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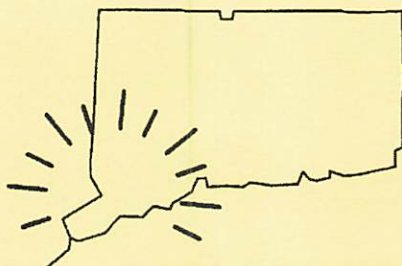
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### New Board Member Appointed

I am happy to announce the appointment of Paul Keroack to the Connecticut Ancestry Society Board of Governors as a member-at-large. Paul has been a frequent contributor to CAS projects and to the journal *Connecticut Ancestry* in the last several years.

He participated in transcribing the tombstones of Irish immigrants in five cemeteries for the series that was published 2009 to 2011. A former librarian at the Norwalk Public Library, Paul wrote an article describing the local history collection at that repository in 2010. He offered information about finding digital copies of old books on the internet in the same issue. His article "Distinguishing Between Two Samuel Olmsteads of Wilton, Connecticut" appeared in February, 2011. Finally, Paul created indexes of the 1848-1861 death and marriage records in Norwalk, a project which had never been undertaken by town clerk or volunteer. Part of the death index appears in the current issue, as does his article on the Barnes family of Norwalk.

Paul is an enthusiastic and skilled researcher with interest in Connecticut and Irish topics. He will be a strong addition to the board.

Nora Galvin  
President, Connecticut Ancestry Society, Inc.

### Genealogy Events Schedule

#### CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY SOCIETY – [www.connecticutancestry.org](http://www.connecticutancestry.org)

**March 3** – 10 am at Danbury Public Library – Harlan Jessup – Finding your Civil War Ancestors.

**April 21** – 10 am at Trumbull Public Library – Genealogy Roundtable discussion. Bring your questions or share an interesting case you've been working on.

#### GENEALOGY ROUNDTABLES – Hosted by Bill Stansfield

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 10 to 11 am at Pequot Library, Southport.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 12:30 to 1:30 pm at the Bridgeport Public Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 1:00 to 2:00 pm at the Fairfield Senior Center.

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

**March 31** – Annual Spring Symposium with Connecticut Gravestone Network

**April 21** – Tom Howard – Solving Brick Walls to Your Irish Ancestors

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

Meets 7:00 pm at C. H. Booth Library, Newtown

**March 14** – Toni McKeen - Cases that Made My Eyes Cross

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

**February 11** – Tony Lauriano – Overcoming the Brick Walls in Your Research

**TIME TO RENEW!**  
**RENEWAL FORM INSIDE BACK COVER**

## Editorial Notes

This issue begins with a sad note, reporting the death of our friend and colleague Rod MacKenzie. His brief obituary cannot fully express our affection toward him and the appreciation of the Society's special links through him to the Fairfield Historical Society.

As usual, the journal is filled with articles on area families, which should be of great interest to our readers. We begin with a continuation of Ken Rockwell's article on the Wilson family of Ridgefield. This is followed by Paul Keroack's article on the interesting Barnes family of Norwalk, Wilton, and Westport. The author, Paul, has made several earlier contributions, and we are pleased to announce his appointment to the Board of our Society. Irish immigrants and just a few Germans were attracted to work in the "rubber factory" in Newtown in the mid-19th century. My article on the Gunthers and McNamaras typifies these families.

We then continue with our series on the vital records reported by school district from 1847 to 1852, beginning with a transcription of those records from Trumbull. Norwalk deaths for this period were transcribed and indexed by a team of your board members, Paul Keroack (again), Barbara Dempsey, and Nora Galvin. We hope to publish Norwalk marriages for this period in a future issue.

We continue to seek your "one-pagers" or short articles on area families. The offerings in this issue are on the Spiers family of Stamford by former board member Bob Spiers, the Lewis family of Huntington by Kathryn Wolff, and my article on the Wetmore family of Newtown.

The journal concludes with a notice on the forthcoming 1940 census by your President, Nora Galvin, and a review, also by Nora, of the wonderful transcription of early Stamford town records by long-term Society member Paul Finch.

*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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DEADLINE:	July 1	October 1	January 1	April 1
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### **In Memoriam – Roderick B. MacKenzie**

Roderick B. MacKenzie, 75, a longtime Board Member of Connecticut Ancestry who took a keen interest in the activities of the Society, died December 9, 2011. Rod never married. He was the son of the late Ronald and Laura MacKenzie, and he had a sister Laura and a brother Kenneth.

Rod was a graduate of Monson Academy, Salem College, and received a Masters degree from the University of Connecticut. In addition to his genealogy work, he had been employed by the Boys Club of America and the Westport Senior Center.

Rod was a lifelong resident of Fairfield and one of its leading citizens. He loved Fairfield and demonstrated this love in his pursuit of information concerning Fairfield's history and the genealogy of its inhabitants. His knowledge of local history was legend. Fairfield cannot replace him.

Rod worked as a genealogist for about 35 years, first at the Fairfield Historical Society, where he followed in his mother's footsteps, and later as Assistant Librarian and Genealogist at the Fairfield Museum and History Center. He was also the genealogist at the Pequot Library in Southport. In both sites, Rod provided valuable assistance to the staff in their pursuits. His example resulted in local residents contributing family papers to the History Center, thus, enriching the Center's resources. Rod educated the local populace by sponsoring and participating in genealogical meetings and round tables in the area. His contributions to the genealogy community, and his enthusiasm for his genealogical endeavors were boundless. Rod assisted and was respected by researchers not only in Connecticut, but across the country. He inspired novice genealogists to pursue their research by making their ancestors and history come alive.

Rod touched many people. This was attested to by the numerous memories and comments recounted at his memorial service held December 21 at the Fairfield Museum and History Center. Memorial contributions can be made to either the Fairfield Museum or the Pequot Library.

As a colleague for 21 years, I found Rod always helpful, a fount of knowledge, and an inspiration. He was a very kind man and also had a sense of humor. He never failed to inquire about my family, taking a sincere interest. When presented with an obscure genealogical query, we rejoiced together many times upon making a break-through. We also collaborated to research the genealogical background of the possible families of Fairfield residents buried in the 1700s. Their bones had been uncovered in Sturges Park, Fairfield at the site of the first Anglican church cemetery in Fairfield. I observed his interaction with the staff at the History Center and noted their love and respect. Rod believed that the library was the heart and soul of any historical society, and that there should be strong support for its growth.

Thank you Rod.

**Priscilla Noyes Chatfield**

## The Family of Benjamin Wilson of Ridgefield, Connecticut

### Part 3

Kenneth W. Rockwell

#### *Third generation*

5. Ezekiel Wilson, son of Nathan and Phebe (Hobart) Wilson, b. 19 November 1733. He married Hannah Rockwell on 3 September, 17--; the year has been damaged in the original record, but it may have been 1755, as their first child was born in September of 1756. Hannah (Rockwell) Wilson died on 8 April 1765.<sup>1</sup> That his wife Hannah was the daughter of Thomas and Ruth (Benedict) Rockwell is demonstrated by the probate records for Thomas Rockwell, who died 4 November 1789. Thomas left a will, signed on 11 June 1782, which was probated on 1 December 1789.<sup>2</sup> Appraisers referred to the distribution of part of the estate of Thomas Rockwell in a record on 10 May 1790, listing among the legatees the following: Ezekiel Wilson, Jr., Thomas R. Wilson, and Samuel Stebbins.<sup>3</sup> Several deeds involve sales to Ezekiel Wilson from various heirs of Thomas Rockwell. On 31 December 1791, Jonathan and Dorcas Andreas [sometimes written "Andrews"] and Thaddeus and Ruth Smith, all of Ridgefield, sold to Ezekiel Wilson a parcel of land in Ridgefield, 3 acres and 42 rods, "being all our right in the piece of land as it lyes undivided being part of the lot that formerly belonged to Thomas Rockwell..."<sup>4</sup> In a deed dated 3 July 1792, Timothy Benedict and Phebe his wife of Salem, New York, sold to Ezekiel Wilson a one-acre parcel that was distributed to Phebe out of the estate of Thomas Rockwell.<sup>5</sup> On 23 September 1796, Thomas and Sarah (Rockwell) Seymour quit-claimed to Ezekiel Wilson all their right and title in a parcel of land distributed to Sarah out of the estate of her father, Thomas Rockwell.<sup>6</sup>

Another interesting deed dates from 16 April 1792, in which Ezekiel Wilson; his son Ezekiel Jr.; his daughter Hannah and her husband Ezra Mead; daughter Ruth and her husband Samuel Stebbins; and son Thomas R. Wilson sold a 9-acre parcel to Nathan Chambers.<sup>7</sup>

The Ridgefield vital records do not record a second marriage for Ezekiel, but they do show the death of Elizabeth, wife of Ezekiel, on 22 July 1807, in her 82<sup>nd</sup> year.<sup>8</sup> Her age makes her more of a contemporary with this Ezekiel, rather than his son. A deed dated 10 May 1783, in which Ezekiel and wife Elisabeth quit-claimed to a group consisting of heirs of Thomas Hawley

<sup>1</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:200.

<sup>2</sup>Danbury Probate register vol. 5, pp. 486-488; FHL Film no. 4025.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., 5:527.

<sup>4</sup>Ridgefield deeds, 7:168b; FHL Film no. 5499.

<sup>5</sup>Ibid., 7:195b. Phebe was the daughter of Thomas Rockwell's son Thomas, who died at South Salem in 1774. See: Kenneth W. Rockwell, *The Rockwell family in Fairfield County, Connecticut and beyond* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 2009), p. 89.

<sup>6</sup>Ibid., 8:115a.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid., 8:6a-b.

<sup>8</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:213.

all right and interest to three parcels, provides the key to her identity.<sup>9</sup> She was evidently the widow of Thomas Hawley, who had died on 26 April 1765. The Hawley genealogy identifies her as Elizabeth Gold, b. 1725 to John and Jemima Gold of Fairfield, and gives the same date of death as shown above, but did not mention that she had remarried.<sup>10</sup> Ezekiel Wilson died on 17 January 1816.<sup>11</sup> A distribution of his estate was made on 6 January 1817.<sup>12</sup>

Children of Ezekiel and Hannah (Rockwell) Wilson<sup>13</sup>:

- Ezekiel Wilson, b. 29 September 1756. He died at Ridgefield on 24 December 1844.<sup>14</sup> He was listed as a legatee in the 1790 distribution of the Thomas Rockwell estate. There is no record of any wife or children.
- Hannah Wilson, b. 18 July 175[?], probably 1758. She married Ezra Mead on 17 March 1777.<sup>15</sup> The vital records include the births of eight children:<sup>16</sup>
  - o Lewis Mead, b. 2 August 1777.
  - o Jerre Mead, b. 16 May 1780.
  - o Betsey Mead, b. 10 May 1783
  - o Walter Mead, b. 8 May 1786
  - o Henry Mead, b. 21 June 1789.
  - o Polly Mead, b. 17 Dec. 1791.
  - o Harry Mead, b. 17 Oct. 1796.
  - o Polly Mead, b. 16 Feb. 1800.
- Lewis Wilson, b. 24 January 1760. He probably died before 1790, when an appraisal for the Thomas Rockwell estate did not include him, nor was he a party to the 1792 deed involving Nathan Chambers.
- Ruth Wilson, b. 2 March 1762. She married at Ridgefield, 3 January 1782, Samuel Stebbins,<sup>17</sup> who was listed as a legatee in the 1790 distribution of the Thomas Rockwell estate. The births of nine children were recorded to this couple:<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>9</sup>Ridgefield deeds, 6:110a.

<sup>10</sup>Elias S. Hawley, *The Hawley record* (Buffalo, NY, 1890), p. 416; FHL Film no. 363872.

<sup>11</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:219.

<sup>12</sup>Danbury probate district registers, vol. 10, pp. 604–607.

<sup>13</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:6.

<sup>14</sup>*Ibid.*, 2: 238.

<sup>15</sup>*Ibid.*, 2:155.

<sup>16</sup>*Ibid.*, 2:56.

<sup>17</sup>*Ibid.*, 2:155.

<sup>18</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:58.

- o John Stebbins, b. 1 February 1783.
  - o Betsey Stebbins, b. 16 January 1785.
  - o William Stebbins, b. 24 October 1786.
  - o Ruth Stebbins, b. 16 September 1789.
  - o Joanna Stebbins, b. 24 December 1793.
  - o Samuel Stebbins, b. 5 July 1796.
  - o Sally Stebbins, b. 26 July 1798.
  - o Cecilia Stebbins, b. 6 July 1802.
  - o Mary Emma Stebbins, b. 21 August 1805.
- Thomas Rockwell Wilson, b. 23 March 1763. He was listed as a legatee in the 1790 distribution of the Thomas Rockwell estate. According to the 1792 deed involving Nathan Chambers, Thomas R. Wilson was living at Quaker Hill [a village in Pawling, Dutchess County, New York], but according to a 1798 deed in which Ezra Mead (his sister Ruth's husband) mortgaged land to Thomas, he was again "of Ridgefield."<sup>19</sup> On 26 February 1812, Nathan Dauchy sold to Thomas R. Wilson of Ridgefield a small parcel of land with a store standing thereon, suggesting that Thomas was a merchant of some sort.<sup>20</sup> Thomas quit-claimed to Dauchy his interest in this property on 13 February 1816, according to a mortgage agreement.<sup>21</sup> In his last recorded deed, dated 8 June 1831, Thomas R. Wilson sold to Ezra Mead the one-acre parcel distributed to him out of the estate of his sister, Betsey Wilson.<sup>22</sup> There is no further definite record of him at Ridgefield; however, it is possible that he is the "Dr. Thomas Wilson," whose wife (name not stated) died on 4 February 1840 at the age of 80. An alternative identity for that man is the one in Section 10, below.
  - Betsey Wilson, a daughter whose birth was not recorded. She left a will, dated 11 October 1824 and proved on 22 November 1824, in which she left her personal belongings to various relatives, e.g., "to my sister Ruth wife of Samuel Stebbins," ... "to Betsey Smith daughter of my sister Hannah," and "my brother Thomas Wilson." She also gave certain articles to "Lydia the coloured girl who has lived in the house with me."<sup>23</sup> There may be a connection between this Lydia and the servant of the same name mentioned in her uncle Jeremiah's will. The personal estate was distributed on 1 July 1825, with legatees including her siblings and some of their children.<sup>24</sup>

6. John Wilson, son of Nathan and Phebe (Hobart) Wilson, born 27 January 1735/36 at Ridgefield. His marriage is not recorded at Ridgefield, but his wife was a Mary, according to the birth records for children, which began in 1756. This family left Ridgefield before 20 March

<sup>19</sup>Ridgefield deeds, 8:181-182; FHL Film no. 5499.

<sup>20</sup>Ibid., 10:63b; FHL Film no. 5500.

<sup>21</sup>Ibid., 11:162a; FHL Film no. 5501.

<sup>22</sup>Ibid., 14:110a; FHL Film no. 5502.

<sup>23</sup>Connecticut probate records, Danbury district file no. 5364, on FHL Film #1016325.

<sup>24</sup>Danbury probate register, vol. 15, p. 51-54; FHL Film no. 4030.



1771, when John's final deed (a sale of six acres to Ezekiel Wilson, places him at "Stanford," i.e., Stamford, Fairfield County.<sup>25</sup> Online pedigrees suggest that this family settled at Chester Township, Burlington Co., New Jersey, where a son Isaac was born in 1767. A letter of administration was issued on 12 February 1816 for Peter Slim to serve as administrator of the estate of John Wilson of Chester.<sup>26</sup>

Children of John and Mary (-----) Wilson, born at Ridgefield<sup>27</sup>:

1. John Wilson, b. 12 October 1756. He is likely the one who married, 16 January 1783, Amy Wilcox.<sup>28</sup> No further record was found of them.
2. Stephen Wilson, b. 27 January 1758. No further record was found of him.
3. Molly (i.e. Mary) Wilson, b. 3 January 1760. No further record.

7. Daniel Wilson, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Brooks) Wilson, b. 21 January 1737/38. He married Sarah Whitlock; damage to the record gives us the month, February, but not the year. The births of two children are listed in the vital records. At the time of the Revolution, he sided with the British and left town. A probate record covering several Ridgefield loyalists whose estates had been confiscated includes an inventory of the properties of Daniel Wilson, dated 7 March 1780.<sup>29</sup> Strangely, the description of the lands—five acres of woodland, half of a 10-acre undivided parcel; half of a 20-acre parcel, and half of an 11-acre parcel, and part of a house—are much like the description of land distributed to Daniel from the estate of his father, Thomas, and that record bore the *later* date of 31 December 1781. This might suggest that the distribution occurred before 1780 but wasn't recorded until later; yet the transcripts in the Danbury probate register agrees with the original documents filed with the Connecticut State Library.<sup>30</sup> On 20 April 1782, Ichabod Doolittle of Ridgefield, "Administrator of the Estate of Daniel Wilson late of sd. Ridgefield (now absconded & under the protection of the Enemies of the United States of America) which estate is adjudged forfeited to this State, therefore by power & authority given me by Law, & by order of the Court of Probate for the District of Danbury, and for the purpose of enabling me to pay the debts of the sd. Daniel Wilson, for the which his personal estate is insufficient," sold a parcel in Ridgebury Parish, in quantity 8 acres 40 pole, to Abner Wilson.<sup>31</sup>

Children of Daniel and Sarah (Whitlock) Wilson<sup>32</sup>:

1. Thaddeus Wilson, b. 5 March 1763. He died on 30 March 1798.<sup>33</sup>

<sup>25</sup>Ridgefield deeds, 5:126a; FHL Film no. 5498.

<sup>26</sup>Letters of Guardianship and administration, Burlington Co., N.J., vol. A, page 133; FHL Film no. 832957.

<sup>27</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 1:247; 2:21.

<sup>28</sup>Ibid., 2:154.

<sup>29</sup>Danbury probate registers, vol. 4, p. 118; FHL Film no. 4025,

<sup>30</sup>Connecticut probate packets, Danbury district file no. 1097 [filed under Benjamin Burt]; FHL Film no. 1016222.

<sup>31</sup>Ridgefield deeds, vol. 6:76b; FHL Film #5498.

<sup>32</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:7.

<sup>33</sup>Ibid., 2:209.

2. Sarah Wilson, b. 19 June 1767. No further record is found of her.

8. Abner Wilson, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Brooks) Wilson, b. 5 June 1744 at Ridgefield. He married at Ridgefield, 30 June 1768, Anne Sherwood.<sup>34</sup> They moved after the Revolutionary War to northern Albany County, New York, the area that became Saratoga County. Abner's last two deeds at Ridgefield reflect this migration. In a deed dated 27 May 1791, Abner Wilson "of Balls Town in the State of New York" sold a 7-acre parcel to David Scott;<sup>35</sup> and on 16 January 1792, Abner Wilson, "late of Ridgfield, .. now of the State of New York and county of Still Water" [i.e. Saratoga], sold to Ezekiel Wilson his share in the common land of Ridgefield, described as "one third part of one whole right."<sup>36</sup> This last reference indicates that the original right of Benjamin Wilson, the original proprietor, had at this point belonged to three descendants, probably Abner, Ezekiel, and Thomas Wilson, all of the third generation.

Children of Abner and Anne (Sherwood) Wilson:<sup>37</sup>

- a. Lemira Wilson, b. 10 August 1769.
- b. Thomas Wilson, b. 17 February 1772 at Ridgefield.
- c. Currents Wilson (a daughter), b. 17 March 1774; d. 13 October 177[?]
- d. Ammon Wilson, b. 27 May 1776.
- e. Currents Anne Wilson, b. 17 April 1781.
- f. Sally Wilson, b. 4 March 1783.
- g. Betsey Wilson, b. 3 October 1786.
- h. Ezra Wilson, b. 29 November 1789.
- i. Abner Elva Wilson, b. 11 March 1793 at Ballstown, N.Y., but recorded at Ridgefield

9. Benjamin Wilson, son of Benjamin and Deborah (Bennett) Wilson, born at Ridgefield, 25 November 1743. He apparently married a woman named Sophira, as two children were born to this couple and recorded at Ridgefield in 1767 and 1770. After he conveyed land to his stepfather, John Stuart, in 1770, no further record is found of this Benjamin at Ridgefield. The family relocated to Danbury, where he died before 28 April 1786. On that date, a distribution was made of "the real estate of Benjamin Wilson deceased late of Danbury," including allotment to "the widow" of "the Lot known by the name of Two Brooks" and part of the house; to "Lurana, wife to James Lacy and daughter of the deceased" part of the home lot, and to only son Benjamin the rest of the home lot.<sup>38</sup>

Children of Benjamin and Sophira (-----) Wilson<sup>39</sup>:

- a. Lurania Wilson, b. 3 April 1767 at Ridgefield. By February of 1796, she had married

<sup>34</sup>Ibid., 2:150.

<sup>35</sup>Ibid., 7:153a; FHL Film no. 5499.

<sup>36</sup>Ibid., 7:167a.

<sup>37</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:26.

<sup>38</sup>Danbury district probate register vol. 5, pp. 491-492; FHL Film no. 4025.

<sup>39</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:28.

James Lacy and they were living in Saratoga County, New York.

- b. Benjamin Wilson, b. 7 July 1770 at Ridgefield. He was living in Fairfield in 1796, and may have moved there from Danbury before 1790, when the first U.S. Census shows a Benjamin Wilson family in Norwalk, Stamford, or Fairfield [the census lumped all three towns together]. The household contained one male over 16, 1 male under 16, and 3 females. If this is he, it might include himself, his mother, and his sister, but the other female and younger male are unidentified. But there may be some other explanation for this family, as Benjamin was still “of Danbury” when, according to a deed dated 19 December 1793, Reuben Sherwood of Fairfield [likely a different man from the one who married his aunt Rebeckah] sold him a share in a fulling mill and shop in Fairfield. A second deed dated 11 May 1795 and apparently concerning the same mill, calls him “Benjamin Willson of said Fairfield formerly of Danbury.”<sup>40</sup> On 20 November 1797, Ebenezer Perry conveyed to Benjamin Wilson a 30-rod parcel. The same day, Wilson mortgaged this land and the mill property as well to Perry.<sup>41</sup> On 7 Nov. 1801, Benjamin Wilson sold the 30-rod parcel (his homesite) and the mill property (then under lease to William Carr) to Reuben Sherwood of Fairfield.<sup>42</sup> Finally, on 19 March 1807, Martha Perry of Fairfield quit-claimed to Benjamin Wilson of Redding and his wife Martha her right and interest in three parcels in Fairfield.<sup>43</sup> On the same day Benjamin and Martha together sold one of these parcels, 4 acres and 36 rods to Eleazar Perry.<sup>44</sup> This suggests that Benjamin’s wife may have been the daughter and namesake of Martha Perry the grantor. Jacobus reported a marriage of Benjamin Wilson and Martha Perry at the Fairfield Congregational Church on 16 Oct. 1794, with three children baptized in the next six years.<sup>45</sup> He was probably the Benjamin Wilson living in Fairfield at the time of the 1800 U.S. Census, whose household contained 1 male aged 26 to 44; 1 female, 16 to 25; 2 males under 10, and 1 female under 10. The 1810 and later censuses show the Benjamin Wilson household at Redding, Fairfield County. Benjamin Wilson died at Weston intestate in 1844, and Ebenezer Wilson of Redding, probably a son, was appointed the administrator of his estate. All personal property went to his widow, Martha.<sup>46</sup>

10. Thomas Wilson, son of Benjamin and Deborah (Bennett) Wilson, born at Ridgefield, 25 October 1757. He married at Ridgefield, on 27 January 1779, Eunice Northrup.<sup>47</sup> Eunice died

<sup>40</sup>Fairfield deeds, vol. 26, p. 222, 339; FHL Film #4257.

<sup>41</sup>Ibid. vol. 28, p. 48–49, 359–360; FHL Film #4258.

<sup>42</sup>Ibid., vol. 29:520; FHL Film #4259.

<sup>43</sup>Ibid., vol. 31:527; FHL Film #4260.

<sup>44</sup>Ibid., vol. 32:289; FHL Film #4260. The script is a bit unclear, so it may instead read “Ebenezer Perry.”

<sup>45</sup>Jacobus, *Families of Old Fairfield*, 2:758, 1059.

<sup>46</sup>Easton district probate packets, File no. 585; FHL Film no. 1016349.

<sup>47</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:154.

on 12 September 1812.<sup>48</sup> Perhaps he married, during the next 28 years, the woman (name not stated) who died on 4 February 1840, "aged about 80." This record gives the husband the title, "Dr."<sup>49</sup> No other record I have seen so far have identified this Thomas as a physician, and it is possible that this was a different person, such as Thomas Rockwell Wilson, son of Ezekiel (see under Section 5, above). However, this record would be compatible with the one in which the present Thomas Wilson married, on 31 January 1841, Sarah Munrow.<sup>50</sup> The 1850 census shows Thomas Wilson, 93, and his much-younger wife Sarah, 44, as the only Wilsons living in Ridgefield. Thomas died on 20 March 1856.<sup>51</sup> He was the last descendant of Ridgefield settler Benjamin Wilson to bear the surname in Ridgefield, though other Wilsons from different lines would live there.

Thomas Wilson served in the Revolutionary War, and in 1832 applied for a pension under an act passed by Congress that year. In his deposition of 3 August 1832 before a Danbury Probate District judge, he stated that in January of 1776, "he entered the service of the United States by enlisting for two months in a company of state troops under Captain Nathaniel Barnum in Colonel Dimon's regiment, and performed the service in the City of New York in keeping guard. And that on the expiration of said two months, he enlisted for one month in a company under the command of Lieutenant Benjamin Smith, and was employed in said City working at fortifications and was honorably dismissed at the end of each period of service. And that on the first of April of the year 1776 he again entered the service of the United States by enlisting in a company under Captain Cornelius Steinrod [also spelled "Steenrod" in other records] in Colonel McDougal's regiment in the New York line of the Continental Establishment for nine months. That said Company mustered for service in the City of New York, where they remained a short time and then crossed over on to Long Island, and for several days in succession had slight skirmishes with the Enemy. Then recrossed to the City of New York, marched to Harlem, thence to the White Plains and thence to Crumponds in said State of New York, and was there honorably discharged (verbally) on or about the first of January 1777, having performed the duty of a sergeant by a warrant from proper authority (which is now lost) for the full period of nine months."<sup>52</sup> This brief account suggests that Thomas Wilson experienced the Battle of Long Island, which involved the arrival of a British fleet and the landing of troops on Long Island. The British expected to surround the army of General George Washington that was encamped on Brooklyn Heights, but the American Commander-in-chief slipped the trap by evacuating his troops under cover of darkness on the night of 29–30 August, 1776.

The deposition continues: "That in the month of June 1779 the company of militia under Captain David Olmsted and to which this declarant belonged, was called out on an alarm and that he went with the said Company to Fishkill, Peekskill and Gregory's Parish (now Carmel) and Morisson's Stores (now Peterson) in the State of New York, and was at said Morisson's Stores dismissed and returned home, having served for the period of half a month." Further

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<sup>48</sup>Ibid., 2:216.

<sup>49</sup>Ibid., 2:235.

<sup>50</sup>Ibid., 2:190.

<sup>51</sup>Ibid., vol. 3A, p. 36; FHL Film #1435730. The record gives the age of 96, but he was actually 98.

<sup>52</sup>Revolutionary War pension applications, file no. W10,280; FHL Film no. 972610, frame 66–67.

testimony included his birth date on 25 October 1757, which had been recorded in a family Bible; that he lived in Ridgefield at the time of his service and resided there continuously thereafter. Thomas Wilson stated that he knew of no living who could serve as a witness to his service.<sup>53</sup> Yet on 16 February 1833, Thomas Sherwood of Ridgefield made a deposition in support of Wilson, noting that they had served together briefly in Captain Steenrod's company before Sherwood transferred to another regiment, and continued to see him during their service in New York in 1776.<sup>54</sup> Also, Thomas Wilson himself had served as such a witness for other servicemen. One of these was William Rockwell, a Ridgefield native who also served in Captain Steenrod's company. Rockwell fell ill after the Long Island evacuation and had to be discharged early. Thomas Wilson, as Sergeant of the company, went to Ridgefield in December of 1776 to check up on him and "was informed by the father of William Rockwell that he had brought him home from the Army sick, and that William still remained sick and unable to do duty, that this deponent being in great haste at the time did not call into the house to see William."<sup>55</sup>

In a second deposition, dated 6 March 1833, Thomas Wilson gave additional details of his service, including how his company was placed under John McDougal's command when the colonel was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General; and "that said regiment marched to Harlem Heights and joined the main Army under General Washington, and marched with the Army [under] his command to the White Plains. After the Battle of the White Plains, Genl. Washington with the main part of his Army marched into the State of New Jersey, when the regiment to which this Declarant belonged were left under the command of McDougal."<sup>56</sup> From this, we may discern that Thomas Wilson participated in the events at White Plains but did not go with Washington through New Jersey.

On 22 March 1855, Thomas Wilson, then 97 years old, applied to obtain a warrant for bounty land under a recently passed act of Congress. He apparently did not obtain this land before his death a year later, for his widow Sarah Wilson (born "Monroe") applied on 7 November 1856 to receive the bounty land warrant. She also soon applied for a widow's pension under an 1853 act of Congress. Her deposition, dated 28 March 1857, notes that Thomas had received a pension of \$41.71 annually for his service until his death on 12 March 1856 (a date that disagrees with the Ridgefield vital records by eight days), that she married the pensioner on 31 January 1841, and was now 48 years old.<sup>57</sup> Sarah Wilson received the pension, but there is no further record in the file about the bounty land.

The children of Thomas and Eunice (Northrup) Wilson, born at Ridgefield<sup>58</sup>:

- a. Elizabeth Wilson, b. 8 November 1779. She married at Ridgefield, on 12 April 1801, Seth Woodward. The Ridgefield vital records list one child born to this couple:

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<sup>53</sup>Ibid., frame 67.

<sup>54</sup>Ibid., frames 111–112.

<sup>55</sup>Revolutionary War pension applications, file no. R-8923 ; FHL Film no. 972070, frames 90–91.

<sup>56</sup>Revolutionary War pension applications, file no. W10,280; FHL Film no. 972610, frames 109–110.

<sup>57</sup>Ibid., frames 70, 77, 80.

<sup>58</sup>Ridgefield vital records, 2:61.

Solomon Woodward, b. 2 January 1802. They may have left the area, as the 1810 census does not show Seth Woodward at Ridgefield.

