gave a place of origin that was not in Ireland. Names on a single stone are grouped by a box in the table which follows.

¹ Duff, Beth Longware. *One Family in Faith: A History of the Diocese of Bridgeport*. Strasbourg, France: Éditions du Signe, c2003, 13.

² *Ibid.*, 158.

Surname	Given Name	Maiden Name	Born	Died	Age	Native of		Inscription	Notes
						Townland/ Parish	County		
Ahem	James			26 Aug 1854	47	Middleton	Cork	Erected by his wife Mrs. Ahem	
[Buckley]	Mary			25 Jun 1865	26	Middleton	Cork	Wife of Thomas Buckley	
Buik	John			21 Apr 1882	61 y	Croughan	Tipperary		
Buik	Rose			09 Jun 1902	68 y			his wife	
Carroll	John T.		1837	1917		Moycullen	Galway		
[Carroll]	Mary	Ahearn	1837	1916		Duncairn	Tipperary	Wife of John Carroll	
Carroll	Patrick			06 Oct 1884	70	Hospital	Limerick		
Carroll	William		11 May 1846	21 Oct 1888				son of Patrick & Bridget	adjacent stone
Coffey	John			27 Jul 1889	70 y		Waterford		
[Coffey]	Thomas			14 Nov 1861	15-2-16	Hospital	Limerick	son of Thomas & Mary Coffey	on ground; not in Hale
Conley	Cornelius			03 Apr 1885	64		Ireland		
Coyle	John			02 Jul 1889	49	Rathwyre	Westmeath	Erected by his wife Bridget Coyle	
[Coyle]	Bridget	Leonard		07 Mar 1906	65	Kibeggan	Westmeath	Wife of John Coyle	adjacent stone
Dohoney	James		1837	1916			Tipperary		
[Dohoney]	Bridget	McCale	1838	1910			Sigo	his wife	
Dohoney	Sarah A.		1870	1932					
Doran	John			27 Apr 1882	40		Ireland		
Doran	Johanna		1839	1913				his wife	
Doran	John, Jr.			28 Sep 1881	16y 6m				H 29
Fitzgerald	James			12 Jun 1858	35	Drunkeene	Limerick	Erected by his Daughter Margaret	
Fitzpatrick	Lawrence			26 Jun 1868	41	Shee ___ (?) (sev. letters)	Monaghan	Erected by his wife	M: Shee not the beginning of any parish; must be a townland.
Friend	Catherine			30 Mar 1881	60	Templeonam	Kilkenny	Daughter of Mary Burns (?)	
Hayden	Elen	Reardon		27 Dec 1912	60 y		Limerick		H Hale
Higgins	Daniel			08 Jan 1886	68	Castletown Roche	Cork		
[Higgins]	Mary			28 Feb 1877	15			his daughter	
[Higgins]	Elizabeth	Mahoney		23 Apr 1906	83			wife of Daniel Higgins	
Higgins	James			16 Sep 1864	44 y	Kilcealy	Limerick		stone on ground
[Higgins]	James			19 Dec 1862	3-10-3			son of James & Johanna Higgins	

Surname	Given Name	Maiden Name	Born	Died	Age	Native of		Inscription	Notes
						Townland/ Parish	County		
Horigan	Patrick		17 Mar 1841	11 Jan 1891		Herbertstown	Limerick		
[Horigan]	Jane	Murphy	1852	1927				his wife	
[Horigan]	Jannette M.		1882	1932					
Horigan	Anna			17 Feb 1886	14m				
Horigan	John P.		15 Apr 1883	01 Feb 1901					
Larkin	John			06 Feb 1869	28		Limerick		Erected by Catharine
[Larkin]	Mary Ann			25 Sep 1869	3 mos			dau John and Catharine Larkin	Larkin
London	John			18 Jan 1858	36 yrs	Kiteely	Limerick		
London	Catharine			25 Jan 1913	84y			his wife	
London	James		1851	1920					Adjacent stone
[London]	Ellen	O'Connor	1852	1921				wife of James London	Adjacent stone
Loughlin	Jeremiah			05 Apr 1878	61	Cromwel, Kiteely	Limerick		H: 1876
[Loughlin]	Margaret			May 1853	3y			dau Jeremiah & Johanna Loughlin	
[Loughlin]	Johanna			20 Aug 1879	52	Cromwel, Kiteely	Limerick	H: wife of Jeremiah	H: 1875
Lowrey	Michael			24 Jan 1870	50? 78?	Allen	Kildare		H: no age
Mahoney	Honora			10 Jan 1882	58	Castletown Roche	Cork		H: Mahony
McCarthy	Malachy			10 June 1855	87	Kiteely	Limerick		H: age 37
Moloney	John			27 Mar 1885	98	Kiteely	Limerick	Erected by his wife Margaret	
O'Connor	Patrick		Dec 1820	Apr 1860			Cork		13 names on one monument
O'Connor	Mary		May 1822	Nov 1857			Cork	H: wife of Patrick	
O'Connor	Mary A.		09 Feb 1853	25 Jun 1931					
O'Connor	Patrick		1854	1913					
[O'Connor]	Arne	Tamary	1863	1941				His wife	Not in Hale
O'Connor	John		1883	1883					
O'Connor	Charles		1885	1913					H: Charles J.
O'Connor	Edward		1913	1914					Not in Hale
[Larsson]	Helen	O'Connor	04 Dec 1887	17 Sep 1943				wife of George E. Larsson	Not in Hale
O'Connor	Jeremiah			16 Mar 1895	70				

Surname	Given Name	Maiden Name	Born	Died	Age	Native of		Inscription	Notes
						Townland/ Parish	County		
O'Connor	Hannah			06 Dec 1908	72			H wife of Jeremiah	H 1903
O'Connor	Helena		Aug 1857	Dec 1859					H Helena C.
O'Connor	Joseph M.		Apr 1885	May 1885					H 1865 for both
O'Connell	Michael			23 Dec 1869	46	Dunas	Clare		
[O'Connell]	Michael			30 Mar 1861	1y 6m				H 1864
Pendergast	Martin			23 Aug 1875	55 y	"Parish of" [legible]	Tipperary		appears to end in "ian" or "lure" adjacent stone
Pendergast	Margaret			26 Jan 1869	5-10-7				
[Quinlan]	Ann	Coffey		18 Feb 1888	73	Hospital	Limerick	Wife of Thomas Quinlan	
Rice	Michael			11 Apr 1883	56		Ireland		
[Rice]	Mary			10 Nov 1882	47		Ireland	his wife	
Ronayne	Mary			01 Apr 1857	47	Middleton	Cork	Wife of Maurice Ronayne	
Ronayne	Michael			28 Mar 1880	38	Middleton	Cork	their son	
Ryan	Bridget			19 Feb 1883	71	Killeely	Limerick		
Ryan	Jeremiah			19 Nov 1875	66y 5 m	Killeely [sic]	Limerick		stone on ground
Seygro	Timothy			25 Nov 1883	68	Danaghmore	Cork		
Shaughnessy	Matthew			06 Dec 1878	56 y		Galway		
[Shaughnessy]	Bridget			12 Feb 1881	27-2-15			his daughter	
Shaughnessy	Mary			13 Jan 1910	90 y				
Shaw	Patrick			17 Aug 1889	50	Dublin			
[Shaw]	Mary		08 Dec 1873	02 Nov 1880				His favorite	
Sullivan	James			11 Oct 1886	51	Balyburion	Kerry		
Sullivan	Joseph			07 Jan 1854	80	Hospital	Limerick	Erected by Timothy Sullivan in memory of his father	
Whalen	Michael			18 Nov 1887	83		Ireland		H age 63
[Whalen]	Hannah			11 Sep 1912	74			his wife	