- b. Benjamin Wilson, b. 11 January 1782. He married at Ridgefield, on 26 November 1801, Lucy Whitlock. She was likely related to Jonathan Whitlock who, on 7 July 1807, sold to Benjamin Wilson a parcel in Ridgefield containing 18 acres and 1 rood of land.<sup>59</sup> On the same day, Benjamin conveyed the land back to Whitlock subject to a mortgage. On 21 November 1811, Thomas Wilson sold to Lucy Wilson, wife of Benjamin Wilson of Ridgefield, a 3.5-acre parcel.<sup>60</sup> Lucy died at Ridgefield on 30 Sept. 1813.<sup>61</sup> This may have been soon after giving birth to the youngest of four known children, whose births are not recorded at Ridgefield. On 30 March 1821, "Matilda Wilson, aged eighteen years, and Thomas Wilson aged fourteen years, minor children of Benjamin Wilson of said Ridgefield, and Lucy Wilson late wife of the said Benjamin, now deceased, ... made choice of the said Benjamin Wilson to be their guardian." Benjamin was also appointed guardian of Samuel Wilson, aged 9, and Lucy Wilson (age about 7). Benjamin and the children petitioned to sell land in Ridgefield and Danbury.<sup>62</sup> On 13 August 1821, Benjamin sold to Nehemiah Mead 2<sup>nd</sup> the 5-acre parcel his wife had purchased from his father.<sup>63</sup> According to online pedigrees, Benjamin and the children subsequently settled at Sullivan, Tioga Co., Pennsylvania. He remarried, and the 1850 census shows his wife as Dorcas, aged 54 and born in New York, while younger children in this and earlier censuses indicates that he may have had other children by his second wife. The 1850 household includes "D. H. Wilson, 17 (female); Lewis N. Wilson, 14; and Amos M. Wilson, 10, all born in Pennsylvania; but it is possible that some or all of them were Dorcas's children by a previous marriage and that Benjamin had adopted them."<sup>64</sup>
- c. Alma Wilson, a daughter, b. 9 November 1787. No further record has been found of her.

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<sup>59</sup>Ridgefield deeds, vol. 9:183b; FHL Film no. 5500.

<sup>60</sup>Ibid., 10:55.

<sup>61</sup>Ridgefield vital records, vol. 2, p. 218; FHL Film no. 1435730.

<sup>62</sup>Danbury probate packet no. 5371; FHL Film no. 1016325

<sup>63</sup>Ridgefield deeds, 13:258a; FHL Film no. 5502.

<sup>64</sup>U.S. Census of 1850, viewed on Ancestry.com on 25 November 25, 2011.

## A Barnes Family of Norwalk, Wilton and Westport, Connecticut

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This family line likely descends from Barnes ancestors who settled in Long Island, Massachusetts or the Connecticut Valley, but my article attempts only to determine relationships among Barnes family members in the Norwalk/Fairfield area after the Revolutionary War.

With the scarcity of both civil and religious records in this era, especially in Norwalk, I was fortunate to find at the Fairfield Museum and History Center a Barnes lineage by Wilton genealogist David H. Van Hoosear, penciled on several small sheets paper when he interviewed Lewis Barnes sometime before 1906. Barnes, then an elderly man, grew up in Poplar Plain, a neighbor to Van Hoosear relatives, according to the latter's book on the Fillow family.

I have attempted establish or refute statements about the twenty-two descendants of John and of Joseph Barnes named in the manuscript, introduced below with roman numerals. Where available, the children of each of the above have been added. Quotations, except from Norwalk land records or otherwise noted, are from this manuscript.

The document, hereinafter called the Barnes family ms., begins, "John or Wm. Barnes probably came from L[ong]. I[sland]. His sons may have been born there as Joseph occasionally took a boat and went over there as his son Lewis stated supposedly to see relatives ..." <sup>1</sup> John Barnes (but no William) is found in the 1790 census in Norwalk, which lists both John and a John Jr. <sup>2</sup> The latter is probably the John Barnes who married Molly Baker in Greens Farms, Fairfield (now Westport) on 17 Oct 1788. She was a daughter of Ebenezer Baker and Mabel Lockwood. <sup>3</sup> With no further Barnes' listed in Fairfield for the next generation or in contemporary Norwalk vital or church records, I turned to censuses, land records and other sources. In the 1800 census John, John Jr. and Joseph Barnes were heads of household in Norwalk. In 1810, John resided adjacent to Joseph Barnes. <sup>4</sup>

Norwalk land records first mention the family on 29 Oct. 1802 when "John Barns Jun. of Norwalk" mortgaged an acre of land and a small dwelling house in Poplar Plain, "bounded east by Jesse Bedient's land and north, south and west by the highway," receiving from William St. John \$10.75. On 30 Nov. 1808, "John Barns" of Norwalk signed, with "his mark" a document giving his son Joseph all his possessions "in a place called Wolfpit Hills." This document was recorded with the town on 3 April 1809. On the same day, "Joseph Barns" released and quit-claimed "full use and liberty" of a well on land "belonging to my father John Barns, deceased, lying in Norwalk at Wolfpit Hills" to Esther Sturdevant for \$1. <sup>5</sup> As indicated below, Esther was Joseph's aunt, who was likely wife of Abner Sturdevant, their neighbor in the 1800 and 1810 censuses. The area was later known as Cranbury Plain, not far south of Chestnut Hill (a part of Wilton after 1802) laying east of Poplar Plain, now in Westport, set off in 1835.

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<sup>1</sup> Barnes family, manuscript by David H. Van Hoosear, Van Hoosear file, Special Collections, Fairfield Museum and History Center, 370 Beach Road, Fairfield CT.

<sup>2</sup> 1790 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Norwalk and Stamford towns, roll 1, p. 311. The Barnes' are shown to be in Norwalk in, "1790 census for Norwalk and Stamford towns," by Joyce Pendery, in *Connecticut Ancestry*, v. 32, no. 4 (171), May 1990, p. 169.

<sup>3</sup> *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, compiled and edited by Donald Line Jacobus. (reprinted) Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co, 1991, p. 35.

<sup>4</sup> 1800 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Norwalk, roll 1, p. 194. 1810 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Norwalk, roll 1, p. 143.

<sup>5</sup> Norwalk land records, 29 Oct 1802, v. 20, p. 409. Ibid, 3 Apr 1809, v. 21, p. 265; and v. 21, p. 350

**Genealogical summary:** (quotations below from the Barnes family ms. except as indicated)

1. **JOHN BARNES**, birth place and date unknown. He died between 30 Nov 1808 and 3 Apr 1809 in Norwalk. His wife's name, place of birth and date of marriage are also unknown. It is difficult to estimate their children's dates of birth – age group categories for these persons are checked inconsistently in the early censuses. John Jr. seems to be older by a few years. He established his homestead by 1790 apart from his father and Joseph, the latter remaining adjacent to his father and inheriting his property. Esther, if the wife of Abner Sturdevant, would have been at least age 25 in 1800, but less than 45 in 1810. Abner Sturdevant does not appear in the 1820 census.<sup>6</sup> Children of John and (\_\_\_\_\_):

- 2 i. John, b. say 1765.
- ii. Esther, b. say 1770. She died sometime before the marriage of Anna Harrison, widow of Joseph Barnes by 1834, to Olmstead as his third wife, as noted below. Esther Barnes was married first, to "Mr. Sturdevant," likely Abner. They "[had] two boys and two girls; after his death she married second (as his second wife), 'Blind Sam' Olmstead."
- 3 iii. Joseph, b. say 1775.

2. **JOHN BARNES [Junior]** married Fairfield, 17 Oct 1788, **MOLLY BAKER**. He died before 1830 in Norwalk. Molly Barnes was listed as head of household in the 1830 census and, as Mary Barnes, in that of 1840. She was not present in 1850, probably having died by that date.<sup>7</sup> Children of John and Molly (Baker) Barnes:

- i. Mabel, born probably Norwalk, 25 Dec 1790. married Eli Wilson in 1807 and removed with him to Ohio in 1818. She is not mentioned in Barnes family ms., but I place her here for several reasons. If her birth date is accurate, the only Barnes family in Norwalk in 1790 likely to then have an infant was that of John Barnes, Jr. and Molly. His census entry that year lists "one male and two females." Both Molly's mother and a sister were named Mabel. Mabel Barnes' marriage to a Wilson born in Weston in 1789 suggests a possible connection to the unnamed Wilson wife of John's brother Joseph, as discussed below.<sup>8</sup>
- ii. James, born probably Norwalk, ca. 1792. He died in Westport 15 Jan 1870, aged 77.<sup>9</sup> He married "Olive Olmstead, a daughter of 'Blind Sam.'" They had three girls and a boy," but by 1850 none were living in their household.<sup>10</sup> Olive died 20 Jun 1866, aged 63-4-15, born in Wilton, her parents' names not given.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>6</sup> 1800 census, op. cit., 1810 census, op. cit.

<sup>7</sup> 1820 census, Connecticut, Fairfield Co., Norwalk, roll 1, p. 196. John named as head of household but marks for one male and one female, 16-25 as well as one female 26-45 are listed. 1830 census, Connecticut, Fairfield Co., Norwalk, roll 6, p. 253. 1840 census, Connecticut, Fairfield Co., Norwalk, roll 21, p. 141.

<sup>8</sup> Obituaries for Wilson, Mabel Barnes (1868) and Wilson, Eli (1869), in compiled obituaries for Richland Co., Ohio, found at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohrichla/Obituaries/ObitsWA-WL.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohrichla/Obituaries/ObitsWA-WL.htm), (accessed 19 Dec 2011). Molly Baker's sister Mabel married Samuel Partrick 5 Feb 1795 as his second wife, in Barbour Collection, Norwalk Vital Records, v. LR 18, p. 29. He was a neighbor of John Barnes Jr. in the 1790 and 1800 censuses. Also as noted in Haslam, Patricia, "Richard Partrick or Partrick of Norwalk, 1978, p. 38.

<sup>9</sup> Westport vital records, 1867-1886, p. 476; parents listed as "John and Mary Barnes."

<sup>10</sup> 1850 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Westport, roll 36, p. 80A.

<sup>11</sup> Westport vital records, 1852-1866, p. 95.



- iii. Charles, born probably Norwalk, ca. 1795. He married Fairfield, Betsey Folliot, 23 Aug 1821. She was a daughter of Seaborn and Salome "Sally" Folliot. Charles was a shoemaker in Norwalk. He died between 1830 and 10 Sep 1832, when Betsey married Harry Partrick.<sup>12</sup> Children of Charles and Betsey (Folliot) Barnes:<sup>13</sup>
1. William F. b. ca. 1822.<sup>14</sup>
  2. Charles, b. Norwalk, 10 Feb 1824, d. Norwalk, 22 Apr 1893, m. Wilton, 19 Feb 1847, Louisa Brewer.<sup>15</sup>
  3. Emeline.
- iv. John, born probably Norwalk, date unknown. He married his first cousin, "Phebe Barnes, daughter of Joseph," and Anna (Harrison) Barnes. Neither John nor Phebe are named in either the 1830 or 1840 census, but ages of persons in several Barnes households could account for their presence.
1. Mabel, b. ca. 1820, d. Westport 1 Feb 1883, m. David Mills, ca. 1840<sup>16</sup>.
- v. William, born probably Norwalk, date unknown, "died young."
- vi. Sarah, born probably Norwalk, ca. July 1806. Though not mentioned in Barnes family ms., she may be a child of John and Molly. She died Norwalk, 24 Mar 1892, single, age 86-9-8, parents stated as John and Martha.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Barbour Collection, Fairfield Vital Records, v. 1-M, p. 5. Death record for Betsey Partrick, 21 Dec 1879; Norwalk Vital Records, 1879-1902, p. 14. Parents given as Seaborn and Salome. Marriage of Seaborn Folliot of Norwalk and widow Sarah Forbes, 7 Jan 1797, Fairfield, in *Early Connecticut Marriages as found in ancient church records prior to 1800*, by F.W. Bailey, v. 3, p. 166. Marriage of Betsey Barnes to (\_\_\_\_) Partrick, 10 Sep 1832, in Barbour Collection, Norwalk Vital Records, v. 1, p. 16.

<sup>13</sup> Children as listed in Barnes family ms. The 1830 census, Connecticut, Fairfield County, Norwalk, roll 6, p. 253, shows one male and one female under five years and one male five and under ten.

<sup>14</sup> Norwalk Probate, v. 6, p. 77, rec. 14 Dec 1838: "Harry Partrick was chosen guardian of William F. Barnes minor age 16, both of Norwalk."

<sup>15</sup> Marriage of Charles Barnes of Norwalk to Louisa Brewer of and at Wilton, 19 Feb 1847, extracted from the Norwalk Gazette, in "Marriage and death notices covering Norwalk and nearby towns, extracted from newspapers, alphabetized and indexed by Lester L. Card." FHL microfilm 1405480. Death of Charles Barnes, Norwalk Vital Records, 1879-1902, p. 244. Date of birth calculated from death record

<sup>16</sup> Westport vital records, 1867-1886, p. 528, as Matilda Mills; note in index, p. 7, cites correction to Mabel Mills in 1951 v. of births, giving death date as 26 Jan. Hale Collection, Westport, Lower Greens Farms Cemetery, p. 89 cites Mabel, wife of David Mills with same date of death as "Matilda."

<sup>17</sup> Norwalk Vital Records, 1879-1902, p. 218

3. **JOSEPH BARNES**, married first, (\_\_\_\_) **WILSON**, probably in Norwalk. There were several Wilson families in Norwalk and in nearby towns. Betsey Wilson married Powell Batterson in Norwalk on 20 Jan 1788. They lived not far from the Barnes family and on 9 Mar 1805 their son Wilkey W[ilson] Batterson was born. It seems possible that the two Wilson women were related, given that Joseph's first son was also named Wilkey.<sup>18</sup> Joseph "married second, **ANNA HARRISON**," b. say 1778, probably in Norwalk. At some point after Joseph's death which occurred by 19 May 1834, she became the third wife of "Blind Sam" Olmstead of Wilton. Anna Olmstead died in 1860, in Wilton, a widow age 82.<sup>19</sup> The sixteen children of Joseph by his two wives are listed here in the sequence found in Barnes family ms. but they may not be in actual order of age if birth dates or estimates found in census and death records are correct. Children of Joseph and \_\_\_\_ (Wilson) Barnes:

- i. Wilkey, born probably Norwalk, say 1797. Unmarried, he died between 1860 and 1870, probably in Norwalk. The probate court in 1857 appointed a conservator for his property, describing him as "insane" and "an incompetent person." He was listed in the 1860 census, age 62, residing in the "poorhouse," as "blind, insane, a pauper."<sup>20</sup>
- ii. Joseph, born probably Norwalk, date unknown. Described in Barnes family ms. as having "went West." No further information has been found to date.

Children of Joseph and Anna (Harrison) Barnes:

- iii. Henry "Harry," born probably Norwalk, say 1799, d. before 1850, married Charlotte "Lotte" Miller before 1824. Children of Harry and Charlotte (Miller) Barnes:<sup>21</sup>
  1. Henry, b. ca. 1824.
  2. Jane, b. ca. 1830.
  3. Francis, b. ca. 1833.
- iv. William, born probably Norwalk, date unknown; "married in New Jersey."
- v. Phebe, born probably Norwalk, date unknown; married John Barnes, son of John (Jr.) and Molly, "her own cousins." See above, iv. John.

<sup>18</sup> Wilson-Batterson marriage from Barbour Collection, Norwalk Vital Records, LR18, p. 36. Wilkey Wilson's birth date from baptism, Trinity Church, Fairfield, cited in "Batterson Family," by Theodore M. Sastrom in *Connecticut Nutmegger*, v. 7, no. 3 (Dec 1974), p. 467.

<sup>19</sup> Norwalk Probate, v. 5, p. 179, Estate of Joseph Barnes, appointment of administrator, rec. 19 May 1834. Third wife of Olmstead cited in Barnes family ms. and in Olmstead, Henry King and George Kemp Ward, *Genealogy of the Olmsted family in America*, New York: A.T. DeLaMare, 1912, p. 219. Anna Olmstead, widow, d. 24 Oct 1860, Wilton Vital Records, 1852-1866, p. 57.

<sup>20</sup> Norwalk Probate, v. 11, p. 100, rec. 1 Jun 1857. Related probate documents range in date from 13 Apr 1857 to 4 Mar 1858. The one of 13 Apr 1857 refers to Barnes as "about 60 years of age." 1860 census, Connecticut, Fairfield Co., Norwalk, roll 74, p. 767. His death date was not recorded and he was not found in the 1870 census.

<sup>21</sup> Children as listed in 1850 Census, Connecticut, Fairfield Co., Westport, roll 38, p. 81. I have not been able to identify them further in Westport or Norwalk records.

- vi. Mary, born probably Norwalk, say 1796, died Westport, 26 Jan 1893, age 96, which would give a birth year of 1796/7.<sup>22</sup> She married Edwin "Edward" Allen of Westport, about 1830. He and his sons were boatmen or oystermen. Children of Edwin and Mary (Barnes) Allen:<sup>23</sup>
1. Jane, b. ca. 1830.
  2. Rebecca, b. ca. 1834.
  3. Elnathan, b. Dec 1835, d. Westport, 26 Jan 1883, age 47-6-0, m. Westport, 18 Feb 1856, Almira Batterson, divorced by 1868.<sup>24</sup>
  4. Charles W., b. ca. 1838 m. Westport, 15 Jun 1858, Jerusha Partrick.<sup>25</sup>
  5. Harriet E., b. ca. 1844 m. Westport, 21 Aug 1862, Charles B. Batterson.<sup>26</sup>
  6. Mary E, b. ca. 1847 m. David F. Mills, ca. 1867.<sup>27</sup>
  7. John B., b. ca. 1850.
- vii. Fannie, born probably Norwalk, say 1807. She was mentally handicapped, residing with her parents, then with her sister Clarissa Brown. She died 9 Dec 1883 in Wilton, age 76-8-0.<sup>28</sup>
- viii. Nancy, born probably Norwalk, say 1804. She died 19 Feb 1895, age 90. She married Uriah Hendrick, who died two days before his wife. They resided in Cranbury Plain, Norwalk. Children of Uriah and Nancy (Barnes) Hendrick:<sup>29</sup>
1. James, b. ca. 1834, d. Norwalk, 22 Aug 1916, m. Norwalk, Sarah \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>30</sup>
  2. Sarah M., b. ca. 1836.
  3. Charles, b. 4 Jan 1843, Norwalk, d. Norwalk, 8 Jun 1931.<sup>31</sup>
  4. Nancy Jane, b. ca. Apr 1846, d. Norwalk, 7 Oct 1880.<sup>32</sup>
  5. Josephine, b. Norwalk, 2 May 1849 (or 8 Mar 1852), d. 5 Feb 1917, m. Norwalk, 18 Jun 1866, Eli Cogswell.<sup>33</sup>
- ix. Anna, born probably Norwalk, date unknown. She "died single."

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<sup>22</sup> Westport Vital Records, 1887-1897, p. 216.

<sup>23</sup> 1860 census, Connecticut, Fairfield Co., Westport, roll 75, p. 114-5. 1850 census, op. cit, p. 104B.

<sup>24</sup> Westport Vital records, 1852-1866, p. 62. "Batterson Family," by Theodore M. Sastrom in *Connecticut Nutmegger*, v. 7, no. 3 (Dec 1974), p. 474.

<sup>25</sup> Westport Vital records, op. cit., p. 64.

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 70.

<sup>27</sup> No marriage record has been found for them in Westport; the listing for 1867 being particularly short. David F.'s mother Mabel (Barnes) Mills, wife of David, was first cousin to his wife Mary, daughter of Mary (Barnes) Allen.

<sup>28</sup> Wilton vital records 1881-1901, p. 216. Described in Barnes family ms.as, "unmarried – foolish, dumb and a cripple, lived to be quite an old lady. She was fond of rings & had all fingers nearly covered, also fancy colors of dress, ribbons, &c."

<sup>29</sup> Norwalk vital records 1879-1902, p. 292. List of children from 1850 census, Westport and 1860 census, Norwalk. See note 31 for discussion of Josephine's birth record.

<sup>30</sup> Norwalk vital records 1909-1923, p. 137. Death record gives birth only by year, "wid. of Sarah \_\_\_\_." Norwalk vital records 1879-1902, p. 114, death of Edmond Hendrick, 5 Sep 1886, age 19, lists parents as James & Sarah.

<sup>31</sup> Norwalk vital records 1929-1935, p. 196. Birth date from death record. Parents' names not listed but his name and ages given in censuses from 1870-1930 leads me to believe that this Charles was the son of Uriah & Nancy.

<sup>32</sup> Norwalk vital records 1879-1902, p. 24. Birth date calculated from death record, unmarried.

<sup>33</sup> Norwalk vital records 1848-1861, p. 65, for birth. Norwalk vital records 1862-1869, p. 120, for marriage. Norwalk vital records 1909-1923, p. 147 for death, which states her birth date as 8 Mar 1852. Since she was not listed in the 1850 census despite an 1849 Norwalk birth entry, an earlier Josephine may have died, another born 1852. However, her age as given in her marriage record and the 1880 census both indicate a birth date before 1850.

- x. Clarissa "Clara," born probably Norwalk, say 1811. She died 22 Jul 1892, Westport, age 80-10-25. She married, Norwalk 18 Nov 1844, Bezaleel Brown. They had no children. They moved to Wilton by 1850, where Bezaleel died on 17 Apr 1881.<sup>34</sup>
- xi. [Unnamed], d. young.
- xii. Lewis, "born near Cranbury, Norwalk, 8 Sep 1813." He died Norwalk, 8 Apr 1906. He married (1) "Jane, daughter of Nathan and \_\_\_ Mills Morehouse." Jane died, Wilton, 28 Jun 1846. They had two children who died young. He married (2) Norwalk, 26 Oct 1847, Mahala Batterson, "a sister of James Barnes' wife." Mahala died, Wilton, 16 Mar 1871.<sup>35</sup> Lewis was a shoemaker. Children of Lewis and Mahala (Batterson) Barnes:
1. Ida, b. Norwalk, 24 Jan 1848, m. Harry Loft<sup>36</sup>
  2. William Franklin, b. Norwalk 10 Apr 1849, d. Petosky MI 8 Oct 1920, m. Kent Co. MI 19 Dec 1872, Alzara Lucinda Gray<sup>37</sup>
  3. George Wesley, b. Westport, 5 Oct 1850.<sup>38</sup>
  4. Louisa, b. Wilton, 3 Nov 1852, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Brewer.<sup>39</sup>
  5. Irene, b. Wilton, 29 Jun 1853, m. Melville Downs (div.).<sup>40</sup>
  6. Ferdinand, b. Wilton, 8 Sep 1856, d. Petosky MI, 24 Oct. 1934, m. Emmett MI, 6 Jun 1884, Ellen Jane Gallop<sup>41</sup>
  7. Albert Lewis, b. Wilton, 26 Mar 1859, d. Norwalk 25 Jun 1943, m. Maria Wallace.<sup>42</sup>
  8. Frank, b. Wilton, 8 Jul 1861, m. Norwalk, 20 Dec 1881, Estella "Matilda" Mead.<sup>43</sup>
  9. Ella Jane, b. Wilton, 7 Dec 1863, m. Norwalk 17 Oct 1897, William Irving Warner.<sup>44</sup>
  10. Edward James, b. Wilton, 5 Sep 1866, d. 7 Sep 1934, m. Annie L. Clark.<sup>45</sup>
  11. Charles, b. Wilton, 1868, m. Eva \_\_\_\_\_.
  12. Orrin Benjamin, b. Wilton, 9 Mar 1871, d. 8 Sep 1871.<sup>46</sup>

<sup>34</sup> Westport vital records 1887-1897, p. 214, for death. Norwalk vital records 1820-1848, p. 30 for marriage. Wilton vital records 1881-1901, p. 206, for Bezaleel Brown's death. Barnes family ms. incorrectly calls him Zalmon, but correctly has him a son of Nathaniel, as noted in his death record.

<sup>35</sup> Norwalk vital records 1902-1909, p. 68. Death record gives b. date as 8 Sep 1812, age 93-7-0. Hale Collection, Wilton, Hillside Cem., p. 49 lists Barnes, Jane, wife of Lewis, d. 28 Jun 1846, age 25; infant daughter d. 7 Aug 1846 age 2 mo. Wilton vital records 1852-1866, p. 49, Jane Barnes d. 16 Nov 1852 age 9. Norwalk vital records 1820-1848, p. 35, 46, marriage of Lewis to Mahala. Wilton vital records 1867-1880, p. 39, death of Mahala.

<sup>36</sup> Norwalk vital records 1820-1848, p. 41, transcribed by Barbour as "Hamilton," but 1850 census, Westport, p. 76. reads "Idowalla," age 2. Marriage to Harry Loft as noted in 1880 Census, Norwalk, p. 89.

<sup>37</sup> Norwalk vital records 1848-1862, p. 47. Marriage & death information supplied by S. Montgomery of California, to this writer.

<sup>38</sup> Westport vital records 1847-1852, p. 59.

<sup>39</sup> Wilton vital records 1852-1866, p. 1, birth, unnamed female. For married surname citation, see note 44.

<sup>40</sup> Wilton vital records 1852-1866, p. 6, named Orrin (f.). Spouse name and divorce status cited in 1910 Census, Wilton, p. 5A.

<sup>41</sup> Wilton vital record 1852-1866, p. 8. Marriage & death information supplied by S. Montgomery

<sup>42</sup> Norwalk vital records 1942-1945, p. 190; death record includes date of birth. Wilton vital records, no 1859 Barnes birth.

<sup>43</sup> Wilton vital records 1852-1866, p. 20, birth, unnamed male. Norwalk vital records 1870-1904, p. 70, marriage.

<sup>44</sup> Wilton vital records 1852-1866, p. 25, birth, unnamed female. Norwalk vital records 1870-1904, p. 202, marriage.

<sup>45</sup> Norwalk vital records 1929-1935, p. 433; death record includes date of birth

<sup>46</sup> Wilton vital records 1867-1880, p. 9, birth and, p. 40, death of Orren. No Wilton birth record found for

- xiii. Sarah "Sally," born probably Norwalk, say 1814. She married Samuel Barlow of Westport as his second wife. Children of Samuel and Sarah (Barnes) Barlow:<sup>47</sup>
1. Phoebe A., b. ca. 1840.
  2. Mary A., b. ca. 1841, m. Westport, 30 Sep 1859, Miles Robertson.<sup>48</sup>
  3. Hannah, b. 15 Jun 1844, d. 25 Apr 1911, m. Westport, \_ Jul 1860, George A. Baker.<sup>49</sup>
  4. Eunice, b. ca. 1845, d. Norwalk, 18 May 1915.<sup>50</sup>
  5. John, b. 6 Mar 1848, d. Westport, 18 May 1926, m. Westport, Abby Jane Barnes.<sup>51</sup>
  6. Susan, b. ca. 1850
- xiv. Elizabeth "Betsey," born probably Norwalk, say 1820, died Norwalk, 6 Jan 1892, age 72. She married [Hiram] Clark Brown. Hiram died Norwalk, 7 June 1894, age 78. Brown and most of his sons were oystermen. Children of Hiram Clark and Elizabeth (Barnes) Brown:<sup>52</sup>
1. John Wesley, b. Norwalk 30 Apr 1846, d. Norwalk 10 Mar 1915, m. Norwalk, 3 July 1866 Sarah F. Tobey<sup>53</sup>
  2. George Ludlow, b. 27 Aug 1847, d. Norwalk, 2 Jun 1913, m. Eliza D. Gardner.<sup>54</sup>
  3. Homer Byington, b. ca. 1850, d. Norwalk, 19 Aug 1934, m. (1) Norwalk, 2 Feb 1876, Mary A. Allis, m. (2) Minnie Angleman.<sup>55</sup>
  4. Julia A., b. ca. 1851, m. Norwalk, 13 Dec 1875, William H. Tobey.<sup>56</sup>
  5. Elizabeth, b. ca. 1856
  6. Hiram C., b. Norwalk, 11 Jun 1858.<sup>57</sup>
  7. Mary L., b. ca. 1861, m. Norwalk, 10 Sep 1881 Wilfred W. Morrison.<sup>58</sup>

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Charles, who appears in the 1930 census, with siblings Frank Barnes and Louisa Brewer in Weston.

<sup>47</sup> Barbour Collection, Fairfield, v. 1-M, p. 2, Samuel Barlow married Lucy Mills, 23 July 1820. Children as listed in 1850 census, Westport, roll 38, p. 104B.

<sup>48</sup> Westport vital records 1852-1866, p. 66. He was born in Weston, his name spelled in the record as "Robterson."

<sup>49</sup> Westport vital records, op. cit., p. 68.

<sup>50</sup> Norwalk vital records 1909-1923, p. 113, age 70, resident of Town Farm, parents unknown.

<sup>51</sup> Westport vital records 1847-1852, p. 6. Westport vital records, deaths 1925-27, p. 130. No marriage record found. Abby Jane was daughter of Sanford Barnes (unplaced) and Abby Jane Brotherton.

<sup>52</sup> Norwalk vital records 1879-1902, p. 215. Norwalk vital records, op. cit., p. 272, death of Hiram Clark Brown. Barnes family ms, cites Clark as "bro. of above Zalmon," but his death record lists him as born in Greenwich, son of Samuel (see note 34). Children as listed in 1870 and 1880 censuses.

<sup>53</sup> Norwalk vital records 1862-1869, p. 120. Norwalk vital records 1909-1923, p. 109. Birth date as given in death record.

<sup>54</sup> Norwalk vital records 1909-1923, p. 79; birth date as given in death record. Wife's maiden name from her death record, 16 Jan 1923, Norwalk vital records, op. cit., p. 267.

<sup>55</sup> Norwalk vital records 1929-1935, p. 428, age at death, 84. Norwalk vital records 1870-1904, p. 38, marriage to Mary A. Allis. Married Minnie Angleman, about 1900, as evident from 1900 Census, Norwalk.

<sup>56</sup> Norwalk vital records 1870-1909, p. 38.

<sup>57</sup> Norwalk vital records 1848-1861, p. 295.

<sup>58</sup> Norwalk vital records 1870-1909, p. 68.

- xv. James, born probably Norwalk, say 1817, died Norwalk, 27 May 1874, age 56. He married Sarah Batterson, "sister of Lewis' second wife," about 1840. Sarah died Norwalk 19 Mar 1897, age 70. Children of James and Sarah (Batterson) Barnes:<sup>59</sup>
1. Sarah F., b. ca. 1841, m. Norwalk 16 Jan 1858, David A. Cogswell.<sup>60</sup>
  2. Lewis W., b. ca. 1843, d. Norwalk 5 May 1923, m. Norwalk 15 Jul 1865, Mary F. Cogswell.<sup>61</sup>
  3. Emeline, b. ca. 1845.
  4. Anna, b. Norwalk Apr 1846, d. Norwalk 20 Dec 1913, m. Norwalk 12 Sep 1865, Warren H. Reynolds.<sup>62</sup>
  5. Isabella, b. Norwalk 3 Jul 1850, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Hall.<sup>63</sup>
  6. Emily F., b. Norwalk 4 Apr 1851.<sup>64</sup>
  7. James H., b. Norwalk 16 Jan 1855, d. Norwalk 1 Dec 1941, m. (1), Norwalk 26 Jul 1888, Annie Olson, m. (2), Bridgeport 19 Apr 1912, Lydia Olsson.<sup>65</sup>
  8. Georgianna, b. ca. 1857
  9. Charles, b. ca. 1859
  10. Elizabeth, b. Norwalk, 1 Nov 1862, d. Norwalk 1 Apr 1951, m. George B. Tobey<sup>66</sup>
  11. [Albert] Augustus, b. Norwalk 15 May 1866, d. Norwalk 11 Dec 1945.<sup>67</sup>
- xvi. [unnamed], d. young.