Irish Place Names from St. Thomas Cemetery, Fairfield, CT

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St. Thomas Aquinas Church

St. Thomas Aquinas Church began as a mission church when Rev. Thomas J. Synott traveled from St. Augustine's in Bridgeport to say Mass in a private home in Fairfield in 1852. On June 25, 1854, a small wooden chapel was dedicated across from Beaumont St. that seated 300. In January 1876, the Parish of St. Thomas Aquinas was established. The present site of St. Thomas was acquired in 1880; the existing church building was moved there and rededicated in November of that year. Unfortunately, disaster occurred on January 21, 1892 when fire destroyed the church, convent and rectory! A new church was erected and dedicated on November 29, 1894. This church building served the parish well until the 1950s when conditions became so overcrowded that the pastor, Fr. Casey, decided a new church structure should be built. The old church building was demolished and I remember attending Mass in the church hall. On February 24, 1957, Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan dedicated the present church. Now the new St. Thomas Church could seat over 1000 parishioners! That year my class at St. Thomas School was the first to receive their First Holy Communion in the new church.

St. Thomas Cemetery

St. Thomas Cemetery is located between No. Pine Creek Rd. and Mill Plain Rd. and between the old Dupont property and Rt. 95. The cemetery dates from 1863 when John McKenna deeded 3 acres of land to the Right Reverend Thomas Galberry, who in turn, sold it to Fr. Synott to use as a cemetery. The older part of the cemetery seems to be on the left side as you enter from No. Pine Creek Rd. This is where we found all of the gravestones with Irish places of birth. Three of the stones have fallen over and become overgrown with grass but it was possible to uncover them and read the inscriptions. The stones we found were all listed in the Hale Collection, even the ones overgrown with grass. The oldest stone with a place name was dated 1861. The earliest death date on a stone was 1855.

Source: 130th Parish Anniversary 85th School Anniversary
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
Celebrating the community we have become.... 2006

St. Thomas Cemetery, Fairfield

Surname	Given Name	Born	Died	Age	Born In	Also on stone
Bonney	Mary		30 Nov 1875*	51*	Co. Clare	Wife of Thomas Bonney; James Augustus Bonney, son, d. 16 Oct 1872, age 8 yrs. (stone partly buried)
Carroll	Thomas		25 Jul 1861	47	Co. Westmeath	
Fitzgerald	Patrick		23 Apr 1882	48y, 9m, 22d	Dublin	William J. Fitzgerald, d. 7 Jul 1897, age 27; Annie, d. 15 Jul 1874, age 7y, 7m, 17d. (stone partly buried)
Fitzgerald	Mary		29 Apr 1875	68*	Co. Wicklow	
Grimes	Thomas		20 Jul 1879	36	Co. Wicklow	
Hanlon	Patrick		15 Sep 1886	42y, 6m	St. Margaret, Dublin	Bridget, his wife d. 25 Nov 1882, age 60.
Jellison	Ann Devaney	12 Dec 1908	13 Sep 2003		Dromore West, Co. Sligo	
McCanna	James		12 Nov 1867	49	Co. Louth	Bridget McCanna, his wife (stone partly buried)
Meade	Nicholas		15 May 1870	23	Doneraile, Co. Cork	
Mullins	Bridget		2 Apr 1891	55	Co. Limerick	
Mullins	Bridget Whalen		10 Nov 1903	59	Co. Kilkenny	Patrick Mullins, d. 16 Oct 1906
Murphy	Michael		14 Mar 1886	77	Churchtown, Parish of Athy, Co. Kildare	Eliza Murphy, his wife, d. 28 Jun 1895, age 78; Thomas, his son, d. 8 Apr 1855, age 11

*Data from Hale Collection, stones overgrown.

Place Names in St. Mary Cemetery, Ridgefield

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This Ridgefield cemetery is operated by the local St. Mary Roman Catholic Parish. It is reported established in 1883, but we found one stone dated 1873 with no indication that this was a reburial. We found only a few of the older stones with places of origin in Ireland and, curiously, a family group born in Philadelphia and one stone with a birthplace in Italy.

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>Age or Birth Date</u>	<u>Place of Origin</u>	<u>Other</u>
Coleman	Michael	3 Jun 1896	78 yrs	Carighnulty Parish, Westmeath	
Kenny	Mary	28 Aug 1925	89 yrs		his wife
Coleman	Thomas	7 May 1932	72 yrs		
	Anna	1974	1873		his wife
Costello	Michael	15 Jun 1896	61 yrs	Co. Clare	Co. B, 1st CT Heavy Artillery
Costello	Ann S.	14 May 1916	71 yrs		his wife
Desmond	John	8 Apr 1908	16 May 1842	Co. Cork	
Redmond	Maria	12 Mar 1897	80 yrs	Parish of Inche, Co. Wexford	Erected by John Desmond in memory of his beloved wife
Dolan	Martin	23 Jan 1929	23 Jan 1929		
Haggerty	Mary Ann (Early)	22 Jan 1929		Co. Tyrone	his wife
Fahey	James	20 Mar 1905	20 yrs, 11 mos.	Co. Waterford	Rest in Peace
Rainey	Patrick	14 Oct 1894	75 yrs	Mossfort, Co. Galway	d. in Ridgefield, CT
Malone	Ann	2 Feb 1885	54 yrs	Co. Meath	his wife, d. in Ridgefield, CT
Riley	Hosa	1873	1798, æ 75 yrs	Rulah, Ireland	
Riley	Mary	8 Sep 1895	89 yrs	Rulah, Ireland	
Carpenter	Samuel Emlen	3 Nov 1929	24 Mar 1869	Philadelphia	d. in Paris, France
Carpenter	Hannah Longstreth	1 Nov 1917	12 Jul 1843	Philadelphia	d. in Ridgefield
Carpenter	Ellen Longstreth	27 Dec 1896	23 Jul 1861	Philadelphia	d. in Ridgefield
Carpenter	Emlen Newbold	23 Jun 1898	9 May 189?	Ridgefield	d. in Ridgefield
Arcona	Charles	19 Apr 1923	14 Sep 1886	Palma, Montechiaro, Italy	d. in N.Y. City
Arcona	Josephine	31 Mar 1967	19 Nov 1894		his wife

Observations on the Irish Tombstones Project

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With all but two Catholic cemeteries accounted for, we have found 321 Irish places of origin on tombstones in Fairfield County.¹ Seven read "Ireland" only, but the others give at least a county and sometimes a parish (both civil and Roman Catholic are represented) and/or a townland. Can we discover anything useful about Irish immigrants to Fairfield County by examining the data? Here are some observations.

All but two of Ireland's 32 counties are represented in the group. The two "missing" counties are Armagh and Donegal. Both of these counties are in the Province of Ulster, but Donegal is part of the Irish Republic while Armagh is in Northern Ireland.

The county with the highest representation is Clare. County Clare was named 81 times, 25% of the total. Twenty-three Irish counties were mentioned fewer than 10 times. Fairfield County-wide there is a noticeable difference in representation from the four Irish provinces (see Figure 1 below).

There is a definite difference in places of origin between cemeteries in northern Fairfield County and those in the south. The north, represented by St. Peter, Danbury (66, old and new), St. Rose, Newtown (84), and St. Mary, Ridgefield (8), had 76 of the 81 mentions of Co. Clare. In addition, these three cemeteries held the majority of people from Co. Waterford (17 of 21). In the south St. Mary, Greenwich (13), St. Mary, Norwalk (36), St. Thomas, Fairfield (12), Assumption, Westport (45), and St. Michael, Stratford (57), hold more people from Counties Cork (21 of 27), Limerick (25 of 30), Meath (9 of 12), Tipperary (13 of 17) and Westmeath (13 of 14).