<sup>59</sup> Norwalk vital records 1862-1878, p. 218. Norwalk vital records 1879-1902, p. 340, death of Sarah (Batterson) Barnes. Children as named in the 1860 and 1870 censuses.

<sup>60</sup> Norwalk vital records 1848-1861, p. 281. He was brother of Mary F. Cogswell who married Lewis W. Barnes, see note 59..

<sup>61</sup> Norwalk vital records 1909-1923, p. 275. Birth date from Hale Collection, Norwalk, Norwalk (Union) Cemetery, p. 101. Norwalk vital records 1862-1869, p. 116; marriage record gives her surname as Cogsworth. Her death record, 22 June 1893, Norwalk vital records 1879-1902, p. 248 lists Cogswell, confirmed in 1850 census, Norwalk, p. 186A. Her brother Eli married Josephine Hendrick, (see note 31).

<sup>62</sup> Norwalk vital records 1862-1869, p. 116. Norwalk vital records 1909-1923, p.86. Birth date as given in death record.

<sup>63</sup> Norwalk vital records 1848-1861, p. 103. Surname Hall found in obituary of brother James H. Barnes, published in the Norwalk Hour, 1 Dec 1941.

<sup>64</sup> Norwalk vital records, op. cit., p. 133.

<sup>65</sup> Norwalk vital records 1936-1942, p. 494; birth date as given in death record. Norwalk vital records 1870-1909, p. 116, for 1<sup>st</sup> marriage; Norwalk vital records 1910-1923, p. 195 for 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage..

<sup>66</sup> Norwalk vital records 1948-1953, p. 298; birth date as given in death record.

<sup>67</sup> Norwalk vital records 1942-1945, p. 338; birth date as given in death record.

Dist.*	Date	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	# of Mar.
		Smith	Mary					Waterbury	1
6	30 Jun 1850	Middlebrook Hodge	Robert Eliza T.					Bridgeport "	1 1
2	March 1850	Nichols Brinsmade	John B. Harriett	33 35	White "	Farmer	Trumbull Trumbull	Trumbull +	2 1
4	24 Dec 1849	Sanford Mallett	Ebenezer F. Clarissa	54 36	White "	Farmer	Weston Trumbull	Easton Easton	2 1
4	24 Mar 1850	Davis Mallett	Burr Mary J.	24 19	White "	Mechanic	Nagatuc [sic] Trumbull	Waterbury "	1 1
6	10 Nov 1850	Lewis Fuller	James Cathrine	27 18	White "	Mechanic	Trumbull Huntington	Bridgport	1 1
6	10 Dec 1850	Bennett Squire	Josephus Loutice [?]	23 19	White "	Mechanic	New York Trumbull	Bridgeport	1 1
1	25 Oct 1850	Nichols Curtiss	William G. Sally	38 52	White "	Farmer	Trumbull Milford	Trumbull	2 3
1	12 May 1851	Hitchcock Curtiss	George Harriet	22 25	White "	Mechanic	Danbury Trumbull	Trumbull "	1 1
2	4 Dec 1850	Hawley Hubbell	John Frances	21 18	White "	Shoemaker	Trumbull "	Trumbull	1 1

### Deaths, Trumbull, CT, 1848-1851

\* School Districts: 1 – Nichols Farm, 2 – White Plains, 3 – Daniels Farm, 4 – Tashua, 5 – Chestnut Hill, 6 – Long Hill

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	Cause
1	20 Oct [1848]	Pees	William		Colord		Trumbull	Trumbull	Unknown
1	16 Jan [1849]	Piersons	M <sup>rs</sup> Hepsy	55	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Consumption
1	23 Feb [1849]	Nichols	M <sup>rs</sup> Mary	29	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Fever on the Brain
1	12 May [1849]	Nichols	M <sup>rs</sup> Samantha	26	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Billious Fever
1	24 Jun [1849]	Curtiss	Ira	48	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Consumption

Dist.*	Date	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	# of Mar.
		Treadwell	Mary A.		"				
3	10 Jan 1849	Judson Brinsmade	Gould Cornelia	28 24	White "	Turner	Huntington	Huntington	
3	11 Apr 1849	Lattin Lewis	Birdsey Harriet	38 24	White "	Bootmaker	Newtown	Monroe	1
4	21 Mar 1849	Nichols Gregory	Isaac E. Ermina	22 20	White "	Mechanic	Trumbull	Trumbull	1
4	7 May 1849	Hard Peck	David H. Sarah P.	22 17	White "	Mechanic	Monroe	Trumbull	1
6	5 Oct 1848	Turney McChindy	Legrand S. Catharine	42 30	White "	Carpenter	Trumbull Ireland	Trumbull "	1
6	15 May [1849]	Perry Bennett	Levi Emily	26 28	White "	Pill maker	Stratford New York	Bethel Trumbull	1
1	29 Jan 1850	Nichols Nichols	David S. Mary E.	29 28	White "	Mechanic	Trumbull	Trumbull	2 2
1	27 Mar 1850	Nichols Brinsmade	John B. Harriet E.	32 34	White "	Farmer	Trumbull	Trumbull	2 1
1	21 May 1850	Peck Nichols	Edwin Caroline	21 20	White "	Mechanic	Danbury Trumbull	Bridgeport Trumbull	1 1
1	5 Jun 1850	Peck Nichols	John L. Eliza	21 23	White "	Mechanic	Stratford Trumbull	Trumbull	1 1
3	29 Apr 1850	Booth Coan	Samuel L. Sarah A.	20 18	White "	Farmer	Trumbull Bethlem [sic]	Trumbull	1
6	23 Aug 1849	Palmer Middlebrook	Theophilus Comfort A.	27 24	White		Vermont Trumbull	Bridgeport Trumbull	1 1
6	2 Dec 1849	Fulford Riggs	John A. Harriett	28 24	White "		Monroe Weston	Trumbull "	2 1
6	24 Mar 1850	Davis Mallett	Burr Mary J.				Trumbull	Trumbull	1 1
6	31 Mar 1850	Coe Lattin	Lewis Marietta					Stratford Newtown	1 1
6	9 Jun 1850	Mallett	Jesse					Trumbull	2



Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Names of Parents	Age	Color	Occupation	Residence
1	17 Oct 1850	Pardee	John L.	John L. Pardee Caroline Pardee		White "	Mechanic	Trumbull
1	26 Feb 1851	Nichols	[blank] female	James Nichols Elizabeth Nichols		White "	Mechanic	Trumbull
1	23 Jun 1851	Nichols	Still born	Elbert Nichols Ermina Nichols		White "		Trumbull
1	23 Aug 1851	Peck	Irving C.	George W. Peck Delia Peck		White "	Mechanic	Trumbull
2	2 Oct 1850	Beach	Samuel	Charles Beach Elizabeth Beach	45 40	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
2	2 Dec 1850	Fairchild	[blank] female	Daniel Fairchild Eliza Fairchild	45 37	White "	Paper maker	Trumbull
2	8 Jan 1851	Sterling	Sherwood	Charles Sterling Minerva Sterling	42 37	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
2	31 Jan 1851	Booth	Lewis W.	Walter G. Booth Elmira Booth	37 29	White "	Farmer	Trumbull

### Marriages, Trumbull, CT, 1848-1851

\* School Districts: 1 – Nichols Farm, 2 – White Plains, 3 – Daniels Farm, 4 – Tashua, 5 – Chestnut Hill, 6 – Long Hill

Dist.*	Date	Surnames	Given Names	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	# of Mar.
1	3 Oct 1848	Curtiss Lyon	Birdsey Polly	25 23	White "	Farming	Trumbull Redding	Trumbull	1
1	25 Mar 1849	Nichols Gregory	Isaac E. Ermina	22 20	White "	Farming	Trumbull "	Trumbull	1
1	27 Jul 1849	Ambler Nichols	Franklin P. Lavinia	24 20	White "	Saddle Manufacturer	Trumbull	Trumbull	1
2	16 May 1849	Hatfield Hawley	Charles Mary		Color'd "		Trumbull	Trumbull	1
2	20 May 1849	Leggett	Washington S.		Color'd		Trumbull	Trumbull	1

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Names of Parents	Age	Color	Occupation	Residence
6	6 Feb 1850	Prindle	Lewis C.	James M. Prindle Mary E. Prindle	28 24	White "		
6	27 Mar 1850	Sale	[blank] male	Luther Sale Eliza Sale	34 44	White "		
6	12 Apr 1850	Fowler	[blank] female	Daniel G. Fowler Polly J. Fowler	29 21	White "		
2	23 Oct 1849	Barns	Elizabeth	Charles Barns Emily Barns	35 33	White "	Papermaker	Trumbull Trumbull
2	18 Jan 1850	Sterling	Still born, male Margaret [sic]	Charles Sterling Minerva Sterling	42 32	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
2	12 May [1850]	Brinsmade	Charles E.	James D. Brinsmade Eliz <sup>a</sup> Brinsmade	32 24	White "	Carpenter	
6	2 Aug 1850	Beers	[blank] female	Legrand G. Beers Hepsa Beers	31 28	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
6	6 Oct 1850	Palmer	John E. T.	Theophilus Palmer Anner Palmer		White "	Merchant	Bridgeport
3	16 Aug 1850	Booth	Eugene S	Samuel L. Booth Sarah A. Booth	20 20	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
3	22 May 1851	Taylor	Mary E.	James Taylor Margret Taylor	31 26	White "	Carriage Maker	Trumbull
3	3 Jul 1851	Taylor	[blank] female	John G. Taylor Laura Taylor	39 38	White "	Labourer	Trumbull
3	27 Jul 1851	Smith	[blank] female	John B. Smith Clarissa Smith	28 22	White "	Mechanic	Trumbull
3	[1850/51]	Beach	Still born	Abel S. Beach, Jr. Margaret Beach		White "	Farmer	Trumbull
1	29 Aug 1850	Curtiss	Edith E.	Joel Curtiss Emily Curtiss		White "	Mechanic	Trumbull
1	29 Aug 1850	Beardsley	Samantha J.	John C. Beardsley Jane Beardsley		White "	Mechanic	Trumbull
1	2 Oct 1850	Leggett	Cha <sup>s</sup> W.	Thompson Leggett Mary Leggett		Black "		Trumbull

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Names of Parents	Age	Color	Occupation	Residence
6	31 Oct 1848	Prindle	John M.	James M. Prindle Mary E. Prindle	28 23	White "	Cordwainer	Trumbull
6	25 Nov 1848	Bevans	Lafayette F.	John Bevans Samantha Bevans	29 28	White "	Carpenter	Trumbull
6	23 Jan 1849	Gardner	Charles H.	H. V. Gardner Mary F. Gardner	31 31	White "	Clergyman	Trumbull
6	6 Apr 1849	Knapp	Francillia	George W. Knapp Laura A. Knapp	29 27	White "	Carriage maker	Trumbull
1	25 Feb 1850	Pierson	[blank] female	William R. Pierson Augusta A. Pierson	30 26	White "	Mechanic	Trumbull
1	30 May 1850	Clark	Still born	Andrew Clark Sarah J. Clark	32 34	White "	Mechanic	Trumbull
1	12 Aug 1849	Drinon	Mary E.	George Drinon Martha P. Drinon	28 25	White "	Mechanic	Trumbull
3	8 Aug 1849	Beach	May E.	David M. Beach Emily Beach	30 32	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
3	1 Mar 1850	Buckingham	Stephen N.	Moses T. Buckingham Sarah Buckingham	35 35	White "	Shoemaker	Trumbull
3	24 Sep 1849	Beck	Mary E.	Peter Beck May A. Beck	25 24	White "	Labourer	Trumbull
6	10 Jul 1850	Walker	[blank] male	Charles Walker Delia Walker	44 30	White "		
6	15 Sep 1849	Beardsley	Mary Eliza	Orville H. Beardsley Nancy Beardsley	33 32	White "		
6	28 Sep 1849	Turney	James	Legrand S. Turney Catherine Turney	42 23	White "		
6	30 Oct 1849	Kent	William C.	William Kent Jane Kent	44 40	White "		
6	24 Nov 1849	Canady	Frances	Charles Canady Ann Canady	26 21	White "		
6	19 Dec 1849	Wakeley	Stiles B.	Stiles P Wakeley Maria Wakeley	40 33	White "		

<b>Dist.*</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Given Name</b>	<b>Names of Parents</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Residence</b>
1	23 Jul [1849]	Peet	[blank] male	Nelson A. Peet Jane Peet	35 36	White "	Saddletree Maker	Trumbull
2	5 Oct 1848	Booth	Julia Ada	Walter G. Booth Almira Booth	33 27	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
2	7 Aug 1848 (or Oct?)	Booth	Augusta	John M. Booth Mary Booth	39 39	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
2	1 Feb 1849	Burton	Still born	Benjamin Burton Harriet Burton	36 34	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
2	24 Oct 1848	Ward	Harriet E.	John Ward Mary E. Ward	33 26	White "	Seaman	Trumbull
2	[1848/9]	Sherman	Still born	Thomas Sherman [blank] Sherman	60 35	White "	Labourer	
2	[1848/9]	Hughs	James	[blank] Hughs [blank] Hughs	40 35	White "	Gold Smith	Trumbull
3	13 Aug 1848	Brinsmade	Herman	Charles S. Brinsmade Mary E. Brinsmade	31 26	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
3	15 Feb 1849	Porter	Edward	George B. Porter Julia E. Porter	28 24	White "	Boot maker	Trumbull
3	20 May 1849	Sears	[blank] female	David S. Sears Jane Sears	27 27	White "	Boot maker	Trumbull
3	9 Jun 1849	Edwards	[blank] female	Elbert E. Edwards Anna Edwards	30 28	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
3	25 Jul 1849	Beach	Francis	Philo Beach Susan Beach	25 19	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
4	7 Dec 1848	Lyon	Francis S.	Charles Lyon Mary M. Lyon	24 22	White "	Mechanic	Trumbull
4	1 Apr 1849	French	David C.	David French Hannah French	37 37	White "	Mechanic	Trumbull
5	20 Mar 1849	Beardsley	Clarissa Jane	Shelton Beardsley Jannett Beardsley	30 25	White "	Farmer	Trumbull
6	30 Oct 1848	White	Charles F.	Joseph F. White Ellan White	28 28	White "	Silver plater	Bridgeport

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths for Trumbull, CT, 1848-1851

Trumbull's vital records recorded by school district are found in a volume labeled "Volume 1, Birth, Death, Marriage, 1848-1891." Records begin with the first Monday in August 1849 and continue for just three school years until the first Monday in August 1851. Later records in this same volume, beginning 1 Oct 1852, omit the school district designation but seem complete beginning on that date.<sup>1</sup> Records are missing for the first two years, 1847-48 and 1848-49 when vital records should have been reported by school district, and there is no transcript of the 1847-48 record in the State Archives as there are for most other Connecticut towns.

#### Births, Trumbull, CT, 1848-1851

\* School Districts: 1 – Nichols Farm, 2 – White Plains, 3 – Daniels Farm, 4 – Tashua, 5 – Chestnut Hill, 6 – Long Hill

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Names of Parents	Age	Color	Occupation	Residence
1	15 Oct 1848	Curtiss	Cornelius E.	David Curtiss Phebe A. Curtiss	23 26	White "	Carriage Maker	Trumbull
1	18 Oct 1848	Curtiss	John L.	Lewis B. Curtiss Harriet E. Curtiss	28 29	White "	Carriage Maker	Trumbull
1	6 Dec 1848	Lyon	Horace F.	Horace S. Lyon Eliza Lyon	38 25	White "	Saddletree Maker	Trumbull
1	30 Jan 1849	Nichols	Mary E.	James K. Nichols Elizabeth Nichols	24 21	White "	Carriage Maker	Trumbull
1	1848	Fairchild	Laura Ann	Charles N. Fairchild Mary B. Fairchild	30 22	White "	Carriage Maker	Trumbull
1	1848	Curtiss	Emma T.	Joel Curtiss Emily Curtiss	22 20	White "	Saddletree Maker	Trumbull
1	15 Mar [1849]	Curtiss	[blank] female	Elliot P. Curtiss Clarrisa Curtiss	35 31	White "	Saddletree Maker	Trumbull
1	22 Mar [1849]	Hubbell	Amanda	William Hubbell Sarah A. Hubbell	33 29	White "	Carpenter	Trumbull
1	15 Jun [1849]	Peet	[blank] male	George E. Peet Elizabeth A. Peet	33 24	White "	Saddletree Maker	Trumbull

<sup>1</sup> See Robert A. Locke, "Trumbull Vital Records, 1734-1841" in *Connecticut Ancestry* vol 49, no. 4 (May 2007) for earlier Trumbull records which are not in the Barbour Collection of Vital Records. Also see Harlan R. Jessup, "Sources for Early Trumbull, CT, Records," in the same issue of this journal.

Newtown, 28 Aug 1899, æ 24y, 6m, of "phthisis pulmonaris," not married,<sup>16</sup> bur. in St. Rose Cemetery, Newtown.<sup>17</sup>

- iii. John, b. 3 May 1877, 4<sup>th</sup> child [*sic*], bp. 13 May, sponsors John Kelly and Mary J. Leavy. Name from baptism record. The birth record has the name "Patrick" added later. This is probably the child whose death is recorded as "Mary," child of "Mike and Ann," d. 10 Aug 1877 of "cholera infantum," æ 2m, 5d.<sup>18</sup>

Children by (2), b. Newtown.<sup>19</sup> All except Marion/Mary in the 1910 Federal Census of Dedham, MA:

- iv. Matilda Mary, b. 6 Aug 1882, bp. 3 May 1884,<sup>20</sup> sponsors James P. Keating and Lizzie McNamara.
- v. John Thomas, b. 24 Jun 1883, bp. (as Thomas) 2 Dec 1889, sponsors Patrick Keating and Helen Keating.
- vi. Josephine Henrietta, b. 26 Mar 1885, bp. 2 Dec 1889, sponsors Patrick McCarthy and Margaret McCarthy. In the 1910 census two grandchildren of Michael, Dorothy and Marion Buchanan, ages 7 and 3 mos., live with the family. Josephine is shown as married for one year with two living children, but her name is still listed as McNamara.
- vii. Marion Cecilia (Mary A. in b. record), b. 29 Jul 1887, 6<sup>th</sup> child [!], bp. 2 Dec 1889 (as Mary A.), sponsors Michael Kelly and Sarah Kelly, not in 1910 census with family.
- viii. Anna Theresa, b. 7 Apr 1889, 6<sup>th</sup> child [!], bp. as Mary Theresa 15 Apr, sponsors James Carmody and Ann Collins.
- ix. Joseph Michael, b. 26 Dec 1890, bp. as Michael Joseph, 1 Jan 1891, sponsors James W. Keating and Bridget Keating.
- x. Agnes Gertrude, b. 19 Nov 1892, 7<sup>th</sup> child, bp. 18 Dec, sponsors Michael O'Connor and Bridget Keating.
- xi. Lena Ruth (Leana R. in b. record), b. 22 Mar 1895, 9<sup>th</sup> child (of Matilda), bp. 18 Apr, sponsors Thomas Tracy and Mrs. Michael McNamara.

*Research on these families was undertaken for Mr. Daniel Merlin of Reading, MA, a descendant of Michael McNamara and Matilda Gunther, whose permission to publish is gratefully acknowledged.*

<sup>16</sup> Newtown BMD 1896-1927, p. 240.

<sup>17</sup> Burial record book at town clerk's vault.

<sup>18</sup> Newtown BMD 1870-95, p. 484. Note: No birth or baptism for "Mary" or death for "Patrick" recorded in Newtown.

<sup>19</sup> Newtown BMD 1870-95, pp. 90,100,118,130,146,158 respectively, omitting Matilda and Joseph; baptisms from St. Rose Church, Newtown

<sup>20</sup> Birth and baptism in the St. Rose Church record.

A Michael McNamara of Pohtatuck District is on the voter rolls for 1890, but as there were at least two of that name in town at the time, we cannot be sure this is "our" Michael. Town maps of 1854 and of 1868 show names of householders, but neither Michael McNamara nor Carl Guenther appear on those maps.

## Family Summaries

### Gunther Family

**Carl Conrad (Charles) Guenther/Gunther**, b. Nassau/Prussia, ca 1821, son of Herman and May (Abbe) Guenther, d. Newtown, 14 Mar 1882, of pneumonia,<sup>4</sup> m. say 1853, **Mary Ann**, b. Germany, ca 1836, d. Newtown, 1 Sep 1858, of typhus fever.<sup>5</sup> Charles Gunther of Newtown, native of Nassau, was naturalized 14 Mar 1860 at the Superior Court, Bridgeport.<sup>6</sup> He owned property on Walnut Tree Hill Road in Newtown. Children:<sup>7</sup>

- i. Conrad, b. ca 1852, not found in 1870 census.
- + ii. Matilda, b. Newtown, 28 May 1855, m. Michael McNamara.
- iii. Mary A., b. ca 1857, not found in 1880 census.

### McNamara Family

**Michael McNamara**, b. Ireland, ca 1845, d. Dedham, MA, 2 Aug 1914,<sup>8</sup> m(1) Newtown, CT, 10 Nov 1872,<sup>9</sup> **Ann Leavy**, b. Ireland, ca Jan 1841, probably the daughter of Michael and Ann "Lacy" in the 1850 Federal Census of Newtown, d. Newtown, 30 Jul 1877, æ 36y, 6m, of consumption,<sup>10</sup> m(2) Newtown, 22 Feb 1881,<sup>11</sup> **Matilda Gunther**, b. Newtown, 28 May 1855, dau. of [Carl] Conrad and Mary Gunther,<sup>12</sup> d. Dedham, MA, aft 1910. Matilda had a child, Charles Gunther, b. in Massachusetts, ca 1877, by an unknown father.<sup>13</sup> A Michael McNamara was naturalized at the Superior Court in Bridgeport, CT, on 26 Mar 1867,<sup>14</sup> though we cannot be sure this is our Michael. In the 1880 Federal Census of Newtown Michael McNamara with children Elizabeth and James is in the same household with Charles Gunther, his daughter Matilda, and her son Charles. Michael was not found in the 1900 census, but in the 1910 census of Dedham, MA, Michael and Matilda live at 404 Washington St, Dedham, MA. Children, by (1), b. Newtown:<sup>15</sup>

- i. Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie Anna), b. 8 Sep 1873 (1<sup>st</sup> child), bp. 12 Sep, sponsors Maurice Leavy and Ann McNamara.
- ii. James Joseph, b. 25 Feb 1875, bp. 28 Feb, sponsors James Leavy and Mary Gallagher, d.

<sup>4</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1870-95, p. 506 (hereafter Newtown BMD)

<sup>5</sup> Newtown BMD 1852-69, p. 127.

<sup>6</sup> Bridgeport Superior Court Records, vol. 4. p. 390.

<sup>7</sup> 1860 and 1870 Federal Census of Newtown, CT.

<sup>8</sup> Massachusetts Archives Deaths vol. 34, p. 34.

<sup>9</sup> Newtown BMD 1870-95, p. 300.

<sup>10</sup> Newtown BMD 1870-95, p. 484.

<sup>11</sup> Newtown BMD 1870-95, p. 318.

<sup>12</sup> Newtown BMD 1852-69, p. 67, "unnamed female" in this record.

<sup>13</sup> 1880 Federal Census of Newtown.

<sup>14</sup> Bridgeport Superior Court Records, vol.5, p. 210.

<sup>15</sup> Newtown BMD 1870-95, pp. 30,42,54; baptisms from register of St. Rose Church, Newtown

including \$20 due to Conrad Derlam.<sup>2</sup>

Records are found in Newtown for the marriage of Conrad Derlam to Mary Jane McCrade (another of those rare German-Irish marriages), births of several of their children, the death of Mary Jane, and a second marriage to Regina Horringer. Conrad Derlam's death is not recorded in Newtown, but on 27 Feb 1896 his administrator sold Newtown property in his estate to Michael J. Houlihan.<sup>3</sup> No family relationship between Carl Gunther and Conrad Derlam has been discovered.

### **St. Rose Church records**

Before the establishment of the local parish, Newtown was served by the Roman Catholic church in Danbury, CT, but that church has no early records which might have cited events for the Gunther family.

St. Rose parish was established in Newtown in 1859, and there seems to be a complete record of baptisms from that date. Marriage records also begin in 1859 but are missing from about 1870 to 1896, the period of Michael McNamara's two marriages. The second volume of church records, dated 1869-1895, includes the baptisms of all of Michael's children by his two wives. For some reason Matilda, his first child by second wife Matilda Gunther, was not baptized until almost two years after her birth. Lizzie, Michael's oldest daughter at age 18, served as sponsor for her half-sister's baptism. Michael's next three children by Matilda were baptized together when the oldest was six and the youngest more than two.

Though there were other McNamara families in town, including Patrick McNamara and one or possibly two other Michaels, none of these others served as sponsors to Michael's children, and no other relationship has been found with our Michael.

### **John, child of Michael and Ann McNamara**

The child of Michael and Ann born on 3 May 1877 was baptized as John on 13 May, and this must be his correct name. The original town birth record is for an unnamed child, but sometime later the name "Patrick" was added, very probably in error. Also, "Mary," child of Mike and Ann, with approximately the same calculated birth date as John, died on 10 Aug 1877. And it seems likely that this entry is also for John (I have found names and even sexes confused in other records). Supporting this conclusion, Michael had another son, also named John, born in 1883 to his second wife.

### **Other records**

In the 1890 school census James, son of Michael, b. 1874, is found in the Pohtatuck (now spelled Pootatuck) school for the school year 1888-89. A Nellie McNamara, b. 1876, is in the same school. Though she is also the daughter of "Mike," she is clearly the 8<sup>th</sup> child of Mike and Mary McNamara, which is not our family.

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<sup>2</sup> Newtown Probate Estate Papers #960.

<sup>3</sup> Newtown Land Records, vol. 54, p. 334.



## **Carl Gunther and Michael McNamara Families of Newtown, CT**

Harlan R. Jessup

The second half of the nineteenth century brought large numbers of immigrants to Newtown to work at the New York Belting and Packing Company, locally known as "the Rubber Company," who had built two mills powered by the Pootatuck River, a tributary of the Housatonic. The great majority of these families were Irish with just a handful of Germans. This is exemplified by the 1880 census of Newtown, which records 198 natives of Ireland working in the rubber factory, 8 Germans, and just 11 native Yankees.

New York Belting and Packing closed their operations in Newtown in 1898. The mills were soon acquired and operated by the Fabric Fire Hose Company with somewhat fewer workers, but mostly those who had worked for the rubber company. Others of the immigrant families soon moved to Bridgeport or to other of the more industrial towns in Connecticut such as Danbury, Norwalk, and Waterbury.

The Gunther and McNamara families perhaps exemplify these mill workers, though marriages between Germans and Irish were certainly uncommon.

### **Newtown Deeds and Probate Records**

Carl Gunther's only Newtown deeds are with a partner, Conrad Derlam. On 21 Jun 1859, at their first appearance in the records, the two purchased 4 acres on Walnut Tree Hill Road for \$250 from James Egan. On 18 Oct 1859 they mortgaged 7½ acres there for \$100 to the Savings Bank of Newtown. On 3 Nov of that year they purchased an additional three-quarters of an acre adjoining their own land for \$30, also from James Egan. And on 6 Dec 1859 they mortgaged 8 acres to Newtown Savings Bank for \$200. Though there is some discrepancy in the acreage, it is clear that the deeds refer to the same adjoining parcels. No release of these mortgages was found among the Newtown deeds. Also, the deed of 3 Nov 1859 refers to "the west line runs in the same direction as the west line of the land the grantees purchased of Patrick Culligan," but there no deeds to or from Patrick Culligan recorded in Newtown. Finally, on 9 Apr 1861 Conrad Derlam purchased the undivided half of 8½ acres from Carl Gunther, the last appearance by Gunther in the land records.<sup>1</sup>

In the first three of the above deeds the town clerk recorded Gunther's partner as Conrad "Devlin," an Irish surname. More accurately as to birthplace, if not as to given name, the 1880 census of Newtown lists the two as "Henry" Derlam born in Darmstadt (in the grand duchy of Hesse), and, on the same page, "John" Gunther born in Nassau, a German city state.

On 17 Mar 1882, three days after Carl Gunther's death, James A. Wilson was bonded administrator of his estate with Conrad Derlam as surety. The inventory totalled \$116.36, with cash on hand of \$40, personal effects of \$10, "bills payable" of \$10, and \$56.36 due from his employer, New York Belting and Packing Company. Claims against the estate totaled \$69.64

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<sup>1</sup> Newtown Land Records 41:374,405,434; 43:154,155.

**Marriages of Norwalk Residents at Greens Farms Congregational Church**  
Paul R. Keroack

These records were collected in the course of research for the Barnes family of the foregoing article. They are transcribed from the original church records now held by the Fairfield Museum and History Center and are not found in the statewide Barbour Collection of Vital Records

pp. 30-52, by Thomas F. Davies.

Marvin **Raymond** & Laura **Morehouse**, both of Norwalk, m. 29 Nov 1829.

Frederick **Foot** & Susan **Hawley**, both of Norwalk, m. 30 Apr 1831.

Moses Bradley of Fairfield & Sarah **Wright** of Norwalk, m. May 27, 1831.

John W. **Taylor** & Mary J. **Hoyt**, both of Norwalk, m. 20 Mar 1832.

pp. 35-37, by Charles Bentley.

Gordon H. **Rockwell** & Sarah E. **Cogswell**, both of Norwalk, m. 9 Apr 1854.

Horace W. **Fisher** of Norwalk & Sarah Ann **Allen** of Westport, m. 7 Dec 1856.

Edwin **Benedict** of Norwalk & Sarah W. **Raymond** of Greens Farms, m. 15 Mar 1866.