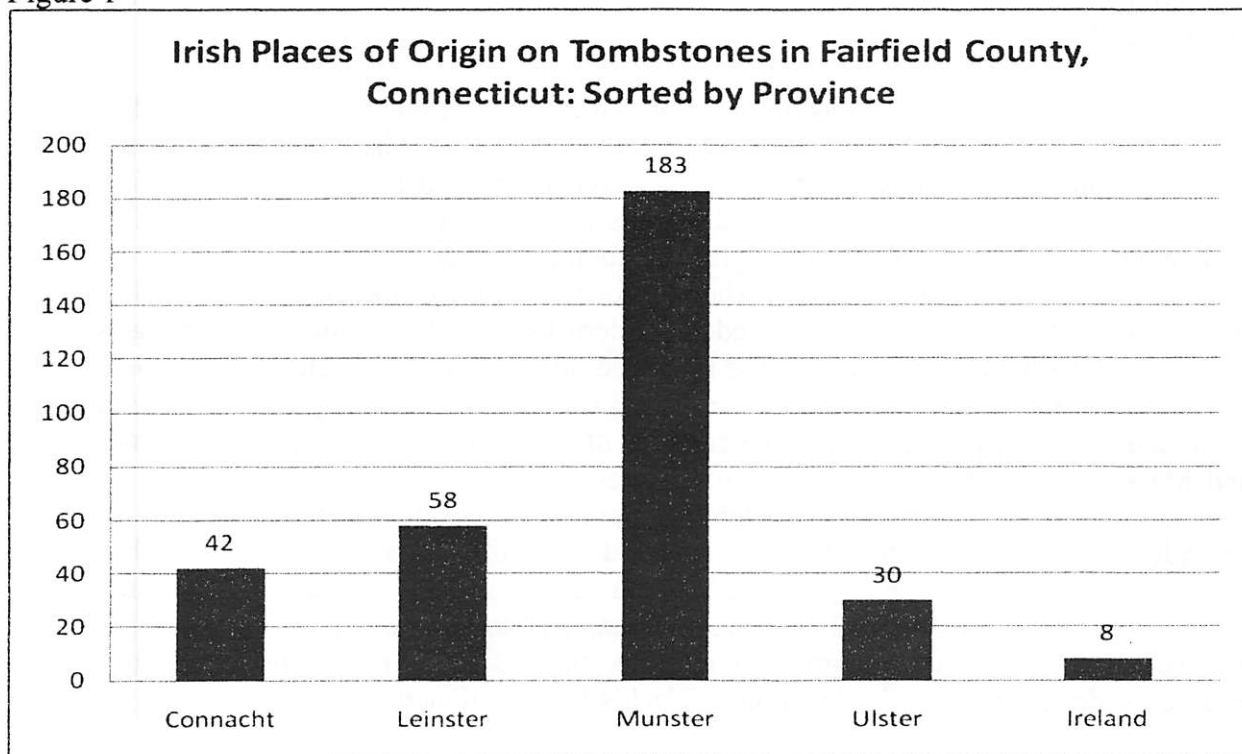
While it is interesting to look at these data and notice patterns, we must question whether the numbers represent a statistically accurate sample. Not every Irish immigrant buried in Fairfield County has a tombstone. We can assume that there were a large number of immigrants who were too poor to afford such a luxury and that there were some who simply did not wish to have such a memorial. Moreover, many of the tombstones we saw had names that were undeniably Irish, but the stones did not give a place of origin. These two reasons cause us to answer no.

What can explain the obvious patterns of Irish counties named on tombstones in Fairfield County? Several thoughts come to mind. There may have been a stronger custom for putting up tombstones, or for including more information on the tombstones, in Munster Province than in other parts of Ireland. Perhaps the people who came from Munster Province were economically

¹ Note that headstones from St. Augustine and St. James Cemeteries in Bridgeport, two of the oldest Catholic cemeteries in the county, are not represented in this project so far. An investigation by the *Connecticut Post* in 2007 revealed that these cemeteries were in a state of neglect and disrepair. Daniel M. Lynch of Trumbull did a study of burials there and found that the Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions listed 728 headstones in St. Augustine Cemetery and that in the 1950s the cemetery association destroyed and buried many of the headstones. He presented his findings at a lecture at the Bridgeport Public Library in 2008. We plan to publish Irish place names on remaining headstones at these two cemeteries, but we expect them to be only a fraction of the original total.

better off and could afford tombstones. Or, maybe the numbers of tombstones are roughly representative of the numbers of immigrants to Fairfield County from the various Irish counties. It will require a much more ambitious project than the current one to settle this question.