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	Cause
2	26 Feb 1849	Duncomb	Charles	26	White	Blacksmith	Trumbull	Trumbull	Consumption
2	5 Mar 1849	Treadwell	Cato	96	Colored	Blacksmith	Trumbull	Trumbull	Old age
2	13 Mar 1849	Serman	Thomas	96	White	Laborer	Ireland	Trumbull	Consumption
2	13 Mar 1849	Hughs	Charles	2	White		Trumbull		Dropsy
2	23 Mar 1849	Burton	Jane	60	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Debility
2	30 Mar 1849	Nichols	Polly	69	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Derangement
2	28 Dec 1848	Laforge	Cibbik [Sybil in pencil]	69	White			Trumbull	Unknown
3	2 Jul 1849	Wayland	Norman	20	White	Hatter	Trumbull	Trumbull	Consumption
5	1 Oct 1848	Wheeler	Sherwood	20	White	Farmer	Trumbull	Trumbull	Fever on the brain
5	1 Apr 1849	Hall	Daniel	91	White	Farmer	Easton	Trumbull	Old age
6	15 Dec 1848	Kent	John	79	White	Farmer	Scotland	Trumbull	Old age
6	17 Dec 1848	Salmon	Frances C.	13	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Diabetes
6	8 Feb 1849	Beardsley	Stephen	86	White	Farmer	Trumbull	Trumbull	Old age
6	1 Apr 1849	Bennett	Griffith	32	White	Tailor	New York	Trumbull	Consumption
1	10 Nov 1849	Peet	John B.	2	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Croop
1	18 Jan 1850	Nichols	M <sup>re</sup> Caroline	38	White		Bridgeport	Trumbull	Consumption
1	6 Feb 1850	Ambler	M <sup>rs</sup> Lavinia N.	22	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Fever on the brain
1	26 Feb 1850	Nichols	Avice	62	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Dropsy
3	1 Dec 1849	Brinsmade	Catharine	57	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Consumption
3	25 Jul 1850	Buckingham	Stephen N.	5 mo	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Typhus fever
6	19 Jan 1850	Wayland	Mary C.	20			Trumbull	Trumbull	Consumption
6	28 Mar 1850	[blank]	Male	1 d			Trumbull	Trumbull	
6	29 Mar 1850	Bennett	Betsey	61				Trumbull	Inflamation of the bowels

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth	Residence	Cause
6	5 Apr 1850	Sale	Eliza	44			Southport, CT	Trumbull	Consumption
6	22 Jul 1850	Beardsley	Catharine	80			Monroe	Trumbull	Dropsy
2	9 Dec 1849	Beach	Alfred	73	White	Farmer	Trumbull	Trumbull	Palsy or fit
2	8 Mar 1850	Fairchild	Lewis	75	White	Farmer	Trumbull	Trumbull	Lung fever
2	17 Feb [1850]	Sterling	Margaret	7wks	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	
4	10 Jan 1850	Mallett	Sally	68	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Consumption
4	11 Feb 1850	Nichols	Sylvia	41	White		Monroe	Trumbull	Consumption
4	18 Jul 1850	Nichols	Joseph B.	50	White	Farmer	Trumbull	Trumbull	Consumption
6	1850	Bevans	Samantha	63	White		Monroe	Trumbull	Disease of liver
6	6 Sep 1850	Hubbell	Lewis W.	60	White	Mechanic	Stratford	Trumbull	Disease of heart
6	18 Oct 1850	Middlebrook	Stephen	54	White	Physician	Trumbull	Trumbull	Enteritis
1	20 Oct 1850	Sharp	Charles	20	Black		Trumbull	Trumbull	Consumption
1	22 Jan 1851	Curtiss	Edith E.	9 mo	White		Trumbull	Trumbull	Consumption
1	23 Jun 1851	Nichols [entry blank]	[blank] male		White		Trumbull		Still born
1	23 Jun 1851	Nichols	Ermina	22	White		Trumbull		Child birth
2	24 Sep 1850	Booth	Martial P.	30	White	Farmer	Trumbull	Trumbull	Bilious fever
2	5 Mar 1851	Elwood	Eugene	2	White				Dropsy on the brain
2	10 Apr 1851	Hawley	Mary E.	7	White				Disease of spine
2	11 Apr 1851	Tait	Isabella	20	White				Bilious fever
2	23 Jun 1851	Booth	Isaac	85	White	Farmer	Trumbull	Trumbull	Old age

## Norwalk Deaths, 1848-1851, by School District

Paul Keroack, Barbara Dempsey, Nora Galvin

From the first Monday in August, 1847, to the first Monday in August, 1852, records of vital events were required to be submitted by the school district committeemen, rather than the town clerk, for all Connecticut towns. In Norwalk, these records are extant for 1848-1851 only. The format for the "school district" records is one page for births, one for marriages and one for deaths, bundled for each school district for each year. This format was continued in Norwalk until 1861 even though school district names were not noted after 1851. An index for births in this period was created at some time in the misty past, and this index is included on the microfilm (LDS #1434302) of vital records for the period. No index for the 643 marriages and 1,216 deaths in the 1848-1861 time period had ever been created.

A crack team of Connecticut Ancestry Society genealogists took on the problem. Paul Keroack conceived of the project and created the indexes. Barbara Dempsey worked wonders at proofreading and correcting Paul's errors. Nora Galvin served as arbitrator to compare Paul's and Barbara's work and to interpret the last few illegible names in the records. The final products of this effort—printed indexes to Norwalk marriage and death records 1848-1861—will be presented to the Norwalk Town Clerk for use by clerks and genealogists alike. Electronic copies of these indexes will also be placed in the members-only section of the CAS Web site (premiering soon).

This article presents the section of the Norwalk death index (152 people) that includes school district names (1848-1851), indicating where in the town the families were then living. No death records are found from January, 1852, through September, 1852, and it is likely that these were never recorded by town officials. Not every school district is included for each year, the records having been lost or never recorded by the district committeeman. It is hoped in a future issue of this journal to publish those marriage records which include a school district designation.

Key: D = Downtown; FH = Flax Hill; M5MR = Middle 5 Mile River; M5MR/NE = Middle 5 Mile River or NE; N5MR = North 5 Mile River; NC = North Center; NE = North East; NW = North West; OR = Over River; OW = Old Well; PL = Padding Lane; S5MR = South 5 Mile River; SC = South Center.

Year	Date	Surname	Given Name	Age [y/m/d]	Race	Birthplace	Page	Dist
1851	15-Apr	_____	_____ (m)	1 wk	W	Norwalk	114	NC
1851	29-Apr	_____	_____ (m)	stillborn	B	Norwalk	114	NC
1850	8-May	_____	_____ (f)	0-0-20		Norwalk	99	NW
1850	8-May	_____	_____ (m)	0-0-3		Norwalk	99	NW
1850	25-Jul	Arnold	Caroline E.	14		Norwalk	99	NW
1849	29-Nov	Avery	Ransom B.	2	W	New York	108	S5MR
1850	25-Jan	Bailey	Mary L.	34	W	Norwalk	90	OR
1850	8-May	Batley	John	69	W	England	93	PL
1849	3-Jun	Bedient	John	31	B	Norwalk	75	NE
1850	3-Apr	Beebe	L. Schuyler	15	W	Norwalk	84	NC
1848	10-Nov	Beers	Jonathan	47	W	Norwalk	61	PL

1850	19-Apr	Bell	David	53	W	Connecticut	108	S5MR
1850	21-Aug	Benedict	Franklin S.	0-9-		Norwalk	132	FH
1851	21-May	Benedict	Raymond	72		Norwalk	126	OW
1849	16-Sep	Bennett	Charles H.	2	W	Norwalk	87	D
1848	14-Oct	Bessey	Martha	20	W	Westport	58	OR
1850	18-Apr	Bessey	Samuel	72	W	Norwalk	90	OR
1851	24-Jun	Betts	Rebecca	80	W	Norwalk	117	D
1849	24-Mar	Bishop	George M.	18	W	Norwalk	58	OR
1850	8-Jun	Bishop	Julia A.	42	W	New Canaan	90	OR
1850	6-Dec	Bishop	Julia A.	—	W	Norwalk	120	OR
1850	21-Jul	Bissell	Betsy	92	W	Lebanon	81	SC
1849	16-Nov	Bissell	Emery	59	W	Lebanon	81	SC
1851	20-Jan	Bouton	Charles	40		Norwalk	135	M5MR
1851	20-Apr	Bouton	Sally	64	W	Norwalk	117	D
1850	17-May	Brooks	Mary Isbell	32	W	Pernambuco, S.A.	90	OR
1849	__Jun	Brotherton	Anna B.	24	W	Norwalk	64	OW
1849	27-Aug	Brown	Alvira	28		Norwalk	93	PL
1850	13-Oct	Brown	Hannah	4	W	Norwalk	114	NC
1851	17-Jul	Brown	John	2		Norwalk	129	NW
1849	30-Mar	Brown	Nathaniel	85	W	Greenwich	66	NW
1850	24-Jul	Brush	William C.	1	W	Norwalk	96	OW
1848	22-Sep	Buchnam	Elizabeth	78	W	Chelsea Mass.	58	OR
1851	11-Feb	Buchnam	Wm H.	29	W	_____	120	OR
1851	14-Apr	Buckley	Phillis	100	B	Norwalk	117	D
1848	11-Dec	Burr	Harriet A.	9	W	Norwalk	61	PL
1849	5-Sep	Bush	Sally	61	W	Norwalk	81	SC
1851	24-Feb	Buttery	Eliza	40	W	Wilton	117	D
1849	22-Jul	Butts	John J.	14	W	Norwalk	69	FH
1851	18-Jul	Camp	Mary F.	26		Norwalk	129	NW
1850	9-May	Capitick	Miles	43		England	87	D
1848	1-Oct	Carey	Elizabeth	86	W	Greenwich	64	OW
1851	22-May	Cary	Jane	2		Plymouth Hollow	111	SC
1850	6-Jun	Chapman	Clarissa	58	W	Norwalk	105	
								M5MR/NE
1849	23-Sep	Chichester	Henry	87	W	Babylon N.Y.	96	OW
1848	9-Aug	Clark	Edgar	23	W	Norwalk	55	D
1848	17-Sep	Clason	George W.	27	W	Stamford	72	M5MR
1849	26-Dec	Collins	_____ (f)	0-3-	W	Norwalk	96	OW
1849	3-Aug	Comstock	Miranda	28	W	Norwalk	66	NW
1849	__Jul	Cox	Andrew	33	W	New York	78	S5MR
1851	30-Sep	Craw	[child of M.](m)	—		Norwalk	123	PL
1849	27-Apr	Crawford	Nancy	83	W	Norwalk	58	OR
1851	15-Jul	Crofut	_____ (f.)	1 hr		Norwalk	135	M5MR
1851	15-Jul	Crofut	Anna D.	29	W	Southport	135	M5MR
1849	15-Aug	Day	Eliza B.	0-7-	W	Norwalk	96	OW
1851	17-Jan	De Fontain	Nancy	53	B	New York	120	OR

1850	__Feb	DeGoudecourt	Gustave	—		Guadaloupe, W.I.	90	OR
1851	3-Jun	Dibble	Melissa A.	8		Norwalk	132	FH
1851	12-May	Downs	Harriet J.	0-8		Norwalk	126	OW
1851	30-Jun	Driscoll	Mary	17	W	Ireland	120	OR
1850	__Mar	Dunham	Eliza	—	B	Norwalk	90	OR
1851	1-May	Egan	Christiana	65		Ireland	123	PL
1848	28-Oct	Elwood	Susan F.	3	W	Norwalk	58	OR
1848	26-Aug	Eversley	John	51	W	Norwalk	55	D
1850	25-Mar	Eversley	John	20		New York	87	D
1850	21-Nov	Ferris	George L.	1		Norwalk	132	FH
1848	5-Aug	Flynn	Annetta G.	1	W	Norwalk	61	PL
1851	1-Mar	Fox	Harriet A.	2	W	Norwalk	114	NC
1851	1-Mar	Fox	Harriet A.	2		Norwalk	126	OW
1850	5-Apr	Francey	Mary A.	2	W	Norwalk	90	OR
1849	29-Sep	Freer	Sarah E.	17	W	Weston	96	OW
1849	1-Oct	Freer	Zoe	0-6-	W	Norwalk	96	OW
1850	28-Feb	Fry	A. Josephine	—	W	Norwalk	90	OR
1851	1-Jun	Galpin	Peter	30	W	Norwalk	117	D
1849	12-Jun	Gibbons	Charles R.	42	W	Bath Eng	61	PL
1851	14-Feb	Gilbert	Mary E.	6	W	Ridgefield	120	OR
1850	3-Dec	Godwin	Josephine A.	1 ½		Norwalk	123	PL
1850	28-Dec	Grady	Daniel	19	W	Ireland	120	OR
1849	20-Dec	Gray	Lewis H.	18	W	—	96	OW
1851	29-Apr	Green	Mary	25		Ireland	123	PL
1850	11-Jul	Gregory	Abraham	82		Norwalk	87	D
1851	__Feb	Gregory	Esther	81		Norwalk	111	SC
1848	16-Dec	Gregory	Sarah	83	W	Norwalk	75	NE
1849	18-Apr	Haley	Bridget	2	W	Ireland	55	D
1849	12-Nov	Handes	Sarah J.	1	W	Norwalk	90	OR
1850	_____	Hanford	George S.	11		Norwalk	87	D
1848	26-Aug	Hanford	Rhoda	79	W	Norwalk	55	D
1849	3-Dec	Hanford	Zalmon	3	W	Norwalk	96	OW
1849	8-Jul	Hanlon	Michael	22	W	Ireland	55	D
1849	__Mar	Hayes	Patrick	30	W	Ireland	64	OW
1849	26-Aug	Hazzard	George	32	W	Norwalk	99	NW
1848	26-Aug	Hazzard	George H.	32	W	Norwalk	66	NW
1849	13-Aug	Hegaman	George E.	1	W	New York	105	
		M5MR/NE						
1850	23-Dec	Hendrick	Abraham	7	W	Norwalk	117	D
1851	13-Mar	Hibbs	Cornelia	17	W	Norwalk	120	OR
1850	25-Dec	Hodges	Betsey	49		Somers NY	126	OW
1849	20-Sep	Honika	Joseph F.	1	W	Norwalk	81	SC
1851	4-Mar	Hoyt	Ashley	2 wk		Norwalk	126	OW
1851	4-Mar	Hoyt	Emma A.	20		Norwalk	126	OW
1851	15-May	Hoyt	Ira	51		Norwalk	138	N5MR
1851	8-Jun	Hoyt	Joseph	77	W	Darien	120	OR

1849	22-Sep	Hoyt	Oliver Q.	1	W	Norwalk	105	
		M5MR/NE						
1851	25-Jul	Hoyt	Rosanna	17	W	Norwalk	117	D
1849	11-Mar	Hoyt	Sarah	82	W	Norwalk	66	NW
1850	8-Jul	Hubbell	Esther	65		Ridgefield Ct	93	PL
1850	16-Aug	Hyatt	Sally Ann	26	W	Norwalk	111	SC
1849	__Sep	Jarvis	Betsey	77	W	England	87	D
1850	6-Nov	Jarvis	Jesse	90	W	Norwalk	117	D
1850	23-Mar	Jarvis	Mary	13	W	Norwalk	87	D
1850	28-Mar	Jarvis[?]	Mary	62	W	Germany	90	OR
1850	30-Jun	Jelliff	Eunice	82	W	Greenfield	81	SC
1849	3-Feb	Jennings	Phebe Ann	26	W	Charleton N.Y.	55	D
1849	20-May	Jocelyn	Anna	50	W	Norwalk	72	M5MR
18__	2-Nov	Jocelyn	Mary	20	W	Norwalk	105	
		M5MR/NE						
1849	11-Jul	Johnson	Jonathan	72	W	Greenwich	78	N5MR
1849	__Apr	Johnson	Michael	50	B	_____	78	S5MR
1849	6-Feb	Joyce	Horace	0-1-F66	W	Norwalk	64	OW
1848	21-Dec	Kearney	Patrick	0-9-	W	Ireland	66	NW
1851	14-Jun	Kellogg	June	2		Norwalk	123	PL
1849	4-Oct	Kellogg	Mary L.	4	W	Norwalk	90	OR
1850	23-Apr	Kellogg	Mercy	79		Norwalk	93	PL
1849	20-Jul	Kelly	George	0-13-	B	New York	55	D
1851	30-Jun	Kelly	Hugh	30	W	Ireland	120	OR
1849	16-Aug	King	Jane	30	B	Norwalk	81	SC
1848	25-Dec	Kinner	Ruth Ann	26	W	Wilton	75	NE
1851	8-Jun	Knapp	Betsey	64		Norwalk	132	FH
1849	8-Oct	Knapp	Charlotte A.	23	W	Colchester N.Y.	99	NW
1849	4-Dec	Knapp	Eliza	54	W	Norwalk	102	FH
1850	7-Jun	Knapp	Oscar E.	0-4-		Norwalk	99	NW
1851	8-Apr	Lane	Michael	1 ½	W	Norwalk	111	SC
1851	7-Jun	Lee	Azuriah	64		Ridgefield	123	PL
1850	10-Feb	Lockwood	Buckingham	75	W	Norwalk	81	SC
1851	16-Feb	Lockwood	Legrand	19		Norwalk	123	PL
1849	3-Aug	Lockwood	Rebecca	68	W	Norwalk	61	PL
1851	10-Feb	Low	Alexander	20		Norwalk	132	FH
1849	14-Jan	Marvin	_____	3 hr	W	Norwalk	58	OR
1848	5-Sep	Marvin	Homer	0-4-	W	Norwalk	58	OR
1849	14-Jan	Mason	Rachel	28	W	Middletown Del.	61	PL
1850	4-May	Mat__	John W.	1-3-	W	New York	108	S5MR
1851	10-Jul	McBride	James	10	W	Nova Scotia	120	OR
1851	29-Jun	Meeker	Charles E.	2		Greenfield	111	SC
1848	30-Aug	Mills	Ann A.	2	W	Norwalk	72	M5MR
1850	8-Jul	Mills	John T.	30		Norwalk	93	PL
1849	29-Mar	Minnett	Eliza	38	W	Norwalk	64	OW
1848	1-Oct	Minnett	George	0-7-	W	Pensacola FL	64	OW



1850	__Jun	Mitchell	_____ (m)	__	W	Norwalk	90	OR
1849	14-Mar	Morris	Michael	30	W	Ireland	58	OR
1848	2-Nov	Mott	Clarissa	73	W	Norwalk	58	OR
1848	12-Nov	Mott	Stephen	77	W	Norwalk	58	OR
1851	__Apr	Murphy	John	40		Ireland	138	S5MR
1849	24-May	Nash	Abby J.	37	W	Wilton	69	FH
1849	26-Apr	Nash	John	1	W	Norwalk	58	OR
1851	5-Jun	Nash	Mary E.	0-2-	W	Norwalk	114	NC
__	__	Newell	Harriet	16		New Canaan	61	PL
1851	18-May	Northrop	Mary E.	78		Derby	129	NW
1849	23-Jun	O Connor	Bridget	__	W	Ireland	64	OW
1849	1-Aug	O Connor	John	0-1-	W	Norwalk	64	OW
1851	25-Feb	O'Brien	Daniel	58	W	Ireland	120	OR
1851	13-Jun	Olmstead	Arthur	__		Norwalk	111	SC
1850	22-Jun	Olmstead	Jane	38	W	New York	96	OW
1850	6-Nov	Pennoyer	Francis W.	2		Norwalk	123	PL
1849	12-Nov	Pennoyer	George L.	3		Norwalk	93	PL
1850	20-Feb	Phillips	Mary	87	W	North Salem N.Y.	90	OR
1850	21-Sep	Prewitt	Anna E.	1 ½	W	Norwalk	117	D
1850	4-Apr	Price	_____	__	W	Norwalk	90	OR
1850	22-Jun	Price	Deborah A.	22	W	Norwalk	90	OR
1851	6-Feb	Quintard	James D.	23	W	Norwalk	111	SC
1850	21-Feb	Raymond	_____ (f)	stillborn	W	Norwalk	90	OR
1850	17-Feb	Raymond	_____ (m)	stillborn	W	Norwalk	90	OR
1851	20-Mar	Raymond	Benj.	65	B	Norwalk	117	D
1849	__Jan	Raymond	Betsey	0-4-	W	Darien	78	S5MR
1849	7-Jun	Raymond	John H.	14	W	Albany NY	69	FH
1849	7-Mar	Raymond	Nathaniel	95	W	Norwalk	64	OW
1850	18-Dec	Reed	Eliza A.	45		New Canaan	132	FH
1850	5-Oct	Reynolds	Bridget	3	W	Norwalk	120	OR
1850	12-Oct	Reynolds	Mary E.	0-8-	W	Norwalk	120	OR
1848	10-Oct	Richards	Joseph	76	W	Norwalk	72	M5MR
1850	27-Jun	Richards	Mercy	78	W	Stamford	105	
								M5MR/NE
1850	13-Jun	Richards	Wm. H.	16	W	Norwalk	96	OW
1849	6-Oct	Roach Jr.	John	1	W	Norwalk	81	SC
1850	1-Oct	Rutherford	John	__		Norwalk	123	PL
1850	3-Oct	Rutherford	Sally	41		Norwalk	123	PL
1848	__Oct	Sammis	Helen Eva	1-2-	W	Norwalk	78	S5MR
1850	20-Jun	Sammis	Mary	6 wk	W	Norwalk	102	FH
1850	20-Sep	Saunders	Alonzo	2	W	Norwalk	117	D
1850	28-Dec	Scofield	child of S.( m)	__		Norwalk	123	PL
1851	2-May	Scribner	Benjamin	75		Norwalk	135	NE
1849	24-Nov	Seeley	Emily	18	W	Norwalk	108	N5MR
1850	28-Jul	Selleck	Abigail	63	W	Poundridge NY	108	N5MR
1849	11-May	Seymour	Seth	86	W	Norwalk	64	OW

1850	__Oct	Shean	George	50	W	Norwalk	117	D
1851	26-Mar	Sheldon	John H.	13		Mansfield Oh.	135	M5MR
1850	28-Jul	Shepherd	Esther	39	W	England	81	SC
1849	11-Nov	Sherran	James	27	W	Scotland	81	SC
1849	25-Oct	Skidmore	Wm. E.	2	W	Ct	90	OR
1849	__Apr	Smith	Abel	57	W	Ridgefield	78	S5MR
1850	8-Jun	Smith	Anafiell A.	10		Norwalk	138	N5MR
1850	18-Jul	Smith	Angelo	9	W	Ohio	99	NW
1850	4-Jul	Smith	Belisle	45	W	Norwalk	96	OW
1849	14-Mar	Smith	Chapman	60	W	Norwalk	72	M5MR
1850	15-May	Smith	Charles G.	10	W	Long Island	96	OW
1851	1-Jun	Smith	Elizabeth	21		Ridgefield	138	S5MR
1850	5-Oct	Smith	Emma F.	2	W	Norwalk	117	D
1851	22-Feb	Smith	Mary L.	0-11		Norwalk	126	OW
1850	17-May	Smith	Turner	60	B	Georgia	90	OR
1850	15-Apr	St John	Mary Esther	98	W	Norwalk	81	SC
1849	23-Sep	St John	Stephen	76	W	Norwalk	84	NC
1851	6-Jul	St. John	George F.	2 ½		Norwalk	123	PL
1850	15-Nov	Stevens	George A.	2 ½		Norwalk	123	PL
1851	27-Jan	Stevens	Lawrence M.	38	W	Norwalk	120	OR
1850	__Mar	Stevens	Mary A.	7	W	Norwalk	93	PL
1851	8-Apr	Stiles	Edward	32		Greenwich	126	OW
1849	19-Aug	Sturtevant	John B.	1-2.5-	W	Norwalk	84	NC
1851	29-May	Sullivan	John	3 ½		Norwalk	111	SC
1849	28-Jul	Taylor	John	68	W	Fishkill NY	64	OW
1850	27-Feb	Thorp	Stephen	0-0-3	W	Norwalk	84	NC
1851	16-Jun	Tompkins	George	—	W	Greenwich	120	OR
1850	30-Dec	Towhill	Joanna	—		Ireland	111	SC
1848	20-Dec	Tubbs	Harman	43	W	New York	72	M5MR
1851	5-Jun	Tuttle	Edmund	87		Norwalk	135	NE
1850	27-Dec	Tuttle	Eliza	39		Norwalk	126	OW
1850	15-Jul	Tuttle	Raymond	1 ½	W	Norwalk	96	OW
1849	15-Sep	Walmsley	George H.	0-5-	W	Darien	108	S5MR
1851	1-Feb	Warren	David H.	39		Norwalk	135	M5MR
1851	3-Mar	Waterbury	Catherine W.	2 ½		Stamford	111	SC
1849	17-Jul	Waterbury	Charles E.	0-5-	W	Norwalk	61	PL
1850	2-Jan	Webb	Moses	94	W	Connecticut	108	S5MR
1850	6-May	Weed	Mary E.	5	W	Wilton	93	PL
1849	9-Nov	Weeks	Charles	31		Norwalk	93	PL
1851	3-Oct	Weeks	Georgiana	2		Long Island	111	SC
1851	10-Jan	Whitney	Charles	50	W	Norwalk	117	D
1850	10-Jun	Wilcox	Nathan E.	31	W	Norwalk	90	OR
1849	20-Feb	Williams	Julia	30	B	Bridgeport	58	OR
1850	25-Apr	Woolsey	Edward	2	W	Norwalk	87	D
1850	9-Aug	Woolsey	James H.	7	W	Norwalk	87	D
1849	1-Nov	Woolsey	Mary E.	4	W	Norwalk	87	D

**Charles Edward and Harriet Louisa (Biggs) Spiers:  
Immigrants from London to Stamford, CT**

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Parts taken from an article in the "Stamford Advocate"

Charles and Harriet Spiers were from families of very modest means. Harriet was an only child. When she was a month shy of age 20 in 1877 her father, William Henry Biggs, who was a bricklayer, died of bronchitis. He was 46. As a widow, her mother Martha continued to live at the same address until her death in 1907. Her nephew, Edward Bentley who had lived with the Biggs family since a small child, stayed with her. Grandson William Spiers lived right next door.

Richard and Aelce (Quelch) Spire married in 1693 in Hurst, Berkshire, England where their descendants lived for about 100 years. *They were the earliest members of our Spire/Spiers family that I have found.* The earlier spelling of the name gives an indication of why we have pronounced it Spye-ers while others pronounce it Spears.

Charles father, Henri William Spiers, was a shoemaker from Winkfield, Berkshire, England (near Hurst). In 1840 when Henri was 19, he and his older brother William were working and living apart from the family. In January of 1841 their father, William Spiers, a sawyer in Winkfield, died of a stomach ailment. He was 45. According to the 1841 census, his widow, Sophia became a "washer woman" to support herself and the 2 young boys still at home. The 1851 census listed her at Windsor, Berkshire as a "charwoman," the 1861 census as a pauper, and the 1871 census as a laundress in the Alms House in London. She lived a long hard life and died at age 90 of senility.

In the 1850's Henri moved with his young family to Belvedere, Kent, just south and across the Thames from London. Belvedere was a pretty little village and a Parish of the Church of England. Henri had a shoemaker shop attached to his home where he made a modest living.

In 1879 Charles Spiers and Louisa Biggs were married in London. At that time Charles was a trainer for *Edward Payson Weston*, the famous American race walker. He met Weston in London when the walker visited England to take part in the races, which were popular over a century ago. In training Weston, Charles often walked with him from London to Brighton, a distance of 52 miles, in one day, and then back the next day. While in London, Weston won the championship belt in a 6-day race. When he returned to America, about three months after Charles and Harriet were married, Charles went with him. They trained for a six-day race in this country, which he lost to Charles Rowell. After that race Charles went with Weston to San Francisco, stopping at cities on the way, where Weston engaged the best of the local walkers in matches. They were in America about seven months before going back to England. A few months later, now 1880, Weston returned to the United States. Charles and his wife went with him, settling in Stamford, Connecticut, where Weston's mother-in-law lived.

"Walking races were all the rage in those days," Charles recalled his days with Weston. "At one race at old Madison Square Garden there were 33,000 people to watch it. Weston would visit a city and offer to walk farther in a day or two days than any other two walkers the city could

produce. If the two of them walking in relays could cover a greater distance than Weston they got the biggest part of the gate receipts. In this way Weston built up a fortune in a few years. In the six day races the walkers walked and slept when they wanted to but the one that covered the longest distance in the six days won. Weston would usually rest about two hours the first day, three hours the second day and so on." As a young man Charles often trained other walkers also. But none achieved Weston's fame.

Charles and Harriet raised their family in Stamford. The first child, Henry William was born in 1881 and died in 1960. Following were Arthur Edward, 1883-1963, Annie Louise, 1885-1965, Frederick Charles, 1887-1966, Albert George, 1890-1977, William Ernest, 1892-1988, Edith Mae, 1897-1982, and Edward Francis, 1900-1982. Charles worked as a waiter, a laborer, a bartender, and for a chemical company before becoming a brass polisher at Stamford's Yale and Towne Manufacturing Company where some of his sons found their first jobs. After leaving the company about 1925, Charles sold furniture for Wallman's, at 12 Park Row, Stamford. Both of his daughters also worked before marrying. All remained in Stamford, except, Frederick who moved to the Bronx, New York where he raised his family, and worked for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

As was common practice among immigrants to America and working class families in England, Charles and Harriet never owned a home. Nor did they live in rundown tenements. Instead during the late 1800's and early 1900's they enjoyed life in Belltown, Glenbrook, and Stamford. Most of those addresses were single family homes including Long Ridge Road, 325 and 801 Main, and 158 Jefferson Streets, then 148 and 144 Myrtle Avenue, then 909 Main Street, and in 1925, 31 William Street. In the mid 1930's they retired and concluded their lives at 21 Mulberry Street, Springdale, where I remember visiting them. After Harriet died in January 1941, Charles lived a month at a time with each of his children, before his own death in October 1942. He was content with accomplishments in his new land.

His sons all owned homes while raising families. Oldest daughter Annie Louise's husband was a chauffeur for a private family who provided their housing. Younger daughter, Edith Mae became breadwinner and nurse for her husband, ill with tuberculosis for several years, then dying in 1948 at the age of 44. They had no children. Later, as a widow, she bought her own home, where, after marriage to her second husband, they continued to live.

Descendants of Charles and Harriet are all over America. Some have college degrees; many earn livings far beyond what Charles and Harriet could have imagined. Among those still living, some own businesses, and others hold a variety of jobs. Some of us are now retired, but, like me, are active in other community services, including researching the Spiers genealogy.

The racing spirit which brought our Spiers ancestors to America remains with the family today. Two descendants of Charles and Harriet, Eddy Spiers and Mike Keeler are successful stock car drivers.

## Abel Lewis (ca 1742-1818) of Huntington, Connecticut

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The family of Abel Lewis of Huntington (now Shelton), Connecticut, is very confusing in genealogical literature. Some references to Abel and Hannah (Clark) Lewis exist.<sup>1,2</sup> Others who read Rev. Orcutt attribute a marriage to “Emma Odell” with sons Justus, Samuel and Ichabod.<sup>3</sup> Still others go back to Barbour and change the ‘Emma’ to ‘Anna’,<sup>4</sup> but keep the same children as listed by Rev. Orcutt.

As a Beardsley descendant of Patty (Martha) Lewis, who was described in *Beardsley Genealogy* as “daughter of Abel and Hannah (Clark) Lewis”,<sup>5</sup> my mission was to discover who were Abel and Hannah Clark Lewis. Following as many genealogies as I could find, I kept returning to a reference in Rev. Orcutt’s history of gravestone inscriptions in Huntington Burial Ground:

In Memory of Mr. Abel Lewis, who died Jan. 2, 1818, aged 75 years.

Mrs. Hannah, his wife, died June 7, 1788, aged 43 years.