Figure 1



<u>County</u>	<u>Times Mentioned</u>	<u>Province</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Times Mentioned</u>	<u>Province</u>
Antrim	3	U	Limerick	30	M
Armagh	0	U	Londonderry	3	U
Carlow	2	L	Longford	2	L
Cavan	11	U	Louth	8	L
Clare	81	M	Mayo	7	C
Cork	27	M	Meath	12	L
Donegal	0	U	Monaghan	7	U
Down	1	U	Queens	1	L
Dublin	5	L	Roscommon	4	C
Fermanagh	1	U	Sligo	7	C
Galway	14	C	Tipperary	17	M
Kerry	7	M	Tyrone	4	U
Kildare	4	L	Waterford	21	M
Kilkenny	2	L	Westmeath	14	L
Kings	2	L	Wexford	1	L
Leitrim	10	C	Wicklow	5	L
			Ireland	8	
			Total	321	

Book Reviews

Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, *Colony of Connecticut Minutes of the Court of Assistants 1669-1711*, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, MA, 2009, 699 pp.; \$34.95.

The Court of Assistants served as the court of appeal for the Connecticut Colony and as the court of original jurisdiction for murder and divorce cases. The transcription of the earliest records was made in Salt Lake City from Family History Library microfilm #3667 and proofread against the original records in the Connecticut State Library. The remaining transcription came from digital photographs made by Ms. Ullmann of the original copy of the later records. The transcription retains the original text. The punctuation, however, has been changed to modern usage to be certain the meaning is clear to twenty-first-century readers. The microfilm listed above also includes the records of the acts of the Commissioners for the United Colonies of New England, suggesting some understanding among at least the colonies of Connecticut (including Long Island) and Massachusetts (including Maine) of court actions in any courts in these areas as applying to people and actions in the total geographic area of both of these colonies. In the index the spelling of names has been standardized and an occasional sub-subject has been added providing a very useful addition in identifying why a particular person's name is in the text. The index also includes the name of the community in which people involved in the case lived. In addition to the index, there is a three page Glossary of early legal terms drawn from the third edition of Black's Law Dictionary.

A few excerpts will demonstrate the type of family information which can be obtained from this volume.

- 1.) Whereas Jonathan Biglow Junr, Rebecca Biglow, Marie, Sarah, John and Vialate Biglow, Children of Rebeccah Biglowe Alias Shephard Late of Hartford Deceased did at the Court of Assistants Held at Hartford May the 9th 1698 Recover Judgment against Serjt John Shephard of the Said towne for one fourth part of the estate in Lands which he Received as administrator to the estate of Thomas Greenhill deceased And Execution hath been Issued forth upon the Said Judgment And the said Sergt Shephard Complaineth that the Said Execution hath been Served upon other Land which he did not Receive as administrator to the Said Estate And Craving that Execution may be Limited onely to Such Land as he Received as administrator to the estate aforesaid, which he affirmed to be but one acre formerly belonging to Thomas Greenhil aforersaid, which as administrator he Recovered by Law out of the Possession of Paul Peck, The Court having heard the pleas of Plaintiff and defendant and Considered the Same doe award that the Said Children of Rebeccah Biglow Alias Shephard Shall by force of Said Execution Receive onely one Quarter part of the Said one acre of Land Recovered as aforesaid in all further Execution to be void. [pages 223-224]

2) Sarah Long being fifteen years of age and upwards, the Daughter of Mr. Zechariah Long of Charlestown in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay appeared in Court and made Choice of Mr. Eleazar Phillips of the said town of Charlestown to be her Guardian, this Court approves of her Choice and order it to be Recorded. [page 224]