In Memory of Polly Betsey Lewis, Dau<sup>r</sup> to Mr. Abel & Mrs. Hannah Lewis, Who  
Departed this Life, August 1773, in the 3<sup>d</sup> year of her Age.<sup>6</sup>

I realized that primary source material would be needed to solve this dilemma. Since I no longer live in Connecticut, I hired a local professional genealogist. Harlan Jessup retrieved the will and probate documents for Mr. Abel Lewis from the Connecticut State Library for me. Success! Abel Lewis’s will names his daughter Patty Beardslee as a beneficiary! However, the list of beneficiaries also confirmed the confusion in the literature.

The will is dated 18<sup>th</sup> April A.D. 1814. His first beneficiary is his ‘loving wife Joannah’, who he’d provided for before their intermarriage.<sup>7</sup> An indenture, dated Oct. 14, 1806, included in the probate record, states which property and rights she would receive from him if she outlived him, and in turn she resigned her dower rights. Adding to this family’s confusing names, this agreement lists the wife’s name as “Hannah Cordwell” in the document text, but is signed “Joanah Cordwell”. The will is entered into probate January 6, 1818, and the inventory was completed March 14, 1818.

The remainder of the estate is divided between his sons and daughters and grandchildren. The following children are listed:

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<sup>1</sup> White, Lorraine Cook, editor. *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records: Derby 1655-1852*. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1997), p. 261.

<sup>2</sup> Holt, Nellie Beardsley, *Beardsley Genealogy, The Family of William Beardsley: One of the First Settlers of Stratford Connecticut*, 1989 offset printing of the original typed 1951 manuscript owned by her heirs, p. 143.

<sup>3</sup> Orcutt, Rev. Samuel, *A History of the Old Town of Stratford and the City of Bridgeport, Part II*. (New Haven: Press of Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor, 1886), p. 1240.

<sup>4</sup> White, Lorraine Cook, editor. *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records: Stratford 1638-1840*. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2000), p. 174.

<sup>5</sup> Holt, p. 143

<sup>6</sup> Orcutt, p. 979.

<sup>7</sup> Stratford Probate District, 1818, #1194, deposited in Connecticut State Library June 17, 1932.

- “the Children of my Eldest son Ephraim Lewis Dec’d”
- my son Albert Lewis
- my son Nathan Lewis
- my daughters Caty Wells, Aner<sup>8</sup> Wakelee and Patty Beardslee
- my two Grand Daughters, children of my son Silas Lewis Deceased

Abel’s estate consisted primarily of real estate: 95 acres of land valued at \$28 per acre and 5 acres valued at \$10 per acre. His land was divided between his heirs. In the distribution, completed December 5, 1818, we find more names. Specifically, the children of Ephraim are listed as Abijah N. Lewis, Prosper Lewis, Aner Lewis, Hannah Lewis and Edwin Lewis. Caty Wells is the wife of Samuel Wells, Aner Wakelee is the wife of Daniel Wakelee, and Patty Beardslee is the wife of Eli Beardslee. Unfortunately, the two daughters of Silas Lewis are not specifically named. The property lines, however, are listed in the distribution.

Another small detail determined from the pre-marriage indenture of Abel and Joanah is that it might have occurred in St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Huntington (Shelton). One of the witnesses to the indenture is Rev. Ambrose Todd. In 1806, Reverend Todd was rector of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Huntington.<sup>9</sup> In addition, the marriage of Caty Lewis and Samuel Wells is recorded at St. Paul’s in October 1789, and Ephraim Lewis (most likely the son of Abel) married Mehitabel Nichols, also at St. Paul’s, in September 1790.<sup>10</sup>

Confusion extends down to Nathan. In both Stratford and Derby town records, Nathan, son of Abel, is listed married to Charity Booth, daughter of Nathan Booth.<sup>11,12</sup> The Derby record states that Nathan made an affidavit about this marriage in 1853. Yet William Cutter attributes Nathan who married Charity Booth to be the son of Nathaniel Sherman Lewis,<sup>13</sup> and Rev. Orcutt attributes him to both Abel and Nathaniel!<sup>14</sup>

What about Justus, Samuel, and Ichabod? Further examination of Stratford vital records do show sons Justus, Samuel, and Ichabod born to an Abel and Anne Lewis.<sup>15</sup> Since the will of the Abel Lewis who died in Huntington in 1818 does not name these sons, the most likely scenario is that there were two men in this era named Abel Lewis, each married to women with similar names.

The moral of this little story is that while early Fairfield County has been well-documented, there are still mysteries out there to solve. Abel Lewis’s will answered one question of mine, but creates many more. Hopefully this will spur other Abel Lewis descendants to start searching for other primary documents, digging into them, and sharing their findings!

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<sup>8</sup> This is my best interpretation of the handwriting in the document. The first two letters are definitely “An”, but the remaining letters are difficult to decipher.

<sup>9</sup> Hooper, Rev. Joseph. *The Records of Convocation A.D. 1790 – A.D. 1848: Edited and Annotated for the Diocesan Commission on Archives.* (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse, and Taylor, 1904). pp. 157-158.

<sup>10</sup> Bailey, Frederic W. *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800, A Reprint Seven Books in One Volume.* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2008) Seventh book p. 15.

<sup>11</sup> White, *Barbour – Stratford*, p. 178.

<sup>12</sup> White, *Barbour – Derby*, p. 261.

<sup>13</sup> Cutter, William Richard. *Families of Western New York.* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996). p. 377.

<sup>14</sup> Orcutt, pp. 1239-1240.

<sup>15</sup> White, *Barbour – Stratford*, pp. 177-179.

**The James Wetmore Family of Newtown, CT**  
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On 10 Jan 1787 James R. "Whitmor" of Stratford purchased a dwelling house and grist mill in the southeast corner of Newtown. In 1792 he sold this parcel and purchased another small farm in southwestern Newtown. He sold the last of his Newtown real estate in 1799 and may have removed to the town of Sherman, CT. But he and his wife Mabel Peck Wetmore were buried in Newtown's Village Cemetery in 1811 and 1819, respectively.

Three children of this couple are also buried in the Village Cemetery, Sally, born 1790 and died 1875, Ephraim P., born 1791 and died 1872, and Polly Ann, born 1796 and died 1876. No birth or baptism records are found for these children, no parents named in their death records, and the purported parents left no probate records naming children. *Newtown's History and Historian*<sup>1</sup> reports these three to be the children of James Wetmore, the only one of this name in Newtown.

No birth or baptism record has been found for James R. Wetmore, but he is reported to be a son of Josiah Wetmore, born in Middletown, CT, 21 Aug 1721. James's son, Ephraim P. Wetmore, is surely named for the Ephraim Peck who died in Newtown in 1801, the father of James Wetmore's wife Mabel. Ephraim Peck's estate was insolvent, and no heirs are named in his probate record.<sup>2</sup> However, the births of all of his children are recorded in Newtown.

James Wetmore appears in the 1790 Federal census of Newtown with 1 male child, 1 male adult, and 3 females (on the same page with Ephraim Peck). James "Whitmore" is in the 1800 Federal census of Newtown with 2 males <10, 1 m 10-16, 1 m 26-45, 2 f <10, and 1 f 26-45. And he is likely the James Whitmore in the 1810 Federal census of Sherman, CT, with 1 m 16-26, 1 m >45, 1 f 10-16, and 1 f >45.

No deeds for James R. Wetmore are found either in Stratford or in Sherman. His Newtown deeds are summarized as follows:<sup>3</sup>

**10 Jan 1787** - James R. Whitmoor of Stratford purchases a dwelling house, grist mill, and water rights on the Half-way River in Newtown (southeast corner) from Beach Tomlinson of Stratford. On the same day he mortgages this 3 acres with dwelling house to the seller, Beach Tomlinson.

**28 Feb 1787** – James Robards Wetmore of Newtown purchases six acres in the southeasterly corner of Newtown from Samuel Beardsley, 3<sup>rd</sup>, of Newtown.

**24 Jan 1792** – Beach Tomlinson releases the above mortgage.

**25 Jan 1792** – The next day, James Robert Wetmore of Newtown sells his lands in southeasterly Newtown to Nathaniel Platt of Brookfield and Amos Platt of Newtown for £80.

**3 Apr 1792** – A few weeks later James Robards Wetmore of Newtown purchases 10 acres, 3 roods, and 6 rods with part of a dwelling house in the Palestine school district in southwest

<sup>1</sup> Johnson, Ezra Levan, *Newtown's History and Historian*, 1917, p. 147.

<sup>2</sup> Danbury Probate Estate Papers #3643.

<sup>3</sup> Newtown Land Records 14:94,169; 16:329,330,274,408,509; 20:196.

Newtown from Abraham and Elias Beers of Newtown.

**4 Oct 1792** – He exchanges two small parcels adjacent to the above with Abraham Parmalee, probably to straighten out the boundaries.

**9 Oct 1799** – On this date James R. Wetmore of Newtown sells his land at Palestine to Hezekiah Rowland. This is the last of his Newtown deeds.

The summary below shows the family as known from available records:

**James Robards/Roberts WETMORE**, b. perhaps Stratford, CT, 29 Aug 1763 [calc.], prob. son of Josiah Wetmore, d. Newtown, 16 Nov 1811, æ 48y, 2m, 18d,<sup>4</sup> m. say 1785, **Mabel PECK**, b. Newtown, 17 Feb 1761,<sup>5</sup> daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Porter) Peck, d. Newtown, 13 Dec 1819, æ 58y, 9m, 27d.<sup>6</sup> Both buried in Newtown Village Cemetery.<sup>7</sup> Children, likely all b. Newtown:

- i. Sarah, b. Sep 1790 [calc.], d. Newtown 18 Feb 1875, æ 84y, 5m, of heart disease,<sup>8</sup> m. Abel Stilson, b. 26 Sep 1790 [calc.], d. Newtown, 1 Dec 1846, æ 55y, 2m, 5d.<sup>9</sup>
- ii. Ephraim P[eck], b. Jan 1791 [calc.], d. Newtown, 9 Apr 1872, æ 78 y, 9m, of old age,<sup>10</sup> m. Sarah/Sally S. Griffin, b. 11 Feb 1792 [calc.], dau. of Peleg & Sarah Griffin, d. Newtown, 12 Oct 1881, æ 79y, 8m, 1d.<sup>11</sup> Ephraim was a tin maker in 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses of Newtown. One of their eight children, daughter Sarah P. Wetmore, d. 13 Apr 1840, æ 18y, 7m, 28d, and is buried in Newtown Village Cemetery near her parents.<sup>12</sup>
- iii. Polly Ann, b. 14 Aug 1796, d. Newtown, 28 Sep 1875, æ 78y, 1m, of consumption,<sup>13</sup> m. Newtown, 25 Nov 1817, Elnathan Stilson, b. Newtown, 15 Jan 1794, d. Newtown, 26 Dec 1831, æ 37y, 11m, 12d.<sup>14</sup> Daughters, buried next to Elnathan and Polly in Newtown Village Cemetery: Margaret Elizabeth, d. 25 May 1831, æ 21 days; Sarah Ann, d. 6 Jun 1847, æ 28 y, 7m; Phebe Ann, d. 14 Sep 1856, æ 32y, 4m.<sup>15</sup>
- iv. & v. Likely two other sons, one b. before 1790 and one 1790-1800 based on censuses of 1790 and 1800.

<sup>4</sup> Newtown Vital Records 2:162.

<sup>5</sup> Newtown Vital Records 1:11.

<sup>6</sup> Newtown Vital Records 2:157.

<sup>7</sup> Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Newtown, p. 66.

<sup>8</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1870-95:472.

<sup>9</sup> Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Newtown, p. 66. James and Mabel Wetmore and Abel and Sarah Stilson dates on same monument.

<sup>10</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1870-95:456.

<sup>11</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1870-95:504.

<sup>12</sup> Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions, Newtown, p. 20, 27.

<sup>13</sup> Newtown Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1870-95:474.

<sup>14</sup> Newtown Vital Records 2:68 for birth and 2:140 for death.

<sup>15</sup> Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions for Newtown, p. 32, which gives death date for Polly as 27 Sep 1875.



## Availability of the 1940 United States Federal Census

Nora Galvin

Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines! By the time you read this, there will be fewer than 60 days until the 1940 census is released to the public (02 April, 9 a.m.). There will be no index because no one has been able to work with the records due to the 72-year privacy rule. The present article gives you some information about the census, tells you where you will be able to research the census, and discusses how *you* can help with indexing the census to make access easier to all.

### What questions were asked on the 1940 census?

Many questions from previous censuses were repeated in 1940. Questions asked for each person:

- name,
- street address
- whether a home is owned or rented and the value of the home or the monthly rent
- whether the individual lived on a farm
- relationship to head of household
- description: sex, race, age, marital status
- whether the individual had attended school or college in the previous year
- place of birth
- whether a foreign-born person was a naturalized citizen
- occupation and industry

Missing from this census are questions for each individual about immigration date, parents' birthplace, literacy, mother tongue and veteran status.

New information requested for each individual on this census included

- X after the name of the person furnishing the information
- whether a person was temporarily absent from the household
- highest level of education completed
- foreign-birth country to be reported as the name used on 01 January 1937 (3 years prior)
- where each individual had lived on 01 April 1935 (5 years prior)
- multiple questions about employment and whether the individual was employed in emergency work (WPA, CCC, etc.)
- income in previous calendar year.

Additional questions were asked only for people on lines 14 and 29 of each page

- birthplace of parents
- mother tongue
- whether a veteran, or the widow or minor child of a deceased veteran
- whether the person had a Social Security number and whether payroll deductions had been taken for Social Security or Railroad Retirement
- *usual* occupation and industry
- three questions for women who had ever been married: whether married more than once, age at first marriage and number of children ever born (not including stillbirths)

As you can see, several of the questions reflect the government's wish to assess the impact of the ongoing Great Depression. You can download a blank form at [www.connecticutancestry.org](http://www.connecticutancestry.org).

### How to prepare now for researching with maximum efficiency on 02 April

You can do some preparation now so that you can find your target families as soon as the images are available. In short, you will need to know their address, then use the address to determine their enumeration district (ED), and then browse the images for that ED when they are released. Go to <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/start-research.html> to see instructions from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Note at the bottom of the page a referral to a non-NARA Web site: <http://stevemorse.org/census/>. Steve Morse has made it easy to figure out the ED, and I highly recommend that you use his utility.

### Where you can view images of the 1940 census beginning 02 April 2012

Several Web sites will have digital images of the 1940 census available for FREE. You will be able to download the images to your computer from all of them.

- 1) The National Archives ([www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)) will have the census images online for FREE and they will be accessible from NARA computers as well as any computer connected to the internet.
- 2) The subscription site Archives.com (<http://www.archives.com/>) will have the images available for FREE. They are partnering with findmypast.com and FamilySearch International (<https://familysearch.org/>). Anyone will be able to go to this website to search the images.
- 3) The subscription site Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com/>) will have the images available for FREE through 2013. Anyone will be able to go to this website to search the images.

### How to help with the indexing of the 1940 census

1) The consortium of Archives.com, FamilySearch International and findmypast.com are going to make use of the indexing capability already available at familysearch.org. You can learn to use their indexing software now by visiting <https://www.familysearch.org/> and clicking on "Indexing" at the top of the page. Follow instructions to download the software and register. I just did this and indexed some World War II draft registration cards from New Hampshire.

2) Ancestry.com has a volunteer indexing organization called World Archive Project at <http://community.ancestry.com/awap>. I did not see information there about indexing the 1940 census, but I am sure they will be asking for volunteers to help with that project. If you would prefer to help this group with their indexing, click on "Get Started" and follow the directions.

### Connecticut Ancestry Society participation in the familysearch.org indexing project

Connecticut Ancestry Society has signed up as an organization to do indexing at this site (which always has free content). I am told we will be able to ask for Connecticut pages to transcribe and that we will be receiving updates and materials, including a sample census page to use for transcribing practice, around the middle of March. Everyone on our email list will receive instructions about the group indexing project. If you are not on our email list and you want to be involved in this, please send me an email at [president@connecticutancestry.org](mailto:president@connecticutancestry.org) with "Census Index" in the subject line. Don't include any text. I will only be harvesting your email address. We will also post information on our Web site [www.connecticutancestry.org](http://www.connecticutancestry.org). There are 132,000,000 names on the census. How long do you think it will take to complete the index? FamilySearch hopes 6 months; I bet 4 months.

Now, it's time to sign up at [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) and practice transcribing, and then visit [stevemorse.org](http://stevemorse.org) and write down those ED numbers!

### Book Review

***Stamford Town Records, Volume 1, 1641-1723.*** Transcribed and Annotated by Paul R. Finch. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2011. 7 x 10, 256 pp., Hardcover, \$34.95.

It is always a great pleasure to sit down to research in a trustworthy published transcription of ancient records. Such a book can serve several important functions. Its use may save the original records from further wear and tear. It may also save wear and tear on the researcher by preventing the need to crane one's neck to squint at a microfilm reader. Finally, such a book can put into the hands of the general public records that had previously been found either only in the town hall or at a facility with a microfilm reader.

As a member of the Connecticut Ancestry Society, founded as the Stamford Genealogy Society, it is my pleasure to review a transcription that falls into the "trustworthy" category and that fills a great gap in the research resources of our own geographic area. Paul Finch, a member of CAS, has done us proud. Incredibly, there has never before been a published full transcription of Stamford's earliest records. In fact, though the ancient records of other early Connecticut towns were photostatted in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, Stamford's have never been imaged at all. The town was first settled just two decades after English settlers landed at Plymouth. Due to that early date, the records of this settlement are important not only to people with ancient Stamford ancestors but also to American historians.

In the preface Finch describes the condition of the original records ("poor"). He tells us about three earlier transcriptions of the records in 1848, 1874 and 1882. The first, by the Stamford town clerk, was done in an effort to preserve the original records, which were unbound and on the verge of being lost forever. The second transcriber rearranged the records into family groups and made many errors doing so. The third transcription was done by the town clerk because town residents found the first two transcriptions and the originals too difficult to read. The 1882 transcription took four years to complete and is the version of Volume 1 that has been microfilmed. The book containing the 1882 transcription was lost after it was microfilmed, so the film is the only source for this version. Information in the Barbour Collection was extracted by James N. Arnold from the 1882 transcription, and Donald Lines Jacobus also extracted data from this version to publish in *The American Genealogist (TAG)*.

Finch has used primarily the 1882 transcription as his own template. He made his decisions, comparing his transcription to other published works: the Barbour Collection, *TAG*, and others, as well as to the two earlier transcriptions. He even consulted the original volumes on occasion, "grappling with illegible or fading handwriting and deteriorating pages." He marvels at the number of discrepancies found among the three main transcriptions. To keep the reader informed of these discrepancies and the decision process, Finch has included 800 footnotes in this transcription. These notes reveal the thorough job he has done.

An example can be found on page 101 in the marriage record for "Hepsibah Clason" (Hepzibah Clauson). The groom's name was given variously as Richard Bell or Richard Bates in several earlier versions. The record of the birth, three years after the marriage, of a baby to Rich-

ard and Hepzibah Bolt introduced a third surname which both Jacobus and Finch believe is the correct one. The footnote explaining this takes up seven lines and instills confidence in Finch's work.

Besides vital records the book contains probate records, including wills and interesting inventories. There are also records of disputes heard by the court (for example, breach of peace by "shooting of many guns" at midnight) and accounts of the amount of land owned by various men. It is interesting reading even if you don't have ancestors from Stamford.

This book may be ordered online at [www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org) , by phone at 1-888-296-3447, or by writing to the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Sales Dept., 99-101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116.

—Nora Galvin

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### **PRESS RELEASE — Pound Ridge Road Lists**

Richard Major, a trustee, past president and founder of the Pound Ridge Historical Society, has just completed transcribing the Town of Pound Ridge, NY road lists for years 1798 (partial), 1799, and 1806 to 1850. This data is extremely helpful for genealogists. All men over the age of 21 living in Pound Ridge are recorded for each year in this transcription. Property owners were assessed according to the value of their property while single men living at home are frequently assessed for 1 day of work. Some landholders are recorded as serving as much as 35 days of work. Women assessed in this time period were in most cases widows owning property.

This work consists of two volumes. Volume I contains an introduction to the transcription, a copy of an 1847 map of Pound Ridge with the district numbers assigned thereon, a page detailing an approximate location of districts on present day roads and an alphabetical listing of all men/women assessed for these years. There are approximately 13,000 entries. Volume II contains a chronological sorting of names listed in Volume I according to the year and district number. The society has printed several hard copies, which are available for research at the society's library/museum, 255 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, NY. A CD-ROM containing the full transcription is also available. The cost is \$25 plus mailing. Kindly contact [prhsmuseum@earthlink.net](mailto:prhsmuseum@earthlink.net) or phone 914-764-4333 for further information.

*Editor's note: The availability of these Road Lists through the year 1830 was announced in this journal in the issue of February 2011. Mr. Major has now completed transcription of the lists through 1850, and these may be quite valuable in compiling family information from this area in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.*

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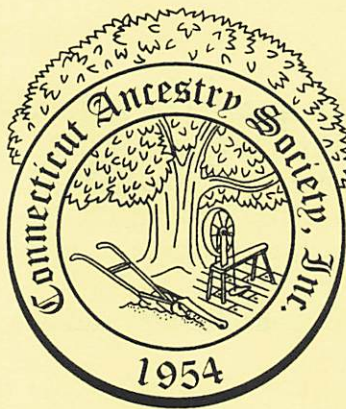
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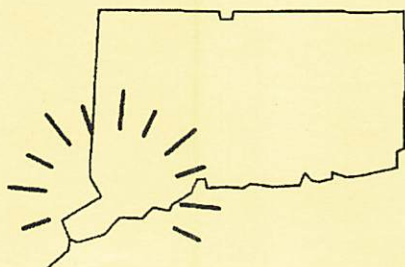
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Our web hosting provider has implemented a new content management system which was adapted to our site in March. Because of this news, there are two things that I would like to announce to the members of Connecticut Ancestry Society.

First, with your new membership card for the 2012-2013 year, there will be a note with a password to access a new Members-only area on the web site. This is a common password used by all members, so please do not share it with others. Admittedly, there is not yet much content. We are trying to digitize what we can. We would welcome volunteers to contact Nora, our president, to see how you can help with these efforts.

Second, the board is also looking for volunteers to function as one or more assistant webmasters. Given the importance of online activity to our genealogical community and the relative ease in updating content with the new system, the time is right to seek some help.

Please feel free to contact me, [webmaster@connecticutancestry.org](mailto:webmaster@connecticutancestry.org), with suggestions for new content to put in the Members-only area, but also ideas on what we could or should make publicly available on our site.

*Robert Locke*  
Webmaster

### Genealogy Events Schedule

#### **CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY SOCIETY – [www.connecticutancestry.org](http://www.connecticutancestry.org)**

**May 5** – 1 pm at Fairfield Museum & History Center – Annual Meeting – Small Bytes: Short Presentations on How Technology Can Help You Organize Your Genealogical Research.

#### **GENEALOGY ROUNDTABLES – Hosted by Bill Stansfield**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 10 to 11 am at Pequot Library, Southport.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 12:30 to 1:30 pm at the Bridgeport Public Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 1:00 to 2:00 pm at the Fairfield Senior Center.

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

**May 19** – 2012 Annual Meeting with Enactor Stephanie Jackson

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

Meets 7:00 pm at C. H. Booth Library, Newtown

**May 9** – Toni McKeen – The 1940 Census

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

**May 12** – Maureen Wlodarczyk – One Thing Leads to Another

**June 9** – Dorothy Dougherty – Searching the 1940 US Census

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## Editorial Notes

We begin this issue with the first installment of a long article by Kathryn Downs Wolff on the descendants of Abraham<sup>4</sup> Bennett and his wife Christian Botsford of Newtown. The continuation in even longer articles on the seventh and eighth generations of this family, now widely scattered, will appear in the next two issues of our journal. Kenneth Rockwell's addendum and correction to the Rockwell and Hobart families is based largely on Ridgefield deeds and was prompted by the response of an astute reader to his earlier article on the family.

We continue our series on the 1847 to 1852 vital records by school district with our report on the quite complete records of Stratford during this period. More records from Norwalk will appear in the next issue, and we are well on our way to making all the extant records of Fairfield County for this period more readily available to our readers. Nora Galvin's review of the new *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research* completes the text of this final issue of the membership year.

But that's not all! This last issue of the year includes the every-name index for Volume 54, which now totals nearly 3500 names! We are pleased that our journal has rapidly become THE place to go for information on families of southwestern Connecticut and nearby Westchester County, New York. We continue to welcome your "one-pagers" or short articles on your own families from our area.

Besides the print edition of the journal which will continue on a quarterly basis, we will soon begin to populate the members-only area of our website, first with a summary of those tombstones with Irish place names, published in the journal mostly in 2009 and 2010. Keep looking. This one's not far away.

*Harlan R. Jessup*

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## Descendants of Abraham<sup>4</sup> Bennett and his wife Christian Botsford of Newtown, Connecticut

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In *The History and Genealogy of Families of Old Fairfield*, Donald Lines Jacobus brings the line of James Bennett of Stratford generally down to 1800. However, in the case of Abraham<sup>4</sup> Bennett (Capt. Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Lt. James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), he stops with the record of Abraham's marriages,<sup>1</sup> probably because Capt. Thomas and family moved to Newtown, which was outside the scope of that work. Mrs. Ezra (Jane) Johnson, in finishing up her husband's work *Newtown's History*, attempted to add a genealogy, but describes this task as:

It has proved more puzzling than it was expected it would be; ...  
The names of many men prominent in the records of the early  
years do not appear because there was no interest in furnishing  
information;...<sup>2</sup>

So, despite the fact that Capt. Thomas Bennett and his sons Abraham and Ephraim were prominent men in the early history of Newtown, no record of their descendants is given in *Newtown's History*. This article will rectify at least part of this situation. I would like to thank two people who helped tremendously in gathering data. First, Harlan Jessup, who did the initial research to prove my theories of Sarah Ann Bennett Curtis and Amos Bennett's respective parentages, and then followed with digging out random data points. Second, Orlo C. Burch, of Hartwick, N.Y., who responded to my letter, and in doing so, provided the information which allows Jane Bennett's story to be more complete. Others who helped with specialized information are acknowledged in the portion relevant to their branch of this large family.

### Family Summary:

See *Families of Old Fairfield*, vol. 1, pp. 65-74 for the first three generations and this description of Abraham<sup>4</sup> on page 72:

Abraham, b. abt. 1701 (date not entered), d. at Newtown, in 1784; m. (1) at  
Newtown, 6 Apr. 1726, Christian Botsford, b. at Milford, 17 Aug. 1701, d. 7 Nov.  
1769 (Newtown Church rec.), m. (2) Abigail (-----) Judson, who d. in 1804.

### Fourth Generation

**Abraham<sup>4</sup> BENNETT** (*Thomas<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2,1</sup>*) and **Christian BOTSFORD** had four children. The first three are proved from Newtown Land records.<sup>3</sup> The fourth is proved through Abraham's will, where he gives a bequest to his granddaughter.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Jacobus, Donald Lines, *History and Genealogy of Families of Old Fairfield with Additions and Corrections from the American Genealogist*, 2 vols. In 3. Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1991, as reproduced on Family Archive CD #7515 *Local and Family Histories, CT: 1600's-1800's*.

<sup>2</sup>Johnson, Jane Eliza. "Preface to Genealogical Section", *Newtown's History and Historian Ezra Levan Johnson*. Newtown, Conn., 1917.

<sup>3</sup>Newtown Land records, vol. 2, page 353

<sup>4</sup>Newtown Probate Records, #757, 1784, Probate Record of Abraham Bennett, will dated 7 Nov 1782, proved 15 June 1784; "Granddaughter Phebe, wife of W. Newell and natural heir to my dau. Dorcas, late wife of Rev<sup>d</sup> W. Sill"

## Children:

- 1 i. Mary Bennett, b. 6 Jan 1726/7, m. Joshua Northrop.
- 2 ii. Abraham Bennett, b. 12 Mar 1727/8, m. Hannah Peck.
- iii. Jane Bennett, b. 1 Feb 1729/30, m. Newtown, 1 Jan 1753, Daniel Baldwin,<sup>5</sup> son of Caleb and Mehitabel Baldwin, b. 27 Aug. 1730, living 31 Dec 1772.<sup>6</sup>
- 3 iv. Dorcas Bennett, b. abt. 1733, m. Rev. Elijah Sill.

**Fifth Generation**

**1. Mary<sup>5</sup> BENNETT** (*Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2,1</sup>*), b. 6 Jan 1726/7, d. 7 Oct 1801, m. Newtown, 22 Oct. 1747,<sup>7</sup> **Joshua NORTHROP**, d. Feb. 1804, age 82.<sup>8</sup> Joshua and Mary lived in Newtown and Brookfield. Six of their children are recorded in the Newtown Vital records.<sup>9</sup> A seventh child is listed in *The Northrup-Northrop Genealogy*.<sup>10</sup> Examination of the probate records for Joshua shows several references to "my beloved son Asa" which confirms his placement in this family.<sup>11</sup> Children:

- i. Mary Northrop, b. 19 Oct. 1748, bp. 18 Dec. 1748,<sup>12</sup> d. 23 Oct. 1753.
- ii. Jean Northrop, b 13 June [ ], bp. as Jane, 17 June 1750.<sup>13</sup> Jane married Isaac Merwin of Brookfield as his second wife sometime after 1797, and before 17 Aug. 1804.<sup>14</sup> She was still alive in 1810 when Isaac passed away.
- 4 iii. Mary Northrop, b. 6 May 1754, bp. 16 June 1754,<sup>15</sup> m. Matthew Baldwin
- iv. Hannah Northrop, b. 30 Nov. 1755, d. 14 Feb. 1763
- 5 v. Damaris Northrop, b. 2 Apr. 1758
- 6 vi. Joshua Northrop, b. 11 Apr. 1760, m. Phebe Fairchild
- 7 vii. Asa Northrop, b. abt. 1763, m. Sarah Hubbell

**2. Abraham BENNETT** (*Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2,1</sup>*), b. 12 Mar. 1727/8, d. 25 Apr. 1814, ae 87, m. Newtown, 24 Apr. 1755,<sup>16</sup> **Hannah PECK**, b. Milford, 1733, daughter of Heth and Hannah (Camp) Peck, d. 22 Mar. 1819, ae 86, both buried in the Village Cemetery, Newtown.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>5</sup>Newtown Congregational church records, hereafter abbreviated "Newtown CC" volume 5, page 16

<sup>6</sup>Baldwin, Charles Candee, *The Baldwin Genealogy from 1500 to 1881*. Cleveland: Leader Printing Co, 1881. 418. Jane is referred to as "Ann" in Daniel's entry. I will admit some frustration with the three Caleb Baldwins: Daniel's father, brother and nephew, who served in sequence as town clerk in Newtown. Why they didn't record the deaths of Daniel or Jane is a true mystery two hundred years later.

<sup>7</sup>Newtown Vital Records, Vol. 1, page 4

<sup>8</sup>Northrup, A. Judd, *The Northrup-Northrop Genealogy*. New York: Grafton Press, 1908. 28. This provides both death dates. No death or headstone records for Joshua or Mary could be found in Newtown records.

<sup>9</sup>Newtown VR, 1:4

<sup>10</sup>No record of Asa's birth is found in Newtown records. His headstone in the Merwin Brook Cemetery, Brookfield, was unearthed in 2007. <http://www.brookfieldct.gov/merwinbrookcemetery.html> Accessed 22 Dec. 2011.

<sup>11</sup>Danbury Probate Court, Brookfield, #3470, 1805. Joshua Northrop. Connecticut State Archives.

<sup>12</sup>Newtown CC 5:12

<sup>13</sup>Newtown CC 5:13

<sup>14</sup>Her father refers to her as 'Jane, wife of Isaac Merwin' in his will dated 17 Aug. 1804. The first Mrs. Merwin passed away 5 Sept. 1797. (See the Merwin Brook Cemetery listing on the Brookfield government website.)

<sup>15</sup>Newtown CC 5:14

<sup>16</sup>Newtown CC 5:24

<sup>17</sup>Hale, Newtown, page 56.

Children, all listed in the baptismal records of the Newtown Congregational Church:<sup>18</sup>

- 8 i. Jane Bennett, b. 9 Feb. 1756,<sup>19</sup> bp. 29 Apr. 1756, m. Nehemiah Burch<sup>20</sup>  
 ii. James Bennett, bp. 22 Jan. 1758, d. Newtown, 17 June 1832, ae 74,<sup>21</sup> m. 14 Oct. 1779, Abigail Camp, b. 16 Sept. 1760,<sup>22</sup> d. 5 Apr. 1845.<sup>23</sup> This James is probably the James Bennett who took the Freeman's Oath in 1783.<sup>24</sup> Since James and Abigail didn't have any children, his will gave bequests to his siblings and their heirs. Specifically mentioned in the will are "heirs of deceased sister Jane Birch dec<sup>d</sup> formerly the wife of Nehemiah Birch" and "Mary Wife of Luther Harris and sister of said deceased".<sup>25</sup> At some point, James and Abigail adopted Charles C. Warner,<sup>26</sup> the son of Abigail's deceased sister, Rebecca. Whether this was an informal or formal adoption is not clear. Charles was born in 1808, and his mother, Rebecca, died in 1815, but his father, Herman, did not die until 1855.<sup>27</sup> Charles was living with Abigail in 1843.
- 9 iii. Amos Bennett, bp. 27 Jan. 1760, m. Phebe Hard  
 10 iv. Richard Bennett, bp. 7 Feb. 1762, m. Annis Glover  
 11 v. Mary Bennett, bp. 4 Aug. 1765, m. Luther Harris  
 vi. Hannah Bennett, bp. 9 Sep. 1770, d. 11 Apr. 1776 in her 6<sup>th</sup> year.<sup>28</sup>

**3. Dorcas BENNETT** (*Abraham*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *James*<sup>2,1</sup>), b. abt. 1733, d. Sherman, Conn., 3 Oct 1757,<sup>29</sup> m. Newtown, 29 Aug. 1754, **Rev. Elijah SILL** of Fairfield.<sup>30</sup> Dorcas died the day after the birth of her second child. Rev. Sill was pastor of the Congregational Church in Sherman at the time of the births of his first two children and the death of his first wife. Children:

<sup>18</sup>Newtown CC, 5: pages 14 through 17.

<sup>19</sup>Burch, Orlo C., *Transcription of the Burch Family Bible, 1810*, 1998. This Bible is in the possession of the Burch family of Hartwick, N.Y., hereafter referred to as the Burch family Bible.

<sup>20</sup>The spelling of Nehemiah's last name appears variously in records as "Birtch", "Birch", and "Burch". He settled on the "Burch" spelling.

<sup>21</sup>White, Lorraine Cook, ed. *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Records: Newtown 1711-1852 (Volume 31)*, Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 2000. 28. Hereafter referred to as White, Barbour – Newtown.

<sup>22</sup>White, Barbour – Newtown, p. 21, 47, referencing 2:42

<sup>23</sup>White, Barbour – Newtown, p. 20

<sup>24</sup>*Newtown's History*. 124.

<sup>25</sup>Newtown Probate District, 1832, #193, Probate Record of James Bennet, Connecticut State Archives.

<sup>26</sup>Letter from Jabez B. Botsford of Newtown to Amos Burch [son of Isaac and Mary Ann] of Hartwick, N.Y. dated 12 Jan. 1844, discussing the bequest of land from James to Jane Burch. According to this letter, the widow portion of James Bennett's estate was distributed on 15 Aug. 1843, to James' heirs before the widow's death in order to settle some friction from the heirs of Richard Bennett. After the property was appraised and distributed, Charles C. Warner purchased the interest of Richard Bennett's heirs. "You will recollect that the above named Charles C. Warner is the man that your Uncle James adopted and that he still lives with the widow [Nabby, James' widow]". Jabez Botsford is Amos' uncle. The business part of the letter completed, the rest of the paper includes a personal note, and the admonition that Amos' elderly grandmother "wants you to write and tell about each one..." The original of this letter is in possession of Orlo C. Burch of Hartwick, New York.

<sup>27</sup>White, Barbour – Newtown, p. 210-211.

<sup>28</sup>Newtown CC, 5:35.

<sup>29</sup>Shepard, Winfred C., *Ancestors and Descendants of Albro Dexter Shepard and his wife Alice Zeviah Sill*, Allison, Iowa, 1949. 66. This states that in 1936 Dorcas' gravestone was in the possession of the Kent School for Boys.

<sup>30</sup>Bailey, Frederic W. *Early Connecticut Marriages, Seven Books in One Volume*, Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co, 2008. Book 2, page 133.

- i. Phebe Sill, bp. 30 May 1756, d. 26 Oct. 1809, Southington, Conn., m. Dr. Mark Newell of Southington, Conn.,<sup>31</sup> They had five daughters.
- ii. Elijah Bennet Sill, b. and bp. 2 Oct 1757, "Baptized my son Called Elijah Lord whose name was afterwards altered by reason of his mother's death and called Elijah Bennet."<sup>32</sup>

### Sixth Generation

**4. Mary NORTHROP** (*Mary Bennett*<sup>5</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>4</sup>), b. Newtown, 6 May 1754, bp. 17 June 1754, d. before 17 Aug. 1804,<sup>33</sup> m. Newtown, 12 Feb 1778,<sup>34</sup> Deacon **Matthew BALDWIN**, b. Newtown, 18 Apr. 1748,<sup>35</sup> d. Brookfield, 10 Apr. 1836, aged 89 years.<sup>36</sup> While they started their married life in Newtown, they soon moved to Brookfield and lived on Whisconier Hill. Children:

- 12 i. Ambrose Baldwin, b. Newtown, 29 June 1780.<sup>37</sup>
- 13 ii. Eli Baldwin, b. Parish of Newbury, 20 Nov. 1782.<sup>38</sup>

**5. Damaris NORTHROP** (*Mary Bennett*<sup>5</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>4</sup>), b. 2 Apr. 1758, m. (1) **Joel JUDSON**, (2) **James ANDERSON**. Children by (1):<sup>39</sup>

- i. Levi Judson.
- ii. Hannah Judson, m. Bracy Schofield
- iii. Phebe Judson, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Peet.
- iv. Polly/Molly Judson, married three times.
- v. David Judson.
- vi. Benjamin Judson.

**6. Joshua NORTHROP** (*Mary Bennett*<sup>5</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>4</sup>), b. Newtown, 11 Apr. 1760, d. Brookfield, 12 Dec. 1803, m. **Phebe FAIRCHILD**, b. 5 Dec. 1762, d. 16 Mar. 1851. Children, order changed compared to the Northrop genealogy:<sup>40</sup>

- 14 i. Polly Northrop, b. btwn 1785 and 1790, possibly about 1788,<sup>41</sup> m. Mitchell Atwood

<sup>31</sup>Hall, Mary A. Newell, *Thomas Newell and his Descendants*, Southington, Conn.: Cochrane Bros., 1878. 146-151; [www.findagrave.com #47845169](http://www.findagrave.com/#47845169), accessed 3 Jan 2012, gravestone pictured

<sup>32</sup>Rev. Sill as referenced in *Ancestors...Sill*, page 67. For further treatment of Elijah Bennett Sill's descendants see Shepard, pages 70-73 and George G. Sill, *Genealogy of the Descendants of John Sill*. Albany: Munsell & Rowland, 1859. 71.

<sup>33</sup>Her father leaves a bequest of furniture: "to the heirs of My beloved Daughter Mary...her the dec<sup>d</sup> Mary".

<sup>34</sup>White, Barbour – Newtown, page 5.

<sup>35</sup>White, Barbour – Newtown, page 5. "Mathew, [s. of Caleb Jr. & Ann, of Wiskenxor]"

<sup>36</sup>Hawley, Emily, *Annals of Brookfield*, 1929. 292.

<sup>37</sup>White, Barbour – Newtown, page 2.

<sup>38</sup>Hawley, 292.

<sup>39</sup>For a complete treatment of this family, see MacDougall, Raymond W. "Joel Judson of Stratford and Brookfield, Connecticut", *Connecticut Nutmegger*. Vol. 25, No. 2, 212-217

<sup>40</sup>Joshua Northrop, Sr., leaves a bequest land to his "beloved Grand Children who are the Children and Natural heirs to My beloved Son Joshua Northrop, Jr. late of Brookfield, dec<sup>d</sup> (Viz.) Bennitt F. Northrop, Polly, Hannah, Anne, Lecktee, & Betsey". The order of the girls matches their ages or probable ages based on adult records. In the estate distribution, Lecktee's name is listed as "Electa".

<sup>41</sup>The 1830 census for Mitchell lists 1 free white female age 40-49. This would give a birth year between 1781 and 1790. The 1820 census gives a broader range of 1 free white female 26-44, or 1776-1794. Going back to the

- ii. Hannah Northrop, b. 1790, d. 27 Feb. 1877 ae 86 years 9 months, m. as his third wife, 11 Sept. 1825, Lyman Northrop, b. March 1785, d. 11 May 1857. They had three children: Henry, who died at age two, Sarah who died at age 23, and Rebecca who died less than one month old.<sup>42</sup>
- 15 iii. Anna Northrop, b. abt 1793, m. Samuel Clark
- 16 iv. Electa Northrop, b. abt 1795, m. Asaph Sexton
- 17 v. Bennett Fairchild Northrop, b. 16 Oct. 1799
- vi. Betsey Northrop b. 28 Mar. 1802, m. Harmon Atwood. They lived in Bethlehem, Conn., and had two sons, Edwin and Hiram. Edwin died in Sept. 1869,<sup>43</sup> probably unmarried, and while Hiram married, he and his wife did not have any children.<sup>44</sup>

7. **Asa NORTHRUP** (*Mary Bennett*<sup>5</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>4</sup>), b. 1763, d. Brookfield, 13 Dec. 1805 ae 42, buried Merwin Brook Cemetery, m. 15 June 1786, **Sarah HUBBELL**, b. 1768. She married (2) Col. Isaac Hawley. Asa took the Freeman's Oath in Newtown in 1787.<sup>45</sup>

Children, order slightly different than the Northrop genealogy:

- 18 i. Annis Northrop, b. 15 Nov. 1788, m. Daniel Trowbridge
- ii. Sally Northrop<sup>46</sup>
- 19 iii. Lucy Northrup, abt. 1793, m. Harvey Botsford
- 20 iv. Eli Cook Northrup, b. 11 May 1797
- 21 v. Maria Northrup, b. abt 1803, m. Almon W. Thorpe

8. **Jane BENNETT** (*Abraham*<sup>5,4</sup>), b. Newtown, 9 Feb. 1756, bp. 29 Apr. 1756, d. Hartwick, Otsego, New York, 27 Aug. 1822, "dropsy",<sup>47</sup> m. Newtown, 29 Aug. 1776,<sup>48</sup> **Nehemiah BURCH**, b. Newtown, 11 Feb. 1753, son of William and Catherine (Hubbell) Burch,<sup>49</sup> d. Hartwick, 11 March 1835, "palsy."<sup>50</sup>

Nehemiah and Jane started their married life in Newtown. In 1784, Nehemiah was one of the petitioners for a new school district, Head O' Meadow.<sup>51</sup> By 1790, he appears on the Federal Census in Sandgate, Vermont. Based on later census records for stated birth places of their children, they probably moved to Vermont between 1787 and 1789. Their youngest child was born in 1802 in Vermont when Jane was forty-six years old. With a toddler and older children,

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Brookfield census of 1800, Joshua Northrop, Jr. has 2 females 10 through 15, giving a birth year of 1785 through 1790. Since Hannah was born in the spring of 1790, the likeliest birth year is about 1788.

<sup>42</sup>Northrop genealogy, page 152

<sup>43</sup>1870 Federal census, mortality schedule, Watertown, Litchfield, Conn.

<sup>44</sup>1900 Federal census, Bethlehem, Litchfield, Conn., Hiram b. Jan 1844, Sarah, b. Feb. 1844, m. 34 yrs, mother of zero children. Betsey is living with Hiram and Sarah on the 1880 Federal census.

<sup>45</sup>*Newtown's History*. 124.

<sup>46</sup>Joshua Northrop, Sr. gives a bequest to "my Son Asa's Daughters (Viz) Annis, Salle, Lucy and Mariah, five acres of land". In the distribution of the estate on 20 Mar 1806, Sally receives her portion. Sally is not listed in the Northrop genealogy.

<sup>47</sup>Burch family Bible

<sup>48</sup>This date appears both in the Newtown Congregational Church records and in the Burch family Bible.

<sup>49</sup>Newtown VR 1:5

<sup>50</sup>Burch family Bible

<sup>51</sup>Johnson, Ezra, *Newtown's History and Historian*, page 110.



the family moved from Vermont to Hartwick, Otsego, New York, where at the first town meeting on March 4, 1804, Nehemiah was elected one of many path masters and fence holders.<sup>52</sup> In Hartwick, Nehemiah owned a flax-beating mill.<sup>53</sup> A clock, owned by the Burch family in Hartwick, has an interesting family story. Only the inner workings and face came from New England to New York and the case was built once there. The gears and operating parts are all wooden, yet the clock still works. The face is marked with "R. Whiting" and "Winchester". Mr. Whiting was a clockmaker in Connecticut of the appropriate time period.<sup>54</sup> Nehemiah and Jane settled in a log cabin in their new home in Hartwick. While the cabin is no longer there the foundation still exists, and every spring red roses bloom around it. The cabin foundation is within walking distance of the flax mill foundation.<sup>55</sup>

Children, all birthdates from Burch family Bible:

- i. James Bennit Burch, b. Newtown, 20 March 1777, d. "supposed to have died at Queenstown, O.C. about the year 1808".<sup>56</sup>
- 22 ii. Isaac Burch, b. 20 Apr. 1779, m. Mary Ann Botsford
- 23 iii. Amos Burch, b. 6 Sept. 1781, m. Deidamia Wood
- 24 iv. Mary Ann Burch, b. 23 Apr. 1784, m. Isaac Mallory
- 25 v. Ziba Burch, b. 8 Dec. 1786, m. Sally Bradford
- 26 vi. Sally Burch, b. 21 Sept. 1789, m. John Woodhouse
- 27 vii. Polly Burch, b. 2 May 1792, m. Robert Cary Aplin
- viii. Lamson Burch, b. 7 May 1795. No record of his marriage is listed in the Burch family Bible. It is likely that he and William moved to Chenango County, New York, since there are two families with heads Lamson and William Burch living next door to each other enumerated on the 1830 census. Assuming this is the same Lamson, he's enumerated with a wife and two small daughters. Further research needs to be done to verify this connection.<sup>57</sup>
- ix. William Burch, b. 7 July 1797. No record of his marriage is listed in the Burch family Bible. He appears to move first to Chenango, N.Y., living next to Lamson, then to Ohio, and lastly to Henry County, Indiana. A gravestone marker lists that this particular William Burch died April 8, 1866, aged 71 years 9 months. When computed out that comes to 7 July 1794. It is probable that this is the same William that is the son of Nehemiah and Jane. For more information see "The Burch Family Association",  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~burchhistory/wmmmary.html>  
 Further research needs to be done to verify this connection.
- 28 x. "Catherine Burch the Babe", b. 13 May 1802, m. Daniel Lippitt.

<sup>52</sup>Hurd, Duane Hamilton. *History of Otsego County*. 1878. Page 160.

<sup>53</sup>Town of Hartwick Historical Society, *Hartwick, New York – Heart of Otsego County*. Hartwick, NY: Syllables Press, 2002. 96.

<sup>54</sup>Research done by Orlo C. Burch on the provenance of the clock in his family's possession.

<sup>55</sup>Orlo C. Burch

<sup>56</sup>Burch family Bible; The place referenced is Queenstown, Ontario, Canada.

<sup>57</sup>The most likely candidate to be Lamson found on further census records is a 55 year old "Sampson" Burch, enumerated in 1850 in Wolcott, Wayne, New York; his listed place of birth: Vermont. He is buried in Wolcott cemetery as "Lampson Burch", age 61, died 20 Apr. 1856. [wayne.nygenweb.net/cemeteries/glen1.html](http://wayne.nygenweb.net/cemeteries/glen1.html)

**9. Amos BENNETT** (*Abraham*<sup>5,4</sup>), bp. 27 Jan 1760, d. Newtown, 6 Aug. 1820, “fever”,<sup>58</sup> m. South Britain, Conn., 3 May 1785,<sup>59</sup> **Phebe HARD**, d. Newtown, 26 Mar 1852 ae. 83.<sup>60</sup> Amos took the Oath of Fidelity in 1782 and the Freeman’s Oath in 1785.<sup>61</sup> Amos signed his will as “Amos Bennit”. He was a farmer and left an estate worth \$2660.43 mostly consisting of real estate. In this era before mass-produced clothing, he owned a \$7 surcoat and a \$6 hat. As a comparison, his yoke of oxen was valued at \$60, and his one horse sleigh was worth \$7. His bequest to his daughters was “share and share alike.” Children (named in his will):<sup>62</sup>

- 29 i. Abigail “Nabby” Bennett, wife of Abijah Beers
- 30 ii. Sarah Ann Bennett, wife of Nichols Curtis

**10. Richard BENNETT** (*Abraham*<sup>5,4</sup>), bp. 7 Feb. 1762, d. Newtown, 29 May 1829 ae 67,<sup>63</sup> m. Newtown 27 Dec. 1784, **Annis GLOVER**, b. abt 1765, d. Newtown, Feb. 1837, ae 71.<sup>64</sup> Richard took the Freeman’s Oath in 1786.<sup>65</sup> Richard died intestate, and his estate was distributed to his widow (unnamed), his son, James, and one unmarried daughter, Phebe. It is unclear why his married daughters received no share of the estate. No records of property transfers before his death to his daughters were found. Children, all listed in Newtown’s vital records:<sup>66</sup>

- i. Hannah Bennett, b. 26 Jan. 1786. No further definitive record of her has been found.<sup>67</sup>
- ii. Lucy Ann Bennett, b. 28 Aug. 1787. No further definitive record of her has been found.<sup>68</sup>
- 31 iii. James Bennett, b. 9 Jan. 1790
- iv. Anna Bennett, b. 8 Sept. 1792. No further record of her has been found.
- v. Julia Bennett, b. 24 June 1794, alive in 1850,<sup>69</sup> m. Newtown, 18 Mar. 1826, “by Rev. David Bennett”,<sup>70</sup> Lue L. Sherman, d. Newtown, 5 June 1850, ae 62.<sup>71</sup>
- vi. Abraham Bennett (twin), b. 20 June 1797, d. Newtown, 23 July 1806.<sup>72</sup>
- 32 vii. Sarah “Sally” Bennett (twin), b. 20 June 1797, m. Eli Bennett
- viii. Phebe Bennett, b. 20 Sept. 1802. She is the only daughter named in the distribution of

<sup>58</sup>Newtown VR 2:153

<sup>59</sup>Cothren, William, *History of Ancient Woodbury, Connecticut, Vol. III*, 1879. 530; Sharpe, William C. *South Britain Sketches and Records*. Seymour, Conn.: Record Print, 1898. 20.

<sup>60</sup>In his first volume of Woodbury’s history, written in 1854, Mr. Cothren attributes the marriage of Amos Bennett to a Phebe Hurd, who was born in 1751. (page 575) This is the incorrect Phebe; however, to which Hard/Hurd family of the area she belongs is still being researched.

<sup>61</sup>*Newtown’s History*. 122, 124.

<sup>62</sup>Newtown Probate District, #186, 1820, Amos Bennit, Connecticut State Archives

<sup>63</sup>Newtown VR 2:142

<sup>64</sup>Newtown VR 2:127

<sup>65</sup>*Newtown’s History*. 124.

<sup>66</sup>Newtown VR 1:50

<sup>67</sup>However, out in New York and later Michigan, there is a Hannah Bennett, born in Connecticut, of the right age married to a Ransom Johnson. Indeed, of the Hannah Bennetts recorded in the Barbour collection, this Hannah is the only one born in the appropriate decade. There also were Johnson families in Newtown during that time period. So far the searching in Newtown has not brought up any records to verify this possible connection.

<sup>68</sup>She is the appropriate age to be the Lucy Bennett that married Gershom Bulkely. See Jacobus, Donald Lines. *The Bulkeley Genealogy*. New Haven, 1933. 560. However, no verification for this could be found.

<sup>69</sup>1850 Federal Census, Newtown, Fairfield, Connecticut

<sup>70</sup>Newtown VR 3:22

<sup>71</sup>White, Barbour – Newtown, 182.

<sup>72</sup>Newtown VR 2:167 “Richard, his s. [ ]”

Richard's estate. Phebe appears on the Federal Census in 1850 in Monroe, in 1860 in Huntington (Shelton), and in 1870 in Watertown.

11. **Mary BENNETT** (*Abraham*<sup>5,4</sup>), bp. Newtown, 4 Aug. 1765, d. Milan, Erie, Ohio, 1 Jan. 1837,<sup>73</sup> m. Newtown, 21 Sept. 1785,<sup>74</sup> **Luther HARRIS**, b. Walpole, Mass., 29 Jan. 1756, son of Nicholas and Lydia (Carrill) Harris,<sup>75</sup> d. Milan, Erie, Ohio, 5 Sept. 1842.<sup>76</sup> Mary and Luther are buried in Milan Cemetery, Milan, Erie, Ohio.

Luther grew up in Massachusetts and received a common school education. "Relying on his own resources, he undertook and completed his preparation for Providence College, now Brown University, of which he became a member in the fall of 1774." The war interrupted the college's exercises, and so he did not receive his degree until 1783, when the college resumed operation. A year later, he 'removed' to Newtown, where he opened a school.<sup>77</sup> Luther took the Oath of Fidelity in 1786 and the Freeman's Oath in 1787.<sup>78</sup>

Luther and Mary lived in Newtown through at least December 1804 when the Newtown town clerk records their family's information in the town vital records. They possibly moved for a time to Sherman, Conn., because there is a Luther Harris with an appropriate family composition the 1810 census in Sherman. The biography of Abigail Harris Monteith written by her son, Edwin Harris Monteith,<sup>79</sup> states that she joined the Newtown Congregational Church in the winter of 1815 under the ministry of Rev. John Clark. *Newtown's History* lists the ministers of the church and the minister during that time was Rev. Jehu Clark.<sup>80</sup> Logically, the family must have been in Newtown during some of that time period. Luther and his son-in-law, Alfred Betts, visited Ohio in the fall of 1816 to procure a suitable place for settlement.<sup>81</sup> Luther returned to Connecticut for the families while Alfred remained in Ohio.<sup>82</sup> Luther, Mary and their four youngest children moved to Ohio in 1817. Luther started one of the first schools in Vermilion, Ohio.<sup>83</sup> Children, the first nine recorded in Newtown's vital records:<sup>84</sup>

33 i. Hannah Harris, b. 30 May 1786, m. David Meeker

34 ii. Sally Harris, b. 3 Nov. 1788, m. Dr. Alfred Betts

<sup>73</sup>*Huron Weekly Reflector*, Jan. 10, 1837, page 3, column 3. Many Ohio newspaper obituaries are indexed and obtainable through the Rutherford B. Hayes Library: [www.rbhayes.org](http://www.rbhayes.org)

<sup>74</sup>Newtown VR 2:16

<sup>75</sup>Ullmann, Helen Schatvet, "Nicholas and Hannah (Blake) Harris of Wrentham, Massachusetts". *The Genealogist*. Vol. 15 No. 2, Fall 2001, The American Society of Genealogists. 215-218.

<sup>76</sup>Luther Harris Obituary. *Ohio Observer* (Hudson, Ohio), Thurs. Oct. 5, 1842, page 3, columns 5 and 6. Microfilm #28454, Ohio Historical Society.

<sup>77</sup>Ibid.

<sup>78</sup>*Newtown's History*. 123, 124.

<sup>79</sup>Monteith, Edwin Harris. "Abigail Harris Monteith", John Monteith papers. Bentley Historical Library. University of Michigan. The John Monteith collection contains four microfilms of original material held by the Library. Abigail's biography is on the third reel of the collection, #mf288.

<sup>80</sup>*Newtown's History*. 74.

<sup>81</sup>"Rev. Alfred H. Betts", *Biographical Sketches Brownhelm Twp., Lorain Co; History of Lorain County Ohio*. Philadelphia: Williams Bros, 1879. 235-236. As transcribed on [www.usbiographies.org/biographies/read.php?1343,15087,15087](http://www.usbiographies.org/biographies/read.php?1343,15087,15087) Accessed 13 Jan. 2012

<sup>82</sup>Betts, Rev. A.H. *The Fire Lands Pioneer*. Sandusky, Ohio: Nov. 1859. 32.

<sup>83</sup>Summers, Benj., Esq. "SE Quarter - Vermilion", *The Fire Lands Pioneer*. Nov. 1858. 41-42.

<sup>84</sup>Newtown VR 2:16

- 35 iii. Polly/Mary Harris, b. 24 Mar 1791, m. Philip R. Hopkins<sup>85</sup>  
 iv. Jerusha Harris, b. 11 Oct 1792, d. 13 Oct 1793
- 36 v. Lydia Harris, b. 10 Aug. 1793, m. Heman Birch<sup>86</sup>  
 vi. Julia Harris, b. 16 Feb. 1796, d. 5 Feb. 1797
- 37 vii. Amos Bennit Harris, b. 22 Dec. 1797
- 38 viii. Abigail “Nabby” Harris, b. 5 May 1801, m. Rev. John Monteith
- 39 ix. Delpha Harris, b. 17 Oct 1804, m. Rev. Caleb Burbank  
 x. Abraham Harris, b. poss. 1806-1807. Abraham is not recorded in the 1804 listing, but he is mentioned in *The Firelands Pioneer* by Benjamin Summers in 1858 as one of the four youngest children who settled in Ohio with Luther and Mary. Mr. Summers states Abraham was unsuccessful as a merchant and moved west “years ago.”<sup>87</sup> A later *Fire Lands Pioneer* states: “On becoming of age, he [Zalmuna Phillips] was employed as a clerk by a Mr. Abram Harris, who kept a store on the shore of Lake Erie, about two miles west of Vermilion. He remained so employed about two years”<sup>88</sup> Using Mr. Phillip’s biography, this would narrow the time period for Abraham’s storekeeping experience to sometime between 1825 and 1830. In addition, the obituary for Abigail Harris Monteith states that she was from a family of six daughters and two sons, thus giving further credence to Abraham’s existence.<sup>89</sup> Abigail Harris Monteith’s biography states she was the eighth child of the family, so Abraham’s arrival has to be after hers.

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<sup>85</sup>Letters in the John Monteith collection on the first microfilm of the collection (#mf286) gave several clues – references to “Aunt Mary” and “Cousin Della”, as well as a letter dated Washington DC Aug. 26, 1862 “My dear aunt” signed “Della Skinner”. With those clues, deductive work backwards determined Mary’s story.

<sup>86</sup>In the Monteith papers (microfilm #mf286) are several letters with references to “Aunt Birch” (Abigail to children, children to each other), as well as the letter dated Cleveland Jan 24, 1861, “Much loved sister A” signed “Truly your loving sister Lydia”, then a postscript initialed “LHB”, and one dated July 9, 1861 “Dearest Sister” signed “LH Birch”. Letter dated Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> (1861) from Lydia “My Birthday” to Abigail.

<sup>87</sup>Summers, 42.

<sup>88</sup>“Judge Phillips”, The Fire Lands Historical Society. *The Fire Lands Pioneer, New Series, Vol. II*. Norwalk, Ohio: June 1884. 90-91.

<sup>89</sup>“Obituary – Remarks of President Fairchild at the Funeral of Mrs. Monteith”. The John Monteith papers, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan. Microfilm #mf288. Mr. Fairchild presumably must not have been aware of the two daughters who died young, especially since they both died before Abigail was born.

## The Rockwell-Hobart Estate at Ridgefield: an Addendum

Kenneth W. Rockwell

In February of 2012, I received a response by e-mail to my article on the Hobart family of Ridgefield, Connecticut.<sup>1</sup> Jane Braaten of Minnesota noted that her ancestor, Abiah the wife of Jonathan Wildman, is thought to have been a Hobart. She wrote: "I am searching for the parents of my Revolutionary era grandmother Abiah Hobart Wildman (2nd marriage to Wm Churchill) Abiah was born about 1745 probably in Ridgefield Ct. She died at Farmington about 1782. She married Jonathan Wildman (born 1743?) on April 28th 1768 at Roxbury. He died "as a soldier" in the Revolutionary War between 1777 and 1782. ... In looking at your material, I realized that Joseph Hobart born July 7 1724 was the only one who could be Abiah's father." She wondered if there was any further information that might confirm this connection.

The logical place to begin such a search is the probate records. Unfortunately, no probate file is found for Joseph Hobart, Junior. The land records, however, are another story. There is one deed involving Jonathan and Abiah Wildman. On 19 February 1772, "we Jonathan Wildman & Abiah Wildman, Baron & Femme, both of New Milford in Litchfield County... for ye consideration of fifty shillings lawfull money," quit-claimed to Jonathan Gates of Ridgefield "all our right & interest in a tract of land ... Sd. whole tract is said to contain about thirty six acres & our interest in the same being about one acre & forty rods of land, be it more or less, it being in partnership with the sd. Gates & not yet divided; the whole tract is bounded east & west by highway, on the north by John Keeler's land, south in part by sd. Keeler's land & in part by Elijah Smith's land."<sup>2</sup>

The description of the land is quite similar to that given in other deeds involving a parcel of land in the "New Patent" or Ridgebury that was described in my previous article. This and another parcel, in the "New Purchase," were commonage granted to the estate of Thomas Rockwell and distributed to his daughter, Sarah Hobart. One might assume that Abiah is one more child of Joseph and Sarah (Rockwell) Hobart, but the specifics of this deed suggest an alternative explanation, based on two factors: the stated proportion of the Wildmans' share; and the role of Jonathan Gates.