3) Marie Bennett of the Town of Fairfield made application to this Court for a Release from her Coniugall bond to her husband James Bennett, Shipwright, Pleading that he had willfully deserted her for the Space of above three years with totall neglect of duty. The Court having Considered the Evidences Exhibited by the Said Marie Bennett, Doe find that the Said James Bennett hath willfully deserted his wife the Said Marie Bennett for the Space of three years and upwards, during all which time it doth not appear that he hath in any degree attended his Coniugall duty towards her, nor afforded her any Supply of necessaries for herselfe nor for the maintenance of his Children, but the Contrary. And that the Said Marie in Consideration of the premises (according to the Lawe Title Divorce) is free from her Coniugall bond to the Said James Bennett And doe Declare that She is a person free and unmarried And that She is at full libertie to marrie again. [page 340]

4) A Speciall court of Assistants held at Hartford June 18 1675 John Winthrop esqr Governor, Wm Leet esqr dept. Govr, Mr Samuel Willys, Major Nathan Gold, Major John Tallcot, Mr Henry Woolcot, Capt John Allyn, Mr. James Richards Owanecoe Uncass his Eldest his Sonn being apprehended & Sent to prison to Hartford for killing a Narroganset Indian called John squam this court further examined the matter of fact done within the precincts of New London plantation but findeing no Indian prosecutor & the prisoner alledging with another Indian also Testifying for him that he did it upon his owne Just & necessary defence for that the Sayd Indian killed did violently [sic] attempt or assault to stab the prisoner with seuerall knives & made persuit after him when he led from him & so he could not clear himselfe of him but by striking at him wherby he was so killed It being allsoe Denied by the Induans & not euidently proued that our law had been orderly & Sufficently published amongst the Indians & the kild Indian had threatened to murder Uncass & so might haue a Grudge against his son to make such an assault upon him in his stead The court could not see cause for a present proceeding to an Issue of the case any farther then to secure against such bold enormities of Indians within our precincts for the Future & doe therefore upon the Sayd Uncass & both his sonns viz Oweneco & Joshua engaging upon the prisoners present release for his being responsible farther in this matter when called to it upon better light appearing & likewise to stand bownd to good behaiour of themselues at all times & places within our precincts for the future hereupon Owanecoe was let out of prison & de[liv]ered unto Uncass his custody Uncass & his son engaged in court accordingly. [pages 42-43]

The first example provides a typical case that came from a lower court and provides the names of the members of a family, including children. The second example provides a case where the decision applies to people living in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The third example is a divorce that would normally start in the Court of Assistants. The fourth

example is a murder case involving native Americans which gives the Court a very different set of conditions. Although a murder case would normally start in the Court of Assistants, the Court is in effect in this case, also a court of appeal from accepted native American practices of justice and there are frequent references to these cultural differences.

The dates provided in the book title are quite significant. The volume of records of the Connecticut Colony Acts of the Court of Assistants begins on 11 May 1669, presumably with the establishment of the court, and in ends in 1711 when the Superior Court took over the functions of the Court of Assistants.

Robert A. Ferry

Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, *The Pierponts of Roxbury, Massachusetts*, Newbury Street Press, 2007, 182 pp., \$39.95.

As Helen Ullmann notes in her preface, this volume was occasioned by the colorful career of John⁴ Pierpont of Roxbury and Boston, Mass. John Pierpont sometime operated both fulling and grist mills in Roxbury, but, in 1722, he apparently abandoned his wife (and first cousin) Elizabeth Bailey soon after she became pregnant with their only child Hannah. He traveled to London, perhaps in hope of recognition as a relative of the English Pierrepont family. While there he apparently befriended and borrowed money from several gentlemen whose first favorable impressions soon turned so that one called him "a dishonest lying Vagabond and a most mean hapless Wretch."

Worth reading for this account alone, this well-documented genealogy covers six generations of descendants of James Pierpont who came to Ipswich as early as 1639/40. As an exception to the six generations, this volume does not follow the descendants of the Rev. James³ Pierpont of New Haven whose daughter married the Rev. Jonathan Edwards. Of the families described the only other one in Connecticut is that of Thomas⁴ Pierpont who married a daughter of Joshua Hempstead of New London. Of the families carried for six generations there are no descendants who still bear the Pierpont surname.

Whether or not some of these Pierponts are among *your* ancestors, you will find this a most interesting volume. For the professional or aspiring family historian it is a model genealogy both for composition and for documentation.

Harlan R Jessup

Increased Vital Records Fees in Connecticut

Nora Galvin

A special session of Connecticut's General Assembly and several months of negotiations with the governor were required to achieve an agreement on a budget for the state. From July through September some state funding was suspended with impact on the genealogy community. For example, ICONN (including HeritageQuest) funding was threatened, and the State Library was forced to reduce its hours. Finally, in late September, after significant negotiations behind closed doors, a budget was finally set. While some funding was restored, some reduced hours remain and the fees for certified copies of vital records have doubled.

Effective October 1, the new fee schedule for obtaining certified copies from a town or city:

Birth	short form	\$15
Birth	long form	20
Marriage		20
Death		20

The new fee for obtaining a birth certificate at the Department of Health in Hartford is \$30. The fee for a marriage or death certificate from the Department of Health is \$20.

The Connecticut State Library will continue to operate on reduced hours for the foreseeable future. Hours there are Tuesday through Friday, 9-5, Saturday 9-2, closed Sunday and Monday. Full funding for ICONN has been restored.

Some town libraries are also operating on reduced hours. For example, the Historical Collections Department at the Bridgeport Public Library, including microfilms for 20th century newspapers, is now open only three days a week: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10-5. The collection may be accessed by appointment only on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Irish Cemeteries Project

Our project to publish the birthplaces of 18th century Irish immigrants as recorded on their Fairfield County tombstones continues in this issue. It has been found that there are no relevant stones either in St. Mary, Bethel, or in St. John, Norwalk. That leaves us with just two cemeteries to cover. **Volunteers still needed** if these are to be ready for inclusion in the February issue, viz:

St. James, Bridgeport
St. Augustine, Bridgeport

State Letting Successful People Slip Away

This headline was published in the *Connecticut Post*¹ just recently, but the same problem was occurring two hundred years ago. Connecticut had high birth and survival rates, so there was a lack of available land for farms. Young couples had to move west to find the means to raise a family. In more recent years there have been other reasons for this drain of people.

Your membership chair did some calculations and found that fewer than half of you (42%) reside in Connecticut and that fact raises some questions (curious minds, etc.). We would like to study the migration of our members and their ancestors out of Connecticut. If you are an out-of-state member, or if a member of your family (ancestral or current) left Connecticut, we would appreciate receiving answers to the questions below. Historical migration is our primary focus, but gathering information about late 20th- or early 21st-century migration would be of interest to readers in 25-50 years, so if you are a first-generation migrant, we would like to hear from you, too. We hope be able to highlight this aspect of Connecticut genealogy and history in upcoming journal issues. If you are reading this in a library and have an ancestor from Connecticut, please respond as well.

Your name _____ City _____ State _____

CAS member? Y ___ N ___ If not, contact information: email _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Name of migrant(s) _____

Relationship to you _____

Date the migrant left Connecticut (approximate is OK) _____

Reason(s) the migrant left Connecticut _____

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Reel 24: *Connecticut Cemeteries 1673-1911*, by William A. D. Eardeley; *Headstone Inscriptions, Town of Stamford*, Hale Collection, S. P. Mead, *Abstracts of Records and Tombstones of the Town of Greenwich*.

Reel 35: S. P. Mead, *Abstracts of Stamford, Conn., Church Records*; S. P. Mead, *Abstract of Darien, Conn., Church Records*; William A. D. Eardeley, *Stamford Congregational Church Records*; *Directory of the Town of Stamford, 1872*; S. P. Mead, *Abstract of Probate Records for the District of Fairfield, 1648-1757*.