The Wildmans' statement that their share in the Ridgebury tract is 1 acre and 40 rods allows one to do a simple calculation. As forty rods is about a quarter of an acre, their share was one twenty-eighth of the total. This proportion is too small to be that of a child inheriting the parcel from a parent, but more what would be expected of a grandchild's holding. The simplest explanation is that Joseph and Sarah (Rockwell) Hobart had seven children who either survived to inherit the land directly or had children who would inherit in their stead. I had previously identified seven such children: Joseph; Sarah (who married Jonathan Brooks); Phebe (who married James Green); John; Elizabeth (who married Bushnell Benedict); Ruth; and Hezekiah.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Kenneth W. Rockwell, "The Hobart family of Ridgefield, Connecticut: a reconstruction solving the identities of three Fairfield County wives," *Connecticut Ancestry* vol. 5x, no. 2 (Nov. 2010), pp. 70-73.

<sup>2</sup>Ridgefield land records, vol. 5, folio 187b; viewed on Family History Library film no. 5498.

<sup>3</sup>In my previous article, I mentioned one of John Hobart's deeds, but failed to list him in the genealogical summary. Little further is known of him besides the additional deed mentioned in the present article. He may have been the John Hobart of Woodbury, Litchfield County, whose widow, Mary, became the administrator of his estate along with Comfort Hubbell of Newtown, Fairfield County, on 8 April 1783. An inventory of his estate was displayed on 26 May 1783. (Woodbury district probate packet no. 2106, viewed on FHL film no. 1032821.

If Abiah had a 1/28<sup>th</sup> share, that suggests that she was heir to one of these seven shares, along with three living siblings. Who was her parent, and who were her three siblings?

The Wildman deed also mentions Jonathan Gates as already having a share in the land, suggesting that he may be a key to solving this puzzle. I looked up various deeds involving him to see if they involve the same parcel. I have already quoted one such deed in my previous article: On 24 June 1761, Ruth Hobart of Woodbury, presumably a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Rockwell) Hobart, sold to Jonathan Gates “all my right title & interest in & unto a certain tract or piece of land lying in ... Ridgfield New Patent, ye whole of sd. tract contains thirty five acres & is bounded east & west by highway, north by ye land of John Keeler & south by ye land of Joseph Keeler & Gideon Smith, my sd. right & interest therein bears ye same proportion to ye whole quantity thereof as three pounds ten shillings bears to an hundred pounds.”<sup>4</sup> In addition, John Hobart sold his share in this parcel to Lemuel Morehouse Junior of Ridgefield on 12 May 1756.<sup>5</sup> Morehouse had previously purchased Elizabeth (Hobart) Benedict’s share;<sup>6</sup> and on 19 December 1760, Lemuel Morehouse Jr. quit-claimed to Jonathan Gates, “all that right title & interest that I obtained of Bushnell Benedict & Elisabeth his wife and of John Hobart in & unto one certain tract or piece of land lying in said Ridgfield at ye New Patent so called, the whole of sd. tract contains thirty five acres ...”<sup>7</sup>

Another deed involving this parcel dates from 27 January 1761, in which John and Martha Tiff of Woodbury quit-claimed to Samuel Gates of Ridgefield their share in a parcel described much the same as in the previous two deeds, though the estimated area was “about thirty acres be it more or less.”<sup>8</sup> It is tempting to identify this Martha as one of the three siblings of Abiah Wildman. However, in a second deed date 15 January 1759, the Tiffs conveyed their title and interest in the “New Purchase” tract to Isaac Keeler.<sup>9</sup> Both of these deeds should have been included in my previous article. Because Joseph Hobart Jr. also sold his share in the “New Purchase” tract, Martha Tiff could not have inherited her share from him as a daughter; rather, she is apparently another child of Joseph and Sarah (Rockwell) Hobart. This changes the likely makeup of that family: Their seven surviving heirs probably should instead be listed as: Joseph Hobart Jr., Sarah Brooks, Phebe Green, John Hobart, Elizabeth Benedict, Ruth Hobart, and Martha Tiff. Hezekiah, the youngest known child of Joseph Hobart, never appears in the Ridgefield deeds, and this might be because he was Joseph Hobart’s child by a second wife and thus not an heir to the property that came through Sarah (Rockwell) Hobart. Alternatively, he may have died after 1761 (when he appeared in a deed) and had no children, so that his share went to his surviving siblings, who then numbered seven.

Samuel Gates held the Tiff share until 12 April 1773, when, for the sum of 72 pounds, he quit-claimed to “my son Jonathan Gates of sd. Ridgfield” all his right in a parcel “bounded east by highway, north by land belonging to John Keeler, south by land belonging to Elijah Smith in part and partly by land belonging to said Keeler’s land, and west by said Keeler’s land.” This deed gives the acreage estimate for the parcel as only 20 acres.<sup>10</sup> This is because Samuel retained

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., 4:207b, viewed on Family History Library film no. 5497.

<sup>5</sup>Ibid., 4:121a-b. In this deed John Hobart sold both the 35-acre “New Patent” tract and the 18-acre “New Purchase” tract. My previous article did not make this clear.

<sup>6</sup>Ibid., 4:121a.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid., 4:186b

<sup>8</sup>Ibid., 5:101a.

<sup>9</sup>Ibid., 4:149a.

<sup>10</sup>Ibid., 5:188a.

part of his share in the total, as becomes clear by the next deed: On 7 April 1773, Samuel Gates and Jonathan Gates of Ridgefield, sold to John Keeler a sixteen-acre parcel in Ridgebury parish “bounded west by highway, north eighty rods by sd. Keeler’s own land, east by our own land & south by sd. Keeler’s own land containing sixteen acres of land precise measure.”<sup>11</sup>

John Keeler, the northern neighbor of the parcel in question, had already obtained the shares in this parcel belonging to Sarah (Hobart) Brooks and Phebe (Hobart) Green. Now, with this purchase from the Gateses, John Keeler owned the shares belonging to Elizabeth (Hobart) Benedict, Ruth Hobart, John Hobart, and Martha (Hobart) Tiff, and also the land that had belonged to Abiah Wildman. By process of elimination, Abiah is apparently the child of Joseph Hobart Junior. He was living in Danbury in January of 1755/56 when he sold his share in a different Ridgefield parcel, but no similar deed is found disposing of his share in the Ridgebury parcel. He was already the prime candidate to be the father of Abiah Wildman, and her deed confirms her connection to the Hobart clan. No record of Joseph’s death is known.

If Abiah’s deed represents one fourth of Joseph’s share in the property, as calculated above, there are three siblings of Abiah’s left to be accounted for in the proposed reconstruction of the family of Joseph Hobart Junior. Unfortunately, no further deeds are found involving this parcel before the death of John Keeler in 1782, when his share in the parcel was still in his possession. His will gave two thirds of his real estate to his son John and the remaining third to his daughter Sarah. The inventory of his estate lists a parcel “bought [of] Jonathan Gates, 33 & a half acres.” This is clearly the vast majority of the original Rockwell-Hobart tract in Ridgebury, even though the notation that it came from Jonathan Gates tells only part of the story. The distribution, performed 23 May 1783, includes a parcel for John Jr. that adjoined the home lot on the south and was bounded “north & west & east in part by highway & south by land [of] Peter Finch, containing 20 acres.”<sup>12</sup>

The amount of land said to make up the Rockwell-Hobart land in Ridgebury has varied between records, but the great majority say it was 35 acres. The final distribution to John Keeler Jr. and his sister Sarah amounts to 30 acres, even though the inventory gave it as 33.5 acres. If the distribution is correct, the close-to-five remaining acres may have been the share belonging to Abiah’s siblings and fellow heirs of Joseph Hobart, Junior. Part of the solution is suggested by an examination of the deeds relating to Peter Finch, a southern neighbor mentioned in the distribution of 1783. He obtained 5 acres and 31 rods of land from the estate of Lemuel Morehouse on 4 April 1783, bounded “norwesterly and northeasterly by land of the heirs of John Keeler Dec’d, southwesterly by highway, & southeasterly by land sold by us to James Partrick.”<sup>13</sup> Then on 24 March 1795, Finch sold to Jeremiah Smith of Ridgefield a parcel measuring 10.5 acres bounded on the “west by highway, north and east by land of John Keeler, and south by land of Matthew Northrup.”<sup>14</sup> Though the descriptions can be confusing, it may be that the northern 4 to 5 acres of Finch’s holdings originally came to Lemuel Morehouse from the three siblings, but the deeds were never recorded.

It is tempting to propose that these unidentified siblings were daughters who married the three men who purchased parts of the Ridgebury tract at various times. But other records clearly

<sup>11</sup>Ibid., 5:185b. [Note: This is from the first of two consecutive folios that were numbered “185.”]

<sup>12</sup>Danbury district probate packet no. 2797; viewed on FHL film no. 1016239.

<sup>13</sup>Ridgefield deeds 6:87b; FHL film no. 5497.

<sup>14</sup>Ibid., 8:74a.

identify their wives: John Keeler's marriage to Sarah Northrup and Lemuel Morehouse Junior's marriage to Rachel Osborne in 1750 are both on file.<sup>15</sup> No marriage record is found for Jonathan Gates, but his wife is proven to be the daughter of Samuel Keeler, whose estate refers to Sarah Gates.<sup>16</sup> Sarah was also the sister of John Keeler, who lived just north of the Rockwell-Hobart tract. (The deed by Jonathan Gates notes that the land lies "one hundred rods from sd. Keeler's house.") That explains his interest in the property and his association with Jonathan Gates. Lemuel Morehouse Junior, similarly, owned land in the same area.

So the remaining children of Joseph Hobart Junior remain unidentified. Online trees found by Jane Braaten include Sarah, Joseph, and Elisha, by a mother named Mary. This woman, of whom nothing is known, would have died between Abiah's birth around 1745 and Joseph Hobart Jr.'s marriage in 1748, to Ruth Perry in 1748. Alternatively, these children, including Abiah may be children of Ruth, since their exact birth dates are unknown and it seems unlikely that Joseph had very many children before 1748, when he was still only 24. Certainly, if Abiah was born in 1749 or 1750, she would be about 18 at the time of her reported marriage in 1768, a common age for daughters' marriages at that time. Further information is needed on this family, but the Ridgefield deed books appear to have provided all that they have to give on the subject.

#### **Genealogical Summary of the Hobart family of Ridgefield and Danbury (revised):**

**Joseph Hobart** (born ca. 1700, perhaps on Long Island, New York) was "of Ridgefield" when he purchased land there on 22 May 1722. He married at Ridgefield, on 29 May 1723, **Sarah Rockwell**, who was born at Norwalk on 21 October 1704, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Rusco) Rockwell. Joseph and Sarah had several children whose births were recorded at Ridgefield and perhaps four more born there but not recorded. No probate records are to be found for Joseph or Sarah Hobart, nor were their headstones found by the Hale survey in the 1930s, so we do not know when they died. But both Joseph and Sarah were alive on 4 April 1747 when they signed a deed conveying a 3-acre parcel in New Purchase Swamp to Jabez Rockwell. Only Joseph and his son Joseph signed a 1748 deed to a 17.5-acre New Purchase parcel granted by the town proprietors to the heirs of Thomas Rockwell, which might indicate that Sarah had died, except that she had not signed several earlier deeds. Joseph was apparently still alive in 1761 and living at Danbury when he gave land to his son Hezekiah.

Children of Joseph and Sarah (Rockwell) Hobart:

- Joseph Hobart, born at Ridgefield on 7 July 1724. He was living at Danbury when, on 16 January 1755/56, he sold his share in a Ridgefield property to Jabez Rockwell, a maternal uncle. He married, on 3 January 1748/49, Ruth Parry. They may have had at least four children, including Abiah (m. Jonathan Wildman) if the common estimates for her birth year are too early. Alternatively, Joseph may have married young, to a woman who died after giving birth to Abiah.

<sup>15</sup>Ibid., 1:234. The pages of vital records at the back of the first volume of deeds constitutes "volume 1" of the Ridgefield vital records.

<sup>16</sup>Danbury probate packet no. 1781, from FHL film no. 1016239.



- Sarah Hobart, born at Ridgefield on 27 July 1724. She married, on 9 April 1744, Jonathan Brooks. They lived in Ridgefield in 1755 and 1756 when they sold her shares in the Rockwell-Hobart parcels in Ridgefield.
- Rebecca Hobart, born at Ridgefield on 13 November 1726. Probably died young, as no further information is found regarding her.
- Phebe Hobart, born at Ridgefield on 25 February 1728. She married at Stamford (Darien area), on 27 May 1751, James Green.<sup>17</sup> They were living at Stamford in April of 1756 when they sold her shares in the Rockwell-Hobart parcels in Ridgefield.
- Thomas Rockwell, born at Ridgefield on 6 August 1729. Probably died young.
- Jeremiah Hobart, born at Ridgefield on 29 December 1730. No further record.
- Elizabeth Hobart. Her birth is not on record, so her exact birth order is unknown, but she was married by March of 1756 and living at Woodbury, Conn., when she and her husband, Bushnell Benedict, sold her share in a Ridgefield parcel.
- Hezekiah Hobart, born at Ridgefield on 3 November 1733.<sup>18</sup> He was living in 1761 when Joseph Hobart of Danbury gave to his son Hezekiah, "now living at Ridgefield," all claims to lands in Ridgefield. This was the last record of him, so he may have died soon.
- John Hobart. His birth is not on record, so his exact birth order is unknown, but he was living in Ridgefield in 1756 when he sold his share in the Rockwell-Hobart parcels in Ridgefield. He may have been the John Hobart of Woodbury, Litchfield County, whose widow, Mary, became the administrator of his estate along with Comfort Hubbell of Newtown, Fairfield County, on 8 April 1783. An inventory of his estate was displayed on 26 May 1783.<sup>19</sup>
- Martha Hobart. Her birth is not on record, so her exact birth order is unknown, but she was married by 1759 and living at Woodbury when she and her husband, William Tiff, sold their share in a Ridgefield parcel.
- Ruth Hobart. Her birth is not on record, so her exact birth order is unknown, but she was living at Woodbury (perhaps with her brother John) when, on 24 June 1761, she sold her share the 35-acre Rockwell-Hobart parcel in Ridgebury.

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<sup>17</sup>"Darien marriages," posted by Nancy Washell at the Connecticut Genealogy Trails website. See: [http://genealogytrails.com/conn/fairfield/darien\\_marriages.html](http://genealogytrails.com/conn/fairfield/darien_marriages.html)

<sup>18</sup>Danbury vital records, vol. 1, p. 275, quoted in *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut town vital records*, compiled by Lorraine Cook White, volume 8 (Baltimore, 1997), p. 81.

<sup>19</sup>Woodbury district probate packet no. 2106, viewed on FHL film no. 1032821.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths for Stratford, CT, 1847-1852

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In the town of Stratford an apparently complete record of births, marriages, and deaths were reported by the school district commissioners for the period August 1847 to August 1852. Later records to about 1868 are kept in the same book, but with no designation of school district. Though the volume is not indexed, these latter records are chronological, and they are not transcribed here. In a few cases, entries two school districts are included on the same form.

### Births, Stratford, CT, 1847-1852

Among the birth records there are a score or more where an abbreviation, "A. B." appears in the given name column, and there are two places where the "J. W." is entered. These are surely not abbreviations for actual names, but the meaning is unclear.

\* School Districts: 1 – Putney, 2 – Hervey's Farms, 3 – New North, 4 – Union, 5 – Old North, 6 – Old South, 7 – Middle, 8 – Oronoque, 9 – South Middle, 10 – South

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Names of Parents	Age	Color	Occupation	Residence
3	28 Jun 1848	Adelia	Curtis	Thaddeus Curtis Adelia "	37 32	White	Cooper	Stratford
10	17 Jan 1849	Alaby	A. B.	Curtis Alaby [blank] "	38 40	White	Fisherman	Stratford
5	1851 (?)	Ambler	Alice A.	Stephen T. Ambler Charlotte A. "	30 32	White "	Miner	Stratford "
10	20 May 1849	Arnold	A. B.	Theodore Arnold Lucinda A. "	22 18	White	Shoe-Maker	Stratford
9	2 Jul 1851	Austin	A. B.	Thomas Austin Elvira "	40 36	White "	Gentleman	Stratford "
9	2 Aug 1848	Austin	Samuel	Thomas Austin Elvira "	35 36	White	Gentleman	Stratford
9	9 Jul 1851	Bacon	A. B.	Charles Bacon Frances "	22 23	White "	Farmer	Stratford "
1	11 Sep 1849	Baldwin	Maria B.	Benj" F. Baldwin Frenilana[?]	20 20	White	Mechanic	Stratford

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Names of Parents	Age	Color	Occupation	Residence
1	8 May 1849	Barnwell	Letitia	William Barnwell Catherine	42 44	White	Laborer	Stratford
1	17 Sep 1849	Barstow	Mittie T.	Bertle M. Barstow Anna	26 20	White	Joiner	Stratford
5	6 Dec 1847	Bassett	Harriet	Philo Bassett Catharine		White	Shoemaker	Stratford
4	29 Jul 1849	Bassett	Mary	Philo Bassett Catharine "	28 23	White	Shoe-Maker	Stratford
6	23 Jan 1848	Batterson	[blank]	Edward Batterson Hellen "	26	White	Shoe-maker	Stratford
6	38 May 1848	Batterson	Adelaide	William Batterson Elizabeth "	23	White	Shoe-maker	Stratford
6	21 Aug 1849	Batterson	Mary L.	William Batterson	25	White	Shoe-maker	Stratford
6	25 Jan 1848	Beardsley	[blank]	Urania Beardsley		White		Stratford
2	7 Oct 1847	Beardsley	Arthur A.	John B. Beardsley Mary	33 31	White	Mason	Stratford
2	22 Oct 1847	Beardsley	Charles	Frank J. Beardsley Margaret	42 38	White	Farmer	Stratford
10	17 Dec 1848	Beardsley	Daniel	Daniel Beardsley Eliza "	39 43	White	Shoe Maker	Stratford
6	2 Nov 1847	Beardsley	Mary	Daniel J. Beardsley Eliza "	32	White	Grocer	Stratford
4	1 Mar 1949	Beers	Elbert Frank	Lewis Beer[s] Jr. Susan "	56 41	White	Shoe-Maker	Stratford
5	13 Oct 1850	Beers	Imogene	Wheeler Beers Sarah Jane "	27 20	White "	Brass-founder	Bridgeport
3	3 Jun 1850	Beers	Walter P.	Lewis Beers Susan "		White	Shoe Manufacturer	Stratford
1	15 Jul 1849	Benjamin	Adele M.	John C. Benjamin Laura[?] M.	25 24	White	Gas-Fitter	Stratford
6	19 Jul 1850	Blakeman	Alfred August	Sylvester Blakeman	25	White	Merchant	Derby
8	6 Jun 1849	Blakeman	Carlos	Gould		White	Farmer	Stratford

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Names of Parents	Age	Color	Occupation	Residence
8	2 Nov 1849	Blakeman	Caroline	Benjamin Blakeman Caroline "	24 27	White "	Farmer	Stratford
8 & 1	30 Jun 1851	Blakeman	Hellen Mary	Benjamin Blakeman Caroline "	25 29	White "	Farmer	Stratford
1	Nov 1849	Booth	A. B.	Nathan A. Booth Sophia "		White	Farmer	Stratford
8 & 1	3 Jul 1851	Booth	A. B.	Stephen S. Booth Harriet "		White "	Merchant	Stratford
3	2 Oct 1849	Booth	Albertina	Albert Booth [blank]		White	Gold digging	California
1	1849 (?)	Booth	child	Stephen S. Booth Harriet "		White	Merchant	Stratford
1	9 Aug 1867 [sic]	Booth	David B. Jr.	David B. Booth [blank]		White	Farmer	Oronoque
4	22 Oct 1848	Booth	David William	James Booth Jr. Mary A. "	39 37	White	Laborer	Stratford
1	4 Jun 1847	Booth	Erastus	Nathan B. Booth Elizabeth S.		White	Farmer	Stratford
5	10 Sep 1848	Brooks	[blank]	Trederic Brooks Abigail "		White "	Hatter	Stratford
7	7 Oct 1849	Brooks	Alice S.	John Brooks Jane "	27 22	White "	Mariner	Stratford "
10	6 Jun 1851	Budington	A. B.	Rufus Budington Eliza "	39 37	White "	Ass'Lighthouse Keeper	Stratford "
6	10 Oct 1847	Budington	Emma Hotchkiss	Rufus Budington Eliza "	38	White	Light house keeper	Stratford
6	20 Aug 1849	Budington	Rufus R.	Rufus Budington	38	White	Pilot	Stratford
2	7 Oct 1847	Burritt	Chas. E.	Chas. L. Burritt Anna	30 27	White	Farmer	Stratford
10	31 Oct 1848	Burritt	J. W.	Alfred Burritt Catharine "	40 35	White	Cabinet Maker	Stratford

Dist.*	Date	Surname	Given Name	Names of Parents	Age	Color	Occupation	Residence
8	21 Jul 1850	Clark	Mary Elizabeth	David Clark Mary A. "	33 31	White "	Farmer	Stratford
6	12 May 1850	Coe	Frederic	Denice Coe	33	White	Joiner	Stratford
6	4 Dec 1847	Coe	Robert	James Coe Jr. Hellen "	34	White	Joiner	Stratford
2	17 Oct 1850	Coley	Emma J.	Gould Coley Cornelia "		White "	Shoe-maker	Stratford
1	1 Apr 1850	Crofut	Harriet Jane	Samuel Crofut Jane "		White	Laborer	Stratford
2	30 Nov 1850	Culver	Harriet Maria	Charles H. Culver Amy "		White "	Labourer	Stratford
5	4 Apr 1849	Curtis	[blank]	Agur Curtis Mary "		White "	Tanner	Stratford
7	10 Jun 1848	Curtis	"First son of"	Asa S. Curtis Mary "	35	White "	Farmer	Stratford "
3	11 Feb 1851	Curtis	A. B.	Willis Curtis Catharine Jane "		White	Farmer	Stratford
9	22 Apr 1851	Curtis	A. B.	Charles Curtis Mary E. "	35 31	White "	Carriage- maker	Stratford "
7	4 Oct 1849	Curtis	Altha S.	Henry Curtis Ruth "	55 45	White "	Farmer	Stratford "
7	5 Apr 1848	Curtis	Anna Wells	William Curtis Jr. Naomi "	32 25	White "	Shoe-maker	Stratford "
8	29 Mar 1850	Curtis	Benjamin Burritt	George A. Curtis Sally "	38 27	White "	Dentist	Stratford
9	22 Apr 1851	Curtis	Caroline	Munson Curtis Lucy "	43 39	White "	Shoe-maker	Stratford "
8 & 1	18 Feb 1851	Curtis	Emma Jane	Thaddeus B. Curtis Jane "	43 39	White "	Farmer	Stratford
9	24 Jul 1851	Curtis	Frederic Buchanan	Claudius B. Curtis Harriet "	35 31	White "	Farmer	Stratford "

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## Book Review

*Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Michael J. Leclerc, editor. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2012; 7 x 10, 432 pp., paperback, \$24.95.

This is the latest version of a very useful book that has been published since the 1980s. This edition demonstrates what a difference 21<sup>st</sup>-century graphics can make. Tables with alternating blue and gray backgrounds help the reader's eye stay on the correct line. The graphics are crisp and the layout easy to follow. It contains very interesting historical illustrations that provide some relief in an otherwise text- and fact-heavy tome. Of course, the facts are what this book is all about, and they are there in spades.

There are seven major sections, one for the New England region, and one each for the six states in the region. The New England section lists national, but not state, journals; regional repositories (such as NEHGS); and N. E. genealogy societies. Each section has a list, called "Staff Picks," of other books that would be useful aids to research in the particular state under discussion.

In the Connecticut introduction one finds paragraphs explaining a brief history of the following records and where to find them: vital; probate, including adoptions; court; land; military; others, which includes Collection of the Connecticut Archives, Hale Collections (both headstone inscriptions and newspaper records); passenger lists (which include arrivals at Connecticut ports); the 1917 state military census; and the church records collection.

Following the introduction is a brief description of the holdings of 6 major research repositories in the state: the State Archives, the State Library, the state Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records; the Connecticut Historical Society; the Godfrey Memorial Library (home of the *American Genealogical Biographical Index*); and the New Haven Colony Historical Society. The holdings of the State Library are a bit mangled, but the earlier description of the records does correctly explain which of them can be found there. The editor purposely excluded town public libraries and historical societies citing internet access.

The third part of the Connecticut section treats the eight counties and includes excellent maps showing the location of each county and separate maps showing the outlines of all the towns in each county as well as the adjacent towns in bordering counties *and states*. The latter can be very useful when researching families in border towns. Sub-section four has a map of the 54 current probate districts followed by a list of their locations. This section does not nearly explain the complexity of identifying early probate districts, but says, too simply: "The Connecticut State Library has information on historical districts." A line or two about the frequently shifting probate-district tapestry would have alerted a naïve reader.

Next, under the heading "Land Records," there is list of all of the town and city halls since, in Connecticut, that is where those records are held. In other states these records are held by the county government. Last is an 8-page table listing each town, its founding date, its parent and/or daughter towns, its county, its current probate district, and whether vital and church records have been transcribed or published, with particular attention to collections at NEHGS. This is an excellent book, an important resource for genealogists doing research in New England.

To order: [www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org) or call 1-888-296-3447 or write NEHGS, Sales Dept., 99-101 Newbury St., Boston MA 02116.

—Nora Galvin



9	30 Jul 1851	Weed	Zeta	17m	White		Stratford	Stratford	Teething
7	4 Feb 1848	Wells	Anna	9	White		Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
1	13 Oct 1849	Wells	John	81	White	Farmer	Monroe	Stratford	Old age and decline of life
6	20 Jan 1850	Wells	Julia	50	White		Stratford	Stratford	Lung-fever
5	13 Apr 1848	Wells	Legrand	84	White	Farmer	Stratford	Stratford	[blank]
7	1 Jul 1850	Wells	Mary E.	84	White		Stratford	Stratford	Lung fever
1	6 Oct 1849	Wells	Samuel	89	White	Farmer	Stratford	Stratford	Old age and decline of life
5	15 May 1848	Wells	Theresa Jane	3mo	White		Stratford	Stratford	[blank]
1	25 Aug 1847	Wheeler	Sam <sup>l</sup> W.	29	White	Blacksmith	Stratford	Stratford	Consumption
5	19 Aug 1847	Whiting	Chester G.	25	White	Tinner	Stratford	Stratford	Typhus fever
2	9 Jul 1851	Williams	Thomas	50	White	Labourer	Stratford	State of New York	Rum

Appearing on a page of 1847 births:

Married in Stratford, Ct., December 31<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1854 – by the Rev<sup>d</sup> George C. Creevey – Mr. James A. Peck to Miss Sarah A. Hill – Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Children of the said James A. and Sarah A. his Wife viz:

November 25<sup>th</sup> 1854

July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1857

March 13<sup>th</sup> 1859

March 7<sup>th</sup> 1862

Ida L. Peck

Lillian M. Peck

Charles H. Peck

Agnes M. Peck

Married in Brooklyn, N.Y., November 30<sup>th</sup> 1868, Mr. Joseph W. Dufour to Mrs. Sarah A. Peck – of Stratford, Ct. – by Rev. Franklin Marble, Minister of the Gospel.

Recorded by Claudius B. Curtis from data in his possession and Bible Record of Mrs. Sarah A. Dufour – February First A.D. 1869  
Attest Samuel W. Beardslee, Registrar, Town of Stratford

1	Oct 1847	Peck	Fred	15	White		Stratford, Ct.	Stratford, Ct.	Drowned
4	18 Apr 1848	Peck	Roxanna	23	White	Dressmaker	Milford	Stratford	Consumption
5	2 Feb 1849	Pendleton	Clarissa	67	White		Stratford	Stratford	Brain-Fever
10	2 Feb 1849	Phelps	Mary	9	White		Stratford	Stratford	Consumption
6	23 Nov 1849	Plumb	Clarry	50	White		Stratford	Stratford	Cancer
9	7 Jan 1851	Plumb	Emmeline	21	White		Stratford	Stratford	Billous-fever
6	23 Mar 1849	Plumb	Susan	43	White		Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
1	7 Mar 1847	Powers	Henry	4m	White			Stratford, Ct.	
9	23 Aug 1848	Russell	William	58	White	Merchant	Morristown, NJ	New York	Paralysis
6	23 Dec 1848	Seeley	Mary E.	5	White		Bridgeport	Stratford	Scarlet fever
10	27 Mar 1851	Southworth	Joseph	78	White	Mechanic	Saybrook	Stratford	Palsey
5	19 Jan 1848	Stagg	Sam <sup>l</sup> B.	1mo	White		Stratford	Stratford	[blank]
5	17 May 1849	Stagg	William H.		White		Stratford	Stratford	
5	5 Dec 1850	Stoddard	child of W <sup>m</sup> S.		White				
10	22 Nov 1850	Stratton	John	78	White	Weaver	Stratford	Stratford	Erysypelas
1	26 Dec 1847	Tomlinson	Henry	51	Col <sup>d</sup>	Labourer	Huntington	Stratford	Dropsy
8	7 Jan 1849	Tomlinson	Jabez H.	88	White	Farmer	Stratford	Stratford	Old Age
1	16 Oct 1847	Tomlinson	Louisa, widow	71	White		Stratford, Ct.	Stratford, Ct.	Congestion of lungs
9	6 Dec 1848	Ufford	Abigail	62	White		Stratford	Stratford	Nervous-fever
10	6 Dec 1848	Ufford	Abigail	62					Inflamation
6	28 May 1849	Ufford	William	70	White	Labourer	Stratford	Stratford	Consumption
1	23 Nov 1847	Walker	Mary A. widow	72	White		Stratford, Ct.	Stratford, Ct.	Debility
10	23 Jun 1851	Warner	Emma Jane	21	White		Stratford	Stratford	Consumption
9	14 Feb 1849	Watts	child of Emma	1 wk	White		Stratford	Stratford	
9	21 Feb 1849	Watts	Emma	23	White		Stratford	Stratford	Child-bed-fever

10	10 May 1849	Jones	Wolsey S.	4	White		Stratford	Stratford	Drowned
7	24 Sep 1847	Judson	Daniel	84	White	Merchant	Stratford	Stratford	Old Age
4	17 Mar 1848	Judson	George	5	White	Minor	Milford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
5	4 Jun 1850	Judson	Naomi	90	White		Stratford	Stratford	Old-age
3	20 Jun 1848	Lewis	David	76	White	Tailor	Stratford	Stratford	Old Age
3	18 Mar 1848	Lewis	Theodore A.	13m	White		Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
7	21 Feb 1848	Lockwood	James	10	White		Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
6	30 Jul 1849	McEwen	child [of] William	9 mo	White		Stratford	Stratford	Cholera infantum
7	17 Sep 1847	McEwen	Mrs. Charles	68	White		Norwalk	Stratford	Consumption
10	28 Mar 1849	McEwen	Sam <sup>l</sup>	74	White		Stratford	Stratford	Lung Fever
6	6 Mar 1849	Meachum	Child [of] Jas.	4	White		Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
10	6 Apr 1851	Mead	Angeline	33	Coloured		New York	Stratford	Consumption
10	12 Apr 1849	Mills	Jane	37	White		Stratford	Stratford	Conumption
10	14 Jun 1851	Nash	Keeler	62	White	Farmer	Westport	Stratford	Fit
4	9 Apr 1850	Nichols	Aaron	70	Colored	Laborer	Straford	Stratford	Old-Age
10	9 Apr 1851	Nicoll	Elvira	58	White		Stratford	Stratford	Cancerous-affection
6	4 May 1850	Nicoll	Samuel C.	68	White	Gentleman	Stratford	Stratford	Gout
6	15 Jan 1849	Nicoll	Sarah	90	White		New York	Stratford	Old age
5	12 Dec 1847	Norris	child of Peter		White		Stratford	Stratford	Stillborn
10	21 Mar 1851	O'niel	Sally	68	White		Stratford	Stratford	Fit
5	28 Feb 1848	Osborne	Cha <sup>s</sup>	6y	White		Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
7	24 Feb 1848	Park	Mary	10	White		New York	Stratford	Scarlet fever
7	3 Mar 1848	Park	Sarah	5	White		Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
4	5 Feb 1851	Peck	Cha <sup>s</sup> S.	7	White		Stratford	Stratford	Lock-jaw

3	3 Mar 1848	Curtis	Phebe Elizabeth	8	White		Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
5	[blank] 1851	Curtis	Sarah	58	White		Stratford	Stratford	Consumption
7	14 Feb 1848	Curtis	Walter C.	1	White		Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
9	21 Sep 1851	Day	Mrs.	73	White		New London	Stratford	Cancer
10	27 Oct 1848	Deforest	Ephraim	62	White	Shoe maker	Ridgefield, Ct	Stratford	Cancer
6	18 Mar 1849	Deforest	Sarah	30	White		Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
9	10 Apr 1849	Dennis	Anne	73	White		Stratford	Stratford	Lung-fever
5	18 Nov 1847	Dorman	Chester, female infant		White		Stratford	Stratford	
9	8 May 1849	Edwards	Lucy	85	Coloured		Brigeport	Stratford	Old-Age
4	3 May 1850	Ely	Henry G.	2y	White		Stratford	Stratford	Croup
9	30 Apr 1849	Fairchild	Cha <sup>s</sup> C.	30	White	Grocer	Stratford	Stratford	Inflamation of the lungs
9	20 May 1849	Fairchild	Maria L.	1 y	White		Stratford	Stratford	
7	1 Nov 1849	Fairchild	Robert R.	34	White	Grocer	Stratford	Stratford	Brain fever
3	11 May 1851	Fairchild	Sarah Jane	16	White		Stratford	Stratford	Billious Fever
9	30 Jan 1849	Gilbert	Cha <sup>s</sup> Jr.	20	White		Stratford	New York	Measles
10	7 Jun 1851	Gorham	Eunice	54	White		Derby	Stratford	Dropsy
7	29 Mar 1848	Gorham	Judson	44	White	Shoemaker	Stratford	Stratford	Bilious colic
6	8 Nov 1848	Gorham	Stephan	54	White	Labourer	Stratford	Stratford	Consumption
10	19 Dec 1850	Grumman	Aaron	45	White	Laborer		Stratford	Drowned
5	5 Sep 1849	Hubbell	Caroline	13	White			Stratford	Dysentery
6	1 May 1849	Hubbell	child [of] Joseph	2	White		Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
7	25 Aug 1849	Hunter	William S.	14	White		New York	Stratford	Drowned
10	3 Aug 1852	Jones	John	34	White	Fisherman	Ireland	Stratford	Dysentary

10	10 Jan 1849	Burritt	Ann S.	15	White		Stratford	Stratford	Consumption
7	16 Mar 1848	Burritt	Emily	6	White		Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
10	14 Dec 1848	Burritt	James	62	White	Cabinet maker	Stratford	Stratford	Apoplexy
9	21 Jan 1849	Burritt	Juliana	45	White		Stratford	Stratford	Lung-Fever
7	20 Dec 1849	Burritt	Mary	40	White		New Haven	Stratford	Hernia
6	12 May 1850	Busting	Mary A.	11	Coloured		Stratford	Stratford	Brain fever
10	24 Mar 1851	Caldwell	Jane	55	White		Ireland	Stratford	Consumption
10	15 Nov 1850	Chester	William	40	White	Laborer	England	Stratford	Drowned
5	4 Jun 1850	Churtard[?]	Mary A.	10m	White		Brooklyn	Stratford	Brain-affection
10	12 May 1851	Coe	James	70	White	Farmer	Stratford	Stratford	Dropsy
10	18 Dec 1848	Coe	Ja <sup>s</sup> Jr.	33	White	Cabinet maker	Stratford	Stratford	Fever typhoid
6	27 Aug 1849	Coe	Mary E.	37	White		Stratford	Stratford	Dysentery
2	11 Jun 1848	Cooley	Cornelia	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> yr	White	Shoemaker [sic]	Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
10	26 Sep 1848	Copley	Daniel	29	White		New Milford, Ct	Stratford	Diarrhea
1	17 Jun 1850	Crofutt	Harriet J.	2yr	White		Stratford	Stratford	Hooping cough
2	31 Oct 1850	Curtis	Abijah	68	White	Weaver	Stratford	Stratford	Dropsy
3	28 Jun 1848	Curtis	Adelia	32	White		Newtown	Stratford	Child Birth
7	11 Feb 1850	Curtis	Asa	76	White	Sadler	Stratford	Stratford	Heart-affection
4	10 Mar 1848	Curtis	Cornelius	12	White	Minor	Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
9	25 Feb 1849	Curtis	Daniel	74	White	Labourer	Stratford	Stratford	Lung-fever
8	16 Oct 1849	Curtis	Eben	59	White	Deformed person	Stratford	Stratford	Consumption
8	Feb [1849]	Curtis	Frances S.	32	White		Stratford	Stratford	Consumption
6	23 Apr 1849	Curtis	Lewis W.	46	White	Farmer	Stratford	Stratford	Consumption
4	19 Dec 1850	Curtis	Mercy	89	White		Stratford	Stratford	Old-Age

10	3 Feb 1851	Batterson	Sellick	83	White	Mariner	Westpoint	Stratford	Old Age
4	18 Mar 1848	Beardsley	Jane	13	White	Spinster	Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
6	17 Nov 1848	Beardsley	Major A.	40	White	Labourer	Stratford	Stratford	Apoplectic fit
4	30 Jan 1848	Beardsley	Rebecca	58	White	Farmer	Brookfield	Stratford	Apoplexy
10	13 Oct 1848	Benjamin	George	3	White		Stratford	Stratford	Dropsy
10	5 Sep 1848	Benjamin	Laura G.		White		Stratford	New York	Inflamation of bowels
10	14 Apr 1851	Berlin	Louis	40	Coloured		Easton	Stratford	Conumption
10	21 Oct 1848	Blakeman	Amanda	15	White		Stratford	Stratford	Consumption
8	Oct [1849]	Blakeman	child [of James]		White		Stratford	Stratford	Still-born
8	Aug 1849	Blakeman	Hannah	59	White		Stratford	Stratford	Erysipelas
1	13 Jan 1848	Booth	Abel	87, 9m	White	Farmer	Stratford	Stratford	Old age
1	22 Aug 1847	Booth	Abigail	39	White	Merchant	Trumbull	Stratford	Fever
3	10 Jan 1850	Booth	Albertina	3m	White		Stratford	Stratford	Spina bifida
1	15 Jun 1848	Booth	Erastus	11d	White	Farmer [sic]	Stratford	Stratford	Weakness
7	6 Oct 1849	Booth	Isaac J.	44	White	Merchant	Stratford	Stratford	Scarlet fever
4	23 Jul 1851	Booth	Mary A.	83	White		Stratford	Stratford	Affection of the heart
7	4 Oct 1849	Booth	Phebe S.	21	White		Stratford	Stratford	Dysentary
10	7 Jan 1851	Bronson	David H.	55	White	Laborer	New York	Stratford	Exposure to cold
5	25 Oct 1847	Brooks	Norris	1	White		Stratford	Stratford	[blank]
7	17 Sep 1849	Bruce	Comphy	60	White		Bridgeport	Stratford	Dysentary
6	15 Jan 1849	Budington	Samuel	62	White	Lighthouse keeper	Stratford	Stratford	Affection of the lungs
10	18 Apr 1849	Bunce	Mary	62	White		Stratford	Stratford	Dropsy
4	10 Dec 1850	Burkitt	Betsey	53	White		Stratford	Stratford	Tumour

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3	11 Nov 1850	Curtis Lewis	Nathan Catharine	25 28	White "	Merchant	Stratford	Massachusetts	1 1
3	3 Apr 1851	Russell Beers	Chester Ann E.	30 18	White "	Agriculture	Stratford Cornwall	Bridgeport	2 1
3	6 Apr 1851	Curtis Coley	Thaddeus Mary	38 35	White "	Cooper	Stratford Weston	Stratford	2 1
4	15 Oct 1850	Ambler Curtis	Franklin P. Mary A.	26 20	White "	Saddle Tree Maker	Trumbull Stratford	Trumbull	2 1
5	2 Apr 1851	Sibell Judson	Philo J. Evelina	26 21	White	Blind- Factory	Bethel "	Norwalk "	1 1
9	25 Jun 1851	Benjamin Plumb	Samuel W. Amelia	23 22	White "	Tailor	Stratford "	Stratford "	1 1

#### Deaths, Stratford, CT, 1847-1852

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10	28 Jul 1849	Alaby	Mrs.	40	White		Oxford, CT	Stratford	Dropsy
2	30 Nov 1850	Bassett	Polly	79	White	Servant	Stratford	Stratford	Old-age
6	27 Jan 1849	Batterson	Child [of] Edward & Helen	4 d	White		Stratford	Stratford	[blank]
6	20 Jul 1849	Batterson	child [of] William	7 wk	White		Stratford	Stratford	Lung affection
6	5 Feb 1849	Batterson	Helen	22	White		Stratford	Stratford	Child bed fever
6	13 Jan 1850	Batterson	Legrand	45	White	Bridge- tender	West Point	Stratford	Dropsy

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9	25 Oct 1848	Blakeman Fairchild	Benjamin Caroline M.	25 27	White	Farmer	Stratford	Stratford	1
9	13 Dec 1848	Beekman Dowdall	Frederic Georgiana	25 20	White	Gentleman	New York		1 1
9	22 Feb 1849	Hatch Wheeler	Daniel Maria T.	52 23	White	Merchant	Bridgeport Stratford	Bridgeport "	2 1
9	20 Jun 1849	Penfield Cheesman	George Anna A.	40 32	White	Mariner	Catskill New York	Catskill	2 1
9	15 May 1849	Bowlord Weed	William B. Harriet A.	28 27	White	Merchant	South Norwalk	South Norwalk	1 1
9	19 Jul 1849	Bennett Rodd	John L. Susan	40 40	White	Mechanic	New York	New York	3 2
10	17 Nov 1848	Newell Edmonds	William E. Hellen B.	23 22	White	Joiner	Massachusetts	New Haven	1 1
10	19 Dec 1848	Ives Smith	George W. Frances S.	27 23	White "	Physician	New Haven Derby	New York	1 1
10	23 Apr 1849	Danley Sherman	Samuel Maria	35 47	White "	Trunk maker	New Jersey Stratford	Bridgeport	2 2
8	1 May 1850	Wells Blakeman	William W. Catharine A.		White	Farmer	Huntington Stratford	Huntington	1
3 or 4	2 Nov 1849	Judson Thompson	Lucius Sarah		White	Shoemaker	Stratford New York	Stratford	1 1
5	9 Nov 1849	Beers Beardsley	Wheeler Sarah J.	26 19	White "	Foundry	Easton Stratford	Bridgeport "	1 1
6	22 Aug 1849	Spriggs Hill	John Betsey	62 50	White	Planter	South Carolina Stratford	South Carolina	3 2
2	11 Oct 1850	Taylor Lewis	Henry B. Augusta A.	25 20	White	Carpenter	Hudson, N. Y. Stratford		1 1
3	24 Oct 1850	Curtis Wells	Robert G. Sarah	25 25	White "	Agriculture	Stratford	Stratford	1 1



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6	23 Nov 1847	Arnold Olmsted	Theodore Lucinda	22	White "	Shoe maker	New Canaan	Stratford	1
6	Sep [1847]	Summers Drew	Henry Emily		White "	Tailor	Newtown Huntington	Huntington	1
7	5 Jan 1848[?]	Brooks Curtis	John Jane	25 20	White "	Mariner	Stratford "	Stratford "	1 1
7	21 Aug 1848[?]	Hervey Beardsley	James Sarah Jane	25 19	White "	Painter		Danbury	1 1
7	2 Nov [1848?]	Batterson Wheeler	William Elizabeth	20 18	White "	Shoe-Maker	Catskill Stratford	Stratford "	1 1
7	1 Nov 1849	Magne Curtis	Victory Comfort	37 27	White "	Tailor	France Monroe	Bridgeport "	1 1
7	24 Oct 1849	Allen Hale	C. P. Julia	29 24	White "	Publisher	Enfield	New York "	1 1
7	10 Jun 1850	Conrad Lacey	Vincent Catherine	40 35		Merchant	Ithica	Ithica	2 2
7	5 May 1850	Curtis Fairchild	Monson Lucy	43 37		Shoe-Maker	Stratford Milford	Stratford "	1 2
7	27 Dec 1849	Wheeler Curtis	Ezra Emily	48 26		Merchant	Stratford "	New York "	3 1
1	3 Sep 1849	Booth Beardsley	Stephen S. Harriet	38 23	White "	Merchant	Stratford Trumbull	Stratford "	2 2
4	3 Jul 1849	Curtis Wells	Orville Emily	30 30	White "	Carriage maker	Monroe Stratford	Stratford "	1 1
5	28 Jan 1849	Stoddard Pendleton	William S. Mary A.	32 26	White "	Laborer	Stratford	Stratford "	2 1
9	5 Oct 1848	Barlow Girard	Edwin Jane C.	55 30	White "	Mariner	Bridgeport Stratford	Bridgeport	2 1

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1	Aug 1848	Bridges Thompson	Thomas Selene	28	White	Laborer	Ireland Little Neck, L.I. N.Y.	Stratford, Ct. Stratford, Ct.	1
				25	"				1
1	1 Sep 1848	Blakeslee St. John	Charles W. Emma	25	White	Mason	Plymouth, Ct. New Canaan, Ct.	Stratford, Ct. Stratford, Ct.	1
				18	"				1
1	4 Oct 1848	Booth Lewis	Charles F. Sarah A.	22	White	Paper manufacture	Stratford, Ct. Bridgeport, Ct.	Stratford, Ct. Stratford, Ct.	1
				17	"				1
1	11 Nov 1848	Curtis Bland[?]	George E. Grace E.	28	White	Bookkeeper	Trumbull, Ct. Stratford, Ct.	Bridgeport, Ct. Stratford, Ct.	1
				25	"				1
1	21 Nov 1848	White Crawford	Haines Emma	48	White	Millwright	Goshen, Mass. England	Stratford, Ct. Stratford, Ct.	2
				44	"				2
1	1 Nov 1848	Osborne Morehouse	Edgar Fannie	33	White	Clergyman	Weston, Ct. Stratford, Ct.	Bridgeport, Ct. Stratford, Ct.	[blank]
				32	"				2
2	24 Oct 1848	Curtis Wheeler	David Phebe A.	22 26	White	Blacksmith	Trumbull Stratford	Trumbull	1
3	28 Oct 1847	Lovejoy Peck	Theodore A. Hannah	26 24	White "	Minister of the Gospel	Stratford "	North Madison	1
4	21 May 1848	Dikman Booth	Edmond Sarah	37	White	Cordwainer	Danbury Stratford	Stratford	2
				28	"				1
4	10 Mar [1848]	Stratton Hull	Samuel [blank]	57	White	Merchant	Bridgeport Weston	Bridgeport	2
				35	"				1
5	13 Aug 1848 [sic, but 1847?]	Walker Riggs	Charels [sic] Delia	42	White	Farmer	[blank]	Trumbull	1
				32	"				1
5	31 May 1848	Crawford Whiting	William Julia	26	White	Shoemaker	Stratford "	Stratford "	1
				21	"				1
6	14 Oct 1847	Wright Barnes	Samuel Louisa	28	White "	Mason	Massachusetts	Stratford	1

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8 & 1	4 Aug 1850	White	Priscilla	Abel White Betsey "	43 41	Coloured "	Farmer	Stratford
8	10 Feb 1850	White	Sarah	Candace E. White	21	Coloured		Stratford
5	26 Jul 1850	Whiting	Hellen Judson	Ezra Whiting Mary A. "	25	White	Butcher	Stratford "
5	24 Dec 1851	Whiting	Ira Jewell	Ezra Whiting Mary Ann "	26	White "	Butcher	Stratford "
5	11 Mar 1849	Whiting	Lasper[?] Kellogg	Ezra Whiting Mary Ann "	24			
2	28 Aug 1850	Whittlesey	Emmgenny A.	Charles Whittlesey Wealthy "		White "	Shoe-maker	Stratford
3	10 Nov 1850	Wilcoxson	Mary Jane	Lucius Wilcoxson Mary "		White	Farmer	Stratford
2	6 Oct 1847	Wilcoxson	Susan	Wm. B. Wilcoxson Emily A.	28 29	White	Shoemaker	Stratford

### Marriages, Stratford, CT, 1847-1852

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1	22 Jan 1848	Hubbell Curtis	James S. Altha[?] L.	22 18	White "	Carpenter	Huntington, Ct. Stratford, Ct.	Stratford, Ct.	1 1
1	23 Jan 1848	Allen Wells	Frederick H. Mary C.	31 25	White "	Bank Clerk	Columbus, Ga. Stratford, Ct.	Chicago, Ill. Stratford, Ct.	1 1
1	4 Apr 1848	Duffey O'Brien	Thomas Margaret	24 24	White "	Sailor	Liverpool, Eng. Chatham, N.S.	Stratford, Ct. " "	1 1

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5	5 Dec 1850	Stoddard	A. B.	William S. Stoddard Mary A. "	31 37	White "	Mechanic	Stratford "
1	17 Mar 1849	Thompson	[blank]	William Thompson Jane	50 38	White	Joiner	Stratford
9	11 Jun 1851	Thompson	A. B.	George Thompson Lucy "	44 39	White "	Grocer	Stratford "
9	27 Feb 1848	Thompson	Georgiana	George Thompson Lucy "	40 36	White	Grocer	Stratford
8	7 Oct 1849	Tomlinson	Eliza	Gideon Tomlinson		White	Farmer	Stratford
10	13 Mar 1849	Turney	J. W.	Jesse Turney Sarah "	25 22	White	Blacksmith	Stratford
9	11 Jun 1851	Vance	A. B.	William S. Vance Sarah B. "	34 28	White "	House-joiner	Stratford "
1	20 Jul 1849	Wakeley	Ephraim	Ephraim Wakeley Mary J.	44 39	White	Farmer	Stratford
8 & 1	8 Nov 1850	Wanzer	John Lewis	John Wanzer [blank]		White		Stratford
7	7 Feb 1849	Weed	Zeta	William B. Weed Harriet "	39 34	White "	Clergyman	Stratford "
5	20 Feb 1849	Wells	[blank]	Elbert Wells Sarah "		White "	Shoe Maker	Stratford
5	11 May 1849	Wells	[blank]	Andrew Wells Lucy A. "		White "	Shoe Maker	Stratford
4	14 Jul 1850	Wells	Ida Maria	Seymour Wells Mary "		White	Farmer	Stratford
5	13 Feb 1848	Wells	Jennett Jane	Elbert Wells Sarah P.		White	Manufacturer	Stratford
1	31 Jan 1849	Wheeler	Frances G.	Francis A. Wheeler Elizabeth	30 25	White	Laborer	Stratford
2	3 May 1848	Wheeler	Stephen C.	Stephen L. Wheeler Sarah		White	Farmer	Stratford

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5	12 Dec 1848	Norris	[blank]	Peter Norris [blank] "		White "	Sea-Captain	Stratford
4	17 Aug 1850	Norris	Henry B.	Peter Norris Mary E. "		White "	Sea-faring	Stratford "
9	11 May 1851	Paddock	William James	Rev <sup>d</sup> John A. Paddock Hellen M. "	26 24	White "	Clergyman	Stratford "
8	15 Apr 1849	Parmelee	William	David Parmelee		White	Farmer	Huntington
4	[blank 1848]	Peck	[blank]	Cha <sup>s</sup> H. Peck Phebe "	42 40	White	Shoe-Maker	Stratford
3	1 Jul [1851]	Peck	Georgiana	William J. Peck Mary E. "		White	Farmer	Stratford
9	9 Jul 1851	Perry	W <sup>m</sup> M.	William M. Perry Nancy "	39 36	White "	Shoe-maker	Stratford "
3	2 Oct 1850	Phillips	A. B.	James Phillips Caroline "		White	Carpenter	Stratford
10	1 Apr 1849	Pratt	A. B.	George Pratt Grace "	40 38	White	Gentleman	Stratford
2	7 Nov 1847	Roberts	[blank]	Henry Roberts B[blank]	29 25	White	Blacksmith	Stratford
2	12 Jun 1848	Sacket	[blank]	Charles Sacket Sarah		White	Day labourer	Stratford
2	3 Oct 1847	Smith	[blank]	Edmond[?] Smith Elsie A.	47 44	White	Shoemaker	Stratford
1	17 May 1849	Sniffin	Sarah C.	Charles B. Sniffen Isabella	31 27	White	Carpenter	Stratford
1	12 Jun 1849	Stagg	Helen P.	Henry P. Stagg Mary E.	31 24	White	Miller	Stratford
5	19 Dec 1847	Stagg	Saml. B.	Moses C. Stagg Emily		White	Butcher	Stratford
5	17 May 1849	Stagg	William H.	Moses C. Stagg Emily "		White "	Butcher	Stratford

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1	27 Jun 1849	Lewis	[blank]	Otis G. Lewis Frances	29 23	White	Shoemaker	Stratford
5	26 May 1849	Lewis	[blank]	Theodore Lewis Hepsa "		White "	Physician	Stratford
1	16 Mar 1849	Lewis	Chas. L.	William Lewis Mary A.	50 38	White	Sailor & oyster dealer	Stratford
3	29 Dec 1847	Lewis	William	Sherman Lewis Caroline	32 33	White	Shoe Maker	Stratford
2	17 Oct 1847	Littleman	[blank]	H. D. Littlewood Mary A.	37 31	White	Clergyman, M.E. Church	Stratford
3	4 Sep 1847	Lucius	Wilcoxson	Lucius L. Wilcoxson Mehetabel "	36 35	White	Farmer	Stratford
1	26 Aug 1849	Lyman	Jane E.	Gilbert Lyman Hannah E.	32 34	White	Laborer	Stratford
2	19 Oct 1847	McDonald	Ann	Wm. McDonald Mary	27 34	White	Farmer	Stratford
6	12 May 1850	McDonald	John	Alexander McDonald	40	White	Farmer	Stratford
6	30 Apr 1848	McEwen	[blank]	William McEwen Elizabeth "	38	White	farmer	Stratford
9	30 Apr 1848	McEwen	Samuel	Abijah McEwen Mary Ann "	37	White	Shoe-Maker	Stratford
1	26 Aug 1849	Meachin	James Henry	Henry F. Meachin Cornelia	26 25	White	Gardener	Stratford
10	30 Sep 1850	Meachum	James	James Meachum Lavinia "	31 25	White "	Labourer	Stratford "
7	4 Sep 1849	Moore	Alice	James Moore Eliza "	24 28	White "	Farmer	Stratford "
9	11 May 1851	Moore	John H.	James Moore Elizabeth "	26 27	White "	Farmer	Stratford "
1	2 Jul 1849	Moulthrop	John	John T. Moulthrop Ophelia	28 24	White	Mechanic	Stratford

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2	17 Nov 1847	Hawley	Wallace G. <sup>1</sup>	Eli C. Hawley Sarah A.	49 34	White	Farmer	Stratford
3	28 Apr 1848	Helen Augusta	Wilcoxson	George Wilcoxson Eliza "	37 31	White	Farmer	Stratford
6	7 Apr 1848	Hine	John	Joseph Hine Almira "	47	White	Shoe-maker	Stratford
1	5 May 1849	Holmes	George	George M. Holmes Sarah E.	30 24	White	Mechanic	Stratford
10	26 May 1849	Holmes	John	William Holmes Abigail "	49 42	White	Labourer	Stratford
6	10 Feb 1848	Hotchkiss	David William	Truman Hotchkiss Mary Eliza "	32	White	Sailor	Stratford
10	17 Feb 1851	Hotchkiss	Frederic Truman	Truman Hotchkiss Mary E. "	35 27	White "	Sea-Captain	Stratford "
9	23 Nov 1850	Hubbell	Joseph Lampson	Lewis S. Hubbell Julian "	39 38	White "	Shoe Maker	Stratford "
6	12 Dec 1849	Hubbell	Lucinda L.	Joseph Hubbell	36	White	Joiner	Stratford
3	11 Dec 1850	Jewel	Valmeni W. [sic]	George Jewel Mary Elizabth "		White		Stratford
3	20 Feb 1851	Judson	Alice Caroline	George T. Judson Mary F. "		White	Farmer	Stratford
3	25 Jul 1848	Judson	David Theodore	Cha <sup>s</sup> Judson Almira	35 31	White	Carpenter	Stratford
4	7 Feb 1848	Judson	Sarah Augusta	Agur Judson Sarah "	37 31	White	Combmaker	Stratford
3	10 Jun 1850	Judson	Sarah M.	Lucius Judson Sarah "		White	Shoe-Maker	Stratford
1	13 Feb 1849	Lally	Bartholomew	John Lally Anna	30 34	White	Laborer	Stratford

<sup>1</sup> "Willie" crossed out

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10	6 Nov 1848	Edwards	John W <sup>m</sup>	John B. Edwards Sarah G. "	22 19	White	Joiner	Stratford
10	29 Aug 1850	Edwards	Walter M.	John Edwards Sarah G. "	25 22	White "	Mechanic	Stratford "
4	28 Feb 1850	Ely	Helen C.	Henry G. Ely Maria "		White	Purser of Steam-boat	Stratford
7	16 Dec 1849	Ely	Hester	William N. Ely Anna G. "	29 23	White "	Merchant	Stratford "
9	19 Sep 1850	Fairchild	Benjamin T.	Thomas B. Fairchild Susan Ann "	25 21	White "	Clerk	Stratford "
7	30 Nov 1847	Fairchild	Julia Maria	Henry Fairchild Eliza "	31 27	White "	Merchant	New York
4	17 Apr 1850	Fairchild	Julian D.	Douglas Fairchild Esther "		White	Tailor	Stratford
1	14 Mar 1849	Fairchild	Martin[?] P.	Thos B. Fairchild Susan A.	44 38	White	[blank]	Stratford
9	22 Jan 1850	Gilbert	William H.	Charles Gilbert Louisa A. "	45 35	White "	Farmer	Stratford "
10	14 Jan 1849	Gorham	Frederic	Charles Gorham Lucy "	28 26	White	Joiner	Stratford
10	3 Jun 1851	Gorham	M. Isabella	Charles C. Gorham Lucy "	30 29	White "	Carpenter	Stratford "
2	23 Sep 1847	Gray	Laura	Roger H. Gray Lyda A.	34 33	White	Physician	Stratford
10	28 Aug 1850	Green	Allice S.	Joseph Green Jane "	38 37	White "	Merchant	Stratford "
1	3 Mar 1849	Hanford	Helen	Joseph F. Hanford Sarah	35 30	White	Insurance agent	Stratford
1	12 Jun 1849	Hard	Robert B.	John W. Hard Maria	38 36	White	Grocer	Stratford



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4	8 Feb 1850	Curtis	Frederic S.	Calvin Curtis Elizabeth "		White		Stratford
1	16 Apr 1849	Curtis	Georgiana	Samuel A. Curtis Sarah A	44 35	White	Sailor	Stratford
5	11 Jan 1848	Curtis	Jane Rosilla	Roswell Curtis Sarah		White	Merchant	Stratford
8	12 May 1849	Curtis	Mary	Peter P. Curtis		White	Farmer	Stratford
8	20 Jun 1850	Curtis	Sarah	Peter P. Curtis Mary E. "	30 30	White "	Farmer	Stratford
5	6 May 1848	Curtis	Theresa Jane	Judson Curtis Martha		White	Tanner	Stratford
1	16 Apr 1849	Curtis	Virginia	Samuel A. Curtis Sarah A.	44 35	White	Sailor	Stratford
7	20 Feb 1850	Curtis	Wallace	William Curtis Jr. Naomi "	34 25	White "	Shoe-maker	Stratford "
9	25 Dec 1848	Curtis	Walter T.	Albert B. Curtis Elizabeth "	40 35	White "	Shoe Maker	Stratford
1	12 May 1849	DeForest	Ellen M.	Henry DeForest Emily	40 40	White	Shoemaker	Stratford
6	19 Aug 1847	Dibble	Frances Louisa	Jabez B. Dibble Mary Ann "	41	White	Saddler	Stratford
4	25 May 1851	Dikeman	A. B.	Henry Dikeman Esther "		White "	House-Joiner	Stratford "
4	2 Sep 1848	Dikeman	Jolene[?]	Henry Dikeman Esther "	40 38	White	Carpenter	Stratford
5	18 Nov 1848	Dorman	[blank]	Chester Dorman Lorinda "		White "	Blacksmith	Stratford
5	9 Mar 1851	Dorman	Lorana	Chester Dorman Lorinda "	35 33	White "	Blacksmith	Stratford "
1	18 Sep 1849	Downie	Mary A.	Andrew Downie Hannah	32 35	White	Laborer	Stratford

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 Mary P. (—) 67  
 Maryette 36  
 Oscar 68  
 Richard 22  
 Sarah 75  
 Sarah J. (Beardsley) 176  
 Sarah Jane (—) 164  
 Seth 82  
 Sophia 81  
 Susan (—) 67 164  
 Sylvia J. 20  
 Walter P. 164  
 Wheeler 164  
 William 68 72  
 Belden family 91  
 BELDEN/Beldin/Belding/  
 Beldings  
 Abby J./Abby Jane 93  
 Abigail (—) 91 93  
 Anne (Sniffin) 91  
 Benjamin 91-93  
 Benjamin B. 92 93  
 Charles M. 93  
 Francis 93  
 Henrietta 93  
 Henry 91 92  
 Henry B. 93  
 Jane (—) 92-93  
 Levina 92  
 Lewis 93  
 Mary 92 93  
 Nancy (—) 92  
 Olive 93  
 Priscilla 91 93  
 Sally 91  
 Samuel 93  
 Sanford W. 93  
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